Wood-fired system gains widespread praise

As fuel and utility prices were skyrocketing this summer, Chadron State College’s wood-fired heating and cooling system blazed its way into the limelight.

The attention picked up steam when U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson visited the facility in August 2008 as one of eight stops on his “statewide energy tour.” He described the system as “good common sense,” and touted its benefits during subsequent stops and within the text of his weekly newspaper column.

Nelson and members of his staff toured the facility with CSC President Dr. Janie Park, members of the media, and others who were interested in the unique system. Dale Grant, CSC vice president for finance and administration, led the group.

Nelson said CSC’s system serves as an excellent example of what can be done to combat the energy crisis and should be brought to everyone’s attention. Park told the senator that interest in the facility increases along with rising fuel prices, while noting a variety of other “green” projects the college is working on.

The CSC boilers, which both heat and cool the campus, are fueled by refuse from thinning and logging operations in the nearby Pine Ridge National Forest. During the past year, the college has burned chips made from trees that were killed in fires.

“This is one area of alternative fuels that’s available,” Nelson said. “And, it’s here and now taking pressure off fossil fuels.”

Grant said the boiler at CSC saves the college about $365,000 per year, which amounts to about 50 percent of its heating budget. The college heats its 21 major buildings with the system.

The boiler plant was completed in the summer of 1991. The initial cost of the facility was $1 million, most of which was awarded by the State of Nebraska after it received an oil overcharge refund from the Exxon Corp.

A $1.4 million absorption chiller was added to the facility in 2005. That feature has allowed the college to cool the campus by burning wood chips year-around. Eight buildings have been connected to the cooling system and more are being added each year.

Although the system requires round-the-clock staffing, CSC officials say the benefits far exceed the cost. Grant said not only is the wood-fueled system more economical than those that require other sources, it also is better for the environment. The chips are made from material that would otherwise be considered waste, and the system must meet strict pollution control requirements to pass Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Nelson said he also was impressed that the system generates almost $1 million to the local economy each year.

Chairman of mathematics department dies at 69

Dr. Monty Fickel, the professor who guided Chadron State College’s mathematics department during a period of tremendous growth, died Thursday, Oct. 2, at Chadron Community Hospital. He had been experiencing health problems in the weeks leading up to his death.

Fickel, 69, learned his profession by using a slide rule and embraced the many technological advancements of his trade since coming to CSC as an instructor in 1981. He helped lead the integration of calculators to the classroom during his first years on the faculty and later directed CSC’s efforts to make all courses of the mathematics program available online. As a pioneer of online instruction, he secured the funds for a server and offered a course over the Internet in 1997. At the time of his death, he was digitally recording lectures and using an electronic marker board to make his classroom instruction available over the Internet.

Fickel, who was promoted twice before becoming a full professor in 1993, was named chairman of the mathematics department in 1997. He also served as dean of mathematics and science from July 1998 to July 2002. His primary teaching areas were statistics and data analysis, applied mathematics, and mathematics courses for teachers.

Since the early 2000s, the number of graduates from the math department has more than doubled and enrollment in the math master’s degree program has increased five-fold. Students from around the globe have enrolled in the courses.

In 2005, Fickel was presented the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla. He also received the Donald W. Miller Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics in 1993.

Fickel, who was raised on a farm near Belmont and continued on next page
Letter from the President

Dear Alumni,

As another year draws to a close, we at Chadron State College reflect on many achievements from the past 12 months that are sources of pride.

The past year marked the third consecutive year of enrollment increases, our third consecutive Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference football championship and national recognition for being kind to the environment.

CSC also is celebrating the completion of the renovation of the Administration Building that will transform it into a modern, high-tech learning facility on campus.

One of the largest projects at CSC this year is one that may not be noticed by those who are not directly involved. We have embarked on the conversion to new software for managing our administration and finance operations and our student information systems. In September 2007, Oracle USA was chosen as provider of the new $29.8 million system that will serve the four University of Nebraska campuses and the three Nebraska State College System institutions. The purchase became necessary as support and maintenance capabilities diminished for our current student information and finance systems, which have been in place for more than two decades. The transition to the new software is the result of more than two years of study, review and negotiations. The implementation is expected to take up to two years. During that period, an extensive amount of training will be required. CSC employees began attending training sessions in Omaha in November. While the training time will cause a strain on our staffing, I look forward to the capabilities of the new systems and am excited about its implementation.

At a recent meeting of CSC employees, I reflected upon the great number of innovative projects that have come to fruition because of an internal funding allocation program called Vision 2011. The project, which began in 2004, encourages faculty and staff to apply for funding for innovative projects that help the institution stay true to its mission and attain its goals. Since its inception, more than 100 projects have been funded, including student study trips, additional student support services, special events and upgrades to facilities and information infrastructure. The initiative and hard work on the part of current and past faculty, staff and students ensures we will bring to a close our first 100 years of service as an excellent institution of higher education.

As we celebrate another new year, anticipation continues to grow for our centennial in 2011. As the time draws closer you will receive information about special events that will be taking place as part of our centennial celebration year. Please mark your calendars to return to Chadron State in the fall of 2011 and take part in the celebratory events of our 100th anniversary. You are an important part of the history of CSC and your presence here at this very special time is important to us.

The future holds great promise for CSC because of our outstanding faculty, staff and students and because of the tremendous support we receive from our alumni. As we ring in 2009, I wish each of you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Janie C. Park, Ph.D.
President
Chadron State College

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Sincerely,

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Dr. Monty Fickel

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graduated from Crawford High School, obtained a doctorate in mathematics education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1986.

He also served many years in the U.S. Navy and earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, Calif. He had bachelor's degrees in mathematics from CSC and metalurgical engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, and children Terye Felz of Chadron, Mark Fickel of Virginia Beach, Va., and Sherri Fickel of Berryville, Va.

A scholarship endowment has been created in Fickel's name. Those who would like to contribute to the fund are encouraged to contact the CSC Foundation at 308-432-6366.

CSC nationally ranked in magazine

U.S. News & World Report has placed Chadron State College on its list of best baccalaureate colleges in the Midwest.

CSC was the only public institution in Nebraska to be named among the nationally circulated publication's top 68 baccalaureate institutions in the Midwest region, an area that encompasses 12 states.

"We are very pleased to be nationally recognized for the quality of our programs," said CSC President Dr. Janie Park. "Our students, alumni and friends know Chadron State is one of the best colleges in the nation but it is always rewarding to see it acknowledged by U.S. News and World Report."

The publication described baccalaureate colleges as those focusing on undergraduate education and offering a range of degree programs in the liberal arts -- which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees -- and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education.

CSC has more than 50 undergraduate programs of study, master's degree programs and a specialist in education degree. Chadron State also boasts numerous pre-professional programs, particularly in the health sciences.

Highlights of the college rankings were published in the Sept. 1 issue of U.S. News & World Report. The rankings also are accessible online at www.usnews.com.

Many fine arts activities scheduled for spring

Admirers of the fine arts will have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of performances and presentations during the spring 2009 semester at Chadron State.

Among the many activities are the final three events of the CSC Galaxy Series' season.

Fred Haise, an astronaut who piloted the lunar module during the Apollo 13 mission in 1970, will speak Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The Bar J Wranglers, a cowboy singing group from Jackson Hole, Wyo., will perform Friday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. The series will conclude with a performance by the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The CSC Theatre Department has two productions planned for the spring. The first will be "Beautiful Child," on Feb. 12-15.

Its rendition of Tennessee Williams' classic "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" is scheduled for April 16-19.

The CSC music and art departments also have a wide array of events and exhibits planned for the spring semester. For a schedule of those activities, please visit the CSC Web site, www.csc.edu.

Tickets to the performances may be reserved by contacting the CSC box office at 432-6360 or boxoffice@csc.edu.
Chadron State College honoree striving to calibrate analytical science

One of the recent recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award at Chadron State College is doing his best to get the scientific community on the same page.

Jerry Messman, a 1974 CSC graduate, is the founder and managing director of Stranaska Scientific located in Fort Collins, Colo. While it’s not a large firm, Messman believes it has and will continue to play a significant role in helping laboratories around the world make sure they are meeting standards that are becoming more and more necessary.

Messman specializes in analytical metrology. As a scientific discipline, the field provides a means to facilitate international standardization and quality control of analytical instrument measurements used in calibration and/or testing of many things that are produced, traded and utilized.

