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Dear Alumni,

As I reflect back on my April 26 inauguration by the Nebraska State College System as the 11th president of Chadron State College, I am overwhelmed by the many supportive and congratulatory messages my family and I received.

The hours of planning and attention to detail that preceded the inauguration day are sincerely appreciated. I’m sure I will never experience anything like this again. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and allowed all of our guests to safely travel to Chadron.

Thank you for the generous donations that have been and continue to be made to the Rhine Legacy Scholarship. Supporting student success is especially meaningful to me.

Over the last few months I have gained a new appreciation for all of the presidents who came to Chadron State before me. And while they all no doubt had their challenges, it must have been a daunting prospect for our first president, Joseph Sparks.

With a promise of 80 acres from the City of Chadron, a $35,000 appropriation from the legislature, and a dream, Sparks began the journey of Chadron Normal. On June 5, 1911, the first group of faculty and 111 students started their first term. I believe this monumental effort established a legacy of courage in the face of change that resides on this campus today.

Moving into our second century as a college, we need to call upon our courage to face change as the forces of accountability, technological change, and growing expectations test our abilities to adapt. As stewards of the public trust, we must lead Chadron State in responding to this environment of unprecedented and fast-paced developments. I am committed to strengthening CSC’s collaborations with other educational institutions and businesses in the region and working to ensure that the college remains a leader in transforming student lives and promoting the economic health of our region.

Sincerely,

Randy Rhine, Ed.D.
President

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On the Cover:
Dr. Randy Rhine delivers his first speech after his formal investiture as the 11th president of Chadron State College. (Photo by Tiffany Valandra)
By Tena L. Cook

A new tradition started at Chadron State College this spring. On April 20, hundreds of CSC students, faculty, and staff teamed up for The Big Event. The student-led community service project focused on thanking the community of Chadron for their continual support of CSC throughout the years, according to Shaunda French, assistant professor of communication. A team of students helped French with months of planning and preparation for the event.

Junior Samuel Parker, an intern for the project said, “We want to make a lasting impact in our community, and it all starts with being a part of something that is bigger than ourselves.”

The concept was initiated at Texas A&M University in 1982. Since then it has been adopted at more than 75 colleges and universities nationwide. As noted in Texas A&M’s mission statement, the event is designed as a way to give back to the community.

“Through service-oriented activities, The Big Event promotes campus and community unity as students come together for one day to express their gratitude for the support from the surrounding community.”

More than 400 student-volunteers along with faculty and staff group leaders worked at 14 sites in and around Chadron, including the Museum of the Fur Trade, Wilson Park, Head Start and Keep Chadron Beautiful.

They painted, cleaned, moved furniture, raked leaves, built shelves, repaired fences and gates, and hauled heavy equipment. Others went door to door collecting food for a soup kitchen, planted trees on C-Hill and picked up trash in the community.

Sam Parker, Sam Schmitt, Justy Bullington, Stephanie Eggleston, Luke Wright, Apolonia Calleja and Kinley Nichols were the team of student leaders who organized and planned the project.
Dr. Randy Rhine was inaugurated as the 11th president of Chadron State College during an afternoon ceremony on the CSC campus April 26. Nebraska State College System Chancellor Stan Carpenter said that those in attendance were witnessing one of the system’s most important events.
Carpenter said there will be internal and external challenges ahead for Rhine, but that his extensive experience in higher education in Arkansas, Montana and at CSC uniquely qualifies him for the post.

“I have no doubt Dr. Rhine will continue his creative efforts to recruit students and build Chadron’s enrollment, especially exploring ways to attract out-of-state and international students to rural Nebraska,” Carpenter said.

He said the NSCS Board of Trustees is pleased with Rhine’s commitment and dedication to CSC, its students, faculty, staff, the community and the surrounding region.

Following the formal investiture performed by NSCS Board of Trustees Chair, Cap Peterson, Rhine shared his reflections with the audience, which included his wife, Ann; his daughter, 1st Lt. Rachael Rhine-Millard; his son-in-law, Brandon Millard; sister, Sandy, and her husband, Johnny Williams; his mother-in-law, Wanda Egle; and other close friends and family members.

Rhine reflected on Chadron’s history, beginning with its launch in June 1911. He then looked forward to CSC’s second century. He emphasized his desire for the college to explore and pursue visionary and innovative collaborations with public schools, community colleges, business and industry, and cities and towns in the Nebraska Panhandle and beyond.

Fran Grimes, Chadron State Foundation board president, said that even though growing enrollment increases the need for scholarships, she and the foundation board gladly accept the challenge. “Bring it on,” she said.

Dr. Janie Park, CSC’s 10th president, described the 17 years she has known Rhine. Park said she knew when she first interviewed Rhine for a position at Montana State University-Billings that he would be a valuable asset to the organization.

“I felt twice blessed when I was able to hire him again at CSC. Randy has an innate ability to lead,” she said.

Student Senate President James Bahensky said he has been personally touched by Rhine’s leadership.

Morgan Nelson, CSC 2012-13 student trustee, said Rhine has become a mentor to her.

“Since I met him three years ago, I’ve had the utmost respect for him. From giving me advice on student government, to discussing current events and the news, he has always been a patient and admirable leader,” Nelson said.

Kristol Cummings, president of the CSC support staff association, said, “May our victories outnumber our defeats.”

When he first met Rhine, Nebraska State Senator Al Davis said he was struck by the president’s intelligence and personable nature.

Chadron Mayor Karin Fischer said Rhine’s vitality and vibrant manner are among the exceptional qualities he brings to the office.

Dr. Joyce Hardy, president of the faculty senate, complimented Rhine on his commitment to a common purpose and ended her greeting with a welcome to the Chadron team.
Rhine’s family members, Johnny Williams, Sandy Williams, Brandon Millard, Ann Rhine and Wanda Egle, were present for the investiture ceremony. (Photo by Tiffany Valandra)

Rhine’s daughter, Rachael Rhine-Millard, an Army 1st Lt., gives orders to post the colors during the inauguration. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

Dr. Randy Rhine and his wife, Ann, enjoy a dance in the Chadron State College Student Center Ballroom following Rhine’s inauguration dinner. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

John Rhine congratulates his father via a Skype connection during the inauguration dinner. John is deployed overseas with the Army. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

Dr. Randy Rhine and his wife, Ann, enjoy a dance in the Chadron State College Student Center Ballroom following Rhine’s inauguration dinner. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

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Student Senate President James Bahensky, center, congratulates Rhine. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)
A restored 1919 Steinway piano was unveiled in a February concert by Dr. James Margetts, associate professor of music. The gift of the refurbished piano was made possible by the generosity of Dr. Jackson Hammit and his wife, Peg.

The Steinway is believed to be the original piano acquired by the college shortly after its founding. It showed signs of age: inside parts were worn, making it difficult to press the keys down, the soundboard was cracked because of dryness and age, the exterior finish was chipped, the ivory keys were yellowed, and pedal posts fell off when pressed. However, the piano’s framework was still solid, holding promise that it could be rebuilt.

“It is a little intimidating to play, because it responds to the slightest touch. This is excellent for CSC students so they can develop their sense of expression and listen to their work. There are so many ways to play any key and with the Steinway, they can clearly hear the differences,” Margetts said.

The Steinway will be used for student recitals and by Galaxy Series performers.

