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The Changing Williston State College Campus

Health Science and Sports Complex a Reality



Williston State College broke ground for its Health Science and Sports Complex in June of 2002. After its first full year of use, there is one, all-descriptive word that comes to mind...SUCCESS! The new home to the Health Science offerings at Williston State (Nursing, Massage Therapy, Physical Therapy Assistant, and wellness courses) and Teton Athletics has become a visible and attractive site on the campus and the entire community of Williston.

At a cost of \$5.65 million, the Health Science and Sports Complex (HSSC) is a state-of-the-art facility. The Health Science programs enjoy modern classrooms and labs while being connected to Stevens Hall, the main building of the WSC campus. It's easy to walk around the building and see the tremendous athletic advancements offered, but the Health Science programs needed the improvements as much as anything. Helen Overbo, Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, says the Health Science programs are an important and visible part of Williston State. "The Health Science addition was designed by faculty in those programs to meet current and projected needs for

the campus community. The addition provides classroom and laboratory space for each of the programs plus a resource room, computer lab, and classroom equipped with interactive television to deliver classes to remote sites. Nursing, physical therapy assistant, and massage therapy labs enable students to work with patients/clients by simulating actual working situations. Students in health science programs indicate the move into the new addition provides better access to the library, computer lab, cafeteria, bookstore, fitness facilities, and Teton Java. They also expressed that they feel more a part of the campus and have opportunities to interact with students in other programs and other faculty and staff."

Bob Benson, Chair/Assistant Professor of the PTA/Massage Therapy Programs, says the HSSC has helped address demand. "Larger numbers of students can be admitted to the programs. The new fitness facilities have allowed us to spend more practical time in utilizing exercise equipment. It is also nice to be closer to the library and other offices on campus." And larger numbers have

been a plus for the college and the community of Williston. As part of the Massage Therapy program, each student must perform 75 massages and the new facility has made the program's free clinics visible and accessible for those who enjoy the free massages. Over the last two years, 1,725 massages have been performed through the clinic, which is open for the public every Tuesday and Thursday beginning about mid-October and extending through April each year.



PTA has also enjoyed its new setting and is utilizing its own clinic setting. "The PTA public clinic runs from January through April and operates differently in that students work in groups with clients and follow them for an extended period of time. This was our first year with offering the clinic and we had 13 clients that were seen," Benson stated.



As for athletics, gone are the days of 2-hour lines awaiting the Teton Men's Basketball games only to see the doors closed due to seating restrictions. Gone are the days of knees-in-the-back, shoulders scrunched together bleacher arrangements. Gone are the days of two toilet stalls for 800 people. Gone are the days of the smallest concession selection in the history of sporting events.

Here, right now, is one of the finest athletic facilities in the upper Midwest. Walking in, visitors enter 1 of 10 double-doors, purchase their tickets at a 3-stalled ticket booth, and proceed to "The Well," the nickname of the Health Science and Sports Complex. Aptly named by Phil Rabon, "The Well" gives visitors the appearance of being underground as the gym is below the level of entry. The nickname also ties into Williston and its abundance of oil and oil wells.



The most obvious enhancement is seating, which jumped from 750 to over 2400. Over 600 of those seats are in a Reserved Section and have been sold to individuals and groups through a naming opportunity, each seat having an attached plaque naming its donor that will remain forever. The reserved seats encase one of the four sides of the playing floor. Bleacher seats take up the remaining three sides.

The old weight rooms, first located next to the old gym and then in the basement, have been replaced with a first-class workout facility which overlooks the playing court. Students now have easy access and numerous workout aids in the spacious Fitness Zone. A rubber walking track circles the playing floor. It is open to the public and is used heavily in the winter months as residents escape from the cold and walk in the warmth and safety of the HSSC.



Although the High Reach Learning encourages education, Little Tetons Daycare also focuses on fun. During the day, the children participate in several exciting activities such as music time, story time, afternoon naps, and outdoor play on the daycare's brand new collection of playground equipment. All activities are closely supervised by the four, highly-qualified child care providers who are employed at Little Tetons.

Another popular attraction is the Alumni Room. Most often used as a meeting room, the room is available for community groups to hold special meetings, retreats, conferences, etc. So far, groups including the Chamber of Commerce, the Sheriff's Department, the Northwest District Judges and dozens of others have utilized the spacious room. Catering services provided by WSC are made possible as the Alumni Room is equipped with a small serving area for luncheons which often accompany the meetings. During home basketball events, the Alumni Room is open for Booster Club members to relax between games and at halftimes.



A project of this proportion would never have been possible without the generous financial support of hundreds of individuals, groups, and businesses. A donor board is in the process of being constructed which will list all donors.

Since its opening, the HSSC has been bustling with activity. Area District and Region High School Tournaments have been showcased at the HSSC, which is a huge draw for the college and the community. Over 250 games have been played in the first two years of its existence, and it only looks to increase.

