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We have opened the doors of the Chicoine Center to our campus, community and guests and it is a tremendous addition to campus. Chadron State College has this wonderful new facility due to your generosity, the support of your organizations, the foresight of the Nebraska unicameral, and the leadership of the Chadron State Foundation. On behalf of a grateful college, thank you.

The name is a fitting tribute to Vern Chicoine, a long-time supporter of Chadron State. Like other buildings on campus which stand in honor of the founders who went before us, let’s carry on the tradition of excellence.

I want to recognize Senator John Harms for his vision and tireless efforts to bring this building from blueprints to steel and concrete. Senator Harms may have been motivated more than most to help his alma mater acquire new facilities to serve future generations of CSC students. Thank you Senator Harms.

Hundreds of student-athletes will enter the Chicoine Center and build their skills as team members, others will cheer for the Eagle teams, play in the band and participate in numerous other contests and events that make up the memories associated with an undergraduate education.

The Chicoine Center, Eagle Ridge Housing and the Rangeland Complex are inspiring and visual reminders confirming that we continue to serve our region by producing graduates who become leaders. Chadron State graduates are prepared to perform and become assets to the communities they will call home.

The Foundation’s Annual Campaign recently concluded with a celebratory luncheon for all those who volunteered their time and energy to make the campaign a success. During the celebration it was announced that $177,756 was raised during the campaign, surpassing last year’s mark. These community and campus volunteers take their time, seek out and speak with colleagues, friends, business associates and acquaintances to share the stories of how scholarships improve the lives of young people from our region.

A great example of the synergy that happens during the annual campaign was the creation of the Chadron Legion Riders Corey Mracek Memorial Scholarship. Some of the campaign volunteers spoke with representatives of the Chadron Legion Riders and a wonderful new scholarship opportunity was created for future students who are veterans.

As you travel to see family and friends near and far this holiday season, please know that CSC is thankful for your support and leadership.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Rhine
President

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On the Cover:
Dr. Charles Snare addresses the candidates for bachelor’s degrees during Chadron State College’s undergraduate commencement ceremony on Friday, Dec. 12. The graduation was the first of its kind in CSC’s newly constructed Chicoine Center. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

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By Alex Helmbrecht

For several years, Armstrong Gymnasium was a pleasant space for winter and spring commencement ceremonies at Chadron State College. However, after a half century of use and increasing crowd numbers that led to restricted bleacher seating, high temperatures, and cramped quarters for photos, it has officially been retired.

Enter the Chicoine Center, Chadron State’s $17 million facility and the new home for undergraduate commencement. One hundred and forty-three undergraduates received their bachelor’s degrees Friday, Dec. 12, and walked into CSC history. And, now, thanks to 64,792 square feet, modern amenities and plenty of room for families and graduates to congregate, some time-honored commencement traditions will continue for many years at Chadron State.

One of the more recent traditions has been the sight of Roger Mays, who has been a familiar face for at least a dozen years to graduating students and commencement audiences. Mays, a visual and performing arts professor, has served as the front of house manager for 12 years, 11 of those at Armstrong Gymnasium.

Needless to say, his first year at the Chicoine Center had him smiling, especially after he saw several students pose for photos with family and friends in the large hallways and concourses.

“The Chicoine Center has an excellent ability for families to be around their students and that’s what graduation is all about,” Mays said. “It is spacious, social, family-oriented and very inviting. To me, that is exactly how Chadron State College is viewed. For us to convey that mentality to our guests is incredibly congenial.”

“At Armstrong there really wasn’t room for families to savor the moment. Graduation is a big deal for all these people and I am pleased the college provides them with a fitting setting for that now.”

Mays also said another advantage the Chicoine Center has over Armstrong is that it’s operated on two levels – the ground floor and the mezzanine – and plans are in place for people with needs.

Dale Williamson, the college’s registrar, was also thrilled with the first commencement in the Chicoine Center.

“It’s a perfect facility for this event,” said Williamson, who has overseen commencement exercises since 1983. “We didn’t have any major issues with moving the ceremony over here. We know the traditions will continue and I’m sure some will evolve but the comfort and convenience the Chicoine Center provides is fantastic.”

For many years, Armstrong Gymnasium housed commencement exercises on campus, including the Spring 2011 Commencement in this photo from May 7. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)
Facility Name: The Vern Chicoine Center is named after Vernon P. Chicoine, a longtime supporter of Chadron State College. The gift from the Vern Chicoine trust is the largest gift ever made to the Chadron State Foundation. The gift will be held as an endowment and the earnings and growth will be used into the future. The first $1 million of the earnings from the principal gift will be used to fund the Chicoine Center.

Court name: Loy Young Court is named for the former CSC men's basketball coach who guided the Eagles to an 84-37 record from 1951-56.

Architect: Leo A. Daly based in Omaha.

Construction Manager at Risk (General Contractor): Adolfson and Peterson based in Denver.

Seats: Constructed by Irwin Seating based in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Facility Names
Bob and Babe Baumann Family Entrance to Success
First National Bank Concourse
First National Bank North Platte Concourse
First State Bank Scottsbluff/Gering Concourse
Danny Woodhead Walk of Fame
Eagle Chevrolet Ticket Office
Dick and Marlene Myers Family Concessions Area
Coach Loy Young Court

General Athletic Rooms
Thomas ‘Pat’ Colgate, Ph.D. Athletic Director Office
Dr. Frank and Sandy Ferguson Athletic Director Conference Room
Don Finney Coaches Meeting Room
Daniel S. and Donna L. Contonis Business Office
Curt and Mary Lecher Graduate Assistant Work Room
Lytle Family Lecture Hall
Con Marshall Sports Information Director Office
Carl and Diane McManis Sports Medicine Room
Dan and Deanie Knight Male Coaches Locker Room
Dr. Jo and Big ‘Red’ Coaches Conference Room in honor of Dr. JoAnne Owens-Nauslar and ‘Red’ Nauslar
Jerry and Lois Johnson Office
Bob and Jo Rasmussen Office
Platte Valley Bank

Basketball
Jim and Amy Gardner Family Basketball Locker Room
Cliff and Sandee Hanson Men’s Basketball Coach Office
Larry Riley Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach Office
Scott, Katie and Molly Kreyck Basketball Locker Room
Lee and Virginia Wahlstrom Women’s Basketball Coach Office

Football
Brad Smith Football Coach Office
Randy and Lorrie Bauer Family Defensive Coordinator Office
James L. Butler Football Offensive Coordinator Office
Chad and Cheryl Emanuel Football Locker Room
Tommy’s Car Lot Assistant Football Coach Office
Don Schmaderer Assistant Football Coach Office
Cost: $17 million

Concrete pour: 1.2 million pounds of concrete were poured to form the floor of the gymnasium. The concrete is five inches thick and covers 122 by 155 feet. More than three miles of rebar were used to help solidify the floor. Fuller Construction of Chadron is the concrete contractor for the project and Hills Material Co., also of Chadron, supplied the concrete. The pour took … 32 truckloads of concrete 20 workers 16 hours to complete

Concrete pour:

The Chicoine Center is built on top of 60, 40-inch piers that are 40-feet deep. More than 4 million pounds of concrete was used for the foundation.

