The State Board of Higher Education approved 12 major capital projects to be included in the North Dakota University System’s 2011–13 budget request at the June 24, 2010, SBHE meeting at Valley City State University, Valley City, N.D.

“This list of major capital projects will go forward to the governor and the Legislature as the University System’s highest new construction and renovation priorities,” said Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor. “The decision-making process was very difficult because many important needs were brought forward by the campuses. In the final analysis, however, the projects selected best meet the selection criteria established by the board.”

Projects were evaluated on 13 criteria, including addressing life, health and safety issues; addressing compliance with local, state or federal law or requirements; correcting significant deferred maintenance; and advancing a specific program or activity that is a high priority of the state.

The prioritized state-funded projects total $107.7 million. The projects and the related state-funded portion include:

1. NDUS/UND joint IT facility $17.6 million
2. VCSU Rhoades Science Center addition and renovation $10.8 million
3. NDSCS Old Main renovation $8.2 million
4. BSC plant services building $1.5 million
5. UND SOMHS health sciences facility $28.9 million
6. MiSU geothermal heating and cooling $5 million
7. DCB road repairs/repaving $700,000
8. WSC Steven’s Hall addition and renovation $10.4 million
9. LRSC Erlandson Center addition and renovation $3.9 million
10. BSC, DSU, MiSU and UND Bismarck Higher Education Center $8.5 million
11. UND EERC office and lab addition $12.5 million
12. DCB Thatcher Hall heating system upgrade $265,000

The SBHE also approved a prioritized list of major capital projects from North Dakota State University’s Experiment Stations and Extension Service and NDSU Forest Service as well as a list of non-state funded projects for inclusion in the 2011–13 budget request.
Jon Backes, vice president of the State Board of Higher Education, was elected 2010–11 SBHE president during the board’s annual retreat June 23, 2010, in Bismarck, N.D. SBHE member Grant Shaft was elected vice president. Backes and Shaft’s term as SBHE officers began July 1, 2010, and will run through June 30, 2011.

Backes is an attorney in the Minot, N.D., law firm of McGee, Hankla, Backes and Dobrovolny, P.C., where his practice focuses on assisting clients with business, real estate and commercial law needs. He served as 2008–09 and 2009–10 SBHE vice president. Backes was appointed to the board in 2007; his term will run through June 30, 2011.

Shaft is a partner in the Grand Forks, N.D., law firm of Shaft, Reis and Shaft, Ltd. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1986 to 1990. Shaft also was appointed to the SBHE in 2007 and will serve through June 30, 2011.

**Kirsten Diederich**, Fargo, N.D., will serve a four-year term through June 30, 2014.

Diederich is an assistant professor of biology at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., where she teaches introductory cell biology, anatomy and physiology as well as a first-year experience course on evolutionary psychology. She is a member of the FM AM Rotary Club and the National Science Teachers Association. Diederich has served on the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center board of directors and has been involved in fundraising activities for North Dakota State University and the FM Symphony. She also was a member of the First Lutheran Church Council and a volunteer for the FM Humane Society.

A native of Fargo, Diederich graduated from Fargo North High School. She received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of North Dakota and a master’s degree in entomology from NDSU.

**Melissa Bonner** was appointed as the 2010-11 student member of the board and will serve a one-year term ending June 30, 2011.

Bonner received a bachelor’s degree in German from the University of North Dakota in May 2010 and will continue her studies at UND in the fall of 2010. She was a member of the North Dakota Student Association in 2008-09 and 2009-10. Bonner was active in UND student government and served as the 2007-08 student senator. She was active in Pi Beta Phi fraternity for women from 2006 through 2009.

As a 2010 Census outreach worker, Bonner worked closely with Grand Forks and UND officials to encourage student participation in the census. She was a member of the 2009 UND flood coordination team and a volunteer for the UND Big Event in 2007, 2008 and 2009. She has been active in Relay for Life, Special Olympics and Up ’til Dawn.

A native of Fargo, N.D., Bonner is a graduate of Fargo South High School.

