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Greetings,

The 2005-06 academic year at Dakota State University has been a busy one and is already nearing completion. Where did the year go?! Here is an update on some exciting projects and new developments on campus:

- Final approval has been granted by the South Dakota Legislature and Governor for DSU to proceed with our first-ever doctorate program. Beginning in Fall 2006, DSU will offer a Doctor of Science in Information Systems. This milestone will continue to transform the DSU campus as we move forward with innovative curricular programs.
- Dakota State has received recent media attention for its outstanding placement rates. The 2004-05 DSU graduating class has attained a 95% overall in-field placement rate. DSU graduates are obtaining positions in the careers they have been educated for – this is exciting news for students, faculty, staff, and parents alike!
- The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for DSU continues during 2006. Next fall's Homecoming will celebrate the anniversary, and numerous other events will commemorate the milestone. Limited edition Coca-Cola cans were distributed in the Sioux Falls market this winter featuring the Anniversary logo (the logo is atop this letterhead).
- The DSU Women's Basketball team won the Dakota Athletic Conference and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. The Lady Trojans won their first two games at the tournament advancing as one of the Elite Eight teams in the country. The Spring sports season is upon us with the DSU Baseball Team currently ranked #1 in the region, the Softball Team also off to a very strong start, and Track and Field in full swing.
- The DSU Bookstore website continues to add new merchandise regularly. Check [www.dsubookstore.com](http://www.dsubookstore.com) for spring and graduation gift ideas including DSU apparel and 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gifts.
- A new convenience store has been opened by DSU Dining Services on the first floor of the Zimmermann Residence Hall. This store provides new shopping and meal choices featuring grocery and convenience items as well as later, more convenient operating hours for DSU students.
- DSU was recognized by the state with a South Dakota Star Award for our service and hospitality. DSU was the only educational institution in the state to win the award.
- If you would like to receive future mailings of this newsletter via email (rather than a paper copy), please send an email to [DeanOfStudentAffairs@dsu.edu](mailto:DeanOfStudentAffairs@dsu.edu). Include your student's name in the subject line and in the text of your email, please indicate the email address to which you would like to receive the newsletter.

Please stop by the Student Services office in the Trojan Center if you are ever on campus. Learn more about all of these initiatives and keep in touch with other events via the website at [www.dsu.edu](http://www.dsu.edu). Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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