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Executive Summary:

The most significant occurrence for the department was the July implementation of the new facilities management system called FAMIS. This change affected every employee in one way or another. The staff stepped up to the challenge and faced the difficulties and struggles of learning the new system. One of the biggest problems faced was interfacing with PeopleSoft. The problems caused a billing delay for several months. This meant departments could not have up-to-date information on their accounts which in turn slowed down project requests. The situation was resolved and the first billing was posted in November. With this new system, departments will have access to their monthly charges via the computer using Discoverer Reports. The Business Manager, with the assistance of U2, conducted Discoverer training sessions to departments' designated staff.

The department recorded a decrease of 28,235 square feet of building space for the year. This was mainly due to the demolition of the ten West Green I apartments and the addition of the American Indian Center in December. The campus has 223 buildings amounting to 5,220,672 square feet.

The construction of the \$19 million Wellness Center was a major focus of the department. The facility is planned to be completed September 2006. This center will accommodate the needs of the campus community by promoting the seven dimensions of wellness.

Facilities assisted with the grant application for the The Northern Plains Behavioral Research Center. This consisted of providing construction plans and schematics to meet the criteria of the National Institute of Health.

Facilities assisted with the approval process for the Environmental and Energy Research Center (EERC) Hydrogen Facility. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on April 17. The 15,000 sq.ft. facility will enhance the research, development, testing, and commercialization of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.

Construction began on the Spiritual Center located east of Hughes Fine Arts by the English Coulee. Funded by a donation, the 2,500 square foot facility will provide students and the rest of the campus community a spiritual place to gather. While the Adelphi fountain in California being refurbished, the whole area near the English coulee is being transformed. A student government funded memorial is under construction as well. The memorial will feature a wall fountain and places for quiet reflection. This memorial will be dedicated to the memories of those who have graced the campus before us.

The need for more parking has been a request of students for several years. The department has worked with an architect to plan and coordinate a solution to the campus parking needs. In April, construction began on a 750 stall parking ramp located east of Swanson Hall along Columbia Road.

The planning and approval process for the \$20 million housing apartment complex was also completed. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 13.

The campus is experiencing much growth and with that growth is challenged to provide the infrastructure to sustain it. The department hired Stanley Consultants to conduct a steam distribution study to evaluate the adequacy of the current system as well as provide recommendation for future expansion. This study is critical in efforts to support the research endeavors the University is striving to accomplish.