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Today we operate in an environment of increased accountability, disruptive change, and changing expectations. While some might view these changes as unneeded or unwelcome, I am confident that Chadron State will not only navigate through these changes but use them to our advantage to strengthen our great institution.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Rhine
President

Greetings from the 
Foundation

What a year this has been! The campus is a beehive of construction activity. If you have been on campus recently, you have been able to see the progress that has been made on the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion. Construction has also been started on the Events Center and Eagle Ridge student housing. These projects will add so much to the campus and will benefit many students for decades to come.

Chadron State College President, Randy Rhine, was inaugurated in May. The ceremony was wonderful and we wish Dr. Rhine much success in his future years at Chadron State College.

We said goodbye to two board members last year, Dan Contonis and Jay Alderman. They were valuable board members and we know that they will maintain their close ties to the College and the Foundation. Sheila Durmann and Sid Harchelroad joined the Board in October. They have both demonstrated a commitment to Chadron State College and will work hard to complete the many goals the Foundation has for the future.

In November of 2012, we lost a good friend with the death of Madge Fortune-Chicoine. She was a very lovely lady. Her late husband, Vern Chicoine, was a wonderful supporter of Chadron State College. He served on the Chadron State Foundation’s Board of Directors for almost 40 years. He made many substantial gifts to the College over the years, and with Madge’s passing, the assets held by the Chicoine Trust were transferred to the Chadron State Foundation. This gift is the largest single gift ever made to the Foundation. The earnings on these funds will be used for the benefit of Chadron State College far into the future.

The great success of Vision 2011 has provided us with a strong tailwind to sail along. But we can’t rest on our laurels. There is still much to be done. Your continued support is very much appreciated by the Chadron State Foundation.

Sincerely,

Frances Grimes, Chairman
Chadron State Foundation

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Cover Photo
The Coffee Agriculture Pavilion, part of the Rangeland Complex under construction on the southeast end of campus, stands softly illuminated by a July sunset. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)
The generosity of a long-time Chadron State College supporter, the late Vernon P. Chicoine, will continue to strengthen the institution and benefit its students. Following the completion of the legal details, the Chadron State Foundation has received $2.6 million that was specified for the college in the trust fund that Chicoine had established prior to his death on February 9, 2003, at age 89.

The trust agreement provided his widow, Madge Fortune Chicoine, with a life estate of the assets. She passed away on November 4, 2012, at age 88.

“Chadron State receives Chicoine Trust funds

“This is an amazing gift that will greatly benefit Chadron State as we strive to continue to build on the tradition of excellence that it has had for many years,” said Dr. Randy Rhine, the college’s president. Connie Rasmussen, executive director of the Chadron State Foundation, said the gift is the largest the foundation has ever received. “It is special because it comes from someone who had already given much to support Chadron State. Vern did not attend college, but after moving to Chadron he saw how much this college meant to the entire region and what it could do for the people who live here,” Rasmussen added.

Chicoine was a businessman, rancher, civic leader, investor and philanthropist. He was born in Tripp County, S.D., grew up in Valentine and moved from there to Chadron in 1937 to work for the Ford agency when the family purchased it. He lived in Chadron for 66 years. He wrote in the mid-1990s, “Chadron State College has been very important to me, providing thousands of hours of entertainment and pleasure.”

Until a few weeks prior to his death, he and his wife attended practically every activity at Chadron State, including athletic events, drama productions, concerts and presentations by speakers.

Rasmussen said Chadron State’s share of the trust at the time of Mrs. Chicoine’s death was $2.3 million. Because of the rise in the stock market, the foundation has received $2.6 million. The trust stipulates that the principal must be left intact, but the earnings may be used at the discretion of the Foundation’s board of directors.

At the time of his death, it was reported that Chicoine’s contributions to Chadron State exceeded $800,000. That included the home he and Madge had constructed at 702 East 10th Street in Chadron. She continued to reside in the home for several years before moving to a retirement center. The college took possession of the home in 2009 and it is now occupied by CSC president Randy Rhine and his wife Ann. The home is valued at $365,000.