“Today we don’t have sufficient harmony in analytical measurements,” Messman told about 60 CSC science students while he was back on campus the weekend of Oct. 25 to receive his award. “And it’s becoming more important all the time. The trade of some U.S. products is being delayed or rejected until they comply with international standards. Most of the Western world including Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Germany recognize the need to comply. To gain recognition and acceptance of their position in the global economy, many emerging nations are also establishing national metrological laboratories to demonstrate their infrastructural proficiency and earn accreditation in international standardization and measurement traceability.”

The International Bureau of Weights and Measurements, located in Paris, serves as the primary overseer of international standardization and metrology. It also provides guidance and input to the national metrology institutes in countries around the world. The National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md., serves as the U.S. headquarters. A smaller facility is located in Boulder, Colo.

Commercial metrology companies in the United States such as Stranaska Scientific help bridge the gap between NIST and consumer product companies in all industrial sectors.

Messman, who was introduced to analytical metrology while working at NIST in Maryland, added that his firm is one of the few that is working with analytical labs to help them comply with international standards, regulatory requirements and accreditation to make certain that their measurements are on the right track.

He said all phases of science are involved, including those dealing with pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, engineering, clinical research, food and beverage processing and industrial hygiene.

He said besides chemical metrology, the broad field of metrology extends to measurements of electrical and dimensional properties, temperature, pressure and radiation.

He said forensics research is another field requiring standardization.

“The O.J. Simpson trial demonstrated why reliable information and accreditation are so important,” Messman noted. “The Los Angeles crime lab did an ineffective job of processing physical evidence, including chain of custody, traceability of laboratory data and overall laboratory oversight, competence and credibility. That allowed the defense attorneys to shred the testimony of evidence by introducing elements of doubt and inconclusiveness.”

Not everyone is enthralled by the new metrology culture, Messman said.

“Some laboratory managers still don’t see the necessity for it. They think it drives up the cost and they don’t want to do anything until something bad happens. But I predict calibration and testing labs that aren’t accredited won’t be in business too long. For example, from a regulatory compliance standpoint, it could cost pharmaceutical labs a million dollars a day if their analytical instrumentation is not properly calibrated.”

Messman said he is striving to introduce his specialty into education so it will be commonplace in high schools and colleges. A show of hands by the CSC students he addressed revealed that most of them were not familiar with the field. He said college grads acquainted with metrology will have an advantage in the analytical testing and engineering job markets.

Messman blended the names of his hometown of Strang, a village of about 50 in Fillmore County in southeast Nebraska, and the state, to name his firm—Stranaska. Both he and his wife, Marla, are graduates of Geneva High School. He noted he came to Chadron State after being recruited to play baseball by the late Bill Giles and earned four letters in the sport.

He initially majored in math at CSC, but added a chemistry major after taking analytical chemistry under the late Dr. Art Struempler.

“It all started here,” Messman said. “Dr. Struempler was my mentor. Under him, I acquired a passion for analytical chemistry of which metrological principles and concepts are integral. We stayed in touch after I graduated. After he retired from Chadron State he moved to Fort Collins. It was because of his influence that Marla and I moved there, too.”

Struempler’s widow, Jo, and their son, Mike, were in attendance when Messman was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Messman earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Maryland. He previously had conducted pre-doctoral graduate studies and research at the University of Florida and later did post-doctoral research at the University of Arkansas. In addition to his responsibilities with Stranaska Scientific, Messman is majority owner of Refmacal Labs and president of JDM Holdings Inc.

Earlier this year, Messman was elected to membership in the Cooperation on International Traceability in Analytical Chemistry. He is one of five Americans among the 37 members. CITAC’s mission is to improve traceability results in chemical measurements and ensure that analytical measurements made in various countries and at various times are comparable.

CSC Enrollment up for third straight year

Chadron State College continues to make progress in attracting students to its campus and programs. For the third consecutive year, CSC reported an increase in its enrollment, both in headcount and full-time equivalency over 2007.

Chadron State has another large freshman class this year. When new students reported to classes in August, they represented 30 states with 62 percent calling Nebraska communities home.
Spotlight: Dr. Lois Veath

Spotlight is a feature of the Alumni News that explores the lives and careers of prominent people within the Chadron State College community. This edition’s Spotlight focuses on Dr. Lois Veath, who is CSC’s vice president for academic affairs. Following are the questions and her responses.

Please summarize your employment history at CSC:

I began teaching as a part-time adjunct in chemistry in the fall of 1981. I was a stay-at-home mom, and David and I had moved from San Diego in the fall of 1979 with a 3-year-old, a 1 1/2 year-old and a bun in the oven. In fall 1982 I enrolled in a master of arts program in physics at CSC, and graduated in the summer of ’83 by taking 12 credits in the fall, spring and summer to finish in record time, in spite of doing a thesis as well. In fall 1983 I was hired on a one-year appointment to replace Dirl Steffe in physics, who was on medical leave at the time. When Dirl did not return, I competed in a national search and was hired as a tenured-track instructor in physics. After completing my Ph.D. in 1988 I was promoted to assistant professor and tenured in 1989. I continued through the academic ranks from associate to full professor, and at one time was the only female full professor who was teaching at CSC.

In the summer of 2002 I was appointed as interim dean of Arts & Sciences, and after a national search later that fall, I was appointed as dean commencing in the summer of 2003. In the summer of 2005 I was appointed as interim senior vice president for Academic and Student Affairs. I was appointed as vice president for academic affairs in the summer 2006. I am currently in my fourth year as academic VP.

What degrees have you obtained? (Please list name of institution, name of degree and year of conferal)

B.S. in Chemistry, University of California at Riverside, 1969
M.A. in Physics, Chadron State College, 1983.
Ph.D. in Physics Education, University of Wyoming, 1988

What jobs did you have before coming to CSC?

I worked for 10 years as a research associate at the University of California at San Diego Medical School in the department of neurosciences. I was a member of the research team of Dr. John S. O’Brien and I specialized in tissue culture techniques and fluorometric enzymatic assays for prenatal diagnosis. Our team did the first prenatal diagnosis of a fetus with an inherited genetic disease in the world. We received huge international press for this accomplishment. My part in all of this was to create and perfect the technique of growing amniotic fluid cells so that we could have sufficient fetal material to perform the prenatal tests to determine the status of the child with regard to being healthy or affected. The first genetic disease that we focused on was Tay-Sachs disease. In 1969 we designed a simple blood test to determine who carriers of this gene were, and we began testing hundreds of married couples to determine if both parents were carriers – a situation that would result in a 25 percent chance of a child with Tay-Sachs disease with each pregnancy.

Why did you take a position at Chadron State?

See answer immediately above, as well as first question’s answer regarding Dirl Steffe. I really fell in love with teaching when I was an adjunct – what a privilege to work with young people!

How has the transition from faculty to administration changed your perspective?

As a faculty member I was focused on students and their needs. Consequently I never had an institution-wide perspective about what it takes to keep the lights on, the trash cans emptied and blackboards cleaned, or the mail delivered and the grass cut and snow removed. Although the most important aspect of CSC is where the students and faculty meet and learn, I did not appreciate all the “behind the scenes” things that must happen in order to have students attend CSC, live on campus, and be successful. While I miss teaching very much, and consider it a privilege to interact with students, I now have a much better idea of the things that need to be done to support this most important and rewarding of endeavors.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed at Chadron State during your tenure?

Without a doubt, the tremendous effort to remodel and build new buildings and to upgrade the campus facilities has been amazing. I remember when there was an open field between the Math and Science Building and the library, where our impressive student center now sits. There was no Nelson Physical Activity Center; Miller Hall was an old gym and swimming pool area; no Sandoz Center or softball field; Edna Work was a dingy old dorm, and there was no black box theater or galleries in Memorial Hall. Our campus looks wonderful now, but the plans in our comprehensive campaign to renovate the Armstrong events center and create a green construction Rangeland Center and pavilion will make a great campus even better. I hope that in the not too distant future, we can renovate and expand the Math and Science building, as well as more of the residence halls, especially creating new married student housing.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed in teaching and your discipline of study during your career?