The music department has grown from 24 students in 2004 to more than 60 and music education majors have a 100 percent placement rate. The quality and quantity of the fleet of pianos and keyboards has not kept pace with student and faculty accomplishments. The goal over the next three years is to upgrade the fleet. This investment will enhance the learning and performances of students and faculty.

The seven full-time music faculty members work directly with students in all levels of classroom and individual instruction. These professors each hold advanced degrees in their specializations and many also possess additional certifications. They bring a wealth of professional experience to the teaching arena and maintain active performing schedules.

Naming opportunities are available beginning at $2,500 for rebuilding, refurbishing or replacing aging and deteriorating pianos and keyboards. Contact the Chadron State Foundation for more information.
Smith retires as athletic director

By Alex Helmbrecht

Brad Smith, who has been the athletic director at Chadron State College for 26 years, announced his retirement in early April.

Smith, who also coached football at CSC from 1987-2004, will remain as athletic director until his replacement is hired.

“It’s been a privilege to spend 26 years in Chadron and during that time I have made many wonderful friends and met numerous supporters of our institution,” Smith said. “It’s my hope they’ll continue to support Chadron State College athletics as well as the excellent coaches, professors and staff.”

Under Smith’s guidance, Chadron State joined the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and NCAA Division II in the early 1990s. He also helped launch a softball program in 2007 and the men’s and women’s cross country programs wrapped up their inaugural seasons in the fall of 2012. In addition, Smith was athletic director when the women’s golf team formed in 1996.

“Brad has a fantastic legacy at Chadron State College and I can’t thank him enough for what he’s done for Eagle athletics and the school,” President Randy Rhine said. “I appreciate his willingness to stay and maintain continuity within the athletic department until his replacement is found. He’s accomplished a lot while he has been at Chadron State and he’s a generous ambassador.”

Smith was active in generating support for the athletic program through the Chadron State Foundation’s Vision 2011 Comprehensive Campaign. That fund drive generated more than 16.5 million dollars, amassing funds for endowments, the foundation’s annual fund and two capital projects. The capital projects consist of the construction of a new Rangeland Complex and the creation of the Events Center, a renovation and expansion of the Armstrong Physical Education Building.

Smith was also an integral part of the highly successful Don Beebe Chadron State Golf Classic, which has raised thousands of dollars for the athletic program.

Smith was also an accomplished coach for the Eagles, culminating in being named the RMAC’s All-Time Football Coach at the conference’s centennial celebration in the summer of 2009 after having a career record of 133-56-1 at Chadron State from 1987 to 2004.

Smith also served as the interim coach for the football team midway through the 2011 season. The Eagles went 3-1 with Smith at the helm.

Faculty and staff retire from Chadron State

Four received recognition for their years of service at an annual program in late April.

Deborah Meter started her career in 2001 at Chadron State College as a coordinator of cooperative education. Prior to coming to CSC, Meter was a business teacher at Chadron High School for 27 years.

Meter retired from her position June 1, 2012. She said she’s been “reorganizing, setting goals and traveling.” She has lived in her home for 30 years and has been doing remodeling and preparing to move.

John Alley returned to live in his hometown of Butte, Mont., after he retired in May 2012, but said he will always have fond memories of his seven years on the custodial staff.

He enjoys creating artwork and hiking in the surrounding mountains and forests.

A CSC acquaintance said John’s sense of humor is evident through his computer handle — “johnbackstreet.”

Mark Stephen came to CSC in February 1984 as a computer programmer and later worked as a network specialist.

He was a professional staff bargaining unit negotiator for about 15 years. His retirement plans include traveling with his wife, Darrah, and spending time with their grandchildren in Columbia, Mo., Laramie, Wyo., and Alliance. He is also building a web page for his Air Force squadron.

Judy Rutter started her career at CSC Aug. 20, 2001, working part-time in the Business Office on Perkins Loans. She was hired as an office assistant in the music department and remained there until she retired Oct. 5, 2012.

Rutter and her husband Mark are enjoying their retirement in South Dakota.

Dr. Norma Nealeigh, professor of family and consumer sciences, arrived at Chadron State College in the fall of 1994. She served as the applied sciences department chair for 11 of the last 19 years, president of the Faculty Senate in 2004-2005 and secretary from 1997-2003. Nealeigh taught undergraduate and graduate courses, and was the commencement speaker for graduate ceremonies in May 2011. In April she was honored for 25 years of continuous family and consumer science certification. She plans to retire in Arizona.
Justin Haag, a friendly face in college relations at Chadron State College for more than a decade, accepted the position of public information officer for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and regional editor for NEBRASKAland magazine in January. He and his wife Cricket, business manager for the Chadron State Foundation, will continue to live in Chadron with their son, Sawyer, 10, and daughter, Kiera, 6. Haag will remain close to the college, with office space in the Burkhiser Complex.

The majority of his time will be spent in the great outdoors of western Nebraska. In addition to printed articles and photos in the magazine, he writes a blog for the NGPC, “Panhandle Passages.”

“We are sorry to see Justin leave, but we are excited for his opportunity and know he will do a great job for the Nebraska Game and Parks,” said Dr. Randy Rhine, CSC president.

“This is a beautiful area and it deserves thorough coverage. I am fortunate to have the chance to promote it,” Haag said.

Fellow CSC alumnus and NEBRASKAland Regional Editor, Eric Fowler, is a mentor to Haag as he becomes established with the NGPC.

“Chadron State will always be a special place to me. It’s where I got my degree, worked for 12 years, and even sent my kids to preschool. I owe CSC a lot. I’m thankful to have learned from two of CSC’s all-time greats, LaVida Dickinson and Con Marshall, in addition to gleaning knowledge from Sports Information Director Alex Helmbrecht, the College Relations Staff and the entire campus community,” Haag said.

Rhine named Tena Cook, director of admissions, as interim marketing coordinator to replace Haag. She has served as a member of the admissions staff since 1992, where her responsibilities have included writing and editing for printed and online recruiting materials.

“I am thrilled with Tena’s background as the recruiting team lead. It has prepared her for this role in a number of ways. She is experienced in answering questions about CSC from parents and prospective students and she possesses a wealth of institutional knowledge,” Rhine said.

Cook had years of experience in radio broadcasting and as the editor of The Chadron Record before joining CSC. She also had administrative experience at state colleges and universities in Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska. He is a retired Army Signal Corps officer who has led organizations from platoon to battalion level.

He and his wife, Laura, have been married for 20 years and they have three children, David, Jon W. and Elizabeth.

Haag now with Nebraska Game & Parks, NEBRASKAland magazine

Interim vice president for enrollment management and marketing named

Chadron State College President Randy Rhine announced in February that Jon Hansen is the new interim vice president for enrollment management and marketing.

“I am thrilled to have someone with Jon’s knowledge of CSC and background on board. I am confident he will help us reach our objectives for the coming year,” Rhine said.

Hansen’s experience in strategic planning and distributed operations will be used on special projects and initiatives from the president.

For the past two years, Hansen has been an independent contractor for CSC, recruiting active duty and retired military service members, ROTC students and incoming undergraduates from South Dakota. Prior to this role, Hansen was based in Rapid City, S.D., serving as a professor of military science for CSC and three other colleges in the Black Hills.

“I am excited about the opportunity to lead our enrollment management team. We have great folks who care a great deal about helping students and the college,” Hansen said.

