

State Historical Society preserves Abdnor's legacy

Former South Dakota U.S. Senator James Abdnor passed away Wednesday, May 16, in Sioux Falls. But thanks to a donation Abdnor made several years ago to the South Dakota State Historical Society, his legacy will be preserved for future generations.

In 1993, Abdnor donated his congressional papers to the State Historical Society-Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The Abdnor collection consists of his official correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, audio and video recordings, speeches, and other records documenting his time as a U.S. Senator and as head of the U.S. Small Business Administration. An individual research room in the State Archives is now called "The Abdnor Room" and contains several Abdnor memorabilia.

"The Abdnor papers are a significant collection detailing his political career and are a valuable resource to researchers," noted Chelle Somsen, state archivist. "His donation of his papers and the historic significance included in those records is invaluable to the state's citizens."

Abdnor, born and raised in Kennebec, held a long and distinguished political career, beginning with his involvement in the South Dakota Young Republicans and the National Young Republicans.

Abdnor served on the Public Works, Veterans Affairs and Aging Committees while in the U.S. House of Representatives. While U.S. Senator, he served on the Appropriations, Environment and Public Works, and Joint Economic Committees. Every year that Sen. Abdnor was in Congress he won the Watchdog of the Treasury award because of his dedication to reduce the deficit. He advocated for rural water development while on the Environment and Public Works committee and authored the Water Resources Development Act of 1986.

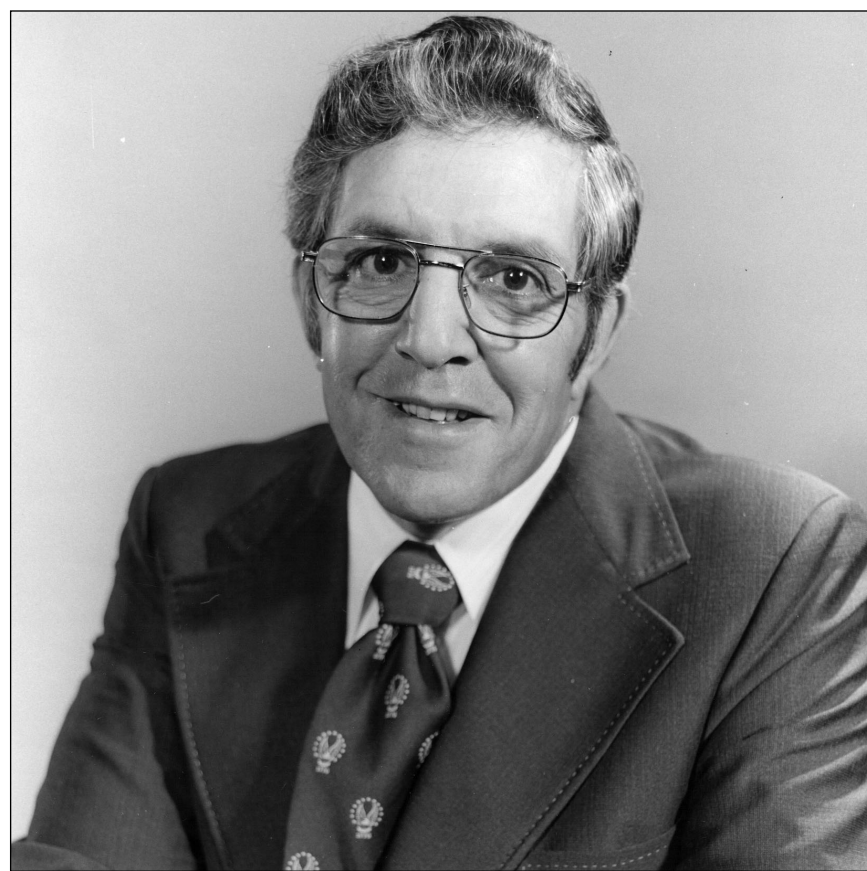
Abdnor served as first assistant chief clerk of the South Dakota House of Representatives in 1951, 1953 and 1955. He then became State Senator from 1956-1968, serving ten years as chairman of the Joint House/Senate Appropriations Committee and President Pro-tempore of the South Dakota Senate from 1967-1968. In

1968 he ran a successful campaign to become the 30th Lt. Governor of South Dakota from 1969-1970, serving with Gov. Frank Farrar. Abdnor was elected on November 7, 1972 to the 93rd Congress, U.S. House of Representatives and later re-elected to the 94th, 95th and 96th Congress.

In 1980 Abdnor challenged the incumbent senator, George McGovern, and won a decisive victory. He was defeated in the 1986 U.S. Senate general election by Tom Daschle.

In December of 1986, President Ronald Reagan nominated Abdnor to head the U.S. Small Business Administration. He retired in 1989.

The State Historical Society-Archives contains photographs, maps, government records, personal and organizational records, newspapers and library resources that document the history of the state. Donations are accepted. Public hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday and the first Saturday of each month. For more information about the State Archives, see <http://history.sd.gov/archives> or call (605) 773-3804.



RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



The Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa recently presented the Tamara Montgomery Award for Excellence in Theatre for Young Audiences to Jen Dickenson of Vermillion. Dr. Tamara Montgomery directed the Theatre for Young Audiences program for 40 years and personally presented the award. Jen Dickenson is the daughter of Ross and Sandy Dickenson of Vermillion and is a 2001 graduate of Vermillion High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Minnesota. Dickenson is completing her Masters of Fine Arts at the University of Hawai'i this month and will return to Vermillion this summer to direct "Annie" for the Vermillion Community Theatre.

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Another highlight was the Coyotes' 9-8 win at Southern Utah on March 17, South Dakota was one of only two Summit League teams to win on Southern Utah's home field this season. The win in the series finale at SUU sparked a three-game winning streak for the Coyotes, which included back-to-back wins over IUPUI (2-0 and 5-4) in their home-opening series.

The Coyotes enjoyed their best stretch of the year from March 31-April 7, winning five of six games, including a sweep of Oakland at home. That pushed the Coyotes to 9-6 in the conference, and while they were not eligible for the postseason tournament, they did harbor hopes of a solid finish in the final regular-season standings.

"We had so much talent on this team so it was a struggle early in the season to not be winning," South Dakota head coach Amy Klyse said. "It would have been easy to give up but our players chose not to and we ended up one game away from finishing in fourth, which would have qualified us for the conference tournament. We made a statement in the Summit League and that was a goal for our team this year. Softball is such a mental game that once you can conquer the mental part, you are a much better player...and we had a lot of kids learn how to step up in pressure situations this year as the year progressed. It was great to see them mature as athletes in that sense."

Late in the year, the Coyotes recorded a sweep of Western Illinois - which was in second place in the Summit League at the time - to improve to 12-9 in the league, assuring them of a .500 season in the Summit League. South Dakota finished 12-12 in the conference and alone in sixth place - just one game behind a fourth-place tie with UMKC and Western Illinois. The Coyotes were picked to finish ninth in the preseason

coaches poll.

The Coyotes are slated with six position starters. In addition, the Coyotes return two outfielders (Kate Snow and Katelyn Wudel) who combined for 42 starts a year ago, while also returning all three pitchers - Erica Denney, Missy Blackburn and Paige Policky - from their 2012 staff.

South Dakota is also bringing in a talented recruiting class, which includes Katie Cochran of Las Vegas, NV, Madison Frain of Creston, IA, Sydney Hancock of Wahoo, NE, and Yvon Minogue of Corona, CA.

"This was the hardest working team I have ever been associated with," Klyse said. "I believe that hard work pays off and our team is starting to truly understand the concept of hard work. Our young kids have a contagious determination, focus and passion for the game that will continue to set the tone for the team in the future. Our incoming freshmen class is full of competitors and our returners are determined to have a winning season and to qualify for postseason."

TRIPLE THE FUN

With her big three-run triple in the 11-3 win over Western Illinois on April 29, Dinning has put her name in the record books. She finished with six triples on the season, setting a new school single-season record, breaking the previous mark of five held by Stephanie Hall and Tiffany Davis. Dinning is now tied for fifth all-time with six triples.

QUITE A STEAL

Sophomore Lindsey Boyd set a new single-season record for stolen bases with 31, breaking a mark that had stood for 19 seasons. Boyd stole her 31st base of the season in the Coyotes' finale at IPFW. She ranks second in that category in school history with 59 steals, just 10 behind the career record of 69 held by Stef Picquet.

Teen driver fatality risk quadruples with multiple young passengers

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety today released a study showing a strong relationship between the number and age of passengers present in a car and the subsequent risk of a teen driver dying in a traffic crash.

The report, "Teen Driver Risk in Relation to Age and Number of Passengers," found that the likelihood of a 16- or 17-year-old driver being killed in a crash, per mile driven, increases with each additional young passenger in the vehicle. Compared to driving with no passengers, a 16- or 17-year-old driver's fatality risk:

- Increases 44 percent when carrying one passenger younger than 21 (and no older passengers)
- Doubles when carrying two passengers younger than 21 (and no older passengers)
- Quadruples when carrying three or more passengers younger than 21 (and no older passengers)

Conversely, carrying at least one passenger aged 35 or older cuts a teen driver's risk of death by 62 percent, and risk of involvement in any police-reported crash by 46 percent.

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Given the significant decrease in risk seen when adults 35 and older were present, parents can also help protect new teen drivers by spending more time in the car with them.

"The connection between carrying young passengers and increased fatal crash risk is clear," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South

Dakota. "By limiting the number of passengers that 16- and 17-year-old drivers can have in the car, help ensure that teens stay focused on the road and gain the experience they need to become safe drivers. It's critical, too, that parents restrict passengers and help keep their teens safe."

