Blasting into a new century
CSC celebrated its centennial year with a bang

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Dear Alumni,

Chadron State College’s centennial year has come and gone, and what a special year it was! One of the most pleasing moments of the year for me was celebrating the success of the Chadron State Foundation’s Vision 2011 comprehensive fundraising campaign.

It has given me great pride to be involved with such a successful effort, and I am excited to think about all of the good that will result from the campaign’s achievements. I can’t thank the foundation staff and the members of the National Campaign Leadership Committee enough for all they did over the last five years to make this campaign successful. I also want to thank all of the people who contributed to the campaign. We are blessed to have such wonderful alums and friends.

Also, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for helping make the centennial homecoming celebration such a success. Whether or not you were able to attend, each of you played a part in helping CSC become the great institution it is today. From the parade and 5k of the morning, to the full day of activities and fireworks that night, I was impressed with the high level of participation from alumni, community members, students, faculty and staff.

Throughout the pages of this publication, you will read about many other accomplishments of the CSC community. CSC is on the move, and I am extremely grateful to lead such a forward-thinking institution.

We at CSC look forward to your continued support as we embark on the institution’s second century of service. Thanks for all you do, and all that you have done, to help make CSC the best deal in higher education.

Sincerely,

Janie C. Park, Ph.D.
President
Campaign soars past goal

Future generations of students will benefit from money raised in the Chadron State Foundation’s first-ever multi-million-dollar campaign

By Justin Haag

When alumni and other supporters arrived to campus for the centennial homecoming this fall, there was a lot more to celebrate than 100 years of the college’s past. They celebrated the future.

The Chadron State Foundation announced on the eve of homecoming, Sept. 30, 2011, that it had soared past the goal of its first-ever multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign. That night, campaign organizers announced that the effort, which began five years ago, had raised $16,511,712, far surpassing its original goal of $11 million. The foundation has continued raising funds for the campaign and thousands of more dollars have been received since the announcement.

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Campaign co-chairman Randy Bauer, Chadron State College President Dr. Janie Park, CS Foundation executive director Connie Rasmussen and campaign co-chairman Chad Emanuel gather to tell about the success of the foundation’s Vision 2011 fundraising campaign during the centennial gala in the Student Center on Friday, Sept. 30. The campaign has raised more than $16.5 million, surpassing its original $11 million goal. (Photo by Justin Haag)
The Vision 2011 Campaign (continued from page 1)

The campaign has amassed funds for endowments, the foundation’s annual fund and two building projects. A large portion of the proceeds will assist with items ranging from scholarships and equipment to student and faculty support. The building projects consist of the construction of a new Rangeland Complex and the creation of the Events Center, a renovation and expansion of the aging Armstrong Physical Education Building.

The fundraising project has come a long way toward helping the college meet its everlasting mission of accessibility for students of diverse financial backgrounds. Through the efforts, more than 50 new scholarships, both annual and endowed, were created. Also, 21 endowments will be established through estate plans.

Dr. Janie Park, Chadron State College president, said the institution has “amazing alumni and friends,” as displayed by the high percentage of the campaign’s proceeds coming from their contributions.

The campaign’s overall goal has been reached, but Park said the work won’t end. Campaign organizers say any additional funds will only help the projects navigate any possible obstacles in the Nebraska Legislature. About $3.5 million of the total raised has been designated for the capital projects. To lessen the state’s costs, the foundation is raising $2 million for each of the building projects of the campaign.

Many of the donations to the facilities projects were large enough to garner naming rights—an honor reserved for contributions of $10,000 or more. Of the more than 40 naming opportunities in the Events Center, only about a dozen are still available.

A number of procedural steps have been taken to make the projects a reality. Both are on the Nebraska Legislature’s list of capital construction requests.

In September 2011, the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees accepted and approved the design development plans for the Rangeland Complex and approved the creation of further detailed construction documents for the facility. College officials hope to see ground broken on the first phase of the facility this spring.

At the same meeting, the NSCS board approved the creation of schematic design documents for the renovation and expansion of the Armstrong Physical Education Building. The renovation of the existing facility is expected to begin soon, and some staff may be moved to portable office space outside the facility as work gets under way, said Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration.

The announcement of the campaign’s success—which was made with fanfare by Park, foundation executive director Connie Rasmussen, and campaign co-chairmen Randy and Lorrie Bauer of Chadron and Chad and Cheryl Emanuel of Waukee, Iowa—sparked applause from the 200 people attending the foundation's annual gala and trustees dinner.

Many of those in attendance were part of the National Campaign Leadership Council, a 100-member group of CSC supporters from coast to coast who were recruited five years ago to assist in making the effort a success.

“true asset” during the process. Through the campaign, Park met a myriad of alumni—hearing stories about their college experiences and love of CSC.

Rasmussen said many other factors made the campaign successful, including alumni relationships built over the years, and maintained by faculty, staff and the alumni office.

She also gave kudos to the foundation employees for taking on such a large project, although a consultant advised it would be difficult with such a small staff. She said the Bauers, Emanuel's, athletic director Brad Smith, and other members of the foundation board and NCLC were vital to the effort.

“In addition to financial support, board members and alumni opened doors to other contacts they thought might be interested in the campaign,” she said. “This historic campaign was a first in offering other options to provide support to campus besides scholarships and general support. The board stepped up to the next level to meet the demands of this campaign and they supported it financially and with volunteer hours.”

The campus community and the Chadron community were also a huge part of the success of this campaign. Their ongoing support over the years made it possible to even consider a campaign of this magnitude.
By Con Marshall

A group of pioneers held a reunion at Chadron State College in early September.

Some 50 years ago, they were mathematics majors at the college, still working with slide rules and doing their lessons with paper and pencil. But word was spreading that something new — computers — was emerging that, as we all know now, would impact millions of lives worldwide.

Officially called the Chadron State Math Club Reunion, it drew 15 CSC graduates who renewed acquaintances with their math professor, Dr. Gene Hughes, and reflected on the vast technology changes they have experienced.

“The main reason we got together was to thank Dr. Hughes for what he did for all of us,” said Stan Hoffman of Berthoud, Colo., one of the organizers of the reunion. “He was our leader and our guiding light. We all owe a lot to him and are proud that we were taught by him.

“But it was also fun to talk about all the changes we have seen,” Hoffman said. “We were beginning to hear about computers, but we never dreamed of all the things that would follow. Things like the Internet, e-mail, cell phones, I-pads and smart phones.”

Hughes was equally pleased to see his former students. “This (reunion) has been a highlight of my career,” Hughes told the alumni and their spouses during a luncheon that wrapped up the two days of exchanging memories and sharing information. “Your success reflects so well on Chadron State and it means so much to me. I have been thrilled to hear your stories and learn more about your success. I am proud of all of you.”

Hughes enrolled at Chadron State in the fall of 1954 after spending two years at Scottsbluff Junior College in his hometown. He recalled that he was offered a job to teach all the math courses, coach all three of the athletic teams and drive a school bus at Edgemont, S.D., when he graduated magna cum laude from CSC in 1956. However, he decided to work on a master’s degree at Kansas State University instead.

During his second year at K-State, he received a call from Frank Marquis, who had been his math professor at Chadron State. The college’s enrollment was growing and he had been given permission to hire another math instructor. Would Hughes be interested?

Even though the offer meant Hughes had to return to Manhattan the following summer to complete his degree, Hughes accepted it and began teaching at CSC. Shortly afterwards, Marquis resigned at Chadron State to take another job and Hughes became chairman of the Math Department.

After teaching at CSC for five years, Hughes was gone for three years while he earned his doctorate in math from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Hughes’ popularity as a math professor helped the department grow rapidly. Before long, Chadron State had more math majors than all the other three state colleges in Nebraska combined and nearly as many, if not more, than the University of Nebraska.

Hughes taught math a few more years at CSC before becoming director of institutional research and then dean of administration. Finally in 1970, he was lured away to Northern Arizona University, where he served as a dean, provost and academic vice president for nine years before being selected as the president. He had that position 14 years and then was president of Wichita State University for six years. A major building on each campus is named in his honor.

But Hughes has never forgotten the success that his students at Chadron State achieved in their own careers. When he returned to CSC in 2003 to accept an honorary doctorate and to deliver the college’s commencement address, he called his alma mater “a college of opportunity” and used the careers of many of his former math students to illustrate his point.

While teaching at CSC, Hughes became aware of the dawning of the computer age, but he recalls that there were no textbooks on the topic.

“We ‘invented’ courses so we could study what was happening as much as possible,” Hughes said. “They were ‘special studies’ courses that we used to learn as much as we could. I taught them all I knew, but I didn’t know a lot. We had the library order materials from wherever they were available.”

Several of the alumni said those courses and the strong math background they received served them well when they became employed.

