Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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After being one of the staunchest opponents to a four-team playoff, also called the "plus one" system, in college football, the Big Ten came around this week

One has to wonder what it was that changed the league's opinion after the Midwest league was so violently opposed to that change in the Bowl Championship Series format just three years ago. I am sure that having two Southeast Conference (SEC) teams play for a national title while quality Big Ten teams sat on the sidelines might have been a factor.

It is amazing how one little incident like that can open someone's eyes to something that should have taken

place years ago. ... Let me correct myself, we should have been at an eight, 16 or 24-team playoff in college football years ago. Starting a four-team playoff is just an appetizer compared to what the NCAA has in its Division I basketball tournaments.

Division I FBS college football remains the only major sport where there is no clear line for how a school in the division can win a championship. In basketball it's simple, even for the lowliest of conferences: win your conference tournament, you go to the NCAA. Win six (maybe seven) games in the NCAA tournament, you win the championship — just like those big-time conference schools.

Yet even the Big Ten's endorsement might not be enough to get even a four-team playoff going. The system in college football is so bloated and corrupt that it needs a major overhaul to right the ship. But as long as "bowl" money runs college football, it won't happen.

JV Women Top Briar Cliff

The Mount Marty Lancer women dominated Briar Cliff in JV basketball action on Tuesday night at the Cimpl Arena by a score of 84-57. The JV squad improved to 9 3 this year with the victory.

Leading the way for Mount Marty was freshman Tara DesLauriers with 17 points. Crofton native Holly Hegge added a double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds Also for the Lancers, junior forward Brittany Little scored 14 and grabbed nine rebounds, Tyndall's Cassie Schuurmans scored 11, and Alyssa Whetham and Sarah Crosgrove each added 10 points.

Mount Marty's JV team will be in action on Thursday as they host Northwestern College at 6 p.m.

Wall Earns GWC Honors

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — North Dakota center Allyssa Wall has been named Great West Conference women's basketball Player of the Week.

Wall, a sophomore from North Sioux City, posted backto-back double-doubles as UND went 2-0 on the week, averaging 19.5 points, 8.0 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per

Air Force Fires Basketball Coach

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — Air Force has

fired Jeff Reynolds as men's basketball coach after five

The school announced the decision Wednesday. The (Colorado Springs) Gazette first reported the firing Assistant coach Dave Pilipovich will step in as the in-

Under the 55-year-old Reynolds, the Falcons are 11-10 this season with a 1-6 mark in the Mountain West Conference. The Falcons suffered their worst home loss ever Jan. 31 when they lost to New Mexico 81-42.

Reynolds has a 63-82 overall record at Air Force and owns a 145-116 career mark in eight seasons as a head

German Man Wins Empire State Building Race Again

NEW YORK (AP) — A German man has won an annual race up 86 flights of stairs at the Empire State Building for the seventh straight time.

Stuttgart resident Thomas Dold dashed up the stairs Wednesday in 10 minutes and 28 seconds. His time last year was 10 minutes and 10 seconds.

The New York Road Runners club says Wellington, New Zealand, resident Melissa Moon won the women's division. Her time was 12 minutes and 39 seconds.

This year's Empire State Building Run-Up was held at night. That's a switch from previous years, when it was

held in the morning. Organizers say the change allows more people to take part. About 650 people registered. Contestants started in the lobby and climbed 1,576 stairs before finishing on the observation deck.

Griffin, Irving, Rubio Top Rising

Stars Roster NEW YORK (AP) - All-Star Blake Griffin and rookie guards Kyrie Irving and Ricky Rubio headline the list of 18 players chosen for the Rising Stars Challenge to be held during All-Star weekend In this year's new format, first- and second-year play-

ers will be mixed in the game on Friday, Feb. 24 in Orlando. TNT analysts Charles Barkley and Shaquille O'Neal will serve as general managers and draft players for their

Other second-year players chosen Wednesday were John Wall (Washington), DeMarcus Cousins (Sacramento), Landry Fields (New York), Paul George (Indiana), Gordon Hayward (Utah), Greg Monroe (Detroit), Tiago Splitter (San Antonio) and Evan Turner (Philadelphia).