AAA urges families to consider these steps:

- Visit www.TeenDriving.AAA.com for resources that can help teens become safer drivers, including a parent-teen driving agreement covering safety risks such as passengers, cell-phone use and night driving.
- Provide transportation alternatives for teens who need them.
- Encourage your teens to

speak up if they feel the teen driver they're riding with is not driving safely.

- Talk with other parents so they know the rules for your teen and will help enforce them.

- Spend time as a passenger when your teen is at the wheel. Your presence and your guidance help make your teen a safer driver.

AAA and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety have long-standing commitments to improving teen driver safety through research and the development of science-based tools and resources.

For a copy of this study, or to learn more about AAA's work in this focus area, visit www.aaafoundation.org.

For additional resources, visit www.TeenDriving.AAA.com.

LOE NAMED TO ALL-SUMMIT LEAGUE FIRST TEAM

South Dakota junior Kassie Loe was named to the All-Summit League Softball First Team, the league announced on May 9. Loe is the first Coyote player to earn all-league honors in softball.

Loe (Lennox, S.D.) earned first-team honors after a solid junior season as the Coyotes' starting second baseman. For the season she hit .259 with six doubles, two triples, a homer and six RBI. She also had a .347 slugging percentage and a .310 on-base percentage. In the field, she had a .971 fielding percentage and 77 assists, along with 154 putouts. Loe started all 55 games for the Coyotes.

In 24 conference games, Loe hit .297 with two doubles, a triple a homer and five RBI. She had a .406 slugging percentage and a .357 on-base percentage. She had just four errors in 24 conference games.

NATIONAL/SUMMIT LEAGUE RANKINGS

Two Coyotes are ranked in the national statistics, which are through May 7 games.

-- Dinning is tied for ninth nationally with five triples, and is tied for 11th in all of Division I in triples per game at 0.11. Dinning's six triples lead the Summit League.

-- Boyd is tied for 21st in steals per game at 0.52, and is second in the Summit League at 31 stolen bases.

CLIMBING THE CHARTS

A group of Coyote players are climbing the career record charts:

Junior Alexa Rudeen finished with 14 career home runs, tied for sixth all-time. She also finished at 41 career doubles, which is sixth all-time, and is at 85 RBI, which is tied for 10th all-time. Rudeen's .991 fielding percentage is second all-time in school history.

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Freshman Lindsey Boyd has 59 career steals, which is second-best all-time and just 10 behind career record holder Stefany Picquet. She is also now tied for ninth with 13 career home runs.

Denney is tied for fourth with three career saves.

KLYSE HITS 100

Klyse, in her fifth season as South Dakota head coach, set a coaching milestone with the Coyotes' 2-0 win over IUPUI on March 23, recording her 100th career coaching win. She is only the second Coyote softball coach to reach that milestone, joining Kim Zarlino, the school's all-time leader in wins at 325.

HOME COOKIN'

The South Dakota softball team has had impressive success on its home field under Coach Amy Klyse, going 35-15 (.700) since she took over in 2007-08.

Second season of Governor's Mansion tours begin June 6

First Lady Linda Daugaard announced this week that weekly public tours of the governor's mansion will begin on Wednesday, June 6.

Tickets can be obtained in advance, at no charge, from the Pierre Chamber of Commerce.

"Dennis and I are pleased to welcome visitors to see this beautiful home," she said. "It is an honor to live here, but we want to share it with all South Dakotans because it belongs to them."

This is the second summer that public tours will be offered at the governor's mansion.

Beginning June 6, weekly

public tours will be conducted each Wednesday in June, July, and August (with the exception of July 4, Independence Day; no tour that week).

The 30-minute tours, for groups of up to 30 people, will begin at 10 a.m. CDT, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m., and will be conducted by volunteers, including the First Lady. Tour tickets (free) must be obtained in advance and will be available only from the Pierre Chamber of Commerce.

Those people interested in arranging a tour should call the Chamber of Commerce at (605) 224-7361.

United Way



Nonprofit Executive Director

United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

Description: the Executive Director is the chief professional resource to the Board of Directors and represents the United Way to the community. Primary responsibilities include resource development, fund raising, agency relations, community partnerships and general management.

Education Requirements: Associate or Bachelor's degree in nonprofit management, social sciences, human service, education or related field is required.

Experience: Three years of supervisory or managerial experience in a nonprofit organization is preferred. Budget/financial experience, Volunteer management, community involvement, public speaking, and good communication and computer skills are also required.

For information and application go to:
www.yanktonunitedway.org

NOTICE

The Clay County Commissioners will be making their annual inspection of county roads, bridges, and drainage systems Monday June 4, 2012
8 a.m. to 12:00 noon

County Highway Superintendent Rod Polley will accompany the commissioners.

County residents with concerns should call the Highway Office at 677-7149 or the Auditor's office at 677-7120 and the Commissioners will include the site on their tour.

Ruth A. Bremer
Clay County Auditor