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## Adding Football Is Not On Mount Marty's Timetable — But It's Not Off The Table

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Mount Marty College began admitting male students in 1969. Ever since the small, Catholic institution in Yankton became coed, every president along the way has at one time or another faced the following question: When are you adding football?

There have never been public forums on the issue. There has never been an official announcement either way. But the questions have always been there.

Even in his second week on the job as new president at Mount Marty, Marc Long knows he was bound to face the issue of football at some point. The immediate answer? No, football is not in the works.

"It's something that certainly is not off the table, but it's not in the immediate plans," Long said during a wide-ranging interview last week from his office.

Mount Marty College is one of 12 members of the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC), a regional league that includes members from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. The latest addition, College of Saint Mary, has only women's athletics.



Long

Ten of those schools play football. Mount Marty — the smallest school in the conference, by enrollment — is the lone exception. Will that ever change?

"There's no pressure at all for Mount Marty to add football," athletic director Chuck Iverson said.

Put another way: The school doesn't need to add football, but men's soccer must be offered in lieu of football.

"Some people would say, 'You're going to want it because you're the only one without it,'" Iverson said. "But in a lot of ways, the football coaches would probably prefer we didn't add it. For scheduling purposes, it works better now with the number we have."

It's not as though Mount Marty has never explored the addition of football.

Within the past decade, a committee conducted what Iverson calls a "pretty complete" feasibility study for the addition of other sports. At that time, Dordt College and Briar Cliff were both exploring football, so as Iverson recalls, "it seemed logical to look at it as well."

The study, which explored a number

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## USD Invited Federal Workplace Experts to Examine Mold Complaints

From P&D Staff Reports

VERMILLION — The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is evaluating the condition of Noteboom Hall following complaints that mold at the University of South Dakota building is making some people sick.

Three experts from the CDC National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) are on the Vermillion campus this week, according to a USD news release.

University officials believe the building is safe, but USD requested that NIOSH do a scientific appraisal of the building after some employees filed injury reports with the state, the news release said. Complaints have ranged from respiratory problems to hair loss.

"Noteboom is an older building that was not designed for its current use. Nonetheless, we are committed to assuring our faculty, staff, students and visitors that the building is safe to occupy and use," said USD Provost Jim Moran.

"Over the past year, we have offered to move individuals to offices in other buildings but, for a number of reasons, all but one have chosen to stay in Noteboom."

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## Blaalid To Resign For Teaching Position

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After 2 1/2 years, Yankton City Commissioner Brooke Blaalid has conducted one of her last meetings on the board.

Blaalid announced her resignation, effective Aug. 13, to pursue a new career path during Monday's meeting of the commission.

"I've accepted a faculty position at the University of South Dakota in the Masters of Social Work Program located in Sioux Falls," Blaalid said. "I look forward to sharing my experiences with my social work students and our future leaders of South Dakota."



Blaalid

Blaalid thanked the commission and the people of Yankton who'd made her stay on the board possible.

"My dearest thanks to City Manager (Amy) Nelson and the entire city staff, and the commission — past and present — and the citizens of Yankton," she said. "You've made this a very rewarding and enriching experience for me and I am eternally grateful. I'm very proud of the many projects we've worked on together and seeing all of our hard work and dedication to come to fruition. I have no doubt in my mind that the community of Yankton will continue to flourish and thrive because of its loyal, creative and dedicated citizens."

Nelson said the focus will now shift to finding a commissioner to replace Blaalid to serve out the rest of her term. Blaalid's term was set to end in 2016.

"Typically in this type of circumstance, what we do at the city is solicit letters of application and letters of interest out in the community to identify people that are interested in serving, and then the commission selects someone," Nelson said.

Nelson said there is no solid time frame but that advertisements will be going out shortly.

Monday's meeting also saw the commission move forward with a plan to add a four-way stop at the intersection of 23rd St. and Green St.

Nelson said accidents and studies have shown the need for traffic control at the intersection.

"This has been a request from a number of individuals over a number of years regarding putting in

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## Ponca Park Present A Unique Gift

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PONCA, Neb. — Ponca State Park received a very important piece of Missouri River history Monday.

Kent Scribner, retired development officer at the USD foundation donated a hand-colored, aquatint engraving of Karl Bodmer's painting "Punka Indians Camped on the Banks of the Missouri" to the park's education center.

The print dates from the 1830s as part of a portfolio of hand-colored prints documenting the Missouri River.

Karl Bodmer (1809-1893) was a Swedish painter best known in the United States as a painter who captured the American West of the 19th century. In 1832, he was hired as an artist by German explorer Prince Maximilian zu Wied-Neuwied to document his Missouri River expedition.

They traveled through the American West while recording images of settlements, rivers and people they encountered along the way, including many images of Native Americans in that region.



Amateur historian Kent Scribner donated a hand-colored, aquatint engraving of artist, Karl Bodmer's painting "Punka Indians Camped on the Banks of the Missouri" to the Ponca State Park's Missouri National Recreational River Resource and Education Center Monday. Pictured are, from left: Jeff Fields, Kent Scribner and Mark Wetmore.

"After Lewis and Clark, this was probably the second most important expedition into, what was then, the new part of the country," Scribner said. "It

was obviously not as popular as Lewis and Clark, being that they were they

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## Crofton To Begin Review Of Alleged Irregularities

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CROFTON, Neb. — Crofton city leaders are looking into alleged irregularities in the city's reporting of its operations, according to a city official.

The city has put together a review team to look at the time when former city clerk Nancy Foxhoven held the position, said Interim City Manager Charlie Gail Hendrix.

"The irregularities were associated with the retirement of the previous city clerk," Hendrix told the *Press & Dakotan*. "There were irregularities in the city's reporting, and this team is designed to ferret out when and what occurred."

Foxhoven could not be reached Monday night for comment.

Crofton city officials are bringing outside parties into the investigation, according to a news release. The team will consist of individuals experienced in areas of law enforcement, criminal law, government relations and accounting.

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