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## BOOM TIME?

As oil prices continue to stay at or rise to new record levels, the Williston Basin and the community of Williston is busy trying to meet the increasing demands the surging oil activity has created. Whether what has started and will continue to gain strength can be considered a second boom is arguable; what is certain is that Williston State College is greatly affected by the activity, both directly and indirectly.

The recent increase in oil activity for the Williston Basin has created a need for a trained workforce for companies involved in the oil industry. The North West North Dakota (NWND) Workforce Training Division at Williston State College has been able to assist area oil companies with their safety training needs. Currently, WSC's Workforce Training Division is providing the following training:



Nabors Rig 59 located in the Badlands southeast of Sather Dam



Stevens Hall on the campus of Williston State College

OSHA Compliance Training	Fall Protection
Crane Training	Hazwoper
H <sub>2</sub> S	Bloodborne Pathogens
New Hire Training	Decontamination
Medic First Aid	Forklift Safety
Defensive Driving	Hazard Communication
PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)	Respiratory Protection
Confined Space-Attendant~Supervisor~Rescue	Lock Out / Tag Out

Other important facts:

- Started an Industry Advisory Committee in August of 2004. The committee is represented by the following companies: Amerada Hess, Key Energy, Sun Well Service, S & S Chemical, Pool Well Service, Halliburton, Nabors Drilling, and ND Job Service. This committee has been instrumental in the hiring of the Industrial Safety Training Program Specialist and the development of the training program.

- In partnership with Halliburton, developed a 40-Hour New Hire Safety Training Program. In addition to serving Halliburton's employee new hire training, three other companies have participated in the training. The companies are: SK and S, S & S Chemical, and Sanjel. In July of 2005 developed and implemented an 8-Hour General Safety Course for area companies. For Fiscal Year 2005, 82 new-hires have participated in one of these two new training programs.
- Received a Center of Excellence grant for \$300,000 secured through pledges from oilfield companies, the Williston Star Fund, and the 2003 North Dakota Legislature. The State allocated \$100,000 in Center of Excellence funding from the 2003 North Dakota Legislature and approved by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, with the condition that a two- to-one cash match be committed from oilfield companies. Oil companies pledged \$150,000 and the Williston Star Fund pledged \$50,000.
- Since July of 2005, 299 employees have been trained in safety courses.
- In September, received a grant from the Oil and Gas Research Council for \$65,000.
- Pursuing a lease agreement for property to develop a training site for workover rig training, drilling rig training, oilfield worker fire training, truck driver training, compressor training, fall protection, and other hands-on training courses.

The oil activity is also forcing the hands of employers to offer higher wages in an attempt to attract workers to meet the demands. Its impact on enrollment at WSC is not totally clear, but numbers were slightly lower for fall semester compared to one year ago. Areas that have seen a larger decrease are diesel and automotive technology. It would appear those potential students are finding multiple opportunities to work in the oil field and are rewarded with healthy paychecks.

The housing market in Williston is also feeling the effects of oil. Prices for homes have spiked within the last year and according to Lee Halvorson, real estate agent and instructor at Williston State, the activity has created a housing shortage in Williston. "Houses are selling almost as fast as they are listed. The demand for homes far outweighs the supply," Halvorson noted. For students, rental property and apartments are at a premium. Some apartment units are currently holding a "wait list" of nearly 100 names. Foreseeing a potential problem, WSC entered into an agreement with a property management firm early last spring to rent two apartment buildings near campus, allowing for an additional eight apartments for students. They are full, as are the on-campus housing units.

The long-term effects are like anything in the future—uncertain. The potential for the Williston Basin and Williston State College is tremendous but choosing which avenues to explore and develop in order to realize the potential is sure to be a strategic challenge for the college in years to come.

# Happy New Year!!

## From Williston State College

## Letter From the President

Williston State College is off to a great start of the '05-'06 academic year and the college's forty-fourth year. The parking lot looks full during the day. Student Senate is "thundering ahead" after a "spirited" election for Student Senate President. Kelsi Boehm from Beulah, North Dakota is our new '05-'06 Student Senate President. A new Catholic Youth Organization has formed and the halls are crowded at class break time.

