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VHS Top Tennis Player, Abby Weiss, Sets Example

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Homecoming success

VHS student council takes pride in Homecoming Week

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It was something the current Vermillion High School student council knew in its bones could be a success.

They might not have been far off in believing the 2014 Homecoming Week would be a success based on the reactions and responses of many involved.

From dress up days that brought out the punk or hick in Tanagers of all ages to the hippie chicks and preppy dudes, this Homecoming held a special place.

"The week we tried a lot of new things and they turned out really well with everyone having a lot of fun," student council president Jessica Brady said. "It was organized and it went amazing."

"We probably individually put in an extra six hours, outside of our meetings and lock-ins, if you count it all up. Everyone puts in a lot of time either here helping out or at home making posters or signs. It was for sure dozens of hours between everybody. I'm extremely proud of my council."

Those Noon Olympics showed plenty of the creative spirit of the students as many performed for more and the shows illustrated a flash of humor, humor, and more humor – mixed with a little bit of crazy.

"They are having a great time and getting into the Tanager spirit," Vermillion High School



Vermillion High School Homecoming Queen and King, Hailey Freidel and Jonathan Marshall reigned over the 2014 VHS Homecoming Week Sept. 15-19.

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teacher Paige Chapman said. "They put a lot of time and creativity and planning into it. It takes a big group effort to pull off today."

"It's been going really well and really fast so kids are getting tired, but (Friday) is our football game so people we be pumped up for that."

Even those not normally around the halls where Tanagers roam were impressed with the creative antics of the Vermillion students during Noon Olympics.

"It's great activity and a lot of fun that I've

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BOR releases university numbers

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Enrollment at South Dakota's six public universities remained stable this fall, the South Dakota Board of Regents (BOR) reported Tuesday. Overall, total head count was up, but full time equivalent (FTE) student numbers were down statistically.

At the University of South Dakota (USD), fall enrollment numbers were down 174 students, with 10,061 students enrolled this year versus 10,235 last year.

"I thought we would be up in terms of the number of students on campus, and we are," said USD president Jim Abbott. "I thought we would be down in the number of self-support, which would be a student in Sioux Falls who may take only one distance class, and we are. I am disappointed; I

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Christy Kimball sits at the organ at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion.

Katie Clausen/For The Plain Talk

Organists vital part of local congregations

By Katie Clausen
For the Plain Talk

A bride walks down the aisle, and friends say goodbye to a loved one. Sunday morning worship and a Rolling Stones song. All of these things have something in common—the organ. It's an instrument usually heard creating the soundtrack to our fondest memories.

"I think the organ was invented somewhere between three and 400 BC," said Chris Larson, First United Methodist Church Director of Music, "It has been around a long time." Larson and other organ players in Vermillion are part of an exclusive club. Among

the many houses of worship in Vermillion, some have beautiful pipe organs with rich histories, some have more modern solutions, and some do not have an organ at all. The organists are privileged with playing these historical music makers, but they are part of a disappearing group.

"There are not many young people playing the organ anymore" Larson reflected.

According to Pastor Sandy Aakre, the First Baptist Church located on Main Street has the oldest organ in Dakota Territory. "They've done studies on it, people from the

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CELEBRATING DAKOTA DAYS: Part III

A voice of the student body resonates

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Enough has been written over the decades about Elvis and Rock N' Roll and the British Invasion led by the Beatles.

Music was becoming a force of nature throughout the nation and the world.

A world plagued by wars Cold and in Vietnam.

An era steeped in young people standing up for what they believed in.

The times of spend, spend, spend, and the great 80s.

During those times it is noted that from 1964-1988 the University of South Dakota student went from fear to outspokenness to all out times of glee.