As the reunion drew to a close, the participants heard that a half century later math is still a popular subject at Chadron State. Dr. Rob Stack, the current chairman of the Math Department, said that in the fall of 2004 under the leadership of Dr. Charles Bare and the late Dr. Monty Fickel, CSC was the first college or university in the nation to have its entire math curriculum online.

Stack added that this fall CSC has more than 70 undergraduates majoring in math and has nearly 50 graduate students taking math courses.
Dr. Charles Snare, Chadron State College dean of teaching and learning, will become the institution’s new vice president for academic affairs July 1, 2012.

Dr. Janie Park, CSC president, announced the hiring of Snare in early December. She said the institution will immediately begin searching for Snare’s replacement, and hopes to have a new dean hired before Snare takes the vice president’s position next summer.

The vice president for academic affairs position became open in September when Dr. Lois Veath announced her intent to retire at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year. Snare was chosen from a field of three finalists.

Snare will be assuming many duties of his new position sooner than expected, as Veath has taken on a new project with the Nebraska State College System office in Lincoln. Park announced in December that Snare will handle many of Veath’s tasks as she spends much of the spring semester working with the NSCS office and the other two state colleges to implement new dual credit offerings for Nebraska high school students.

During his tenure at CSC, Snare has been heavily involved in efforts to enhance the curriculum, including an extensive effort to improve the institution’s general studies offerings.

Snare came to CSC in August 2006 as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, a position that came about when the institution was organized from two schools to three. His title and responsibilities changed this summer during another reorganization designed to be more responsive to students and faculty.

Prior to CSC, Snare spent three years as assistant director for academic affairs at Matanuska Susitna College, one of the extended campuses of the University of Alaska Anchorage, located at Palmer, Alaska.

Snare, who lives in Chadron with his wife Karen, is a native of Ohio. He earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and his master’s and doctor’s degrees in political science from Ohio State University.

Prior to going to Alaska in 2003, he was on the faculty 10 years at Middle Georgia College, serving as coordinator of the Political Science Department the final four years. He participated in a Fulbright-Hays Professional Development Program that visited South Africa in 2001 and has been editor of the International Journal of Peace Studies since 1999.

Veath has been at CSC for more than three decades, serving as a science faculty member and dean of the former School of Arts and Science before becoming vice president in spring 2006.

She moved to Chadron with her now late husband David in 1979 and has had much advancement since being hired as part-time adjunct faculty member in 1981. After earning a doctorate in 1988, she was promoted to assistant professor and tenured in 1989. She continued through the academic ranks, and, at one time, was the only female full professor teaching at CSC. She married Don Podobnik last year.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of California at Riverside, her master’s degree from Chadron State and her doctorate in curriculum and instruction of physics education from the University of Wyoming.

Poland institution, CSC

Chadron State College continues to develop its relationship with an institution of higher education in Poland.

A four-member group from Chadron State College visited the President Stanislaw Wojciechowski Higher Vocational State School at Kalisz, which entered into a partnership with CSC almost a year ago.

CSC deans Dr. Margaret Crouse and Dr. Joel Hyer were joined by business faculty members Dr. August Bruehlman and Dr. Richard Koza on the voyage Sept. 17-24, 2011. Hyer said the four met with campus leadership, including the rector and business faculty, in addition to working out details of the agreement signed in November 2010. Two representatives of the Poland institution, Andrej Sygula and Ewa Sniadkowska, visited Chadron State College in May 2011.

The program of cooperation has allowed for CSC and PWSZ, as the institution is known in Poland, to provide a shared Master of Business Administration degree and to pursue mutually beneficial faculty and student exchange programs. PWSZ was founded in 1999 and offers degrees in a variety to career fields, including business, education and nursing.

Hyer said the visit, and the signing of the agreement, were beneficial for both institutions. He expects the relationship to not only help attract students to CSC’s growing MBA program, but also to provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences for Chadron State College students.

“The Cold War ended over 20 years ago. It’s in Poland’s rear-view mirror and the country is not looking back,” Hyer said. “The people at PWSZ and Kalisz were extraordinarily kind and hospitable. PWSZ represents precisely the types of institutions that CSC should seek out for such agreements. This relationship should be a ‘win-win’ for both PWSZ and Chadron State College.”
Chadron State College will soon have its next 10-year master plan for facility improvements.

Designers from Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects have completed a series of visits with CSC constituents to develop a vision for the 2012-2022 Chadron State College Master Plan for facilities. The designers documented a wide range of ideas which are being incorporated to the plan.

The plan was originally scheduled for approval for the January meeting of the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees, but last-minute edits pushed it back to the April meeting.

If all of the ideas are realized within the next 10 years, CSC will have renovations for many of its aging existing structures and a number of new facilities for academics, athletics, recreation and student services. A theme of the plan is to meld the natural landscape south of the campus with the city grid to the north. While maintaining a straight east-west line for foot traffic through the center of campus, the plan calls for continuing to incorporate natural lines and meandering pathways through the campus.

The group got a first-hand look of the region’s wildlife populations and habitat during afternoon field trips. They included trips to Fort Robinson State Park to observe bighorn sheep and South Dakota’s Wind Cave National Park to learn about its efforts in preserving its wildlife, including black-footed ferrets, elk, bison, prairie dogs and tiger salamanders. Another stop was made at Bordeaux Creek Wildlife Management Area to discuss habitat improvement projects on the property.

While at Wind Cave National Park, the group observed the skeletal remains of an elk cow that had been killed by a mountain lion. Park officials investigated the site after immediately becoming aware of the radio-collared animal’s death about three weeks prior to the CSC group’s visit.

Group members also got wet while sampling minnows with seines in the upper Niobrara River of Sioux County, and sought “herps” on a nearby pasture.

“We were very fortunate to have such a great group of speakers come to Chadron,” Zimmerman said. “The students were exposed to a lot of great information, and it reinforced their interest in studying wildlife.”

In addition to Zimmerman, Chadron State was represented with presentations by Chuck Butterfield and Lucinda Mays. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission was represented by Todd Nordeen, Greg Schenbeck, Matt Steffl, Shelley Stoley and Bill Vodehnal.

Other speakers were Doug Albertson of The Nature Conservancy, Laurel Badura of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Josh Smith of South Dakota State University, George Cunningham of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Dan Fogell of Southeast Community College, Mel Nenneman of the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, Andrew Pierson of the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, Greg Schroeder of the National Park Service and Josh Smith of South Dakota State University.

Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration, said the ideas being incorporated to the plan are ambitious, but noted that the institution should take pride when looking back at all the bold ideas that were accomplished in the master plan of the past 10 years.

“It’s important that we develop a document to guide us in the next decade,” Grant said. “Of course, funding will be a challenge for each of these ideas, but we must continue to do our best to enhance the student experience, manage campus resources and promote excellence.”

Andrew Pierson of the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, at right, points out one of the species at Briggs Pond on the Chadron State College campus. The event was part of CSC’s first Nebraska Wildlife Shortcourse. (Photo by Justin Haag)
Chadron State College’s projections of a fall semester enrollment increase came to fruition, with a 3.4 percent increase in the headcount and a 4.8 percent increase in full-time equivalency.

Terie Dawson, CSC assistant vice president for enrollment management and student services, reported in mid-November that 2,900 students were enrolled at CSC, an increase of 95 students from the end of the 2010 fall semester. The FTE, based on a formula that considers total processed credit hours, is 2,108, up 96 from the fall 2010 number. CSC’s programs for master’s degrees continue to gain popularity, with a 5.9 percent increase in head count and an 8.25 jump in FTE. A total of 590 students were enrolled in graduate courses as of Nov. 17.

An upward enrollment trend has been occurring at CSC since 2006, with an overall increase near 30 percent. When classes began this fall, 2,933 students were enrolled at CSC, compared to 2,294 on the first day of the fall 2005 semester.

Dr. Randy Rhine, CSC vice president for enrollment management and student services, noted that the academic strength of students who attend CSC also has grown. During the past five years, the average ACT test score of students recruited to CSC has risen from 20.9 to 22.1.

Rhine said he appreciates the hard work of the college community in continuing a trend of enrollment growth for the institution.

“Word continues to spread about Chadron State’s outstanding educational programs,” Rhine said. “CSC offers an incredible value for a top-notch education, and I am glad to see an increasing number of students taking advantage of our offerings.”

Chadron State College continues to gain national recognition for outstanding service to veterans and active military personnel.

In November, CSC claimed the No. 23 spot on Military Times Edge magazine’s Best for Vets list of four-year colleges. The national ranking, based on a survey by the magazine, considers criteria that student veterans find most important.

“I am pleased that CSC has received this recognition from Military Times Edge,” said Dr. Janie Park, CSC president. “As an institution of higher education, it is important that we strive to serve the people who have defended, and continue to defend, the freedoms that Americans enjoy.”

CSC earned marks for affordability, with costs below the GI Bill cap. The institution also participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program for tuition assistance, and scored in the survey for having an office for veterans services and accepting credits recommended by the American Council on Education.