**John P. Girard**, Ph.D., was elected 2010–11 faculty advisor to the board by the Council of College Faculties. He will serve a one-year term ending June 30, 2011.

Girard is a tenured associate professor at Minot State University, Minot, N.D. He teaches graduate and undergraduate management courses. His current research interests include knowledge management, social media, virtual business and online education. He has written more than 30 articles and chapters for peer-reviewed or trade journals and books.

Girard is co-founder and chief knowledge strategist for Sagology, a firm dedicated to facilitating collaboration, learning and knowledge sharing through keynote speeches, workshops and consulting. He has spoken at events in the United States and around the world.

Girard completed an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. in business administration from TUI University and a B.Sc. in computer science from the University of Manitoba. He is a graduate of Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Ontario, and the Royal Military College of Science in the United Kingdom.

**Four Economic Development Centers of Excellence** proposals received the approval of the State Board of Higher Education at a June 7, 2010, board meeting. The centers include:

- North Dakota State University Center for Advanced Technology Development and Commercialization (CATCOM)
- North Dakota State University Center of Excellence for Sensors, Communications and Control (CSCC)
- Minot State University Center of Excellence in Entrepreneurship Networking (ENet)
- Minot State University/Trinity Health Geriatric Research Center of Excellence

The next steps in the process of becoming a Center of Excellence is review and approval by the Emergency Commission and the Budget Section. Both NDSU centers received this approval on June 22, 2010, but the MiSU projects did not. CATCOM was funded at $3.9 million and CSCC at $2.8 million.

Related to the CoE discussion, the SBHE also received information about a $200,000 enhancement grant awarded to the University of North Dakota’s Grand Forks Air Force Base Realignment Business Transition Program.

SBHE members who served on the CoE Commission when the most recent round of proposals was reviewed were Duaine Espegard, Jon Backes and Sue Andrews. At the June 7, 2010, meeting, Richie Smith was elected to replace Andrews as a member of the commission.
Capital Construction Investigation Completed

A third-party investigation into the potential violation of laws and policies related to building projects at North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota resulted in a series of recommendations for the State Board of Higher Education and North Dakota University System campuses.

The recommendations include:

• Only one entity should be in charge of managing construction projects and paying project bills.
• One person knowledgeable about construction should have the authority to make decisions; this construction manager or supervisor should have the authority to authorize or deny payment and/or change orders.
• A construction manager or supervisor should be added to the chancellor’s office staff, and NDSU and UND each should have a full-time staff member for the same purpose.
• Section 3 of NDCC 34-11.1-04 should be clarified to provide additional whistle blower protection.
• The SBHE should provide a workable definition of a project.

Conducted by attorney David L. Peterson at the request of the board’s Budget, Audit and Finance Committee, the report also concluded that changes made to SBHE Policies 902.1, 902.3 and 902.5 have provided clarification in regard to biennial budget preparation. These changes will clarify requirements for the institutions and will enhance the project planning process.

The investigation included four projects identified in the capital projects performance audit conducted by the State Auditor’s Office: renovation of Old Main at NDSU, construction of a president’s home at NDSU, renovation of R.H. Barry Hall at NDSU and renovation of Twamley Hall at UND. The Bison Sports Arena at NDSU also was included as an outgrowth of the audit process.

Retirement of the Fighting Sioux Nickname and Logo Under Way

On April 8, 2010, the State Board of Higher Education upheld its May 14, 2009, decision to retire the University of North Dakota’s Fighting Sioux nickname and logo.

The board’s decision followed the April 8, 2010, North Dakota Supreme Court affirmation of a district court ruling allowing retirement of the nickname and logo prior to the Nov. 30, 2010, deadline established in a lawsuit with the National Collegiate Athletics Association.

The implementation of the decision to retire the Fighting Sioux nickname and logo had been delayed by the board to allow tribal members time to seek tribal council support for their continued use. While the Spirit Lake Tribal Council voted for continued use, the Standing Rock Tribal Council did not support it.

