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Is the written word dead? Has digital portability brought an end to the traditional textbook? These are just a few questions that cross my desk from inquisitive faculty and staff.

Regardless of which side of the fence you sit on, Williston State College continues to embrace both the real world and the digital world. Over the summer, WSC completed a library renovation (Learning Commons) emphasizing both the printed word and the digital word, and this fall WSC opened a new science wing utilizing both real time labs and virtual labs.

WSC has embraced a changing world. WSC is knee-deep in a changing Williston. WSC is itself transforming. Today, the birth of a science center and a renaissance for our library. Tomorrow, a world-class recreation center.

If you haven’t been on campus for a while, I want to personally invite you to visit us. Because at WSC, regardless of ThinkPads, iPads, or even nomads, you continue to make the difference.

Dr. Raymond Nadolny
President, Williston State College

Dr. Raymond Nadolny speaks at Hunter Berg’s going-away party. See page 18 for the full story.

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OPENING FALL OF 2012
Elise Williams has been hired as a full-time instructor in the Arts & Human Sciences Department in the disciplines of psychology and sociology. Williams earned her Texas teaching certificate from the Brookhaven College Alternative Teaching Program, her BA from Texas A&M with a major in sociology and minor in history, and her Master's degree from University of Southern California, where she majored in teaching social sciences.

According to Berg, “The most powerful and consistent idea that came through our research when asking who the Tetons were and what best represents them, was the buffalo. To the Tetons, the buffalo was a source of survival, a source of strength, a source of power, and certainly a cherished being. It provided them life, which is a powerful thought.”

Use of the logo for the Teton Athletic Department will begin immediately. “Marketing athletics for our college is a fun process, largely due to the support our athletic department receives from the community,” says Berg. “We’re excited for all of the possibilities our new logo brings with merchandise sales, signage, and an identity for our athletics. This is a great step for our department.”

“A goal of our department for many years has been to establish an official mascot. The process and experience in establishing our Tetons logo has been a very educational experience for our entire department,” says former Athletic Director, Hunter Berg.

A committee made up of WSC faculty and staff, former and current Teton Athletic employees, WSC marketing department staff, and Teton Booster Club representatives began the process in January of this year. Logo/mascot was developed with the guidance of professional logo design company Torch Creative, who has extensive experience in dealing with athletic logos.

Amanda Davis has been hired as a full-time mathematics instructor in the Math & Science Department. Davis earned an Associate of Arts degree from Okaloosa-Walton College in Niceville, Florida, before obtaining her BS and MS in mathematics from University of West Florida. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in pure mathematics from University of Texas Arlington.

Monica Crane has been hired as a full-time manager for the Learning Commons. Crane earned her BA from UND with majors in English and German and a Master's degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Upcoming Teton events include the annual Baseball Golf Tournament on September 22 and the Teton Booster Club Gun Raffle and Teton Athletics Wing Cook-off on October 12 (raffle tickets available now).

For more information about Teton Athletics, including schedules, news updates, and links to live games, please visit www.wsctetons.com.
It seems that almost all UND-Williston/Williston State College alumni have fond memories of their time here. But for Tim Hennessy of Bismarck, his time here literally changed his life.

Tim was raised on a farm southeast of Berthold, graduating from Berthold High School. He was recruited by Phil Rabon to come to UND-Williston to play basketball for Coach Darryl Anderson.

“Also, I wanted to go into Agribusiness, so that attracted me to UND-Williston,” he says. “These two things came together and that’s the reason I chose Williston.”

He has no regrets about that choice.

“When you’re seventeen, eighteen years old – and for somebody like me who came from a fairly small school – it was still a relatively small college,” Hennessy recalls. “I got to know a lot of people, especially fellow students, and I was able to develop some lifelong friendships and relationships. It was a very comfortable place to attend college.”

One of those lifelong relationships is especially near and dear to his heart. It was during his time at UND-W that he met his wife, Eve (Baldwin). “We met at UND-W, and both ended up in Bismarck - and we’re still together after all these years,” he laughs.

After graduating from Williston, Hennessy went on to attend Mary College (now University of Mary), where he graduated in 1977 with a major in business administration and a minor in accounting.

In June 1977, he was hired by the State Bank of Burleigh County, which became United Bank in 1980. He left there for about eight months in 1986 to work in Williston at First National Bank. Then, it was back to Bismarck to work for United Bank of Bismarck in a different capacity than before.