The use of technology must top the list of profound changes in teaching. When I began at CSC in 1983, I enjoyed piling into a car at 4 p.m. with three or four other faculty members and driving to Scottsbluff to teach night classes. We would usually leave Scottsbluff by 10:15 p.m. and arrive back on campus around midnight – only to get back up and teach an 8 a.m. class on the campus. Following several near-fatal car accidents by other groups of faculty members, the college began to establish the interactive television system using slow scan technology – where the talking heads and the audio clips did not really match! Now the use of fully compatible audio-video at our ITV sites is amazing and obviously the use of email and online learning has transformed all of us for better or worse. The mediated classrooms on campus now allow professors to provide rich learning environments for our students, and emails fly back and forth between professors and students to keep everyone connected. Online learning has allowed the college to provide better service to our constituents around the region, and has resulted in a doubling in our graduate programs so that busy place-bound adult learners can now advance within their careers. For those of us who grew up with black and white television, before Sputnik, but with Ed Sullivan, this has indeed been a challenge. But then God never promised that life would be easy – only interesting!

What were your favorite courses to teach?

My favorite thing to teach is students – regardless of the course. Seeing the “a-ha” moment light up their eyes is always a peak moment, when all of your preparation for class finally pays off. It doesn’t get any better than that!

Please tell us about your most memorable moment at CSC:

As I said above, there are no single moments but thousands of peak moments when you connect with a student who finally understands. My life has been more memorable and enriched by the many little moments spent with faculty colleagues, students, and staff. In the end, the memories are the most worthwhile.
Chadron State College’s teacher education program received high marks from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education after its examination of the programs this fall. The five-person visitation team gave especially high commendations for the program’s use of technology.

Dr. Margaret Crouse, the dean who oversees the program, received the report from NCATE’s board of examiners in late November. For three days in October, the team was on the CSC campus to follow up on its visit from two years ago. NCATE representatives in 2006 scheduled this year’s focused visit to address issues of governance and the college’s electronic assessment system. The NCATE report shows that the program has met all standards required for accreditation.

“It’s an honor to receive assurance of our excellence,” Crouse said. “We have a long record of accreditation and it means a lot to see that continue.”

CSC has been continually accredited by NCATE or other accrediting agencies since 1929. NCATE accredits more than 600 colleges of education.

During this year’s visit, CSC received high praise for using the Internet to train cooperating teachers — an effort led by education faculty member Lorie Hunn.

“The institution has recognized the value and sophistication of the electronic assessment system developed by the unit as a model for other academic units across campus,” the report says. “The process of developing the system has served as a model of collaboration among academic and support entities.”

CSC has 43 programs in teacher education. About 664 students are enrolled in the undergraduate teacher education programs with another 113 in advanced programs.

A campus committee was charged with preparing for the visit, and employees across the campus who are involved with teacher education took part in the planning.

NCATE’s accreditation visits occur each seven years with follow-up visits as necessary. The next scheduled visit is in 2013.

### Dr. Lois Veath

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the end the moments that you think are big, such as winning a teaching excellence award or having an important publication hit the press, are not the ones you remember when your life comes to a close.

What programs and activities at CSC make you particularly proud? Please explain.

If you gave me enough space, I could name something in every academic program, student services, the arts and athletics, and campus activities that is noteworthy and makes us all proud. Being here for 26 years would make the list very long indeed!

Who are some role models you’ve had during your career?

As is true for many of us, my major professor and advisor in my doctoral program, Dr. Joe Stepanis, at the University of Wyoming, must rank right up there at the top. He showed me how to be a better teacher and how to make that “a-ha” moment happen for my students. Additionally I could not have completed my doctorate, which required a one-year sabbatical in Laramie — this was before the Internet — if “Mr. Mom” had not come to the rescue to take care of our children that year, so that I could study in Laramie. I dedicated my dissertation to him, and the selfless commitment of my dear husband, David, and his support of my career over the years has made all the difference — he was definitely my role model for dedication and commitment.

How would you summarize CSC to a potential student?

You may travel farther from home, pay more in tuition, and attend classes with hundreds of other students, but you will never find a more talented or dedicated group of faculty and staff to help you reach your potential than the caring people at CSC.

Name a job or chore you had as a child or teenager that might surprise the readers:

When I was in high school in Santa Monica, Calif., I worked at a shoe store dyeing shoes to match formal dresses. I had to mix various bottles of shoe dye to achieve just the right color to complement the dresses, and because of this I now have a very good eye for color. One time I dyed shoes for a musical group, the Lennon Sisters, who sang on the Lawrence Welk Show. If you have to ask, you are too young….

Please tell us about a memorable experience from your college days:

The most memorable experience from college was having my husband and children with me during the hooding ceremony for my doctorate. My undergraduate education was fairly stressful, because as the only girl in my chemistry classes, I was often treated like an outsider at a time before affirmative action or even women’s rights. But in the end, it was this experience that convinced me to be a better teacher than they were, and to see the potential in every student.

35 new hires made this fall

The Chadron State College human resources office has reported 35 new hires at the institution this fall. The group consists of 19 faculty members and 16 members of the professional staff and support staff. Following is a list that includes new CSC employees and previous CSC employees who have assumed new duties since Aug. 1.

**Faculty**

- Humphrey Amukamara, special education; Victoria Badura, business management; Mathew Brust, biology; Charles Carey, instrumental music; Beth Carnes, counseling education; Elisabeth Ellington, English; Twila Fickel, biology; William Hoffman, health, physical education and recreation; Daniel Koopman, educational administration; Wendy Jamison, biology; William McCarthy, history; Jeff Morgan, history; Robert Knight, political science; Eric Njabon, chemistry; Dave Ocken, education; Venita Quamme, sociology; Karl Winton, interpersonal communications; LaWayne Zeller, elementary education; Teresa Zimmerman, range-wildlife management.

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Chadron State College gave special recognition to five of its alumni during this year’s Homecoming festivities. Three received CSC’s Distinguished Alumni Award and two were presented the Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

Chadron State College President Dr. Janie Park presented the awards during a luncheon that preceded CSC’s football game against the Colorado School of Mines.

Following is information about each of the recipients:

Distinguished Alumni Awards
Loren Jacobsen, M.D. - BS 1962
Dr. Loren Jacobsen, a semi-retired physician from Broken Bow, has become widely recognized for his work in improving health care services in rural Nebraska.

Jacobsen enrolled at Chadron State, then known as Nebraska State Teachers College, after graduating from Broken Bow High School in 1952 and spending four years in the U.S. Navy. He graduated summa cum laude from CSC in 1962 and taught science in the Bellevue Schools one year before enrolling at the University of Nebraska Medical Center at Omaha.

After graduating from UNMC in 1967, he completed his internship and surgical training in the Panama Canal Zone. He began practicing medicine in Broken Bow in 1971. He’s delivered well over 1,000 babies and tended to hundreds of families during his time as a practitioner.

Among his most recent honors is the J.G. Elliott Award from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2006. Jacobsen was one of the first physicians in Nebraska to accept UNMC medical students on rotations and mentored more than 90 students. The institution commended him for staying abreast of medical advancements, sharing his knowledge, getting to know his patients, being active in his community, and communicating diagnoses with patients and their families.

He also obtained the distinguished service award for more than 30 years at the Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center at Broken Bow. He was the city’s Citizen of the Year in 2003, and was placed on the Broken Bow Public Schools’ Wall of Fame earlier this year.

He and his wife, Cleo, have five children, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One of the doctor’s daughters, Lorene, was the first recipient of the Platinum Eagle Award when she graduated from CSC in 1990.

Jerry D. Messman, Ph.D. - BA 1974
Jerry D. Messman is founder and director of Stranaska, a Fort Collins, Colo., company that specializes in analytical metrology, defined as the science of weights and measures.

As director of the company, he is responsible for its strategic research, new business development and educational outreach activities. For the past 15 years he has devoted his time to helping analytical laboratories and metrology groups around the world strengthen or reinforce their spectrophotometric calibration practices to ensure value-added compliance with analytical measurement objectives.

Prior to founding his first company in 1993, Messman held various applied research positions in government and industry involving analytical chemistry, spectrometry and certified reference materials. They include the U.S. Geological Survey, National Bureau of Standards, Battelle and Perkin-Elmer. During his tenure at the National Institute of Standards and Technology from 1988 to 1992, he was responsible for rejuvenation of the high-accuracy spectrophotometry program in the Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory.

He also is a member for more than 25 scientific organizations and professional societies.

