

## Lancer Baseball Team Adds Bloomfield's Gieselman, Two Transfers

The Mount Marty College baseball team added three more for the 2015-16 season, signing Devin Gieselman of Bloomfield, Nebraska, and transfers Mitch DeGrasse of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Alex Arnold of San Francisco, California.

"Recruiting is always a never ending process at the collegiate level. The program graduated 17 seniors last year so the demand to bring in quality student-athletes this year was greater than typical years," said MMC baseball coach Andy Bernatow. "I am excited about the players we have returning and the players we have coming into the program and am also excited to



Gieselman

close out the class with these three student-athletes." Gieselman, a 6-4 left-handed pitcher and first baseman, competed for the Creighton American Legion program and was named to the Elkhorn Valley League all-star game each of the past three seasons. The son of Donelle Puckhaber, he plans to major in criminal justice at MMC. "Devin Gieselman is a local product with a high ceiling," Bernatow said. DeGrasse, a pitcher from Centu-



DeGrasse

ry College, combined for a 15-1 pitching record at the junior college level. He was a member of the 2013 NJCAA Division III World Series runner-up team, as well as the 2014 team that finished fourth. This past spring, he finished 8-0 with a 2.79 earned run average while striking out just under a strikeout per inning. He was named to the all-Region XIII team and the NJCAA Division III World Series all-tournament team. The son of Polly and Dave DeGrasse, he plans to major in



Arnold

business administration at MMC. "Mitch DeGrasse had an outstanding junior college career for an outstanding program and has pitched and been successful in big games," Bernatow said. "I am excited to have a player of his caliber joining the program." Arnold, a pitcher from Skyline Community College (California), appeared in 10 games, striking out an average of one batter per inning. He was Scholar Athlete at Skyline Community College and is a gradu-

ate of Balboa High School located in San Francisco, California. At Balboa High School Arnold had a distinguished career being named to the First Team All-City (San Francisco) his sophomore, junior, and senior year. The son of Christopher Arnold and Margaret Bauz, he plans to major in psychology at MMC. "I was able to connect with Alex Arnold at an unsigned junior college showcase in California earlier this summer and he had an impressive showing at the showcase," Bernatow said. "He has the potential to help the MMC pitching staff."

## GV's Nelson, Beresford Girls Win Opener

Cross Country:  
S.F. Christian  
Takes Boys'  
Team Title

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BERESFORD – Not even steady sprinkles during the race or an alternate course due to a rain-soaked golf course could dampen Laura Nelson's enthusiasm for the first race of the cross country season, Friday's Beresford Invitational.

The Gayville-Volin junior set the early standard for girls' 5,000-meter races in South Dakota, finishing in 18:25.95 to win the girls' race. Friday marked the first time that girls' runners competed at the 5,000-meter distance in a state-sanctioned event.

"It felt amazing," Nelson said after the race. "This course has a few hills out on the road. It's a nice course to start with."

Nelson, the 2013 Class B champion, beat out Ipswich junior Macy Heinz (19:11.21), the defending Class B champion. Elk Point-Jefferson senior Josie Heeren (19:23.94) was third, followed by Luverne, Minnesota, junior Madi Schandeleimer (19:45.87) and Vermillion sophomore Maddie Lavin (19:52.93), the 2013 Class A champion.

"You're not going to find a field much better in terms of Class A and Class B runners," said Beresford head coach Matthew Coy. "There was some impressive girls' talent."

Heinz, who won at Beresford a season ago, was



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Freeman Academy's Thaniel Schroeder strides toward a fourth place finish in the boys' varsity race of the Beresford Invitational cross country meet on Friday.

excited to get the 5K era of South Dakota girls' cross country underway.

"I think everyone responded well," she said. "The first race is always a rust-buster."

Heinz ran with Nelson for the first third of the race, but lost her footing and had to refocus.

"I took a little fall, not quite a mile and a half in," she said. "It didn't affect me too much. My time was not

too bad."

The Beresford girls put four runners in the top 17 to claim girls' team honors with 36 points, beating out Luverne (63), Garretson (67) and Ethan-Parkston (67). Gayville-Volin was fifth at 72.

"Our girls did pretty well," Coy said. "With the 5K, we didn't know what to expect, but they put in a ton of work



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Gayville-Volin junior Laura Nelson earns a victory in the varsity girls' race of the Beresford Invitational cross country meet on Friday.

## Herbster: Cost Of Attendance Decision 'Inevitable' For USD

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North Dakota State's decision Thursday to offer full cost of attendance to student-athletes in every sport next year has already reverberated around the region.

Is such a decision at the University of South Dakota inevitable?

Yes, said athletic director David Herbster.

"We will do it," he said a couple hours after NDSU's announcement. "But we're probably not going to rush anything because of (Thursday)."

Scholarship support will be increased in baseball, men's golf and men's track & field to bring every

NDSU program to the maximum number of allowable scholarship level.

Outside of the traditional tuition, fees, room, board and books, schools can now offer additional support for such things as academic related supplies, transportation and other expenses.

Eventually, Herbster and his counterparts in the Summit League will make a similar announcement, he said, but Thursday's news from Fargo won't rush a decision at USD. Patience is required until certain questions – namely, how to pay for it? – are answered.

"It's not going to change our timeline," Herbster said. "We're still looking at the best way to implement it."

During Summit League meetings, it was made rather clear that no school would be attempting full cost of attendance for the 2015-16 school year, Herbster said.

