

## Surviving in a Flat World

### *Are you on the right track?*

Sioux Falls – If you've read Thomas Friedman's book *The World is Flat* you can be simultaneously scared to death of and thrilled with the opportunities that exist in a flat world.

In part, Friedman asserts that in a flat world there are few barriers to work flowing to places that provide a good product at a low price. Without barriers, the market will dictate where work is done. That is where it can be a bit scary. Is this a threat to U.S. workers and industry? On its own, it could be.

However, Friedman also asserts that the hallmark and strength of our economy is not production work, but rather it is our ability to invent, innovate and adapt that will keep us at the forefront of all other economies in a flat world. And, where do invention, innovation and adaptation blossom from? Here's your answer – quoted directly.

"There are so many things about the American system that are ideally suited for nurturing individuals who can compete and thrive in a flat world. It starts with America's research universities. It is a truism, but the more educated you are, the more options you will have in a flat world. 'Our university system is the best,' said Bill Gates."

Through an education at UC, you are preparing yourself for a career – no doubt. However, your learning will prepare you to adapt and innovate as the economy changes. That's what a university-level education is all about – developing human capital for a changing economy. You're on the right track.



## New Degree Programs Beginning Fall 2007

Five new degree programs will be available at South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center starting in the Fall 2007 semester. You may begin general education courses immediately.

### The University of South Dakota

To compliment the majors in accounting, finance, management, and marketing that are currently offered at University Center, USD is adding:

- **B.B.A./ B.S./B.A. in Economics** to the degree programs offered in Sioux Falls. If you are interested in the dynamic world of business, this may be the option for you.

### South Dakota State University

SDSU will deliver the following four new programs at University Center in the fall:

- **B.S. Psychology** – students wanting a career in the mental health profession or as a foundation for professional or graduate school may be interested in this degree.
- **B.S. Geographic Information Sciences** – a relatively new degree that involves the science of geographic and spatial analysis. A **minor and certificate program** are also available in **GIS** in Sioux Falls.
- **B.S. Construction Management** – are you interested in building, project management, or estimating? The construction industry employment is currently strong with a demand for managers expected to increase nationally.
- **B.A./B.S. Graphic Design** – check out this degree if you are interested in marketing, advertising, or the retail industry.

As University Center continues to grow, we will continue to add new and exciting degree programs for you. If you are interested in any of our degrees, whether they are currently here or coming this fall, please feel free to contact one of our advisors for more information. We are here to help you make the most of your educational experience!



## There's Still Time...

...to register for summer classes! The second summer session begins on Monday, July 2nd, and many summer class offerings are still available. For the most current, up-to-date schedule of classes and their availability, please log onto [www.SDUniversityCenter.org](http://www.SDUniversityCenter.org) and click on the Web Advisor link. From there, select a link to one of the universities,

click on Web Advisor for Students and then click on Search for Sections. Current students may register for their classes on Web Advisor while new students may complete a registration form at University Center.

While you're at it—don't forget to check out our fall class schedule! The fall semester begins on September 4th.

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## Accessing Your Web Advisor

Web Advisor provides students with online access to their own information on the student database. And, Web Advisor is available for use 24 hours a day!

Normally within one day after a student has been accepted as a special student, or as degree-seeking, the student may begin using Web Advisor. To access Web Advisor, go to the [www.SDUniversityCenter.org](http://www.SDUniversityCenter.org) website, and click on the Web Advisor link, then click on a university link. Once on Web Advisor, click Web Advisor for Students, and then I'm New to Web Advisor. Follow the directions to receive your ID and password. Web Advisor will send students a temporary password, and the student may then reset the password to one easily remembered.

After the ID and password have been obtained, the student may then view all of the features of Web Advisor including grades, class schedules, unofficial transcripts, registration, adding or dropping classes, program evaluation, and one of the newest features—SDePay.

We encourage students to utilize this service; our staff is willing to assist with training and will be available to answer questions and assist with any problems may occur.

## IMPORTANT –

### Tuition Statements Are No Longer Mailed!

The South Dakota Public Universities are no longer mailing paper statements to students. Statement information and payment options are now available through SDePay e-Commerce process.

The SDePay Commerce Process is simple and convenient:

- Students can view and pay their student charges on-line. No paper tuition statements will be mailed.
- Students can authorize parents, guardians, spouses, etc. to view and pay student charges on-line.
- Students and authorized payers can pay on-line 7 days a week with e-Check. Best of all, e-Check is a FREE service!
- Students and authorized payers can pay on-line 7 days a week with a credit or debit card (American Express, Discover and MasterCard). *A service fee of 2.75% will be charged by infiNET for this service.*

***Please note that credit or debit card tuition payments can no longer be processed at the University Center Business Office.***

- Students may still pay their tuition by cash or check at the University Center Business Office.