Messman is a native of Strang, Neb., who played baseball for the Eagles and earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1974. He later earned a doctorate from the University of Maryland in College Park, and conducted chemistry graduate studies and pre-doctoral research in analytical atomic spectrometry at the University of Florida and post-doctoral research in analytical laser ionization spectrometry at the University of Arkansas.

Messman’s wife, Marla, serves as the company’s operations assistant.

M. Ann Smith - BS 1970, MS 1977
Ann Smith is being recognized for both her work as a Chadron State College professor and her extensive volunteer work with the American Red Cross.

Smith was 29 years old with three children when she enrolled at Nebraska Western College in Scottsbluff. After two years there, she transferred to CSC and completed a bachelor of science degree in education in just one year and a summer.

For 10 years prior to joining the CSC faculty, Smith was a teacher at Bridgeport, where she coached the school’s first volleyball and girls’ track teams. In her first four years of coaching, her track teams won a Class B state championship and a runner-up trophy. The duties gave her first-hand experience in gender equity. She later served on national committees pertaining to Title IX, the legislation designed to give equal athletic opportunities to females.

She earned a master’s degree from CSC in 1977 and earned a position on the faculty of the high-accuracy spectrophotometry program in the Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory.

In her new position, she coached the cross-country team for nine years. She was named chairwoman of CSC’s Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and earned its Honor Award in 1987.

Her involvement with the Dawes County chapter of the Red Cross has been extensive, ranging from training lifeguards to responding to some of the nation’s most prominent disasters. As a member of the National Disaster Human Resource Team, Smith has been deployed to 16 national disasters in 13 states. She spent Christmas vacation of 2001 in New York City to provide relief of the Sept. 11 attacks. She also spent five weeks on the Gulf Coast assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Ann has three children and numerous grandchildren. Her husband, Bud, died in December 2007.

Distinguished Young Alumni Awards
Monica D. Colbath, J.D. - BA 1991
Monica (Schmidt) Colbath of Rapid City, S.D., has become known as an experienced and skilled criminal defense trial attorney, and has represented many indigent clients during her career.

Colbath, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who graduated high school in Rushville, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Chadron State College in 1991. She also earned a juris doctor from the University of Nebraska College of Law.

While studying toward that degree, she served as a law clerk in the Lancaster County Public Defender’s Office.

Most recently, she began work as senior staff attorney and manages the Lakota People’s Law Project, a pro bono law firm in Rapid City that strives to protect American Indian families and children under the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

Prior to the project’s beginning in May, she worked two years as a trial attorney in Rapid City and specialized in representing people charged with serious felony offenses in state and federal courts.

Distinguished Young Alumni Award presented to Monica Colbath and Sharla Dowding.
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From 1999 to 2006, she was an assistant federal public defender in Rapid City's Federal Public Defender's Office. Prior to becoming the first staff attorney hired in that federal office, she had completed five years as a trial attorney in the Pennington County Public Defender's Office.

Colbath has earned bar admissions to the South Dakota State Bar, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Supreme Court and the Federal Court of the District of South Dakota. She also is active in numerous boards and associations. Her husband, Gary, also is an attorney.


Sharla (Tollman) Dowding of Newcastle, Wyo., has become one of the most highly honored alumni of Chadron State College's teacher education program.

Dowding, a native of Crawford, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in education from CSC in 1991 and a master of arts in science education from the institution in 1995. She is working toward a doctorate at Montana State University.

Dowding has received praise from peers for holding her students to a high standard and incorporating technology to the classroom. Since 1996, she has earned 16 awards for her successful classroom methods. In May, she was one of 10 teachers in Wyoming to receive an Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. In 2004, she was named Wyoming's Biology Teacher of the Year.

Dowding teaches science at Newcastle High School, where she also serves as the district’s science department chairwoman. She volunteers as coach of the school's quiz bowl and science Olympiad teams, in addition to sponsoring the regional science fair.

She is involved in more than two dozen professional activities, including the Wyoming Professional Teacher Standards Board and Wyoming PAWS data and item review committee. She has attended scores of teaching workshops, including one at NASA’s Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif.

Dowding began her teaching career at Rushville Public Schools from 1992-1997. While teaching junior high and high school science, she coached volleyball, quiz bowl and track and field.

Her husband, Rod, also is a native of Crawford.

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Kimberly Bright, dean of students; Tasmyr Carey, assistant extended campus; Tim Connealy, interim head women's basketball coach; Sonja Dressel, student counselor; Roberta Gilmore, Nebraska Business Development Center office assistant; Karen Hacker, interim student services; Nathan Hulquist, admissions representative; Ann Greenia, interim public services librarian; Rebecca Gronewold, residence hall coordinator; Trina Gutierrez, admissions representative for north-central Colorado region; Shawn Hartman, interim assistant director of public services; Seth Hulquist, admissions representative for Chadron region; Don Keiper, security officer; Dustin Luper, interim rodeo coach; Andrew Schmid, programmer-analyst; Michele Rickenbach, interim assistant registrar; Jordon Swesey, residence hall director; Judy Tausan, financial aid office assistant.

Russian educators visit Chadron State

Three representatives of Voronezh State University of Voronezh, Russia, visited the Chadron State College campus Monday through Thursday, Oct. 6-9.

The delegation was at CSC to continue a cooperative effort that began in summer 2007 when CSC administrators and faculty members visited VSU. Members of the CSC group served as presenters at the International Conference on Higher Education at Voronezh.

While at CSC, the Russian delegation took part in a full schedule that included discussions about the college's technology infrastructure and online instruction.

The three VSU representatives who visited CSC are Dr. Dmitry Endovitzkiy, VSU vice rector and doctor of economics; Dr. Oleg Belenov, dean of international relations and doctor of economics; and Dr. Tatiana Rudchenko, head of international relations programs and professor of mathematics. Belenov's son, Borislav, also was in the group.
Six families with long-standing ties to Chadron State College were recognized as recipients of the institution's Family Tree Award in October. Families with three or more generations that have attended the institution are eligible for the award, which is presented as part of CSC's annual Family Day festivities. Members of five of the families were in attendance for Saturday's recognition brunch and were introduced to CSC's football game against Western New Mexico University.

The first Family Tree Awards were presented in 1996. This year's group brings the total number recipients to 53.

Following are narratives about the families that were honored this year. To alleviate confusion, the institution is referred to by its current name in all references. CSC’s official name from 1911-1948 was Nebraska State Normal School at Chadron and was Nebraska State Teachers College at Chadron from 1949-1962.

**Floyd and Lela Holmgrain Family**

Floyd and Lela Holmgrain represented the first of four generations to become alumni of Chadron State College. They came to Chadron after graduating high school in Guide Rock and Simeon, respectively. The couple first taught school in the Philippines and later moved to Gordon where he was a principal and she was a teacher. They each died in the 1980s.

The Holmgrain's daughter, Phyllis, and her husband, Dean Simpson, also each attended the institution. They have four grown children and now live in Alliance. Dean ran Alliance Livestock in Auction, Colo. for 26 years and then after it closed was an officer at Western Bank. Phyllis taught school, ran Simpson's bootery, which they owned, and was the site coordinator for the Alliance Campus of Western Nebraska Community College. They both are retired.

Each of the Simpsons' children attended CSC.

Their son Stuart and his wife Lisa earned degrees from CSC in 1982. Stuart became business manager for North Platte Public Schools in 2006 after serving in the same position at Alliance Public Schools for 17 years. Lisa worked in nuclear medical technology for two years and in radiologic technology, MRI and CT for 18 years.

Dean and Phyllis' daughter, Stephanie (Simpson) Diehl, was at CSC from 1979-1982. She is a respiratory therapist and is working toward her bachelor's degree at an institution in Denver, where she lives with her husband, Robert.

Another daughter, Betsy (Simpson) Houlden of Elwood, attended CSC in 1982-1984 before earning degrees in nursing and audiology at other institutions. She became the director of nursing at Cambridge Hospital in 2007. She and her husband, Gary, have one son, Tristan, 13.

Dean and Phyllis' youngest son, Jason, graduated from CSC in 2002 with degrees in human biology and biological chemistry. He also earned a nursing degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center after graduating. Jason's wife, Theresa (Cool) Simpson, also graduated from CSC in 2006 with a degree in chemistry. While at CSC, Jason was active in Student Senate and Theresa was a resident director in campus housing as well as being active in several other clubs. They now reside in Denver where Jason is a registered nurse and Theresa is a pharmacy tech. They have two sons, Parker, 3, and Riley, 3 months.