“Continuous improvement, teamwork, and hard work will allow us to continue to grow our enrollment. I am proud to continue my service to the CSC community.”

Hansen has more than 20 years of executive leadership, including 10 years in enrollment management, academic and administrative experience at state colleges and universities in Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska. He is a retired Army Signal Corps officer who has led organizations from platoon to battalion level.

He and his wife, Laura, have been married for 20 years and they have three children, David, Jon W. and Elizabeth.
Health professions students accepted

Incoming student participants in the collaborative Rural Health Opportunities Program between Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center have been named.

Interviews took place in January for eligible students who are residents of rural communities in Nebraska. Twenty-three students were selected from the pool of applicants and will begin their studies in the fall.

The selections for students seeking careers in nine health sciences were based on college entrance examination scores, academic success and leadership exhibited in high school and personal interviews.

RHOP began in 1990 as a joint venture between CSC and UNMC to help counter the shortage of medical professionals in rural Nebraska. Graduates of RHOP are encouraged and expected to return to the rural areas of Nebraska to practice.

Students selected as participants in the program take pre-professional training at CSC, with guaranteed pre-admittance to one of the UNMC sites if the program’s standards are met. The dental students will take advanced training at Lincoln, the nursing students at Scottsbluff, dental hygiene at Gering and the others in Omaha.

In related news, 18 students were recognized at a banquet in late April for completing their pre-professional health studies and advancing on to professional schools.

CSC Business Academy ranked 17th nationally

By Tena L. Cook

In a survey of business schools conducted by Military Times Edge magazine, Chadron State College was ranked 17th nationally.

Interim Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing Jon Hansen said, “CSC is committed to serving our veteran and military community. This national recognition reflects an ongoing mission to be a leader in veteran and military education. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff in the Business Academy.”

In the magazine’s article, staff writer George Altman said, “A significant majority of schools told us they have one person or a designated group of people who process education benefits for vets, whether functioning exclusively for the business school or for the larger university. That can be important for developing expertise in the unique, and sometimes tricky, world of GI Bill benefits.”

Chris Singpiel is the CSC staff member designated to assist veterans as they access their educational benefits.

CSC’s online MBA, which can be pursued full-time or part-time, was also one of the criteria considered in the ranking.

In November, the magazine ranked the college 11th nationally for overall programs and services for veterans.

Chadron State rates well on national ‘College Scorecard’

Chadron State College scores well in the U.S. Department of Education’s College Affordability and Transparency Center rating system of public and private post-secondary institutions. CSC’s indicators are all near or better than the national average. President Barack Obama announced the new scoring system in his recent State of the Union address.

At CSC, the average net price — what students pay after grants and scholarships are subtracted from the cost to attend — was well below the national average at $9,125 per year. The college’s six-year graduation rate is within the medium range of schools that primarily award bachelor’s degrees nationwide.

CSC’s student loan default rate is less than the national average and the median level of borrowing is far below the national average.

Dr. Randy Rhine, CSC president, said, “We are proud of our ability to provide students with a quality and affordable education at Chadron State College.”
By Tena L. Cook

Nine Chadron State College students majoring in justice studies blogged their London Trip experiences in May. Dr. Tracy Nobling accompanied 13 students majoring in justice studies on the trip. Dr. Don King and Dr. Patti Blundell accompanied 14 education students on the same trip.

Nobling said her students had the choice to submit daily written journal entries or to blog daily as a requirement for credit.

In 2011, the group on the London Trip participated in some blogging, but prior to the 2013 trip, Nobling thought that taking several iPads and being able to access more reliable wireless network signals would improve the blogging experience. The group hoped to record some student video entries. The blogs, and photos from the trip, can be found at csc.edu/justicestudies.

The justice studies group includes a range of students, from a first-time flyer to veteran travelers. Some students opted for side trips to Paris, Dublin and Edinburgh, Scotland, during the venture.

“Blogging is great for multiple reasons. It fulfills a course requirement, parents and friends can track the students through their daily blog posts and London Trip alumni can follow the activities of the 2013 group,” Nobling said.

By Tena L. Cook

Beginning this fall, the Chadron State Eagle Rate will allow all incoming and returning out-of-state undergraduate CSC students to pay only $1 more per credit hour than Nebraska residents.

At its regular meeting in March, the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees approved the tuition rate change. The three-year pilot project will be renewed annually unless other action is taken by the board. Annual reports will be submitted to the board by CSC officials regarding the status of the pilot project.

Jon Hansen, interim vice president of enrollment management and marketing said, “We are excited to offer the new Chadron State Eagle Rate to our students attending from other states and around the globe. It represents our commitment to providing high quality, affordable education to all students. The Chadron State Eagle Rate will be a game changer for CSC as we develop and implement our plan for growth and continuous improvement.”

Lynne Bath, guidance counselor for Douglas High School in Douglas, Wyo., a CSC alumna and parent of two CSC graduates, said, “It makes the CSC tuition competitive for everyone. It was already competitive for those who qualified for the Non-Resident Scholars program. I’m glad to hear this news. It still makes me smile when I think of earning my undergraduate and graduate degrees from Chadron State.”

Students blog from London

By Tena L. Cook

Seventy-three students from nine states and three foreign countries earned graduate degrees during commencement while 252 students from 15 states and Canada were honored during the undergraduate ceremony.

Dr. Charles Butterfield spoke at the graduate ceremony and included in his advice to those earning their master’s degrees that they should thank the leaders, teachers and mentors who helped them arrive at this goal while also looking forward.

“Make a difference. Touch lives. Not just your own. Help others realize their career goals. Leave things a little better than when you got there,” Butterfield said.

Being in a tough situation often provides the opportunity to develop and display courage, according to Butterfield. Examples he shared were the firefighting efforts near Chadron during the summer of 2012 and the many students who leave their home countries thousands of miles away and travel to CSC to further their education.

He shared a quote from James Lehrer: “A college diploma does not mean that you are educated. Quite the contrary. It means that you have opened up to a perpetual state of ignorance and thus a lifelong hunger for more – more ideas, more knowledge, more good thoughts, more challenges, more of everything.” Butterfield encouraged the graduates to face and embrace change.

Butterfield, who is moving back to his home state of Wyoming after 14 years at CSC, shared a John Muir quote about the mountains calling to him.

He plans to begin work as a senior consultant with a private environmental/engineering consulting firm based in Jackson, Wyo. Next year, he will be in a position to hire students to assist the firm with monitoring grazing, riparian and vegetation areas, and restoration sites.

During the undergraduate commencement, CSC alumna Susan Woeppel Salka, CEO and president of AMN Healthcare, echoed a similar theme.

“If you are scared when you stretch and take on challenges, that is great. That’s when you grow the most,” she said.

The 1985 CSC graduate urged the audience to take accountability for their mistakes, sharing her own experience with a sizable accounting error early in her career.

“I earned more trust from my supervisor because I came clean and owned the problem I had created. You can do the same,” Salka said.

Amid asking the graduates for a show of hands to various questions, including why they came to CSC, Salka described her original personal and professional goals, explaining that things didn’t always turn out how she had planned. She held up three of her journals: One, used for recording successes, is labeled “I did it!” The second is called “Stuff Happens” and holds stories of unfortunate experiences. The third is called “DNR” for Do Not Repeat. The acronym typically stands for Do Not Resuscitate in the medical field. She joked that either phrase is equally appropriate. She emphasized that we learn more from adversity and challenges than from easy times.
Bryce Harrington, son of Kim Harrington, Grand Island, and Keanna Gross, daughter of John and Peggy Gross, Ainsworth, were named the 2013 Chadron State College Ivy Day King and Queen. Blue Key and Cardinal Key honor societies co-sponsored the annual ceremony.