Light fixtures in the gymnasium: 2,714
Capacity for commencement: 2,200
Capacity for athletic events: 1,750
Electrical outlets: 617
Collapsible Seats with chair backs: 604
Number of donors: 200 +
Toilets: 49
Height from gym floor to ceiling in feet: 37
Offices: 25
Seating Sections: 14
Sub-contractors: 13
Number of public address speakers: 10
Urinals: 10
Baskets: 6
Rest rooms: 5
Water fountains: 4
Score tables: 3
Scoreboards: 2
Competition Court: 1

Square footage: 64,792

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Golf

Larry Lochridge Women's Golf Coach Office

Softball

Family of Jill and Rob Stack Coach Office

Volleyball

Andy and Lois Anderson Coach Office
Linda and Gil Nitsch Family Locker Room
Three families with long-standing ties to Chadron State College were recognized as recipients of the institution’s Family Tree Award. Families with three or more generations who 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 72.
The Mowry - Carr Family

Billie Mowry was the first of his family to attend college in Chadron. He graduated in 1960 with a biology degree. He had a 34-year career in education as a teacher, secondary principal and superintendent. He lives in Riverton, Wyoming. Two of his sons attended CSC.

Byron earned his business degree in 1981. He also lives in Riverton and is the chief accounting officer for U.S. Energy Corporation. His wife, Cheryl (Carr) graduated in 1993. She is in her 13th year as principal of Riverton Middle School.

Bruce graduated in 1995 with a bachelor’s in secondary education and has taught math at McCormick Jr. High in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for 14 years.

Cheryl’s brother, Rex Carr, attended CSC in 1978, and her sister, Cynthia Hald, earned her elementary education degree in 1979 and has been a first grade teacher in Scottsbluff for 28 years.

Byron and Cheryl’s son, James, attended CSC and went on to earn his law degree. He is practicing law in Sheridan, Wyoming. His sister, Abigail, graduated in 2008. She is a fifth grade teacher at Sagebrush Elementary in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Billie’s niece, Susan Goetzinger, earned two bachelor’s degrees in 1983. She lives in Riverton, Wyoming, where she is the market director for physician’s services for Lifeline Hospitals.

The Riesen Family

Maxine Underwood (deceased) began the family tradition of higher education when she attended Nebraska State Teachers college at Chadron in 1937. She and her husband, Ernest Riesen, had two sons who graduated from CSC.

Clell Riesen, a retired farmer and business manager, earned his business education degree in 1968. He currently lives near Minatare, Nebraska. His sons, Clayton and Clinton, are CSC graduates.

Burr Riesen, earned a geology degree in 1970 and has been engaged in geology work in Wyoming. He lives in Sheridan.

Clinton graduated in 2006 with a business degree. He is married to Nancie Mansfield, a 2008 graduate. They live near Minatare.

Clayton Riesen graduated in 1987 and works in the banking industry. Clayton serves on the CSC Alumni Board. He and his wife, Julie, have two children attending the college.

Ashley earned her bachelor’s degree and is a graduate assistant pursuing her master’s degree. Colby is a current Chadron State College undergraduate student.

The Winchell - Phillips Family

Mary Eloise Johnston Feighny (deceased) enrolled in Nebraska State Teachers College in 1932-33 and earned her bachelor’s degree in 1958. She was an educator in Alliance. Her daughter Kathryn followed her to Chadron State College.

Kathryn majored in education and graduated with her bachelor’s in 1961. Kathryn is a retired English teacher living in Scottsbluff. Her husband, Ron Winchell, graduated in 1965 and went on to complete 36 years of military service. He is a retired chief of staff for the 35th infantry division (mechanized).

Their son, Mike, married Shawna Phillips who graduated in 1988. They are self-employed in the banking industry in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Shawna’s father, Dick Phillips, is a 1960 graduate who was instrumental in organizing the original CSC rodeo club. He is a Navy veteran who worked as a purchasing agent and truck driver.

Dick’s mother, Virginia Louise Johnson Phillips Buechler, (deceased) earned a general elementary state certificate in 1928. Virginia, Dick, Shawna and Shelby are four generations on the Phillips side of the family.

Mike and Shawna’s daughter, Shelby, is a current student at CSC. She is on track to complete her education degree in 2015. She is the fourth generation of both sides of her family to attend Chadron State College.

For more on 2014 Family Tree Awards visit: csc.edu/modules/news/public_news/view/10812
By Shaun Wicen

With the volleyball season ending and basketball season starting up, one cannot help but be excited for the opening of the new $16 million Chicoine Center. However, the history of the Eagles’ home for many years, Armstrong Gymnasium, is rich.

Armstrong Gymnasium opened in the fall of 1964. The building was named after Ross Armstrong, longtime Chadron State employee and coach. Armstrong came to CSC in 1933 and stayed on the staff as executive director of the Chadron State Foundation until his death in January 1990.

Armstrong Gym has been host to hundreds, if not thousands of games and matches in its 50 years. Besides playing host to college athletics, the gym has been used for graduation ceremonies, fundraisers, pep rallies, tournaments, and many other events throughout the years.

Since opening 50 years ago, there have been 32 coaches for CSC in three different sports. There have been 49 seasons of men’s basketball, 42 seasons of volleyball, 40 seasons of women’s basketball, and many seasons of wrestling prior to moving their matches to the Nelson Physical Activity Center.

Men’s basketball was the first sport to ever take the court in Armstrong Gymnasium in the winter of 1964. Since then, there have been eight coaches. The final overall record of the teams to play in the gym is 589 wins to 744 losses. Arguably, the most successful men’s team to play in the gym was the 1966-67 basketball team that was inducted into the Chadron State Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. They had a record of 22-6 and won the NAIA District 11 championship, as well as winning their opening-round game in the NAIA tournament that year. The career scoring record goes to Josh Robinson who scored 2,041 points between 1988-92.

Volleyball was introduced at Chadron State College in 1972. Since then, there have been 15 coaches through 42 seasons. Not including the current season, the total record stands at 588 wins, 719 losses, and eight ties. The first volleyball team in 1972 made it to the Nebraska Collegiate Championship. Chadron State College actually hosted the state tourney, or the Nebraska Women’s Intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament. While hosting, the Eagles defeated the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Peru State, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Kearney State to win the title. The Eagles finished their first season with a record of 14-3. Arguably the best hitter for the Eagles would be Roxie Boehm, who has a career total 1,819 kills including 621 in the 1991 season.