His other contributions to the college included $161,000 for the Vernon and Madge Fortune Chicoine Atrium that is a part of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Center; $33,000 for a bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson that is in the atrium; $40,000 for the football pressbox at Elliott Field and the establishment of several scholarships and an athletic endowment fund.

Friends have noted that Chicoine was an amazing individual, who quietly, but confidently, had many skills and interests, always did things in a precise manner and enjoyed sharing the fruits of his labor.

Among other activities, he was the mayor of Chadron 1950-51, was president of the Chadron Rotary Club and Chadron Chamber of Commerce and served on the Board of Directors of the Chadron State Foundation for nearly 40 years.

After he sold his ranch south of Chadron in 1973, he invested in the stock market. While generally worked with a broker, he studied the stocks that were recommended before the purchase was made.

He was awarded Chadron State’s Distinguished Service Award in 1994, was presented the first Friend of Education Award given by the CSC Faculty Senate and was inducted into the Chadron State Athletic Hall of Fame for meritorious service in 1997.

Although the Chadron State Foundation has received the major portion of the Chicoine Trust, numerous other entities also shared in the distribution.
The campus landscape is changing

An unprecedented amount of construction is underway on campus - slightly over $25 million. The three major projects include the Events Center, the Eagle Ridge housing units and the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion portion of the Rangeland Complex.

Renovation and expansion of the $16.2 million Armstrong Physical Education building (Events Center) officially began in April. The roughly 6,250 square foot natatorium is being transformed into 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.

The arena will be completed in the winter of 2014 and hopes are high it will be ready for the opening of the 2014-15 men’s and women’s basketball seasons. Until then, all basketball and volleyball games will be accommodated in the current Armstrong gymnasium.

The horseshoe-shaped arena, which will run east to west, seats more than 1,800 spectators on the north, south and west sides. The public will enter the mezzanine level on the southwestern corner of the arena and enter the stands from the top. More than 600 of the seats will have collapsible backs.

Six basketball goals will be fixed to the roughly 35-foot high ceiling, so the court can be split into two 84-foot competition spaces for high school games and team practices.

While the construction of the arena will begin shortly, work on athletic offices, men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball and football locker rooms, a sports medicine room, an equipment room, and an audio and visual room will occur over the next 20 months.

In the far southeast corner of campus, the walls of the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion went up this summer and the roof was completed in early August. Rodeo practice, horse shows and live animal shows can be hosted in the arena, and intercollegiate rodeos may be hosted in the future.

Just to the north of the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion and east of Burkhiser, earthwork has been completed for three Eagle Ridge housing units which were financed through revenue bonds. Each building can house 24 students and will be ready for occupancy by the fall of 2014.
NCATE renewal successful

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education assessment team recently renewed accreditation for Chadron State College's education program at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The team visited campus and the Chadron area for three days in April to interview CSC students, student teachers, alumni, faculty, staff and area school principals about the quality of teacher preparation at CSC. The NCATE review process for CSC began in the summer of 2012 when a Nebraska team reviewed the folios demonstrating compliance with state curriculum standards and program rules.

High-impact learning takes place in pre-vet program

Two Chadron State College pre-veterinary science students, Kara Sutphen, a sophomore, and Mara Seifer, a junior, took the initiative to research a common problem for beef producers in the region, internal parasites. Growing up on area ranches and taking pre-vet classes together, plus the opportunity for professional development, motivated Sutphen and Seifer to undertake a major research project in cooperation with Merck Animal Health. The students contacted beef producers in the region and made arrangements with Merck Senior Territory Manager and CSC alumnus John Denton, from Bayard, Neb., to conduct testing in CSC labs for the presence of internal parasites.

Theatrical productions

For those who loved getting up early on Saturday mornings to watch action cartoons in the 1960s and 1970s, the Chadron State College production of Vampire Cowboy Trilogy provided a memorable and exciting evening. From Humphrey Bogart to the "Ghostbusters" and the classic comic book culture of the 1960s, favorite icons were hilariously skewered. CSC students, faculty member Scott Cavin and Daniel Bankerd, graphic design artist and adjunct faculty, filmed interior and exterior sequences which were interspersed with live action and oversized projections of classic cartoon words like “Zowie.”

