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computers or books ever could.

The Body Donation Program has personal meaning for Settles, as her late husband Harry was the former director of USD's gross anatomy course and went on to donate his body after he lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in 1999.

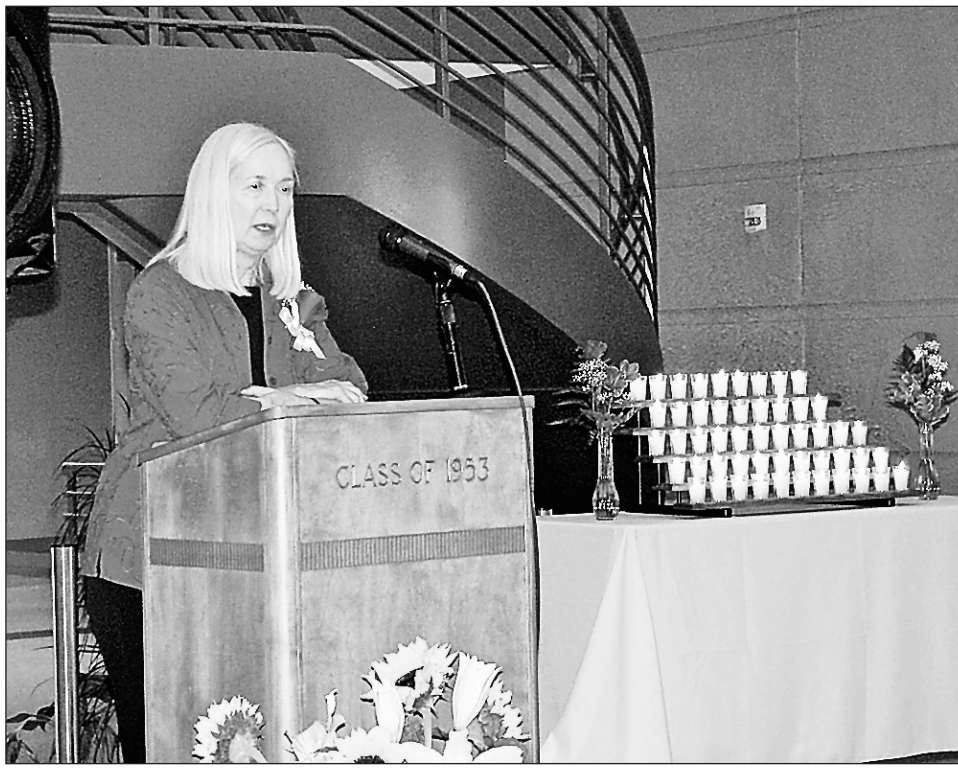
"He knew that this was what he wanted to do, he knew the value of his gift and he knew that the students would treat his gift with care and the respect it deserved," she said. "So, I was very proud of him for his decision, and of our children and his family for their support of his decision. ...

"Teaching had been a huge part of my husband's life, and in this way, he was able to continue teaching even after his death," she said.

Harry Settles' body was given to the University of North Dakota, and after his ashes were returned to his wife she had them buried in a Bluff View Cemetery plot dedicated to those who donated their bodies.

"At the beginning of this service, a candle was lit for each of the 51 donors who were received in 2010. At the end of the service, their flames will be extinguished. But, please know that their life will continue on and truly make a difference in the lives of our students and in the lives of those who will be under their care," Ann Settles said. "So thank you so much for your generosity and for your desire to benefit others in this unique way."

Bunger said many family members



Ann Settles, assistant professor of anatomy at the University of South Dakota, gives the keynote address at a memorial service honoring the individuals who donated their bodies to the Body Donor Program. The service took place Friday afternoon in the atrium of the Andrew E. Lee Memorial Medical and Science Building.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

wonder if the donations will have some kind of positive outcome.

"It's literally thousands and thousands of patients a day will someday be influenced by practitioners that learned from your donor," he said. "And so, your hope that something good would come out of the body donation - that has been fulfilled."

Other speakers at the event included Tannis Hoffman, second-year physician assistant student, and Mary Jo Lee, second-year occupational therapy student.

Post-ceremony music was provided by the South Dakota Old-Time Fiddlers, one of whose members was a donor.

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The Sierra Club and two local groups, Save Union County and Citizens Opposed to Oil Pollution, argue the refinery could emit too much pollution and hurt the quality of life in the rural area.

Board member Timothy Johns said he doesn't accept the argument that the project has been delayed by a sluggish

economy because the oil industry appears to be in good shape. The board then approved language finding that the construction delay also was justified by the court appeal involving the original permit and new national air quality standards for some pollutants.

"To me, it's an excellent project and should go forward," Johns said of the proposed refinery.

