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Dear Alumni,

Once again, another fall semester has come and passed at Chadron State College. With so many activities, the semesters go by quickly.

Often, time goes by so quickly that I don’t get to acknowledge Chadron State’s dedicated faculty and staff as much as I’d like. At Chadron State, people go above and beyond to make it the success story that it has become. Those of us at Chadron State see it every day, and often people outside the institution recognize it, too. This fall, for example, Chadron State received special recognition from two military publications for its outstanding service to military veterans. In addition, the Higher Learning Commission gave our faculty great praise for their work in an assessment of our general studies program. The commendations came when a team of Chadron State faculty was completing the HLC’s Academy for Assessment of Student Learning, a four-year process that will improve CSC’s already strong general studies program and make the institution well-situated for its next accreditation process.

On another bright note, we have had tremendous progress with Vision 2011, the multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign that will provide countless students with the resources and facilities they need during Chadron State’s second century of service. With a solid base of monetary support from alumni and other supporters, we have started asking large corporations for donations. The representatives of those entities have been amazed at how much progress we’ve made prior to approaching them – a true testament to the loyalty of Chadron State’s alumni and other supporters.

Also this fall, Chadron State kicked off its 14-month long centennial celebration. The coming year promises to be an exciting one for Chadron State as its wide array of events will have a centennial theme. We hope you will begin making plans to attend homecoming in October, as it promises to be a monumental occasion.

As we wrap up another semester at Chadron State, I hope that 2011 is as special of a time for you and yours as it is sure to be for your alma mater.

Sincerely,

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The college began its celebration homecoming weekend to the theme of “Building Futures through the Decades: History in the Making.”

While the 14-month celebration officially began Oct. 23, Chadron Mayor Donny Grantham signed a proclamation Oct. 9 in recognition of CSC’s centennial year.

Grantham proclaimed official recognition to the year of 2011 as Chadron State College Centennial Year, noting the importance of CSC and higher education to the community, surrounding region, state and overall society. He also noted CSC’s record of service and cooperation with the City of Chadron.

“Chadron is fortunate to have Chadron State College,” Grantham said. “I can’t imagine what the city would be like without it.”

CSC President Janie Park said the college began classes in 1911 as the result of hard work from Chadron community members. She noted that Chadron visionaries began working soon after the city’s founding in 1885 to obtain an institution of higher education in their community.

“Community members spent a lot of time making their vision of Chadron State College become reality,” said Park. “We value our long-time relationship with the City of Chadron in making our community and region a better place.”


The signing also was recognized at Elliott Field during halftime of CSC’s football game against the University of Nebraska at Kearney.
Construction begins on
Dean's Green, campus entrance

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College's scenic Dean's Green, the area north of Old Admin, will soon have a pair of new features.

Fuller Construction of Chadron in November, began work on Chadron State's new Centennial Plaza and campus entrance signage — two projects that were initiated to help the college celebrate its centennial in 2011.

The circular plaza, to be located at the location of the current flag pole, will provide a gathering place at the center of the college’s Dean's Green, said Blair Brennan, CSC facilities coordinator. The design, 42 feet in diameter, resembles the plaza that was constructed in 2009 east of Old Admin. When construction of the Centennial Plaza is complete, three new flag poles will stand near the north end of concrete slab and its benches. Flags for the State of Nebraska and CSC will flank the stars and stripes.

The plans for the campus entrance, or portal, at the intersection of 10th and Main streets include a design of four semicircle structures made of bricks and decorative metal railing. In addition to featuring prominent display of the college's name, the design allows for possible installation of digital and historical signage. Both projects will be accented with landscaping.
The college is using $142,000 of interest earnings from its cash fund to pay for the project, Grant said.

The plans for the entrance call for the removal of the remaining stone and mortar lamp post at the campus entrance of 10th and Main. Brennan said workers will try to save the lamp post and one day use it to decorate another location on campus.

The lamp post is one of four that were placed at the campus entrances near the Dean’s Green in 1926. The one on the east side of Main Street was irreparably damaged the morning of Halloween 2005 when a driver lost control of a sedan and toppled the post. Since then, only the post on the west side of Main Street has greeted visitors at the intersection.

In order to clear the way for the projects, workers removed two evergreen trees. They also are relocating a concrete bench that was a gift from the class of 1923. It will be positioned at a different location on the Dean’s Green, Brennan said.

In order to give a symmetrical appearance, two structures will be constructed on each side of Main Street, ranging from about 21 feet to 30 feet long. The height of the two structures closest to the street will slope from eight to six feet, while the two on the outside will be six feet tall on one side and four feet high on the other.

Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration, said the new features will serve as a permanent reminder of CSC’s first 100 years. He expects both projects to be completed in early spring, if the weather cooperates.

“When looking for ways to commemorate the college’s centennial, the idea of a plaza and new entrance portal was brought forward,” Grant said. “Both will help beautify the campus and be a good use of the Dean’s Green’s space. The entrance portal will help bolster the college’s image while the plaza will provide an attractive place for the college community to gather.”

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Donnie Quinn of Chadron, an employee of Fuller Construction, clears ground for Chadron State College’s future Centennial Plaza on Nov. 18. The new plaza on CSC’s Dean’s Green and a campus portal at the intersection of 10th and Main streets are expected to be completed in spring 2011. (Photo by Justin Haag)
This is the second installment of a series about the Vision 2011 comprehensive fundraising campaign. The article studies Chadron State College’s Rangeland and Agriculture Pavilion, one of the campaign’s two capital projects. The projects are part of an $11 million effort, which also will boost the Chadron State Foundation’s endowments and annual fund.
By Justin Haag

Chadron State College has developed a reputation as a leader in the agriculture sciences. The faculty takes a lot of pride in the fact that the programs were built in facilities that weren’t initially designed for such instruction.

However, the professors say, in order for CSC to reach its full potential and best educate future veterinarians and experts of rangeland and wildlife, the institution will need to invest in facilities designed for the purpose.

Architects have drawn up a state-of-the-art facility that features a live animal laboratory with theatre-style seating. The building would contain a wide array of tools for instruction – laboratory benches, ovens, ventilated hoods, walk-in coolers, and a carcass rail. In addition, an arena would provide an area for large events and indoor practice facility for the rodeo program.

The Rangeland and Agriculture Pavilion is one of two capital projects in the Vision 2011 campaign. The college is also raising funds for the Events Center, which will result from a renovation and addition to the Armstrong Physical Education Building.

Connie Rasmussen, executive director of the Chadron State Foundation, said the Rangeland and Agriculture Pavilion will be a perfect fit for the rural atmosphere of north-west Nebraska, and will provide a link from CSC’s agricultural roots to teaching future leaders in that area.

With an estimated cost of $5.5 million, it is envisioned to be a key component in the growth of CSC’s already popular programs for rangeland and agriculture studies.

Dr. Chuck Butterfield, who teaches range-land management and ecology courses while serving as chairman of CSC’s Department of Applied Sciences, has a long list of reasons to construct the new facility at CSC.

“We just do not have lab facilities here,” Butterfield said. “Currently the way we do labs is to push some tables together in a classroom and throw some plastic over them. This is how we study things like reproductive tracts, various animal parts, even dead animals. If a class is scheduled to meet there, we have to pick up everything and clean up the blood.”

Butterfield longs for a place in which he can lay out soils for study, and that his colleagues can handle animals without fear of offending those enrolled in business and family and consumer science courses “down the hall” in the Burkhiser Complex. He said sometimes even the agriculture students get more of an education than they bargained for when they show up to class.

“You may be sitting in a plant science course, and right behind you will be a thawing mountain lion or reproductive tract,” Butterfield said. “We need to have facilities in which we can contain the liquid portion of the animal work that we do. We do stress hands-on education. We want the students to get in there and go through those reproductive tracts, bones, muscles and joints of the animals. When we get the opportunity to teach a student to condition-score a mountain lion or pull the retropharyngeal lymph nodes from deer, we need to have a facility that doesn’t double as a classroom.”

The new facility would allow for livestock to be temporarily contained for instruction purposes. Currently, in order for students to get hands-on instruction of livestock, the facility creates a temporary corral of panels at the east side of the Burkhiser Complex. Sometimes, the class must convene off-campus at a livestock producer’s facility.

“If we have more than 11 students in the class, we have to find a driver for a second van to take the students to the producer’s place,” he said. “You have the driving hazards of going out to the place, and the producer is assuming some level of liability for having the group of students there.”

The facility with its indoor arena also would be a valuable recruitment tool for CSC’s competitive rodeo program, which features students who are studying toward majors outside the department.

“Our main focus is education, but the rodeo team is a big draw for our students,” he said.

“Right now, they practice wherever they can find a place to practice.”

The Rangeland and Agriculture Pavilion also has a lot of potential for events. Butterfield said he’s toured an educational agriculture facility similar to the one being planned at CSC – a facility that is booked every weekend with events, providing a wealth of revenue for the institution. At CSC, he envisions a location not only suited for high quality instruction, but one that will house events such as horse shows, cattle shows, concerts and sport shows.