WSC is very proud of the new addition. It has generated much excitement and enthusiasm on campus for students, faculty, staff, and community members. As many people have commented, "It's about time," and "Williston deserves this."

Little Tetons Daycare Offered on Campus

For most parents attending college, childcare during the day comes as quite a concern. Often times, parents are forced to miss class due to a lack of babysitter or busy parenting schedules. Now Williston State College has a solution: Little Tetons Daycare.

Opened in August of 2004, the Little Tetons Daycare is located right next to the campus. Licensed to care for up to 40 children at once, the facility serves as a convenient place for students at WSC to take their kids while they attend classes during the day.

Convenience isn't the only reason parents choose Little Tetons Daycare. The daycare takes a different approach to childcare, using what they call High



Reach Learning within their daycare. Most daycares offer only babysitting services and play time. With High Reach Learning, the children learn a new, family-based subject each week, and their activities are centered around learning that specific subject in a fun and interesting manner.

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Openings for the summer semester are currently available, and anyone interested in enrolling can contact the daycare manager, Amanda Brose, at 701-774-4509.

Bookstore Undergoes Facelift

The students and faculty alike at Williston State College are excited about the latest renovation to the campus, the WSC Bookstore and Teton Java.

Although the new bookstore is larger and more attractive these days, plans for remodeling were generated out of a need for more space. With a dramatic increase in distance education enrollment, the old bookstore wasn't accommodating the needs of those students. Over 400 students order their books from WSC, and the new facility offers an expanded storage capacity which enables faster, more efficient shipping and order processing.

Increased space was made available for storage and workspace

for the employees, making it possible for them to move all their supplies into the main work area. In the past, they had to do some of their work from a separate garage building. "It's great," said Jamie Ellis, who works in the bookstore. "We have so much more space and it makes things so much easier for us all."

Not only does the new bookstore offer wide open spaces, it is also proud to bring something entirely new to the campus: Teton Java, right inside the bookstore. This brand new, full-service coffee bar boasts the latest in coffee equipment and serves an extensive variety of drinks. From espresso shots to mixed coffee drinks, coffee lovers are guaranteed to find something to tempt their taste buds.

Both the WSC Bookstore and Teton Java are open to not only students, faculty and staff at the college, but to the general public as well. Everyone is encouraged to stop in, say hello, and enjoy the new addition to Williston State College.



Letter From the President

Greetings from WSC. My Name is Joe McCann. I've had the privilege of serving as the second President of WSC for almost five years. My wife and I grew up on farms in South Dakota, and I've served in six community colleges as a faculty member or administrator for the past 31 years.

At Williston State College, we still believe that "*the people make the difference.*" Those of you who have visited campus in the past few years have undoubtedly noticed some changes like the absence of some of your favorite faculty members who retired and the addition of the Health Science and Sports Complex. However, you'll still notice rich interactions between faculty members and students, a caring environment in which the development of every learner is important, and friendly staff who want to get to know the students.

We've also been able to enhance the Campus by adding a coffee bar to an expanded bookstore, refurbish the student center, and add childcare services for students and employees' children. Our workforce training department, which was established in 1999 by state statute serves 10 counties in northwest North Dakota, and now serves over 190 business's training with over 2800 employee training sessions. Credit distance education now serves over 380 students primarily by interactive TV and online coursework. In the spring semester of 2005, 38% of WSC students were pursuing an academic transfer degree and 38% were pursuing a career or technical degree or certificate. Your support by "word of mouth promotion" is still our best marketing tool.

This newsletter has been made possible by the support of the WSC Foundation. The Foundation has been provided resources that have allowed WSC to expand program offerings, expand scholarship opportunities for regional students, promote the college, and build the Health Science and Sports Complex.

I feel that the transition of UND-W to Williston State College as now a "stand alone" community college has gone well. My enthusiasm about the role WSC plays in the lives of our students and alumni and the vitality the Mon-Dak" region has grown during my five years as the second president of WSC. The future of WSC is bright.

Enjoy the WSC Alumni Newsletter!!

Dr. Joe McCann
President, Williston State College

Lady Teton Basketball Celebrates Reunion

Lady Teton Basketball celebrated the twenty-year period from 1972-1992 over the 4th of July weekend last summer. Over 70 former players gathered in Williston for a reunion of Lady Teton coaches and teammates, some of which had not been back or hadn't seen each other since their graduation from UND-Williston.

No one was more excited than Phil Rabon and Penny Slagle who both came dressed for the occasion. Phil showed up in his famous basketball camp attire consisting of his green checkered polyester shorts and green shirt along with his "toot" whistle! Those who attended camp are sure to remember that outfit and whistle. Penny dug deep to retrieve her uniform that she wore as a member of the first ever Lady Teton basketball team from 1972.