#### **Follow these easy steps to access SDePay**

- Go to [www.SDUniversityCenter.org](http://www.SDUniversityCenter.org)
- Click on your home university tab at the top of the page
- Click on WebAdvisor
- Click on WebAdvisor for students
- Click on SDePay
- Enter your WebAdvisor ID and Password
  - The QuickPAY message board will be displayed. Students and authorized payers can now access billing statements, view current activity and make payments.

## **Parking Permits No Longer Required at University Center**

Parking permits will no longer be required on the University Center campus starting with the Summer 2007 term.

Students are reminded not to park in areas marked staff, faculty, visitor or handicapped. Tickets will still be issued to those violating these restricted parking areas.

## Taking the Summer Off??

Good for you! At some point in time we all need a break from some of life's stressors, one being your academics. If you, like many other students, have decided to NOT take summer classes, take this time to rejuvenate and prepare yourself for the upcoming academic year. Here are some ideas on how to do this:

### Start a garden.

- *A great way to get outdoors, get your hands dirty and watch something beautiful grow.*

### Play with your kids at the park or take them to the zoo.

- *Cherish the summer time when you can spend more time being a kid yourself by going to the park, the zoo, or even the fair!*

### Take your dog for a walk.

- *Many studies have shown an increase in brain activity with regular exercise, plus eventually you'll have more energy and an overall sense of well being. Don't have a dog, drag your husband or best friend along with you!*

### Take a short vacation.

- *South Dakota has many beautiful campgrounds across the state. Check out <http://www.sdcampgrounds.com> for more information.*

### Read a novel.

- *With all those textbooks you're required to read during the school year, you could use a good fiction book, especially one you don't have to memorize!!*

These are just a few things you could do during your summer off from academics. With life as full as it is, I hope that all of you who are taking the summer off from academics, will find some extra time to enjoy life, family and friends. See you in the Fall!

## University Center Night at the Canaries!

Join your University Center friends on Friday, July 20th for "University Center Night at the Canaries"! The Sioux Falls Canaries will host the Lincoln Salt Dogs. The game will begin at 7:05 pm.

The Canaries have offered a special package to all University Center students, staff, faculty and guests—\$10 tickets in section M—PLUS a pre-game picnic including a hamburger, chips and soda! And, a post-game fireworks display following the game! The deals don't stop there—current students can qualify for one \$5 voucher towards a game ticket.

Tickets for this exciting, fun-filled event may be purchased at the University Center Business Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-7:00 pm.



Congratulations to Mark Lee, who successfully defended his dissertation and was awarded his EdD in Adult and Higher Education. Dr. Lee is the Executive Dean at SD University Center.

## A Life of Service

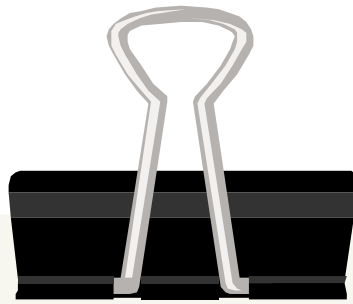
When you consider all the things you have done in your life and all the things you plan to do in your life, there is often a single common denominator—you. While our own Western culture supports this in such variegated places as work, home, and friendships, it is misguided and irrelevant to today's connected marketplace. Today, most everyone has a sense of entitlement; how often do you hear "you deserve it" in marketing campaigns? *What did I ever do to deserve to buy a \$20,000 car?* Yet, these incongruous messages inundate our ears in so many places that it seems to permeate American culture and indeed represents us in far-flung places around the globe. Eastern cultures, with good reason, often criticize the Western world for these attitudes of usury, entitlement, and waste. This sense of entitlement can easily be eroded, but it starts with individuals—you.

What are some simple things you can do that will not only help yourself, but those around you? By helping others and being a contributing member of your society you can create a change for others and for yourself.

Most assuredly, helping others around you brings satisfaction, but it also seeks to build a community of support and care. The good news is that this can begin with one person—you.

Showing respect and concern for those around you creates a ripple of change that spreads. There is a great deal to be learned and gained by looking beyond all the things that frustrate us, and the things that seem too difficult to overcome.

How does a person, in our culture of entitlement, become more relevantly connected to the needs of others? The answer lies in service. If you feel that your life is too busy to add a volunteer project, try helping those who happen to be in your everyday path. By doing these things, you will create a life of service and discover a great deal about yourself, the people around you, and the world.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### ***JULY***

**July 2-August 10**—Summer Session 2 (Second 6 weeks, standard courses)

**July 4**—Independence Day Holiday—**NO CLASSES/OFFICES CLOSED**

**July 20**—University Center Night at The Canaries

### ***AUGUST***

**August 10**—Summer semester ends

### ***SEPTEMBER***

**September 3**—Labor Day Holiday—**OFFICES CLOSED**

**September 4**—Fall 2007 Semester Begins (**Tuesday only classes that meet once a week will meet**)

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