“We want this facility to contribute to the whole campus,” he said. “It’s intended to enhance our program, but also help the college. There is a world of possibilities with that arena.”

CSC also hopes to incorporate world-class collections to the facility, including its High Plains Wildlife Collection of taxidermy mounts and the High Plains Herbarium which was established by the late Dr. Ron Weedon.

Butterfield said the department would continue to maintain its offices and conduct most of its classes in the Burkhiser Complex.

“Many of our classes are large enough that they need the big classrooms of Burkhiser. We also don’t want a situation in which our students are removed and become separated from the rest of the campus,” he said.

Butterfield takes pride in how far the department’s programs have come, especially considering that the primary competition includes some of the biggest-name universities in the High Plains. When counting range management majors, CSC is second only to the University of Wyoming.

“This facility would give us a great show-piece for recruiting and enhance the programs that much more,” he said. “Our students are qualified. They’re getting jobs. If we could just enhance the hands-on part of our instruction, our students’ experience will be that much better.”
Health professions students get hands-on experience in Argentina

By Justin Haag

Two Chadron State College health professions students received a wealth of hands-on experience during a trip to South America this summer.

Ashley Maxon of Laurel and Jacob Zitterkopf of Scottsbluff gave a presentation in November about their volunteer service in Cordoba, which is Argentina’s second largest city with 1.3 million residents. While serving the city’s health care industry and staying with separate host families, the two experienced the country’s language, along with its rich history and culture. Both Maxon, who is studying to be a general practitioner, and Zitterkopf, an aspiring oral surgeon, said the trip arranged through the organization Projects Abroad provided an experience they couldn’t receive in the United States.

“It was an amazing experience, that’s for sure,” Maxon said. “We were able to experience a new culture and watch so many operations that we would never had the chance to here in the United States and I would go back without a doubt.”

During the presentation Nov. 2, Maxon and Zitterkopf showed graphic photos and videos of the extreme health care cases they encountered during their service, such as severe burns and complex procedures such as an open heart surgery. While the two spent a lot of time watching the doctors and medical staff, they also were frequently put into action.

“I was in the emergency room sometimes,” Maxon said. “The first day I walked in, they said ‘You’re studying medicine,’ so they handed me a needle and I was doing stitches.”

Her work also included administering urine and blood samples.

“A lot of people there thought we were doctors, which is probably why they were so willing to let us assist, take pictures and shoot video,” Zitterkopf said.

Zitterkopf, who served at five hospitals during two months, recounted a number of rewarding experiences, including connections he made with young patients. One example he mentioned was watching a baby narrowly escape death as doctors removed a peso from its air passages.

In addition to working at hospitals that provided general care, Zitterkopf served in a location that performed oral surgery. There, he encountered cases of cleft palate and many diseases such as cancer.

Each said their host families were friendly, welcoming and cooked great food. Maxon said her average day included her four-mile round trip walk to and from work. She also said it took a while to get acclimated to the language. Zitterkopf is fluent in Spanish, but said he occasionally struggled understanding the variety spoken by the Argentineans. The two also said Argentina’s nonstop culture took some getting used to, as Argentineans would rise at 6:30 a.m. and not go to bed until after 1 a.m. the next morning.

“They just run on less sleep than we do,” Maxon said.

While the weekdays were spent in health care, the volunteers spent weekends on service projects arranged by the organization. They included building adobes for children and painting an orphanage.

Prior to leaving for Argentina, Zitterkopf collected dental supplies to give to children. Maxon said it was entertaining watching Zitterkopf teach children who had never seen a toothbrush to brush their teeth, in addition to getting his suitcase full of supplies through airport security.

“They thought my tubes of toothpaste were full of cocaine,” he said.

Their time in Argentina wasn’t all work, however. The volunteers traveled to points of interest throughout the country, including the Salinas Grandes salt flats and the Iguazu Falls. They also went whitewater rafting and took a bicycle tour of the vineyards of Mendoza. Zitterkopf said he made friendships with people from more than 20 countries.

The presentation by Maxon and Zitterkopf was part of the Science Abroad speakers’ series that began at CSC this fall. Other speakers were faculty members Dr. Ann Buchmann, Dr. Joyce Hardy, Dr. Twila Fickel and Dr. Mathew Brust.
Senior enjoys year in Italy
By Con Marshall

A Chadron State College student returned to campus this fall after having what she calls “a very special experience” during the 2009-10 school year.

Melissa Mitchell, a senior from Stone Mountain, Ga., spent 12 months in Italy in the International Students Abroad program. She studied both semesters at the Florence University of the Arts, earning credit toward her humanities minor. She also traveled extensively in western Europe. Both of her parents, Charlie and Sheila, are CSC graduates and her great uncle, Wayne Van Natter, lives in Chadron.

“I learned a lot, traveled a lot and met people from all over the world,” said Mitchell, who is majoring in English education at CSC. “I had a really good time. There are some things I would do differently if I could do them over again, but it was a great experience.”

She was one of 70 participants in the ISA program in Florence, but she was one of just two who took part during two semesters. Most of the students were from the United States, but there were others from around the world.

The classes she took were taught in English, but she was forced to learn Italian, particularly the first semester when she stayed in a home in which neither of the parents spoke English. Their two sons, who are in their 20s, served as interpreters until Melissa had learned enough Italian so she could get by with it.

She said she can now read and write Italian quite well and can speak it rather fluently after having no background in the language when she went to Europe a year ago. She hopes to retain the skills she learned, and plans to use Skype, an internet voice and video service, to communicate with the friends she made during her adventure.

“I went everywhere by train,” she said. “It is good way to get around over there because it is convenient and cheap. I went all over Italy and saw much of France, Germany, Austria and England by train. I also took pictures wherever I went. I probably took at least 200 on every trip. By the time I came home, I was tired of riding on trains and I’m not taking any more pictures for a while.”

Most of the buildings in the main part of Florence are made of stone and are only inches thick. But the city is in a valley, it is hot in the summers. But she escaped much of the heat the last three months by serving as the nanny and English tutor for a seven-year-old girl whose well-to-do parents have a villa on the Mediterranean.

“She and I stayed there most of the summer while her parents worked in Florence. They would come to the villa to see us on weekends,” Mitchell explained. “We had a good time together. English is the fourth language she is learning.”

This is Mitchell’s professional semester at CSC. In the spring she will student teach. She said it’s possible that she’ll return to Europe to teach English after she graduates in May.

Students present science research projects
By Justin Haag

Three Chadron State College students presented results of summer research projects at the annual iDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence meeting in Grand Island on Aug. 9-11.

The CSC students who presented information about their work in the research program, commonly referred to as INBRE, were Riley Machal of Gretna, who presented her research on Cytomegalovirus (“Innate Immune Responses to Cytomegalovirus in Macrophages”), Nisha Durand of Salisbury, Dominica, who presented a poster on her bioinformatics research (“A Comprehensive Analysis of Degenerate Amino Acids in Bacterial Proteins”), and Kathryn Score of Elgin, who presented a poster on the effects of the fungal toxin Fumonisin on fetal development (“Gestational Fumonisins Exposure and Neural Tube Defects: Exploring Potential Mechanisms”).

The three students will continue to work on research projects during the 2010-2011 school year. Machal will research Streptococcus epidermidis with biology faculty member Dr. Wendy Jamison. Score will work on an ongoing project with Dr. Ann Buchmann to characterize alkaline lake bacteria, and Durand will determine whether extracts from plant material contain antibiotics that will kill methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

INBRE provides funding for students to do research projects for two years during their junior and senior years of college. During the school years, the students work with faculty members at Chadron State while summers are spent in research laboratories at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln or Omaha, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, or at Creighton University in Omaha.

Machal is a junior and in her first year of the INBRE program while Score is in her second year. Durand took part in a summer bioinformatics course linked to the INBRE program.
Foundation celebrates fundraising success

The Chadron State Foundation had a lot to celebrate homecoming weekend as the college kicked off a 14-month effort to recognize its centennial.

The Foundation announced that it would be receiving a $500,000 gift toward the Vision 2011 campaign from a private donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Vision 2011 is the fundraising campaign that will boost the college’s capital, endowments and annual fund. One year remains in the campaign, which was publicly launched in October 2009. The Foundation announced that more than $10 million has been raised toward the $11 million goal of Vision 2011.

“Even though we can’t publicly recognize this donor, we can’t say enough how much this gift means to this project and to the students who will benefit from it,” said Connie Rasmussen, executive director of the Foundation.

The Foundation, which hosted meetings of its board of trustees and its National Campaign Leadership Council on Homecoming weekend, also conducted an open house to recognize a monumental gift from a retired faculty member and his wife. Dr. Jackson and Peggy Hammitt of Rapid City, S.D., have established a future bequest of approximately $1 million for the benefit of the college’s music program.

The Hammitts announced in 2006 that they would be leaving a large gift to the college, but had not publicly revealed an amount. Jackson Hammitt said he’s certain the money will be put to good use, having witnessed funding challenges in his more than three decades of teaching music at CSC.

“Because this place was our home for so long, this seemed like the place to (donate the bequest),” he said.