Participants were invited to tour Williston State College's new gym, the Health Science and Sports Complex. Former players were in awe of the beautiful new addition and even had an opportunity to play in it. A game of Mom's versus siblings, free throw, lay-up, and 3-point shooting contests were held with winners receiving prizes.

Teams also got together to reminisce of all the wonderful (and not so wonderful) times of the days of UND-W basketball. Coach Rabon's team of '76 gathered at Diana Anderson's house to recount their trip to the National Tournament. That team had 12 members return and they picked up right where they left off almost thirty years ago. Coach Slagle had 10 of her 12 players from her first team in '78-'79 who took third in the nation. Each of the twenty years was represented by former players who returned from Texas, Arizona, Washington, California, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, Canada, Kansas, and Wisconsin.

The event was capped by a social where fans, teachers, referees, bus drivers, sports media, and family shared stories of days-gone-by.

Phil Rabon and Penny Slagle would like to thank each and every one of the players who took the time to come home and share in the reunion. The reunion booklet was put together by Linda Clemes who spent numerous hours typing and printing it so each attendee could have one. A big thank you goes out to the committee of former Lady Teton players who live in Williston who helped make this a success.

Humanities Happenings

The Humanities Center continues to be a school and community leader, representing the Academic Skills, Art, Communication (English, Speech, Spanish, Theater), History, Humanities Surveys, Music, Philosophy, Religion, and Social Sciences (Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology) disciplines. Jack White (Speech/Theater) is chair.

Two instructors were published this year. The journal *Skeptic* (Vol. 11, No. 2) presented an article titled "Spirit Photography" by Paul Firenze (English/Religion/Humanities) and *North Dakota History* published "Dakota Doughboys in the Desert" by Richard Stenberg (History/Political Science). Paul also presented his paper "Images of 'Muscular Christianity' in the Social Gospel Era" to an international convention in St. Paul.

Jason Gee (English/Humanities) has edited two editions of our revival of *The Echo*, an anthology of student, staff, and faculty creative written and art works (contact Jason at 1.888.863-9455, ext. 4572 for a copy!). He also helped a successful poetry reading and concert to launch the Spring 2005 copy of the anthology.

The Humanities Center sponsors a cash prize in three categories of entries to *The Echo*. Winners this year were:

Carmin Klein, Creative Nonfiction;
2nd Jan Solem

Sara Floodman, Poetry; 2nd
Anonymous

Morgan Gravos, Fiction; 2nd Sara Floodman

Richard Stenberg received the Larry Remele Fellowship from the North Dakota Humanities Council, which has had UND-W/WSC representation in the persons of Dave Richter, Dom Schaff, Lee Kruger, Pat Wilson, and Paul Firenze.

Jim Stout (English/Philosophy) and Richard Stenberg have team-taught two years of "Oral History of World War II" as part of the North Dakota Veterans' Project. Students have collected taped oral histories of over 50 World War II vets. Although State funding has ended, they hope to continue the project.

Leslie Klein (Spanish) is taking a student/employee class to Mexico this summer. Jason Gee and she will guide a tour of Italy and Greece next year.

The Humanities Center has sponsored a series of movie nights for the school and community. Films presented and discussed this year include *Bonnie and Clyde* (in conjunction with the local PTK chapter), *Luther*, and *The Lost Battalion*.

Paul Firenze continued organizing panel discussions for the school, community, and PTK chapter. This year's topic was "Morality and Media."

Over one hundred people attended a panel discussion titled "In the Wake of Lewis & Clark" examining the events and impacts of the Corps of Discovery on its bicentennial. Our own Richard Stenberg moderated and participated in the event.

Automotive and Diesel Technology

After an outstanding teaching career at Williston State, 2nd Year Automotive Instructor Gerald Basol retired in the Spring of 2004. Les Garneau was hired to take his place. Les taught at Miles Community College for 7 years in their Automotive Technology Department before moving to Williston to own and operate his own machine shop.

Also leaving Williston State in the Spring of 2004 was 2nd Year Diesel

Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program

The new two-year online speech language pathology assistant (SLPA) program at Williston State College and Lake Region State College was developed in response to a critical need in North Dakota. Some special education units search for up to four years for speech pathologists; some positions have not been filled. A response from 13 of 29 North Dakota special education directors indicated a current need of 23 SLPAs with wages ranging from \$10 to \$18 per hour. Recent changes in the administrative rules by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) allow trained SLPAs to work under the supervision speech pathologists. In 2003, the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) stated the demand for SLPAs is likely to grow as the population base for speech-language pathology services continues to increase.

The SLPA will work directly under the supervision of a speech language pathologist. SLPAs will conduct speech language screenings without interpretation following specified screening protocols developed by the supervising language pathologist; perform documented tasks developed by the supervising speech language pathologist; document students' progress toward meeting objectives and report this information to the supervising speech language pathologist; prepare materials; establish scheduling; and maintain space or equipment.