This fall we've had an all time high headcount enrollment of 947 credit students. Our on-campus enrollment has stayed strong in spite of a period of declining high school graduation classes in our Mon-Dak region high schools. 35% of our students are academic transfer students planning to transfer to a university with an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree and 42% are seeking a career or technical degree with plans to go to work after completing their degree. The percentage of female students "spiked up" and the number of students taking our automotive technology, diesel technology, agriculture, and computer information systems programs have all decreased in large part due to increase oil field employment opportunities. Our students come from 20 states, five Canadian provinces, and four foreign countries. 80% of our credit students hail from North Dakota and 56% come from our primary service area of 13 counties in northwest North Dakota and Northeast Montana.

Our workforce-training department has trained nearly 500 oil field workers since July first of 2005. We are "bulging at the seams" and are looking for more instructional space. This fall we had to lease to apartment buildings in order to have enough dorm space. The increased activity in the oil field has drastically decreased the availability of housing in off-campus apartments. Our volleyball team has had a super season thus far and the new coffee bar in the bookstore is doing a booming business.

Thanks to our committed faculty and staff as well as our enthusiastic students we're off to a great start. Stop in and visit campus. WSC continues to be an exciting place to be!!

## WSC Alumni...What's News With You?

Williston State (and UND-Williston) has long prided itself as the place "Where the People Make the Difference." People of WSC have always done wonderful things and will continue to do so in the future. Our Alumni Update wants to make sure your classmates and friends know what you've been up to. We will focus on the "people" of WSC, past and present, in the upcoming issues of the Alumni Update. Special feature stories in addition to quick updates on those that have helped and are currently helping make a difference.

Please help us out by letting us know what is new in your world through the mail or online at [www.wsc.nodak.edu](http://www.wsc.nodak.edu), and under ALUMNI and FRIENDS, WSC ALUMNI, update where you are and what you're doing.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

# Catching up, and looking back with...Bryan M. Vibeto ('95)

Greetings fellow WSC alumni, current and future students. I was recently asked to reflect on my educational journey from my early days at Williston State College to my current position at the Mayo Clinic. I write these accounts with humility and appreciation for those who contributed to my education.

## 1993

Shortly after finishing the basketball season at Minot High school, my dad broke the news to me that I should start thinking about colleges to attend. I had several influencing factors that spoke highly of their experiences at WSC. Initially I was hesitant in listening due to my prior pre-conceived feelings about junior colleges. These feelings soon changed, after learning that the Teton basketball team, in which my brother was apart of, had earned All-Academic honors. Another major influence was a long-time family friend, Phil Rabon. Phil was and still is very influential in promoting the hidden gem of Williston State.

## 1993-1995

I can remember it like it was yesterday. My mom and dad dropping my friend Paul Williams and I off at the basement apartment of Willie Skurdahl. I was so excited when they left, thinking finally "on my own." We sat in that apartment all day wondering what people did when they were away from home. It was the first time in my life I was excited for school to start. School finally began and from that day forward would start some of my fondest memories of college...

It's hard to exactly know why my experience was so memorable. The first thought that comes to mind was probably the feeling the school gave to me as a home away from home. Several things had changed in my life over a short period of time. The obvious: moving away from home, starting school in a different city, and HAVING TO COOK SOME OF MY OWN MEALS. These issues combined with anxious feelings about doing well in school and reaching a life-long goal of becoming an orthodontist crowded my head. Neil Westergard, Jim Stout, Jack White, George Solberg, Ken Quamme, Helen Overbo, David Richter, Lance Olson, Mr. Bervig, Garvin Stevens, Wanda Meyer, Lee Krueger, Betty Anderson, Susan Zimmerman, Jan Solem, and Bernie Gardner. I know these names without second thought because all of the faculty and staff at WSC have a vested interest in every student that attends.

Any questions or concerns about subject matter they were willing to make certain that you understood. I can remember spending countless hours in Neil Westergard's office discussing my future plans and how "we" were going to obtain them. After several calls by Neil Westergard to both UND and NDSU, "we" determined that my credits would transfer more easily to NDSU than to UND. So off to Fargo I went.

## 1995-1997

I transferred to NDSU. Although my time in Fargo was favorable, I definitely could tell a huge difference in the professors' interactions with the students. Most classes had TA's (teachers assistants), who would tutor students who had questions. Rarely were you able to directly ask the instructors questions. The foundation that I had gained in Williston gave me the confidence to overcome this obstacle. During my two years at Fargo I spoke with several of my fellow classmates about their experiences as freshman and sophomores. Most had hopes and dreams similar to mine, but felt they were out of the mix due to poor freshmen and sophomore grades. They spoke of large freshman and sophomore class sizes, lack of interaction with professors, and generally a feeling of being overwhelmed with transitioning from high school. Similar feelings I'm certain I would have had as well if I were to have made the same transition.

