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Greetings from Williston State College Foundation. 2010-11 was a very busy year, and it appears 2011-12 will be like everything else in Williston and Williams County – crazy.

The WSC Foundation has had a great year. We have had excellent leadership from our president, Jerry Zunich, and a very engaged board of directors that, with a visionary college president, make things happen.

Our students are enjoying a brand new residence hall, and construction has begun on the new science center. The Western Star Career & Technology Center is open, and its new programs are underway. And Teton hockey has become an instant hit. Exciting seems to be the word all about our College.

The Foundation’s biggest mission is to provide student scholarships, and we neared the $1 million dollar mark with scholarship awards. That’s huge. Students that leave Williston State do not carry the debt that so many other students have.

These scholarships are available thanks to the many people who have donated to the Foundation through the years. Their generosity and commitment to our students is extraordinary.

Please take time to consider a gift to Williston State College Foundation. Your gift makes all the difference. Be a part of the positive changes we are making. With your help, we can truly impact our College and our region.

Thanks again for your past and continued support. Have a great Holiday Season!

Terry Olson
Executive Director
ATHLETICS UPDATE

Teton Athletics now has their own website! Follow the Tetons and get all the latest information on Teton Athletics, including Facebook and Twitter updates, at www.wstetons.com.

GREEN DAY IS GAME DAY! Make sure and become a part of the newest program for fans of Teton Athletics. Wear your “Green Day is Game Day” clothing every Teton home game. Fly your “Green Day is Game Day” flags outside your home or business every game day. Show your support of Teton Athletics by becoming a part of “Green Day is Game Day” today. Stop by the Teton Athletic Department today for more details.

The Second Annual Teton Athletics Wing Cook-off was held in October in conjunction with the Teton Booster Club’s Gun Raffle drawing. Eleven teams participated, cooking over 3,000 wings. The Judge’s Choice winner was EnerMax, with the People’s Choice going to Empire Oil Company. For a complete list of wing cook-off winners and gun raffle winners, check out the Teton Athletics website at www.wstetons.com.

INSTRUCTION UPDATE

On November 1, 2011, the Second Annual Group Advisory Committee Supper & Meeting was held at Williston State College. Each Career & Technical Education program at WSC has an advisory committee made up of individuals working in the field, current and former students, and faculty. Their function is to approve the curriculum used each academic year in the program and recommend changes/updates that will help the students be more successful upon graduation.

The programs represented at the meeting included accounting, agriculture, automotive, business & management related areas, carpentry, diesel, information technology, massage therapy, medical transcription, mental health/addictions, nursing, and welding. For information on these areas of study, please contact the department chairs: Linda Tharp for Health & Wellness department at linda.tharp@willistonstate.edu or 701-774-4290, and Patrick Hatlestad for Trades Technology at patrick.r.hatlestad@willistonstate.edu or 701-774-4593.

Williston State College has started the process of pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Degree in Applied Management. A Stage I proposal was submitted to the Academic Affairs Council (AAC). On November 1, 2011, AAC discussed the proposal and the impact this degree will have on the Williston Community and the North Dakota University System. A vote was taken – 9 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, and 2 absent. The Stage I proposal was accepted based on majority vote.

Williston State College will now start the paperwork for the Stage II proposal. Stage II involves documentation regarding the need for this type of degree in the Williston Community and surrounding region. With the increased oil-related businesses in the area, many companies are looking for individuals trained in the technical areas, such as petroleum production, carpentry, diesel, and welding. These businesses will also need individuals that are able to manage and supervise employees. The BAS degree in Applied Management will provide these skill sets to individuals looking at advancement opportunities within these businesses. For additional information, please contact Wanda Meyer, Vice President for Instruction, at wanda.meyer@willistonstate.edu or 701-774-4231.

TRAIN ND UPDATE

The TrainND Division at Williston State College experienced great success this year. For the first time the division’s total revenue exceeded two million dollars. Significant increases in revenue were due to many factors, including increased training revenue, the Workforce Enhancement Grant, and the ND Oil and Gas Research Council Grant.

During Fiscal Year 2011, 330 businesses received services in 643 training sessions. Training sessions included 9,040 participants, with an unduplicated head count of 6,421. Satisfaction levels by participants and companies remained very high, over 97%. 216 businesses requested additional training. Total revenue for the division was $2,626,050. The workforce training system is building a first-class workforce for the state of North Dakota.
In July 2011 Williston lost one of its hometown favorites, Donn Skadeland. Donn was an outstanding alumni and supporter of Williston State, and his family requested that gifts in his memory be sent to Williston State College Foundation. The number of memorials the Foundation received in memory of Donn was overwhelming.