While at CSC, Harrington was a student trainer in the athletic department and was an active member of Blue Key, among other activities. Graduating with a degree in business administration, he plans to move back to Grand Island and pursue a career in business. Harrington is the second member of his immediate family graduating from CSC, joining older brother Brandon.

Gross graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in human biology with an option in physical therapy. While at CSC, Gross participated in the Health Professions Club, Sports Medicine Club, Cardinal Key, Project STRIVE, and was a student trainer for athletics. This fall, Gross plans to attend Nebraska Methodist in the physical therapy assistant program.

The Platinum Eagle for distinguished leadership and service, considered the highest honor CSC can give, was awarded to Mallory Murdoch, daughter of Marlin and Polly Murdoch, Orleans, and Nathaniel Martens, son of Quent and Lisa Martens, Newton, Kan.

Murdoch is a Magna Cum Laude graduate with a degree in biology with a human biology focus. Martens graduated with a degree in criminal justice and was honored for earning tutor certification.

More than 100 graduates received certificates of merit as outstanding students in their primary fields of study or were presented other special honors. The ceremony has continued, uninterrupted, since 1920.
Chadron’s tough growing conditions threaten and claim many young plants. Some, however, are fortunate enough to live on the Chadron State College campus and receive extra doses of care and attention.

Horticulturist Lucinda Mays has been instrumental in the increased number, variety and artistic design of campus plantings, a movement which grew measurably during the administration of Dr. Janie Park. Mays is quick to deflect the spotlight and shine it on the Campus Arboretum Volunteers, the grounds crew and her assistants.

If a young plant doesn’t survive, Mays and company have to replace it. She uses many adapted or native plants to reduce mortality. “It all really counts. First, the initial installment and second, the day in, day out and year in, year out care so the plants will last decades. My goal is to create and provide restful spots for students, faculty and visitors.

Landscaping areas around campus are available to be named in honor or memory of a family member or loved one.

Mays said, “The impact donors make with their support is huge. This kind of gift, even though it may not sound glamorous to maintain plants, is lasting and meaningful.

**CSC students assist in bighorn sheep project**

By Tena L. Cook

Eleven Chadron State College students participated in a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission bighorn sheep project near Fort Robinson State Park this spring. They included Tanner Jenkins, Jason Clark, Adam Bahl, Mariyah Gaston, Ty Werdel, Ben Neumann, Alex Garcia, Adam Deiterman, Brandon Werner, Timmy Ornelas and Jody Mitteis.

Todd Nordeen, NGPC Northwest Wildlife District Manager, said this project involved capturing the sheep with the aid of nets dropped from a specialized helicopter and fitting the animals with radio telemetry collars to track them for the purpose of recording population estimates, movements, distribution and herd health. “We collared six ewes and three rams. We attached GPS/satellite collars on the rams and standard VHF collars on the ewes. This is all part of the ongoing bighorn sheep management program,” Nordeen said. Each animal received an ear tag and veterinarians collected blood, hair and fecal samples.

As a CSC alumnus, Nordeen said he thinks CSC students receive the best preparation possible for a career in wildlife management. “Along with their education at CSC, this real world experience goes a long way toward developing students’ careers. It helps them better understand the challenges and work that goes into wildlife management. It also shows potential employers their interest in wildlife and helps them become recognized by professionals in the field,” he said.

Several of the students who worked on this project have also staffed deer check stations during hunting season and worked on other projects. Jason Clark, CSC Wildlife Club president, assisted with logistics for the capture and transport for his fellow students to the site.

The 11,000 square-foot plant bed was mulched with special shredded and chipped pine that amends the alkaline soil and doesn’t blow away in high winds. The plants will be watered, in part, from snow and rain runoff captured in a 3,500-gallon cistern inside Burkhiser.

**Appreciation for multiple cultures developed on Alaska trip**

CSC students assist in bighorn sheep project
Mariah Cook, a senior in education and former college cheerleader, was crowned Miss Nebraska in June 2012 and competed for Miss America in January 2013. Her grandmother, Carmen Cook, lives southwest of Chadron and former CSC Registrar Sophie Uhlken Hodges was her great-aunt. Mariah’s first crown was as 2010 CSC homecoming queen, followed weeks later by winning the title of Miss Chadron. In 2011, she earned Miss Northwest and Miss Nebraska State Fair titles.

**CSC:** How did you feel when you were competing at the Miss America pageant?

**Mariah:** It was the most exhilarating and exhausting experience of my life. I am still not sure if the entire experience has registered yet. In Vegas, I kept pinching myself and reminding myself that I was at Miss America as a contestant.

**CSC:** How do you feel about your educational experiences, faculty and friends at CSC? In what ways do you feel they have strengthened you or helped you grow?

**Mariah:** Chadron and CSC have been a great environment and springboard for me. I know that the kind of education provided at CSC is hard to find today. The college offered me both the instruction and the personal development that I needed. College is an experience that is full of potential, but only if you take the initiative to go for it. You can’t sit on your hands if you want to succeed in life.

**CSC:** What are some of the best memories during your reign as Miss Nebraska?

**Mariah:** There have been so many memorable experiences this year. I have met people all across Nebraska, and they have all been so open and supportive and welcoming. I truly have made friends around the entire state and that means so much to me. At the 2012 Nebraska State Fair I had to show a heifer in a celebrity showmanship contest while wearing heels, crown and a dress.

**CSC:** Have your future plans changed or been reinforced?

**Mariah:** Neither. My future plans have just been “on hold” for a year. This fall I’ll do my student teaching semester in North Platte, and then go on to grad school.

**CSC:** Since your platform was the power of adoption and you’ve spoken about how being an adopted child allowed you many opportunities, what was the best related story you have heard on this topic?

**Mariah:** A mother came up to talk with me after the Miss Nebraska pageant. She had placed her baby for adoption years ago, and had never talked to anyone about it. She told me that my message meant so much to her, because I could help her with her own life experience.

**Construction updates**

A Bahr Vermeer Haecker architect’s drawing of Eagle Ridge housing units on the east edge of the Chadron State College campus. Trenches for sewer and water to Eagle Ridge and the Rangeland Complex are in place. The three units, housing 24 students each, should be open for residents in the fall of 2014.

The Coffee Agriculture Pavilion May 17 as main structural frames are placed into position. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)
Construction underway for Armstrong project

The renovation and expansion of the existing Armstrong Gymnasium project has officially begun at Chadron State College.

The Events Center project, which has gone through several phases, finally saw tangible change in early April when workers from Adolfson and Peterson Construction began demolition in Aurora, Colo., started demolition of the natatorium.

The roughly 6,250 square foot natatorium will become a strength and conditioning center, which tentatively will include 16 platforms, seven double racks and two half racks, a small cardiovascular and recovery space and a free weight exercise area. The new weight room will also feature a 5-yard by 28-yard turf area alongside the east wall for conditioning, stretching, drills and footwork.