The rookies joining No. 1 pick Irving and Rubio are Kemba Walker (Charlotte), MarShon Brooks (New Jersey), Brandon Knight (Detroit), Kawhi Leonard (San Antonio), Markieff Morris (Phoenix), Tristan Thompson (Cleveland) and Derrick Williams (Minnesota).

Marlins Meet With Cuban OF Yoenis Cespedes

MIAMI (AP) — Cuban outfielder Yoenis Cespedes toured the Miami Marlins' new downtown ballpark Wednesday, the first leg of what's expected to be his tour of interested clubs

Cespedes played for Cuba in the 2009 World Baseball Classic and is projected to be ready for the majors. Cespedes says six teams are interested in signing him, including the Marlins, Baltimore, Detroit, Cleveland and the Chicago Cubs and White Sox.

Cespedes donned a hard hat for his walkthrough at the almost-completed park in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood. In Spanish, he said he believes the Marlins "can compete for a World Series" as early as this season.

Major League Baseball says Cespedes cannot finalize a contract until he obtains an unblocking license from the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Con-

Iowa's Ferentz Names Parker As Defensive Coordinator

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Phil Parker had the opportunity to leave Iowa for a defensive coordinator's job at another major program more than once, yet chose to stay

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz certainly appreciated Parker's loyalty to the program. But Ferentz said Wednesday that he promoted Parker from defensive backs coach to defensive coordinator after 13 seasons simply because Parker was, in his eyes, the best man for the job.

The Hawkeyes announced Tuesday that Parker would take over for Norm Parker (no relation), who ran lowa's defense from 1999 until last season.

"Certainly Phil's proven himself through the years. 13 vears here." Ferentz said. "He'll do an outstanding job in that role. It's about as simple as that."

The 48-year-old Parker has been with Ferentz since Ferentz took over for Hayden Fry before the 1999 season. Parker wasn't able to share his ideas for lowa's defense on Wednesday because he wasn't available to reporters. but it's unlikely he'll depart much from the philosophy that made Norm Parker so successful.

lowa finished in the top 10 nationally in scoring defense from 2008-10, playing with a traditional four-man front and relying more on fundamentals that schemes.

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B STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 83.5-56.5, DSM Apts. 71-69, Don's Auto 65-75, Leader Angus 53.5-86.5 HIGHLIGHTS: Mark Leader - 58 over game

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S C LEAGUE RESULTS: JJ Benji's def. Budlight Bashers 21-12, 21-11, 18-21; Ferrell Gas def. Ferdig's Firecrackers 21-17, 21-6, 21-10; Inside Outers def. Dani's Davcare 21-8, 21-14, 21-17; Ice use/Dakota Express def. Kiss My Aces 22-20, 21-13, 21-12. STANDINGS: Ice House-Dakota Express 9-

, Inside-Outers 9-1, Ferrell Gas 8-2, J.J. Benji's 7-2, Kiss My Aces 4-6, Bud Light Bashers 4-6, Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-7, Ferdig's Fire-crackers 1-9, Dani's Daycare 0-10

BASKETBALL

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

A — NORFOLK 31, YANKTON 28: YMS Leading Scorer — Becky Frick 6

B — YANKTON 40, NORFOLK 16: YMS Leading Scorer — Darian Miller 15

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS
A — YANKTON 37, NORFOLK 14: YMS
Leading Scorers — Kami Cornemann 15, Lindsey Hale 10 B — NORFOLK 16. YANKTON 13: YMS Leading Scorers — Linze Cowman 4, Mariah

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S C LEAGUE RESULTS: Cortrust Bank def. Ball is Life 76-49 Main Street def. Blue Ballers 64-39; Gause Honey def. Dunkin Donkeys 61-55 STANDINGS: Cortrust Bank 9-1, Ball is Life

6-4, Gause Honey 6-4, Dunkin' Donkeys 5-5, Main Street 3-7, Blue Ballers 1-9

S.D. BOYS' SCORES Omaha Nation, Neb. 67, Marty Indian 54

S.D. GIRLS' SCORES
Omaha Nation, Neb. 81, Marty Indian 48

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Tuesday's Games Indiana 104, Utah 99 Boston 94 Charlotte 84 Miami 107 Cleveland 91 Oklahoma City 119, Golden State 116