The last Chadron State College sport to start in Armstrong was women’s basketball. In its 40 seasons, Chadron State women’s basketball has seen nine coaches with a combined record of 415 wins to 600 losses. Tricia Lukawski holds the record for most career points with 1,869. The most points ever scored by an Eagle in Armstrong belongs to current CSC student Kattie Ranta, who scored 40 points against Adams State in January of 2013.

In its 50 years, the coach to win the most games playing in Armstrong is Tom Anderson, who coached the women’s basketball team from 1994-2007 with 144 victories. With only one loss less is Marge Burkett, who coached the CSC volleyball team from 1978-84.

The coach with the best winning percentage goes to the first ever volleyball coach, Wanda Rainbolt, who had a winning percentage of 68.5.

Additionally, the men’s basketball coach with the most wins is the first coach in the building, Mack Peyton, who won 134 of his 190 career wins.

Armstrong has seen many players, almost too many to count. It has provided thousands of people with entertainment, seen millions of shoes, and has had hundreds of thousands of fans sit in its stands cheering on their teams.

With the new addition, Armstrong Gymnasium will continue to be used for practices, tournaments, and other organized events, but the days of cheering on Chadron State College athletics from the wooden bleachers of Armstrong are officially over.
By Con Marshall

For many years, students sometimes used a different method of traveling to Chadron State College than is available nowadays. If they lived along the Chicago and North Western Railroad in the northern tier of counties in Nebraska, they arrived by train.

That happened in late May 1948 to a pair of Dorothys—Dorothy Larson of Bassett and Dorothy Williams of Ainsworth. They met on the passenger train going to Chadron so they could attend summer school and study to become teachers.

The friendship flourished and some 66 years later, the Dorothys are still friends. This past July when Dorothy W, who lives in Central City, turned 85, she received a special birthday present from a daughter: a trip to visit her friend Dorothy L in Mitchell.

“We had so much fun again,” Dorothy W said. “We have always gotten along perfectly.”

Much has transpired during the 66 years since the Dorothys met. Both married and Dorothy W became Dorothy Kienker and Dorothy L became Dorothy Kuxhausen. Thus they both became Dorothy K.

Besides attending summer school in the summer of 1948, both remained at CSC during the 1948-49 school year. They were roommates in a college residential facility, took many of the same classes and played in the band and sang in the choir.

They also remained at CSC during the summer of 1949 and took teaching jobs that fall. Dorothy W went to Oshkosh and Dorothy W to Mitchell.

Dorothy W remembers that during the 1950-51 school year, both rode the train—this time the Union Pacific—to attend the teachers’ convention in Omaha.

Before too long, both were married. Dorothy W’s husband was Alton Kienker, who was teaching in Oshkosh when they met and later taught in Grand Island, where the couple lived most of their married life. Dorothy L married Paul Kuxhausen, whose family was in the grocery business.

Both women became mothers and had busy lives, but they remained in contact.

Dorothy Larson of Bassett and Dorothy Williams of Ainsworth have been friends for 66 years since meeting at CSC in 1948.

Dorothy W said they always exchanged Christmas cards and wrote letters to one another quite often. She recalls one time when she and her husband were on their way to Denver, they stayed overnight with the Kuxhausens in Mitchell.

The Kuxhausens also drove to Grand Island and visited the Kienkers at least once, she said.

“After so many years, it’s hard to remember every time we got together,” Dorothy Kienker noted. “Our husbands also became good friends. One time after we’d all had lunch together, my husband told Paul, ‘It’s no wonder they’re such good friends because they are a lot alike.’”

Student leaders meet on campus

Chadron State College student leaders hosted their counterparts from Peru State College and Wayne State College on campus in October during the annual Nebraska State College System conference.

The PSC and WSC guests toured the CSC campus and discussed concerns about student alcohol consumption, longboard use on campuses and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. Representatives of each college also provided a presentation about the programs and services offered by their institution.

Dr. Pat Beu, senior director of student affairs, welcomed the visitors to campus and Dr. Randy Rhine, president, spoke during a formal dinner Friday night.

“This was a valuable opportunity. It’s healthy for the student leadership of all three campuses to discuss areas of commonality. It’s good to see them problem solve and explore student concerns while considering multiple viewpoints,” Beu said.
Andy Anderson remembers when he didn’t think college was for him. He was happy as long as he had a decent job and the time to hunt and fish and play baseball.

Baseball was his sport. He was a tall left-handed pitcher “who could bring it,” as they say. He also had a good curve ball and, according to one report, was “just wild enough to keep you loose at the plate.”

Anderson grew up in Minatare, which was a baseball hotbed. It was the hometown of Bob Harris, who played in the major leagues, then came back to coach the American Legion baseball teams. Some of his players included Verne Lewellen and Bill Stephenson, both top-notch all-around athletes who enrolled at Chadron State College and played football after they had served in the Army during World War II.

Andy was two years younger and spent two years in the Marines. Lewellen and Stephenson played on the Eagles’ conference champion football teams in the late 1940s and stayed in Chadron to play baseball in the summers on the Elks’ town team that was among the best in western Nebraska.

When the Elks needed a pitcher, “Lew and Steve” remembered their former Minatare Legion teammate and encouraged him to join them in Chadron. The deal included a job at the Chadron Milling Co., which produced Lily White flour and tons of livestock feed. It was managed by Paul Babue, a strong booster of the Chadron State College athletics.

After he’d worked at “The Mill” for a couple of year, Anderson says Babue called him into his office.

“He told me, ‘Andy I’m firing you. You can’t work here anymore. Now get yourself up to the college and earn your degree.’”

“Well, I took his advice and that was the best thing that ever happened to me,” Anderson recalls. “I owe a lot to Verne Lewellen, Bill Stephenson and Paul Babue. It was their influence that brought me to Chadron and then got me to Chadron State.”

After Anderson graduated from CSC in the summer of 1953, he taught and coached in area schools for five years before becoming a Bankers Life of Nebraska Insurance agent in Scottsbluff. Before long, he was the general agent for western Nebraska and was in charge of up to a dozen agents.

“One year we led the 70 agencies in the nation and received the President’s Trophy,” Anderson said. “We were the runners-up several other times. I had good guys, several of them CSC graduates, working for me and we sold lots of insurance.”

As Anderson, who received the college’s Distinguished Service Award in 1988, prospered, he faithfully supported his alma mater. In 1989, he was among about a dozen individuals who formed the Foundation’s Living Legacy Club. Its members designate that their estate will include a gift to the college.

Anderson, who has lived in Chadron since 1997, remains in good health and continues to attend CSC athletic contests and Eagles Booster Club meetings. This past June, about a month before he celebrated his 88th birthday, he limbered up his left arm and threw out the first pitch during an American Legion tournament. It had been about 60 years since he’d pitched in Chadron, but he showed he could still “bring it.”

“I’m so happy that Chadron State is continuing to do well and attracts so many outstanding students,” Andy noted. “It’s rewarding to keep track of what’s going on at the college and I urge others to become involved. I know you’ll enjoy it.”