Earlier in fall 2011, CSC was listed among 19 Nebraska schools on the G.I. Jobs’ 2012 list of military friendly colleges and universities.

The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools “which are doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students.”

Three Chadron State College administrators are flanked by Nebraska National Guard Assistant Adjutant Gen. Mike Navrkal (left) and Capt. Ray Phillips, CSC assistant professor of military science, after receiving awards for helping make CSC a military-friendly campus. They are, from left, Randy Rhine, Janie Park and Lois Veath. (Photo by Justin Haag)
Chancellor sings NSCS’s praises

By Justin Haag

Stan Carpenter, chancellor of the Nebraska State College System, sang the praises of the three colleges – Chadron State, Wayne State and Peru State — during his annual state of the system address.

Carpenter, who spoke Nov. 10 to the CSC employees, delivered a largely upbeat message to the tune of five classic rock titles: “Come Together,” “I’m a Believer,” “We Are the Champions,” “We Can Work it Out” and “I Can See for Miles and Miles.”

The leader of the three colleges said the NSCS emerged from the legislative session better than most state agencies, and commended state leaders for level funding for the system and increasing appropriations 39 percent during the past decade. He noted that institutions of higher education across the nation are feeling the brunt of tough economic times, including the 21 percent decline among colleges and universities in neighboring Colorado.

Carpenter delivered a list of more than a half dozen NSCS and statewide initiatives that are improving education for students of all ages in Nebraska, including Nebraska’s P-16 Initiative. One of the initiatives Carpenter mentioned was the CSC Red Balloon Project, an effort to “break down academic silos” which has resulted in a restructuring of CSC’s academic, business and student services areas.

The list included an NSCS initiative to reduce the number credit hours required for graduation and a program that funds tuition for Pell Grant recipients. He also spoke about the NSCS Seamless Transfer Program for community college students and Peru State’s One Rate Any State program.

Carpenter also touted the direct economic and cultural impact of the NSCS institutions.

“The NSCS contributes about $275 million to the Nebraska economy annually,” he said. “Additionally, the state colleges are the centers of cultural, athletic and intellectual activity in the regions they serve.”

Carpenter also gave evidence of the benefits of the three colleges cooperating on projects. As an example of the collective power of Chadron State, Wayne State and Peru State Colleges working together, he said the institutions are able to issue revenue bonds at favorable interest rates because of the collective assets of the three institutions serve as “collateral.”

Although excited about the work at the three state colleges, Carpenter gave warnings about the “draconian” approach to education funding he has identified in a number of areas in the United States.

Using quotes from educators and political leaders and successes of CSC students, he described education as an equalizer of society. In order to ensure that higher education is accessible for not only the rich, but all students, he encouraged people to be vigilant in describing the benefits of public colleges and universities.

“Magazines and newspapers are full of stories of our efforts to build schools around the globe, but it seems we may have forgotten the lesson at home,” Carpenter said. “All across America, school budgets are being cut, teachers laid off and education programs dismantled.”

Following his presentation, Carpenter fielded a question about the investigations of football fundraising outside the Chadron State Foundation and the team’s mid-season coaching change. Con Marshall, former CSC director of information, encouraged Carpenter to share information about the case, noting that the issue is dividing the campus and community.

Carpenter agreed that honesty and disclosure is the best approach, but said privacy is required in this matter to preserve the integrity of the investigation. He said the NCAA is a “deliberative body,” and doesn’t expect the investigation to be completed in “the next week, or two weeks or six weeks. After that, I don’t know.”

Carpenter said officials of the CSC and NSCS are cooperating with the investigation to the best of their ability.

“It is a difficult issue. It is one that has consumed a great deal of time of the administration here and of the administration at the system office, as well,” Carpenter said. “I wish that I could tell you what’s going on right now, but I can’t. I know that sounds like an easy glib answer, but it would be a whole lot easier for me if I could tell you. But, there’s an investigation going on, there’s an NCAA investigation going on, and we cannot jeopardize that. I can tell you that no one at this institution has acted precipitously. No one has acted without thinking carefully about what’s going on and the steps that have been taken. I can tell you they did the right thing when these issues came forward. They addressed the matter. They talked to us, we’ve talked to the people at the NCAA. This investigation will take its course.”

Responding to a question about how the University of Nebraska’s move to the Big 10 Conference and efforts to grow will affect the institution, Carpenter said he expects the impact to be minimal because the university system serves a largely different demographic than the NSCS.

Foundation receives $400k from Chadron native

Chadron State College has received $400,000 from the estate of Helen Funkhouser, who graduated from the institution after being raised on Chadron’s Main Street in the early 1900s.

Funkhouser died March 21, 2011, at her home in Loveland, Colo. She was 98.

Connie Rasmussen, executive director of the Chadron State Foundation, said Funkhouser’s gift will add to the CSC general scholarship fund, consequently helping generations of future students.

Although she had not lived in Chadron for decades, she enjoyed occasional trips to the community and kept it in her heart.

“Chadron is a lovely little town. I still have a great fondness for it,” she said in a 2007 interview.

Funkhouser was born in Chadron to Earl and Tillie Schaeffer in 1912 and was raised at 704 Main Street. She graduated from Chadron Prep in 1930. She attended what was then Nebraska State Normal School, now Chadron State College, for two years before teaching two years at Cody, Neb. She then returned to college and graduated in 1936. She majored in commerce, now known as business, and had minors in history and physical education.

After graduating from college, she taught school in Decatur, Ill., for several years. While there, she met her husband, Scott Funkhouser, a native of that area who also was a teacher. They were married in 1940.

During World War II, Scott served in the Navy three years. Helen spent some time in New York while Scott was stationed on Staten Island, but when he was placed on a ship and went to sea, she returned to Chadron to live with her parents.

Following the war, the Funkhousers returned to Illinois, where he became the superintendent of schools at Wapella. They moved to Loveland after he retired. He died in August 1973.

“Helen was a delightful lady and loved Chadron and Chadron State College,” Rasmussen said. “She was a wealth of information about the community and the college and had a wonderful sense of humor. We will miss her.”
Dr. Timothy Anderson, a business professor who holds two degrees from CSC, speaks during the ceremony for December master’s degree recipients. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)
Dr. Jeffrey King of Grand Island, a cardiologist and former Chadron State College student, gave graduates of his alma mater a prescription for success during the undergraduate commencement ceremony at Armstrong Gym on Dec. 16.

King, a Gordon native, attended CSC 1990-1993 as one of the first participants of CSC’s Rural Health Opportunities Program. He now works at the Nebraska Heart Institute, which provides “leading-edge services” to patients from Nebraska and northern Kansas at five locations.

During the address, King delivered many characteristics that he’s noticed in successful people he’s encountered during his career. Among the most notable, he said, is the willingness to commit to “good old hard work.” He said it’s a characteristic that is prevalent throughout the Midwest.

“With your diploma and work ethic, you have qualities that will make you attractive not only to employers in this area but also all over the United States and the world,” he said. “I cannot stress enough how important it is to work hard at whatever it is you choose to do and strive to do your best at that job.”

King said successful people are often optimistic. He said they recognize the many problems facing the world, but are confident things will get better. He noted the many achievements that have occurred nationally and globally during his lifetime on issues that once seemed insurmountable. They include the threat of nuclear war, which was greatly lessened by the collapse of the Soviet Union, and HIV, which he noted has been reduced substantially.

“You are the ones to cure heart disease – although I don’t want you to do that too soon because I still need a job for about 25 more years,” he said with a laugh.

The speaker also stressed the importance for people to work at something they love. Relating his experiences, he encouraged the graduates to have the courage to make a change if they find themselves in a career they don’t like.

King began his career in internal medicine, the specialty that deals with diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases. In 2002, he was named the Nebraska Medical Association’s Young Physician of the Year. Despite much early success, King said he hated his job. He made the decision to go back to school and switch to a career in cardiology, although aware of challenges both logistical and financial. He and his wife, Jennifer, had three young children at the time.

“Eventually, I came to the realization that I could go on doing what I was doing and be miserable, or I could find a way to use my skills and training in a different way. It was at that point that I decided to change my job.”

After his career change, he said people immediately noticed his change in attitude. He also said he likes to think that his patients get better care now.

He encouraged the graduates who are searching for jobs to use that flexibility to be daring and find something they want to do.

“Always remember that if you get into something that you don’t like you always have the option to change,” he said. “The days will seem longer when you are doing something you don’t like, and you will soon find that life is too short.”

He gave credit to his wife, Jennifer, his parents Dennis and Kathryn, and other family and friends for their support. He told graduates to likewise surround themselves with people they trust and have their best interest in mind.

In relating that the graduates should learn from their missteps and embrace those lessons, King said he still makes many mistakes, and listed celebrated people, including Thomas Edison and Dr. Seuss, who experienced incredible failures before realizing success. He said people should always continue to learn from their own mistakes, as well as those of others.