Rasmussen noted that the Hammitts have long helped Chadron State. They support an annual $1,000 music scholarship in the memory of Jackson’s parents, J. Lewis and Helen J. Hammitt. They also annually support the music fund, which provides money for the department’s greatest needs, such as scholarships and travel.

“We have been pleasantly overwhelmed by the generosity of the Hammitts,” Rasmussen said. “Even though Jackson hasn’t taught at CSC in almost a decade, he and Peg continue to make a brighter future for the students of Chadron State College.”

In addition to those gifts, the Hammitts recently provided $35,000 to restore the first piano purchased by the college, a 1919 Steinway Model D concert grand piano. The piano is being restored by a Rapid City rebuilder and will be ready for a concert by CSC professor Dr. James Margetts in 2011 to commemorate the centennial.

“To buy a new one would cost at least $100,000, and it probably wouldn’t be as good as this one,” Jackson Hammitt said.

Margetts said the refurbished piano will be a great asset to the program, not only serving as a quality instructional tool, but also an attractive piece for recruiting and for use by performers who otherwise would not agree to present a concert at CSC. The Model D is the largest concert grand Steinway makes, Margetts said.

“Having that quality of a piano will help develop our students’ talents to the highest level,” Margetts said.

Hammitt taught 34 years at Chadron State and retired in 2001. He instructed courses in music history and literature, gave piano, organ and voice lessons, provided piano accompaniment for students and guest performers and frequently was a vocal soloist during concerts.

He also directed the Chadron Community Chorus for 29 years, almost always played the processional and recessional on the organ during commencements and sang the National Anthem at the college football games.

Peggy worked in the Chadron City Schools for about 33 years, mostly as an elementary media specialist and an instructor in the gifted program.
Chadron Prep students ‘had it made’

By Con Marshall

Students who attended Chadron Prep thought they “had it made,” those participating in panel discussions on Oct. 22 said during a program that was a part of Chadron State College’s homecoming celebration.

Nearly a dozen people who had attended what officially was the Campus Laboratory School, but was commonly referred to as Chadron Prep told of their experiences at the school. The lab school operated for more than 50 years. It accepted students in 1911, the same year as Chadron State opened, and was closed in the early 1960s after the college’s administration and board decided the funding could be better used to increase faculty salaries and strengthen the accreditation status.

Laboratory schools were founded so college students who were studying to become teachers could practice teach in elementary and high school classrooms before graduating. The lab schools closed on many other college campuses about the same time. The college students then did their practice teaching in public and private schools.

“I thought I was very lucky to go to Prep,” said Lois Putnam, who lives near Oelrichs. “We had it made. We got to do things that kids in other schools didn’t get to do. We had physical education classes beginning in the third grade, swam in the swimming pool, got to take home ec when we were seventh graders and our science classes were super.”

Other members of the two panels agreed with Putnam. They noted that when they were high school students, college professors often were their primary teachers. Several said playing in the school orchestra that was directed by Roy Peterson, who also directed the college’s orchestra, was a special treat. Taking Spanish under Emma Steckelberg also was a bonus, others noted.

Some parents insisted that their children attend the Campus Laboratory School. Putnam said she lived just two blocks from the West Ward Elementary School in Chadron, but her mother enrolled her in Susan Frazier’s kindergarten class at the Lab School. That meant she had to walk a mile and a quarter to school in kindergarten class at the Lab School. That meant she had to walk a mile and a quarter to school instead of two blocks.

Putnam said years later as a college student she did her student teaching in the same room in Hildreth Hall where she had attended the first grade.

JoAnn Schaeffer had a similar experience. She attended the Lab School from kindergarten until she graduated from high school, then returned to Chadron State to earn a bachelor’s degree after raising five kids.

Jim Butler, Don Housh and Jeanelle Grant had attended rural schools before enrolling at Prep.

Don Kay noted he attended Crawford High School for two years, but his father didn’t think he was learning enough and persuaded him transfer to Prep. Marilyn Hills said she transferred from the Chadron Public Schools to the lab school because most of the students in her Sunday-school class went there. Gary Bieganski said he had attended schools, several of them large ones, “around the world” while his father was in the military. When his family moved to Chadron, Bieganski enrolled at Prep and he said, “I really enjoyed it.”

Goldie Dawkins Mitchell recalled that a few hours after she was born in January 1920, two teachers from the college stopped at her parents’ apartment and saw her. Six years later when she was ready to begin school, Mitchell said one of the teachers contacted her parents and said she should enroll at the Campus Laboratory School. She did, and remained in the Prep system until graduating from high school in 1937.

A couple of the participants said there was criticism of the Laboratory School by some educators not connected with the college because much of the instruction was done by the student teachers. However, the panelists said that was often advantageous because the student teachers were competitive and liked to outdo each other when it was their turn to teach.

“I’m glad I got to go to Prep,” said Jerry Berry, a member of the final high school class in 1961. “The student teachers worked hard and were a lot of fun. Some of them worked with students who were having problems and helped them succeed. We also got to know a lot of the college kids. It was like one big happy family. The Prep reunions that we’ve had for the past 45 years are great. The spirit lives on.”

It is impossible to talk about Chadron Prep without mentioning the three Class C state championships that the basketball teams won in the 1950s. Jan Adams described the coach, Archie Conn, as a great person who stressed respect, developing friendships and being kind and understanding to one another.

Another milestone for Prep occurred in 1961, the year the high school portion closed. Just a few weeks after the announcement was made, Prep won the championship at the first CSC Scholastic Contest.

Long-time Chadron resident Jean Henkens said her experience at Prep was different than most. She grew up in Martin, S.D., but came to Chadron the summer between her junior and senior years in high school to take science courses that were taught by college faculty members Charles Philpott, Lyle Andrews and Minnie Lichty.

“That was a great experience,” Henkens said. “I learned a lot. After I graduated (from high school) in 1936, I came back over here to go to college. I knew this was the place for me.”

Another of the panel members was Doris Harrington, who taught second grade from 1960 until 1964 when the elementary portion of the school was closed. She said she has fond memories of that experience and enjoyed supervising student teachers.

The discussion was arranged by members of the CSC Education Department.
Chadron State College presented special honors to six of its alumni Saturday, Oct. 23, during homecoming festivities.

Four received the Distinguished Alumni Award and two received the Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recipients were Casey Frye and his wife, Tanja Frye, of Ames, Iowa, Sharon Hoffman of Bayard and Darrel McDonald of Lufkin, Texas.

Those receiving the Distinguished Young Alumni Award were Loren Giesler of Lincoln and Dustin Ladenburger of Stratton.

Casey Frye, Ph.D.
Ames, Iowa
Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Casey Frye of Ames, Iowa, has had a successful career in food science since graduating from Chadron State College in 1982 with a major in biology.

Frye is the vice president of research and development at Burke Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hormel Foods. He also is a collaborating professor at Iowa State University, and serves on the advisory boards of the Kansas State University Meat Science program, and the University of Nebraska Food Processing Center.

Frye has earned numerous professional awards and has been on the executive board of the American Meat Science Association since 2006.

Frye earned a master’s degree from the University of Nebraska, and a doctorate from Iowa State University. Upon completion of his doctorate degree, he was on the meat science faculty at Kansas State for two years.

Tanja Frye, DVM
Ames, Iowa
Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Tanja Frye of Ames, Iowa, serves as a veterinary practitioner at Ingersoll Animal Hospital in Des Moines.

After earning a degree from Chadron State, she worked as a research technologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center at Omaha, then later became a veterinary student at Iowa State University.

Frye, a native of Sidney, Neb., earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chadron State in 1981 with majors in chemistry and biology. She and her husband, Casey, serve on the Chadron State Foundation’s Board of Trustees and the Chadron State National Campaign Leadership Council.

Sharon Hoffman
Bayard, Neb.
Distinguished Alumni Award

Sharon Hoffman of Bayard, Neb., who was inducted to the Chadron State College Music Hall of Fame in 2002, is in her 32nd year of teaching music in the Bayard public school system. Her work in the classroom and involvement in professional organizations has earned her many accolades.

Hoffman, who teaches all grades at Bayard, was named the Nebraska Music Educator of the Year by The National Federation of High Schools Interscholastic Music Association in 2007. She also was honored as the Nebraska Music Educators Educator of the Year in 2006.

Hoffman has served in various capacities for the Nebraska Choral Directors, has been the Nebraska School Activities Association District 6 music coordinator for the past 21 years, and serves on the Nebraska Music Educators Association executive board.

She was named Bayard Education Association Outstanding Educator in 1990 and served as a panelist at the 1991 ACDA Convention on a session titled “Surviving Successfully in a Small School Music Program.”

Hoffman received both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in music education from Chadron State.

Darrel L. McDonald, Ph.D
Lufkin, Texas
Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Darrel L. McDonald of Lufkin, Texas, has had a successful career in geospatial sciences and geography studies since earning two undergraduate degrees and a master’s degree from Chadron State College in the 1970s. He also earned a doctorate in geography and biogeography from Texas A&M University in 1990.

