Chadron State College History and Facts

Part of the Miss Chadron State College Rodeo Queen pageant will be to know the history and facts of Chadron State College. Here is just some basic information. You need to do research on your own time to get more facts about CSC.

Building History: Chadron State College is the youngest state college in Nebraska. It was first established as the Nebraska Normal School at Chadron in 1911. In 1921, the Nebraska Legislature changed the name to Nebraska State Teacher College at Chadron. It wasn’t until 1964 that the college was renamed Chadron State College.

### Name | Original Use | Date Built
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Administration | Offices & Classrooms | 1911
Sparks Hall | Faculty Residence Hall | 1914
Miller Hall | Gymnasium | 1920
Hildreth | Model School | 1926
Mari Sandoz Center | Library | 1929
Edna Hall | Women’s Residence Hall | 1932
Crites Hall | Men’s Residence Hall | 1937
Memorial Hall | Student Center | 1953
Brooks Hall | Men’s Residence Hall | 1957
West Court Apartments | Family Housing | 1957
Kline Center (parking lot Behind Crites Hall) | Student Center, Cafeteria | 1961
Armstrong Gymnasium | Athletic Complex | 1964
Kent Hall | Men’s Residence Hall | 1965
Andrews Hall | Men’s Residence Hall | 1966
Reta King Library | Library | 1966
Burkhisser | Offices & Classrooms | 1966
Highrise | Women’s Residence Hall | 1968
Math/Science | Offices, Labs, & Classrooms | 1970
Physical Activity Center | Track, Workout rooms, Classrooms | 1986
Student Center | Student Center/Cafeteria | 1992

Additional facts:

**Crites Hall 1937 – describe present use**

Was built in the 30’s and was the Men’s Dormitory for many years. It is said that the men who lived here would jump off of the balcony onto mattresses and pillows and burn their books in the fireplace after finals week.

**Administration Building 1911 – describe present use**

It was the first official building on campus and took three phases to complete—the center was built first (finished in 1911) and then two wings (west first, then the east) were added as more space was needed. In the beginning it housed all campus offices, classrooms, a small dormitory and cafeteria.

**Memorial Hall 1953 – describe present use**

Was originally built as the campus Student Center.

**West Court Apartments 1957**
Available for students who are married or have families. One, two, and three bedroom units available. Rent includes utilities plus cable and internet. Each unit has laundry facilities available. Has in the past been fondly coined “Fertile Acres”.

**Edna Work Hall 1932**

Ednamed for Edna Work the Dean of Women during the college’s early years. Formerly an all girls dormitory. When it was first built it included a cafeteria and recreation room that served as CSC’s first “student center.” During the late 50’s/early 60’s the hall’s dorm mother—Mrs. Conn, also known as the Iron Lady of Edna, is said to have rung a bell on the steps at curfew and put the kibosh to a few “panty-raids” in her day.

Edna Wing – freshmen, traditional rooms w/community bathrooms
Edna Hall – upperclassmen, suite-style rooms w/private bathrooms

No longer an Honors Hall (CSC no longer has an honors program), however it is still held to the studious, quiet standards.

**Mari Sandoz Center 1929**

Formerly the campus library. Now houses a small museum in honor of 1800’s writer Mari Sandoz. Art gallery is located on the first floor which presents several different shows throughout the year. Concerts, speakers and other presentations are held in the atrium.

**Hildreth 1926 – describe present use**

Housed the Education Department from 1926 until about 2008

**C-Hill 1924**

The “C” was added in 1924 by the college math professor at the time. He had a former student assist with designing the project. For many years after, it was a tradition for members of the freshmen class to paint the C in the fall. Many pranks have been played on the “C” through the years—including painting red stripes on it, painting it bright green and making it “disappear” by covering it with dirt. This was quite a task as many students misjudge the size.

**Wood Chip Building**

Chadron State was “green” before going green was cool. CSC uses woodchips from trees cleared from the Nebraska National Forest. The trees are cleared to prevent forest fires and keep the forest healthy. About 5 truckloads of chips are brought to campus each day. The chips are burned, and heat is used in a boiler system that heats all of the campus and cools most of it—within the next year they hope to cool the entire campus with the addition of another boiler. This process saves CSC about $30,000 per month.

**Miller Hall 1920 – describe current use**

Was built as CSC’s first gymnasium. It featured a tiled swimming pool on the first level, with the gymnasium on the second floor. The gym was 50 x 80 feet and had balcony seating. The facility was considered a luxury for its time. In the early years many basketball tournaments were held there and many teams were intimidated by its size. Other community functions took place in the building—including a circus in the early 1930’s. For years afterward a step on the way up to the gym was damaged by the weight of an elephant.

**Nelson Physical Activity Center (NPAC) 1986**

Indoor track, NEW cardio room, weight room, racquetball courts, dance room, classrooms. Wrestling and Indoor Track meets are held here. Intramural sports: volleyball, basketball, dodge ball, soccer, racquetball, flag football. Access “free” to students thru student fees.