The program is a joint offering by Lake Region State College (LRSC) in Devils Lake and Williston State College (WSC), who developed the program with the assistance of Minot State University. Helen Overbo, Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, and Doug Darling, Vice President of Instructional Services at LRSC, have also worked directly with the DPI, special education directors and coordinators, and the American Speech Language Hearing Association to develop the program in agreement with ASHA guidelines.

Starting in spring semester of 2005, courses are offered online to make the program accessible to all interested students. The speech language pathology courses are taught by both professors at Minot State and speech language pathologists working in the field. The general education requirements and electives can be taken on campus or online. General education requirements include composition, speech, sociology, psychology, biology, computer, mathematics, and wellness classes. An articulation agreement has been established with Minot State University allowing students to transfer the credits from the SLPA program into the four-year bachelor degree at MiSU.

The first year of the program has been remarkable. Ten students were admitted to the program from WSC and ten students from LRSC. Many future students are now in the process of applying to the program for the 2005-2006 school year. The program is off to a great start.

For more information regarding the program, contact Betty Anderson, program advisor, at 774-4238 or toll-free at 1-888-863-9455, ext. 4238, or online at Betty.Anderson@wsc.nodak.edu.



Carmin Klein



Sara Floodman



Morgan Gravos

Technology Instructor Jeff Fjelstad. Christopher Egge, a '99 WSC Diesel Tech graduate, was hired to replace him. Prior to coming to WSC, Christopher worked as a Technician at Stockman Motor Company of Williston for 5 years.

The Automotive Department was the recipient of a donated 2005 300C Chrysler with a Hemi engine for use in its labs.

The Diesel Technology Department is currently pursuing NATEF Certification for the Fall of 2005.

Distance Education

New and exciting things are happening at Williston State College! This is partly evidenced by the record enrollment spring semester 2005 with just under 1000 students. New buildings, new programs, and additional delivery methods have factored into the growth in light of declining population in WSC's service area.

In 2001, WSC started the Distance Education program with six students and one online program, medical transcription. By the spring of 2005, over fifty courses supporting eleven degree and nine certificate programs were available with close to 500 students enrolled in distance courses.

Distance delivery has opened the door for many students in our service area who would not be able to attend campus due to work, distance, or family commitments. Courses and programs are offered online, via the Interactive Video Network (IVN), and face-to-face at off-campus sites.

The interest in the nursing programs at WSC continues to grow. WSC now offers the 11-month practical nursing and the associate degree registered nurse programs to Minot utilizing classrooms in Trinity Hospital. Beginning fall semester 2005, the practical nursing program will also be offered to Fort Berthold Community College in New Town. WSC's nursing programs are part of the Dakota Nursing Program, a collaborative effort by Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, Minot State University-Bottineau and Williston State College.

WSC's Massage Therapy program is also offered at distance sites in Minot and Bismarck. The nursing and massage therapy courses are delivered via IVN and face-to-face instruction at both sites. General education courses can be taken online.

The new WSC online program, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA), being offered in collaboration with Lake Region State College and Minot State University is being received with great interest from students in North Dakota and surrounding states. The program is one of the only SLPA programs available online in the country. Graduates from the program will help fill need created by the shortage of speech pathologists in the school systems. Other new online programs include Marketing and Management and Entrepreneurship with options in Agribusiness and Recreation & Tourism.

Distance Education is also involved with dual credit courses. High school students may take college classes for dual credit and receive both high school and college credit. Currently courses are being offered online and over IVN to schools in northwest North Dakota. Starting in the fall of 2005, IVN classes will also be available to high school students in northeast Montana. The dual credit classes provide high schools students with an opportunity to get a jump-start on their college career.

The mission of WSC is to provide quality accessible educational opportunities. The staff and faculty working with distance delivery are committed to assisting WSC fulfill that mission. The future continues to look bright for WSC as new programs and new courses are developed and new technologies for delivery are utilized.

Massage Therapy Program Completes 5th Year

The Massage Therapy Program graduated its first class (10 students) in 2001. This year 40 graduates are anticipated. The program has seen growth in numbers with the expansion of the program to Minot and Bismarck. Students attend hands-on classes at Trinity Hospital in Minot and Bismarck State College. Additional lecture courses are delivered over the Interactive Video Network.

Business

Online Entrepreneurship Program

Williston State College began offering an online degree program in entrepreneurship fall semester 2001. The entrepreneurship program is designed for men and women preparing for a career as a small business owner or as an employee of a small business. The course offerings are designed to provide a broad range of general business knowledge and specific specialized skills. In addition, current business owners may find particular courses helpful in strengthening skills or increasing knowledge that will assist in the effectiveness of their business.