McDonald is the assistant director of the Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center. He also is a Professor of Geospatial Sciences in the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

In addition, McDonald is a faculty member of the Center for Regional Heritage Research in the College of Liberal and Applied Sciences at Texas A&M.
Alumni Honors Presented
Darrel McDonald
Produced an immeasurable amount of research during the past 40 years teaching students and community professionals for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln’s Department of Agriculture, Business, and Industry. McDonald is a professor and extension plant pathologist at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Neb. He earned the Education and Research Service Center which merged existing geospatial resources on the campus. Since then, McDonald has been involved with coordinating education and training programs for students and community professionals for the System’s four locations in Texas.

Loren J. Giesler, Ph.D.
Lincoln, Neb.
Distinguished Young Alumni Award
Dr. Loren Giesler of Lincoln, Neb., is a 1992 graduate of Chadron State College, is a professor and extension plant pathologist at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln’s Department of Plant Pathology, where he has produced an immeasurable amount of research since serving on the faculty since 1999.

Giesler has written or co-authored hundreds of articles for books, magazines and refereed publications. He earned the Education and Research Person of the Year Award from the Nebraska Agri-Business Association in 2008, the UNL Junior Faculty Holling Family Award for Teaching Excellence in 2006, and the UNL Distinguished Extension Specialist of the Year award in 2005.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Chadron State, Giesler earned two degrees in plant pathology at UNL — a Master of Science in 1994 and a Doctor of Philosophy in 1998.

Dustin Ladenburger
Stratton, Neb.
Distinguished Young Alumni Award
Dustin Ladenburger of Stratton, Neb., has become widely recognized in agriculture related leadership activities since graduating from Chadron State College.

Ladenburger, a fourth-generation agriculture producer who raises beef, wheat and corn on 2,000 acres in Hitchcock County, has been recognized for service on committees devoted to young farmers and ranchers. He serves on the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee of both the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

In late 2009, the Nebraska Farm Bureau presented Ladenburger the organization’s Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award. He was selected on the basis of performance in farm and ranch management, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles, and service to the community and Farm Bureau.

Ladenburger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in rangeland management in 1999 and a Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 2004. He is a 1995 graduate of Stratton High School.

Survivors continue tradition
By Con Marshall
Jeanie Henkens thought this year’s Survivors’ luncheon might be the group’s final one. But her notion was overwhelmingly set aside and the group will continue its annual get-togethers that take place the Thursday before homecoming at Chadron State College.

The Survivors are products of the Great Depression and World War II. They attended Chadron State when times were tough. But they survived and then thrived as members of the nation’s “Greatest Generation.”

About 20 of them attended this year’s luncheon at the Country Kitchen restaurant.

Dr. Janie Park, the college president, spoke to the group and noted they were helping CSC kick off its Centennial celebration. She also said their alma mater is also “a survivor,” with some ups and downs, but overall it has remained steadfast.

While times have changed since they attended the college, Park said it has continued many of the traditions that the Survivors knew. She said it still provides a quality education, the faculty and the students still get to know one another and students can receive individualized instruction if that is necessary.

Park admitted that the cost of attending the college has risen. One of the Survivors, Lois Putnam of Oelrichs, said she paid just $1.50 a credit hour for tuition when she was a student in the late 1930s. Park said tuition is now $125 a credit hour, but it is still one of the lowest in the nation at a four-year college.

After Henkens asked if the members wanted to continue meeting and receiving near-unanimous affirmation that they did, Tom McGill of Custer, S.D., disclosed that he had brought along the bottle of wine that the group had purchased in 1999. It was to be drunk at the group’s final gathering.

Following the vote, McGill suggested that the cork be popped on the bottle and its contents be used to toast the Survivors’ founder, Hope Booker Anderson of Chadron, who died Aug. 30 at age 91. That idea was readily accepted and McGill said he will purchase another bottle to replace the one that was emptied.

Henkens said Anderson began the Survivors about 25 years ago by calling her old schoolmates and inviting them to meet to recall “the good old days.” A tradition was begun. Now, no one is anxious for it to go away.

The last order of business was the election of someone to replace Anderson as the main organizer for the next reunion. Henkens was overwhelmingly chosen for the job. She said that at age 90 she’s trying to get rid of such duties. Others promised to help.

The Survivors continue to survive.
Photographer tells of

Love for the Plains

By Justin Haag

Nature photographer Micheal Forsberg of Lincoln added words to his images to express love for what he termed “the big backyard of the Great Plains” during a presentation at Chadron State College in October.

Forsberg, who was presenting the inaugural installment of the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Society’s Pilster Great Plains Lecture Series, was joined by South Dakota rancher and author Dan O’Brien for the presentation. Forsberg and O’Brien recently collaborated on a book, “Great Plains: America’s Linger Wild.”

O’Brien read one of his essays from the book, which helped illustrate the amount of time, patience and skill involved in photographing wildlife. He told of how Forsberg prompted him to get on hands and knees act like a mountain lion in setting up remote cameras and lighting in the southern Black Hills of South Dakota. Forsberg later showed the photos of the mountain lion that were captured from the set-up.

In the past four years, the photographer has shot 30,000 images while logging 100,000 miles on the road six months each year. He also went through “two wheel bearing assemblies, three sets of tires and 1 ½ Suburbans,” he said.

The primary focus of Forsberg’s presentation was conservation. To make his point about the decimation of species since westward expansion of the United States, he showed historical photographs – one of which was an early 19th century image of “U.S. Biological Survey” spelled out with 1,600 dead prairie dogs.

Forsberg said goals of the “Great Plains” book were to study the ecosystem and to build an appreciation for the plains from people who haven’t witnessed its beauty. He said people have a “perception versus reality” problem in the Great Plains, a massive area stretching from Canada to Texas that he noted would be the 10th largest country in the world if sovereign.

“It doesn’t knock your socks off at a glance. It’s not the Colorado Rockies, it’s not the Pacific Northwest, it’s not the Grand Canyon. It’s a place that you can’t appreciate from a roadside pullout in five minutes,” he said. “It’s a place you have to linger for hours, for days, for months, for years or a lifetime. Then it’s like getting to know an old friend. The more time you spend, the more layers you peel away, the more beauty you see. That’s what the Great Plains is, and it can be every bit as remarkable as all these other places.”

Forsberg showed a series of maps to illustrate the development of the Great Plains. Despite the many challenges facing today’s Great Plains ecosystem, Forsberg said there’s hope.

“All is not yet lost on the prairie. There is still that lingering wild that survives here and the idea of conservation is still alive and well,” he said. “Conservation efforts are growing, and it’s not coming from some government directive on high. It’s a movement coming from people as firmly rooted in the soil as the prairie is itself.”

“I care a lot about this place, I care a lot about the people who make their life on the land here, and I care a lot about the wildlife and our natural heritage,” Forsberg said.

Forsberg provided live narration for a 12-minute slideshow of his stunning photographs to finish the presentation. An exhibit of Forsberg’s work is on display in the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center at Chadron State.

In introducing Forsberg, Sandoz Society president Lynn Roper of Lincoln used the title of a Sandoz book.

“We can’t think of a better way to start this series off than with someone who really has ‘Love Song to the Plains’ in his heart,” she said.

The lecture series, which will feature an event annually, is funded from an endowment created from the sale of 3,731 acres of Dawes County ranchland that Esther Pilster donated to the Sandoz Society in 2006.
Cancer conference Exceeds Expectations

By Justin Haag

Organizers of a conference at Chadron State College were seeking to collect 100 inches of hair for cancer patients, but greatly exceeded their goal by collecting 100 bags of it.

The conference, “100 Years of Chadron State College, 100 Inches of Hair — Cancer Knowledge, Resources and Empowerment,” kept the Student Center busy Oct. 27 as a steady flow of people showed up to get information and haircuts. The event was organized by the five students of a CSC social work course.

Bruce Hoem, the CSC professor who teaches the upper level “communities and organizations” course, said the group collected about 100 sandwich and freezer style bags of hair, each containing eight to 10 inches.

“I was amazed at how many people said that they really liked their hair, but that giving it for making wigs for cancer patients made it really OK to part with it,” Hoem said. “Chadron State students really contributed a lot of hair for this project.”

Six licensed hair professionals from Chadron, Hemingford and Hot Springs set up to collect hair in the Student Center. About $300 of donations were collected throughout the afternoon.

The afternoon featured speakers about a variety of cancer topics. Two breast cancer survivors, KOTA news director Helene Duhamel and CSC psychology professor Dr. Laura Gaudet, told about their experiences. Duhamel showed an in-depth documentary that details her account.

Other speakers included Trinity Fuss, a physician’s assistant for The Women’s Center of Western Nebraska who graduated from CSC in 1997, and Carol Diffendaffer of Regional West’s Cancer Treatment Center. The event also featured a panel discussion of a variety of health care representatives.

About 15 booths in the Student Center ballroom contained information from a wide variety of cancer related health care representatives.

Hoem said the students did an outstanding job organizing and presenting the conference, and expressed appreciation for the college’s support.

The students are Tara Adamson, Alliance; Katie Anderson, Rapid City, S.D.; Josh Harris, Julesburg, Colo.; Deb Rosentrater, Hemingford; and Amanda Watts, Hot Springs, S.D.