The fourth generation of the Holmgrain family was represented at CSC by Joslynne Simpson, daughter of Stuart and Lisa, who graduated in May 2008 with majors in human biology and Spanish. She was active at CSC in several clubs including Cardinal Key, Beta Beta Beta biology honor society and earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1980. Lyle and Twila own and manage the operation started by Clarence Phillips, which is now called the D-Lazy L Ranch.

Lynn and Joellen's daughter, Joyce, earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1981 and a master's degree in plant sciences in 1988. Joyce also holds a doctorate in botany from Brigham Young University and was hired to teach science and mathematics in 1991. She is now professor of science, and also has served as interim dean and senior vice president for academic and student affairs.


The youngest of Lynn and Joellen's children, Barbara, was awarded a bachelor's degree in business in 1984. She lives in Chadron with her husband, Larry Olson. She also is a graduate of the Colorado School of Banking and is assistant cashier and compliance officer at First National Bank of Chadron. She was active in Cardinal Key, Ag Club and the Eagle Newspaper when at CSC.

Another son, Leonard, and his wife, Alisa, did not attend CSC, but all three of their children are alumni.

In all, nine members of the Phillips family's fourth generation have attended CSC.

Joellen (Croft) Clark, daughter of Rosalee and husband Wayne Croft, obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 2004 by completing all of her studies in North Platte. She works at the Wal-Mart distribution center in North Platte and also is a substitute teacher.

Two of Lyle and Twila's children have attended CSC. In 2005, Casey Phillips graduated with a business degree and his wife, Heather (Hostetter) Phillips, earned a bachelor's degree in special education. Casey is a loan officer and Heather a teacher near Kansas City, Mo. Lyle and Twila's daughter, Carrie took courses from CSC in 1999 and moved to Omaha after later graduating from another institution.

Lyle and Twila have four more children, Kyle, Katie, Kory and Kelsey.

The three children of Leonard and Alisa (Bullington) Phillips who...
Iva and William Schommer Family

The late Iva (Wagner) Schommer, a native of Grafton, was awarded a two-year diploma from Chadron State College in 1948 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1957 at the age of 61. Her husband was William Schommer.

One of the people in attendance at her graduation was her daughter, L. Gwen (Schommer) Peltz, who had graduated from CSC with a history degree in 1944. Gwen is now retired and living in Rimrock, Ariz., with her husband, Leonard. Iva's son, Paul, graduated from CSC with a degree in English and Latin in 1942. Both Gwen and Paul are graduates of Chadron High School.

Gwen's son, Jeffrey Peltz, represents the third generation of the family to attend CSC. He took courses in 1974-1975 after graduating from Alliance High School.

Harry and Jeri Simonton Family

Harry and Jeri Simonton began their families' association with Chadron State College in 1958 when Harry was hired to be a physical education teacher and coach at the institution. He was head coach for wrestling, men's golf, and gymnastics, and was an assistant for football during his tenure. He died in 1998 at age 70.

Jeri, a native of LaCrosse, Wis., earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1966 and a master's degree in education from CSC in 1966. She is retired after 32 years working at Chadron High School.

Both of the Simonton's children are graduates of CSC.

The first, Laurie (Simonton) Harris, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting in 1980. She has been employed by CSC since 1982 and has been the institution's assistant director of financial aid since 2000. Laurie's husband Mike attended CSC from 1976-1978. He is director of support services at Chadron Community Hospital.

Harry and Jeri's other daughter, Spring (Simonton) Chittim, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1992. She is a service coordinator for Nebraska Health and Human Services at Alliance, where she lives with her husband, Marty.

The Harris' two children earned bachelor's degrees from CSC. Kayan earned a chemistry degree in 2004 and Shane completed the criminal justice program in 2007. Kayan is a validation scientist at MDS Pharma Services in Lincoln. Shane is a police officer at Gering. Shane's fiancée, Jessica Brottlund, attended CSC 2004-2007 before moving on to the University of Nebraska Medical Center's nursing program in Scottsbluff.

Stanley and Ann Tuton Family

Stanley and Ann Tuton came to Chadron State College from Keya Paha County, where they live today. Stanley earned a bachelor's degree in 1960 and Ann took courses for more than a year. Stanley pitched for the CSC baseball team three seasons and was a member of the Beta Beta Beta biological fraternity.

Stanley and Ann live near the north-central Nebraska community of Mills. He has been a member of the KBR Rural Public Power District’s board of directors since 2002, the same year he retired from 41 years in education. He earned a master's degree from Augustana College of South Dakota in 1993.

The Tutons have three children, Mark, Brenda and Amy Jo.

Mark earned a bachelor's degree from CSC in 1986. He lives in Sioux Falls, S.D. with his wife, Evangeline. Brenda studied social work and criminal justice at CSC and graduated in 1983. Her husband, Eric German, participated in track and field and football at CSC and graduated in 1982 with a degree in agriculture business. The Germans did mission work in Venezuela and the Philippines for 19 years. They live in Imperial where Eric farms and feeds cattle.

The oldest of the Germans' four children, Jed, was on the CSC football team for two years and earned a degree in accounting and finance in 2007. He is studying toward a master's degree in accounting from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Their other children are Jenny, 21, Jordan, 19, and Justin, 14.

Stanley's sister, Ann (Tuton) Megown, earned a bachelor's degree in education from CSC in 1969. Her husband, Thomas "Mick" Megown, a Chadron native, earned a bachelor's degree in 1963 and a master's degree in 1969. He played four years of baseball and basketball at CSC. They now live in Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

In addition, Stanley and Ann (Tuton) Megown's brother, the late Gary Tuton, earned a bachelor's degree from CSC in 1961. He died December 2007.

Lionel “Lonny” and Delores Wickard Family

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The Simonton Family

The Wickard Family

Fall 2008
Mahlman shares limelight for Nobel Peace Prize

When former Vice President Al Gore and an organization devoted to studying climate change were presented with the coveted Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, a Chadron State College graduate was one of those recognized for making it happen.

CSC alumnus Dr. Jerry Mahlman of Longmont, Colo., helped organize the International Panel on Climate Change, the organization that shared the award with Gore.

Gore and the IPCC were presented the award “for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.”

Mahlman, who earned a bachelor’s degree from CSC in 1962, works at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

In an article published by Physics Today, Mahlman said the IPCC has had “conspicuous success in internationalizing the scientific commitment that is needed for getting to the bottom of the human-caused global climate warming.”

Mahlman received CSC’s Distinguished Service Award and Honorary Doctorate in the 1990s for his efforts in the field of man-made climate change. He served as an advisor to President Bill Clinton.

“In my less than humble opinion, we climate scientists have worked very hard on the global warming problem for the past 30 years,” Mahlman told Physics Today. “The scientific award that we really received is that the public and the climate denialists have no longer any rational ground to claim that human-caused climate warming is either wrong, a hoax, a left-wing conspiracy, or something that somehow increases our research grants.”

In addition to his CSC degree, he earned a master’s degree and doctorate from Colorado State University.

Humanities professor publishes book

Dr. Thomas Deane Tucker, Chadron State College professor of humanities, has authored a book about two French 20th century intellectual icons. The title is “Derridada: Duchamp as Readymade Deconstruction.”

Tucker’s book was published by Lexington Books of Lanham, Md., and hit bookstore shelves in October.

The 110-page compilation, which explores the works of artist Marcel Duchamp and the philosopher Jacques Derrida, is being marketed to students and scholars interested in Modernism and the avant-garde.

Publicity material states the book will be useful for undergraduate students of art history, modernism, and critical theory, as well as for graduate students of philosophy, visual culture studies and art theory.

Although Tucker has had numerous papers accepted for publication, this is his first book. He said it was written after 2½ years of research and writing.

Article by business professors published

Two faculty members of Chadron State College teamed up with one of their former CSC colleagues to author a paper that has been accepted for publication.

The article, “Become a Better Teacher: Five Steps in the Direction of Critical Thinking,” was selected for publication by the staff of the Research in Higher Education Journal.

It was written by Dr. Barbara Limbach, CSC business professor, Dr. Wendy Waugh, CSC management information systems professor, and Dr. Robert Duron, former CSC associate professor of accounting who is a faculty member at Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

The paper identifies an interdisciplinary five-step framework built on existing theory and best practices in cognitive development. Limbach said the framework provides teachers a useful means to move their lecture-based courses toward a more active learning environment that is more enjoyable for them and their students.