The student actors actively promoted the production by roaming across campus the week in advance carrying signboards, shouting their lines and wearing costumes, complete with capes, hats and swords.

Other theatrical production over the past year included "God of Carnage," "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Almost, Maine."

Music professor honored

The Nebraska State College Systems Board of Trustees selected Dr. Sandy Schaefer, professor...
of music at Chadron State College as the 2013 NSCS Teaching Excellence Award honoree. Schaefer was honored as the CSC Teaching Excellence honoree, which qualified him as a finalist for the NSCS Teaching Excellence Award. Patti Blundell and August Bruehlman were also nominated for the CSC award. Schaefer has been a faculty member at CSC since 1999.

Restored Steinway unveiled
A restored 1918 Steinway was unveiled in a February concert by Chadron State Associate Professor, Dr. James Margetts. A gift from Dr. Jackson Hammit and his wife, Peg, made the refurbishing project possible. Margetts said that the refurbished piano will be a great asset to the program, not only serving as a quality instructional tool, but also as an attractive piece for recruiting and for use by performers who otherwise would not agree to present a concert at CSC.

Faculty member published
Dr. Mathew Brust, assistant professor in physical and life sciences, gathered and helped analyze data, and helped write a 10-page article with 11 other experts, titled “Predictors of regional establishment success and spread of introduced non-indigenous vertebrates,” printed in the juried and widely-read Global Ecology and Biogeography professional journal. The group studied Florida because it has a well-documented history of introduction and invasion, and is a hotspot for biological invasions.

Sports information director wins top award
Chadron State College Sports Information Director Alex Helmreich’s story, “McGhee playing for pride, loyalty,” about former men’s basketball player Christian McGhee, was the top Athlete Profile in District 7 of the College Sports Information Directors of America Fred Stublely Sr. Writing Contest.

Study Abroad Opportunities
Semester-based programs allow students to experience a unique opportunity by temporarily immersing themselves in a new culture while continuing their studies. They can study abroad for one semester or an entire year. Semester-long programs are established in countries all over the world. CSC students are able to study abroad through dozens of universities throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America and Latin America. Countries such as Spain, Italy, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica and others are common destinations for many American and other international students.

CSC students give back to community through the Big Event
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.

The concept was initiated at Texas A&M University in 1982 as a way for college students to give back to the community. More than 600 student-volunteers along with faculty and staff group leaders completed a variety of jobs at 14 sites in and around Chadron, including the Museum of the Fur Trade, Wilson Park, Head Start and Keep Chadron Beautiful.

Clinton, Troester named Academic All-Americans
Glen Clinton of Cody, Wyo., and Kelly Troester of Mantland, Neb., each earned one of the highest distinctions a student-athlete can earn by being named an Academic All-American last year. Clinton, a football player, was a first team choice, while Troester, a track and field standout, was a third team selection.

Cleveland Browns draft Gilkey
Garrett Gilkey was drafted by the Cleveland Browns with the 227th pick in the 2013 NFL Draft Saturday, April 27 in New York City. Gilkey, a two-time All-RMAC performer and All-American, is the third Chadron State football player to be drafted and the first since Don Beebe in 1989.
Longtime AD, Brad Smith, retires in April

Brad Smith, who had been the athletic director at Chadron State College for 26 years, announced his retirement in early April. It didn’t take long to find a replacement as Joel R. Smith, the Commissioner of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, was hired in late May.

Joel R. Smith, no relation to Brad Smith, was the RMAC Commissioner for 12 years. He was also the director of athletics at Fort Lewis and the assistant athletic director at Metropolitan State University of Denver.

Under Brad 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.

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 from 1987 to 2004.

Several Eagles earn All-American honors in 2012-13

It was a banner year for several Chadron State athletes as eight earned All-American honors. Four football players – Kevin Lindholm, Terlan Taylor, Garrett Gilkey and Alex Ferdinandy – were recognized by members of the media following the Eagles’ successful 2012 season. Two wrestlers – Leandro Arias and Jordan Debus – each finished in the top eight of their respective weight classes at the NCAA Division II National Championships in Alabama in March. Finally, two Chadron State men’s track and field athletes – Cody Hunt and Karl McFarlane – ended the spring season on a high note by placing in the top eight of the National Championships in Pueblo, Colo.