**Armstrong Gym 1964**

Gym and varsity athletes weight room. Majority of coaches’ offices are located in this building. CSC is a member of NCAA Division II Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
• Men’s teams: Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Indoor/Outdoor Track, Cross Country
• Women’s teams: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Golf, Indoor/Outdoor Track, Cross Country

All athletic events are “free” with student ID (excluding playoff games) thru student fees.

Before Armstrong was built, the site was home to CSC’s farm. In the early years, there was a functional barn with livestock and gardens for crops. Most of what was grown was used in the cafeteria and fed to students. Many students earned money by working on the farm. The barn stood until 1961, when it was torn down to build Armstrong.

The Armstrong renovation began in April 2013 and will become a strength and conditioning center. They are also adding a new arena with plans to be completed for the Winter of 2014-2015 basketball season. This arena will seat more than 1800 spectators. The court can be split into two competition spaces for high school games.

Student Center 1992
Building was designed for students to eat, study, socialize and relax. Holds the Cafeteria, Grille, Bookstore, The Pit, rooms for club meetings and small conferences. Wireless internet is available. CSC has over 60 clubs and organizations on campus for students to participate in. All students living on campus must purchase a meal plan—can be used in Cafeteria or Grille. Cafeteria is all you can eat, buffet style. Grille has grab and go options.

Math and Science 1970
Building houses classrooms for biological, earth and physical sciences, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. 23 lecture/laboratory rooms available. Largest classrooms on campus in this building (seating: 90). Planetarium and Geology museum located in building. Human cadavers used in Gross Anatomy Lab.

Burkhiser 1966
Business, Agriculture, Rangeland Management and Family & Consumer Science (Merchandise & Design, Child Care, Hospitality Management, Nutrition, etc). Labs for Industrial Technology classes: drafting, construction, graphics, electronics and manufacturing. Licensed day care (teaching lab) is located in this building. Business department is nationally accredited.

Residence Hall Complex – all Co-ED
• Andrews – upperclassmen, suite-style rooms, shared bathroom
• High Rise – predominately upperclassmen, suite-style rooms, shared bathroom., 24-hour computer lab and C-Store
• Kent – freshmen, traditional rooms w/community bathrooms

Library 1966
Main Floor contains reference materials and periodicals. Students are able to use all resources: Circulation desk, reference area, inter-library loan service, microfilm, readers, etc. Computer lab located in basement. Wireless Internet available. The IT Help Desk, Tutoring Services and Coffee Shop is now located on the Main Floor of this building.

Brooks Hall 1957
Community living, co-ed

Sparks Hall 1914 – describe current use
First residence hall on campus

Eagle Ridge Housing 2014 – describe use
Other facts about CSC:

Rodeo started at Chadron State College in the 1950s with Leon Pine as the sponsor. It was not long until Chadron State had the first of many national champions. In 1956, Don Meter won the national championship in calf roping.

Dustin Luper – Central Rocky Mountain Region Coach of the Year, 2009. Is a horse trainer and loves to ride. While attending National American University in Rapid City, he finished first in 2002-03 and second in 2001-02 in bareback riding in the Great Plains Region, which encompasses seven states. In 2007, he also won the bareback championship in the South Dakota Rodeo Association.

Will Farrell - After winning College National Finals Rodeo titles in 1999 and 2002 and qualifying for the National Finals Rodeo in 2003,

Dustin Elliott – qualified 3 times to the College National Finals and won the national title in 2001. Qualified for the NFR 4 times, and the Professional Bull Riders World Finals – 5 times. Currently the head coach at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, NE

Amy Tierney

Shelby Winchell

Amy Deichert

Kaycee Werdel

Russell Hipke

Collin Chytka

Find out more about CSC Rodeo Students

Amy Amack – Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2009, and a graduate of CSC.

Former CSC Rode Queens:

1959       Connie Prewitt Madison
1960       Beverly Kicken
1961       Jerry Engelbrecht
1962       Winona Woodworth Losacco
1963       Penny Chaulk Wikum
1964       Florence Fish Thompson
1971       Maureen Manning
1972       Barbara Ruby
1973       Connie Oatman Huckfeldt
1974       Brenda Becker
What is the name of the CSC Rodeo Fundraiser and when is it held?

Garrett Gilkey – drafted by the Cleveland Browns in 2013


Don Bebee – 1989 – Buffalo Bills, Carolina Panthers, Green Bay Packers

Mariah Cook – 2013 – Miss Nebraska -2012

Current President
Current Vice President of Admission and Enrollment
Current Senior Director of Student Affairs
Current Athletic Director
Current Head Coaches for all sports/clubs (rodeo, cheerleading)
Current Director of NPAC
Current Coordinator of Conferencing
All the Dean’s Names

Other things to study:
   Questions about intercollegiate rodeo, NFR and also horsemanship.