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University Center Posts Record Enrollments

Sioux Falls – Fall 2007 enrollment reports show record enrollments at the South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center, commonly known as University Center. The headcount of 2,089 is 8.4% greater than last fall while full-time equivalent (FTE) students are now at 1,160 or 9.9% greater. Since moving into the facilities on the STI campus in January 2001, fall-to-fall headcount enrollment has grown 80% and FTE 158%.

	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	% Inc.
Headcount	1,928	2,089	8.4%
FTE	1,055	1,160	9.9%

“Enrollment results continue to be quite strong in programs across-the-board,” noted Mark Lee, University Center Executive Dean. “In particular, new programs in Psychology and Criminal Justice showed substantial gains as did the many Business majors delivered here,” he concluded.

Enrollment figures continue to show that University Center is mainly attracting and serving the adult student from the Sioux Falls area who attends part-time. “Some 51% of the students attending here are taking only one or two classes and only 73 students, or 3.5% of the total, were what could be considered traditional freshmen. The traditional freshmen number could easily be as high as 25-30% on a residential campus,” Lee noted.

Enrollment figures continue to show high demand for Nursing programs and growing interest in other health related fields such as Health Information Management and Respiratory Therapy.

The University Center has some 50+ associate, bachelor’s and graduate degree programs fully available in Sioux Falls from four of the six Regental universities. Plans for additional programs and adding the remaining two Regental universities are in place and dependant on available space.

The University Center recently broke ground for new facilities on 60th Street and Career Avenue. These new facilities will add nearly 60,000 square feet of academic space and 21,000 square feet of research space and will be available for classes beginning January 2009.

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