Donn was a fixture at Coyote and Teton events and simply loved Williston. Our Board, President Dr. Nadolny, and the Teton Booster Club thought it most fitting to use the memorial funds to keep Donn’s memory alive in these ways:

- The Annual Teton Fall Golf Classic will forever be named the Donn Skadeland Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward an athletic scholarship in Donn’s name.
- The “Old Gym” will be renamed the Donn Skadeland gym. Donn loved that gym. This was a gym Donn practiced and played in as a Teton, supported as a fan, and in recent years played noon ball in with friends who now deeply miss their noon ball buddy.
- The old gym will get a facelift, and The Well will receive new trophy cases, displays, banners, and updates.

Donn was a good friend, and I personally miss him greatly. Please take time to read the following eulogy by Dr. Ron Seeley, another good friend who so accurately described a quiet, well-respected, family man.

- Terry Olson

Donn and I were the best of friends, sometimes even being mistaken for one another by those who did not know us well. The difference being I always stood a little taller when someone called me Mr. Skadeland, while he would be a bit perturbed by being called Dr. Seeley. We both got a kick out of not correcting the error.

Who was Donn Skadeland: a good man; quiet and kind; generous and caring; community leader; role model; respected; inspirational; successful businessman; true friend; exceptional athlete; fair and decent; ethical; wonderful sense of humor; leaving a legacy; quality person; making a positive difference in people’s lives; fantastic son, husband and father. These are not my words; they are some of the words of those who knew him, upon hearing of Donn’s tragic passing.

It is said that ordinary people can, when called upon, do extraordinary things under difficult circumstances. Donn was certainly capable of doing extraordinary things, and demonstrated it many times, including one last time Monday night when his plane failed him but Donn didn’t fail his friend in the passenger seat.

But, more important even than that, Donn was an extraordinary person in everyday life. Every day … every week … every month … every year. That is something very few people can pull off, but it is the essence of who Donn Skadeland was.

To Jan: he was your best friend, your buddy, your hero. You were Donn’s soul mate, and he became an even better person because of you. You were partners in every sense. From your first blind date playing racquetball, where Donn wouldn’t let you score a point, on top of the fact he never said a word; to the tough times at Diamond Resources where you had to work out of your basement because there just wasn’t much work to be had; to the good times you have enjoyed with your children as they have grown into extraordinary examples of their parents’ guidance and mentoring.

To Jamie, Jenna and Jeffrey: he was your Dad, he loved each of you equally and unconditionally, he was always there for you, he was your rock. To your Dad, you were his world. Even though your Dad didn’t brag, what was going on in your lives was a part of almost every conversation he had with those he came in contact with. He was so proud of each of you. You have your Dad’s love of sports and the competition that goes with it. Whether it’s learning to focus while he trash-talked you, like to Jeffrey: “I am bleeding yet?” during family basketball games. Or his presence at your games when you played. He was always there, he wouldn’t have missed those times for the world. Or his subtle reminder of how blessed you were and to be thankful for the opportunities you have by saying: “You are soooo spoiled!” Of course it was said with both dimples showing through the smirk.

To Kenn and Kay: he was your eldest son, he held onto the beliefs he was raised by, he made you proud every day. To Donn, you were the foundation that grounded him. In private moments, when asked how he stayed unchanged as business, success and opportunity exploded around him, he simply said: “Because I am grounded. That’s how I was raised, and that’s how I live.” If only the rest of us could put it so succinctly and live it so simply.

To Kim, Mike and Lynn: he was your brother, he was kind, he was generous, he believed family was the most important thing we have. And that is even after his older sister tried to maim him through most of his childhood. For instance, the time Kim was giving him a bath and only turned on the hot water (trip to the ER), or the time Donn was standing in a wagon, and Kim grabbed the handle and pulled the wagon forward, dumping Donn out the back end, where his head landed on the spikes of a metal rake (another trip to the ER).
To the rest of Donn and Jan’s family: He was a son, a brother, an uncle, a nephew, a cousin. Donn was all about family, like when taking every breathing Skadeland relative from North Dakota to Arizona to Lake Powell every other year for a week on the houseboat Mike and Ann lined up. And, oh yes, everyone can bring a friend … or two … or three.