“So, except for those eight months I was in Williston, we’ve been in Bismarck since 1975,” he says.

Hennessy currently serves as regional president for North Dakota for US Bank, managing the community banking operations for the state.

He keeps busy outside of work, volunteering as a board member for various organizations, including serving on the finance council for Church of Corpus Christi; serving on the boards for Bismarck Industries, a development corporation in Bismarck; and the ND Economic Development Foundation, to which he was appointed by the Governor, and for which he is a representative on the Centers for Excellence Commission. He is a past chair of the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce, a board member and past chair of the ND Bankers Association; and a member of the board of trustees for the Missouri Valley YMCA.

“It was a good transition for me...it really set the stage for my professional life.”
Education has remained an important part of his life as well, as evidenced by his serving on the board of trustees for the University of Mary and as a board member of the Bismarck State College Foundation.

Hennessy enjoyed his time at UND-Williston, and is thankful for the opportunity to attend and graduate from the school.

“It was a good transition for me. I didn’t know what I wanted to do professionally,” he recalls. “I thought maybe I wanted to be a banker, but I wasn’t sure. Growing up on a farm, I thought agriculture might be what I wanted to do, and the UND-W ag program was a good one. It really set the stage for my professional life. It was pretty clear to me that I wasn’t going to go back and farm, and the time there opened me up to the business world.”

And of course, there’s that meeting-his-wife thing, which figures pretty high on his list of good memories! Tim and Eve have raised three children: Robin is married to Ben Zeltinger and works as a speech pathologist in the Mandan school district, and they have a 21-month-old daughter; Dan, a businessman who owns and operates a Jimmy John’s franchise in Minneapolis, is married to Tasha and they have a 16-month-old son; and Matthew, who lives in Bismarck and works as a firefighter for the city of Mandan.

Hennessy credits UND-W with preparing him for the next steps in his education and his life, and praises the city of Williston for its support of the institution.

“The city was extremely supportive back then, as they are now, which was evident to me when I arrived,” he said. “It’s good to see Williston State advancing and going the direction they are.”

TOP: Hennessy now. BOTTOM: Hennessy from his days as a Teton.
TOP: Construction has started on the rec center on the northeast side of campus. BOTTOM: Construction has also started on the apartment building on the southeast side of campus.

Visit our Facebook (facebook.com/willstonstate) and Twitter (@willstonstate) sites weekly for pictures and updates on these two exciting projects at WSC.
TOP (L-R): A two-sided fireplace is the focal point of the newly redesigned learning commons. The new learning commons features new computers, various sitting areas, and laptops available to check out.

BOTTOM: (L-R): The parking lot on the north side of Stevens Hall is nearing completion. A new sidewalk, complete with landscaping and benches, now connects Stevens Hall to the Western Star building.
TOP: Over the summer, Williston State College acquired the Kaiser House, located across University Avenue from the college. The house was purchased by the WSC Foundation from Marv Kaiser at a reduction with a partial gift. Kaiser House will now serve as the president’s home. “The president’s home is a vital campus fixture, central to fostering a vibrant WSC spirit,” notes WSC President Raymond Nadolny. “It’s a chance for the president to be immersed in the energy of campus life, to be accessible to the WSC community, and to create a campus home.” Continuing with the traditions involving the president’s home, Kaiser House will now serve to host events such as legislative visits, graduation receptions, and fundraising events. BOTTOM: The Western Star Career and Technology Building now has a parking lot and beautiful landscaping.
TOP (L-R): Periodic table cupcakes proved to be a popular treat at the grand opening of the science addition on September 6. Students in class during the opening provide a live demonstration of the new science labs. MIDDLE: Lt. Governor, Drew Wrigley, featured speaker at the grand opening, watches while science instructor Lance Olson cuts the official ribbon. (Mr. Wrigley was also the speaker at the ground-breaking for the science addition last July.) BOTTOM: The newly-completed science addition.
TOP (L-R): WSC Volunteers helped the Marketing department sponsor the races at the Williston Basin Speedway in June. The WSC bench was auctioned off at the Bethel Bench Auction during the 50th Anniversary Celebration. WSC’s Relay for Life team held their annual drive-thru BBQ in June.

MIDDLE: Job seekers visit employers’ booths during the 2-day job fair held in the new gym this summer.

