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Greetings,

The academic year is quickly nearing completion at Dakota State University as the Spring Semester flies by. The following is an update on some recent and current campus happenings at DSU:

- DSU is moving forward with a major housing renovation within its residence halls. The university will soon be selecting an architect and planning for this **\$4.2 million renovation project** which will occur during the summers of 2008 and 2009. This project will significantly benefit the living environment for all of our residential students.
- The **DSU Career Services Office** has hosted nearly 50 campus visits throughout the year by businesses and organizations seeking to interview students for internship and full-time opportunities. This has included a wide variety of companies and represents a record number of campus visits by companies to hire DSU students.
- The **DSU Theatre** just concluded their Spring Production of “Our Town.” This was a terrific production offering five performances; it was a large cast of students and their time, effort, and talent resulted in an outstanding play.
- A couple of important dates this spring include the **Honors Banquet** which will be the evening of April 23 and **Spring Commencement** on May 12.
- DSU is hosting a visiting **Fulbright Scholar from India**. Ms. Smita Dalvi is on campus for three weeks in April presenting lectures on campus and visiting community and regional organizations. She is a professor of Islamic Art and Architecture, and DSU is very proud to host an individual from the prestigious Fulbright program.
- Two DSU student business clubs have recently had success in regional competitions: **Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)**. Both groups do outstanding work to further their members’ educational experiences as well as helping teach others about business principles while providing community service.
- The DSU Women’s Basketball team won the Dakota Athletic Conference title and advanced to the **NAIA National Tournament** for the second straight year. The DSU baseball team started the season with an all-time school record of 22 straight wins; as of this writing, the team is currently 25-6 and **ranked #11 in the nation**.
- The DSU Bookstore website updates with new merchandise regularly. Check [www.dsubookstore.com](http://www.dsubookstore.com) for Spring graduation gift ideas including DSU apparel and imprinted gifts.
- For the second year in a row, DSU is the only educational institution in the state to receive the **South Dakota Star Award** for service and hospitality.
- If you want to receive future mailings of **this letter electronically**, please email [DeanOfStudentAffairs@dsu.edu](mailto:DeanOfStudentAffairs@dsu.edu). Include your student’s name in the subject line, and include the email address to which you’d like the letter sent.

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Sincerely,

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