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Chadron State College
Golf Classic - Don Beebe Tournament
Memorial Day weekend, Ridgeview Country Club in Chadron
Four-person scramble Saturday and Sunday, May 23-24

Entry fee of $150 per person. A reception and auction Friday, May 22, is open to the public. Proceeds benefit Chadron State College Athletics.
For more information visit our website at csc.edu/alumni/events.csc
Janet Donovan receives state award

By Tena L. Cook

Two-time graduate Janet Donovan was named the Employee of the Year for Health Services Division for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services in a ceremony Sept. 24. As a result of this nomination she was then eligible for State of Nebraska Employee of the Year.

She was recognized as State of Nebraska Employee of the Year Oct. 28 during a ceremony at the State Capitol.

“I was surprised. I wasn’t expecting it,” Donovan said. She has been a mental health practitioner at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York for 13 years.

Her supervisor, Dr. Gary Loya, Ph.D., nominated her for the honor saying that she is very deserving.

“We’ve worked together 10 years. She is dependable and an excellent therapist. She’s dedicated to her job and worthy to be recognized. She was a good choice. I feel like she really appreciated the award and getting to meet the governor. It’s a significant award and will be a highlight of her vita,” Loya said.

She works directly with inmates who have been diagnosed with major mental illness. Currently she is the on-site director of the in-patient mental health unit which houses 10-12 of the most significantly mentally ill inmates incarcerated at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women. The facility houses minimum, medium and maximum custody inmates.

“We are currently moving very close to housing the most inmates ever at this facility. Unfortunately as the total population increases, so does the number of mentally ill inmates. We are seeing an increase in the intensity of their mental illness as well,” Donovan said.

Donovan earned a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in corrections and psychology. She earned her master’s in community counseling. She and her father, Marv Neuharth, currently an adjunct faculty member in the Psychology and Counseling Department, attended classes together while she was completing her undergraduate degree. Although her father was actually one of her instructors in a statistics class, she still identifies Dr. George Watson as her all-time favorite instructor.

“Dr. Watson helped me through some very difficult times in my undergraduate program. I probably would not have completed the program if it were not for him,” she said.

Chadron State College graduate named Wyoming Teacher of the Year

By Tena L. Cook

Chadron native Tyler Bartlett was named the 2015 Wyoming Teacher of the Year during a presentation in Newcastle, Wyoming, in September. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill presented the award to Bartlett, a 2008 graduate of Chadron State College.

Bartlett is living his dream of coaching and teaching middle school math while pursuing his master’s degree through CSC.

“This award was quite a surprise for me and it is a tremendous honor. I took it as a sign I am moving in the right direction as a teacher. I’m far from perfect, and I’m still learning and growing as a professional. At the same time, it’s nice to receive an honor like this that gives you a little confirmation that you’re doing your job well,” Bartlett said.

Bartlett emphasized that a state award isn’t possible without many people working together.

“I was very fortunate to be hired by a tremendous principal right out of college named Scott Shoop. I have also worked with some amazing people over the years,” Bartlett said.

He expressed his gratitude for numerous teachers, coaches and mentors who helped him as a student.

“A community like Chadron and a school like Chadron State College is full of hard-working, talented people who care about others. I learned so much from my professors at Chadron State. People like Dr. Stack, Dr. King, and Dr. Hunn were great mentors to reach out to when I had questions and who supported me when I wanted to try new ways to approach an idea or assignment,” he said.

The value of relationships is something each of his mentors emphasized.

“I like to think that I do a nice job of making connections with my students by being positive, using a little humor, and treating them with respect. I think that goes a long way in reaching kids and helping them learn,” Bartlett said.
Retired BBC documentary film director completes residency at CSC

Veteran BBC documentary film director Tim Slessor served as practitioner-in-residence during the fall semester.

This was not his first time to visit Chadron State College. In 1965-66, he took a break from his career as a BBC documentary film director to teach at CSC. He said that year with his wife and two small children was one of the happiest of his life.

Slessor was hosted by the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center through a private donation to the Chadron State Foundation. The Sandoz Center Residency Program is a collaboration between Chadron State College, the Chadron State Foundation, and private donors.

Sandoz Center Director Sarah Polak said she is thankful the Center was chosen as the host of the pilot program. She hopes that donors will continue to sponsor similar programs in the future.

“This pilot program has certainly increased the visibility of the center and the college around the region. It also shows our commitment to serving the region through unique educational experiences,” Polak said. “The scope of the center allows for a diverse and vibrant practitioner-in-residence program to flourish. We decided to call this a practitioner-in-residence, because we want to expand beyond scholars to subject matter experts in a variety of areas.”

The majority of Slessor’s residency was spent in outreach activities including high school presentations in Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Slessor was the featured Graves Lecture speaker in October. The program can be viewed on the CSC YouTube Channel. During his remarks, he said he was hired by Dorset Graves, the namesake of the lecture series.
Chadron State College also presented Distinguished Service Awards to two couples who were the co-leaders of the highly successful Vision 2011 Comprehensive Campaign when the college was celebrating its 100th anniversary and preparing for its second century of service.

The honorees are Randy and Lorrie Bauer of Chadron and Chad and Cheryl Emanuel of Waukee, Iowa. All four attended Chadron State in the 1970s and have been extremely supportive alumni.

The Bauers and the Emanuels helped set the $11 million campaign goal and celebrated five years later when contributions were more than $17 million. The leadership and cooperation demonstrated by the two couples were major reasons for the campaign’s success.

Both Randy and Chad had been officers for the Chadron State Foundation Board of Directors and received Chadron State’s Distinguished Alumni Awards before they and their mates accepted the leadership responsibilities for Vision 2011.

Both couples met at Chadron State. Lorrie (Johnson) Bauer is from Chadron and Cheryl (Ziska) Emanuel is from Atkinson.

After graduating from CSC in 1974, Randy worked at the college for nine years. The past 31 years, he has been a State Farm Insurance agent in Chadron. Lorrie has taught family and consumer science at Chadron High School for more than 30 years.

Randy’s service to the college has included 27 years as president of the Eagles Booster Club. He’s now the vice president.

Chad and Cheryl also have had a special devotion to the Chadron State. No matter where they have lived, they attend many Chadron State football games both home and away and frequently make the nine-hour trip from Iowa to participate in college functions.

Since 2011, Chad and Cheryl have operated their own firm, CFE Solutions. It provides consulting services and constructs industrial and agricultural facilities throughout the Midwest.

The Bauers have three sons, Josh, Aaron and Ben, and the Emanuels have three daughters, Chana, Audrey and Heidi, and a son, Nathan. Both couples have three grandchildren.

On October 25, an additional Distinguished Service Award was presented by Chadron State College to one of its own: Con Marshall. He has been an ‘institution’ at Chadron State College and northwestern Nebraska for nearly 50 years.