Demolition of the swimming pool has been a quick process, Facilities Coordinator Blair Brennan said. The lip of the pool was removed and the remaining footprint of the pool will be filled with foam sheeting to provide stability. Once the foam is installed, rebar will be installed and concrete will be poured.

Brennan said after the concrete floor has cured, rubber flooring will be installed and equipment and finishing work, such as walls and windows, will be completed.

The current weight room, which is on the second floor of Armstrong, will remain operational for as long as possible. Once the new weight room is finished, the current weight room will become a mechanical space and house air handling units for the events center, Brennan said. An open house for the new weight room is scheduled for Sept. 20.

While the weight room is anticipated to be completed in mid-September, several other areas of construction will be overlapping at the Armstrong site, Brennan noted.

The south parking lot will be demolished. That area is where the new arena will be constructed. In addition, earthwork and structural work for the new arena, athletic offices and locker rooms will begin.

“This will most likely be a 20-month project and we are going to have to work all the way around the current Armstrong Gymnasium,” Brennan said. “We need to maintain it as a competition space.”

Brennan said he hopes the arena will be completed in the winter of 2014 and be ready for the opening of the 2014-15 men’s and women’s basketball seasons.

Beran named to RMAC Hall of Fame

By Alex Helmbrecht

Casey Beran, a former football player at Chadron State College, has been elected to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame.

Beran, who played for the Eagles from 1995 to 1999, will join six individuals and three national championship teams from Adams State during the induction ceremony July 12.

“I was really excited when I heard the news,” Beran said. “In all reality, though, being elected to the hall of fame is a tribute to how good our team was and how good our coaching staff was when I was playing. It isn’t an individual honor to me because it makes me think of all the great players I played with. They made what I did possible.”

Beran was the first Chadron State football player to earn both All-American and Academic All-American honors. He was a three-time RMAC All-Conference First Team selection and as a senior in 1999 he was named the conference’s outstanding defensive player. In 2009, he was selected as one of the top 12 defensive players in RMAC history at its Centennial Celebration.

Beran majored in human biology and graduated Magna Cum Laude in the spring of 1999. He graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2004 and is now an orthopedic surgeon for Alegent Creighton Clinic.

The 11th annual RMAC Hall of Fame ceremony will be Friday, July 12 at the Colorado Springs Marriott Hotel. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6. A table of 10 can be purchased for $500. Individual reservations are $55 prior to July 5.

The 2013 RMAC Hall of Fame class was chosen by a committee comprised of Patti Arnold, Eric Danner, Marv Kay, Todd Kelly, Con Marshall, Joan McDermott, Sarah Meier, Larry Mortensen and J.R. Smith.
Cleveland Browns draft Gilkey

By Alex Helmbrecht

The wait is over for Garrett Gilkey. The former Chadron State College offensive lineman was drafted by the Cleveland Browns with the 227th pick of the 2013 NFL Draft April 27 in New York City.

“Garrett’s rise to the NFL is a perfect example of a student-athlete who worked hard with what had he available to him,” Long said. “It goes to show that Chadron State College can consistently produce high-quality athletes. This confirms our strong tradition and for us to have two players in the NFL solidifies our program.”

Joining Gilkey in the NFL is former RMAC rival Ryan Jensen of Colorado State University-Pueblo. Jensen and Gilkey are the first two RMAC players to be selected in the same draft since 1984.

All-time Chadron State
NFL players

1935 - Dub Miller (Chicago Bears, Chicago Cardinals)  
1970 - *Bennie Francis (Minnesota Vikings)  
1979 - Terry Mastny (Buffalo Bills)  
1989 - *Don Beebe (Buffalo Bills, Carolina Panthers, Green Bay Packers)  
1993 - Guy Earle (Washington Redskins)  
1995 - Joe Planansky (Miami Dolphins)  
1999 - Kevin Homer (Pittsburgh Steelers)  
2002 - Ryan Deterding (New York Giants)  
2004 - Marvin Jackson (Kansas City Chiefs)  
2013 - *Garrett Gilkey (Cleveland Browns)  
* Drafted by the NFL
Softball team narrowly missed playoffs

By Alex Helmbrecht

It was a tough-luck year for the Chadron State College softball team.

The Eagles, who had 11 games canceled because of poor weather, still managed to compile a 14-24 record but just missed qualifying for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference postseason tournament after Western New Mexico won two games the final weekend of the regular season to secure the eighth and final spot.

However, the future appears bright for the Eagles. They return their top two pitchers and lose only four players to graduation.

Among the returners for head coach Rob Stack is junior third baseman Katie Londo, who was recently placed on the All-RMAC Third Team.

Londo, a native of Colorado Springs, Colo., led the Eagles with a .353 batting average and had a team-high 42 hits. She also had 38 infield assists and drove in 17 runs.

Pilkington named to RMAC All-Academic First Team

By Alex Helmbrecht

For the second consecutive year, Chadron State College’s Emilee Pilkington has been named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic Women’s Golf First Team.

To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must have a GPA of 3.30 or better, be a starter or key reserve and completed two semesters at their current institutions.

Pilkington, a junior from Scottsbluff, has a 3.80 GPA in music education.

For the season, Pilkington averaged 90 strokes per 18 holes and shot a season best round of 84 at the RMAC Championship.

Chadron State’s Nicole Tlustos was named to the RMAC All-Academic Second Team. Tlustos has a 3.58 GPA in elementary education.

The women’s golf team finished the 2012-13 season sixth at the conference championships in Arizona.

Four CSC golfers averaged less than 90 strokes per 18 holes. Freshman Karissa Moreland led the Eagles with an 83.7 average. Two other freshmen were close behind. Schuyler Wetzel averaged 87.6 and Emma Harris averaged 89.1.

Hall of famer dies

By Alex Helmbrecht

Jason Robinson, a former Chadron State College basketball standout, died May 5. Robinson, who was diagnosed with large B-cell lymphoma in February 2011, was 40.

Jason was the second of three Robinson brothers to play basketball for the Eagles and he was inducted into the Chadron State College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. He was a four-year starter and averaged in double figures in scoring all four years, finishing with 1,581 points, fourth highest on CSC’s all-time list.

The Robinson brothers — Josh, Jason and Jeremy — came to Chadron State from Thompson Valley High School in Loveland, Colo., to score 5,081 points and grab 2,128 rebounds during an eight-year span in the 1990s. That made them one of the most successful brother trios in college basketball history. All three are in the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame.

At Chadron State, there was at least one Robinson in the starting lineup for eight straight seasons. For six of those seasons, two Robinsons were in the lineup at the same time.

Jason’s wife, Tresha, also graduated from Chadron State. They have two sons, Ty and Truitt, and a daughter, Tanner.

Troester, McCarthy named to RMAC All-Academic First Team

By Alex Helmbrecht

Chadron State College’s Kelly Troester and Kyle McCarthy have each been selected to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Men’s Indoor Track and Field All-Academic First Team.

In all, 18 other Chadron State men’s and women’s track and field athletes were honored on the all-academic teams. To qualify, student-athletes must have a GPA of 3.30 or better, be a starter or reserve, and have completed two consecutive semesters at their current institution.

Troester, a senior from Marsland, Neb., has a 3.8 GPA in business and is also a member of the football team.

Two other CSC men were placed on the all-academic team selections. They are Cyndi Thomas, a junior from Omaha, who has a 3.94 GPA in family and consumer science, Liz Elicott, a junior from Harrison, who has a 3.5 GPA in business.