CSC again ranked by U.S. News and World Report

U.S. News and World Report has again placed Chadron State College on its list of best colleges in the 12-state Midwest region.

CSC is listed in the top tier of “Regional Colleges in the Midwest,” and is among the top 10 public institutions listed in that category.

The report defines “regional colleges” as those focusing on undergraduate education and offering a range of degree programs in the liberal arts — which account for fewer than half of their bachelor’s degrees — and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education.

CSC offers undergraduate programs in about 70 majors or endorsements, numerous professional studies options and four master’s degrees. Many of its degrees and courses are available entirely online.

“We are very pleased to again be listed as one of the best colleges in the Midwest, especially considering our affordability compared to most of the other institutions in our category,” said CSC President Dr. Janie Park.

Alumni directory being updated

Chadron State College is in the process of producing an updated version of its Alumni Directory, the printed publication that contains information about those who have attended the institution.

Former students can expect to be contacted by mail and telephone this spring by Harris Connect, a company that produces directories for more than 600 institutions annually.

Karen Pope, CSC director of alumni and annual giving, said the directory not only provides a way for alumni to reconnect with each other, but that the information is a vital component for the Alumni Office to keep in touch with former students about the institution’s many special events, including regional and departmental reunions.

Parade marshals nearing a century of service

Two retired Chadron couples who nearly accumulated “a century of service” to Chadron State College served as the institution’s homecoming parade marshals Saturday, Oct. 23. They are Dr. Dorset and Meredith Graves, and Dr. James and June Sheaffer.

CSC’s Blue Key chapter, which organizes the annual parade, selected the couples for their years of service to the college and the community, said Aaron Rutt, one of the chapter’s sponsors. Combined, the faculty members have completed 99 years of instruction at CSC, Rutt said. The college celebrated 99 years this fall while beginning a 14-month centennial celebration. The centennial’s theme is “A Century of Service.”

Both Graves were employed at CSC. Dorset taught language arts from 1958 to 1990 and served as an adjunct faculty member from 1990 to 2005. Meredith was on the staff from 1977 to 1988. The Graves Lecture Series at
Three families with long-standing ties to Chadron State College were recognized as recipients of the institution’s Family Tree Award on Sept. 18. Families with three or more generations that have attended the institution are eligible for the award.

The first Family Tree Awards were presented in 1996. This year’s group brings the total number of recipients to 59.

The three families were given special recognition by CSC President Janie Park and the CSC Alumni Office during a luncheon in their honor. They also were announced prior to CSC’s football game against Western State.

The Cripps-Mizner Family

The first of 12 members of this family to attend Chadron State were three siblings, Bernard “Budge” Cripps, Dorine (Cripps) Daniels, and Sharon (Cripps) Mizner, and two of their spouses, Neil Daniels and Vern Mizner.

Budge, who taught school from 1966-1974 and works as a self-employed carpenter at Whitney, earned a bachelor’s degree from CSC in 1966. Dorine studied at CSC from 1958-1961 before earning a medical technology degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Now retired in Chadron, she worked as a medical technologist for 23 years and owned an embroidery shop. Her husband, the late Neil Daniels, earned a degree from CSC in 1968. Sharon, who lives near Whitney with husband Vern, obtained an associate’s degree in education in 1959 and is a retired fabric shop owner. Vern, now a self-employed rancher, earned a bachelor’s degree in 1961 and is a retired U.S. Navy pilot and commander.

Vern and Sharon’s three daughters have a relationship with the institution. Cindi attended 1980-1982 and works in CSC’s accounts payable office. Jennifer, who teaches music at Sidney Elementary School, holds a bachelor’s degree in music education from CSC and is currently studying toward a graduate degree. Karma is a custodian at the college.

Cindi’s husband, Raymond Walgren, works in financial services and has a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from CSC. Jennifer’s husband, Dave Mead, also is a CSC graduate and works as a high school choir director. Two of Raymond and Cindi’s children, Daniel of Fort Collins and Lillian of Chadron, graduated from CSC. Jennifer and Dave’s son, Michael, is studying music at the institution.

The Griffiths Family

Ernest and Twila Griffiths, who first studied at Chadron State in the 1960s, were the first of 10 family members to attend the institution.

Ernest, a native of Bridgeport who has completed three degrees from CSC, worked in student services at Western Nebraska Community College 1985-2000. His career also included teaching at Bridgeport and being superintendent of Hay Springs Schools. Following a bachelor’s degree in 1966, Ernest earned a master’s degree in 1985 and a specialist in education degree in 1986.

Twila is a native of Swea City, Iowa, who earned a bachelor’s degree in education in 1966. She taught at Banner County schools from 1986-2000 and six years prior to that in the Redington rural school district.

Each of the Griffiths’ four children attended CSC. Daughter Elizabeth, a science teacher at Columbus, earned a bachelor’s degree in 1988. Son David obtained a bachelor’s degree in 1990. He became a certified public accountant and works as vice president at Regional West Medical Center at Scottsbluff. Daughter Julie studied in the Rural Health Opportunities Program at CSC before completing a master’s degree in physician assistant studies at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and works at the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Holdrege. Son Tim earned a bachelor’s degree from CSC in 2004 and now works as a director of ministry development at Rexford, Kan.

Elizabeth’s husband Christopher, a corporate pilot, David’s wife Renea (Jimenez), finance director for the City of Scottsbluff, and Tim’s wife Gwendolyn, also attended CSC. David and Renea’s daughter Marianne is on the list of degree candidates for December’s commencement.

The Wahlstrom Family

While the Wahlstrom family has the fewest family members among this year’s group of award recipients, its involvement with Chadron State has been considerable through the years.

Lee and Virginia Wahlstrom, natives of eastern Nebraska who earned bachelor’s degrees from the University of Nebraska in the 1940s, participated in Dr. Allen Shepherd’s “Nebraska Semester Abroad” courses in 1992.

Lee, who now operates a cow-calf operation, is the retired owner of Wahlstrom Ford in Chadron. He served many years on the Chadron State Foundation’s board of directors and has audited a number courses at CSC.

Catherine, Lee and Virginia’s daughter who works as a special education teacher in Rapid City, S.D., earned a bachelor’s degree from CSC in 1974.

The Wahlstrom’s son, Robert, who now has ownership of the family business, earned a Master of Education degree from CSC in 1982. Robert’s wife Jane, a registered nurse, has completed three graduate courses from CSC. Robert and Jane’s two sons also are CSC alumni. Cory, a software engineer who lives in Firth, attended from 1995-1997 before transferring, and Michael, an insurance consultant who resides in Marietta, Ga., earned a bachelor’s degree in 2003 and master’s degree in 2004.
Asbestos delays Kline Center demolition

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College was expecting the demolition of the Kline Campus Center to be completed by now, but the discovery of asbestos delayed the project.

Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration, said that ESA, the South Dakota based company contracted for the demolition, discovered asbestos during preliminary surveys and is not able to tear down the building until it’s been removed. Horsley Specialties of Rapid City, S.D., was hired to remove the asbestos, which began late this fall and was expected to last about a month.

The Kline Center and other buildings on campus underwent an asbestos removal project in the 1993. Grant said asbestos in the ceiling texturing was removed, but that of the floor tiles and other locations in the building remained.

“It’s unusual for 12-by-12 tiles such as those in the Kline Center to contain asbestos,” he said. “Perhaps they didn’t realize it was there. Asbestos isn’t dangerous until it becomes airborne, so maybe they decided not to remove it at that time.”

The Kline Center, which housed a variety of offices and was originally the college’s student center, closed this summer, with the building’s employees moving to other locations on campus. Chadron State president Dr. Janie Park cited high costs of utilities and maintenance in making the decision, along with the building’s history of structural problems. Grant said the price tag for the building’s removal has become larger, but that cost savings will pay for it in about four years.

The Kline Center was originally twice as large as the existing structure and garnered an architectural award for its design when constructed in two phases in 1961 and 1966. However, the south half of the building soon developed structural problems because of unstable soil conditions. That part was condemned and razed in 1987, creating a space that is now used as an amphitheatre. The current Student Center south of Kline opened in 1990.

No plans have been finalized, but the college officials have considered enhancement of the amphitheatre with landscaping and a band shell for outdoor entertainment.

College officials took action to close another structure on campus this fall. The college’s greenhouse south of the Math and Science Building received damage in the hailstorm late this summer, prompting officials to assess its future viability. The greenhouse also lost its overseer and creator when longtime CSC science professor Dr. Ron Weeden died this summer.

Grant said the building’s windows and tin exterior have become in dire need of repair, forcing a decision on whether to keep it open. After consulting the department’s faculty, the decision was made to close it and seek approval for its demolition.

Nancy Adler, the greenhouse’s caretaker, doled out the building’s hundreds of plants and is accepting donations for a future memorial garden.

Names still sought for CSC license plate

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College has received a lot of interest in its project to create a branded Nebraska license plate, but still has a ways to go to reach the 500 names required by the state, according to one of the project’s organizers.