To Tod, and Darcy before him, he was your business partner. To those who have worked for him at Diamond Resources he was “The Donn”. To those whom he worked for, you were his valued clients. To all of you, he was the “go to” guy. He loved his work. Recently he was asked when he was going to retire. He said: NEVER. He thoroughly enjoyed the daily challenges of the oil business, and even had an office set up in his Phoenix home so he could work from there, when he did take time off, without missing a beat.

To the Williston Community, he was a home-grown son, successful businessman, community leader and benefactor to many causes and groups, his favorite being his support of the Williston State College Tetons. To Donn, Williston was home. He was born here, he was raised here and he stayed here.

To all of his Friends and Family: he was fun, he was competitive, he enjoyed life, he was just “SKAD”. He loved it when we would gather at one of our houses spontaneously and spend an evening over dinner and a few beers while staying connected in each other’s hectic lives. And Donn always made a point of initiating a get-together if he felt it had been just a little too long since the last friends’ pow-wow.

We don’t get to choose how we die, but we do get to choose how we live. Donn Skadeland lived – oh, how he lived! He worked hard – nights, weekends, holidays. And he played even harder; his life had balance. Whether it was family basketball in the driveway, trips to Lake Powell, or weekend breakfast waffles. Whether it was driving or flying anywhere to watch his kids play, or his nieces and nephews play. It was important to Donn and he did it. Whether it was getting as many close friends as possible to the house in Phoenix for a week of golf, pool time, margaritas and some quality friend time. Whether it was going to a Coyote or Teton game, followed by the necessary rehash afterwards over a cold Michelob Light. Whether it was Men’s night golfing, racquetball matches, Noon Ball or Ping Pong – oh, how he lived!

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Skad was a man of few words. He chose them wisely and carefully, just like his parents taught him, yet he was the King of the one liner to his friends, such as:
“if you’re in, I’m in.”
“I just spit up a little.”
“What are the sobel peopers doing tonight?”
“Do you get a stroke on this hole too? That’s embarrassing.”
“Whatever’s fair.”
“You’re the best “7” I know. That’s why we pay you every week.”
“Are you still under par?”
“How’d that not go in.”
And, my all-time favorite: “It’s all about the story.”

Donn Skadeland was always bigger than life – he never tried to be, he didn’t want to be, he just was. It is why people gravitated towards him. It is why people enjoyed being around him. It is why people depended on him, and he didn’t disappoint – he delivered – right up to his final act.

To many of us, he was our best friend, and that certainly includes his family. We will miss him immensely, though not as much as his family will. We will have those moments where we ache for his presence, but his family will have more of them. We will not forget Donn, who he was and what he stood for, but as family, you will remember more intensely.

Donn shared all of himself with those who were lucky enough to be his family and friends. His circle was large, his heart was big, his warmth was real. We are here because of that. We are hurting because of that. We are forever better people because of that.

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“May you be comforted to know that the gentle power of Donn’s spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.”

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LEFT PAGE TOP: Donn Skadeland teeing off at the Bully Pullpit course in beautiful Medora, ND.

LEFT PAGE BOTTOM: Donn and Jan Skadeland taking a break in between holes at a course in Orlando.

BOTTOM: Tammy Lyson (left forefront), Kim Gratz (middle forefront), and Kathy Seeley (right forefront) look on as another golfer makes a putt during the first Donn Skadeland Memorial Golf Tournament.
Financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. The foundation is audited annually by Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. The graphics below are a snapshot of the Auditor’s Report, the entire report is available online at wscfoundation.com.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

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**TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT**

