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### **VP POSITION TO REMAIN VACANT INTO NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR**

WAHPETON — The vice president for student affairs position at the North Dakota State College of Science, proposed for a July 1 starting date, will remain vacant into the next academic year, according to Dr. Sharon Hart, NDSCS president.

The decision came after Dr. Stan Cram reconsidered his announced acceptance last month and notified the campus last week that he will not join the NDSCS administration. Another finalist for the position has declined further consideration.

“Situations such as candidates reconsidering positions happen at colleges occasionally,” Hart said. “Dr. Cram’s decision has nothing to do with NDSCS. It’s a temporary setback for the college, and I am confident that we will conduct a successful search during the next school year.”

Hart said the position will be advertised again for a second search that will begin sometime during the 2004-05 academic year.

NDSCS is a two-year, comprehensive, residential college in Wahpeton. The State College of Science offers degrees, certificates and diplomas in over 80 academic options in traditional career and technical studies and in the liberal arts. Approximately 97 percent of graduates from its technical programs find jobs in their chosen fields.

Unlike most two-year colleges, NDSCS offers a university atmosphere for its students, complete with residence halls, 35 affiliated clubs and organizations, music groups, theater productions, intercollegiate athletics, intramural athletics and numerous social activities.

NDSCS celebrated its centennial last year. The college opened in 1903 as the North Dakota Academy of Science.

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