Three Chadron State women are second team selections. They are Cyndi Thomas, a junior from Harrison, who has a 4.00 GPA in family and consumer science, and Kaelie Jelden, a senior from Eaton, Colo., who has a 3.88 GPA in education.

In addition to the first and second team selections, 11 Chadron State men and women earned honorable mention.

Bargen, Ranta earn All-RMAC honors

By Alex Helmbrecht

Chadron State College’s Zac Bargen and Kattie Ranta each earned Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Conference team honors following the 2012-13 season.

Both Bargen, a junior from Chadron, and Ranta, a junior from Rapid City, S.D., were placed on the second teams.

Bargen ended the regular season as the conference’s leading scorer, averaging 18.2 points in 25 games played. His scoring average is the highest for a CSC men’s basketball player since Tim McLaurin averaged 18.2 points a game in 2008-09.

Bargen also averaged 5.8 rebounds a game. That mark led the Eagles and placed him 14th in the RMAC.

Ranta also had a stellar season. She averaged 15.5 points and 8.2 rebounds to finish the regular season as the fourth leading scorer and the fifth leading rebounder in the RMAC.

She added seven double doubles and led her team in scoring 19 games.

She scored 404 points to tally the 14th most in school history and her 215 rebounds place her sixth on the all-time list.

The men’s team finished the season with a 3-23 record, while the women went 5-21.
By Tena L. Cook

Living Legacy Society members Fran BS ’79 and Jim Grimes BS ’67 are a pleasant, retired Chadron couple eager to talk about their love of Chadron State College.

“Everyone at CSC was so helpful and accommodating when I was trying to earn my degree with my family in Ogallala. It was a good experience,” Fran said. Her husband, Jim, taught music and raised their son, Jeff, 13 at the time, for two semesters while Fran finished her Business Administration degree at CSC.

Earlier, Jim had earned his CSC education degree with an emphasis in music. He went on to teach in Morrill, Ogallala and Hastings before landing his dream job teaching elementary instrumental music full-time in Grand Island. “Children that age are fun and excited. You continually see progress in their musical ability, so it is very rewarding,” Jim said. He retired in 2002.

The Grimes’ son, Jeff, information technology director at the First National Bank of Gillette, is married and has three sons ages 20, 17 and 12. Jeff plays the trumpet with the Powder River Symphony, serves on their board and enjoys playing trumpet with pep bands and other small groups.

Fran’s father, Lynn Bilyeu, 90, lives in Chadron. As an avid ham radio operator, he urged Fran to get her license at age 12. Although she let it lapse later, she renewed her license when she retired from her financial planning career in 2008. Jim and Jeff have also participated in ham radio events over the years.

Fran served on the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2000 and has been a member of the Chadron State Foundation Board since 2006. She currently serves as the first female foundation board chair.

She said she is amazed at the generosity of friends and alumni who continue to contribute, especially during a tough economy. “Their gifts mean so much. I think we even surprised our consultant on the capital campaign,” she said.

They have donated an annual scholarship to the CSC Community Band for several years and have included CSC in their estate plans.

“We had a positive experience at CSC and want others to have the same opportunity,” Fran said.

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MBA program quadruples

By Tena L. Cook

Enrollment in the Master of Business Administration program at Chadron State College has quadrupled over the past five years. There were 171 MBA students enrolled in the fall of 2012 compared to 41 in the fall of 2007. The quality of the accredited program combined with the reasonable costs make the program extremely attractive to prospective students.

The eight-week format of all MBA courses is another positive feature.

Dr. August Bruehlman, business professor and department chair, said, “It’s intense, but the students like it. Other institutions have shorter and longer formats, but eight weeks seems to be the sweet spot. Many students are working and have families so the online delivery makes college possible for them.”

Students come to the program from around the country and the world. An employee at the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan has been enrolled as well as an executives at GE and Oracle.

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CSC Teaching Excellence award

Dr. August Bruehlman, Dr. Sandy Schaefer and Dr. Patti Blundell pose at the Annual faculty/staff recognition event in April. All three were nominated for the CSC Teaching Excellence Award. Schaefer won the CSC award and Nebraska State College System Teaching Excellence Award.
Alumni Gatherings

Alumni and friends shared a fun evening of reminiscing in Chandler, Ariz. From left, Marlene Myers, Cheryl and Larry Moody, Don Reel, Don Daugherty, Foundation Executive Director Connie Rasmussen, Glee and Keith Thomas.

A rainy day in Mesa, Ariz., did not prevent Chadron State alumni from gathering for lunch and conversation. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Nelson Foster since he was unable to attend the ceremony on campus during Homecoming 2012. Front row from left, Don Daugherty, Barbara McGee, Frank Clark, Melba and Paul Kuntzelman. Second row, Richard McGee, Vickie Hoff, Joann Foster and Dot Gregson. Back row, Don Reel, Nelson Foster, Wess and Vicki Cain.

Susan and Scott Salka hosted a Chadron State alumni lunch at their home in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. Those present were Alumni Director Karen Pope, Steve Armstrong, Angel Moravek, Foundation Executive Director Connie Rasmussen, Steve and Susan Salka, Russ and Wendy Koza with their children Alyssa and Reid, Joe and Carol Liebentritt.


Sacramento, Calif., area alumni were guests at the Del Paso Country Club in April. From left, Maxine Dunsmore, Harold and Elma Drury, Georgene and Merle Dodd.
Alumni and friends gathered for lunch in Omaha on March 3rd. Front row: Dianne Turman, Pat Watson, Deb Bohaboj, Nancy Peck Todd and Sara Shepherd. Middle row: Jim Bohaboj, Roger MacNeill, Loree MacNeill, Kristina Pajeda, Samantha Graves, Pam Graves, Allen Shepherd, Carl Rath and Debra Rath. Back row: Tim Turman, Rick Watson, Mike Galyen, Rick Wheatley and Rusty Helser. Also in attendance were Scharlie Fitts, Julie Simon, Eldon and Lynn Terrell, Foundation Executive Director Connie Rasmussen and Alumni Director Karen Pope.

CSC alumni and friends gathered for lunch near the marina in Long Beach, Calif., on March 17. Pictured are Dana Lawrence, Sharon and Fran Needham, Sally McClelland, Alumni Director Karen Pope and Foundation Executive Director Connie Rasmussen.


CSC vs. West Texas A & M in Cowboys Stadium
September 12 at 7 p.m.
Watch the website for information about a pregame gathering for alumni and fans.
See you in Arlington, Texas.
Go Eagles!
www.csc.edu/alumni/events.csc

Wyoming Alumni Picnic
Saturday, August 17 at 2-4 p.m.
Ayers Natural Bridge in Douglas
Historic Ayers Natural Bridge is located just south of the Oregon Trail.
208 Natural Bridge Rd
Directions: From Douglas, take I-25 North to Casper. Turn south at exit 151.
Sandwiches, chips and beverages will be provided.
$5 per person.
August 17th is the last day of the Wyoming State Fair. Attend the parade in the morning and come enjoy a picnic with us.
Check the website at www.csc.edu/alumni/events.csc or call the alumni office at 308-432-6366.
We hope to see you soon!