| $ 7,028,822 | $ 2,861 | $ 526,024 | $ (65,421) | $ 349,292 | $ 8,050,394 |

**EXPENSES**

| Administration | $ 8,049 | | | | | $ 8,049 |
| Advertising    | 27,641  | | | | | 27,641 |
| Bingo packages | 739     | | | | | 739 |
| Bad checks expense | 5,987 | | | | | 5,987 |
| Depreciation   | 74,464  | | | | | 74,464 |
| Assets donated to WSC | 29,451 | | | | | 29,451 |
| Donations to other charities | 250 | | | | | 250 |
| Equipment expense | 2,738 | | | | | 2,738 |
| Gaming licenses | 1,125 | | | | | 1,125 |
| Gaming payouts | 4,451,894 | | | | | 4,451,894 |
| Gaming short | 1,067 | | | | | 1,067 |
| Gaming taxes | 133,454 | | | | | 133,454 |
| Insurance | 29,759 | | | | | 29,759 |
| Legal and accounting | 39,931 | | | | | 39,931 |
| Office & postage | 3,631 | | | | | 3,631 |
| Payroll taxes | 31,614 | | | | | 31,614 |
| Property taxes | 564 | | | | | 564 |
| Pension expense | 17,119 | | | | | 17,119 |
| Premiums & prizes | 15,718 | | | | | 15,718 |
| Public relations | 8,093 | | | | | 8,093 |
| Pull Tabs expense | 44,687 | | | | | 44,687 |
| Rental expenses | 62,506 | | | | | 62,506 |
| Repairs | 323 | | | | | 323 |
| Salaries | 322,964 | | | | | 322,964 |
| Scholarships and grants | 758,302 | | | | | 758,302 |
| Scholarships & grants-gaming trust fd | 439,177 | | | | | 647,993 |
| Supplies | 3,121 | | | | | 3,121 |
| Trust fees | 39,245 | | | | | 39,245 |
| Interest expense | 627 | | | | | 627 |
| Teton thunder newspaper | 53,546 | | | | | 53,546 |
| Special events | 20,662 | | | | | 20,662 |
| Contract services | 3,368 | | | | | 3,368 |
| Utilities and telephone | 7,230 | | | | | 7,230 |
| Vehicle expense | 2,033 | | | | | 2,033 |
| Other investment loss | 3,127 | | | | | 3,127 |
| Miscellaneous | 36,354 | | | | | 36,354 |

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

| $ 6,680,560 | | | | | $ 6,889,376 |

**NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR**

| $ 1,482,024 | $ 149,537 | $ 2,795,293 | $ 356,274 | $ 5,984,919 | $ 10,768,047 |

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

| 348,282 | 2,861 | 526,024 | (65,421) | 349,292 | 1,161,018 |

**NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR**

| $ 1,830,286 | $ 152,398 | $ 3,321,317 | $ 290,853 | $ 6,334,211 | $ 11,929,065 |
NET ASSETS COMPARISON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

TOTAL ASSETS

CURRENT & LONG TERM LIABILITIES

NET ASSETS
BY JACOB OLSON

The 2011 fall semester was greeted with many changes on campus (most notably by the beautiful residence hall) but other major facelifts have also been underway – for instance, the library. If you haven’t wandered onward and upward to the second floor, then you may have overlooked some big changes. I sat down with Director of Learning Commons, Betty Lahn, to discuss them.

“The atmosphere in the library is warm and inviting. As you enter the library, you will notice the new flooring, the warm colors on the walls, and the two cozy soft-seating areas with couches, club chairs, and new area rugs. New tables with comfortable chairs have replaced the wooden ones,” says Lahn.

One of the most noticeable changes was the flooring, which has been well-received among students and faculty. The library feels far more relaxed, adorned with personable seating areas and large study tables, complemented by high-backed ergonomic chairs.

The library’s beautiful renovations aren’t finished, either.

“Nine new laptops are available for use in the library. To supplement the laptops, a stand-up computer access station has been ordered,” says Lahn.

“In the near future, the Williston Woodworkers will build some shelving on the back wall. The fireplace will be built near the middle of the south wall; this will be a perfect place to sit and read a book. OverDrive, a distributor of digital content (music, eBooks, audiobooks, etc.), and other new electronic databases and eBooks are being considered for purchase.”

So when you’re looking for a place to study, or perhaps just a change of scenery to break up your study-time, make sure to visit the new and improved library on campus!
Williston State College has provided new living spaces for their class of 2011-2012. The brand new Frontier Residence Hall, which opened to students earlier this fall, is a great eco-friendly building that has the students excited about living there. Outside, the building is surrounded by green grass and foliage that add to the building’s appearance. The building is made up of four floors; the first three are living quarters for the students, and the top floor is a conference room that is open to the community.

When first walking into the building, one is greeted by a wall of windows that let the sunlight spill in. Part of the eco-friendly design is having glass windows surrounding the main lounge areas and staircase, to help let the sunlight in, yet still keep the brisk air out. Also included are thermometers in each of the rooms, aimed to help conserve energy, and automatic lights that fill the halls and rooms. Other features of the eco-friendly building are the toilets that take part in conserving water and the showers and sinks, utilizing a new technology to use less water pressure than others, but still give off enough to be useful.

When asked, students gave very positive feedback about the new hall.

“The lounge areas are nice to hang out in. They are very open, and it is fun to see everyone,” Katie Hager said. The dorms feature lounge areas with new furniture and flat screen TVs on every floor. The lounges have an open design and provide room for studying and hanging out with friends.