## 1997-2001

I was accepted into dental school at the University of Minnesota. There were nearly 1000 applicants for 86 spots. I was fortunate enough to get one of those (1 of 8 from ND). While applying, I have to admit I was skeptical about how dental schools would look at the previous institutions that I had attended. Although I was questioned about WSC, interviewers saw the consistency in academic achievement and actually inquired more about my experiences. All in all, the common theme I heard was it was more the grade than the school that they were interested in. After my first year in dental school I decided that I was sick of compounding dental school loans. I applied for an Air Force Health Professions scholarship, which in return for three years of service; the Air Force would pay for all educational expenses incurred during my last three years in school. Again, this



Bryan and Amber Vibeto with daughter Halle

was a very competitive scholarship. Only six three year scholarships were awarded in the country. With the aid of letters of recommendation from Neil Westergard, George Soleberg, and Jim Stout, I was selected as one of the recipients.

One concept that I encountered going through several application processes was asking professors for letters of recommendation. When you go to a large university and you ask your instructor for a letter of recommendation, usually all they are going off of is your last name and the grade in their class. Basically you are leaving your future in the hands of someone that has had no real interaction with you. All of my letters from WSC not only spoke of my academic achievements but also classroom and social interactions with my peers. These types of letters are extremely valuable and separate you from the other cookie-cutter, mass-produced letters that most students are supplied with from larger universities.

## 2001-2002

I saw Minneapolis in my rear view mirror while heading south to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. While at Sheppard I completed a one year Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency. The training consisted of comprehensive dental training in all specialties areas, with additional certification in intravenous sedation and forensic dentistry. The joke in the Air Force is only people who really have ticked someone off get sent to Minot. I'm not sure if whether this is true in my case or not but needless to say it was my number one choice.

## 2002-2004

I was transferred back to my hometown of Minot. I was excited to be reunited with my immediate family and be close to my in-laws. Also returning to North Dakota meant that I could frequent many North Dakota sporting events including Teton basketball games. I recall going to one particular game in Bottineau and having Terry Olson spot my dad and me in the stands and immediately make gestures as though he was experiencing serious tooth pain. A seemingly crazy gesture to most meant a lot to me. I hadn't seen Coach Olson for nearly 8 years, but his knowledge of my career path summarizes the type of relationships you form while at WSC.

## 2005-2008

In June of 2005, I gained acceptance into the Mayo Clinic's Orthodontic program. From nearly 100 applicants they chose one student. Although a class size of one is a little smaller than even what I was use to Williston, I feel that the Mayo Clinic is a perfect match. I have 30 months of training remaining, after which I look forward to the possibility of practicing orthodontics and serving the people of western North Dakota.

It has been nearly 10 years since I first sat down in a small back office at WSC with Neil Westergard. The topic from the very beginning was how I was going to reach a life-long goal of becoming an orthodontist. Never once was my dream questioned. It was only met with extended hands and willingness to contribute. I am extremely indebted to Williston State College for providing a firm foundation and instilling a confidence in me that has allowed for the completion of my educational journey.

-Bryan M. Vibeto

WSC 1993-1995

## Williston State prepares Registered Nurses

This fall Williston State College accepted applicants into the first class of Associate Degree Nursing students in preparation to become registered nurses (RN's). The program truly offers a career ladder for preparing nurses. Students are first required to be certified nurse assistants, move on to the 11-month program preparing practical nurses, and the second year preparing students to become registered nurses. Students can stop out and work or continue their education. Students interested in a baccalaureate degree are prepared to continue their education for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing.

WSC has offered nursing since the early 1970's. At that time, the eleven-month program was self-contained which prepared students for licensure as Licensed Practical Nurses but they basically had to start over if they wished to become an RN. With changes in the education requirements in the mid-1980's, WSC changed to an Associate Degree Practical Nursing Program. The last class of ASD Practical Nurses graduated Spring 2005.

### Dakota Nursing Program

During the 2003 legislative session, education requirements were reversed to again permit practical nurses to be trained in one year and registered nurses trained in two years. As a result, Williston State College in collaboration with Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, and Minot State University-Bottineau developed the Dakota Nursing Program to meet the critical shortage of practical and registered nurses in rural North Dakota. The four campuses share curriculum, faculty, and administration. The first class of practical nurses graduated from the new program in May 2005. Linda Tharp, WSC nursing program coordinator, currently serves as interim director of the consortium. Besides offering the program on campus, Williston offers both the practical and registered nursing programs at Trinity Hospital in Minot and the practical nursing program at Fort Berthold Community College in New Town.