Rhine inaugurated as CSC’s 11th president

Dr. Randy Rhine was inaugurated as the 11th president of Chadron State College during an afternoon ceremony on the CSC campus April 26 conducted by the Nebraska State College System. The ceremony can be seen on the CSC YouTube channel.

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

Rhine reflected on Chadron State’s history, beginning with its launch in June of 1911 and then he looked forward to CSC’s second century. He emphasized his desire for CSC to

Fall 2012 Enrollment

| Total Enrollment | 3,009 (2,365 Undergraduate, 644 Graduates) |
| Fall Incoming Class | 589 (411 Freshmen, 178 Transfers) |
| The 2,365 enrolled undergraduate students at CSC had the following characteristics: |
| Represented 30 countries including the U.S. |
| Represented 47 states and Puerto Rico |
| 59% of CSC students were from Nebraska, followed by Wyoming (11%), South Dakota (7%), and Colorado (6%) |
| Ranged in age from 17–74 |
| 71% of the undergraduates were under the age of 25 |
| Overall 42 percent were first generation college students |

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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. A formal dinner and dance in Dr. Rhine’s honor was held in the Student Center Ballroom with music provided by CSC students, faculty and staff.

MBA program quadruples
Enrollment in the Master of Business Administration program at Chadron State College has quadrupled over the past five years. 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 popular feature.

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 executive at GE and Oracle.

Fitness Opportunities
Nineteen new pieces of cardio equipment were installed in the Nelson Physical Activity Center this summer. These additions bring the total number of cardio pieces to 23. The estimated cost of the equipment and installation, funded by student fees and community wellness fees, is $65,000.

In addition to the NPAC equipment, a variety of equipment and free fitness classes are available in the residence halls.

The Nelson Physical Activity Center offers many exercise options on campus through programs such as Fit-4-Life, the Eagle 5K run during homecoming, and various intramural sports that allow students, faculty, staff and community members who have NPAC memberships to compete and stay active.

Student photographer honored
Chadron State College graduate T. J. Thomson, Golden, Colo., was named the Great Plains Student Photographer of the Year during the 2013 Great Plains Journalism Awards in Tulsa, Okla., in May. His winning entry included his work in the Acclaim magazine. The Great Plains drew almost 800 entries from an eight-state region. A panel of journalists judged the competition.

Out-of-state students benefit from Eagle Rate
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.

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.
The Eagle three-peats as top Nebraska collegiate newspaper, campus magazine debuts

For the third consecutive year, The Eagle, the Chadron State College student newspaper, captured “Best in Overall Excellence” in the Newspaper Division of the Nebraska Collegiate Media Association’s Golden Leaf Awards. ACCLAIM, a full-color, 48-page publication printed by the staff of The Eagle, was introduced to Chadron State College in December 2012. Articles on practical topics such as stress, financial management, social networking and coping with change were included. Feature articles and photos focused on Mariah Cook, Miss Nebraska, and the devastating fires in the region in summer of 2012.

Alumni honored at Homecoming

Eleven athletes were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming this past fall, as well as recipients for the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Alumni awards. Athletic Hall of Famer Patty Buettner was the first softball player to enter the CSC Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame inductees were football players Curtis Deines, Jason Funk, Judd Hoos, Doug Lytle and Curt Moffat, along with basketball players Jami Huckfeldt and Jeremy Robinson, track and field standout Libi Malone, volleyball player Misty Gill Leslie, wrestler Corey Arndt and softball player Patty Buettner.

Lytle also was an outstanding thrower for the track and field team. The Distinguished Alumni Award recipients included former CSC director of information Con Marshall of Chadron, NBA team executive Larry Riley of Oakland, Calif., healthcare company CEO Susan (Woepel) Salla of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., retired physical therapist David “Cactus” Shumway of Centennial, Colo., and retired entomologist R. Nelson Foster of Mesa, Ariz. Those receiving the Distinguished Young Alumni Award were NebraskaLand magazine regional editor Eric Fowler of Lincoln and cardiologist Joe Tims of Rapid City, S.D.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

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*Note: A complete copy of the Chadron State Foundation audit is available upon request.*