As directed in a letter from Chancellor Bill Goetz, UND immediately began the process to transition away from use of the Fighting Sioux nickname and logo by Aug. 15, 2011. UND developed an organizational structure and appointed key leaders to implement the process. Three task groups have been identified to assist in this process. Two of these task groups have been activated:

* Honoring History and Traditions Task Group
* Communications Task Group

A third task group — New Directions Task Force Group — won’t be activated until UND is ready to begin the search for a new nickname and logo. UND president Robert Kelley has said he expects UND will be known simply as “North Dakota” for some period of time.

Tuition Discounts Benefit North Dakotans

More than one-half of all full and partial tuition discounts provided by North Dakota University System campuses go to North Dakota residents, according to a report presented to the State Board of Higher Education at its June 17, 2010, meeting.

In academic year 2008-09, 52 percent of all tuition discounts were provided to North Dakota residents; 24 percent went to out-of-state residents and 24 percent to international students. While NDUS colleges and universities provided $27 million in tuition discounts in 2008-09, those same students paid more than $33 million for tuition, on-campus food and housing, and mandatory fees.

Students who received tuition discounts represent about 15 percent of the unduplicated 2008-09 headcount enrollment. Also, according to the report, North Dakota residents who received tuition discounts paid less net tuition, on average, than non-resident students. International students at all 11 campuses paid, on average, considerably more than North Dakota residents, even after discounts were applied.
SBHE Approves Presidents’ Objectives and Contracts

The 2010-11 objectives for the 10 North Dakota University System college and university presidents have quantitative, measurable goals tied to the board’s strategic plan, according to Chancellor Bill Goetz.

Approved at the June 17, 2010, State Board of Higher Education meeting, progress on the presidents’ objectives will be followed by using GoalShare, a new, internally developed software program. Goetz said GoalShare will provide more consistency to the process.

The presidents’ contracts also were approved at the June 17, 2010, meeting. Salary increases ranged from 1 percent to 2.75 percent with an average increase of 1.58 percent. Salary recommendations were based upon a number of factors, such as salary ranges established by the board’s Executive Compensation Task Force. These ranges incorporate comparisons to national peer institutions.

Promoting Student Safety and Success

Alcohol continues to be the drug of choice on North Dakota University System campuses, but high-risk use is declining slowly, according to a report provided by Jane Vangness, director of the North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention, and Michel Hillman, Ph.D., vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

The substance abuse prevention consortium includes all 11 University System institutions as well as Jamestown College, Jamestown, N.D. The group recently was awarded a $326,000 U.S. Department of Education grant to provide late night, alcohol-free programming; on-line alcohol education for first-year students; and prevention outreach to at-risk students.

Board Policy Manual Revisions Approved

Policy manual revisions adopted at the February and April 2010 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

February
Introduction and first reading
402.4 - Admissions Policies – Transfer Applicants
805.2 - Student Activity Fees

April
Introduction and first reading
402.1.1 - Standardized Test Scores
402.1.2 - Student Placement into College Courses
402.2 - Beginning Freshman Applicants - Baccalaureate Programs
403.9 - Developmental Courses

Introduction and final passage
303.2 - NDUS Strategic Plan and Objectives; Institution Strategic Plan
604.1 - Performance Evaluations: Presidents
604.2 - Performance Evaluation: Chancellor
512 - Student Drivers and Use of State Vehicles by Student Groups

Second reading and final passage
402.4 - Admissions Policies – Transfer Applicants
805.2 - Student Activity Fees

June
Introduction and first reading
350.3 - School of Medicine and Health Science Advisory Board; Reports

402 - Delegation of Admission Authority
406.1 - Academic Calendars
First reading and final adoption
308.1 - Code of Conduct
805.3 - Application, Course, Program and Other Miscellaneous Fees
830.1 - Student Payment Policy
Second reading and final passage
402.1.1 - Standardized Test Scores
402.1.2 - Student Placement into College Courses
402.2 - Beginning Freshman Applicants - Baccalaureate Programs
403.9 - Developmental Courses
Accountability Measures Report Demonstrates Responsiveness

North Dakota University System colleges and universities are performing very well when measured by the accountability standards established by the Legislative Assembly, the State Board of Higher Education and the Roundtable on Higher Education, according to a report presented at the June 17, 2010, SBHE meeting at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.