### Distance Delivery Experience

WSC's nursing program has been offered to other sites for over five years. The associate degree practical nursing program has graduated classes in Bottineau, Rugby, Devils Lake, Langdon, Grafton, Bismarck, and Minot. The success of delivering this program served as a model for developing the nursing consortium to provide access to all areas of the state. Linda Tharp's experience in directing the program at multiple sites proved valuable in developing and implementing the Dakota Nursing Program at the four campuses.

## Instructors Help Students Rescue Veterans Past

By: Kristi McGinnity, Richard Stenberg, & Jim Stout

The stereotype of a history class has students falling asleep while receiving their daily dose of knowledge from thick textbooks and monotone teachers. Williston State College still lives by its commitment that history does not have to be boring. Now a WSC class provides invaluable skills to students while saving stories and facts from the people who were actually involved in our nation's history. Their experiences are real. Their experiences are unique. Their experiences are captivating. Their experiences are told in their own words.

Professors Richard Stenberg (AA, 1984) and Jim Stout (att since 1987) are instructors in the History/Political Science and English/Humanities Departments of Williston State College's Humanities Center of Focus. Together the two professionals teach and supervise Williston State College's collaborative effort with the North Dakota Veteran's History Project to record oral histories to preserve veterans' history.

The WSC course, HIST 299: Special Topics: Oral History, focused in 2004 and 2005 on World War II. Former soldiers, sailors, air crew, Marines, Coast Guard, merchant mariners – both male and female – were contacted by WSC students and invited to participate in this important effort at historical preservation. "History is the story of people," Professor Stenberg reminds us, and without efforts to get the stories of the people we are losing at a rate of over 1500 per day, a key part of the story of World War II will soon be silenced forever. "We HAVE to do this, and we have to do this RIGHT," emphasizes Stout.

Professor Stenberg concentrates on the context, purposes, and processing techniques of this historical data-gathering technique; he has spoken on the topic and the project to the North Dakota Historical Society. In the World War II focus, Professor Stenberg also led examinations of basic history of the conflict and the specific examples of literature based on well-done oral historiography; examples included Stephen E. Ambrose's Band of Brothers, Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg's award-winning adaptation of Ambrose's work, and the film The Best Years of Our Lives. Professor Stout concentrates on techniques for contacting veterans, conducting effective interviews, and producing quality word processed transcripts of the interviews which can be stored for future use by historians; he has spoken on the topic at Veteran's Day events in the region.

The information collected by the students and their professors basically consists of stories (in oral history form), photos, maps, and memorabilia, all of which come from the veterans who served in the war. These veterans may have been stateside or overseas, may have seen combat or not. By interviewing these veterans, the class revealed a firsthand view of history. Over 50 veterans have been interviewed to date out of over 150 veterans identified and contacted. These interviews were conducted by tape recording, by face-to-face interviewing, or by telephone.

These classes are very informative and well-received by students, veterans, and the community. At the end of the Spring 2004 session of the course, the WSC Choir and the Oral History students put on a recognition ceremony for the interviewed veterans including a series of World War II songs. An article on the experiences of two WSC students, Tammy Hilton and Nikki Johansen, appeared

in a recent issue of North Dakota Horizons. The State Historical Society labeled WSC its “flagship institution” on the Veteran’s History Project, with its high numbers of contacted veterans, numbers of interviews, and quality of transcripts serving as a model for others involved in the project.

In the spring of 2006, there will be an oral history class emphasizing the Korean War. If you are interested in the course, are a veteran, or know a veteran, please contact Professor Stenberg at (701) 774-4262 or Professor Stout at (701) 774-4286. In the future we will also need information on the veterans of the Cold War, Vietnam War, Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and other engagements up to, and including, the present.

The Humanities Center of Focus is developing plans for a WSC-located dedicated center of oral history of the people of this region. Topics would include areas other than the military experience. The professors welcome any ideas and input.

Williston State College is the place “where people make the difference,” and we are continuing to make a difference in the lives of people, in this case: by preserving the differences people of the region have made on the world stage, and the differences those experiences have made on those people.

## VOLLEYBALL REPEATS CHAMPIONSHIP

The WSC Teton volleyball team was full of new life this season. With Candy Heller’s resignation this summer, WSC brought in two new coaches. Johnna Lewis took over as Head Coach of the Tetons and Danielle Kohut accepted the Assistant coaching position.