Wednesday's Games Cleveland 99. L.A. Clippers 92 Milwaukee 105, Toronto 99 Orlando 102, Miami 89 New York 107, Washington 93 San Antonio 100, Philadelphia 90 Atlanta 97, Indiana 87 Detroit 99, New Jersey 92 Chicago 90, New Orleans 67 Memphis 85, Minnesota 80 Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m. Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7 p.m. Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m. Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m. Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m Friday's Games Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m. Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m. Miami at Washington, 6 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m. New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Portland at New Orleans, 7 p.m Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Indiana at Memphis, 7 p.m. L.A. Lakers at New York, 7 p.m. Oklahoma City at Utah, 9:30 p.m

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for Tuesday's Games N.Y. Islanders 1, Philadelphia 0, SO Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 2, SO Vancouver 4, Nashville 3, SO New Jersey 1, N.Y. Rangers 0 Washington 4, Florida 0 Columbus 3, Minnesota 1 St. Louis 3, Ottawa 1 Los Angeles 3, Tampa Bay 1 Winnipeg 2, Toronto 1 Phoenix 4, Dallas 1

Colorado 5, Chicago 2

Detroit 4 Edmonton 2 Calgary at San Jose, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games St. Louis at New Jersey, 6 p.m. Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m. Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Winnipeg at Washington, 6 p.m. Dallas at Columbus 6 n m Nashville at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m. Los Angeles at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Calgary at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games Dallas at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m. Anaheim at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Carolina at Colorado, 8 p.m. Chicago at San Jose, 9:30 p.m

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended free-agent RHP Rolman Candelario 50 games for testing positive for metabolites of Stanozolol under the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

National League NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with INF Russell Branyan, RHP Manny Delcar-men and Dewayne Wise on minor league con-

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with SS Elvis Andrus on a three-year contract. National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with
Ryan Ludwick on a one-year contract and

LHP Jeff Francis on a minor league contract. Designated RHP Carlos Fisher for assignment. HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with SS Jed Lowrie on a one-year contract. American Association
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed RHP Dustin

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed LHP

Richard Salazar.
SIOUX FALLS PHEASANTS — Signed INF Jake Taylor and OF Reggie Abercrombie. WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Cody Fuqua and C Angel E. Flores.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Traded INF
Brian Myrow to Grand Prairie for RHP Craig

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Can-Am League} \\ \textbf{NEW JERSEY JACKALS} & -- \textbf{Signed INF} \end{array}$

NEW SERGEL VICTOR NICK Glaraputo.
NEWARK BEARS — Signed OF AJ Casario, LHP Sean Campbell, RHP Damian Seguen and RHP Rob Swift. Frontier League
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Traded OF Bobby
Leeper to Abilene (North American) for future

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed RHP Chris Smith to a contract extension.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed
OF Matt Grosso.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association HOUSTON ROCKETS—Signed C/F Greg Smith from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL). NEW ORLEANS HORNETS — Signed G Donald Sloan to a 10-day contract. Released G

Carldell Johnson and F DaJuan Summers. Women's National Basketball Association
ATLANTA DREAM — Signed F Cathrine
Kraayeveld to a multi-year contract.
INDIANA FEVER — Re-signed F Tamika

Catchings. LOS ANGELES SPARKS—Signed G Alana FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Moved wide re-

ceivers coach Mike McNulty to guarterbacks coach. Named Frank Reich wide receivers

 $\label{eq:coach} \mbox{InDIANAPOLIS COLTS} \mbox{$-$ Promoted direction}$

tor of player personnel Tom Telesco to vice president of football operations.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DB Brandon Bing, RB Andre Brown, OL Selvish Capers, WR Dan DePalma, DT Dwayne Hendricks, TE Christian Hopkins, QB Ryan Perrilloux, WR Isaiah Stanback and DE Adrian Tracy.

Canadian Football League WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Re-signed

National Hockey League CALGARY FLAMES — Re-signed D Derek

Smith to a two-year contract.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed LW Vinny Prospal to a one-year contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reassigned G

Brian Foster to San Antonio (AHL). MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled RW

Aaron Palushai from Hamilton (AHL). NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with C Frans Nielsen on a four-year contract extension though the 2015-16 season. ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled F Evgeny Grachev from Peoria (AHL).