BOTTOM (L-R): Marketing interns, Wannapond Romero Saeton and Victor Luchian at the West! Golf Tournament in July. Japanese students pose with the WSC sign during their visit in August.
On June 4, twenty women from across the state of North Dakota arrived in Williston, all dreaming of being crowned Miss North Dakota. Three of those women are Williston State College’s very own: Miss Williston – Kinsi Olson (student), Miss Williston State College – Alexius Imhoff (student), and Miss Queen City – Serena Christianson (faculty). Throughout the week, the contestants’ schedules were full with rehearsals, appearances, and final preparations for the state competition. Competition areas included private interview, talent, lifestyle and fitness, evening wear, and onstage interview. All twenty contestants competed in those areas on June 7 and 8; on June 9, the announcement of the Top 10 kicked off the evening, then the whittling down to the Top 5, and finally the crowning of Miss North Dakota 2012, Rosemary Sauvageau of Fargo.

Williston State College has much to be proud of – the scholarship pageant has been held in Williston for the past 26 years, but the contestants had not really experienced our campus firsthand until this year. In previous years, the contestants would stay in various hotels throughout the community; this year, they all stayed together in Frontier Hall. As an instructor, I was excited to be able to stay in the residence hall that so many of my students have stayed in. We have such an incredible facility on campus – the girls truly loved staying here this year. Olson and Imhoff were assets for the other contestants, helping them navigate the large residence hall. WSC not only housed the women for the week, but also hosted the awards banquet in the Teton Grill the morning of June 9. The board of directors all expressed how impressed they were with the upkeep of the campus and how willing they were to help with whatever needs arose. Hopefully this relationship will continue in the future.

So how did we Queen Tetons do? We all performed to the best of our abilities, leaving our hearts on the stage. Kinsi and I both advanced into the Top 10, which greatly excited our hometown crowd. Other awards won by one or more of us include the Promotion Award, All Seasons Sport About Outstanding Athlete Scholarship, Preliminary High Score Swimsuit Award, Miss North Dakota Youth Pageant Recognition Award, Vicki Finders Memorial Education Scholarship, Miss America Organization State Academic Award, and additional scholarships from Target Logistics, Duane Anderson of Youth Education on Stage, and Williston State College.

Semi-Finalists: Cassi Ridl, Miss Dickinson; Marina Kallis, Miss Williams County; Serena Christianson, Miss Queen City; Kate Wilson, Miss Grand Forks; Kinsi Olson, Miss Williston

Fourth Runner-up: Stephanie Erickson, Miss Empire
Third Runner-up: Laura Harmon, Miss Eastern Dakota
Second Runner-up: Meagan McDougall, Miss Badlands
First Runner-up: Becca Lebak, Miss Oil Country

Miss North Dakota 2012: Rosemary Sauvageau, Miss Fort Abercrombie

The Miss America organization is one of the nation’s leading achievement programs and the world’s largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Over $30,000 was awarded in scholarships at the Miss North Dakota pageant this year, with over $45 million awarded last year by the Miss America Organization. If you know of someone who would make a great contestant or you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marian Hamilton at Hamilton@wil.midco.net or Serena Christianson at serena.christianson@willistonstate.edu.
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A birds-eye view of the Teton Athletics Banquet held during WSC’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. The 1979-1980 Women’s Basketball team poses for a photo during the Teton Athletics Banquet after being inducted into the Teton Hall of Fame. WSC Foundation Executive Director Terry Olson and WSC President Raymond Nadolny hold the ribbon during the dedication of Donn Skadeland Gymnasium as Jan Skadeland prepares to cut it. Friends and family of Donn Skadeland enjoy the new gym after the dedication ceremony. A view from center court shows the newly-resurfaced gym floor, adorned with WSC’s new logo, and a look into the newly-renovated entrance to Donn Skadeland Gymnasium. A group of former Tetons gather for a picture after the Teton Athletics Banquet with former men’s basketball coach and athletic director, Terry Olson at left.
TOP (L-R): Phil Rabon, Hunter Berg, and Rita Ann Deichert walk with the Teton bus in the parade. WSC Alumni participate in a Peggy and Pals number. MIDDLE (L-R): Children play in the foam inflatable. WSC Student Justin Jacobs performs with the Live Band Karaoke. BOTTOM: A group of women enjoy the faculty tea in the library. WSC alumni and staff perform with the Live Band Karaoke.
behind the scenes / academic success center

BY JENNY WOLF

WSC students and members of the community may be surprised by the variety of services offered at the newly-reorganized Academic Success Center at Williston State College. “We wanted to connect the various WSC learning communities to enhance educational and career success,” says Director Laurel Kaae, who along with Assistant Director Faye Krogen, now oversees and organizes a number of different departments and services, all under the heading of the Academic Success Center.