Beginning fall semester 2005, two new options to the entrepreneurship degree will be offered; Recreation & Tourism and Agribusiness. The Recreation & Tourism option prepares students for careers as a small business owner or employee in the recreation and tourism industry. Recreation and tourism are major industries with excellent opportunities for entrepreneurial activities.

The Agribusiness option is designed to prepare people for employment or starting their own business in this challenging and rewarding field. The agribusiness industry employs close to one-fourth of the U.S. labor force. There is a continuous strong demand by agribusiness firms, ranging from large multinational corporations to emerging food manufacturing and input supply firms, for more and better employees trained in management. Students who have mastered business concepts do extremely well in finding rewarding careers.

Two entrepreneurship degree programs are available online: a 33 credit Certificate Program, and a 62 credit Associate in Applied Science Degree in Entrepreneurship. Each option is designed to build the skills and increase the knowledge required to start and operate a small business.

Online Marketing/Management Degree

The Marketing/Management degree at Williston State College is now offered completely online! WSC offers three options within the Associate of Applied Science in Marketing/Management degree. The options include accounting, management, and marketing. In addition to the associate's degree, WSC also offers a one-year (33 credits) certificate program in marketing management.

Science and Math

WSC welcomed guest speaker Dr. Paul Hardersen from UND on April 4th. He spoke on the progress of raising funds to construct an observatory with a research quality telescope in Grand Forks. The telescope will be controllable through the internet and accessible to all interested educators in North Dakota. There is also an effort to fund a project called Dark Skies. The Dark Skies project would construct several smaller observatories across North Dakota.

Williston State now has a two-year Aviation program. This program is a branch of the UND John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. Two-year graduates from WSC can transfer directly to UND and finish their Aviation Degree.

Massage Therapists use massage and other complementary techniques, such as stretching, heats and colds to help alleviate tight tissues and pain in the body. Massage Therapists work in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, nursing homes, wellness centers, spas, resorts, hotels as well as private clinics. Although the market is competitive, WSC students have done well, with employers contacting us for referrals. Anyone interested in the program should contact the Admissions Office at (701) 774-4210.

Teton Men's Basketball Finish One Game Away From National Tournament

Entering the 2004-2005 season, Head Coach Terry Olson knew there would be some highs, but he also knew there would be some lows. Reason being—an extremely talented group of players and athletes, but at the same time a number of them being freshman. “A freshman-dominated team struggles with many issues: more travel, a longer season, longer games, more physical play, etc. Freshman will often be extremely excited and full of adrenaline and enthusiasm. Many will play very well early, level-off, and then have some games they really struggle in. In junior college, freshman make their mistakes playing which I think makes them better players as upper classmen. As coaches, our saying is ‘The best thing about freshman is that they become sophomores.’”

This season's team saw only two players with playing experience returning. Marlon Bernard (Trinidad), a 6'9" center, and Josh Foust (Williston, ND), a 6'3" forward, both started a number of games as freshman. Bernard earned second team All-Conference honors that initial season and showed flashes of brilliance while Foust also had moments of greatness, but both needed to develop more consistency and provide a steadying hand of leadership as 9 freshman joined the Teton squad.

Early on, the talent and potential was obvious as they sprinted to a 10-3 mark at Christmas break including big-time wins against Northwest (Powell, WY) twice, Sheridan, and North Idaho.

Leading the way were freshman perimeter players Matt Goodwin (Milwaukee, WI), Walter Thompson (Los Angeles, CA), and Harry Boyce (Green Bay, WI). Goodwin and Thompson provided scoring, 20 and 17 points per game, while Boyce ran the team from the point position. Bernard and Foust teamed with freshman posts Dextroy Manswell (Tobago) and Wilfred “Spongy” Benjamin (Trinidad) to provide rebounding and a defensive presence.



Matt Goodwin

Then came the rigors of conference play. “Our conference has changed drastically in the 23 years I have been here. With a larger recruiting base, the talent level is tremendous, and we have more players going to Division I and Division II as compared to several years ago. The conference competition has become greater and more even across the board. There are no easy games and anyone can beat anyone,” Coach Olson noted. Disappointing losses to Bismarck State and Lake Region (both by 1 point), coupled with losses to Dawson and ND State College of Science left the team with a second place conference finish. The season closed with a first-round playoff win over Lake Region, before bowing to NDSOS in the Region XIII Championship game.

Overall, the Tetons finished 21-8, an excellent record considering the tough schedule. Matt Goodwin was named First Team All-Conference and All-Region, leading the team in scoring at 20 points per game. Walter Thompson was named Second Team All-Conference, finishing second on the team in scoring at 17 points per game.