Con graduated from CSC in 1963 and has worked at the college as the director of information and sports information director for most of the intervening years. He officially ‘retired’ in 2007 but he continues to remain active on campus by writing stories and taking pictures.

Marshall has produced volumes of news stories and photographs, in addition to frequently serving as a resource for anyone looking for information about Chadron State, its athletic programs and the history of the surrounding region. In the late 1990s, the press box at Elliott Field was named for Marshall.

Marshall, a former Chadron Record Citizen of the Year, has been recognized numerous times by the College Sports Information Directors of America. In recent years, Marshall has received distinguished service awards from the Nebraska Athletic Directors, the Nebraska Coaches Association, the Chadron Chamber of Commerce and the Chadron Youth Baseball Program. In 2004, he was presented the first Chadron Basketball Tradition Award. He also has received a 25-year award from CoSIDA.

Perhaps one of Marshall’s biggest honors came in 2008 when he was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame as a contributor. Later that year he was also inducted into the Chadron State College Athletic Hall of Fame. In the summer of 2014, he was inducted into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame.

In 1986, Marshall authored and compiled “The History of Chadron State College,” a 232-page publication to commemorate the college’s 75th anniversary. He followed that with a book to mark the college’s centennial in 2011, “Chadron State College: A Century of Service.”

He and his wife, Peggy, have three adult children and eight grandchildren.
Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented at a luncheon during Homecoming. Three alumni were recipients of the award.

John Jacox
John Jacox, graduated from Chadron State in 1971 and later received a master of science degree in aerospace engineering. He is a leader in the nation’s aerospace propulsion industry.

Today, Jacox works nearly full-time as a consultant for Major Tool and Machine.

He also owns the Cleveland Model and Supply Company that he purchased in 1996. It is the oldest, continuously-operating model airplane firm in the world.

Dick Kettlewell
Dick Kettlewell has been a professional photographer for 33 years, earning numerous awards as both a photojournalist and a nature photographer since graduating from Chadron State College in 1973.

He worked primarily as a sports photographer for the Albuquerque Journal and the Rapid City Journal and has also provided photos for many major newspapers, including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today and Washington Post.

He is currently working on his fifth book featuring photos of Black Hills wildlife.

Ronnald J. Jeffrey
Ronn Jeffrey graduated from CSC in 1972 and was hired as the Juvenile Probation Officer for the Cheyenne Municipal Court.

In 2006, the mayor of Cheyenne appointed him the Juvenile Judge for the Cheyenne Municipal Court. He was the first African-American appointed to a judgeship in Wyoming and continues in that position.

He has co-authored a book on family therapy and is a Clinical Fellow of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

The mentoring program he developed was recognized by former President George Bush as the 247th Point of Light.
Three reunion groups held events during Homecoming

Golden Era Reunion

The Golden Era Reunion recognizes the 50th anniversary class at Chadron State College. Due to the cancellation of events in 2013, two class years were honored at Homecoming 2014. The classes of 1963 and 1964 enjoyed special events and tours of the campus.

Chi Omega Reunion

The Beta Zeta chapter of Chi Omega is no longer an active chapter at Chadron State College, but their long-lasting friendships were apparent during the reunion on campus. The tri-annual gathering began with Randy and Lorrie Bauer hosting the group during the parade. A brunch in Crites Hall provided time to walk through the building and reminisce about living there. Following the football game and postgame gathering, the Chi O’s had dinner and were joined by Lue Jensen, Dixie Wood Nelson and Christy Tiensvold Ningen. The next gathering will be Homecoming 2017 so watch the CSC calendar for details.

Baker Era Reunion

Bill Baker coached the Chadron State football team to a perfect 8-0 record in 1958. “The Baker boys” have reunions every five years. The 2013 event was hampered by the snow storm and some members were unable to attend. The group gathered again in 2014.
The 2014 football season marked the 100th season in Chadron State College history and to recognize that momentous occasion, an All-Century Chadron State College Football Team was named in June.

A committee of nine chose the top 58 football players in the Eagles’ storied history. Forty-two former players and several family members returned for festivities at the Eagles’ season-opener Sept. 6. The group was recognized at halftime of CSC’s game against Missouri Science and Technology.

Nearly 200 players advanced to the final ballot. Twenty-four players were chosen on offense and defense, six were placed on special teams and four were all-purpose selections. Certain criteria was used to form the ballot. Players named to the All-Nebraska or Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Conference teams two or more times, selections to various All-American teams or the Chadron State College Hall of Fame, and statistical dominance were among the chief factors in determining a candidate’s inclusion.

Of the 58 selections, 13 were unanimous choices. At least one player from each decade, with the exclusion of 1910 to 1919, was selected. Twenty-nine of the selections are from Nebraska, including six who are Chadron natives. Wyoming has the second-most honorees with 11, Colorado has seven, California has four, Illinois and South Dakota both have two, and Alabama, Minnesota and New Jersey each have one.

The success of the Chadron State football team in the last 20 years resonated with voters. Thirty-five men who played from 1990 to the present day were selected.

The three captains were unanimous selections. Linebacker Kevin Homer was a three-time All-American and owns the school record for most career tackles. Running back Danny Woodhead also had a dignified career for the Eagles, winning two Harlon Hill trophies as Division II’s most outstanding player and rushing for 7,962 yards in his career. Finally, punter Kevin Berg was a two-time All-American and also played at safety four seasons.

The other unanimous selections are defensive lineman Casey Beran, linemen Corey Anderson and Kevin Lindholm, defensive backs Corey Anderson and Kevin Lindholm, and Dan Maciejczak, wide receiver Cory Brooks, tight end Joe Planansky, and quarterback Joe McTain.

## Chadron State College All-Century Team Roster

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<td>Lonnie Wickard</td>
<td>AP</td>
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By Con Marshall

Members of the Chadron State College rodeo team put on a great performance for the hometown fans this fall. It was among the best in the more than 60 years that CSC has been staging rodeos.

CSC had three event winners and three more placewinners, the all-around cowboy and won the men’s team championship while competing against approximately 560 contestants from the 13 remaining schools in the Central Rocky Mountain Region.

CSC’s event winners were saddle bronc rider Jeff Cover of Ashby, bareback rider Wyatt Clark of Wellfleet and goat tier Shaylee Hance of Circle, Mont. All three are seniors.

A freshman, Prestyn Novak of Newell, S.D., finished second in tie down roping to join Cover and Clark in leading the Chadron State cowboys to the team title.

Cover also placed fourth in tie down roping to become the rodeo’s all-around cowboy.

Cover is the fifth Chadron State cowboy to win the all-around crown at the CSC rodeo dating back to 1970. This was the first time the CSC men won the team championship at their rodeo since 1980.

The other all-around winners through the years are 1973—Sam Perkins, 1978—Dean Churchill, 1981—Todd McIntyre and 2006—Chase Francis.