Lewis originally of Minot, attended MSU-B for two years playing basketball and volleyball and then was named Head Coach of the Lady Jacks in 2001. Lewis was offered the Head coaching position at Bottineau High School and coached four years at BHS while attending Minot State University. Lewis compiled a very successful record while in Bottineau, leading her team to two state appearances and two regional runners-up. She left Bottineau with a career coaching record of 109 wins, 31 losses and 2 ties. Lewis graduated with a BSE in Physical Education from MSU.

Danielle Kohut is a former Teton, from the 2001-2002 seasons. Kohut played for WSC for two years and continued her volleyball career at St. Cloud State University. Kohut is back at Williston participating in the Physical Therapy Assistant program. Danielle is originally from Hafford, Saskatchewan.

Midway through the season they compiled a 14 and 9, including a 4-1 Mon-Dak Conference record with wins over BSC, NDSCS, MSU-B and Miles Community College. Their only loss was to NDSCS in a hard fought five game match. The five returning sophomores provided great leadership and a determination to improve with every practice and game of the season.

Ashley Henry (Malta, MT), Kelsi Boehm (Beulah, ND), Rachel Macaulay (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), Chirsty Thiege (Williston, ND) and Jill Jorgenson (Savage, MT) brought knowledge and experience and helped a talented freshman class adjust to the college game. Seven freshmen provided the team

with a variety of talent and quickness. Caitlin Jantz (Drake, Saskatchewan) and Tiffany Waters (Glasgow, MT) proved a strong force in the middle. Lauren

Wieler (Colonsay, Saskatchewan) took on the role of libero for the Tetons, bringing great defense with her anticipation skills and enthusiasm to every game. Marki Rosenquist’s (Wildrose, ND) ability to hit over or around a block injected an offensive threat into the lineup.

After the midway point, the season took off, ending with a fourth straight Mon-Dak Conference Title and a second straight Region XIII Championship. WSC hosted Central Community College (Columbus, Nebraska) in the District L Playoff for the right to play in the NJCAA Division II National Tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona. Central won out in the best of three series.



Ashley Henry

The season included a 13 game winning streak, a 24-11 overall record and 11-1 Mon-Dak Conference record. Ashley Henry, Rachel McCauley, and Caitlin Jantz were selected to the All-Conference and All-Region Teams for their play during the regular season. Jill Jorgenson and Kelsi Boehm were selected as members of the Region XIII All-Tournament Team.



Lauren Wieler



**1st Row L-R:** Jennifer Black, Lauren Wieler, Whitney Schmidt, Marki Rosenquist, Ashley Henry, Chirsty Thiege.

**2nd Row L-R:** Johnna Lewis, Jill Jorgensen, Alissa Hoehn, Caitlin Jantz, Tiffany Waters, Kelsi Boehm, Rachel Macaulay, Danielle Kohut.

# MENS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## The Players

The Teton men's basketball team returns five starters from a team that finished 21-8 a year ago. They return a total of six sophomores and add nine new faces to complete the roster.

Matt Goodwin, a 6'1" sophomore shooting guard from Milwaukee, WI, started every game for the Tetons a year ago, leading the team in scoring averaging 20.1 points, 4.7 rebounds along with 3.7 assists per game, shooting 38.2% from beyond the arc. Goodwin was honored as a 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference and was a member of the all-region team.

As a freshmen, Harry Boyce, a 6'4" point guard from Green Bay, WI, averaged 10.1 points and 5.4 assists per game, while starting 26 games. He is expected to play a bigger role as a sophomore this season being used as a combo guard and is expected to be the team's defensive stopper.

In the frontcourt, Wilfred Benjamin, a 6'8" power forward from Trinidad, averaged 9.6 points and 6.0 rebounds per game as freshmen. Joining him will be Dextroy Manswell, a 6'7" power forward from Tobago who averaged 8.0 points and 7.7 rebounds per game just a year ago. Both bring plenty of size and playing experience into this season while their inside play will be crucial to the team's success.

The incoming freshmen will add depth to an already experienced sophomore crew. The Tetons welcome Mr. Basketball of North Dakota and former Williston High School standout James Hennessy. The 6'2" point guard will see significant playing time this season as he is expected to make an immediate impact. Hennessy was 1<sup>st</sup> team all-state as a senior and a Mc Donald's All-American nominee while averaging 16 points per game as a senior leading his team to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place state finish. He is a strong and athletic point guard who has a natural ability to get the ball to open teammates in both transition and the half court.