With a core group of freshman returning next season, the recruiting needs were few, but Coach Olson had his eye on one player in particular that could step in and help immediately. Williston High School standout James Hennessy was named the state's Mr. Basketball and was tabbed the Gatorade Player of the Year for ND. Next season, he'll begin what looks to be an exciting career with the Tetons. Joining Hennessy are Drew Flaagen, a 6'4" wing from Beulah, ND and Mark Heen, a 6'1" guard from Bainville, MT. 6'7" Poland native Piotr Nawrot and 6'5" Chris Lopes of Los Angeles, CA will also join the squad in the fall.

Teton fans are hopeful this group can mature as sophomores and take that next step into the National Tournament.



Walter Thompson

Women's Basketball Finishes Successful Season

Coming off a 2003-2004 season in which they won the Mon-Dak Conference Championship and finished 22-7 overall, the 2004-2005 Lady Tetons had high aspirations. “We wanted to stay at the top of the conference and take another step towards a shot at making it to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament,” says Head Coach Hunter Berg, currently in his 3rd season at the helm. “A few breaks here and there and we may have realized both goals. But all the pieces didn't quite fall into perfect place.”

Nonetheless, the season was a successful one. The Lady Tetons finished with an overall record of 21-8, finishing second in the Mon-Dak Conference. The season ended with a first-round loss to Iowa Western in the Region XIII Tournament. Of the 8 losses on the season, three were to Lake Region (went on to the Division I National Tournament), two were to Bismarck State (went on to the Division II National Tournament), with one loss each to Northwest (Powell, WY), Peninsula (Port Angeles, WA), and Iowa Western. “I felt good about the number of games we won, but I also felt like our losses were ones in which I wasn't disappointed because they were all very good teams. This season was excellent and this group of sophomores will be missed greatly, both on and off the floor,” Berg added.

Those sophomores include Adria Nasset (Bowman, ND), Hope Volesky (South Heart, ND), Ashley Mayer (Minot, ND), Sara Jo Davis (Tioga, ND), and Sheneka Lee (Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD). Mayer was named All-Conference and All-Region for the second year, Sheneka Lee was an honorable mention selection this season. Mayer, the team's MVP, dominated at times while scoring 11 points per game and grabbing 6 rebounds per game. Lee exploded offensively during the Conference season. Nasset, Volesky, and Davis were the team's captains. “They have done tremendous things. They went 43-15 over their two years and, more importantly, are great leaders and examples of the types of student/athletes we want to have in our program.”



Ashley Mayer

This season's freshman class will have to take over the leadership role for next season. Leading that class will be a talented group that contributed lots of minutes, great production, and showed flashes of brilliance. Jamie Wheeler (Grand Forks, ND), and Laura Big Crow (Pine Ridge, SD) will return with the most experience behind them. Wheeler came off the bench, averaging 5 points, while Big Crow led the team in scoring with over 12 points per game.

Once the season had ended, Berg was on the recruiting trail. “We'll have to look at some incoming freshman for major production next season. To this point I'm very happy with the kids we've signed.” The most heralded recruit is Kayla Barentsen of Powers Lake, ND. She was the Class B Co-Player of the Year, the Gatorade Player of the Year, finished second in the Miss Basketball voting and scored over 2,000 career points. Joining Barentsen in the recruiting class as of now are Bethany Mulder (Watford City, ND), Kendra Grasser (Lead, SD), Sadie Brown (Sioux City, IA), Tiffany Waters (Glasgow, MT) and Berniece Carter (Aurora, CO).



Jamie Wheeler

Teton Basketball Heard Around the World

Teton Basketball is proud to have “The Voice of the Tetons,” Mr. Lee Halvorson, broadcast every Teton game over the airways. WSC has teamed up with Lee to make his play-by-play heard around the world through the use of the internet at www.wsc.nodak.edu. No games are too far to be a part of the action.

Lee Halvorson Inducted Into Hall of Fame

The “Voice of the Tetons,” Lee Halvorson was inducted into the North Dakota Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame in 2003. Halvorson has been doing play-by-play on the radio for over 30 years and is regarded as one of the best in the business. Teton Basketball is proud to have his exclusive voice filling the air waves.

Teton Volleyball Wins Titles

After a rocky start, the Teton Volleyball team finished with one of the finest seasons in 35 years. Early games included difficult competition, including a trip to a tournament in Prescott, AZ which featured 7 nationally ranked teams. Led by a talented group of sophomores, the Tetons won the Mon-Dak Conference for the second straight season, going undefeated in conference play. They carried that momentum to the post-season, winning the Region Tournament by sweeping NDSCS 3 games to 0.

The Region Championship set up a National Tournament play-in match with Mid-Plains CC in Nebraska for the right to travel to Toledo, OH for the National Tournament. The play-in pair up was 2 out 3 matches, to be played over 2 days. Mid-Plains defeated WSC and went on to the National Tournament. Four



sophomores received 4-year scholarships: Jen Larsen (Alexander, ND) will attend Rocky Mountain College, Jasmine Ames (Williston, ND) will attend U of Alaska-Anchorage, Katie Aide (Bottineau, ND) will attend Minot State University, and Jenna Lee Natrosny (Fort River, Manitoba) will attend Dakota Wesleyan.