Previously, CSC cowboys captured the team title at their rodeo in 1972 when Perkins won the saddle bronc riding, Jay Ham was the top steer wrestler and Doug Deisley was the bull riding winner and in 1980 when CSC cowboys won all three of the rough stock events. They were McIntyre on saddle brons, Terry Correll on barebacks and Tom Whitely on bulls. In addition, Bert Leach placed second in bareback riding and third in bull riding and was the runner-up all-around cowboy.

Chadron State cowgirls also won the team title at their rodeo in 1980 and captured the honor again in 1982, 1986 and 2010.

At the halfway point in the 2014-15 rodeo season, Clark is second in bareback riding in the regional standings in the event at the halfway point of the 2014-15 season. (Photo by Con Marshall)

Chadron State's Wyatt Clark won the bareback riding at the CSC rodeo in September and is second in the regional standings in the event at the halfway point of the 2014-15 season. (Photo by Con Marshall)
CROSS COUNTRY: CSC men move up seven places at regional meet

The Chadron State College men’s cross country team moved up seven places in the team standings from a year ago during the South Central Regional Championships Nov. 21 in Denver.

The Eagles were 11th in this year’s standings after placing 18th a year ago. For the second year in a row, they were led by Evans Koech.

The junior from Ethiopia finished 27th Saturday among the 138 runners in 33 minutes and 29 seconds. Koech also was the first Chadron State runner to cross the finish line last year, when he placed 39th in 32:05.

This year’s course through Washington Park in Denver was considerably tougher than last year’s route at Canyon, Texas. The regional races are 10 kilometers for men and 8 kilometers for women.

Chadron State’s second male finisher this year was junior Alejandro Garcia of Pine Bluffs, Wyo., who was 37th in 33:50. He was followed by freshman Eric Yager of Hot Springs, S.D., 74th in 35:15; sophomore Dylan Stansbury of Crawford, 83rd in 35:39; and freshman Levi Avila of Mitchell, 87th in 35:45.

FOOTBALL: 15 Eagles named to RMAC All-Conference team

Fifteen Chadron State College football players were placed on the 2014 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Football All-Conference Team.

Four Eagles are first team selections. They are offensive linemen Mike Lorenzo and Sam Parker, safety Ryan Wood and kick returner Cody Paul.

Chadron State’s second team selections include running back Michael Madkins, defensive lineman Zach Sandstrom, linebacker Dylan Furrier and cornerback Lane Haller.

Quarterback Jonn McLain, wide receivers Kyle Vinich and Danny O’Boyle, tight end Ethan Bauer, linebacker Isaac Holscher, safety Cole Montgomery and kicker Randy Wentz earned honorable mention.

Chadron State ended the 2014 season with an 8-3 record, including seven wins in the RMAC. (Photo by Shaun Wicen)

FOOTBALL: 15 Eagles named to RMAC All-Conference team

The others in the top five for the Eagles on Saturday were Rebecca Volf of Wood River, 76th in 25:33; Callie Johnson of Casper, Wyo., 78th in 25:38; and Sarah Townsend, 97th in 26:45.

VOLLEYBALL: Seven Eagles named to RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll

Seven Chadron State College volleyball players were placed on the 2014 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic Honor Roll.

Seven Chadron State College volleyball players were placed on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic Honor Roll.

Chadron State College boasted the second-highest number of student-athletes to receive honors with seven, just one behind Colorado Mesa’s eight selections.


To be eligible, a student-athlete must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.30 and be a key contributor on offense, defense or special teams. Sports information directors from each RMAC school voted on the teams.

Roybal, a 2013 All-Academic Honor Roll selection, has a GPA of 3.51, Bauer has a GPA of 3.4, Flaming has a GPA of 3.9, and Oddo has a GPA of 3.4, all in business administration. Conyers has a 3.4 in biology, Jamie McLain has a 3.86 in physical education and Jazzy McLain has a 3.68 in family and consumer science.

Chadron State College ended its 2014 season with a 3-24 overall record, including a 2-16 mark in the RMAC. The Eagles highlighted their season with a strong home win against Western New Mexico, as well as sweeping Western State University on the road in head coach Chris Well’s first season.

Chadron State’s Becca Volf and Jayme Nunes run at the South Dakota School of Mines Invite Sept. 4. (Contributed Photo)
For the second consecutive year, four Chadron State College football players have been selected as Capital One Academic All-Americans by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

In 2013, four Chadron State student-athletes were named Academic All-Americans for the first time in school history. With four selections this year, Chadron State has the second-most selections in Division II — Wingate leads the nation with five — and two more than any other Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference member.

Sam Parker and Zach Sandstrom, who were second team choices in 2013, are first team selections, while Ethan Bauer and Randy Wentz are second team honorees.

Parker, a senior offensive lineman from Harrison, Nebraska, helped anchor an offensive line that averaged 450 yards, including almost 200 yards rushing a game in 2014. He has a 3.85 GPA in communication arts and graduated Dec. 12.

Sandstrom, a senior defensive tackle from Chadron, was the anchor of a stout defensive line that limited its opponents to under 180 yards of rushing per game. He finished with 20 tackles and two sacks. He has a 3.94 GPA in health and physical education and math.

Parker and Sandstrom are just the fifth and sixth players in CSC history to earn more than one Academic All-America accolade.

Bauer, a senior inside receiver from Morse Bluff, Nebraska, had 29 receptions for 265 yards and blocked three kicks on special teams. He has a 3.85 GPA in criminal justice and family and consumer science.

Wentz, a sophomore from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, made 12 of 13 field goals and led the team in scoring with 73 points. He has a 4.00 GPA in business administration.


Athletic Hall of Fame inducts seven, including 1966-67 men’s basketball team

Seven former Chadron State College athletes and the 1966-67 men’s basketball team were selected for induction into the Eagles’ Athletic Hall of Fame. The selections comprise the 31st class to the Hall of Fame, which began in 1983 under the direction of Ross Armstrong.

Sixteen honorees attended the induction ceremony Saturday, Oct. 25, in the Student Center. More than 200 people attended the event.

The 2014 class includes wrestlers Kevin Allison and Justin Hoopman, football players Kevin Homer and Dan (Magic) Maciejczak, basketball players Tanya Weber and Jahvea Vidokovich and a thrower for the track and field team, Kit Nelson Bennett. In addition, the 1966-67 men’s basketball team was represented by Don Reel, Carroll Dolson, Chuck Bunner, Lee Dick, Marlin Green and Rod Ehler.

Four inductees from the 2013 class, when a blizzard forced cancellation of the Hall of Fame program, were also celebrated Saturday, Oct. 25 in the Student Center. Those honorees are football players Trevor Moon and Ryan Turman, volleyball player Molly Ruggles Garson and distance runner Dawn Bowcott King.

Allison was a four-time national tournament qualifier in the late 1990s. He capped his career with a 92-51 record and earned All-American honors as a senior in 1999 by placing fourth at the national tourney.