Last fall, Kaae and Wanda Meyer, Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, began working with various departments, meeting throughout the year to discuss what would be in the best interest of the students. “We wanted to combine services to make it easier for student access, so they don’t have to go all over the building,” explains Kaae. “Now everything is in one spot. We will also be cross-trained in multiple areas, so we can help each other out. If people are gone, the services will continue.”

This seems like a natural next step to Kaae, who has helped the program evolve for over thirty years. The Adult Learning Center was started by Garvin Stevens in 1969, because he felt it was a need that wasn’t being met in the community. When Kaae came on board in 1980, it was a night program called Adult Basic Education. By 1986, it was a full-time program. Recently, WSC President Raymond Nadolny helped bring the program into more direct contact with the college by moving it from a trailer into Stevens Hall. “The move helped our students become less nervous about entering college,” recalls Kaae. “When we were down in the trailer, some of them were scared to come up to the main building.”

Now the Academic Success Center makes a number of services available to students and members of the community, all in one place:

Academic Skills Center
Coordinated by Diane Anderson, the Academic Skills Center provides a place for current students to get help with their classes. “We tutor in subjects we know, and in other areas we may find a student or look to the instructor to help out,” explains Anderson. “We can’t guarantee help in every subject but we do our best.” They will also be using an online tutor service called SmartThinking this year. The center has a small computer lab for students as well. Students, including those not seeking tutors, are encouraged to use the space for study groups or just to come and work on their homework.

Adult Learning Center
The main focus is on GED preparation and testing, according to Kaae. “We also do basic ELL for people needing to learn English, and we provide basic math, reading, and writing for college prep or for those seeking to retain or gain employment.” Employment readiness assistance is also available, covering résumé and cover-letter writing and interview practice. Kaae and Krogen work primarily with adult learning, and Kari Rustand works with English Language Learners (ELLS) to teach basic English speaking, writing, reading, and listening skills.

“WE WORK WITH PEOPLE ONE-ON-ONE TO REACH THEIR ACADEMIC NEEDS, AND WE DO WHAT IS BEST FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL.”

Counselor
Beginning this year, WSC has its own counselor. Susan Bradford, LAPC, will be available Wednesdays and Thursdays to work with any current students, faculty, or staff who might be seeking counseling.

Disability Support Services
Katie Peterson works closely with students to qualify for accommodations according to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, ensuring that all accommodations are consistent with state and federal laws.

Testing Services
Betty Lahn is responsible for overseeing testing for all current and prospective students, as well others in the region who might need to take exams in a proctored environment.

Kaae wants to encourage students and members of the community to take advantage of everything the Academic Success Center has to offer. “It’s an inviting place to come,” she says. “We work with people one-on-one to reach their academic needs, and we do what is best for each individual.” Kaae has heard students say the ASC is a place to come to get their grades up. “It’s true,” she agrees, “the ones that come consistently really show an improvement in their grades. It’s a good place to spend time to make sure your college experience is successful.”

The Adult Learning Center is open to the public Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:30pm. Evening hours can be arranged by appointment. Drop-ins are welcome, but calling ahead is appreciated. To make an appointment, please call 701-572-5886.
If you’re looking for a space for your next event, keep WSC Conference Services in mind. “Any room at the college can be rented if it’s available,” notes Heather Fink, Interim Director of Housing and Conference Services. “The fourth floor of Frontier Hall is a great space. We also have the Alumni room and classrooms of all sizes, seating anywhere from five to sixty-five people, and both gyms can be set up for parties.” Fink adds that projectors, screens, and laptops are also available to use for presentations. Rental rates depend on the room, the size of the group, and the nature of the event.

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Catering can be arranged by Fink, or you are welcome to bring your own food or set up any catering you might need on your own. She is also available to consult if you have questions about who to call for catering or how much food you’ll need for your group.