For their model the professors used accounting education, in which critical thinking has often been cited as necessary but difficult to implement.

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bachelor’s degree in 1959, a master’s degree in 1962 and a specialist in education degree in 1980. He is now retired after many years in education. Most recently, he was the elementary principal and high school superintendent at Bayard High School.

Lonny and Delores have four children, three of whom attended Chadron State College.

The oldest, Vernon, participated in wrestling and track at CSC and earned a bachelor’s degree in 1989. He and Jeanne live in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he has been a line foreman for Tri State Generation and Transmission since 1979.

Another son, Greg, attended CSC 1975-1977 and participated in wrestling and track. His wife, Wendy (Lyster), earned a bachelor’s degree in 1987. Greg has been a material clerk for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in Alliance since 1978 and Wendy has been a first-grade teacher at Bridgeport since 1987.

The youngest of Lonny and Delores’ children, Laurie, was an All-American shot-putter on the CSC track and field team and also is a member of the CSC Hall of Fame. She earned a bachelor’s degree in 1983 and a master’s degree in 1988. is an elementary teacher at Kimball, where she lives with her husband, Larry Janicek.

Vernon’s daughter, Alexis, is a second-grade teacher at Sheridan, Wyo., and is nearing completion of a master’s degree from CSC. She and her husband, Andrew Nikirk, are expecting their first baby in November. Another daughter, Ashley, is a current CSC student. She was a member of the CSC volleyball team in 2004-2005.

Greg and Wendy’s oldest daughter, Katie, is in her fourth year of CSC’s elementary education program and participates in intramural sports. Her fiancé, Matt Bloyd, is a senior at CSC. Greg and Wendy’s daughter Emily is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska.

Laurie and Larry have three children, Loni, Lanelle and Lyle. Loni attended CSC for a ½ years and was a member of the women’s golf team. She and her husband, Cody McWilliams, have two children and live in Kimball. Lanelle, a sophomore at Western Nebraska Community College, plans to study elementary education at CSC after completing her studies there.
Repeat of Depression, Dust Bowl unlikely, Dewing says

No region suffered more during the drought and Depression in the 1930s than the Northern Great Plains that includes the Dakotas and Nebraska, according to Dr. Rolland Dewing, a long-time history professor at Chadron State College who returned to the campus in mid-September to speak.

Now a resident of Renton, Wash., Dewing said although some historians have stated the southwestern United States felt the brunt of the Dust Bowl days, his research indicates conditions were even worse in the Northern Great Plains.

He said the drought of the 1930s was the worst in 350 years of recorded history. The conditions spawned dust clouds that were so thick at times street lights came on at noon, sheep and cattle died from inhaling too much dust and motor vehicles choked to a stop.

Making conditions even more intolerable, Dewing said, were swarms of grasshoppers so thick they sometimes blocked out the sun, often ate clothes off lines and even chewed the corks out of water jugs. He added that the late Virlyn Norgard, a longtime Crawford resident, said he sometimes slowed down on highway curves because the grasshoppers were so thick he was afraid his car might skid on them.

The author of a 200-page book on the effects of the Great Depression on the region, Dewing reported that farm income averaged less than $200 a year in the Dakotas during portions of the 1930s. In addition, he said South Dakota received almost three times more relief funding than Oklahoma. North Dakota received twice as much and Nebraska nearly as much.

The speaker also noted banks closed by the hundreds and unemployment reached 25 percent in the region. During this era, Dewing said the Dakotas experienced about a 20 percent population decline as people who could no longer tolerate the conditions fled to the West Coast. That included his family, which moved from northwestern North Dakota to Washington state in 1936.

Seventy percent of those who remained in North Dakota in '36 were on relief, he added.

Dewing said President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal programs helped the nation slowly recover from the economic disaster. Prior to 1933, the speaker noted there was no old age pension system, federal unemployment compensation, aid to dependent children, farm subsidies or minimum wage laws. He said no economic group received more help than farmers.

Further assistance came with the establishment of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), which were designed to reduce unemployment while also improving the nation’s infrastructure.

While jokes were often made that WPA, which drew 3.5 million workers, stood for “We Putter Around” or “We Pay for Anything,” many of the projects are still highly visible in the Northern Great Plains and their value greatly exceeds the initial cost.

Dewing said WPA workers were paid an average of $41.52 a month and CCC workers received $30 a month, all but $5 of which was sent to their homes.

Despite the government assistance, by 1940 some 2.5 million people had moved from the Great Plains to the West Coast, making it the largest migration in American history.

Several of those in the audience of about 60 were well acquainted with what Dewing was talking about.

Jim Kaus said his family, which lived in northeastern Colorado, burned ear corn to heat their house because they couldn’t sell it for enough to buy coal. Lee Wahlstrom, who lived in eastern Nebraska at the time, recalled that in 1932 his father moved his money from a bank at Craig and put it in a bank at Uehling. Both were among the six banks near the family’s residence to go broke in the next few days.

Although Nebraska is not included, an energy boom is spiking the economy of much of the Northern Great Plains, said Dewing, who taught history at Chadron State 32 years.

Wyoming easily leads the nation in coal production, Montana has vast coal reserves and, thanks to new horizontal drilling techniques and record oil prices, an oil boom is underway in the Williston Basin of western North Dakota and eastern Montana.

The U.S. Geological Survey recently proclaimed the basin holds at least four billion barrels of recoverable, top-quality, sweet light crude oil. Also, an almost inexhaustible supply of easily accessible lignite coal in North Dakota is feeding 12 power plants that generate electricity for two million homes, Dewing stated.

Dewing noted the Great Depression has left a couple of unfortunate legacies. He said whenever there is sharp drop in the stock market, warnings are issued that a Wall Street crash similar to 1929 is imminent and a period of drought causes concern that another Dust Bowl is approaching.

But he said government controls have been put in place to keep a huge financial crisis from recurring and agricultural conservation practices that grew out of the 1930s make another Dust Bowl highly unlikely.

Alumni Store @ www.csc.edu/alumni/store.csc

“Wings to Fly”
This painting was commissioned by the Chadron State Eagle Boosters organization as a gift for Head Football Coach Bill O’Boyle when he was named Liberty Mutual’s National Division II Coach of the Year. The painting captures the view of the football field and C Hill. Unframed giclée prints are available for sale by the Eagle Booster Club for $50. Painting by Kit Watson.

“To Attain the King’s Chair”
The painting was commissioned in 2001 by the Chadron State Eagle Boosters as a gift to commemorate Brad Smith’s 100th victory as CSC’s football coach. The painting is of the King’s Chair rock formation south of the campus and it captures the view from the football team’s practice field. Unframed giclée prints are available for sale by the Eagle Booster Club for $50. Painting by Kit Watson.

“Where There’s a Will There’s a Way”
This watercolor was commissioned by the Chadron State Rodeo Booster Club as a gift for Champion preparing to ride at Chadron State’s home rodeo. Unframed prints are available for sale by the Booster Club for $50. Watercolor by Don Ruleaux.

Stadium Seats & Walk of Fame Bricks
You may purchase an engraved plaque for one of the seats already installed, or purchase a brick for the Walk of Fame. The plaque or brick can be engraved in your name or to honor a loved one, friend, mentor or anyone else the donor wishes to salute. The seat plaques are available for $250 each. The bricks for the Walk of Fame are $100 each.

Contact the CSC Alumni office if you are interested in purchasing any of these items at 308-432-6366.
Being ‘green’ gets CSC recognized

Chadron State College gets high marks for its efforts to help the environment in a recent report by the National Wildlife Federation.

The study, which was completed in conjunction with Princeton Survey Research Associates, lists CSC as an exemplary program for its activities for sustainability. CSC was the only institution in Nebraska or South Dakota listed in the report, which was released in late August. Only 36 other institutions were on the nationwide list.

Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration, said CSC is making a concerted effort to be “green,” and strives to operate with as small of a footprint on the environment as possible.

“We always try to do the right thing when it comes to the environment,” Grant said. “It’s important to be good stewards of what has been handed down to us, both environmentally and fiscally.”

The college received recognition on the report for having “on-campus clean energy sources and cogeneration.”