Another student, Dwight Lee, stated, “I was so excited when I first came to this building. A few months before I moved to Williston, I checked out the virtual tour online of the new Residence Hall, and when I arrived, it looked exactly like the virtual tour video showed.”

The new hall is located right on campus, only a few feet away from Stevens Hall. The building is in an excellent location for the students, especially during these long winter months that are about to arrive. Calvin Steinhoff, who also lives in the new dorms said, “I am so glad that the dorms are close to the school. I am not used to this cold weather, and they couldn’t have picked a better location for the students, so we don’t have to walk so far.”

Overall, the students seem very pleased with their new living quarters, and students who are planning to come to WSC next year should definitely consider reserving their room immediately.
Anyone spending time in classrooms with an east-facing window may have noticed a markedly improved view these last few months.

In October the garage on the north side of the college was torn down. The large, eight-bay garage was being used primarily for storage, and much of what was stored in the garage was sold in July at a surplus property sale.

This summer the area where the garages stood will be graded and asphalted to make a large parking lot. When additional funds become available, the area will be upgraded and beautified as part of the parking master plan.

Hexom Earth Construction donated over $20,000 in time and equipment to remove the garage. WSC thanks everyone involved for their generous donations.
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WSC President, Dr. Raymond Nadolny and WSC Foundation Executive Director, Terry Olson.
Taste of Cultures

Various foods such as lefse, knoedla soup, borscht, Swiss fondue, dumpling soup, plachindas, curry with rice, and others were available for participants to try. Artifacts from China and various African countries were on display. Students from Japan wore traditional Japanese attire.

The demographics of WSC and Williston communities are changing, and the diversity committee at WSC is initiating events on campus to bring more awareness of various cultures. Matt Peterson, Instructor of Economics, said, “The diversity committee recognized the opportunity to not only let people experience food and artifacts from different countries, but also to educate about these items.”

Participant Wendy Peters stated, “I enjoyed the Taste of Culture. It was nice to have a variety of food to sample and artifacts to see. I sampled a couple of items that I had never had before and don’t know if I would ever have the opportunity if this did not happen on our campus.”

Sharing time with other faculty, staff and some students was Tara Irgens’ favorite part. She and Kayla Retzer made lefse for participants of the event. Irgens said, “It was interesting to see and hear about others’ background, where we were similar and different.”

The diversity committee at WSC would like to host another Taste of Cultures next fall. Next year the committee hopes to have even more people bring cultural food and artifacts, and they are exploring the option of opening the event to the community so everyone can learn about their neighbors.

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BY MARY STENBERG

William Goetz, Chancellor of the North Dakota University System, will retire in August 2012, bringing to a close a career that spans more than 30 years in higher education.

After growing up on a farm near Hazen, Goetz went on to earn degrees from three of the colleges he would later oversee as chancellor: an associate’s degree from Bismarck State College; a bachelor’s degree from Minot State University, and his master’s degree from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

“I received my education at a community college, a four-year school, and a research university,” he said. “It really gave me a feel for the differences of each type of school and was a real positive asset for me being chancellor.”

Goetz started his career in education at Dickinson State University, where he taught and served as dean of the School of Business. All told, he spent 30 years at Dickinson State, including work with the DSU Foundation.

After his time at Dickinson State ended, he served as chief of staff for two governors – three years with ed Schafer and seven years with John Hoeven.

“When the chancellor position came open, I asked myself - how do I want to finish my professional life? I’d been in higher education for 30 years, and my heart has always been with education. This opportunity came along, I applied and was granted the job,” he said.

During his tenure as chancellor, he has been able to effect change and get things done.

“One thing I feel has been accomplished is that we moved in North Dakota to a more unified university system,” he said. “I think of the relationship between UND and NDSU, and the positive way that they are working together on various programs.”

He also sees great potential for what could be accomplished right here in Williston.

“I look at Williston State College – there is tremendous opportunity here that we need to work on. This campus has great potential. The population is growing and younger people are coming to town, and if we have programs in place, they will want to take advantage of the education provided here. That is something I’ve worked very hard on over the last four years.”

He has also worked to change the mindset of North Dakotans regarding the role of community colleges. “We have elevated the importance of the community college. Potential students who may not feel comfortable on a larger campus realize that it’s OK to attend a community college, that they will get a quality education there as well.”

While talking about his impending retirement, he would rather not talk about accomplishments to which he can lay claim.

“The bottom line is making a difference in people’s lives,” he stated. “I don’t like to take credit for accomplishments as much as knowing that you’ve made a difference for an individual student, or a parent. It’s all been very positive for me, knowing that I was making a difference for many individuals.”