“Without experiments and continuous education, we would still be in an era of leeches and treating the bad ‘humors’ in the body,” he said. “I want you to continue learning and be curious about the world. It is OK to say ‘I don’t know,’ but then I want you to strive to find the answer.”

The undergraduate commencement ceremony in December had special significance, marking the end of Chadron State College’s 14-month centennial observance. The diplomas of this winter’s 103 bachelor’s degrees and 62 master’s degrees, as well as those of the May 2011 graduates, were decorated with the institution’s centennial celebration symbol.
Chadron State College celebrated its centennial in style in 2011, highlighted by homecoming Oct. 1. In addition to the wide array of traditional homecoming activities, the day featured a pregame festival on the Dean’s Green and the most spectacular fireworks display Chadron has had in decades.

Members of the Chadron State College cheerleading squad wave during the homecoming parade. (Photo by Justin Haag)

The Sigma Delta Nu float, which portrayed changes in education through the century, travels along the Chadron State College homecoming parade route. The float earned first place in the theme category. (Photo by Justin Haag)

The Chadron Veterans Honor Guard leads the Chadron State College homecoming parade. As a change from years past, the parade traveled from north to south and ended on the Dean’s Green on campus. (Photo by Justin Haag)

Elmo Eagle and the Chadron State College cheerleaders pump up the crowd at the CSC homecoming football game. (Photo by Bethany Cook)

The Chi Omega float makes its way down the Chadron State College homecoming parade route. The float, which featured women attending the sorority’s reunion, earned first place in the theme category for off-campus entries. (Photo by Justin Haag)

Chadron State College students Rebecca Lashmett of Lusk, Wyo., and Dani Shimp of Alliance, participate in the goldfish races on the Dean’s Green. The races were one of many activities that followed the homecoming parade. (Photo by Justin Haag)
The Chadron State College Centennial Alumni Band performed a concert over homecoming weekend. The 120-member band featured musicians from many generations, including current students and those who attended the institution as long as 40 years ago. (Photo by Justin Haag)

“The Survivors,” who were students at Chadron State College in the late 1930s and early ’40s, had their annual reunion Thursday, Sept. 29, two days prior to homecoming. In front, from left, are Adeline Frahm, Chadron; DeLaine Roth, Gordon; Jean Henkens, Chadron; Faye Kreman, Crawford; and Jeanelle Grant and Doris Rawalt, Chadron. In the back are Beth Gibbons, Crawford; Jim Butler, Lincoln; Don Roth, Gordon; and Marvin Spracklen, Bill Frahm and Joan Webster Schaeffer, Chadron. (Photo by Con Marshall)

The 2011 Chadron State homecoming king and queen, Adam Neuman of Fort Calhoun and Ashley Riesen of Chadron, joined several former royalty for a photo prior to the CSC homecoming parade on Saturday morning. In front, from left, are Brandon and Amy Horst of Chadron (king and queen in 2003) and Aleyse Schultz, Alliance (2005). In the back are Karen Woodward Claussen Smith, Chadron (1979); Renee Roes Collins, Spearfish, S.D. (2006); Helen Brown Thompson, Lake City, Colo. (1951); Scott Bandel, Grand Island (1996); Carrie Hain Nesbitt, Sidney (1997); DeLaine McCray Roth, Gordon (1941); Mike Moravec, Gering (1999); Nancy Schneider Kearns, Mitchell (1970); Janelle Visser Hansen, Hemingford (1988); and Jade Hoffman McConkey, Newcastle, Wyo. (1998). Collins and McConkey are natives of Chadron. (Photo by Con Marshall)

Many Golden Eagles, or retired Chadron State College employees, attended an appreciation luncheon hosted by Dr. Park to recognize their service to CSC in conjunction with homecoming and the college’s centennial celebration. Some came from as far away as Washington state and Ohio to renew acquaintances with colleagues who have retired in the Chadron area and to look over the improvements that have been made on campus since they moved away. (CSC photo)
As Chadron State College celebrated homecoming this fall, it dedicated new campus features that will long stand as a reminder of the centennial year.

Three of the new physical features received formal dedication during the pregame festival on the Dean’s Green. They are a bronze sculpture near Old Admin, the Campus Entrance Portal at the corner of 10th and Main and the Centennial Flag Plaza at the center of the Dean’s Green.

In addition to those features, the Chadron State Foundation on homecoming weekend unveiled the new Wall of Honor in the Student Center. The classy display shows the names of the foundation’s largest contributors.

“The Muses,” a bronze sculpture consisting of three nearly life-sized human figures with outstretched arms was placed at the center of the plaza between Old Admin and Sparks Hall during homecoming week. The figures represent art, science and sport – the essence of the educational experience and a balanced life. Artist David Alan Clark of Lander, Wyo., was commissioned to create the piece, which helps meet the State of Nebraska’s art requirements for the renovation of Sparks Hall and Old Admin. The two projects occurred 2007-2009.

Clark said the new sculpture is intended to look like a torch from a distance — “a visual play on the enlightenment gained through education, and a fitting symbol for the center of campus.”

The new portal, constructed of concrete, brick and iron, greets visitors with the words “Chadron State College” on one side and “Eagles” on the other. A digital sign has been purchased for the portal and is on campus and awaiting installation.

The plaza has a circular surface outlined by benches made of concrete and brick. Three new poles display flags of the United States, Nebraska and CSC.

In addition to the plaza’s role at homecoming, the ROTC program has used it for two ceremonies this fall – one for 9/11 and the other for Veterans Day.

Dr. Janie Park, CSC president, said each of the new features is part of a broader initiative to beautify the campus. The plaza and portal have been accentuated with landscaping, plantings and lighting.

“I hope that the each of these projects will serve as a lasting tribute to CSC’s centennial year and give a great first impression to visitors for generations to come,” Park said.

Also during homecoming, the Cardinal Key Honor Society’s annual Lighting of C Hill took on special significance as the college unveiled its first attempt at permanently lighting the C. Powered by a gas generator, the lighted C was visible for miles.

Although the lighting has been extinguished for winter, Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration and finance, said he and others are working to install a permanent power source to the C.
The east side of the campus entrance portal greets traffic at the corner of 10th and Main streets. The portal is one of three campus improvements constructed to commemorate the institution’s centennial. (Photo by Justin Haag)

"The Muses," a bronze sculpture paying tribute to art, science and sport, was installed on the Chadron State College campus this fall. (Photo by Justin Haag)

Dr. George Griffith, Chadron State College professor of English, speaks about "The Muses," during the dedication ceremony of the new sculpture and two other campus improvements. Griffith was a member of the committee that selected the sculpture. (Photo by Justin Haag)

The C of C Hill and the new campus entrance portal shine brightly as cars drive Main Street. The lighting and entrance portal are among the new features developed to mark the centennial year. (Photo by Justin Haag)
Foundation board welcomes new members, officers

The Chadron State Foundation welcomed three new board members during its annual board meeting Oct. 1, 2011, and introduced a new slate of officers for the 2011-12 term.

The board welcomed its first-ever woman to lead the group, Fran (Bilyeu) Grimes of Chadron. Grimes joined the board in 2006 and will serve as chairwoman of the 18-member group for two years. Other officers include, vice chairman Jim Wefso of Lead S.D., treasurer Rob Wahlstrom of Chadron and secretary Cynthia (Parsons) Kaan of Harrison.

The three new board members are Marjean Terrell of Hay Springs, Steve Willnerd of Rushville and Bob Zahm of Chadron.

The board expressed appreciation for the three outgoing board members who each served nine years. They are Butch Hanlon of Omaha, Arne McDaniel of Littleton, Colo., and Lee Baumann of Clayton, Mo.

The board meets three times each year.

Range students place in Wyoming

Chadron State College range management students placed high in competitions during the joint meeting of the Wyoming Section of the Society for Range Management and the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts as the fall 2011 semester was winding down.

Two CSC teams placed in the rangeland cup, a problem-solving competition that addresses topics of importance to rangeland ecology and management. CSC also had two placers in extemporaneous speaking, which required participants to draw three topics and prepare a six- to 12-minute speech on one of those themes within two hours.

Claiming second place in the rangeland cup was the team of Jenita Qualm of Ericson, Samantha Evans of Cody, Jamie Menuey of Hyannis and Katie Whalen of Aladdin, Wyo. Third went to Hadley Hill of Wauneta, Tell Dietrich, Zach Wilkison of Litchfield, Ill., and Reid Badje of Hay Springs. In extemporaneous speaking, Evans placed second and Qualm was third.

The event was Nov. 15-17 at Lander, Wyo.

Building names set in stone

Buildings on the Chadron State College campus are having their names carved in stone.

During the past two years, new limestone signs have arrived at seven buildings on campus. Workers this fall installed signs for four of the buildings — Memorial Hall, Edna Work Hall, Sparks Hall and Crites Hall.