Homer is Chadron State’s career leader in tackles with 503, caused 16 fumbles, recovered eight and intercepted seven passes while starting at middle linebacker four years. He was a consensus All-American his senior year in 1998 and was voted the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference’s all-time outstanding defensive player when its All-Century Team was selected in 2009.

Maciejczak was a three-time unanimous all-conference choice while playing center in the mid-1990s. The Eagles were 27-6 overall and 17-4 in the RMAC those seasons.

Weber was a valuable alternate on Chadron State’s conference championship basketball team as a freshman in 1994-95 and was

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Wells named head volleyball coach

Chris Wells was named the head volleyball coach at Chadron State College Dec. 15.

“Chris brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for the game of volleyball that will serve our student-athletes well,” Athletic Director Joel R. Smith Jr. said. “I look forward to helping him build a quality volleyball program that competes in the RMAC.”

Wells, who served as the interim head coach in 2014, is the 14th coach in the program’s history.

“We are excited about the progress we made last year while building a program that will be highly competitive,” Wells said. “The support and ground work laid by both past and present players has led to a phenomenal recruiting class that will lead to great success in the classroom and on the court.”

In 2014, Wells guided the Eagles to a 3-24 record and a 2-16 mark in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Wells also helped Erika Roybal land on the RMAC All-Conference team and seven players earned RMAC All-Academic accolades.

Wells, who signed six student-athletes while working as the interim coach, has nearly 30 years of playing and coaching experience. For his career, he owns a record of 101-70.

Kit Nelson Bennett excelled in the shot put at Chadron State. As a junior in 1994, she won the event at the RMAC meets both indoors and outdoors. She also became an All-American that season by placing seventh at the National Indoor Meet, and qualified for national meets two other times.

1966-67 basketball team

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a starter the next three years. She concluded her career in 1997-98 with 1,119 points and 605 rebounds.

Vidokovich was a three-year starter on the CSC basketball team and had an exceptional senior season in 1996-97, when he scored 504 points while averaging 19.7.

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The Survivors celebrated Homecoming with a noon luncheon at the Country Kitchen on Thursday, October 2nd. The survivors are students who attended Chadron State College in the 1930’s, including the Depression and World War II. Front row, Wallace Goff, Jean Henkens, Fay Kreman, Peggy Bixler and Jeanelle Grant. Back row, Beth Gibbons, Marvin Spracklen, Jean Baker, Jim Butler and Lois Putnam.
Alumni Events

A gathering of alumni and friends was held in Broken Bow on November 13. Those attending were, seated from left, Jenny Denson, Peggy Bartholomew, Karen Smith and Lori Barta. Standing, CSC President Randy Rhine, Jeff Denson, Andy Johnson, Don Bartholomew, Bruce Correll, John Smith, Craig Barta, Ran Varney, CS Foundation Executive Director Connie Rasmussen, Loren and Cleo Jacobsen.

Chadron State alumni and friends enjoyed the “Italian Inspiration” cruise through Italy, Greece and Croatia with the CSC alumni travel program from May 14-22, 2014. The group included front row, from left, Rita Horse, Mary Puffer, Ann Rhine and Ruth Dolson. Second row, Maxine Moul, Randy Rhine and Connie Rasmussen. Third row, Francis Moul, Suzie Carlson and Jim Schwartz. Fourth row, Don Schmaderer, Jerry Carlson, Maxine Dunsmore, Marie Mohr Kochenash, Margaret Crouse and Pat Colgate. Back row, Carroll Dolson, Ishtar Dunsmore, Bob Puffer, Janie Park and Tony Kochenash.

The common bonds of a love of the arts and Chadron State brought nearly 80 graduates and friends from the 1960s and 1970s together for a fine arts reunion in July. Classmates performed vocal and instrumental music and shared readings in addition to creating an art exhibit in Memorial Hall. The group also paid tribute to numerous deceased classmates and mentors as well as honoring four living mentors. A group of alumni performed during the summer reunion, directed by Kandy (Feiock) Hastings.

1966-67 basketball team reunion

This group had a reunion at Chadron State College on July 18 when members of the 1966-67 basketball team that went 22-6 and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament was inducted into the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame. In front, from left, are student manager Don Bartholomew, Jerry Bartak, Marcia and Larry Baumann, Rod Ehler and former CSC sports information director Con Marshall. In the back are Marlin Green, Connie and Jim Rhodes, Rex Brown, Lee Dick, John Smith, Don Reel and Curtis and Cheryl Grandstaff. Cheryl was a cheerleader during this era and says her uniform still fits. Smith was not a member of the 1966-67 team, but practiced with them and was a standout for the Eagles the following year when they went 18-5. (Photo by Alex Helmbrecht)

Upcoming Alumni Events for 2015

Watch the website for additional details.

Jan. 22-25 Arizona- Tucson, Scottsdale, Mesa, Chandler, Sun City
Feb. 21 Las Vegas, Nev.
March 7 Palm Desert, Calif.
March 20 Grand Island
March 22 Des Moines, Iowa
April 11 Seattle, Wash.
April 12 Portland, Ore.
April 23 Casper, Wyo.
April 24 Riverton, Wyo.
April 25 Cody, Wyo.
April 26 Sheridan, Wyo.

Check the website at www.csc.edu/alumni/events.csc for more detailed information as it becomes available, or call the alumni office at 308-432-6366.

We hope to see you soon!
Faculty
Dr. Jack Swanson Seward, was presented with the “Service Above Self” award by the Seward Rotary Club. He and his wife Myrna were honored at the Seward Rotary Club luncheon on June 18, 2014.

NEWS
50’s
Dr. Gene Hughes ’56 Flagstaff, Ariz., was inducted into the College of Education Hall of Fame at Northern Arizona University on Oct. 2, 2014, along with his wife Margaret Ann. He was also named the Outstanding Alumnus of Western Nebraska Community College on Oct. 17, 2014, and as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Nebraska Community College Association on Nov. 3, 2014.


60’s

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70’s
Dr. Steve Gardiner ’77 Billings, Mont., recently published two articles in educational journals. “Let Students Write Their Masterpiece” was published in the May issue of Educational Leadership and “Stop the Pay, Stop the Play” appeared in the May issue of Phi Delta Kappan. He teaches English and journalism at Billings Senior High School.

Cyndi (Martens) Giorgis ’79 El Paso, Texas, became the dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas at El Paso in August 2014.

Michael Mykris ’79 MS ’01 Santa Fe, N.M., retired as the director of the Santa Fe Small Business Development Center in July 2014.

80’s
Stuart Simpson ’82 MBA ’95 North Platte, passed the exams necessary to become a certified administrator of school finance and operations. He is the only person in the state of Nebraska to have earned this certification which is offered by the National Association of School Business Managers.

Todd Pierce ’84 Evansville, Wyo., Jeff Parke ’88 Casper, Wyo., and Shawn Eisenreich ’05 Casper, Wyo., are assistant football coaches for the 2014 Wyoming State 4A Champion Natrona County High School Mustangs.