American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed
D Barry Goers to a professional tryout contract. SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Assigned G Marco Cousineau to Allen (CHL). TEXAS STARS — Recalled F F Jake Hauswirth from Rio Grande Valley (CHL).

ECHLGWINNETT GLADIATORS — Signed D SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS -Claimed F Tyler Shelast off waivers from Florida Central Hockey League
MISSOURI MAVERICKS — Signed D Lukas Bohunicky.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Major League Soccer} \\ \textbf{PHILADELPHIA UNION} \ -- \ \text{Signed} \ \ \textbf{F} \ \ \text{Li-} \end{array}$ COLLEGE
BIG FAST CONFERENCE — Announced

the addition of the University of Memphis as a full conference member beginning in the 2013-14 academic year.
AIR FORCE — Fired men's basketball Coach Jeff Reynolds. Promoted assistant coach Dave Pilipovich interim coach. IOWA—Named Phil Parker defensive coor-

LIPSCOMB—Named Kevin O'Brien women's soccer coach. LSU—Announced OL Josh Dworaczyk has been granted a sixth year of eligibility by the

NCAA OHIO WESLEYAN - Named Tom Watts football coach.
ST. ANDREWS — Announced the resignation of men's and women's golf coach Lisa

ST. JOHN'S — Announced junior G Malik Stith has withdrawn from the men's basketball

some — including the Florida State Becka. Named Frederick Parlow women's soc-Seminoles and the Central Michi-

Calhoun To Miss UConn's Next Game

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun will miss Saturday's game against No. 2 Syracuse while on an indefinite medical leave of absence because of spinal stenosis, a painful condition in his lower back. The school announced Wednesday that Calhoun

would not be at the game at Syracuse. He missed last

Saturday's win over Seton Hall and Monday's loss at Calhoun, who turns 70 in May, is scheduled to meet with specialists over the next few days to determine

He said he was feeling better Tuesday, but would not be able to coach this weekend.

Thursday, February 9 BASKETBALL, MEN'S South Dakota State at USD (7 p.m., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM) BASKETBALL, BOYS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Lower Brule

AREA CALENDAR

Hey, Big Ten! What Took So Long For You To Come Around?

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Lower Brule (Marty, Santee); Allen at Bloomfield; Andes Central vs. South Central at Bonesteel; Battle Creek at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Canistota at Menno; Centerville vs. Bridgewatererey at Emery; Corsica-Stickney at Freeman; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Wisner-Pilger; Marion at Gayville-Volin BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Lower Brule (Marty, Santee); Allen at Bloomfield; Battle Creek at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Crofton at Norfolk Catholic; Homer at Ponca; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Wisner-Pilger; Lennox at Parkston: Marion at Gaswille-Volin: Platre-Geddes at Winner: West

ston; Marion at Gayville-Volin; Platte-Geddes at Winner; West Central at Vermillion (KVTK-AM) Friday, February 10

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Aberdeen Central (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM); Dakota Plains Inv. at Lower Brule (Marty, San-

Canton at Parker, Dell Rapids at Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson at Beresford, Gayville-Volin at Centerville; Harrisburg at Vermillion (KVTK-AM); Hartington at Wynort, Homer at Ponca; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Neligh-Oakdale; Parkston at Tea Area; Plainview at Creighton; Platte-Geddes at Bon Homme Randolph at Crofton; Scotland at Gregory; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Avon; Wagner at Chamberlain; Wausa at Osmond;

tee); Baltic at Alcester-Hudson; Bancroft-Rosalie at Newcastle;

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Aberdeen Central (5:45 p.m.)

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st Boyd at Niobrara-Verdigre

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Aberdeen Central (4

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Aberdeen Central at YHS (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); Dakota Plains Inv. at Lower Brule (Marty, San-tee); Baltic at Alcester-Hudson; Bancroft-Rosalie at Newcastle; Bridgewater-Emery at Marion; Canton at Parker; Chamberlain at Chamberlain; Dell Rapids at Dakota Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Beresford: Gavville-Volin at Centerville: Harrisburg at Son at Berestonic, Gaynine-voin at Centervine, Harrissonig at Vermillion (KVTK-AM); Hartington at Wynot; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Neligh-Oakdale; Menno at Andes Central; Plain-view at Creighton; Randolph at Crofton; Scotland at Gregory; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Avon; Wausa at Osmond; West Boyd BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Aberdeen Central at YHS (4