“The North Dakota University System is deeply committed to meeting – and exceeding – the expectations of the people and state of North Dakota,” said Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor. “The 2009 Accountability Measures Report includes 33 measures of the system’s responsiveness to state needs and addresses important issues such as affordability, accessibility, fiscal responsibility, academic quality and responsiveness to the private sector. The University System has made remarkable progress since accountability measures reporting began in 2001, and we will continue on this path of service to our state.”

Now in its 10th year of publication, the annual accountability measures report was created to respond to expectations set forth in 2001 legislation and updated in each subsequent legislative session. Passage of Senate Bill 2003 signaled that the NDUS can and should play a larger role in enhancing the economic and social vitality of North Dakota. Referred to as the “flexibility with accountability” legislation, it empowered the NDUS to act more entrepreneurially and, at the same time, provided consensus on what the system would be held accountable for.

The 11 colleges and universities that make up the North Dakota University System perform very well compared to other states and national standards,” said Richie Smith, president of the State Board of Higher Education. “A separate report also shows that we have one of the most productive state systems of higher education in the nation. Clearly, North Dakotans can be very proud of our university system.

“The past decade has been one of tremendous accomplishment, but State Board of Higher Education members and University System officials understand there’s always room for improvement,” Smith said. “We are committed to the delivery of high-quality education and enhancing the state’s economic and social vitality. The annual accountability measures report is one tool by which we will continue to evaluate the University System’s progress toward achieving this dual mission.”

To view the North Dakota University System’s 2009 Accountability Measures Report, go to: http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/reports/details.asp?id=465

Budget, Audit and Finance Committee Recommendations Approved

The following Budget, Audit and Finance Committee recommendations were approved by the State Board of Higher Education at the February through June 2010 meetings:

February
- 2010-11 annual budget guidelines, including tuition and fees
- Audit and financial statement improvements

April
- NDUS FY2009 financial statement audit report responses

May
- NDUS responses to the April 2010 Capital Projects Performance Audit and FY 2009 operational audits for BSC, DCS, DSU, MUni, MaSU, VCSU and WSC

June
- Internal audit plan – Phase I
- FY 2011 NDUS Office and SBHE budgets
- TIAA-CREF 403(b) universal availability

Upcoming SBHE Meetings

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Consent Agenda Items Approved

Consent agenda items approved at the February, April, May and June 2010 State Board of Higher Education meetings include the following:

Financial and Facility Consent Agenda

February

BSC: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to seek $1,080,000 in federal and/or private funding to complete the 4th floor of the National Energy Center of Excellence at an estimated total cost of $4,335,000

MiSU: Authorization to increase funding for Phase I of the Health & Wellness Center project from $10 million to $12.77 million and to seek Budget Section approval to change the scope of the project

MiSU: Authorization to proceed with Phase I of the football stadium turf improvements, safety repairs and athletic facilities improvements at an estimated cost of $2.8 million and to seek a loan from the Bank of North Dakota to cover of these costs

MiSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to seek $8.5 million in federal funding for a geothermal heating and cooling system at an estimated total cost of $17.1 million

NDSCS: Authorization to proceed with renovation of Horton Hall at an estimated cost of $6,375,000 and to seek Budget Section approval to increase authorization from $5.7 million to $6,375,000

NDSU: Authorization to seek federal funding for the first-floor renovation of Geosciences Hall at an estimated cost of $750,000 and to seek Budget Section approval to accept and spend federal funding

NDSU: Authorization to increase spending authority for the Langdon Research Extension Center headquarters building heating and cooling system project from $144,000 to $200,000, to amend the project scope and funding source(s), to seek possible grant funding and to request Budget Section approval