Dean Rickard ’87 Lahainaluna, Hawaii, was sworn in as deputy chief of the Maui County Police Department in November 2014.

90’s
Kim Phagan-Hansel ’99 Douglas, Wyo., was the recipient of the 2014 Adoption Excellence Award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for her 14+ years of work as the editor of “Fostering Families Today.”

Angela Rhoades ’96 Douglas, Wyo., coached the Douglas High School Bearcat volleyball team to a 3A state championship. Her entire coaching staff is made up of CSC alumni including Melissa Hoopman ’99, Ashley Bargen ’13 and Kelsey Scott ’13. Rhoades was also named Wyoming’s volleyball coach of the year and Hoopman was the assistant of the year.

00’s
Jason Farnsworth ’00 Kearney, director of technical services at Headwaters Corporation recently graduated in the fourth class of the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy.

Jeremy Epp ’01 Holdrege, is the founder and owner of Epic Football. The organization runs camps covering all of Nebraska, focusing on eight-man football. He is assisted by fellow CSC alumni Scott Trimble ’96.

Sarah Schmitt-Wilson ’02 Bozeman, Mont., received the Outstanding Teaching Award at Montana State University where she is an assistant teaching professor in curriculum and instruction.

Zach Even ’03 Lander, Wyo., had an article spotlighting his wildlife art published in the June 2014 issue of Wyoming Wildlife magazine.

Austin Forney ’04 Leadville, Colo., completed two mid-distance dog sled races in 2014. He placed 2nd at the Grand Mesa Summit Challenge in January and 1st at the Casper Mountain Dog Sled Races in February.

Ben Holscher ’05 Fresno, Calif., was honored by the California Coaches Association as state coach of the year. He coaches boys wrestling at Clovis High School in Fresno.

Karissa Eifert ’06 Box Elder, S.D., formerly the executive director of AAF-Black Hills, is focusing full-time on her rapidly expanding business, Epiphanie Interiors.

Benjamin Morse ’06 Sargent, field marketer of equipment sales forORD Equipment, recently graduated in the fourth class of the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy.

Kinley Hadden ’07 Blair, was named executive director of the John G. Neihardt Foundation on June 1, 2014.

Teacher Loan Forgiveness
Current educators who have borrowed federal student loans have the opportunity for a portion of those loans to be forgiven via the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program. This is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession. Under this program, if a person teaches full-time for five complete and consecutive academic years in certain elementary and secondary schools and educational service agencies that serve low-income families, and meet other qualifications, that person may be eligible for forgiveness of up to a combined total of $17,500 of subsidized and unsubsidized loans.

To learn more about this wonderful opportunity, please go to this website studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts/teacher or call 1-800-433-3243.
Micah Ellstrom ’09 Alliance, accepted the position of wildlife manager for the Alliance-based northwestern district of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in November 2014.

10’s
Jovan Mays ’10 Aurora, Colo., was named Aurora’s first poet laureate in January 2014. He will serve through January 2016 and will advocate for poetry, literacy and literature.

Jordan Haas ’11 Hemingford, coached the Hemingford High School Bobcats to their first Class D-1 state football championship in November. His assistants included fellow CSC alumni Tim Hiett ’11 and Randy Hiemstra MS ’04.

Lori Frederick ’13 Chadron, was named the new Deadwood-Lead economic development director in October 2014.

Sheyenne Hunn) Sandstrom ’13 Yuma, Colo., was one of four kindergarten teachers nominated as a team to receive the Bank of Colorado Teacher of the Year Award.

MARRIAGES
Bill Svoboda ’10 and Tiffany (Keiser) ’09 were married Oct. 4, 2014.
Paige (Schartz) ’11 and Scott Zaro were married Nov. 8, 2014.
Tony Garcia ’13 and Katie (Flynn) ’14 were married on Nov. 8, 2014.

FUTURE EAGLES
Faculty
Beatrice Opal to Dr. Sidney Shuler and Pam Shuler, Chadron, Nov. 25, 2014. She joins sister Nora.

90’s
Lindsey Jane to Adam ’96 and Jennifer (Petersen) Grabowski ’96 Blair, Sept. 6, 2013. She joins siblings Sammie, Danny, Joey and Becca.

00’s
Thatcher Lee to Hayley (Rehm) Beaudette and husband Dustin, Scottsbluff, March 19, 2014.
Helton Christopher to Terri (Harris) Spilski and husband Chris, Wright, Wyo., Jan. 16, 2014.
Harlan Bud to James ’07 and Julie (Christensen) Innes ’08, Gillette, Wyo., March 8, 2014.

OBITUARIES
Friends
Ted Cannon Scottsbluff, died June 27, 2014.

Faculty & Staff
Roseann Scherbarth Hay Springs, died Aug. 8, 2014.
Dr. Carrol Krause Rapid City, S.D., died Oct. 12, 2014.
Dr. Larry Agenbroad Hot Springs, S.D., died Oct. 31, 2014. He came to CSC as the first earth science professor in 1967 and remained until 1978. He was the principal investigator of two well-known area paleontological sites, the Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Site and the Hot Springs Mammoth Site.

40’s

50’s
Burnell Guy ’52 Scottsbluff, died May 1, 2014.
Dolores Wickard, wife of Lonny Wickard ’59 Kimball, died Nov. 29, 2014.

60’s
Joseph Kanarick ’65 Rapid City, S.D., died April 22, 2014.

70’s
Margie Ann Smith ’70, MS ’77 Scottsbluff, died Oct. 29, 2014. She taught physical education at CSC for 25 years as well as coaching cross-country and women’s track. In 1985, she became the first CSC faculty member to receive the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award.
Leonard “Wad” Milburn ’75 Rushville, died June 28, 2014.


80’s
Rowland Hall ’80 Burbank, Calif., died June 11, 2014.
James Rosenquist ’80 Lincoln, died July 14, 2014.
Kip Lyle ’82 Rapid City, S.D., died Nov. 28, 2014.
Gregory Cardwell ’86 Scottsbluff, died July 12, 2014.

90’s
Jamie Bell ’93 Columbus, Ohio, died Aug. 21, 2014.

CSC alumni Jake Holscher, right, and his brother, Blake Holscher, left, pose with the support vehicle bearing Chadron State College advertising prior to Jake embarking on the 3,000-mile Ride Across America (RAAM) June 10 in Oceanside, California. Holscher finished 11th in his age division, one of only 288 finishers worldwide in 33 years of race history.
Share your memories of the Administration Building

The June 2015 issue of the Alumni Magazine will feature the Administration Building, now known as Old Admin. During the early years, all classes were held in the Administration Building. In addition to classes, the building has been home to various offices and departments, plus Chadron Prep was once housed within its walls. Help us paint a more complete portrait of the first building on campus by sharing your memories, stories or photos. Send them via email to alumni@csc.edu or mail them to the Alumni Office, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337.

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