Strong on the court play was matched with concentrated effort in the classroom as 11 of 12 players were named Academic All-Conference and the team received Academic All-American honors.

Next season's recruiting class looks to continue winning ways. Commitments have been received from Tiffany Waters (Glasgow, MT), Caitlin Jantz (Drake, Saskatchewan), Allissa Hoehn (Drake, Saskatchewan), Whitney Schmidt (Medicine Lake, MT), Marki Rosenquist (Alamo, ND), and Lauren Weiler (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan).



(L to R) Coach Candy Heller and Sophomores Jasmine Ames, Katie Aide, Jen Larsen, Keri Peterson, Jenna Lee Natrosny, and Allison Clemes

Baseball Team Enters Post-Season

New Teton baseball coach Kelly Heller took over in June of 2004 with a grand total of four players. So the obvious first step was recruiting. Hours on the phone and miles in the car produced results, as Heller was able to attract 14 new players to a squad eager to compete. "I felt good about the recruiting class we brought in. Even with the late start we were able to bring in some quality freshman and some transfers that made us competitive right away in the Mon-Dak Conference," said Heller.

Granted, the four players to build around were a nice foundation. Nevin Sorenson (Williston, ND), centerfield and pitcher, returned after an All-Region freshman campaign. Derek McKiel (Swift Current, Saskatchewan), and Scott Moerike (Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan), first base, provided good pop with the bat and Tyler Bell (Williston, ND) showed steady improvement during his initial college season. But to win, pitching depth had to be addressed and Heller brought in a number of players that could contribute to the pitching needs. Leading the way were Matt Leer (Williston, ND) and Blaire Foster (Brampton, Ontario), both would throw quality innings through the year.

The fall season was short, but Coach Heller liked what he saw. "The biggest surprise for me was our ability to be in every game. Our pitching staff did an excellent job of keeping us close, and we had opportunities to win almost every game."

After a winter of preparation, the spring season began with a trip to Arizona, where stiff competition was met by a Teton squad without any spring games under its belt,

but a competitive spirit allowed them to make an impression. On the trip, the team finished 1-3 which was promising as the other team had anywhere from 20-40 games already gone in their schedule.

When the conference season began, Coach Heller looked for the offensive production to increase. And it did, led by Bryan Allen (Victoria, British Columbia), shortstop, who proved the most consistent hitter batting over .320, and Derek McKiel (Swift Current, Saskatchewan), third base, who hit over .315. WSC battled perennial powers Miles CC and Dawson CC tough in every



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game and finished the regular season in third place with an overall record of 17-15, and a conference record of 8-8.



Nevin Sorenson

A first-round Conference Tournament win over Dawson, 12-4, matched the Tetons with Miles in the semi-finals, but Miles had a buzz saw on the mound, holding WSC scoreless on four hits. Miles CC ended up winning 5-0. After the playback round, a rematch with Dawson for the right to play Miles in the final of the double-elimination tournament did not end favorably as the squad fell 7-3.

The Region Tournament will be held on May 13, 14, and 15 in Bismarck. WSC plays MSU-Bottineau in the first round.

Nevin Sorenson, Bryan Allen, and Scott Moerike were selected to the Mon-Dak All-Conference Team.

Teton Baseball to Have New Home

Beginning next season, the Teton baseball team will have a new home field. The four softball diamonds on the north side of campus have been eliminated. One of the main reasons was to build a diamond for the Teton baseball team for better access to practices and games in a convenient location. Two dugouts have been built, and the complete renovation should be completed this summer, in time for fall ball when school begins next year.

Kelly Heller Named Baseball Coach

A new era in Teton Baseball began this season as Williston native Kelly Heller returned home to take over as Head Coach and has begun what looks to be a great run for Teton Baseball. Coach Heller has been coaching at Mount Marty in Yankton, SD since 1997, serving as an assistant before five seasons as the Head Coach. Heller was named Conference Coach of the Year in 2004. Prior to coaching at Mount Marty, he was a graduate assistant at the University of South Dakota after a playing career at Des Moines Area CC (Iowa) and Mount Marty.

"When I heard that WSC was looking for a baseball coach, it was a job that immediately caught my interest. I had been gone from Williston for a long time, and was looking for an opportunity to get back to the area. The position and the opportunity seemed to be a good fit for me both personally and professionally, so I threw my hat in the ring. When I was offered the position, I had four returning players and a program that was in need of some organization and recruiting. I went to work contacting coaches, scouts, and players, and was able to end up with a full squad. I was very pleased with our efforts both on the field and in the classroom, and am looking forward to using our success this season as a building block to the future. With more hard work and commitment to the program, I feel we can become a power both at the conference and regional level."