Similar markers for the Reta King Library, Miller Hall, the Burkhiser Complex and Old Admin are on order with plans to install them this winter, weather permitting.

The new signs, created by a Hot Springs, S.D., company, are replacing the state-park style wooden markers that have been in place on campus for decades. Each of the new markers features the building name and the year it was constructed, along with the college’s name and seal.

Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration and finance, said the $1,200 price of each stone marker is well worth the cost, especially considering the labor that was involved in constructing the old wooden signs and their maintenance. The new signs, he said, will require virtually no maintenance.

The project to upgrade to limestone signs began in late 2009 and early 2010, when CSC installed markers at three residence halls – Brooks, Kent and Andrews. Grant said the effort will continue along with other improvements to help people find their way around campus. CSC has 25 buildings, five of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters will close out this year’s season of the Chadron State College Galaxy Series of entertainment. The group will perform Tuesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The Navy Band Sea Chanters serve as the United States Navy’s official chorus. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway and contemporary music.

The Galaxy Series has already brought familiar faces to the stage this academic year. During the fall, twins Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, who got their start in show business on “The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet” and later formed the popular rock duo Nelson, appeared on the Memorial Hall stage. Also, the musical comedy “Deer Camp” in November featured the acting of John Voldstad and Tony Papenfuss. They became known as “my brother Darryl and my other brother Darryl” on the 1980s sitcom “The Newhart Show.”

Unfortunately, actor-comedian Rob Corddry canceled his performance scheduled for early in the spring semester, citing conflicts with his television production schedule. Shellie Johns, who leads the Galaxy Series committee, said the cancellation was unfortunate, but that the funds used to book Corddry’s performance will be carried over to enrich programming for the next season.

Advance tickets may be reserved by contacting the CSC box office at 308-432-6207 or boxoffice@csc.edu. If available, tickets may be purchased at the door prior to the event.

U.S. News and World Report’s annual guide to colleges and universities, which was released in early fall 2011, named Chadron State College the sixth best public institution in its 12-state list of Midwest Regional Colleges.

Dr. Janie Park, CSC president, said she was pleased with the institution’s high ranking, albeit not surprised.

She said CSC’s excellent programs and costs, which are among the most competitive in the nation, provide an extremely outstanding value, especially when comparing the institution to the private colleges and universities sharing space on the list.

“I’ll put an education at Chadron State College against institutions throughout the nation,” Park said. “This recognition confirms what we’ve always known — That we have great programs and great people.”

CSC ranked 66th among the 319 colleges in the region after being scored in 11 categories.

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 65 majors or endorsements, numerous professional studies options and four master’s degrees. Many of its degrees and courses are available entirely online.
Chadron State wins

In June, Chadron State College won its first-ever Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Cup.

The voting process for the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup is an online system that ranks four game environment factors: players, fans, staff, and coaches. Each category received one ranking from excellent to poor. Each school’s head coach and a Student Athlete Advisory Committee member from each school voted per sport on all 21 RMAC sponsored sports.

“I’m tremendously proud of everyone involved in this special award,” CSC athletic director Brad Smith said. “We strive to create an entertaining and respectful game atmosphere and it wouldn’t be possible without the wonderful student-athletes, coaches, fans and athletic staff all working well together to represent Chadron State and the RMAC.”

Chadron State received an overall score of 4.037, nipping Colorado Christian’s second-place score of 4.021. Also ranking in the top five were Nebraska-Kearney (3.901), Colorado Mines (3.882) and Regis (3.819).

The Eagles accumulated the highest ranking average in three of the four categories: Players (4.04), Staff (4.09), and Coaches (4.20).

This is the fifth year of the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup. Colorado Christian won the Sportsmanship Cup the past three years, while the University of Nebraska at Kearney won the inaugural cup in 2006-07.

12 Eagles named to RMAC All-Conference football team

Chadron State College’s Tim Hiett and Kevin Lindholm were placed on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team, as announced in early November.

Including the two first team nods, three CSC players were named to the second team and seven earned spots on the third team.

Hiett, a senior left guard from Arvada, Colo., helped the Eagles’ offensive line average over 380 yards and 26.5 points a game. Hiett, who started 36 games in his career, was also a first team all-conference choice in 2010 and a second team pick in 2008.

Lindholm, a junior linebacker from Eads, Colo., was also a first team choice in 2010. He finished the 2011 season with a team-high 89 tackles, which is the most for a CSC linebacker since Aric Lopez had 90 in 2002. Lindholm also had five tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and broke up four passes.

The Eagles second team selections include center Sean McGowan, a senior from Lake- wood, Colo., defensive tackle Jan Karlos Medina, a junior from San Juan, Puerto Rico, and inside receiver Jeremy Sondrup, a senior from Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Chadron State’s third team selections are tailback Glen Clinton, a sophomore from Cody, Wyo., wide receiver Nathan Ross, a sophomore from San Diego, offensive lineman Jake Blackburn, a senior from Cody, Wyo., defensive end Keifer Burke, a junior from Brady, Neb., linebacker James Belville, a senior from Valentine, Neb., safety Phil Rivera, a junior from Apple Valley, Calif., and kicker Alex Ferdinand, a redshirt freshman from Rapid City, S.D.

Clinton, Burke and Belville were also all-conference choices in 2010.

Chadron State, which tied Colorado Mines for third place in the RMAC, finished the 2011 season with a 6-5 record and a 6-3 mark in the conference.

Don Beebe to co-chair Chadron State coach search committee; O’Boyle’s contract not renewed

Former Chadron State College football great and NFL standout Don Beebe has been chosen to co-chair the search committee that will select a head football coach, according to CSC President Janie Park.

Park said she is “confident that Beebe and the other committee members will conduct a successful search to find an outstanding coach who is a good fit for our college.”

CSC announced Dec. 22, 2011, that head football coach Bill O’Boyle’s employment contract, which expires in June 2012, will not be renewed.

O’Boyle had a record of 57-21 in seven years as the head coach. He helped guide the Eagles to three consecutive Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference titles from 2006 to 2008. He was relieved of his coaching duties in October after the CSC administration self-reported concerns to the NCAA that violations may have occurred within the football program.

According to a report, compiled by BKD, an independent accounting firm hired by the Nebraska State College System, O’Boyle opened private bank accounts outside the purview of the college and the Chadron State Foundation without the knowledge or consent of the college administration. Donations intended for the football program were deposited into those accounts. Subsequent expenditures from those accounts were not subject to the controls and oversight that are required by the college and foundation.

In addition, the report identifies expenditures that may constitute violations of NCAA rules.

“It’s time to move forward to plan for the future of our football program and assure that it remains strong,” athletic director Brad Smith said. “Don knows football and he knows and loves Chadron State. I can’t think of anyone better to lead this effort.”

Beebe is enthusiastic about his role in the search.

“It is an honor to be asked to serve my alma mater in this important role,” he said. “I love Eagle football and look forward to being a part of the search to find the coach that will carry on the legacy and history of this great program.”

After playing one season for Chadron State in 1988, Beebe was named the Omaha World-Herald’s “State College Athlete of the Year” in 1989 and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills. Beebe spent the next eight years in the NFL as a wide receiver for the Bills, the Carolina Panthers and the Green Bay Packers. His career included six trips to the Super Bowl and a Packers’ championship in 1997.

All proceeds from his well-received 1998 biography “More than a Ring,” went to the CSC athletic program and he was inducted into the college’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Currently, Beebe coaches football at Aurora Christian High School in Illinois.

Along with the leadership of Beebe, Smith will chair the search committee. Additional members of the search committee will include members from the community of Chadron and the campus.
McGowan named Academic All-American

Chadron State College’s Sean McGowan has been selected to the Capital One Academic All-America Division II First Team, the College Sports Information Directors of America announced.

McGowan, a senior from Lakewood, Colo., and a two-time Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference second team selection, was a three-year starter at center who postponed medical school admission to play his final year at Chadron State in 2011. McGowan, who started 33 consecutive games, including two at left tackle, has a 3.90 GPA in biology.

The RMAC was well represented on the Academic All-America Team. In addition to McGowan, Colorado School of Mines quarterback Clay Garcia is the Academic All-American of the Year. Joining them on the first team are Colorado Mesa defensive lineman Trent deBraga, Colorado State University-Pueblo linebacker Lee Meisner and Fort Lewis punter Frank Atherton.

McGowan is the 14th Chadron State football player to earn Academic All-American laurels in the past 40 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; Shaine Odell, 2008; Aaron Ide, 2008; and Cory Beran, 2010.

Jones placed on RMAC all-academic second team

Chadron State’s Mollie Jones was placed on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic Second Team.

Jones, a junior outside hitter from Longmont, Colo., has a 3.90 GPA in legal studies. To be eligible, a player 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.