Since the original permit was issued, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases have become subject to regulation, but Hyperion's amended

permit will not require it to capture and sequester carbon dioxide. It's not economically feasible to capture and store that carbon dioxide, Addison said.

Allison Torrence, a lawyer for the project's opponents, said Hyperion has not proved it would be infeasible to capture greenhouse gases. The refinery might be able to sell carbon dioxide or store it underground, she said.

The Hyperion refinery would release more greenhouse gases than any other U.S. refinery and it would increase South Dakota's total

greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent, she said.

Addison said changes in the permit will reduce emissions of many pollutants from the plant.

Basically, there are over 50 instances where this permit is being amended to make it more protective of human health and the environment or more easily enforceable by the state of South Dakota," Addison said.

Graham argued that Hyperion's original permit expired when it failed to start construction by this year's deadline, which would mean the

company would have to seek a brand new permit.

However, Assistant Attorney General Roxanne Giedd said the 2009 permit allowed Hyperion to seek an extension for starting construction as long as it filed an application before the original deadline. Such a permit should not be allowed to expire when delays are caused by court appeals and the board's consideration of an extension, she said.

RACE

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"We are part of a strong global network," said Colleen Schurrer, Yankton, development chair of the Susan G. Komen state affiliate, "that allows for us to deliver breast health information to people no matter where they live, no matter what their income level is.

"It really is about empowering people, and you empower people by educating them and giving them knowledge, whether it's about how they need to take care of themselves or their families, or how they can access care in their particular areas," she said.

The recent opening of a Sioux Falls office for the South Dakota affiliate of the Komen organization, manned by Anderson, is also making a positive difference in South Dakota. The office space is made possible by a donation from First Dakota National Bank.

"Has what we've done really changed that much since we opened the office? In some ways, not at all, and in other ways, absolutely, because we now have a physical space where we can actually send people," Schurrer said. "If you need help, you need to know where to find it. Cyberspace is great, but it doesn't work for everybody."

The mission of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure hasn't changed.

"But our excitement level is higher than ever," Schurrer said. "We have continued support through all of our national and local sponsors, and the Sanford organization has just announced will begin to execute a huge donation from T. Denny Sanford. The research scientists who are already working at Sanford Medical Center and Research Center in Sioux Falls will see their roles expanded."

Researchers in Sioux Falls are working at not only finding better breast cancer treatment options, but also setting their sights on finding a cure for the disease.

"There are research scientists that are actually working under Komen National scientific grants. We have people on the ground in South Dakota who are working to find a cure, which is really what the ultimate goal is," Schurrer said.

"Those research scientists were highlighted at our very first race," said Colette Abbott, race chair and member of the Susan G. Komen South Dakota affiliate board of directors. "The attention received by Dr. Kristi

Egland, a researcher at Sanford in Sioux Falls, gave her the attention that helped the national office decide to present her with a \$1 million grant to continue her work."

A second South Dakota researcher and his team is studying the effect that a diabetic cancer patients appear to have a better outcome with their cancer treatment perhaps because of drug they take to treat their diabetes.

"That just opens up another avenue for research scientists to start looking at," Schurrer said.

"We actually could find a cure right here in South Dakota," Abbott said. "That is a real possibility. It is very, very possible."

Seventy-five percent of the money raised at Sunday's race will stay in South Dakota to help meet and identify unmet breast health needs in the state. The remaining funds go the Komen national organization to fund research grants that awarded across the country.

Since 2008, the annual Komen races held in Vermillion have consistently raised more money than the previous year. It's a trend organizers expect will continue with the upcoming fourth race on Sunday.

South Dakota has also received more funding from the Komen national organization allocated toward cancer research than has been raised in the state during the past three years.

"Of the 25 percent of

funding that goes to national, 100 percent of that is dedicated to research scientists to basically find the cures," Schurrer said. "In South Dakota, we are very proud of the fact that we fund all of the grants that are filtered back through our grants committee, which are local people who are educated in breast cancer areas.

"They look at the grant applications," she said, "and that's how our money is distributed throughout the state. For the last five years, even before we had the race, we have contributed money to a program called All Women Count Cancer Network. It provides screening, breast health exams and mammograms for women throughout the state."

"That's why the race is so important," Anderson said. "The more money we've been able to raise, the more women and men we've been able to support through the grant program. We've been able to reach so many people because the race has been so successful."

"Vermillion and the university, for these four years, have been a huge contributor in terms of providing space, people who volunteer their time to do needed work - there is so much that the university does that people don't even know about," Abbott said.

"Without the university, the city of Vermillion and Aramark, we would not be able to execute this kind of event," Schurrer said. "It is really those three

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