Harry Boyce

Two new international players will help the Tetons this year. Piotr (Peter) Nawrot a 6'5" guard from Warsaw, Poland will compete for playing time this season. Peter averaged 32 points and 14 rebounds per game as a senior in high school. He is a well-rounded pure shooter with great athletic ability. Also, Ranson Bradshaw, an athletic post player from Trinidad will see playing time this year in the frontcourt. At Malick Comp. high school he averaged 18 points and 15 rebounds per game.

Other players that will compete for playing time are sophomore CJ Johnston (Bainville, MT) and freshmen: Drew Flaagan (Beulah, ND), Mark Heen (Bainville, MT), Chris Lopez (Los Angeles, CA), Jordan Hellmen (Williston, ND).

## The Schedule

The Tetons open up on November 4<sup>th</sup> at home with Garden City Community College (Garden City, KS), who will come to Williston as the #8 ranked team in the country. They then travel to Bismarck, North Dakota to participate in the Mon-Dak Conference tournament, where they will be seeded second, then off to Powell, WY before traveling to North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene for a Thanksgiving Classic. The Tetons will then host back to back tournaments in early December before heading to Scottsdale, Arizona for a Holiday tournament. When they return, WSC will start the 2006 conference schedule on the road against the 2004-2005 conference champions, North Dakota State College of Science (Wahpeton, ND).

## The Mon-Dak Conference

Just a year ago, WSC finished second in the conference behind North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, ND. NDSCS then went on to take

7<sup>th</sup> overall at national tournament in Hutchinson, KS. They are expected to be loaded again this year. Miles Community College should also compete for a conference title this year.

Coach Terry Olson will enter his 24<sup>th</sup> season at the Head Coach for the Tetons. He has compiled an overall record of 408-287. He notes that this is the toughest schedule he has put together in the 24 years he has been here. WSC will have plenty of experience (6 sophomores) and depth with a great recruiting class this year, which will help with the level of competition the Tetons will be playing at on a nightly basis.



Dextroy Manswell

## WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE MEN'S SCHEDULE

- Nov. 4 Teton Tip-Off Tournament
- Nov. 5 Teton Tip-Off Tournament
- Nov. 10 Mon-Dak Conference Tournament
- Nov. 11 Mon-Dak Conference Tournament
- Nov. 12 Mon-Dak Conference Tournament
- Nov. 18 First National Bank Tournament
- Nov. 19 First National Bank Tournament
- Nov. 25 North Idaho Thanksgiving Classic
- Nov. 26 North Idaho Thanksgiving Classic
- Dec. 1 El Rancho Classic
- Dec. 2 El Rancho Classic
- Dec. 3 El Rancho Classic
- Dec. 9 Sport About Classic
- Dec. 10 Sport About Classic
- Dec. 28 Scottsdale CC Tournament
- Dec. 28 Chandler-Gilbert CC
- Dec. 29 Scottsdale CC Tournament
- Dec. 29 Glendale CC
- Dec. 30 Scottsdale CC Tournament
- Dec. 30 Mesa CC
- Jan. 6 ND State College of Science
- Jan. 12 MSU-Bottineau
- Jan. 19 Bismarck State College
- Jan. 20 United Tribes Technical College
- Jan. 25 Lake Region State College
- Jan. 27 Miles Community College
- Jan. 31 Dawson Community College
- Feb. 3 ND State College of Science
- Feb. 8 MSU-Bottineau
- Feb. 11 United Tribes Technical College
- Feb. 15 Miles Community College
- Feb. 19 Lake Region State College
- Feb. 27 Dawson Community College
- Mar. 1 Bismarck State College

### Men's Basketball Roster 2005-2006

Number	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
3	Jordan Hellman	Fr.	6'1"	170	Williston, ND	Williston
5	Harry Boyce	So.	6'5"	190	Green Bay, WI	Green Bay East
10	James Hennessy	Fr.	6'2"	185	Williston, ND	Williston
12	Chris Lopez	Fr.	6'4"	190	Los Angeles, CA	Venice
14	Piotr Nawrot	Fr.	6'6"	190	Warsaw, Poland	M. Pawlikowska
20	Mark Heen	Fr.	6'2"	175	Bainville, MT	Bainville
22	Drew Flaagan	Fr.	6'4"	185	Beulah, ND	Beulah
24	CJ Johnston	So.	6'0"	165	Bainville, MT	Bainville
32	Matt Goodwin	So.	6'1"	175	Milwaukee, WI	Rufus King
42	Wilfred Benjamin	So.	6'8"	220	Trinidad	Fyzabad Comp.
50	Ranson Bradshaw	Fr.	6'8"	225	Trinidad	Malick Comp.
52	Dextroy Manswell	So.	6'7"	210	Tobago	Roxborough

and WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
Bismarck-Men	Wahpeton-Women
Powell, WY	
Powell, WY	
Coeurd'Alene, ID	
Coeurd'Alene, ID	
<b>HOME</b>	<b>8 p.m.-Men</b>
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
Scottsdale, AZ-Men	
Chandler, AZ-Women	
Scottsdale, AZ-Men	
Glendale, AZ-Women	
Scottsdale, AZ-Men	
Mesa, AZ-Women	
Wahpeton, ND	6 & 8 p.m.
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
Bismarck, ND	6 & 8 p.m.
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<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
Glendive, MT	7 & 9 p.m.
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
Bottineau, ND	6 & 8 p.m.
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
Miles City, MT	7 & 9 p.m.
Devils Lake, ND	2 & 4 p.m.
<b>HOME</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8 p.m.</b>
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# WOMENS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## The Players

Only one starter returns from last season's team that finished 21-8. Lacey Heiar, a 5'4" guard from Preston, Iowa started all 29 games during a freshman season in which she established herself as one of the top 3-point shooters in Lady Teton history. Heiar connected on 60 of her 141 3-point attempts, an outstanding 42.6%. She finished the year averaging 9 points and 5 assists per game, leading the team in minutes played at over 27 per game, handling most of the ball-handling duties.

Though Heiar will be the only returning full-time starter, three other players return with extensive and valuable experience. Laura Big Crow, a 5'10" forward from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, led last season's team in scoring at 12.5 points per game. She will likely be the Mon-Dak Conference's strongest player, allowing her to take a lot of high-percentage shots. Last season, Big Crow shot 55% from the field and will carry a lot of the offensive load this season.

Backing up Big Crow will be fellow Pine Ridge player Tate Locust, who started 12 games early last season. Locust is a true back-to-the-basket post who played well at times during her freshman campaign, finishing with averages of 6 points and 4 rebounds per game.

Joining Heiar in the backcourt will be sophomore Jamie Wheeler of Grand Forks, North Dakota. She averaged over twenty minutes per game, scoring 5

and handing out 3 assists per contest. Last season, she split time between point guard and shooting guard, but will play almost exclusively at the shooting guard spot this year. Her first game as a freshman, she scored 23 points, including five three-pointers. The Tetons will need more games like that from her this season.

Three other sophomores return that saw limited time as freshman. Teal Eggert (Minot, North Dakota), Morgan Greaves (Crosby, North Dakota) and Lori Dishon (Trenton, North Dakota) were vital to last season's success and will be looked upon to provide leadership for the team.

The incoming freshman will play a major role in the success of the 2005-2006 squad. The class is headed by Kayla Barentsen, a 5'9" guard from Powers Lake, North Dakota, who

last year capped off an outstanding high school career by being named the North Dakota Player of the Year by Gatorade and the ND Class B Senior Athlete of the Year. She finished second in the coveted Miss Basketball voting. Her athleticism makes her a versatile and difficult match-up for opposing teams. She can score (29 per game), rebound (10 per game) and will be looked upon to defend a number of positions.

Another local recruit, Beth Mulder of Watford City, North Dakota, is poised to step in and provide immediate help in the front court. At 5'10", Mulder will provide good size and an ability to score around the basket. She comes from a high school program that has been a quality feeder program for the Tetons. Her play will be important as the conference seems to become more and more athletic and versatile at the power forward and center positions.

Providing depth at the forward positions will be Leigh Sifuentes and Sadie Brown. Sifuentes hails from Sidney, Montana and is actually in her second year at Williston State. Last season was to be a redshirt season in which she would practice every day, but not play in any games. But a severe shoulder injury cost her the chance to practice, but surgery seems to have fixed the problem. Brown comes to the program from Walthill, Nebraska after attending Sioux City West High School in Sioux City, Iowa. At 5'8", she'll provide an athletic presence on the wing with the ability to post up against smaller defenders.

Other freshman who will compete for playing time are Tiffany Waters (Glasgow, Montana) and Alicia Long (Williston, North Dakota). Waters will join the team after the volleyball season is completed.