Seven other CSC players were named honorable mention. They are Ashley Bargen (Chadron), Kristina Harter (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Lexi Hoagland (Rushville), Mallory Irvine (Ravenna), Jessica Jester (Cheyenne, Wyo.), Brenna Jungck (Hay Springs) and Kaitlin Luikens (Scottsbluff).

Colorado Christian’s Lauren Rosenthal is the RMAC All-Academic Player of the Year.

Chadron State College finished its 2011 season with a record of 5-25. The Eagles lose just one letter winner from the squad and return all their starters.

Gamble hired as assistant coach

Brad Gamble was hired as an assistant cross country and track and field coach, Chadron State College athletic director Brad Smith announced in early November.

Gamble, a native of Eagle, Colo., will assist CSC track and field head coach Ryan Baily with men’s and women’s cross country, while also helping coach track and field events, including the multi events, hurdles and jumps. Cross country was added early this fall and begins competition in the fall of 2012.

Chadron State to revive its cross country program

Chadron State College has received approval from the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System to add men’s and women’s cross country, effective in the fall of 2012.

“I’m excited about bringing cross country back to Chadron State. With the success that our track team has had the past couple years, we feel cross country will involve more students on campus and continue to improve our athletic program,” said CSC athletic director Brad Smith.

Currently, there are 13 women’s and 12 men’s cross country teams in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Black Hills State, which is joining the conference in 2012, sponsors both men’s and women’s teams.

The CSC teams will run in the hills south of campus, utilizing the outdoor trails that were created the past two years.

Smith said current track and field head coach Ryan Baily will oversee both cross country and track and field.

Chadron State fielded cross country teams from 1961 through 1985 but the program was discontinued because of budget cuts.

Baily, who is in his third year at CSC, is excited about the revitalization of the program.

“Adding men’s and women’s cross country is going to help our track and field program a lot because it’s a dimension we haven’t had in the past,” he said. “There are a lot of quality distance runners who haven’t had a place to go and now they do. It’s a big step in the right direction. They’ll be able to train all year long and I’m confident we’ll be competitive.”
Foundation celebrates success of volunteer campaign

The Chadron State Foundation celebrated the completion of the volunteer portion of its annual fall fundraising campaign in October.

Foundation employees gathered with volunteers at a Chadron restaurant Tuesday to celebrate the $188,210 raised during two weeks beginning Oct. 12.

Leslie Bargen, Chadron State College development officer, said the campaign serves as a testament of people’s love for CSC, and that their volunteer efforts help fund scholarships and a wide range of other campus support.

“We at the foundation always enjoy the involvement between the campus and community on this project, and this year is certainly no different,” Bargen said. “We are extremely thankful that so many people are willing to donate their time to help faculty and students build upon CSC’s tradition of excellence.”

Each year, the foundation recruits 124 volunteers to approach businesses and college employees for donations. This year, the group was led by community members Jon Daniels and Tina McLain, and CSC employees Brad Smith and Donna Ritzen.

Bargen presented prizes to the most successful teams, along with a number of humorous honors.

The team winning top honors among the community side consisted of Deb and Jerry Evans, Bob Zahm, Rich Stahla, Tammy Scheopner and Dave Coe. The top team among CSC employees consisted of Lorie Hunn, Dawn Brammer, Brenda Barry-Schommer, Sally Kate, Ryan Baily and Kathy Stokey.

Connie Rasmussen, executive director of the foundation, noted that the annual campaign has grown throughout the years, greatly contributing to the foundation’s overall success.

In her remarks to the volunteers, Rasmussen gave credit to the work of Dick Myers, a longtime Chadron businessman and civic leader for his pioneering efforts with the CS Foundation. Myers passed away recently after a battle with cancer.

Since 1988, the assets of the foundation have grown from $1.4 million to more than $17 million. During that period, the combined total of funds raised from the annual campaign and the phonathon have grown from netting $186,000 to about one-half million dollars each year.

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“I’m excited to help the program grow and to help the team win conference titles and to compete for national titles,” Gamble said. “It’s a good opportunity to work under Coach Baily and to continue to grow as a coach.”

Gamble also had a solid career at Hastings College, becoming a two-time All-American before graduating with a degree in physical education in 2010. Following his graduation, he taught at Eagle Valley High, his alma mater, and coached the throws. While he was at the Colorado State Meet that spring he became acquainted with Baily and decided to use his final year of eligibility at Chadron State.

“I’m really happy to be here,” Gamble said. “I’m familiar with the team and program and it’s a great fit for me.”
Alvin Holst, former faculty, Casa Grande, Ariz., has been enjoying retirement since 1997 with his wife Ida, who has been married since 1994.

‘40s
DeLaime “Helen” Roth ‘42 Gordon, is CSC’s oldest living homecoming queen. She celebrated 68 years of marriage with Lt. Donald Roth. They were married in Fort Sill, Okla., Dec. 18, 1943.

‘60s
Thomas Ganka ‘63 Woodstock, Ga., retired from the United Parcel Service on Oct. 1, 2011 after 33 years of service.
Tom Gorman ‘65 North Platte, retired after 41 years as Mid-Plains Community College area dean of economic development and training. He dedicated his career to building the adult education program into courses that are embedded in the college and surrounding communities.
Terence Davis ‘65 Colorado Springs, Colo., published a book titled “2 Peter 1 Paradigm” which was released nationwide on Oct. 25, 2011.
Jim Koch ‘67 Norfolk, retired on Dec. 1, 2011 as the city street director. Koch got the job in 1977 and is known across the country for his innovative snow removal plans.
Gaithel Gilchrest ‘69 Fort Laramie, Wyo., retired from Lingle-Fort Laramie Middle School after 41 years of teaching and coaching.
James ‘69 and Marilyn Sutton McCook, were riding the rails during two train accidents in two days during a trip to California. They were aboard during an accident Aug. 25 at Windover, Nev., and the derailment at Benkelman on Aug. 26. The Sultons were not injured and still recommend traveling by train.

‘70s
Ivan Kershner ‘70, MA ’74 Salem, S.C., retired from Anderson One School District in South Carolina after 41 years as a school administrator. In his “retirement” he plans to assist in the supervision of student teachers for Clemson University.
John McGary ’72 Plymouth, was named as an inductee to the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in June, 2011. He has been the head coach since the fall of 1972.
Robert Powell ’75 Billings, Mont., though retired, started working part time for Delta Airlines.
Joan (Hunzeker) Haslow ’77 Scottsbluff, was named artist of the month in May 2011 by the Pinnacle Bank and Mitchell Area Foundation.
Larry Gibbs ’78 Gering, is a council member for the city of Gering and the current city council president. He was first elected in 1978 and has served the area since. His office term expires in 2012.

‘80s
Randy Waggner ’80 Alliance, was named the new city finance director. He began his duties June 7, 2011.
Dagmar Fisher ’80 Kanorado, Kan., retired after 27 years of teaching at Loneman School on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. She will stay busy substitute teaching in the Goodland, Kan., and Burlington, Colo., schools, as well as spending time with her new husband, Dennis Kobelik.
John Broadbooks ’81 Sioux Falls, S.D., celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with his wife, Marsha. They are proud parents of six children and seven grandchildren.
LuAnn (Pellatz) Doerr ’81 Brunswick, completed the requirements for the designation of certified regulatory compliance manager for Brunswick State Bank.
Nancy (Lembke) Marino ’82 Valrico, Fla., was promoted to director of procurement for Tampa Port Authority.
Leon Durbin ’89 Mesquite, Nev., was inducted into the Nevada Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in October as the recipient of a lifetime service to wrestling honor. He was also named Nevada’s cross-country coach of the year in 2005.
John Stannard ’89 Russell, Kan., was presented the distinguished service award by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents on Aug. 11. Stannard is completing his 22nd year as an extension agent in Kansas and has been the Russell County extension agent for 15 years.

‘90s
Phill Johnson ’92 Gering, is the new 10-12 grade science teacher at Gering High School. She began her new job in August 2011.
Kraig Weyrich ’92 Gering, was named the new assistant principal at the Freshman Academy.
Dr. Jason Funk ’94 Rushville, opened his clinic, Funk Family Chiropractic, in August 2011.
Dr. Joseph Tuma ’95 Rapid City, S.D., who attended Chadron State as part of the Rural Health Opportunities Program, is now board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, interventional cardiology, vascular medicine, and endovascular interventions. His achievements include recent recognition by Yale University researchers for excellent patient outcomes with heart catheterization at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Rapid City Regional Hospital was one of 15 hospitals in the nation chosen for this study.
Lance Mays ’95 Fountain, Colo., has served in the United States military for 22 years and plans to continue for the next eight years.
Anna Oller ’96 Warrensburg, Mo., was promoted to full professor of biology in the department of biology and earth science at the University of Central Missouri.
Trena (Streff) Clausen ’96 Schuyler, is a speech therapist at Golden Living Center. She is at GLC three days a week to serve patients for cognitive, speech, voice and swallow therapy.
Robyn (Frauen) Johnston ’96 Maywood, joined the faculty of Maywood Public Schools this fall. She is the school librarian and teaches eighth-grade English and literature.
Clint Elwood ’97 Holdrege, has been in law enforcement for 12 years. He started his career at the North Platte Police Department, where he worked for three years. He then was a part of the Holdrege Police Department for a year and a half. He was accepted into the state patrol, where he was a regular patrol officer before entering the criminal investigation department.
Dr. Nada N. Berry ’98 Springfield, Ill., has joined the faculty at Southern Illinois University School of

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Medicine as an assistant professor of plastic surgery. She also is a member of SIU HealthCare, the medical school’s practice group. Berry completed a hand surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., this year. She completed her residency in plastic surgery at SIU in 2010 and her medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis in 2004. She is married to James Berry and has one child.