UND: Authorization to increase spending authority for renovation of and an addition to the Education Building from $11.2 million to $12.6 million; to solicit private funding of up to $1.4 million for purchasing furniture, fixtures and equipment; and to seek Budget Section approval to increase spending authority from $11.2 million to $12.6 million

UND: Authorization to renovate four residence halls at a cost not to exceed $2.5 million

UND: Authorization to proceed with construction of an addition to the Energy and Environmental Research Center, including equipment, at an estimated cost of $1,950,000

April

BSC: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to renovate the Office Annex for use as student housing at a cost of $350,000 from auxiliary reserve funds

DCB: Authorization to proceed with a boiler replacement project at an estimated cost of $800,000 in general funds

MiSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to seek a $1 million Department of Commerce Energy Efficiency Grant to replace windows in Old Main and Model Hall at a total cost of $1.2 million, with $200,000 from 2009-11 deferred maintenance

MiSU: Authorization to seek a $5 million Department of Commerce Renewable Energy Project Grant for a geothermal system at an estimated total cost of $17.1 million

MiSU: Authorization to request $1,882,584 in Department of Commerce ARRA funding for modification and renovation of mechanical and electrical systems for facility energy efficiency improvements

UND: Ratification of the chancellor’s approval to request up to $1 million in Department of Commerce ARRA funding for installation of a renewable energy project

May

DSU: Authorization of a change in funding source for the Badlands Activity Center from donations and gifts to donations, gifts and student fee revenues and to seek Budget Section approval of the change

NDSU: Authorization to spend $12,455 for landscaping and completing exterior restrooms at the president’s home

NDSU: Authorization to spend $1,405,500 in private funds for the Bison Sports Arena weight equipment, body cooling system and remaining design costs

UND: Authorization to seek Budget Section approval to utilize $220,000 in asbestos settlement funds as the local match on the O’Kelly Hall renovation project authorized in 2007-09

VCSU: Authorization to apply for $3.5 million in Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds from the Industrial Commission for the Snoeyenbos Hall renovation project
June

DCB: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to seek Budget Section approval for a change in cost and scope of the Entrepreneurial Center for Horticulture project from $2 million to $700,000 to be funded from federal ($350,000) and private ($350,000) grants; authorization to proceed with construction, contingent on Budget Section approval.

DSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s approval of an increase of $200,000 for the Stickney Hall renovation project from $1,033,000 to $1,233,000 with the $200,000 increase to be funded from 2009–11 general fund deferred-maintenance funding.

MaSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s approval of an increase in the Science – Library renovation and education addition project by $180,000 to $5,138,328 and authorization to seek Budget Section approval of a change in the project scope.

MaSU: Authorization to proceed with Old Main building improvements at an estimated cost of $400,000 funded from the 2009–11 campus deferred maintenance appropriation.

MiSU: Authorization to proceed with a $301,350 landscape improvement project paid for with $150,000 from the 2007–09 general fund capital carryover fund and $151,350 in local institutional funds.

MiSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to seek Budget Section approval to increase Phase I of the Health & Wellness Center project from $10,924,000 to $12,770,000 and authorization to proceed with the project funded by $1,305,000 in institutional funds and $541,000 in private funds collected over a period of years.

NDSCS: Termination of the Skills & Technology Training Center partnership agreement with NDSU.

NDSU: Ratification of the chancellor’s action permitting the Forest Service to seek Budget Section approval to increase authorization to construct a greenhouse at the Towner State Nursery from $300,000 to $391,000 from income carryover.

NDSU: Authorization to increase project authorization and scope on a heating plant generator upgrade from $826,000 to $1.1 million to be funded by $109,000 in 2009–11 deferred maintenance funds and $165,000 in utility sales.

UND: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to proceed with modifications to the existing EERC research building to accommodate installation of a temporary hydrogen generation and refueling station at an estimated cost of $700,000 funded by EERC research funds.

UND: Ratification of the chancellor’s authorization to seek Budget Section approval for a skywalk and renovations to the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research and the adjacent College of Nursing Building at a cost of $409,000 funded by $169,326 in appropriated funds and $239,674 in local departmental institutional funds.