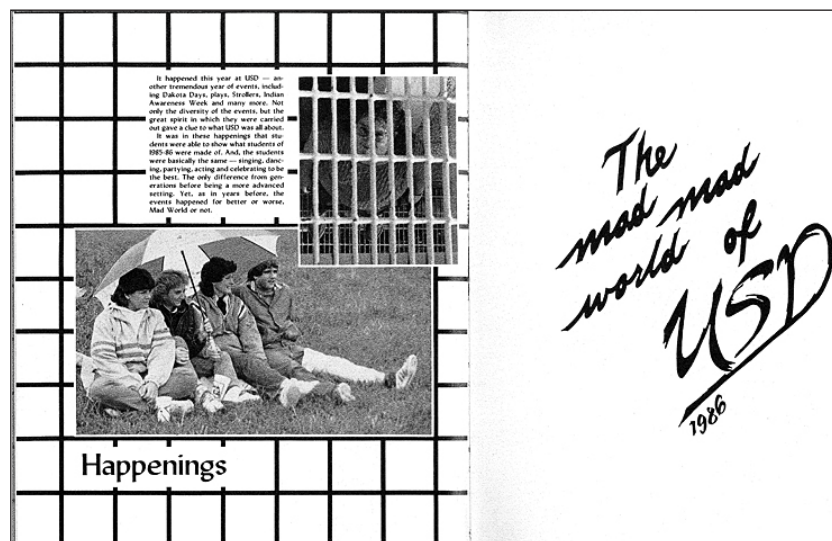
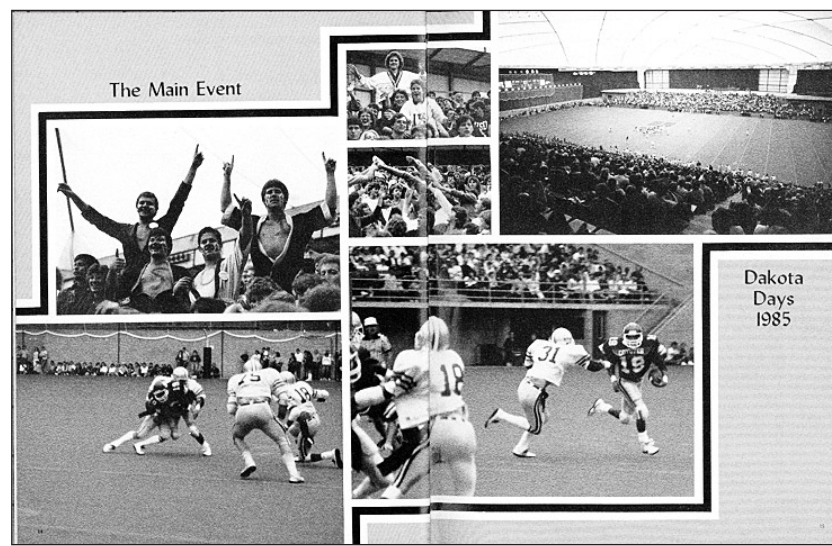
Could it have been the most emotional vexing quarter century in 100 years of Dakota Days celebrations and years well spent by USD students? It very well could have been.

A time of patriotism and wars unknown

John F. Kennedy was assassinated, a Cold War – specifically a dance of avoidance and passive aggression between the Soviet Union and the United States – loomed and would do so until the fall of the U.S.S.R. and the Berlin Wall, and Vietnam ensnared a nation of young men.

It was the 60s and once music

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The mad mad world of USD
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CASA focus for Theta philanthropy Saturday

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For going on 25 years the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority has made CASA for Children its national philanthropy.

Since 1989 the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation has contributed over \$1.2 million to the national CASA Association.

Since 2012, the Theta houses across the country have teamed up to donate over \$700K to CASA through the collegiate chapters alone since 2012.

On Saturday, the University of South Dakota Kappa Alpha Theta chapter will add to those totals when it holds the "Colors



Last year's Colors for CASA run wrapped up at the Eagles Nest in Vermillion.

Courtesy Kappa Alpha Theta

for CASA 5K Walk/Run starting at 9 a.m. The race starts at 9 a.m. and ends at the same location - St. Agnes

Catholic School, 909 East Lewis Street. The race should start seeing finishers cross the line within 20-30 minutes.

Registration will take place all week from 10 a.m. to 2 -p.m. at the Muenster

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