Karen Pope, CSC director of alumni, said about 150 people signed up after the college announced the project in April. Pope said interested vehicle owners may still contact her at 308-432-6357 or kpope@csc.edu.

As of now, Pope is collecting only names and contact information, not money. Those who state their interest are under no obligation to participate, but will be updated about the project’s progress and will be approached for the licensing fee when the list meets requirements. The fee of $70, which is separate from other licensing charges, will be applied to each vehicle an owner registers with the special plates. The statute requires that all 500 paid registrations be collected and submitted by CSC before the plates are printed.

If the project is successful, CSC supporters may purchase the plates for use on a wide variety of vehicles, including trucks and motorcycles.

The organizational license plate program became effective in January 2010 following legislation passed by the 2009 Nebraska Legislature. More information about the program may be found at the DMV’s Web site, www.dmv.ne.gov.

Many news services available from CSC

Chadron State College alumni who want timely news from Chadron State College have many services available to them.

In January, alumni are scheduled to begin receiving the Up-to-Date Newsletter, a weekly e-mail publication with the latest news for the CSC community.

Alumni whose e-mail address is not on file with the Alumni Office, and other readers who want the publication shipped to their inbox, are encouraged to sign up by visiting www.csc.edu/news.

Eagle fans looking for more sports news as it happens are encouraged to sign up for the e-mail updates at www.chadroneagles.com.

Social networkers may keep up by connecting with Facebook profiles for Chadron State College, Chadron State College Alumni, and many CSC programs.

In addition to the above services, readers may view and purchase photos from galleries that are accessible from the news and sports websites.

— Justin Haag
Cory Beran has been selected to the ESPN Academic All-America First Team, the College Sports Information Directors of America announced.

Beran, a senior defensive end from Sargent who has a 3.68 GPA in natural sciences, is the third Chadron State defensive lineman to earn first team honors. Shaine Odell was on the first team in 2008 and Cory’s older brother, Casey, was a first team selection in 1999.

Beran is the 13th Chadron State football player to earn Academic All-American laurels in the past 39 years. The others are Larry Ruzicka, 1971 and ’72; Randy Bauer, 1973; Jerry Sutton, 1973; Bob Lacey, 1975; Jerry Carder, 1979; Jay Rhoades, 1991; Corey Campbell, 1994 and ’95; Casey Beran, 1999; Rob Evans, 2003; Danny Woodhead, 2006 and ’07; Odell, 2008; and Aaron Ide, 2008.

Kelsey Scott wears a lot of hats.

Not only is the junior from Douglas, Wyo., a starting forward on the CSC women’s basketball team and a cowgirl on the rodeo team, she’s the Central Rocky Mountain Regional Student Director.

Now, after being featured in the November issue of Rodeo News magazine, she can add cover girl to her growing list of titles.

Scott, who is in her first year of being the Central Rocky Mountain Regional Student Director, is featured on the cover of the Rodeo News, a bi-monthly magazine that carries schedules, results and standings for its associations.

Scott is also the centerpiece of a feature called “On the Trail.” In the article, Scott discusses her upbringing on a cattle ranch outside Douglas, her collegiate career in rodeo, and her work ethic, which was instilled by her parents, Troy and Katie.

After five rodeos this past fall, Scott has the lead in the region in breakaway roping with 265 points. CSC cowgirl Kaylee Gallino of Wasta, S.D., also has the lead in the all-around standings.

Seven football players earned recognition on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team.

Including the first-team nods, Glen Clinton is the Offensive Freshman of the Year and Kevin Berg is the Special Teams Player of the Year.

Four other Eagles garnered second team nods and two earned spots on the third team.

Clinton, a redshirt freshman from Cody, Wyo., became the first CSC running back to top 1,000 yards since Danny Woodhead did it in 2007. Although Clinton didn’t start the first two games of the season, he rushed for 1,020 yards and seven touchdowns.

Berg, a senior from Longmont, Colo., set a school record by averaging 43.6 yards each punt this season. Fifteen of his 49 punts landed inside the opponent’s 20-yard line and 14 of them traveled at least 50 yards. He was also the RMAC all-conference punter in 2009 and he’s on the first team defense this year, at safety.

Joining Berg on the first team are offensive guard Tim Hiett of Arvada, Colo., offensive tackle Garrett Gilkey of Sandwich, Ill., outside linebacker Kevin Lindholm of Eads, Colo., corner back Jed Herblan of Arvada, Colo., and kicker Michael Ziola of Columbus.

The Eagles second team selections include offensive center Sean McGowan, a junior from Lakewood, Colo., defensive end Cory Beran, a senior from Sargent, middle linebacker James Belville, a junior from Valentine, and Clinton at running back.

In addition to Herblan at punt returner, the other third team selection is sophomore defensive tackle Keifer Burke of Brady, Neb.

The Eagles finished the 2010 season with an 8-3 record and a 7-2 mark in the conference, which tied them for third place.
Four volleyball players earn academic accolades; Spruiell resigns

By Alex Helmbrecht

Four volleyball players — Lexi Hoagland, Mollie Jones, Ashley Bargen and Lauren Yoder — have been named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic Honor Roll.

To be eligible, a player must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.30. All of CSC’s selections started a majority of the matches they played in and were major contributors.

Hoagland, a sophomore from Rushville, has a 3.89 GPA in pre-dentistry, Jones, a sophomore from Longmont, Colo., has a 3.9 GPA, Bargen, a redshirt freshman from Chadron, has a 3.5 in elementary education, and Yoder, a sophomore from Colorado Springs, Colo., has a 3.3 in business administration.

The Eagles finished the 2010 season with a 2-24 overall record and a 1-17 mark in the RMAC. All 11 players who were on the varsity roster this season are expected to return, including three who redshirted.

Two days after the 2010 volleyball season ended, coach Amy Spruiell resigned.

Athletic Director Brad Smith said a search for a new coach will start immediately to begin preparations for the 2011 season.

“I know this was a tough decision for Amy because she’s given five years of her life to Chadron State and she’s made a lot of sacrifices,” Smith said. “We support her decision to step down and we all wish her the best of luck in the future.”

Spruiell, a native of Longmont, Colo., compiled an overall record of 24-120 during five seasons at Chadron State.

Eagle golfers finish ninth at RMAC invite

By Alex Helmbrecht

The Chadron State women’s golf team took some encouraging steps during the 2010 fall season under first-year head coach Terri Connealy.

The Eagles shot 81 strokes better as a team in 2010 than last year’s squad and had four top-six finishes in tournaments played.

Junior Allison Rowden of Broken Bow, had the lowest round with a 76. Emilee Pilkington of Scottsbluff wasn’t far behind with a 77 and Alissa Peterson of Lusk, Wyo., had a season-best 82.

Thirteen Eagles garner All-conference Accolades

Amy Spruiell

Danny Woodhead, a former CSC football star, has found a home playing for the New England Patriots of the NFL. (Photo Courtesy of the New England Patriots/Keith Nordstrom)

By Alex Helmbrecht

Former Chadron State All-American and two-time Harlon Hill winner Danny Woodhead is experiencing his finest season as a professional athlete playing for the New England Patriots.

Woodhead began the 2010 season with the New York Jets but was cut following the first game. However, he wasn’t out of work for long. The Patriots signed him on Sept. 18 and he has appeared in every New England game since week three.

Woodhead has also re-signed a two-year deal to remain with the Patriots. When asked about the deal, Woodhead responded with “I’m very happy to be here.”

Through Dec. 12, the Patriots have a 11-2 record and are 10-1 with Woodhead on the roster. He’s currently second on the team in rushing (376 yards) and fifth in receiving (335 yards). He’s scored five touchdowns and is also a key special teams player, contributing nine tackles on kick coverage.


Rowden also led the team with a 36-hole average of 175.7, Caitlin Parker was second-best with 176.8, and Pilkington averaged 178.8.

The golf team will resume its season in the spring.

Two coaches among 13 inductees into CSC Athletic Hall of Fame

By Alex Helmbrecht

Two long-time coaches-administrators were among the 13 inductees into the Chadron State College Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming festivities in late October.

Both Brad Smith and Scott Ritzen came to Chadron State in 1987 and have provided leadership and stability to the college’s athletic program. Smith was the Eagles’ football coach for 18 seasons before stepping down to devote full time to his athletic director duties. Ritzen is entering his 24th season as the CSC wrestling coach and also has been chairman of the Department of Health Physical Education and Recreation for 15 years.

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Chadron State College received two honors this fall for outstanding service to military veterans.

Chadron State this fall tied for No. 13 on the “Best for Vets” list, which consists of 101 colleges and universities compiled by Military Times Edge magazine. This summer, Chadron State earned the “Military Friendly” designation from G.I. Jobs Magazine, placing the institution among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide serving U.S. military and veterans.

The institutions were chosen for the “Best for Vets” list based on financial assistance, academic flexibility, campus culture and support services. Chadron State received high marks in each category, highlighted by four and one-half of five possible stars in academic flexibility.

Elliott performs well at PBR

Former Chadron State College bull rider Dustin Elliott rode four of the six bulls he drew at the Professional Bull Riders finals in Las Vegas in late October to finish third in the averages.