CSC has received a lot of recognition lately for its wood-fired heating and cooling system on campus which uses refuse from nearby forest operations. The boilers are fueled by refuse from thinning and logging operations in the nearby Pine Ridge National Forest. During the past year, the college has burned chips made from trees that were killed in wildfires.

Grant said the system not only helps the environment with its renewable fuel source, but also saves the college about $365,000 per year. That figure amounts to about 50 percent of its heating budget. The college heats its 21 major buildings and cools eight with the system which was initially completed in 1991.

CSC also is exploring ways to use wind and solar energy. At CSC’s request, the Western Administration Power Authority installed two wind monitoring devices - one near campus and one northwest of the community -- to determine the feasibility of implementing a wind generated power system. Grant said only administrative hurdles stand in the way of that venture as the units are reporting ample wind.

In an effort to conserve water, CSC has begun replacing much of its turf grass with wood chip mulch and exchanging non-native plants on campus with more drought resistant native varieties. In addition, “green” construction methods are being used for new building and renovation projects on campus.

Chadron State also has taken its emphasis on the environment to the classroom.

The Stream Team, an academic project at CSC, also has become known for its efforts in sustainability. About a dozen faculty members and more than 30 students from a broad range of learning disciplines began studying the Chadron Creek watershed in early 2007. The group was one of about 40 projects across the nation chosen to attend the Environmental Protection Agency’s Sustainable Design Conference in Washington, D.C., in April.

After collecting data and working with government agencies, landowners and other community stakeholders, the group found that water resources along the creek are being threatened by a variety of factors.

Child care center breaks ground on a new Nature Explore Classroom

Chadron State College’s Child Development Center kicked off its new Nature Explore Classroom project with a ceremonial groundbreaking in November.

Nature Explore, created by the Arbor Day Foundation, is a complete program of resources to help educators, families, and anyone working to connect young children with nature. About a dozen Nature Explore Classrooms have been created across the United States, including three in Nebraska.

The designs for CSC incorporate elaborate landscaping with a blend of natural learning features and existing turf. Some of the features will include raised planting beds, a crushed stone pathway, rocks for climbing, a greenhouse and a stage for performances.

Dr. Kim Madsen, the center’s director, and other organizers have set a goal to have the project’s six phases completed by fall 2009.

Madsen said she has already received at least one big donation, and has applied for a number of grants to help cover the $30,000 cost of the project.

Faculty member named social worker of the year

Deborah Stewart, Chadron State College associate professor of social work, was selected as the 2008 Western Region Social Worker of the Year by the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Stewart, a licensed clinical social worker, is director of the CSC social work and has served as adjunct professor and field director.

Stewart, a Colorado native, became licensed clinical social worker in 1993, five years after she earned a master’s degree in social work from Colorado State University.

The professor was nominated for the Social Worker of the Year in recognition of her efforts to expand professional networking opportunities for her students by linking them with colleagues in eastern Nebraska. CSC students have had the opportunity to attend the NASW-NE Legislative Day in Lincoln, and the NASW-NE annual conferences in Omaha. She has also worked to strengthen connections for professional social workers in the Panhandle.

Through collaboration with Florida State University, she has enabled several CSC alumni to obtain accredited masters of social work degrees via online education.

Stewart previously worked with the Veterans Administration in Prescott, Ariz., Tacoma, Wash., and in the Black Hills of South Dakota. She worked 11 years in a small, rural hospital in Washington state and had a private art therapy practice in Olympia, Wash. Her work has focused on mental health, rehabilitation medicine, and adjustment to disability and catastrophic life change.

New dean of students begins duties this fall

Kimberly K. Bright began her duties as the new dean of students at Chadron State College in November.

Bright, 51, was a director of academic advising and student records for Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, before leading CSC’s efforts to encourage student success. She said her new position provides a match of experience and new challenges that will help her grow professionally.

Bright was at SMU since May 2005, where she was director of academic advising and student records for the baccalaureate’s business administration program at the Cox School of Business. Prior to moving to Dallas, she worked at community colleges in Kansas.

She was employed at Butler Community College in Kansas for nine years beginning in 1996. At that institution she was the co-director of its campus in Rose Hill, and the coordinator of evening and weekend programming at its Andover campus.

From 1991-1996 she was employed by Coffeyville Community College. Her jobs there included director of adult basic education, director of international student services, assessment officer and adjunct instructor.

Bright has completed postgraduate studies at Fresno Pacific University, North Dakota State University and Pittsburg State University. She holds a master’s degree in Adult and Continuing education from Kansas State University and a bachelor’s degree from Kansas Newman College, now known as Newman University, in Wichita.
Nine enter CSC Athletic Hall of Fame this year

Eight former Chadron State athletes and the former long-time sports information director were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend in late October.

Three of them, Russ Anderson, David McCartney and Steward Perez, played football. The others are basketball stars Tricia Lukawski and the late Felix Sanford, track and field All-Americans Cory Shinkle and Caryn Martin Ziettlow and volleyball standout Wendy Grint Alexander.

Con Marshall, who retired in the summer of 2007, was also inducted into the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame for his meritorious service to the athletic program.

A sketch of each career follows:

Wendy Grint Alexander - volleyball

She played volleyball at Chadron State two years after transferring from Eastern Wyoming College, where she had been a first-team All-American and Academic All-American. She had similar success at CSC.

A native of Sargent, Wendy is now a teacher and coach at Ord High School. Her volleyball team won the Class C championship at the Nebraska State Tournament last fall. Her husband, Jason Alexander, a native of Lusk, Wy., also graduated from CSC.

Russ Anderson - football

A native of Anselmo, Anderson was an excellent linebacker for the Eagles. He led the team in tackles with 142 and was selected the Eagles' outstanding defensive player in 1989 and with 132 as a senior in 1991.

Anderson is married to the former Cheryl Bolen, a native of Alliance and a CSC graduate. They are ranchers in the Hyannis area.

Tricia Lukawski - basketball

A graduate of East Chicago (Ind.) Central High School, Tricia is Chadron State's all-time women's basketball leading scorer and possessed 12 school records when she graduated in 1993. She poured in 1,869 points in 100 games for the Eagles. She averaged 16 points as a freshman, 20.3 as a sophomore, 18.3 as a junior and 19.7 as a senior.

She graduated with a 3.83 cumulative grade point average and is in her 14th year as a physical education teacher and coach at schools in the East Chicago area.

She was inducted into the East Chicago Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Con Marshall – Meritorious Service

Con Marshall, who served as Chadron State College's director of information services and sports information for more than three decades, is inducted into the CSC Hall of Fame for meritorious service.

Although Marshall stepped down as a full-time employee at CSC, he has stayed highly involved with the activities on campus.

Marshall's wife Peggy helps prepare elementary education teachers at Chadron State. They have three adult children – Tyler, Sara and Perry – and seven grandchildren.

David McCartney - football

McCartney is one of the Eagles' all-time great running backs.

A native of Wright, Wy., McCartney had a particularly outstanding junior season in 1992, when he rushed 267 times for 1,359 yards and scored 25 touchdowns and two 2-point conversions to lead NCAA Division II in scoring with 154 points. He rushed for at least 100 yards in nine of the 10 games and earned first-team RMAC and Nebraska NCAA II and third-team Associated Press Little All-American honors that season.

McCarty is married to the former Stacy Drabbels, a Hay Springs native and a CSC volleyball player and graduate.

They live in Chadron, where he is employed by Great Plains Communications.

Steward Perez - football

Perez started every game for the Eagles at quarterback four years, and was one of the major factors in the success the team achieved under coach Brad Smith. He played with lots of moxie.

A graduate of Converse High School in Texas, Steward lives in San Antonio and works for a health care facility.

Felix Sanford - basketball

Sanford was an outstanding center for the Eagles in the early 1960s. He was placed on the Omaha World-Herald's Nebraska small college all-star team four times.

A native of Chicago, Sanford died of sickle-cell anemia when he was middle-aged.

Cory Shinkle - track and field

A native of Jackson, Wy., Shinkle had played basketball at Northwest College at Powell, Wy., two years and had not competed in track and field since high school when he enrolled at CSC.

Shinkle is a math curriculum and advanced placement coordinator at the Glendale Union High School District in Arizona.

Caryn Martin Ziettlow - track and field

This multi-talented Chadron native excelled in both track and field and music while attending Chadron State. She also was the CSC homecoming queen in 1991.