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH Aberdeen Central at YHS

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH Aberdeen Central at YHS (DH. 4 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR lowa State Classic at Ames, lowa (USD)
WRESTLING, PREP S.F. Washington/Vermillion at Harris-

Saturday, February 11

BASKETBALL, MEN'S North Dakota State at USD (7:30 m., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM); Hastings at MMC (4 p.m.,

BASKETBALL. WOMEN'S North Dakota State at USD (5

., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM); Hastings at MMC (2 p.m.,

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Watertown at YHS (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Dakota Plains Inv. at Lower Brule (Marty, Santee); DWU Classic at Mitchell (Viborg-Hurley, Wag-

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Watertown at YHS (4 p.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Watertown at YHS (5:45

ner); Hartington Cedar Catholic at Lutheran High Northeast

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Lower Brule (Marty, Santee); Beresford at Centerville; Bon Homme at Dakota Christian; Parkston vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery HOCKEY, BOYS' Brookings at Yankton (7 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Brookings at Yankton (5 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BANTAM Brookings at Yankton A (3 p.m.); okings at Yankton B (1 p.m.)

HOCKEY, PEEWEE Yankton A at S.F. West (5:45 p.m.);

Yankton B at S.F. West (3:45 p.m.) SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Briar Cliff Indoor Tourn. at South SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH Sioux Center Last Chance

Meet (Yankton)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR lowa State Classic at Ames, Iowa (USD); Buena Vista Open (MMC)
WRESTLING, PREP Eastern South Dakota Conference Championships at Huron (YHS, 11 a.m.)

Sunday, February 12

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Mitchell at Yankton (2 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BANTAM Watertown at Yankton A (noon); Yank-HOCKEY, PEEWEE Mitchell at Yankton A (10:30 a.m.); Mitchell at Yankton B (9 a.m.)
SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Briar Cliff Indoor Tourn. at South

the university's decision Wednesday and discouraged members of the higher education board from

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chise the voters, and I don't think

Associated Press writer Dave

Kolpack contributed to this report

they have the power to do that,'

going back to court.

from Fargo, N.D.

N. Dakota

From Page 8

division), and we expect our members to play right at the top. If they can't play post-season home games, that doesn't help." The state Board of Higher Edu-

cation will likely meet with North

Dakota Attorney General Wayne

Stenehjem on Monday to discuss whether to go to court to block reinstatement of the law, board President Grant Shaft said Wednesday. When the fight began seven years ago, the NCAA told the University of North Dakota and the other schools with American Indian nicknames or logos that to avoid sanctions, they needed to change the names or obtain per

mission from local tribes. Most

changed their nicknames, though

gan Chippewas — got tribal permission to keep them. North Dakota challenged the NCAA edict in court. In a settlement, the school agreed to begin retiring its nickname if it could not obtain consent to continue its use from North Dakota's Standing Rock and Spirit Lake Sioux tribes by

Nov. 30, 2010. Spirit Lake tribal members endorsed the name. But the Standing Rock Sioux's tribal council, which opposed the nickname, has declined to support it or to allow its tribal members to vote.

Current supporters of the nickname and petition drive include members of both the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock Sioux tribes.

The law forcing the school to use the name and logo was approved in March, pushed by some prominent university alumni and Republican House Majority Leader Al Carlson, Carlson said he resented the NCAA's bullying and what he regarded as the Board of Higher Education's clumsy handling of the matter. Čarlson hoped the law would

make the NCAA reconsider its opposition to the nickname and logo, but NCAA officials remained adamant during a summer meeting with Carlson, Gov. Jack Dalrymple and other officials. The law was repealed during a special legislative session last No-

pose of influencing the NCAA. Reed Soderstrom, chairman of

MORNING

COFFEE

WEEKDAYS

Thursday, February 9

7:40 am Ykn Chamber

(Carmen Schramm)

8:15 am Yankton Conv/Vis Bureau

(Carmen Schramm)

Friday, February 10

7:40 am YAPG (Mike Dellinger)

8:15 am MMC Student Nurses

(Jennifer Duff)

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