For more information, please call Heather Fink at 774-4557 or email her at heather.fink@willistonstate.edu.
Being a college student in Western North Dakota today comes with a different set of challenges than elsewhere, says Robert “Bob” Benson, assistant professor of health and science at Williston State College.

The biggest challenge for college students in our area, says Benson, is deciding to go to school when they could otherwise make money without having a lot of formal education. It is a big decision that teenagers have to make when they come out of high school. Benson is all too familiar with this decision – it’s one his own children are faced with, particularly Geoff, a senior in high-school and Hannah, a junior. (Teresa, in eighth grade, still has a few years.) Admittedly, it is a big opportunity, and no one knows how long the oil industry is going to continue at this pace.

Benson grew up in Crosby, Minnesota, the youngest of six children. He earned his nursing and physical therapy degree from St. Scholastica’s college in Duluth, Minnesota, before heading to Marian university in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to earn a degree in education. He came to Williston in 1992 to take a teaching position at then-UND-Williston. “I saw an ad in the newspaper. Prior to that time I’d visited North Dakota, but not Williston. After I moved, I felt that I really liked this community,” recalls Benson. Twenty years later, Benson is still at WSC, teaching such classes as anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, pathology, and microbiology.

Benson really likes the friendship of people who work at WSC. “Being a small school, you get to know all the other instructors and staff personally,” says Benson. “Here as a science instructor, I have the chance to know people in the welding department and automotive department, which wouldn’t occur at a big university.”

Benson also thinks that compared to other colleges, WSC offers a great deal of personal attention. The class sizes are smaller, and it’s very easy for students to stop in and talk to the instructors. “You don’t feel like you are a number,” Benson says.

Regarding recent changes in Williston, Benson admits that “It’s hard. There are good things and there are bad things, but we have to get through this struggle right now.” Benson sees a bright future, once the availability of housing catches up with the demand, and living here becomes affordable for people who do not work for oil companies but provide the sorts of services and support the community needs. “They just simply cannot afford to live in our community in this moment,” he says, “but I think once we get there, it’s going to be positive. We won’t be the small town we were before. We will be able to offer a lot of things that we were not able to have before. We won’t have to travel to Minot or Bismarck to do all our shopping.”

Benson adds that the oil boom has had another positive effect on the college and community: more diversity. He enjoys meeting new people, and feels that including people from other parts of the country, and better yet, other countries, is very positive for the culture. “They all bring unique stories and perspectives along with them, which makes our community more diverse and interesting.”

While he understands the desire to take advantage of the booming economy and get out there and make money, Benson notes that taking too much time off from school can make it difficult to go back. Deciding to survive on a student income is hard when you have a house payment, car payments, and other such bills that come with living and working as an adult.

Benson maintains that gaining an education is the best way to improve yourself and your life, particularly because it greatly improves your chances of finding a career that you enjoy. His advice to students: “Seek out something that you like to do. Money is not everything. Yes, you need a certain amount of money to survive, but I don’t think there is anything worth more than going to a job that you enjoy five days a week.”

After twenty years, Benson is still doing exactly that.
For Diane Anderson, Coordinator of the Academic Skills Center, the best thing about Williston State College is the people. “WSC is a wonderful place for people to work and students to study and learn,” says Anderson. “This is a place where people care about each other, and it is a place where everyone from young kids to older-than-average students can come and get a quality education.”

After more than twenty years at WSC as a student, tutor, program coordinator, and instructor, Anderson should know what the college has to offer. Growing up in Shelby, Montana, Anderson met her husband Andy in high school, and they were married right after they graduated. In the 1980s, Andy, who was working in the oil field, was transferred to Williston from Glendive, Montana. Soon after that Anderson found WSC (then UND-Williston), and became interested in going back to school. She started taking classes part-time, becoming a full-time student when her youngest child started first grade. Anderson earned both an Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees, studying primarily math and accounting. She went on to earn a bachelor degree from Dickinson State College by taking evening and IVN classes in Williston.

While she was going to school, one of Anderson’s accounting instructors (Gary Bickel) asked if she had ever considered working as a tutor. She was hesitant, but with encouragement from her instructors Anderson started tutoring other accounting students. She continued tutoring accounting and math throughout her time as a WSC student. After she earned her Associate’s degree, the head of developmental studies (Joan Amsden) asked if she would continue tutoring. And she did, tutoring and working part-time for Amsden while taking classes from Dickinson State College. When Amsden retired, Anderson took over her position, and she has been with WSC full-time ever since, teaching and developing the program now called the Academic Skills Center.