A Tucson, Ariz., lunch was hosted by Jerry Armstrong in late January. Attending were Frank Clark, Bill and Judy Wickham, Joe and Sherri Kaplan, and hostess Jerry Armstrong.
Faculty

Dr. Scott Ritzen, former CSC wrestling coach was inducted into the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame on March 7, 2013 in Birmingham, Ala.

'40s

Barbara (Babee) Johnson '43 Brevard, N.C., celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary with her husband Malcolm Johnson on December 12, 2012.

Thomas McDill '43, was honored for his military service in the South Pacific during WWII by South Dakota Senator Tim Johnson, in Custer, on March 29, 2013. He was presented with ten awards, including the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War, Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and Philippine Defense Medal.

'50s

Jack Dinnel '51 Wheatland, Wyo., is currently participating in the senior Olympics. He throws the javelin.

Roger Lewis '52 Bella Vista, Ariz., and wife, Dotty, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 2012.

Maudene Sowders '59 Tryon, and husband, Ronald, have three publications from Sowders Publications: Voices of the Sandhills, Canada to Mexico via Highway 83, and Trail of the West.

'60s

Ran Varney '61 Broken Bow, is in his second term as Custer County Supervisor.


Dick Owens '62 Sioux City, Iowa, received the Professor and Merits Honorable Title from Morningside College in 2012.

Ken Conner '62 Ashville, Ohio, and his wife, Marlene, have spent several months volunteering for the NOMADS, a group that rebuilds homes destroyed by natural disasters.

Annita Shaw '63 Silverdale, Wash., started the Charcot Awareness Education Foundation for this bone deterioration disease.

George Bamsey '63 Elkhorn, and wife, Rhonda, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 1, 2012.

Butch Kruse '64 and wife, Karen Kruse '65 Hill City, S.D., were presented with the Phi Beta Mu Sigma Chapter Distinguished Service Award at the South Dakota all state band concert.

Thomas Gorman '65 North Platte, received the Cody Scott Award, in 2012, for his contributions to North Platte and Mid-Plains Community College for over 42 years.

Vera Kaschke '66 Fruitl, Colo., retired from Walker Products in August 2012.


Dr. Marty Ramirez '67 Lincoln, received the Melvin W. Jones Mentoring Award for his encouragement and inspiration for individuals through the development of mentoring relationships on Feb. 21, 2013.

Lee Dick '68 Scottsbluff, retired from Scottsbluff High School as the activities director in June of 2012. Lee spent 30 years teaching and 13 years as an activities director.

Daryl Moses '69 Amelia, retired and turned over the family ranch to his son on January 1, 2013.

Mike Smith '69 Gering, retired after 44 years of teaching in May 2013.

'70s

Steven Edwards '70 Ogallala, retired from the court system in Lincoln after 36 years as a bailiff.

Peter Korschning '70 Nevada, Iowa, retired from the sociology department at Iowa State University.

Ken Griffith '71 Guernsey, Wyo., was hired as the executive director of secondary schools for Guernsey-Sunrise Junior/Senior High School.

Edward Kirkpatrick '72 Litchfield, retired from Litchfield High School after 35 years of teaching in May of 2012.

Sylvia Bare '73 Eau Claire, Wis., retired from Chippewa Valley Tech School.

Sharon Schaub '74 Westminster, Colo., retired after 28 1/2 years of teaching.

Ed Hagerman '75 Scottsbluff, retired from Scottsbluff High School after 30 years of teaching computer drafting in May of 2012.

Monica McGowan '76 Lakeline, Minn., retired as the artistic and music director of Twin Cities Bronze on February 1, 2012. She still serves on the board of directors and is a consultant for the new director. Her business, Ringing Restorations, has been recognized for exemplary work in handbell restoration and is an authorized refurbishment center for Schulmerich Carillons, LLC.


Richard Beardsley '78 Salt Lake City, Utah, was recognized for 25 years of service by Marriott International. He is an account auditor at Marriott's guest services facility in Utah.

Jo D. Blessing '79 Elwood, retired from Elwood Public Schools in May of 2012.

Norman Liakos '79 Curtis, retired from Medicine Valley High School as a guidance counselor after 32 years.

'80s

Sara Hartsaw '80 Gillette, Wyo., was elected chairman of the board of trustees for Campbell County Memorial Hospital in December 2012.

Tammy Belau '81 Ore., is a member of Oregon Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association.

Dave Oman '82 Grand Island, retired after 42 years as a classroom instructor for history and physical education. He also coached basketball for 43 years, during this time he had 520 wins with three Class A championships.

Martin Fleming '84 Tarboro, N.C., is the department chair at Martin County Schools and recently published his fifth history book on local history.

Jim English '85 Torrington, Wyo., was promoted to Torrington High School principal at the beginning of 2013.

Patty Hawk '85 Crete, won the Prouty Teaching Award at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Cynthia Goodwin '85 was named Teacher of the Year at Overland High School in December 2012.

Brett Baker '85 Seward, was appointed to serve on the state executive board for the Nebraska League of Municipalities. He is currently the city administrator for the city of Seward and is serving his second term as state president for the Nebraska City-County Managers Assoc.

Dr. Michael O'Brien '85 Newcastle, Okla., was invited to testify in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health Education Labor and Pensions. He provided an oral and written testimony on Feb. 26, 2013, on "Innovations in State Agencies Serving People with Disabilities."

Noel (Strang) Baker '86 Seward, was recently hired as a high school guidance counselor at Seward High School.

Hank Martin '86 Chadron, accepted the position of executive director of Northwest Community Action Partnership in Chadron in December 2012.

Joan Dehaven '87 Kearney, won the Staff Award of Excellence in August of 2012 at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Chris Peterson '89 Sturgis, S.D., was named the South Dakota Special Education Director of the Year for 2012.

Barbara Frederick '89 Guernsey, Wyo., retired from Guernsey Early Childhood Development Center after 35 years on July 1, 2012.

'90s

Susan Myers '90 Bridgeport, is the advertising director for the Bridgeport Newsblade.

Megan Hunter '92 Scottsdale, Ariz., owns two companies, Unhooked Books and Lost Unhooked.

Paul Wess '92 Chadron, was appointed to serve as county court judge for the 12th Judicial District by Gov. Dave Heineman in March 2013.

Teresa Moore '95 Torrington, Wyo., was elected president of the Wyoming Association of Public Accountants. She owns her own tax and account-
ing business in Torrington where she resides with her husband, Larry, two sons, and grandson.

Melissa Marsh '97 will have a book published May 2014 on the history of Nebraska World War II POW camps by The History Press. Also, several of her articles have been published in "America in WWII" magazine.

'00s
Aron Chrisman '03 Chadron, received the city's Employee of the Year award for his professionalism, acting as a role model for the youth and leading by example.

Angela Shaw '05 Gering, was selected as Nebraska Ag in the Classroom Teacher of the Year for 2012.

Sharley Cleveland '07 Hershey, is now a provisionally licensed drug and alcohol counselor.

Jillian Gallenberg '07 Douglas, Wy., completed a master's in special education in December of 2012.

Jordan Colwell '08 Alliance, completed a master's in health care administration in December 2012.

Tracy Dierksen '08 Hay Springs, finished her master's at Florida State in 2010. After completing the degree, Tracy started a private practice in Hay Springs for mental health therapy called Prairie Hope Counseling.

Anne Schmall '08 Bayard, was named Family and Consumer Science Teacher of the Year in 2012 for the state of Nebraska.