Travis O’Gorman ’99 Alliance, was appointed to serve as a district court judge for the 12th judicial district of Nebraska on June 23, 2011.

Hilary Catron ’99 Omaha, is a medical nutrition therapist for the Nebraska Medical Center.

Levi Fisher ’99 North Platte, was promoted to community bank president of Equitable Bank in June 2011. He has been with Equitable Bank since 2005.

Kathy Peters ’99 Scottsbluff, is the academic support center coordinator for CSC on the Scottsbluff campus.

Kristi (Melhoff) Ritter ’99 Longmont Colo., is the communications and community outreach coordinator for the town of Firestone since June 2011. She is in charge of communications and public relations, social media and website management, event planning and grant writing.

Michael Brownfield ’99 Omaha, opened a CrossFit gym in West Omaha, near Lakeside Hospital. Before moving to Omaha he was a coach at a CrossFit gym in Sioux Falls, S.D.

‘00s

Dave Pauli MA ’00 Gering, was named the new activities director of Gering High School in May 2011, where he taught and coached 1994-1998. Prior to his new position, Pauli served as administrator of Lincoln Christian Academy, president of Heritage Christian Academy in Minnesota, and, most recently, executive director of Omaha Christian Academy.

Dee Tu stos ’00 Central City, was named the new resource teacher at Central City Public Schools. Before moving to Central City she taught for nine years in Oelrichs, S.D.

Dr. Megan (Cada) Fal lys ’02 Schuyler, recently joined Alegent Health Clinic in Clarkson and Howells and will also be on call in the emergency room at Memorial Hospital. She is specializing in providing continuing and comprehensive care for all members of the family, including health maintenance and preventative services.

Kyle Hoyt ’02 Mullen, was featured at the Yellow Calf Studio for their Christmas open house in Nov. 2011. Kyle taught art in Hyannis for five years and has been teaching in Mullen for the past four years.

Leland Rodewald ’03 Holdrege, was presented with the 2011 law enforcement of the year award by the Holdrege Optimist Club.

Austin Forney ’04 Lakeside, introduced dog sledding and mushing to the Nebraska sandhills. He runs a 32-dog team at his home at the Forney Ranch north of Lakeside.

Dr. Joseph L. Citta III ’04 Columbus, began his first full-time medical practice at Columbus Family Practice on Aug. 1, 2011.

Drs. Nathan ’05 and Jamie Kotschwar ’04 McCook, began work as a husband-wife veterinarian team at Red Willow Animal Clinic on Aug. 1.

Travis Gilchriest ’05 Fayetteville, N.C., is a captain in the U.S. Army.

Dan Hughes ’05 Fremont, has been hired as the media specialist for grades 10-12 at Logan View Public Schools at Hooper.

Brittany Fleck ’06 Bismarck, N.D., became the first North Dakota to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in barrel racing in early December. She went to the rodeo in 12th place in the standings with earnings of more than $65,000.

Nathan Liess ’06 Lincoln, joined the faculty of Raymond Central High School this fall. He is the head high school football coach and teaches elementary physical education. Prior to his current position, he taught one year at Gering and four years at Sutherland.

Dr. Travis Dickey ’07 Alliance, has joined the office of Horizon West Dental.

Corey Waterburger ’07 Lincoln, joined the firm of Johnson, Flodman, Guenzel & Widger in September 2011 after clerking with the firm for several years. Waterburger’s primary focus areas include domestic relations and custody issues. Waterburger graduated from the Nebraska College of Law this year and recently passed the Nebraska bar exam.

Radcliffe MA ’07 and Shii no Lennox of Shizuoka City, Japan visited Chadron for the first time. Radcliffe earned a master of business administration degree online. During their visit Aug. 20-21, they toured area attractions with Dr. Tim Donahue, professor of business, and visited the home of Dr. Janie Park, president.

Craig Lowe ’08 Olathe, Kan., graduated from Washburn University School of Law with his doctor of jurisprudence in May 2011.

Ashley Kitt ’08 Central City, was sworn in as a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association on Sept. 20 during a ceremony in the rotunda of the Nebraska state capitol in Lincoln. Kitt graduated from the Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln in May and passed the Nebraska bar exam this summer. Kitt is employed with Svehla, Thomas, Rauer and Grafton P.C., with law offices in York, Seward, and Aurora.

Brittany Norman ’08 Bridgeport, is a new real estate agent in Morrill County at Champion Realty.

Dr. Richard Christen ’08 North Platte, received his doctorate from Iowa State University in veterinarian medicine. He is currently employed at Stockman’s Veterinary Clinic.

Chris Green ’09 Chadron, graduated with a master’s degree in science, sport and exercise science from the University of Northern Colorado on May 6, 2011. He is currently employed as the interim coordinator of the NPAC at CSC.

Joe Konrad ’09 Kalamazoo, Mich., has taken the position of executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Battle Creek, Mich. He spent the last six years as the business administrator for First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo.

Brett Kollars ’09 Broken Bow, joined the staff of McMeen Physical Therapy as a physical therapist.

Julie Hamburger ’10 Alliance, was sworn in as a District 12 probation officer Sept. 28 during a ceremony at the Nebraska state capitol. Prior to the ceremony, she had worked in the Alliance office for 16 months. She works as a blended officer, handling Box Butte County’s juvenile cases as well as pre-sentence investigations and some adult cases.

Bryson Kennedy ’10 Maywood, joined the faculty of Maywood Public Schools this fall. He is teaching industrial arts and is an assistant coach for the high school and junior high football teams.

Amanda Wood ’10 Grant, is the new fifth-grade teacher at Perkins county Schools at Grant.

MARRIAGES

‘80s

Pam Morris ’83 and Darryl Burks att. were married April 17, 2010.

‘90s

Kimberly Walker ’91 and Greg Campbell were married June 18, 2011. Kimberly is teaching at Thedford High School, where she coaches boys basketball.


‘00s


Jonathan Ahlschwede ’03 married Kari Lobshier May 28, 2011 in Cocoa Beach, Fl.

Russell Anderson ’03 married Kristen Elkins June 25, 2011.

Aaron Summers ’04 and Molly Danner ’05 were married Oct. 1, 2011 in Burwell.

Brandi Shanklee ’05 and Taylor Sperle were married July 17, 2010.

Joseph Morgheim ’06 and Ashley Fernandez were married July 16, 2011.

Alysa Wardyn ’06 married Dustin Clark July 2, 2011 in York.

Seth Hulquist ’06, current staff, and Leslie Faber ’07 were married Sept. 10, 2011.

Joe Morgheim ’06 married Ashley Fernandez in Green River, Wyo.

Patricia Hinzman ’06 married Chris Hummel Oct. 1, 2011 in Pipestone, Minn.

Joshua Richardson ’06 and Janell Fries ’07 were married Aug. 27, 2011 in Gillette, Wyo.

Brandon Dorenbach ’06 married Amy Kirkland April 9, 2011.


Jake Lockhart ’08 and Jamie Curtis ’09 were married Aug. 13, 2011.

Alex Hasenauer ’09 and Mareesa Lee ’09 were married Aug. 20, 2011 in North Platte.

Tess Thayer ’08 and Ryan Plummer ’09 were married June 11, 2011 in Sidney.

Brenna Rager ’09 married Kahle Eisenreich June 11, 2011 in Rushville.

Kayla Carrier ’09 and Jonathan Kuskie ’10 were married July 23, 2011 in Scottsbluff.

Cody Assmann ’07, MS ’09 and Sarena Roth ’10 were married Aug. 6, 2011 in Torrington, Wyo.


Shana Gulbranson ’09, MA ’11 married Zane Hall Nov. 5, 2011 in Sidney.

‘10s


Eric Roth ’10 married Sharla Janssen June 4, 2011 in Gordon.

Kurt Karlberg ’10 and Jessa Mowrey married May 21, 2011 in Elkhorn.

FUTURE EAGLES

Faculty & Staff

Bryan Patrick to Mary (Connealy), current staff, and Erich Landen, Chadron, July 27, 2011.