Elliott, who came into the finals in 40th place, started the event in a big way. He was the first contestant out of the chute in the opening go-round and scored 85.25 points.

Originally from John Day, Ore., and now a resident of North Platte, Elliott placed eighth in both the second and the fourth go-rounds. In the fifth round, Elliott tied for second.

With his success in the finals, Elliott moved into 10th place in the PBR overall standings.

Elliott was the national collegiate bull riding champion in 2001 at Chadron State. Just three years later, Elliott was the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association’s bull riding champion. The next two years, he finished fourth in the world standings.

This year, Elliott has been competing in both the PRCA and the Pro Bull Riders competitions. He is 10th in the PRCA standings and returned to Las Vegas in December to compete in those finals. Just one bull rider has previously qualified for the finals in both.

CSC Athletic Hall of Fame

CSC’s King Library is named in Dorset’s honor.

Parade marshals

CSC’s King Library is named in Dorset’s honor.

James Sheaffer, who taught government and political science courses, was on the faculty from 1958 to 1999. He and June attend scores of events at the college each year, and have become known for their support of students and faculty.

The Chadron State Alumni Association annually awards two $500 scholarships.

Applicants must have a relative who graduated from CSC.

Interested applicants may print and complete the scholarship application on www.csc.edu/alumni/scholarship.csc.

Return it to the Alumni Office by April 1. Contact the Alumni Office for additional information.

Hansen said, “We are excited and pleased that our efforts have been recognized by the Military Times and G.I. Jobs.”

He hopes CSC’s services will help veterans meet career and life goals.

“We are proud of our efforts to mentor and support veterans and currently serving members of the military as they strive to achieve their academic goals,” Hansen said. “Chadron State has seized the initiative to provide quality educational services to our growing veteran and military population as they return home.”

The entire “Best for Vets” list and other information may be found at the Military Times Edge website, www.militarytimesedge.com.
Alumni and friends aboard the Aegean and Greek Isles cruise ship were from left front: Suzy Carlson, Jerry Carlson, Mary Puffer, Bob Puffer, Pat Coligate, Margaret Crouse, Patty Valetski, Eldon Valetski and Connie Rasmussen. (Courtesy photo)

Class Notes

Faculty

Scott Ritzen, current staff and CSC wrestling coach, was inducted in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame with the rest of the 1980 Adams State College wrestling team this spring. That team won the NAIA National Championship.

Robert Knight, assistant professor of Social & Communication Arts at CSC, recently completed his doctorate from Claremont Graduate University.

‘50s

Niel Tubbs ’51, Beatrice, was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Friends of Education by the Beatrice Educational Foundation this past summer.

Don Mahlman ’58 was presented the Plivent’s Council of Service and Civic Participation award for his 4,000-plus hours of volunteer work with various organizations. Don lives in Fairbury.

Rex Jones ’59, Chadron, was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame as a contributor during ceremonies Sept. 26, 2010. Rex completed a 50-year career in Nebraska high school athletics.

Betty and Gaylord “Doc” Moller ’59 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 5, 2010, with a party for 130 friends and relatives.

‘60s

Marv and Marilyn Heckman ’60, Kearney, received the 2010 Hub Freedom Award in the Service Organization Category for their efforts with the Back 2 School project that makes sure all area students return to school each fall with backpack supplies.

Connie (Prewitt) ’61 and Herb Madison ’61 celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Nov. 27, 2010. They live in North Platte.

Joe McKay ’62 and his wife Louise are retired and live in Kalspell, Mont. Joe coached girls track and won 12 state championship titles. He has been honored and inducted into the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame, Chadron State Athletic Hall of Fame and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Donald ’62 and Lawana Beem, Silver City, N.M., have retired after owning and managing an office supply and Hallmark Card store for 41 years.

Lambert “Rusty” Belina ’64 ran the Athens Classic Marathon in Athens, Greece, on Oct. 31, 2010, which was the 2,500th anniversary of the battle of Marathon. About 12,500 people participated in the special anniversary event.


Gene BA ’64 MA ’68 and Fran Martin ’66, Beatrice, celebrated 46 years of marriage Aug. 16, 2010.

Jacqueline (Valentine) ’66 and Kent Yardley ’64, Richland, Wash., returned from 21 years in Germany and are enjoying retirement from the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Patricia Gamble ’68, Omaha, retired from Omaha Public Schools in May 2010, and her husband Tony Gamble ’68 has retired from Raven Biological Labs.

Leora Kennedy MA ’68 was inducted into the Wyoming Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Hall of Fame Nov. 11. This is the first year for this award. Leora lives in Riverton, Wyo.

‘70s

William “Art” Merrick att. ’70, Farmington, N.M., is District Engineer for McElvain Oil and Gas.

Ken Griffith BS ’71, MS ’75, has been elected to serve as NASSP plivent-elect for the 2010-11 school year and plivent for 2011-12. He and his wife Diana ’90, live in Guernsey, Wyo.

Tom Weber ’75, Lodgepole, retired in May 2009 after 32 years of teaching, coaching and being the Athletic Director at Lodgepole High School and later Creek Valley High School.

Patricia (Hain) McKenney AA ’76, BS ’78, MS ’84, Parker, Colo., was recently promoted to Vice President of Technical Integration and Business Services for National Cinemedia in Centennial, Colo.

Deb (Hain) Zahner ’77 retired this year after teaching 2 years in Lodgepole and 30 years of first grade in Gardner, Kan., where she lives with her husband Kurt.

Roger Harris ’78 was elected Gage County Attorney. He lives in Beatrice with his wife Julie.

Mike Mykris BS ’79, MS ’01, has been named Interim State Director of the statewide business assistance program for the New Mexico Small Business Development Center. Mike has been an active member and chair of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee since 2006 and assisted in the development of the Santa Fe Economic Development Plan. He was recognized as the New Mexico SBDC State Star in 2006 and as Santa Fe Chamber Volunteer of the Year in Economic Development in 2007 and 2009. He and his wife Carolyn live in Santa Fe, N.M.

‘80s

Pat Wiebers ’80 has retired after 30 years of teaching band, music, choir and general music. She has received a number of honors over the years. She and her husband Gale live in Ovid, Colo.

Steve McClain ’84 has been named the assistant coach for the Indiana University Hoosiers basketball team. He lives in Bloomington with his wife Kim and son Dylan.

Brenda (Fear) Larabee ’88 is a teacher at Stuart Public Schools and coached the Stuart team that won the 2010 D-2 State Speech Championship. She lives in Stuart with her husband Keith.

Kevin Grooms, ’86 and his wife Christine recently purchased Olsen’s Agricultural Laboratory in McCook. Kevin started as a lab technician at Olsen’s Ag Lab 20 years ago and was promoted to laboratory manager in 1991. His wife Christine also works at Olsen’s as a lab tech and certified crop advisor.

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Alumni Gatherings coming soon to a city near you…

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8

Scottsdale, Ariz., Jan. 28

Mesa, Ariz., CAR reunion, Jan. 29

Sun City, Ariz., Jan. 30

Mullen, Neb., early March

Casper, Riverton and Cody, Wyo., late April

Sheridan, Wyo., May 1

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Check the website at www.csc.edu/alumni/events.csc for more detailed information.
cause of her 10 years of service for the South Dakota State University Cooperative Extension Service.

’90s
Mark "90 and Penny (loss) Lincoln ’85 have moved to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, along with their two boys. Mark is teaching communication systems and broadcasting and is an assistant wrestling coach at the Coeur d’Alene schools.
Craig Jersild ’92 has been hired as an assistant coach and the equipment manager for Chadron State football. Coach Jersild works primarily with the defensive backs. Craig and his wife Sandy (Scherbath) ’92 have four children, Jessica, Lane, and twins Beau and Drew.
Paul Jantz ’95, Bellevue, accepted a position with the State of Nebraska as the Deputy Coordinator for Emergency Response.
Carolyn (Curtis) Campbell ’97, Bayard, was awarded the Nebraska State Education Association 2009 Teaching Excellence award, and is a nominee for the National Education Association National Award for 2011.
Michelle (Green) Hirsch ’97 is employed by the State of Indiana as an investigator. She lives in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Thomas Haase ’98, Lake City, Fla., received a doctor of philosophy in public and international affairs from the University of Pittsburgh in December 2009.
Pat Fackrell ’98, ’01 MS, has been named the head coach of the Evanston High School Red Devils football program. Pat has been the defensive coordinator for Black Hills State the previous six seasons. He and his wife Beverly live in Evanston, Wyo.
Dan Maciejczak att ’98 has been named the head football coach at Douglas High School in Rapid City, S.D.
Casey Beran ’99 has joined the Creighton Medical Associates as an orthopedic surgeon. Casey completed his orthopedic surgery residency at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, Mich., this year and graduated with his medical degree from University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2005. He is also an instructor in the Orthopedics Division of the Surgery Department for Creighton University School of Medicine.