What Anderson enjoys most about working at Williston State College are the people who she works with and the students who really want to be here. “They don’t have to be in college,” she notes. “They are here because they want to better themselves.” She especially likes to see the satisfaction her students get and the confidence they build when they succeed in their classes. WSC is becoming a family tradition as well – both of Anderson’s daughters went to Williston State College. “They got a really good education here,” says Anderson. “I’m not just saying that because I work at WSC, but because I know from my own experience.”

While Anderson’s work teaching and coordinating the Academic Skills Center keep her busy, she and Andy are also able to enjoy spending time with their family. Their son Craig is now working in the oil field, and he has two children. Their daughter Kellie (Llewellyn) is a pharmacist at the hospital; her husband also works in the oil field, and they have four children. And their daughter, Kasey, works in the business office at WSC.

“WSC IS A WONDERFUL PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO WORK AND STUDENTS TO STUDY AND LEARN,”
Williston State College has announced that Athletic Director and former Men’s and Women’s Basketball Coach Hunter Berg has resigned his current position effective August 14. Berg served as the school’s athletic director from 2007-2012, women’s basketball coach from 2002-2008, and men’s basketball coach 2008-2012. He will now serve as the athletic director at United Tribes Technical College.

“The personally, it’s sad to see him go,” Terry Olson said. “But professionally, I thought he did a wonderful job here at WSC. He has always been well-liked by everyone and he is going to be missed. We have been together (coaching and as a home and attend the University of North Dakota. He was named to the 1999 All-American Farm Team and the GTE Academic All-District VII second team, and was also All-Conference and NCC All-Academic both seasons.

Berg took over the Teton women’s program in 2002. He compiled a 95-57 overall record while winning the Mon-Dak Conference in 2004-2005 and was named Mon-Dak Conference Coach of the Year.

Berg switched over to coach the Teton men’s basketball team during the 2008-2009 season. The Teton compiled an 80-50 overall record during just four seasons, averaging 20 wins per contest during his time

coordinated new fundraising activities such as the Wing Cook-Off, Casino Night, and the Gun Raffle. He was instrumental in starting the Teton Hall of Fame and organizing the 50 year reunion of Teton Athletics this past June.

While he has enjoyed working with the athletes through the years, he readily admits that it takes more than one person to create a successful athletic program like the one at WSC. “Good coaches are the key to successful athletics, and I couldn’t say enough good things about our coaching staff right now. They are all very committed and hard-working and fun to be working with,” Berg said.

“I enjoyed having the best seat in the house at every Teton game for the past 10 years,” said Berg. “We have had some unbelievable teams and unbelievable players and I got to see them front and center. Our fans and supporters are simply the greatest and they make it seem like anything is possible.”

As the Athletic Director from 2007-2012 he started two new sports in Men’s Hockey and Women’s Fastpitch Softball. Berg also

without a doubt the biggest recruit I ever landed!”

Berg said that it won’t be an easy move and leaving the people at WSC will be difficult. “The students, the athletes, the coaches, the passionate fans, I’ll miss them very much,” he said.

While he will no longer be affiliated professionally with the Teton’s, there will always be a place in his heart for the school. “No words could describe my feelings for the Teton’s,” he said. “I am forever grateful for the opportunities I was given as a player, a coach, and an A.D. My heart will always be here.”

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Dr. Raymond Nadolny, Terry Olson, Hunter Berg and Brett Vibeto share a laugh during Hunter’s going-away party at WSC in August.

player) for about 15 years and this is definitely a shoker for me. But I’m happy for him. It is important and says something about him that he keeps his family first in this move to Bismarck.”

Berg was one of the best to ever lace them up and put on a Teton uniform. As a player he earned All-American honors both seasons at WSC. He was named North Dakota Male Athlete of the Year in 1996-97, and was All-State, All-Conference, State MVP, and Region XIII MVP both seasons. Berg also excelled in the classroom, earning Academic All-American honors in 1997.