‘90s

Jonathan Michael to Lori (Beaver) ’97 and Homer Hall, Charlotte, N.C., on May 18, 2011.
Donovan James to Cary and Laura (Vanwensen) Steele '97, Lincoln, July 1, 2011. He joins sister Grace.
Bryce Ryan to Anna and Ryan Turman '98, Hay Springs, Aug. 8, 2011. He joins siblings Peyton and Reese.
Ryder William to Kelly (Koza) '99 and Todd Moram, Fort Collins, Colo., Oct. 9, 2011.
Allison to Angela (Peterson) '99 and Jarrod Allen, Kearney, May 30, 2011. She joins her sister Lilli and brother Lukes.

'00s
Ash to Linda (Sondergard) '01 and Justin Rainey '00, Hay Springs Aug. 2, 2011. He joins sister Alaina and brother Dilan.
Malachi to Angela (Dewald) '00 and Anthony Simmons '01, Sheridan, Wyo., May 31, 2010.
Brody Matthew to Molony (Manning) '00 and Kenneth “Tylor” Jenkins '03, Chadron, March 8, 2011. He was welcomed by big brother Tayven.
Harper Rose to Jeannine (Mueller) '02 and Dan Bruner '03, Spearfish, S.D., Feb. 18, 2011. She joins siblings Natalie and Owen.
Abigail Lee to Willie '02 MA '04, current faculty, and Blake Lee Hoffman MA '11, Chadron, June 7, 2011. She joins brother Johnathan.
Fox Keith to Keith '02, current staff, and Heather (Ditsch) Crofutt '03, current staff, Chadron, July 4, 2011.
Remi Brynn to Paige (Sharp) Att '98 and Quinncy West '02, Chadron, July 10, 2011. She joins brother Wylee and sisters Josie and Taryn.
Twins, Joten Telan and Tellianne, to Annette Bellu '03, Chadron, July 1, 2011.
Kynnedy Faith to Tara (Warta) '03 and Beau Sheets '02, Riverton, Wyo., June 20, 2011. She joins sister Kamdyn and brothers Ty and Clay.
Naomi to Dave and Tammy (Glasscock) Belau '04, Klamath Falls, Ore., July 14, 2011. She joins siblings Rachel and Jaelle.
Gabriel Amos to Alisha (Schilling) '05, current staff, and Gabe Scoggin, Chadron, July 1, 2011.
Jaxon to Michele (Gipert) '05 and Jeffry Schwindt, Chadron, Sept. 6, 2011. He joins siblings Brandon, Landon, and Ashton.
Keighton Jae to Tami (Spahn) '05, current staff, and Casey Foster '06, Chadron, Aug. 31, 2011. She joined siblings Brandon and Ashton.
Samuel Phillip to Melissa (Chancellor) '06 and Kiel Cary '05, Fayetteville, N.C., July 1, 2011.
Molly to Megan MA '09 and Mike Spargo '08, Chadron, Aug. 12, 2011. She joins her older sisters Clara and Abigail.

'10s
Justin Cash to Nikki (Arner) '10 and John Daringer, Chadron, June 15, 2011.

In loving memory
Faculty/Staff
Doris Lesoing, former staff, Fairbury, died May 5, 2011.
Neil Strong, staff, Rushville, died Dec. 16, 2011.

Friends
Yvonne Irene Davidson Scottsbluff and Sterling, Colo., died Sept. 19, 2011.
Lorraine Beguin Kutschara Hay Springs, died Sept. 27, 2011.
Ronald Kenneth Sides Bridgeport, died Oct. 4, 2011.
Margaret Lucile (Monkman) Lewis Fairfield, Iowa, died July 27, 2011.
Father Ed Cortney Chadron, died June 26, 2011.

'20s

'30s
Lois Farrell '38 Chadron, died May 28, 2011.
Dr. Wayne Paxson '39 Lincoln, died April 5, 2011.

'40s
William “Bill” C. Davis '40 Gering, died May 14, 2011.
Elvin Adamson '45 Valentine, died Nov. 18, 2011.

'50s
Arnold A. Bowman '51 Manzanola, Colo., died April 11, 2011.
Donald Wilkinson '52 Minatare, died April 16, 2011.
Dr. Everett Thompson '53 Wichita, Kan., died Oct. 5, 2011.
Carl Leo Anstett '55 Hill City, S.D., died Sept. 1, 2011.
Charles Finley '58 Sutton, died Aug. 26, 2011.
William Edwards '59 Holdrege, died April 21, 2011.

'60s
Frank “Wally” Sande '60 Bemidji, Minn., died Sept. 16, 2011.
Ron Sylvester '61, Scottsbluff, died Jan. 3, 2012.
Rita (Lacy) Gaspers-Westover '63 Lincoln, died April 17, 2011.

Sandra “Sandy” Watford '65 Colorado Springs, Colo., died Nov. 26, 2011.
Max Marker '65 Las Vegas, Nev., died July 20, 2011.
Jerry D. Jones '66 Yellville, Ark., died May 12, 2011.
Fred “Phil” Curtiss '67 Greeley, Colo., died May 11, 2011.
Lloyd Quaring MA '68 Grand Island, died May 29, 2011.
G. Richard “Dick” Myers '69 Chadron, died Nov. 12, 2011.

'70s
Kathy Stretch '71 MA '76 Fort Collins, Colo., died July 26, 2011.
Opal Fortkamp '72 Imperial, died April 27, 2011.
Michael “Mike” Kearn '72 Mitchell, died Nov. 22, 2011.
Casey Brost '78 Hemingford, died May 22, 2011.

'80s
Selma J. Kudrna '83 Hay Springs, died Aug. 22, 2011.
Dolores Jean Vossler '84 Friend, died Oct. 1, 2011.
Anne Hostert '87 Sidney, died Sept. 8, 2011.
Elaine Fisher '87 Rapid City, S.D., died Aug. 18, 2011.
Lorraine Miles '88 Chadron, died Nov. 6, 2011.

'90s
David Noble '91 Chadron, died Oct. 16, 2011.

'00s
Marilyn Vencill '00 Crawford, died Dec. 16, 2011.
Auvianna, infant daughter of Eric Grifo '00 and Shara Drake Chadron, died Dec. 10, 2011.
Craig Kibbler '09 Omaha, died July 17, 2011.

Upcoming Alumni Gatherings
January 27 – Scottsdale
January 28 – Chadron Area Reunion in Mesa
January 29 – Sun City
February 11 – Las Vegas
March 9 to 11 – Denver and Loveland (Centerra)
March 23 to 25 – Dallas and Houston
April 12 – Lincoln
April 20 to 22 – Seattle and Portland

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!
Verne and Erma Lewellen join Living Legacy Club

When the Chadron State Foundation began raising money in its first-ever multi-million-dollar campaign, fundraisers weren’t surprised when longtime Mitchell resident Verne Lewellen and his wife, Erma, were among the first to pledge support.

Verne Lewellen, known as one of Chadron State College’s most spirited alumni, made a substantial gift and entered the Living Legacy Club by earmarking additional money from his estate to the Vision 2011 campaign.

Those who know Lewellen aren’t surprised that he’s among the many supporters of the campaign, which exceeded the $11 million goal.

Lewellen, a 1950 graduate who is retired from a remarkable career as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Nebraska Panhandle, has long played a part in helping CSC students succeed. Since 1988, he has provided scholarship assistance to students from the six Nebraska communities he and Erma have called home -- Minatare, Hay Springs, Bayard, Chadron, Rushville and Mitchell. After 43 years of living in Mitchell, the couple moved to Scottsbluff this year to be closer to family.

Lewellen was awarded the CSC Distinguished Service Award in 1988 and serves as a member of the foundation’s board of trustees and the Eagles Booster Club. He is a World War II veteran, was a stellar football and baseball player and a successful coach. He is a member of the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame, is the driving force behind CSC’s most active alumni group, Purple Passion, and still shares a place atop the records with the four passes he intercepted in his final game as an Eagle. In July 2010, more than 250 of his friends from at least 16 states people gathered at the CSC Student Center for a special surprise tribute in his honor.

“Verne Lewellen has been Mr. CSC for many years, and we are so thankful for his support. What he’s given us as a fan and what he’s done to help our alumni network can’t be measured in dollars,” said Dr. Janie Park, CSC president. “He keeps in touch with so many people and has helped our Alumni Office staff develop lifelong friendships.”

CSC’s Phonathon

Chadron State College begins a new century of service in 2012.

Your annual support through the Phonathon is vital in meeting the needs of the College. Support from alumni, parents, and friends makes it possible for CSC to fulfill its mission of providing quality education for students today and well into the future.

A current student will contact you soon to request your support for the 2012 Phonathon. Please consider a gift to fund scholarships and campus services that will help students reach their educational goals.

January 29 to February 16, 2012