He’s not certain what’s next for him – other than just hanging out with his wife for a few months and doing a bit of traveling, which will certainly include trips to visit their children.

“We have two sons; both finished up doctorates and post-doctorates in clinical psychology. One is in Seattle working at a hospital there; the other is at Northwestern in Chicago, doing some post-doctorate work. Where he’s going to end up is anybody’s guess,” he laughed. “We also have a daughter and two grandsons in Bismarck.”

While wrapping up the interview, a former student and WSC Professor Ken Quamme stopped by to shake hands and wish Goetz well.

“That’s what is important,” he said, watching Quamme walk away – “knowing that you made a difference in someone’s life.”
behind the scenes

As Williston State College Athletic Coordinator Rita Ann Deichert about her job and you’ll get a big smile and the impression that she really enjoys her work.

“As I’ve told my husband, Luke, and also (Athletic Director) Hunter (Berg), whoever would have thought that I could get a job I love so much that it doesn’t seem like a job?”

Born and raised on a farm outside Ault, Colo., Deichert studied in the legal field, graduating from Aims CC in Greeley. She worked at the McKennett Law Firm in Williston for a year before going to work at WSC (then UND-Williston).

What brought a Colorado girl north to Williston? “I got married,” she laughed. “My sister lived in Williston and she worked with Luke at MDU and they were good friends. My sister then moved to Dickinson, and my other sister and I came up to visit her. Luke was on his way through to visit his parents, and that’s when we met.”

While Deichert enjoys her job at WSC, she says that it’s the people who really make her want to stay.

“My job is to do whatever needs to be done. If I can do it, I do it. Basically, I assist Hunter with whatever he needs done.”

“Rita Ann’s importance to Teton Athletics can’t be overstated,” Berg said. “Her tireless work ethic is one I envy and admire. But the one thing I’m continually reminded of when seeing her work on a daily basis is her steadfast commitment to one thing - the students of Williston State, whether they are involved in athletics or not … Her work leaves us all wondering what we ever did without her.”

Deichert has been involved with getting the new WSC athletics webpage (www.wsctetons.com) up and running. “We’re all very excited about our new website,” she said. “We’re also on both Twitter and Facebook, which, along with the website, helps us keep our information current and to get the word out about Teton Athletics.”

And with the opening of the basketball season, there are reserved and season tickets to be sold, tournaments to help with, and programs to be designed and printed. These are but a few of the items on Deichert’s “to do” list.

Recently she has worked to plan the Donn Skadeland Memorial Golf Tourney, the Wing Cook-Off, Hall of Fame Banquet and induction program, and the fund-raisers the athletic department oversees – including the pickup raffle and casino night. Deichert also helped get the events around the inaugural hockey game planned and scheduled, and she sits on the Teton Booster Club Board.

As if that wasn’t enough to keep her busy, Deichert also helps coach the women’s volleyball team.

“The last three years I coached under Alissa Hoehn and Lindsey Graue Peterson,” she said. “I really enjoyed that and really enjoyed the girls. Alissa and Lindsey were just great coaches to work under. They have two very different styles of coaching and I really learned a lot under them.”

Deichert’s hobbies have always been mostly sports-related, including softball, basketball, and volleyball, and she has recently added golfing to her list.

She and her husband, Luke, have two sons: Cole, who lives in Washington, Ill., with his wife Katie and daughter Eislynn, and works as an electrical engineer with Caterpillar; and Andrew, who is in his fifth year as a pharmacy student at NDSU in Fargo.
For Jim Stout, Assistant Professor of English and Humanities at Williston State College, it’s hard to call what he does “work.”

“As (former economics instructor) Al Bervig used to say, ‘I can’t believe I get paid to have so much fun and work with so many great people,’” he said.

Stout, grew up in Rolla and Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck High School. He went on to earn an associate’s degree at Bismarck Junior College (now Bismarck State College), a bachelor's degree from Dickinson State University, and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

“I’ve done lots of things,” he said. “I worked in factories, I taught in rural schools and even taught two years at the University of Minnesota while I was attending graduate school there. I also taught high school at Bismarck.”

In 1987, came to what was then UND-Williston.

“It’s been good, but it’s gone so fast,” he said. “It’s hard to believe I’m in my 25th year here. You know times are good when time flies – the six years I spent teaching high school seemed like an eternity – I really found out that I wasn’t cut out to teach in high school.”