## The Schedule

The pre-conference schedule will be a challenging one, beginning with back-to-back home games with perennial regional power Northwest College (Powell, WY) before the Mon-Dak Conference Tournament which this year travels to Wahpeton, North Dakota. Seeding for the Conference Tournament is based on last year's final conference standings. WSC will open as the second seed and face United Tribes in its opening round contest. The third weekend takes the team on a return trip to Powell, WY to again face Northwest and Western Wyoming, which last season produced a split, losing to Northwest before beating Western. Thanksgiving weekend will be spent in Couer d'Alene, Idaho at the North Idaho Thanksgiving Classic. North Idaho visited Williston last season opener and will return again next year in what hopes to be an exciting exchange for both teams.

December begins with two consecutive home weekends in preparation for a trip to Arizona on December 28, 29 and 30. The Tetons will play at Chandler-Gilbert, at Glendale, and at Mesa Community Colleges in preparation for 2006 and the Mon-Dak Conference schedule.

## The Mon-Dak Conference

After winning the Conference Championship during the 2003-2004 season, WSC finished the 2004-2005 season in second place behind Lake Region State College of Devils Lake,

North Dakota. Lake Region finished with only three losses for the year, winning the Conference (undefeated) and Region titles earning a trip to the National Tournament in Salina, Kansas. The road to the title will likely go through Devils Lake again as they return two of their top players and have added a stellar recruiting class. Fellow Region XIII member ND State College of Science should continue with their success, making the three ND Division I junior colleges enjoy an extremely competitive race in women's basketball. The top team of those three will host the District Tournament and the right to play in the National Tournament.

Miles Community College will return its top three players, including three foreign players, two of which will likely sign Division I. Bismarck State will be rebuilding, after two consecutive seasons with Division II National Tournament appearances.

Dawson, United Tribes, and MSU-Bottineau will all be improved.



Lacey Heiar

### Women's Basketball Roster 2005-2006

#	Player	Yr	Ht	Pos.	Hometown
5	Lacey Heiar	So	5'5"	G	Preston, IA
11	Kayla Barentsen	Fr	5'8"	G	Powers Lake, ND
13	Lori Dishon	So	5'4"	G	Trenton, ND
15	Jamie Wheeler	So	5'5"	G	Grand Forks, ND
23	Beth Mulder	Fr	5'10"	F	Watford City, ND
25	Leigh Sifuentes	Fr	5'8"	F	Sidney, MT
31	Alicia Long	Fr	5'8"	F	Williston, ND
33	Sadie Brown	Fr	5'9"	F	Walthill, NE
41	Tiffany Waters	Fr	6'0"	F	Glasgow, MT
43	Morgan Greaves	So	5'7"	F	Crosby, ND
45	Tate Locust	So	5'10"	C	Pine Ridge, SD
51	Teal Eggert	So	6'0"	C	Minot, ND
55	Laura Big Crow	So	5'10"	F	Pine Ridge, SD



Laura Big Crow

## WSC Sets Record Fall Enrollment

A record 947 students enrolled at WSC fall 2005. This follows a record in fall 2004 when 936 students enrolled at WSC. Previous high was 919 in the fall of 1995. The number of on-campus students remains strong while the number of distance education students continues to increase. College officials are excited about the record enrollment considering the declining population and the declining number of high school graduates in WSC's primary service area. Noticeable changes in enrollment patterns reflect the number of part-time students has more than doubled during the past ten years, while the number of distance education students continues to increase.

To maintain strong enrollment, WSC has expanded facilities including the Health Science and Sports Complex, expanded program offerings, delivers programs and courses to other sites, and provides access with online delivery of programs and courses. Currently WSC delivers nursing to Trinity Hospital in Minot and Fort Berthold Community College in New Town, Massage Therapy to Minot and Bismarck. The Associate in Arts degree is delivered online along with the following programs: Medical Transcription, Medical Billing & Coding, Entrepreneurship, Paraeducator, Speech Language Pathology Assistant, Marketing & Management, Recreation & Tourism, Agribusiness, and Administrative Assistant.

As a result of increased oil activity in the Williston basin and additional job opportunities, enrollment in computer, agriculture, auto tech, and diesel tech decreased.

Enrollment continues to grow in the health related fields including nursing, massage therapy, physical therapy assistant, speech language pathology assistant, medical transcription, health information, and billing and coding.

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Pictured: Lee Halvorson's Advertising class presents its advertising campaign proposal to the owners of the Mystic Blend coffee shop, located in downtown Williston.