Despite several NCAA Division I offers, Berg chose to stay close to home and attend the University of
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Be sure to send photos of your Tiny Tetons for future issues of the Teton Thunder.
Williston State College’s second season of hockey is approaching fast. Head Coach Seamus Gregory is going into the season with high expectations. “We have to maintain our high level of play from last year in order to make it back to the national tournament and achieve our goal,” says Gregory. To that end, the team has added two new coaches: Ross Orrock from Elk River, Minnesota, has taken on the duties of first assistant coach, and Recruitment Coordinator Sam Aide is volunteering as second assistant coach. Along with the new coaches, seventeen new athletes join the thirteen returning players, all of them eager to make another trip to the national tournament. Gregory believes the team this year will be stronger on the defensive side, which will give them a better shot at the national title.

Among the returners is Chasen Dobranski, a sophomore from White Rock, British Columbia. “I thought my decision to go to college was made; I wasn’t going to go. Then, my line mate, Dwight Lee, told me about Williston State College. I contacted Coach Seamus and decided to give college a try.” Dobranski expects the team to return to the national tournament and win the national title this year. These expectations are high, but he thinks that the team should be deeper this year, a better team as a whole. He hopes to start the season healthy and injury-free. Along with playing hockey at WSC, Dobranski has narrowed down his major to mathematics, accounting, or finance.

Important games to watch for include the home opener on October 24, in which the Tetons will take on Minot State University at 7:30pm, the Tetons’ first conference game on November 14, against Dakota College of Bottineau at 7:30pm at the fairgrounds, and a two-game matchup on December 7 and 8, 8:30pm and 3:30pm respectively, against Portage College. The team will also enjoy a trip to Arizona over Christmas break where they will play University of Arizona and Arizona State University. Be sure to log in to the Teton website and listen to the games as they are broadcast live!
“The season is looking very promising,” notes Teton Volleyball Head Coach Alissa Hoehn. “We have a solid group of sophomores complimented by an energetic group of freshmen. This year we bring in three new freshmen as well as two competing with freshmen eligibility and eight returning sophomores.” The new players will be competing for starting positions and have the talent to make a big impact from the start of the season. Practices started August 13 with all thirteen girls eager to start the season out right.

The team’s first tournament was the weekend of August 24 in North Platte, Nebraska. They went 2-3 for the weekend, beating McCook Community College and Eastern Wyoming College, while dropping matches to North Platte Community College, Northeastern Junior College, and Colby Community College. The team was satisfied with this start to the season but is going to work hard at practice to improve every day in order to compete at the national level.

Dani Dukart is a returning starter from Fallon, Montana. While she played middle hitter in high school, she has converted to an outstanding outside hitter for the Tetons. Dukart is currently in the Nursing Program here at the college, where she is working towards applying for the RN program to finish her degree. “When I came here for my tour everyone was very nice and welcoming. It seemed like a good place to continue my sports career,” she recalls. Dukart is extremely excited to get the season rolling, particularly with such phenomenal returning talent, as well as a great group of freshmen coming in.

The Tetons won their first home game (and first conference play of the season) on September 5, beating Dawson Community College three games in a row. This takes the team to 1-0 in conference play and 7-3 overall. “We really appreciate the support our fans give us,” says Hoehn. “We have one of the best home court crowds of any venue I have been to!”

Upcoming home games include Dakota College at Bottineau, October 3 at 7:00pm, Bismarck State College, October 10 at 7:00pm, and Teton Volleyball Dig Pink Night on October 19 at 7:00pm. An annual tradition for the Tetons, Dig Pink night raises awareness (and money) to help fight cancer. Fans are encouraged to wear pink and participate in the silent auction and other festivities. The Tetons will also wear pink uniforms as they compete against their rivals from North Dakota State College of Science.
Bryant Marsing is making the most of his experience at Williston State College. In addition to classes and baseball, Marsing attends as many of the other games and student activities as he can.

“I usually go to most activities,” says Marsing. “I’m on TAB (Teton Activity Board), so I help set them up. I try to go to most sporting events as well, to support the other teams.” Marsing notes that he attends pretty much all of the home basketball, volleyball, and hockey games, and he’s looking forward to supporting the softball team as well.

Marsing grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was still in high school when WSC recruited him. He didn’t need to tour the school to make his decision. “I looked at the school online and talked to a few people I knew here,” recalls Marsing. “They said it was a good school.” His decision was made.

Baseball has provided many of Marsing’s most exciting moments at WSC. “In our road-trip to Arizona over Spring Break, we played fifteen games and saw three,” Marsing remembers. “It was nice to play in warm weather, though we played a lot tougher competition down there. In ten days, we played five double-headers – it was fun but exhausting.”