Last semester, Stout took a break from the classroom to work in the writing lab in the Academic Success Center. “I decided it was time to step out of my comfort zone and try something else.”

Even though he readily admits that he has enjoyed the change, he does miss the classroom and will return for the fall 2012 semester to once again teach English.

He has enjoyed his time at WSC – not just the work, but the social life that comes with working closely with colleagues who are also friends.

“Among other things, I’ve been blessed to be part of the trivia team, which has gone by several names and had various members through the years,” he said. “The range of characters that I’ve worked with here has been amazing.”

Retirement or moving on are far from items on Stout’s to-do list.

“He has found, however, that through the years, his students and his colleagues have this tendency to keep getting younger.

“It really hit me when I started to have students who were my son’s age or now my daughters’ age,” he laughed. “I even have had the grandchild of one of my first students.”

The most satisfying thing for Stout is when he meets a student coming into college, “who is barely literate, and when they leave, they go on to get bachelor’s degrees, doctorates and get published, become successful, maybe own a business that will long outlast me – it’s wonderful to have been a part of that. Students will come back years later and tell us they absolutely thank us for getting them ready for what was to come – either in school or the real world,” he said.

“And it keeps happening, year after year. It’s a wonderful thing.”

He and his wife, Kay, have four children: his son, Derek who travels the country doing nature studies; his step-daughter, Bethany, who is pursuing a master’s degree in communication at NDSU in Fargo and working for Microsoft; his daughter, Adrienne, who is studying English and writing at Wittenberg University in Ohio; and his daughter, Jillian, who is a junior in high school in Owatanna, Minn., and is active in music and drama.

“WSC has given me the opportunity to teach so many things, the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people. It really is ‘where the people make the difference’ – and always has been since I interviewed here all those years ago.”
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1. Jaden, pictured at 13 months
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There are few things that can ease the hurt of the seemingly endless nuclear winter that is North Dakota. One of those things is Teton basketball. Fans will be braving the elements and flocking to The Well to enjoy some college basketball, headed by WSC’s own Hunter Berg. Berg has a freshman-dominated team, an athletic department to run, and the better part of his season ahead of him, but that does not stop him from running the basketball program like a finely-tuned machine. I sat down with him and spoke about what’s in store for this year’s season.

**TT: How would you describe the team?**

**HB:** Inexperienced is probably the best way to describe our team. We only returned one player who played for us last year and so far, I think we’re getting used to ourselves as a team and the expectations of our team and also the competition. So far, our schedule has been loaded with very good teams... Against those good teams, we’ve struggled, which doesn’t surprise us. Our hope is that we can get better and better, so that come February we are a much better, much smarter team. However, until February I think we’ll use every minute that we can to learn as much about our team as we can in order to formulate what we think is the best team we can put on the floor. This will take some time but is the fun part of this year’s team.

**TT: What are you looking forward to this season?**

**HB:** With such uncertainty in the early part of the season, we really are looking forward to seeing what we can do at the end of the year in the post-season, and to see how our players will buy into the plans for our team. Watching our players continue to get better and better, to learn how to play together, and to see them compete for a region championship will be a fun adventure.

**TT: Any particular players we should keep our eyes on?**

**HB:** We were hoping Marquel Curtis, a freshman guard/forward from Plymouth, MN would be a major impact player for us from the start... and he has. He has already had some big offensive outputs for us, averaging over 22 points per game. We’re also hoping freshman big man Miguel Sansavour from Trinidad will continue to improve as the season goes along.

**TT: What are you and the team hoping to improve on this season?**

**HB:** All joking aside...everything. We really do have lots of room for improvement in every aspect. The major emphasis has been on giving our best effort and working hard. Hopefully, we can improve in that area and then we’ll have to be a very smart basketball team that takes good shots and defends the opposing team in the right way. Probably more than years past, we all have to think long-term.

A returning figure (and valuable asset) to the Teton athletics program is Wisconsin’s own Eric Peterson, acting as assistant coach. Peterson had left for a position at Minnesota State (Moorhead) but found his way back to Williston towards the end of this summer.