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Recognizing Academic Achievement

Eight community college students were named to the 2010 North Dakota All-Academic Team, which recognizes the achievements of community college students. Pictured at the recognition banquet are the community college presidents (seated): John Richman, Ph.D., NDSCS; Larry Skogen, Ph.D., BSC; Mike Bower, Ph.D., LRSC; and Ken Grosz, Ph.D., DCB.

Pictured (standing): Marsha Krotseng, Ed.D., vice chancellor for strategic planning and College Technical Education Council executive director; Ashley Bruesch, NDSCS; Jamie Mauch, NDSCS; Amanda Krieger, BSC; Abby Anderson, BSC; Brian Chepulis, LRSC; Sarah Song, LRSC; Shawn Schindler, DCB; Marcus Pratt, DCB; and Dr. Gary Hagen, Mayville State University president and guest speaker.
**Academic Consent Agenda**

**February**

**NDSCS:** Offer an A.A. and A.S in liberal arts to be offered traditionally and at a distance

**NDSU:** Change from Center for Global Initiative and Leadership to Center for Global Initiatives

**UND:** Terminate a P.C. in clinical laboratory science management

**UND:** Offer a B.S. in molecular and integrative biology

**WSC:** Make an institutional organizational change in the Adult Learning Center

**WSC:** Make an institutional organizational change in the Small Business Development Center

**WSC:** Terminate an A.A.S. in administrative assistant-accounting

**April**

**DCB:** Terminate an A.A.S. in environmental technology-geographic information systems

**MiSU:** Offer a B.S. in bioinformatics and computational biology

**MiSU:** Offer a minor in deaf and hard of hearing

**NDSU:** Change a department title from the Department of Chemistry and Molecular Biology to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

**NDSU:** Offer a Ph.D. in developmental sciences

**NDSU:** Terminate a minor in interior design

**UND:** Offer a B.A. and a B.S. in environmental studies

**UND:** Offer an instructional design and technology graduate certificate in eLearning

**UND:** Offer a B.S. in petroleum engineering and a new degree program

**UND:** Terminate a B.S. Ed. in communication w/secondary teacher certification

**WSC:** Offer an A.A.S. in petroleum production technology

**June**

**BSC:** Terminate an A.A.S and a P.C. in basic hotel management

**BSC:** Terminate an A.A.S. in basic restaurant management

**BSC:** Terminate an A.A.S. in hospitality management

**DCB:** Offer a program certificate in college studies to be offered both traditionally and at a distance

**NDSCS:** Offer an A.A.S. in dental assisting

**NDSU:** Offer a Ph.D. in psychological clinical science

**NDSU:** Change from the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Emergency Management to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Emergency Management

**NDSU:** Offer a master’s in natural resources management

**UND:** Terminate a minor in business education teaching

**UND:** Terminate a minor in secretarial administration

**UND:** Offer an M.Ed. in English language learners (ELL) education both traditionally and at a distance

**UND:** Offer a graduate certificate in ELL education both traditionally and at a distance

**UND:** Offer a graduate certificate in community-based literacy as applied linguistics

**VCSU:** Offer a graduate certificate in library and information technologies both traditionally and at a distance

**VCSU:** Offer a graduate certificate in teaching English language learners both traditionally and at a distance

**VCSU:** Make an institutional organizational change in the Great Plains STEM Education Center
Celebrating Successes

In the spirit of the Roundtable on Higher Education, North Dakota University System colleges and universities share the following examples of their contributions to the economic growth, educational excellence and social vitality of North Dakota.

Bismarck State College

- BSC’s B.A.S. in energy management now is available for students of the Air Force Virtual Education Center. Early in 2010, BSC also signed articulation agreements with Cascadia Community College, Bothell, Wash., and Bellingham Technical College, Bellingham, Wash., providing eligibility for graduates of their energy-related A.A.S. degree programs to enroll in the B.A.S. program.
- The BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center opened March 3. Features of the center include two swimming pools and a diving well, a strength and cardio area, a group fitness area, and community rooms. The Bismarck Parks and Recreation District manages the facility.