“Making it to the super-regionals was really fun,” he adds, “but it was heartbreaking at the end to lose the championship game.”

But college life is more than baseball to Marsing. He continues to stay involved in Teton Activity Board. “It’s fun and exciting to be around creative people, and to try make the events as fun as possible, so more kids attend,” he says. “We have a lot of dances and bowling activities coming up. Welcome week was really successful. It’s good for students to meet each other,” he adds, noting that campus isn’t all that big, so students seem to enjoy their time more if they meet a lot of their fellow students right away.

Living in Frontier Hall helps with that as well. “It’s a pretty nice dorm,” he notes. “There are lots of friends around, and it’s nice to go from room to room when we don’t have practice.”

Marsing also takes advantage of the variety of classes available at WSC. “Yoga is a fun class,” he says, and he likes his instructors, like Faye Krogen, from whom he’s taken classes in computer and math. “She’s willing to help, genuine, and nice,” adds Marsing.

When he graduates next spring with his degree in business management, Marsing says that his college days won’t be over yet. “I’m looking to get a BA and MA in business,” he says. If baseball doesn’t take him elsewhere, he’s looking forward to trying out one of the colleges in Utah. His sister Kellie lives in Salt Lake City, and most of his family is in the area as well.

Eventually, Marsing sees himself running a business. “I’d like to manage a personal trainer business,” he says. “I like to be around physical fitness-type stuff. Wherever I end up, if it’s close to home, that would be great.”
Sophomore Shayla Hertz may have been recruited to play volleyball for Williston State College, but it wasn’t the scholarship that made up her mind; it was the community.

Hertz caught the eye of Teton Volleyball Head Coach Alissa Hoehn at volleyball camp in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. After visiting a number of other colleges and weighing her options both for academics and volleyball, Hertz was drawn to WSC. “I decided I wanted to play volleyball, and then it came down to WSC and a college in Alberta,” recalls Hertz. “I liked Williston better, so I decided to come here.”

“The states are famous for supporting their athletes,” she notes. “We don’t focus on that as much in Canada. Athletes here are a main focus and are much more respected here than they were in my high-school. And there are a lot more fans here.”

Hertz grew up in Edenwold, Saskatchewan, and is no stranger to a farming community like Williston. Her dad farms and her mom is deputy minister for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Hertz is majoring in agriculture as well, but her focus is more on the business and economics of agriculture. “There is a wide spectrum of agribusiness jobs available in Canada,” she points out. “I’m not so much interested in the farming business as the business behind farming.”

Her education at WSC hasn’t been limited to agriculture and business, however. Hertz tries to get the most out of the opportunities available at WSC. In addition to her classes and volleyball, she participates in the Teton Activity Board and Student Ambassadors. “It’s interesting to find a way to balance a schedule and academics and sports. It was a big learning curve to figure out how to fit all of that into my schedule.”

It’s a busy schedule, but Hertz finds many sources of inspiration and support, especially her teammates. “The whole team atmosphere at WSC is amazing,” she says. “I’ve never played on a team that is so supportive of each other.” The teachers also help. After hearing stories about the quality of teachers she might find at some colleges, Hertz was taken aback by the great teachers at WSC. She has particularly enjoyed classes with Richard Stenberg (“an amazing teacher that really knows his stuff…he was challenging and really interesting”) and Steve Grunenwald (“really like him as a teacher…he really lets you explore your writing abilities”).

Hertz has also remained close to other sources of inspiration. “I’m really family-oriented, and it’s a quick drive home. I was able to go home about once a month last year. Less often this year,” she adds, “since volleyball is a little busier, and Williston has many community events, and there are a lot of friends around, so I feel like I don’t need to go home as much.”

Hertz may find herself a source of support for other students as well. Of her work with the Student Ambassadors program, “It’s a way to meet new people and be the face of a school that I think is especially good for those students who don’t yet know what they want to do with their future.”

She has no reservations about encouraging others to come to Williston to begin their college careers. As she looks forward to taking a year to travel or do some missionary work, possibly in Africa or Europe, before continuing her education in business, marketing, or agribusiness, Hertz is happy with the decisions that have led her to this point. “I know I made the right choice with Williston State College. It’s just a good school.”
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