

Mount Marty College

# Expanding Boundaries

MMC's New Science Laboratories Give School A Cutting Edge

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Luke Loecker and Dillon Schenkel are seeing the light these days. That's because the two Mount Marty College students are enjoying the vastly improved lighting — and space and ventilation — of the new Avera Science Laboratories.

The two men marveled at their new surroundings — a quantum leap from the 1936 third-floor labs at Bede Hall.

"This is awesome," Loecker said. "It's all new equipment, and you can really move around. There are more stations and a tremendous amount of space to work. It's a huge improvement."

Schenkel agreed, noting the bright surroundings. "The new lighting makes it easier to do experiments," he said.

MMC officials recently held the blessing ceremony, dedication and open house for the laboratories. The labs represent the first phase of the two-phase, \$3 million project.

After nearly two years in progress, the remodeling for the labs was completed. The laboratory complex consists of renovation of the old library into six state-of-the-art science laboratories. The remodeled facilities include the glass-enclosed Otto Ullrich Memorial Botanical Laboratory.

The second phase, the Avera Nursing Laboratory Complex, includes renovation of the second floor of the former high school building. The changes will include a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory, classrooms and office space for expanding programs.

The botanical laboratory will open up new opportunities, Schenkel said.

"The greenhouse is something they really need," he said. "Dr. (Jim) Sorenson had his plants all over the place at Bede. He really likes the new place."

The improved facilities will mean a great deal for Loecker and Schenkel long after they leave Mount Marty. Loecker, a junior from O'Neill, Nebraska, is following a pre-professional program with plans to pursue either a dentistry or pharmacy career. Schenkel, a senior from Sioux Falls, is majoring in biology with an eye toward medicine or another health career.

"Now, if you go further in school, you will have worked with facilities that are up to higher standards," Schenkel said.

Loecker agreed. "You have the latest tech-



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**ABOVE:** The Otto Ullrich Botanical Laboratory is part of the new Avera Science Laboratories on the campus of Mount Marty College in Yankton. The project provides a big boost to the school's science programs. **BELOW:** Mount Marty College students Luke Loecker (left) and Dillon Schenkel work on an experiment in the recently-completed Avera Science Laboratories. The facility, which includes the Otto Ullrich Memorial Botanical Library, replaces the 1936 labs on the third floor of Bede Hall.

nology and newest advancements. You also have the safety functions and better ventilation," he said.

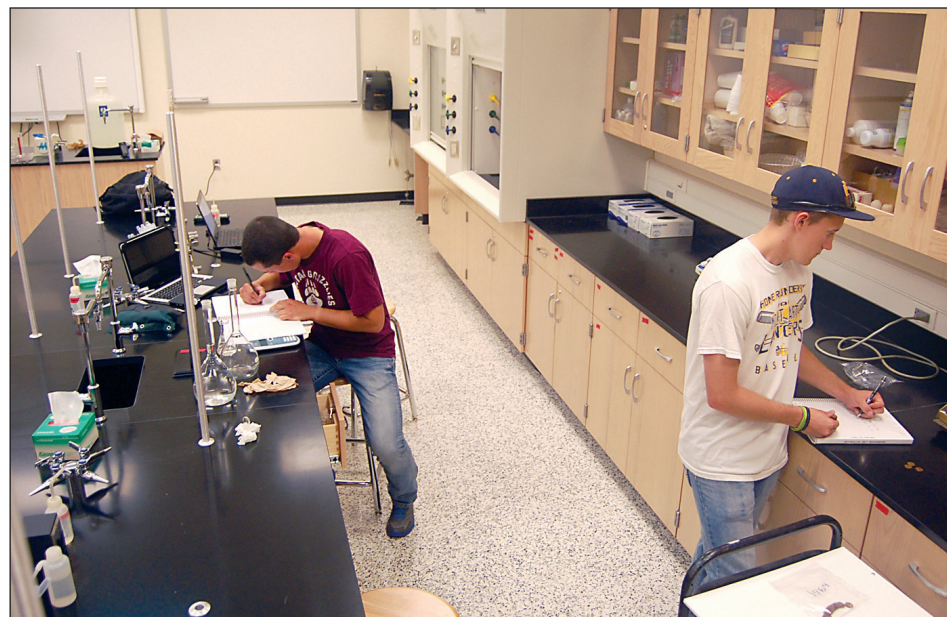
Schenkel and Loecker are representative of the Mount Marty student body. Nearly half of all MMC graduates hold degrees in science, nursing and other health care fields. However, every student will use the new state-of-the-art labs and renovated space for graduation requirements.

Schenkel helped make this summer's move from Bede Hall to the new science complex. Making the move provided even more of an eye-opener in noticing the sharp contrast between old and new facilities.

"We've moved in, and it's still a work in progress," he said.

**THE NEXT LEVEL**

The new science facilities take MMC to the next level, said Tamara Pease, assistant



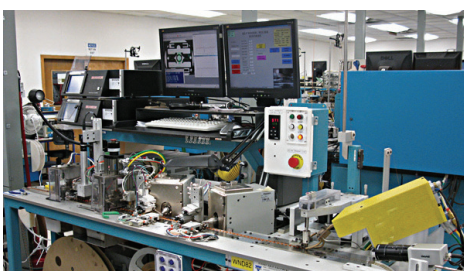
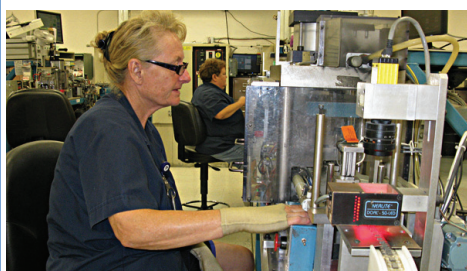
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