Dakota College at Bottineau

- Spring 2010 headcount enrollment at DCB was 755, a 26 percent increase from Spring 2009 and a record headcount for spring semester. Full-time equivalency enrollment increased by 14 percent and full-time enrollment by 8 percent.
- DCB won its fourth consecutive NJCAA National Ice Hockey Championship in Troy, N.Y. The team defeated Hudson Valley Community College and Erie Community College to capture the crown in the four-team national tournament. DCB has been the national champion five times since 2001 and eight times since 1986.
- DCB celebrated the 40th anniversary of Earth Day by transforming April 22 into a learning experience for area high schools, the community and the campus. The priority for the day was developing an ethic of care and concern for the environment. This theme was highlighted through 35 breakout sessions, panel discussions and a keynote address. The Earth Day events promoted DCB’s Nature, Technology and Beyond focus.

Dickinson State University

- DSU signed a memorandum of understanding with Northwest A & F University in Yangling, China, March 23 during ceremonies held on the Yangling campus. The partnership is intended to foster collaborative, agricultural-based efforts between the universities. DSU now has 13 academic partnerships with institutions of higher education in China.
- DSU held a rededication of the Badlands Activities Center track April 9. Huffman Track is named for Roger F. Huffman, who came to DSU as a student in the late 1940s. He later served the university as a professor, coach, athletics director and registrar.
- DSU hosted Native Voices: Conversations on Culture in March. This three-day series of speakers and presentations featured two noted Native American writers, Diane Glancy and Joseph Marshall III. Native Voices also offered a forum for elders and representatives from regional American Indian communities to share their perspectives and cultures.

Lake Region State College

- Two LRSC students placed in the top 10 of the International Delta Epsilon Chi competition in April in Louisville, Ky. Taylor McAllister and Melanie Gehrtz competed in the international marketing category and presented a case study on the Toyota recall and the World Trade Organization’s handling of counterfeit goods in the United States.
- Shuxuan “Sarah” Song, a sophomore at Lake Region State College, was named the New Century Scholar for the state of North Dakota. She also was part of the North Dakota All-Academic Team recognized March 25 at LRSC. The event was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and CTEC, the NDUS College Technical Education Council.
- More than 60 college students and teams from six North Dakota and Minnesota schools participated in the 2010 North Dakota Professional Communicators College Communications Contest April 24 in Fargo. Lake Region State College took first-place honors in the yearbook/annual literary magazine category. Shordinales is an annual artistic publication that allows student work to be shared and showcased.

Mayville State University

- The official kick-off of the Science-Library renovation and addition project was held April 8. Gov. Hoeven was among those who took part in the groundbreaking ceremony. The addition will become the new home of the Division of Education & Psychology. Work was scheduled to begin May 17.
- At the March MaSU Foundation Honor Society dinner, 11 new members were welcomed to the ranks of donors who have provided cumulative lifetime gifts of $10,000 or more.
- In March, the MaSU STEM initiative partnered with the Eastern North Dakota Area Health Education Center and MeritCare Mayville Union Hospital to present a health-related careers fair at MaSU for area fifth through 10th graders. On April 10, more than 300 youth, ages pre-school through high school, and their parents participated in MaSU’s first annual STEM carnival.
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Minot State University

- The MiSU College of Business announced a milestone gift in February: $1 million from Clint Severson and his wife Conni Ahart to help MiSU produce stronger entrepreneurs. The Severson Entrepreneurship Academy will teach multidisciplinary entrepreneurship classes. Students will write, analyze and evaluate business plans in an entrepreneurship club that will be formed. The club also will be given seed money to fund business plans.

- In March, MiSU hosted “Energy Independence and Security.” MiSU and DSU sponsored the Western North Dakota Energy Impact Symposium, a four-part series, in cooperation with the Great Plains Energy Corridor.

- The Corporation for National and Community Service named MiSU to its 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This is the highest federal recognition a university can receive for its commitment to volunteerism, service learning and civic engagement. MiSU was the only North Dakota university or college to earn this award in 2009.

