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Organization Awards Presented to SDSU Student Groups

BROOKINGS – The South Dakota Board of Regents presented awards Friday to three student organizations from South Dakota State University.

"We are proud of the contributions of these organizations. They are a great benefit to the campus and community." said Marysz Rames, dean of student affairs at SDSU.

The SDSU groups receiving recognition are:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** –Sigma Phi Epsilon developed a scholarship program that assists members in reaching their academic potential. This program involves a member following a list of provisions outlined in an academic plan. As a result of the academic plan and the adoption of a faculty fellow, the chapter's grade point average increased for three straight semesters.
- **Community Service Award** – The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) introduces the civil engineering profession and the impact of civil engineers to all ages. An elementary poster contest for fifth graders and the Engineering Expo were held to promote engineering to students. To aid the Brookings community, ASCE painted a graffiti-covered railroad bridge and participated in the local Habitat for Humanity. The group also painted the Children's First Step Learning Center. Other community work included: a blood drive through the Brookings Hospital Bloodmobile, the third annual Trick or Treat for Canned Goods to benefit the Brookings Area Food Pantry, and the purchase of Angel Tree gifts.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – FarmHouse Fraternity is dedicated to the building of students into leaders within the chapter, on campus, and in the community. Leadership roles are made available to members through house operations, standing committees, and attendance at semester retreats. Farmhouse members hold seats on the Student Senate, SDSU Greek Council, and a number of campus organizations. This year, FarmHouse was involved in the organization of a banquet that raised nearly \$700 for the cooperative food program at Unidad Acedemica Campensia in Carmen Pampa, Bolivia.