’00s
Sean Conroy ’03, Lenexa, Kan., graduated with his masters in physician assistant studies from Union College in Lincoln and has accepted a position at Kansas City Bone and Joint P.C. as an orthopedic physician assistant.
Ethan Mann ’05, Hilliard, Ohio, graduated with his Ph.D. and accepted a position at Ohio State University in the lab of Dan Wozniak. Ethan’s wife Tracy (Finney) Mann ’04 received her master’s degree this past May. The couple has a daughter Taya, and son Rory.
Jana Goranson ’05 MS, Gordon, is among six Nebraska high school guidance counselors selected to receive the Guidance Counselor Enrichment Scholarship from EducationQuest Foundation.
Willie Lewman ’05, Rawlins, Wyo., was one of 10 teachers statewide to receive the 2010 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Lewman teaches algebra, geometry, trigonometry, consumer math and the Discovery Program at Rawlins Cooperative High School.
Christopher Wells ’06, Brookfield, Wis., received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Henderson, Nev., this past spring. Chris will do his residency in Waukesha, Wis., in Family Practice.
Carrie (Dunn) Ramsey ’06 is a physician’s assistant at Pawnee County Rural Health Clinic in Pawnee City. She lives in Verdon with her husband Gabe.
Misty Cooper ’07, Grand Island, recently finished two years of teaching elementary students in the Czech Republic.
Amber Snyder ’07 was honored as Teacher of the year at Saint Francis Indian School for the school year 2009-10. Amber is currently in her fourth year of teaching fourth grade and lives in Black Hawk, S.D.
Becky Lowe MA ’07, Hermosa, S.D., recently received the Custer School District Teacher of the Year Award. She teaches K-8 at Fairburn School in rural eastern Custer County.
Merrill Feller BS ’01, MS ’08, Valentine, began working as a site administrator in Nunapitchuk, Alaska, at the Lower Kuskokwim School District in August 2009.
Lindsey (Michael) Oldaker ’08, Burwell, received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from University of Nebraska Medical Center in May 2010 and has accepted a position in the Valley County Health System in the rehabilitation services department.
Benjamin Volen ’09, Omaha, recently accepted a position as webmaster at the College of Saint Mary in Omaha.

Marriages

’80s
LaVay Rinehart ’84 and Dean Horst were married Oct. 10, 2010. The couple lives in North Platte where LaVay is employed with Region II Human Services as a Youth Care Coordinator.
Robert Hersh ’91 and Robert Geer were married June 25, 2010. The couple splits time between Dunning, and Florida.
Jay Tidyman ’96 and Sandra Burnett were married Oct. 24, 2009. The couple lives in Salina, Kansas.
Kelly Kozu BA ’99, MBA ’07 and Todd Moran were married July 23, 2010. The couple lives in Fort Collins, Colo. where Kelly is a pharmaceutical representative for Eli Lilly.
Elisabeth Raus ’00 and Mikel Wess ’00 were married Oct. 3, 2009. They live in Dell Rapids, S.D., where Mikel is a manufacturing supervisor and Liz is a restaurant manager.
Melissa Krivohlavcek ’01 and Ed Taylor were married June 13, 2009. The couple lives in Omaha where Missy is employed by Father Flannagan’s Boys Home.
Lindsey Buckland ’08 and Raymond Phillips ’03 were married July 31, 2010. Raymond is the assistant professor of military science at Chadron State College and Lindsey is completing her masters in organizational management.
Janice O’Leary ’03 and Grayson Lukasik were married June 27, 2009. The couple lives in Lolo, Mont.
Michelle Markowski att ’06 and Jeff Weber att. ’05 were married June 6, 2009. Michelle graduated from University of Nebraska Medical Center in May 2010 with a BS in athletic training and has accepted a job in Kearney. Jeff graduated from University of Nebraska Lincoln in May 2009 with a BS in athletic training and is a graduate assistant trainer for the UNL wrestling team while working on his master’s degree.
Travis Covy ’05 and Erin Buck were married July 10, 2010. Travis is the head track and field coach at Black Hills State University. The couple lives in Spearfish, S.D.
Alicia Longe ’06 and Philip Parks ’06 were married March 17, 2010. The couple lives in Columbus where Alicia is a Physician Assistant - Certified at Columbus Medical Center and Phil is doing ad and Web design for the Columbus Telegram.
Joel Duffield ’06 and Kelsey Eitel ’07 were married June 26, 2010. The couple lives in Alliance where Kelsey is a physical therapist at Alliance Physical Therapy and Joel is a high voltage lineman with PREMA.
Jamie Flint ’07 and Dusty Snyder were married July 24, 2010. Jamie is a fifth-grade teacher at General Beadle Elementary. The couple lives in Rapid City, S.D.
Lindsey Michael ’08 and Melvin Oldaker ’07 were married Sept. 4, 2010. The couple lives in Burwell.
Loni Hughes’08 and Matt Watson were married July 10, 2010. The couple lives in Omaha. Loni is employed by Blair High School where she is teaching math and coaching a variety of sports.
Stephanie Woodard ’09 and Nels Huffman ’08 were married June 12, 2010. The couple lives in Chadron.
Keri Byczkowski ’09 and Travis McKay were married May 29, 2010. Keri is currently in a graduate program at University of Nebraska Medical Center.
Matthew Hines ’09 and Audrey Roberts ’08 were married July 1, 2010. The couple lives in Springfield, Va. Matthew is employed by the Department of Justice as an information technology specialist.
Jamie Smartwood ’09 and Scott Simons ’10 were married June 12, 2010. The couple lives in Fort Collins, Colo.
Andrea Hulm ’09 and William Clanton ’09 were married Aug. 6, 2010. The couple lives in Bowbells, N.D.

Future Eagles...

’90s
Ty to Dan ’92, ’97 MS and Stacy (Bach) Beeve ’92, ’02 MS, Elburn, Ill., June 7, 2010. He joins brother Trey.
Katelin Janae to Tim and (Pinn) Hynek ’95, Fairbury, March 20, 2010. She joins sister Abby.
Owen Michael and Austin Chad to Tony att. ’97 and Sara (Witherspoon) Rodocker ’03, Gering, Aug. 2, 2010. The twins join sister Avery.

’00s
Gage Matthew to Josh and Johna (Johnson) Gartrell ’00, North Plate, March 27, 2010.
Folasa Jett to Uati ’03 and Jill (Harmon) Paopao ’01, Chadron, May 12, 2010. He joins brother Jace.
Brooklyn Erin to Kyle and Aaron Turner ’01, Commerce City, Colo., May 20, 2010.
In Loving Memory

Faculty/Staff
Dr. Ronald Weedon, faculty, Chadron, died May 25, 2010.

CSC’s Centennial Phonathon
Chadron State College marks its centennial year in 2011.
As we reflect on the College’s proud history, we look forward to future opportunities and achievements. Now is the time to help move CSC into its second century of service.

Annual support through the Phonathon is important to the ongoing work of Chadron State. Giving to the College is a personal decision.
Support from alumni, parents and friends make it possible for CSC to build on its past excellence and continue providing a strong education for students well into the future.

A student will contact you soon to request your support for CSC’s Centennial Phonathon.
Please consider a gift to fund scholarships and campus services that will impact students’ lives on their educational journey.

January 30 to February 17, 2011
Two of the newer members of Chadron State’s Living Legacy Club are still young at heart and have sound bodies and minds after celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this summer.

Joe and Rose Folsom of Lincoln keep in touch with their alma mater at the western end of the state and are pleased they were able to designate that a portion of their estate will go to Chadron State College.

Rose was the “new girl” in town when she moved to Chadron following graduation from Sidney High School in May 1949. Her parents, Dick and Alice Jones, and the younger members of their family of 11 had made the move just a few days before the Blizzard of ’49 struck.

Rose soon met one of Chadron’s dashing young men—Joe Folsom, an all-around athlete at Chadron State. They were married in July 1950, just prior to the start of his senior year when he earned his third letter in football and fourth letter in basketball with the Eagles.

Following graduation, Joe taught business, economics and world history and coached basketball for 40 years in Nebraska high schools. His first stop was in Ogallala, where he took two of his teams to the state tournament. The 1957-58 team went 18-2 and was the Class A runner-up. In 1980 when the late Jerry Mathers published his “Nebraska High School Sports,” Joe was selected as the all-class Coach of the Year.

After the stint at Ogallala, the Folsoms moved to North Platte High, where Joe led another team to the state tourney. He went to Lincoln High School in 1968 and spent 15 years an assistant coach for the Links. He continued to teach until retiring in 1991.

Since then, Joe has spent much of his time playing golf and doing woodworking that includes making furniture and cabinets. Rose jokes that there’s hardly any more room for Joe’s handmade in their home. However, they have lots of relatives and numerous friends, including fellow CSC alums, who continue to place orders.

After staying home to raise their four children, Rose enjoyed working 17 years as assistant manager of a Russell Stover candy store and 10 years as a sales clerk at a B Dalton bookstore. She shares her husband’s passion for sports, and noted they’ve especially enjoyed following Danny Woodhead’s superb play with the New England Patriots this fall.

Homecoming 2011
October 1
Plan to join us for Chadron State’s Centennial & Homecoming Celebrations!
www.csc.edu/centennial