Bethany Carlson and Katie Aide Chosen by WSC Faculty to Speak at Graduation Ceremony

Bethany Carlson's road to Williston and WSC was one with many miles and experiences. A native of Regina, Saskatchewan, she was home-schooled beginning in the sixth grade. At the time of her graduation, she had trouble finding universities that would accept her as a student because of her home-schooling. Not wanting to leave home, she decided to begin working at a hospital in Regina, beginning in the kitchen before transferring to the operating room. "I enjoyed my job, but after a few years got bored with it," she reflected.



When an opportunity to work in Dallas, TX presented itself, she jumped at the chance to explore the world. However, steep living costs made it necessary to move back to Regina and back to working in the operating room at a hospital. "I loved the pace of the O.R., but I knew my job there would not take me anywhere. I always had the idea that capability and willingness to learn were more important than a traditional education. However, I began to see that in the world in which I live, I would only go so far without that education."

Upon searching the internet for nursing programs, Bethany found Williston State and liked the small classes and especially the favorable tuition costs. But the people are what she says made the difference. "The people at WSC have been great. I did not know anyone in Williston when I moved here and the friendly atmosphere made the transition much easier."

Carlson has been active in Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Nurses Organization, serving as president of both organizations this year. She also served as a student representative on the WSC Curriculum Committee.

She plans to return to Williston State in the fall and complete the new RN nursing program before going on to earn a bachelor's degree.

Katie Aide, when asked why she chose Williston State, has a quick answer. "I decided to come to Williston State to play volleyball for the Tetons."



A heralded setter from Bottineau, ND, Teton fans would have their patience tested while awaiting the prized recruit's first action. After committing to WSC, Aide suffered a serious knee injury while pole-vaulting during her senior season. The injury would cost her a year of volleyball, but did not dampen her enthusiasm for school.

Katie keeps herself busy on campus. She served as President of the Student Senate, was a Student Ambassador, worked in the new Teton Java coffee shop in the bookstore, and worked as a part-time athletic secretary for Teton athletics. In her spare time, she coaches the pole-vaulters for the Williston High School track team and this past year competed for and won the Miss Williston State crown.

Though she's busy in the classroom, on the court, or working, Aide always found WSC to be great for the important things. "My favorite thing about Williston State is the friends I have met here. I have been lucky enough to meet such great people at this college."

Teton Basketball Coach Reaches Milestone

WSC Head Men's Basketball Coach Terry Olson surpassed yet another milestone in his illustrious coaching career. The 2004-2005 season saw Olson reach 400 career coaching wins.

For 23 seasons, Olson has directed the Tetons to national prominence, including one trip to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in 1999. Olson came to Williston State in 1982, following a short high school coaching career in Harvey, ND and Ashby, MN.



"Winning 400 games at Williston State was truly exciting. It was an accomplishment directly related to all of the players that have played here. We have been fortunate to have had several tremendously talented players and they are the ones who won the games. Having coached so many talented, diverse, fun and intelligent players has given me great memories, and for that, I feel very fortunate."

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WSC Foundation News

The Williston State College Foundation was founded in 1962 as the University Foundation at Williston. The name was changed to Williston State College Foundation in 2000. The Foundation was authorized to receive gifts and bequests on behalf of Williston State College and to manage those funds for the benefit of the college. The Foundation has successfully supported its mission for 43 years.

Mr. & Mrs. Boss were farmers and ranchers residing in Williams County. The Boss endowment was established in 1995 and is for the benefit of full-time students from western North Dakota and eastern Montana. The awards must be based on verified financial need. In the 2004-2005 school year, 26 students received grants from this fund.

In 1996, area farmers Olaf & Bertina Nelson established an endowment to benefit full-time students from Williams County. In the 2004-2005 school year, 28 students received grants.

In 1998, Williston businessman and past Williston State College Foundation President J.B. Lyon made a gift of \$114,000 to the Health Science & Sports Complex on the Williston State College campus.

Harold Hoehn, an Alexander area farmer, established a scholarship in memory of his deceased wife Thyra Hoehn. This scholarship is for students pursuing a career in nursing. Four students received assistance in the 2004-2005 school year.

In 2002, DeLaine Rude established the Ordean & DeLaine Rude Scholarship to be awarded to a full-time student from Divide or Williams County. Frank & Esther Wenstrom donated \$100,000 in 2000 and \$151,000 in 2002 to be used for the construction of the new Health Science & Sports Complex on the Williston State College campus.

In 2004, the Charles Ball Estate established the Charles Ball Scholarship. It will be awarded to full-time students from McKenzie and Williams Counties. These scholarships will be based on verified financial need and will be awarded for the first time in the 2005-2006 school year.