Alyssa Mowey '09 Cambridge, joined Tri Valley Health Systems as a certified physician's assistant for Cambridge and Indianola.

'T10
Lacey Preator '10 Byron, Wy., is working for the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wy.

Lisa Taylor MS '10 Cheyenne, Wy., is coordinating the "Susan G. Komen 2013 Race for the Cure" that is occurring in Cheyenne on August 10, 2013. For information on registering for this race please contact Lisa at 307.432.4023.

MARRIAGES

'00s
Katie (Watt) '02 and Clint Bradbury, Manhattan, Kan., were married July 28, 2012.

Ryan Gatch '03 and Maura (Bronte) '08 were married Dec. 29, 2012 in Deadwood, S.D.

Bethany (McNare) '04 and Austin Swendener, Gordon, were married Sept. 22, 2012.

Terri (Harris) '06 and Chris Spilski, Wright, Wy., were married Nov. 29, 2012.

Stephanie (Frey) '08 and Jim Harrison, Lincoln, were married July 2, 2011.

Farris (Parrison) '09 and Aubrey Vrbas, Kimball, were married Sept. 22, 2012.

Montana (West) '09 and Zack Ringer, Dickens, were married Sept. 28, 2011.

Sarah (Andreasen) '09 and CJ McCabe, Hemingford, were married March 31, 2012.

'H10
Heather (Hicks) '12 and Ben Layman, Champaing, Ill., were married January 2013.

FUTURE EAGLES

Faculty/Staff
Benjamin Aaron to Aaron Prestwich, Senior Director of Student Affairs, and wife Natalie, Chadron, April 4, 2013.

'90s
Annmarie to Shantelle (Abbott) '96 and husband Bill Suite, Columbus, June 1, 2012.

Aydan to Eddie Fullmer '97 and wife Shawna, Lusk, Wy., July 18, 2012.


'00s
Brianna Lea to Travis Powell '00 and Nicole (Heinrichs) '00, Doniphan, March 28, 2012.

Carly Kae to Billie (Grant) '00 and husband Aaron Knifong, Chadron, Dec. 9, 2012. She joins big brothers Jackson and Jace.

Taryn Marie to Aron Chrisman '03 and Megan (Collins) '01, Chadron, April 19, 2012.

Blayden to Boone Huffman '01 and wife Nadine, Chadron, June 2012.


Leo August to Patrick Friesen '02 and wife Diana, Omaha, March 1, 2013.

Grady Thomas to Jacob Charvat '03 and Amy (Cherek) att., Omaha, Oct. 8, 2012.

Cartar to Lori (Brost) '03 and husband Adrian Jensen, Chadron, Dec. 21, 2012.

Lilian Marie to Joseph Green '04 and Jennifer (Warriner) '04, Lincoln, May 1, 2012. Lilian joins big sister, Brianna.

Claire to Layne Sievers '05 and Jackie (Janssen) '04, Randolph, June 4, 2012.

Trevyn James to John Schneider att. and Shila (Iwanski) '04, Syracuse, Utah, July 22, 2012. He joins his older brother Brendan.

Alvaia to Loren Sites '05, Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 4, 2013.

Avery to Brent Goodrich att. and Jodi (Stower) '06, Atlantic, Iowa, Sept. 2012.

Rhia Elizabeth to Philip Parks '06 and Alicia (Longe) '06, Omaha, Nov. 4, 2012.

Nathan Charles to Charles Brawner '04 and Beth (Matthews) '06, Sidney, Dec. 2012.

Giddeon to Billie (O'Bryan) '07 and husband Tyler Fees, Buffalo Gap, S.D., Jan. 9, 2012.

Corbin to Kelsi Devall '08, Ewing, June 21, 2011.

Nathan to Linzy (Smith) '09 and husband Cody Officer, Cody, Oct. 2012.

London to Phillip Dickerson '09 and Bobbi (Bath) '09, Kearney, Oct. 27, 2012.

Trevor Harlan to Billy Clanton '09 and Andrea (Hulm) '09, Minot, N.D., Dec. 17, 2012.

Zeke to ZanDee (Allen) '09 and husband Kenny Hendren, Mitchell, Jan. 9, 2013.

Paisley Lynn to Brett Hunter '09 and wife Ashley, Chadron, May 11, 2013.

OBITUARIES

'30s
Helen Edith Hood Stroehbhn att. San Jose, Calif., died Dec. 18, 2012.


'40s
Helen Canarsky '43 Wahoo, died Dec. 3, 2012.

Kathryn Sweeney '43 Mullen, died Dec. 12, 2012.


David Kauffman '43 Gering, died March 12, 2013.


'50s


Carl McManis '51 died Jan. 11, 2013.

Jim Mathis '54 Casper, Wy., died Nov. 8, 2012.

Joyce Dreyer '55 Rushville, died Nov. 7, 2012.


'60s


'70s


Patrick Moore '70 Chadron, died Feb. 10, 2013.


Gerald 'Mac' Ruiz '77 died April 11, 2012.

Deanna Kuskie '78 Tidewater, died Feb. 19, 2013.


'80s


Clyde Muniz '81 Chadron, died Feb. 15, 2013.

Rae Lynn Colvin Burgess '81 Bellevue, died Dec. 21, 2012.

Susan Gray '83 Urbandale, Iowa, died Dec. 21, 2012.

Homecoming – Saturday, October 5

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 3
11 a.m. Survivor’s Luncheon at Country Kitchen, eat at noon
Contact Jean Henkens at 308-432-2665 for specific details

Friday, October 4
8 a.m.–4 p.m. Registration in Alumni Office, Sparks Hall

Saturday, October 5
8–9 a.m. Alumni Coffee & Registration at the Student Center

Noon Eagles Luncheon in Student Center, Bordeaux Room – Visit with President Rhine
2–3:30 p.m. Campus Tours
8 a.m. Eagle 5k Run/Walk at NPAC Contact Chris Green at 308-432-6392 for details
9:30 a.m. Parade Main St.
11 a.m. Homecoming Luncheon – Student Center Ballroom
Recognize of Alumni Award Recipients, Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees and Alumni Reunion Groups
1:30 p.m. CSC Football vs Western New Mexico at Elliott Field
4 p.m. Postgame Reception at Country Kitchen
6 p.m. Reunion groups social and dinner
50 Year Reunion for Class of 1963; Bill Baker Era Reunion
Both of these groups will receive a separate mailing

Homecoming Registration
Deadline is Sept. 27, 2013
Please save, this will be the only notice!
Please return with your paid reservations to: CSC Alumni Office, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337 or call 308-432-6366 or 800-242-3766

Name ___________________________ Grad year ________
Spouse/Guest ___________________________ Grad year ________
Additional Guest(s) ___________________________
Address __________________________________________________
City, State Zip ________________________________________________
Phone _______________________________________________________
Contact e-mail _______________________________________________

Friday, October 4:
Eagles Luncheon
$10.00/person #_____ $_______
Noon to 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 5:
Homecoming Luncheon
$15.00/adult #_____ $_______
$7.50/8 & under #_____ $_______
Total $_______
Grand Total $_______

*Check our website: www.csc.edu/alumni/events for details about Homecoming.
Or visit our Facebook page, Chadron State Alumni.

*To RSVP for Survivors Luncheon please contact Jean Henkens at 308-432-2665.