North Dakota State College of Science

- Gov. Hoeven presented NDSCS a $265,000 Workforce Enhancement Grant to support the college’s partnership with private industry through which new and existing workers are trained for North Dakota’s automotive repair and maintenance sector. The funding will help launch NDSCS’s new Automotive Diagnostic Certification Center in partnership with Snap-on Industrial, a $2.5 billion company.

- NDSCS announced the expansion of its liberal arts program to Fargo. Classes will begin in August in north Fargo; students will be able to earn a two-year A.A. in liberal arts.

- The “Give Kids a Smile” free dental care event was held at NDSCS with about 60 children ages three to 20 benefiting from services. The combined services for the day totaled more than $24,000.

North Dakota State University

- NDSU is listed among the top 50 FY 2008 research universities in several National Science Foundation research categories. When ranked by research and development expenditures among 554 research universities that do not have medical schools, NDSU ranks 39th in the nation.

- NDSU and Triton Systems Inc. announced a research partnership and the Massachusetts-based company’s establishment of a new facility in the Research and Technology Park. The work primarily will be devoted to applications engineering and manufacturing of advanced coatings for military products.

- NDSU received a $350,000 grant from the National Science Foundation’s Major Research Instrumentation Program. The grant will provide highly specialized equipment for biomaterials research.

University of North Dakota

- Brenna Goodman, a nursing major and UND Army ROTC cadet, won first-place standing and first-place overall individual at the Civilian Marksmanship competition at Washington University-St. Louis. Goodman was captain of the first-place team. She also was a member of the co-ed team that finished third-place overall in the Ranger Buddy Challenge at Kansas University.

- Grant Hauschild, a political science major, was elected 2010–11 student body vice president and won a Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the same award given to commencement speaker Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. Hauschild previously was a Greek housing senator and is a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Williston State College

- WSC’s Diesel and Automotive Technology Programs received a 2008 Caterpillar 160M motor grader and diagnostic equipment from Tractor and Equipment Company. The grader and equipment are valued at $35,000. These donations total $410,000 and were used to match a $265,000 Workforce Enhancement Grant. All combined, WSC received $675,000 for training diesel technicians.

- Six WSC students placed at the 37th annual Skills USA competition. Jon Juve placed first, and Matt Stark placed third in the Diesel Equipment Technology Division. Jared Lund placed first, and Chris Bauer placed third in the Job Skill Demonstration Division. Eric Helberg received first-place honors in the Computer Maintenance Technology Division. These students will advance to national competition in Kansas City, Mo.

- WSC received a $7,600 grant to help prepare students for nontraditional careers. The gender-based grant will be used for promotion and planning activities. WSC will target females and degrees in information technology, agriculture and automotive technology as well as males and degrees in nursing.

Valley City State University

- The Prairie Waters Education and Research Center has been awarded a five-year $732,000 grant by the North Dakota Department of Health. The grant will allow the center to serve as a statewide resource for water education, research and management.

- Three music education majors were recognized by the National Association for Music Education for their commitment and dedication to music education. At the North Dakota National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions, an impressive showing by VCSU students included third-place and first-place finishes in individual divisions.

- VCSU held the first meeting of the North Central Regional Chapter of the America’s SAP Users Group. The meeting attracted 14 companies from four states. VCSU incorporates SAP software into its curriculum and is the only university in several surrounding states participating in the SAP University Alliance program.
WSC: Change from the Great Northwest Career and Technical Education Center to the Northwest Area Career and Technology Center

**Personnel Consent Agenda**

**April**

**NDSU:** Award an honorary doctor of laws to Esther Myers  
**UND:** Award an honorary doctor of letters to Howard Dahl

**May**

**DSU:** Award an honorary bachelor of arts and letters to Pam Kostelecky

**June**

Approve appointments of JoAnn Rodenbiker, Paul Langseth, Mike Belz and Doyle Lentz to the North Dakota State Board of Agriculture Research and Education