The only surprise Thursday? "It doesn't surprise me they announced it, but probably one of the things that did surprise me is that they're the second FCS school that's done it across the board," Herbster said. Liberty was the first.

North Dakota State estimates that the additional cost will be up to \$3,400 per full scholarship, and that the money will be raised through private donations.

While that certainly puts on onus on donors to step up to the plate,

it's up to each individual school to determine just what that cost would be, Herbster said.

"Every campus is different, what they can do and how they can make it work," he said. "Each school comes up with their own number."

In advance that it would eventually offer full cost of attendance, USD estimated its own amount for the 2014-15 school year. That number was in the \$4,100 neighborhood, but will figure to rise each year, Herbster said.

"That number isn't just for athletics, that's used for every single student on campus," he said.

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## Burgard Named To MMC Men's Hoops Staff

Robin Burgard, who coached the Sioux Falls Lincoln boys' basketball team to a South Dakota Class AA title in 2009, will join the Mount Marty College men's coaching staff. MMC announced the hire on Friday.

"Coach Burgard will bring a tremendous presence to our team as well as a lot of experience," said MMC head men's basketball coach Andrew Baker. "He was a highly successful coach at Sioux Falls Lincoln High School and I know he will help out our team. I am very excited that he will be working with us."

Burgard spent 18 seasons as an assistant to longtime Lincoln coach Lyle Pearson, then took the reins of the Patriots in 2005. During his five seasons as head coach, he was named the Sioux Falls Coach of the Year three times, and was named the South Dakota Coach of the Year in 2009.

"Robin knows the region, conference, and what type of players we need. He is well connected with South Dakota high school programs and coaches which he will be able to use in recruiting," Baker said. "I am excited for him to share his knowledge with our guys and be a mentor for them as well."

Burgard, a 1984 graduate of Northern State, will also serve as the Men's Residence Hall Director and will help support the entire athletics staff with scheduling and game event management.



Burgard

## Bucks Seventh At Huron

HURON – The Yankton Bucks finished seventh in the 14-team Huron Invitational boys' golf tournament, held on Friday at Broadland Creek National Golf Course.

Sioux Falls O'Gorman ran away with the title with a team score of 292, 11 strokes better than Aberdeen Central. Watertown's Sam Batta earned medalist honors with a 69, one stroke better than Aberdeen Central's Jonah Dohrer.

Yankton finished at 328.

For Yankton, Mat Jensen and Michael Frick each shot 81. Jimmie

Cunningham and Mason Sundleaf each carded an 83. A.J. Fernandez shot 84 and Dalton Maibaum carded a 90 for the Bucks.

TEAM SCORES: O'Gorman 292, Aberdeen Central 303, Sioux Falls Lincoln 305, Brandon Valley 307, Watertown 314, Pierre 317, Yankton 328, Huron 329, Rapid City Stevens 329, Aberdeen Roncalli 334, Mitchell 341, Chamberlain 349, Harrisburg 353, Brookings 364  
TOP 20: Sam Batta, Watertown 69; Jonah Dohrer, Aberdeen Central 70; Justin Kolb, O'Gorman 71; Jacob Otta, O'Gorman 72; Taylor Fjereestad, Brandon Valley 72; Luke Rezac, Lincoln 73; Zane Swenson, Brandon Valley 73; Bryce Hammer, O'Gorman 74; Conner Preston, Aberdeen Central 74; Austin Hoss, Pierre 75; Brenden Bassing, O'Gorman 75; Sam Sutcliffe, O'Gorman 75; Gabe Heller, Aberdeen Roncalli 76; Nolan Wiegel, Huron 76; Bronson Vasa, Lincoln 77; Max Honner, Lincoln 77; Tegan Priebe, Chamberlain 77; Ben Clarke, Lincoln 78; Bennett Lundy, Aberdeen Central 78; Grant Kolb, O'Gorman 78; Jackson Dziedzic, Brandon Valley 78; Nick Mahowald, Watertown 78; Tyler Westra, Lincoln 78  
YHS: Mat Jensen 81, Michael Frick 81, Jimmie Cunningham 83, Mason Sundleaf 83, A.J. Fernandez 84, Dalton Maibaum 90

## Vikings Travel To Texas, Adrian Peterson Waits To Play

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EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Each time he puts on his purple jersey and takes the practice field with the Minnesota Vikings, Adrian Peterson moves further past the lost 2014 season that included a child abuse charge against him.

He still has two-plus weeks to go before he'll suit up for a game.

Peterson and the Vikings reported to training camp more than a month ago. The extra exhibition game this year at the Pro Football Hall of Fame

and the latest possible Labor Day date has pushed the 2015 season openers into mid-September.

Peterson likely will take that first handoff from quarterback Teddy Bridgewater on Sept. 14 against the San Francisco 49ers, with 372 days between games for the record-setting running back who missed the last 15 games of the 2014 season while his case played out in court and in the NFL's disciplinary system.

Peterson, who hasn't appeared in a preseason game since 2011, has been held out of action in August to

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## Friday Tennis Action



TROY MARONEY/BROOKINGS REGISTER  
Yankton's Anne Knoff plays a volley during her 10-4 win at No. 1 singles against Brookings' Emma Lucchesi on Friday at the Hillcrest Tennis Courts. Knoff picked up the only win as the Gazelles dropped the match 8-1 to the Bobcats. Results of Yankton's other matches were available at presstime.