“It’s hard for me to pick just one thing that drew me back to WSC. First, the basketball program here is one that I am very proud of. Learning from coaches such as Terry Olson and Hunter Berg, I know that Teton Basketball has such a strong tradition and I wanted to be part of that again,” says Peterson.
As for the upcoming season, Peterson concurs with Berg.
“We are a very young team. We have one player returning that played last year [sophomore Marc Price]. Losing Pierre Nkada really hurt us as far as a leadership aspect and depth wise. The main difference from going from a 4-year program back to a 2-year level is that at the 2-year level you don’t have the upperclassmen to kind of mentor the younger players and show them what it takes to be successful at a high level. I am really looking forward to the conference season. I know playing a good non-conference schedule will make us better during the conference season,”

“I can’t think of anything we really can’t improve on or get better at this season. With kids attending a junior college, I think there is always room to get better at something. Defensively we need to get a lot better and we have been trying to get a lot of shots up so we can be more effective on the perimeter.”

Replacing Hunter Berg as head of the women’s program is Tom Suelzle, in his fourth year at the position. Similarly, the women’s team faces the distinct challenge of working with a fairly green team.

“We have 11 freshmen on our team this season so we are very young and expect to experience some growing pains as the season goes,” says Suelzle.

“We have 16 players on our roster, and that will make us deeper at every position and allow us to play an up-tempo game and utilize our bench. As the season rolls along and we get used to each other and find our strengths and weaknesses, I think we have the potential to be a very good team. If we keep improving as a team and work hard, I think we have the possibility of experiencing a very good season.

“We have a much stronger post game this season as compared to the past. With Maggie Lorenz, Katie King, Jackie Lee, Sam Schell, in the post we have a lot of scoring capabilities and depth. Defensively with our size we should be able to play more man-to-man as we can match up with bigger teams.

“We look forward to every game and take them one at a time, with the goal of getting better each game. We, as a young team, want to focus on working hard and play together and be the best possible team we can be by the end of the season. We play a very competitive schedule and will experience some ups and downs, but I know this group of players will work hard and work towards being the best team we possibly can be.”

There’s no air of doubt around the team, but it’s clear that the season ahead of them will serve as one to learn from.

Make sure to get your tickets and come support the WSC Tetons!
The Williston State College Lady Tetons volleyball team had a great year in more ways than one. I was lucky enough to be a part of the program. We didn’t necessarily get every win we hoped for, but we got the wins we needed to put us in the final at the regional tournament. We ended up taking second place at regionals, which is an awesome accomplishment.

We always worked our hardest, in practice and games, and we did everything we could to pull off the win. No matter the outcome of each game, as long as we did everything that we could for our team, we were happy. I am confident that our team did everything we could throughout the season to accomplish our goals.

Our chemistry on the court is what really carried us through the season. We had a tendency to dig ourselves into a hole in most of our games, but with teamwork – with the great chemistry we had – we were able to pull through.

We focused on what was best for the team on the court, and it was no different off the court. The relationships we all had with each other made a huge difference in everything that dealt with our team. We became amazing friends and this team will never be forgotten.
On October 26, 2011, Teton fans dressed in their warmest clothing and packed into the stands of the Agri Center where they waited to watch the new Williston Teton hockey team make their mark on the ice and go down in history. The crowd was not disappointed that night, because the Tetons pulled a win over the Bottineau Lumberjacks. When the buzzer rang after the third period ended, the scoreboard showed a final score of five to two.

The chants from the crowd of fans could be heard across town that night, and the team had huge grins displayed across their faces, because on that night, they made this town extremely proud. A few young men shared comments when asked how it felt to walk into the Agri that night: “I was so nervous, because I have never played a college hockey game and thousands of fans were packed into the stands,” Bradley Anderson stated.

“There were a lot of unsaid expectations, since it was the first ever Teton hockey game, and the pressure was insane.” Brandon Passley admitted. Passley was the young man who scored the first ever goal for the Teton hockey team.

The stands were electrified when he first scored the goal, and everyone could see the pride in Head Coach Seamus Gregory and the rest of the team. When asked about scoring the first goal, Passley said, “It really was an honor to get our school’s first goal ever, and I know that everyone on our team wanted to achieve that goal, and the fact that I was the one who actually did score the goal, means so, so much to me. I feel truly blessed to have done so and have the immense amount of support from my teammates and my coach.”

The Tetons have twenty-six team members that come from all around the world. They have only been playing together and learning how to operate together for a few months, and the fact that they pulled a win for their first game ever together is amazing.

“Our team has a great bond and chemistry. Even though it was our first time playing we did an awesome job of sticking to our systems, and we all had a lot of potential to begin with,” said Jake Radermacher about preparing for the season. The team’s chemistry is obvious; all of the members are so dedicated, and their eagerness to improve will take them far this season. The Tetons definitely have their work cut out for the season, but fans should keep a close eye and watch how this new team will soar above and beyond everyone’s expectations.
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