Caryn earned All-American honors seven times, including three times in the heptathlon. She was seventh as a sophomore and third as a junior at the NAIA National Meets. As a senior in 1993, she tied for second at the NCAA Division II Meet.

She is married to Todd Ziettlow. She is the elementary school principal at North Bend, and expects to receive a doctorate from UNL in December.

Hall of Fame Book produced

A book containing the biographies of the more than 200 members of the Chadron State College Athletic Hall of Fame has been published.

The 67-page book was produced on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Hall of Fame by the late Ross Armstrong. Pictures of many of the Hall of Fame members are included. Con Marshall and Alex Helmbricht in the CSC Sports Information Office wrote and designed the book. The CSC Print Shop did the printing and binding.

The $15 cost of the book includes shipping and handling. Orders may be placed through the Sports Information Office, Chadron State College, 1000 Main Street, Chadron, NE 69337. The proceeds will go into the college's Athletic Endowment Fund.
Dear Alumni,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health.

The start of the academic school year and the fall sports season has the Chadron State College campus brimming with excitement.

The football team hasn’t missed a beat from the previous two seasons. For the third straight year, the Eagles claimed the RMAC title and did it in impressive fashion, culminating in their third consecutive undefeated conference season. That mark is particularly noteworthy because no team in the 100-year history of the RMAC has ever had back-to-back undefeated conference records. For CSC to record a third straight undefeated conference record during the 100th anniversary of the RMAC is something the entire Chadron State community can take a lot of pride in.

While the football team certainly excelled on the field, the players also performed well in the classroom. Twelve players were named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic First Team, two others were named to the second team and 17 received honorable mention.

No other school in the RMAC had more than four players named to the first team and CSC led the conference with 14 total players recognized on the first and second teams. To be eligible, a player had to have at least a 3.20 GPA.

The volleyball team also performed well academically as eight players received all-academic recognition. Although the volleyball team didn’t experience as many wins as they were hoping for, coach Amy Spruiell is a dedicated individual and I’m sure the Eagles will continue to improve.

The women’s golf team also had a successful fall season and they’re sitting in fifth place in the conference with half their season remaining.

It’s hard to believe that the basketball, wrestling and track and field seasons are in full swing. Men’s coach Brent Bargen has a talented, youthful group to work with and I’m excited about Tim Connealy leading the CSC women’s program.

As always, wrestling coach Scott Ritzen has a gifted team and he’s told me this year’s team might be one of his best.

Track and field coach John Reiners also welcomes back many talented athletes and I’m looking forward to Chadron State hosting the RMAC indoor track and field championship in late February.

If you get the opportunity to see any CSC team compete, please take the time to do so.

Once again, thank you for supporting Chadron State College athletics. We look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Yours in CSC Spirit,

Brad Smith
Director of Athletics

Men’s basketball hoping for successful season

Although the Chadron State men’s basketball team only has four returning players from the 2007-08 campaign, third-year head coach Brent Bargen likes the group he’ll lead this season.

“I really like the group of guys we have,” Bargen said. “We have the best chemistry a team of mine has had since I’ve been here and I think we’ve improved offensively. We have a lot of young players, though, and so a lot of our success will depend on how fast they mature.”

Guard Marco DeSouza is the lone senior on the team and center Tyler Coffman is the only junior.

Joining them as upperclassmen are sophomore guard Tim McLaurin and sophomore forward Stacy McAlister. The remaining 10 players are freshmen.

The Eagles, who finished with a 7-20 record and a 6-13 mark in the conference, were picked to finish 12th in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference preseason poll. Although the Eagles didn’t end with the number of victories they were hoping for last season, they were in the position to win nearly every game.

CSC lost 10 games by single digits and posted a 6-6 record at the friendly confines of Armstrong Gymnasium.

Despite the inexperience, the Eagles have plenty of talent. McLaurin, who had the most productive offensive season for a freshman in school history by scoring 458 points (17.6 points per game), gives the team a proven scorer.

McLaurin also led the Eagles in rebounds (6.1) and assists (2.1) per game in 2007-08. For his exploits last season, McLaurin was placed on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference East Division Preseason All-Conference First Team.

“Tim is one of the hardest working and most competitive kids we have,” Bargen said. “He spends a lot of time on his game and we’re going to ask a lot of him this season.”

Helping carry the load will be DeSouza, Coffman and McAlister.

McLaurin and Coffman each started 18 games a year ago and both averaged at least six points and three rebounds.

McAlister, who played in the post last season, has moved to the wing, which is a more comfortable position for him. He averaged 6.6 points and 3.9 rebounds in 2007-08.

“I really think Marco’s numbers will improve because he has a lot more experience,” Bargen said. “Stacy is going to add a lot of size on the wing and Tyler gives great depth in the post.”

Redshirt freshmen Moala Tautuaa and Julian Pettway should also boost the Eagles on the court. Both have spent a year in the Eagles’ system and Bargen likes their improvement.

Tautuaa is a 6-foot-6 center with excellent athleticism and Pettway is a 6-5 forward who is adept at rebounding and shooting.

“Moala can be a difference-maker for us in the paint,” Bargen said. “He has good size and is a bouncy, athletic player. Julian is improving every day and because of his size, he’s going to help us a lot defensively.”

Joining Tautuaa and Pettway in the freshmen ranks are a handful of first-year players.

Jelany White, a 5-10 guard from Los Angeles could see major minutes as the Eagles’ point guard, and Bargen likes the toughness of Christian McGhee, a 5-7 guard from Pine Ridge, S.D.

Other freshmen guards who will add depth are David Downey, a 6-3 product from Scottsbluff, Jordan Lisco, a 6-0 player from Douglas, Wyo., Robert Martin IV, a 6-4 combo guard from Tallmadge, Ohio, and Kevin McClelland, a 6-4 prospect from Long Beach, Calif.

Bargen also likes the progression of Donte Archie, a 6-2 guard from Los Angeles, but he will redshirt this season.
While the 2008 Chadron State football team emphasized a passing attack, it’s safe to say the Eagles put together a pretty impressive run.

For the third straight season, the Eagles reached the 10-win plateau, claimed the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title and advanced into the NCAA Division II playoffs. Throw in a 27 game consecutive RMAC winning streak, a playoff win over Wayne State and 13 new school records, and it’s easy to see why the 2008 season was one of the most successful campaigns in CSC history.

“To me, it was probably the most satisfying season I’ve ever had,” CSC coach Bill O’Boyle said. “The defense played well all year and it was probably the most complete team I’ve ever been around. There weren’t any individuals, We played as a team and we won as a team. It was one of the hardest working teams I’ve seen.”

Led by 10 players who were named first team all conference, including Offensive Player of the Year Joe McLain, the Eagles were a force to be reckoned with. They averaged 33.4 points a game, while allowing just 16.2 to their foes on route to their 11-2 record. McLain, who ended his career with a 38-4 record as a starter, set four new school records before having his senior season cut short with a broken collarbone in the Eagles’ 23-17 first round playoff victory over Wayne State.

The defense, led by a bevy of seniors - many were four-year standouts – was stout. The Eagles were among the top 10 in NCAA Division II in several defensive categories, including total defense, sacks per game and rush defense.

The leadership from the 19 seniors was also valuable. In addition to becoming the first class of CSC football players to qualify for the playoffs three years in a row, they helped the Eagles become the first team in the 100-year history of the RMAC to win three straight conference titles while having an unblemished conference record.

“The work ethic and the leadership was outstanding,” said O’Boyle of the senior class, which finished with a 39-10 record in four years at CSC. “This was a group that we didn’t have to say a lot to. It meant so much to them to be prepared each week and guys were always in here watching film on their own. This group really put their time in and hopefully it rubbed off the younger guys.”

Football Records Set in 2008

**Individual Records**

- Most touchdown passes in a season: Joe McLain, 28
  Previous record: John Riggs, 27 (1985)
- Most passes completed in a game: Joe McLain, 38 vs. Pittsburg State
  Previous record: Shawn Eisenreich, 37 vs. Fort Lewis (2003); Joe McLain, 37 vs. Abilene Christian (2007)
- Most passes completed in a season: Joe McLain, 238
  Previous record: Joe McLain, 220 (2007)
- Best completion percentage in a season: Joe McLain, 63.6%
  Previous record: Joe McLain, 60.2% (2006)
- Highest kickoff return average in a season: Maurice Threatts, 32.4 yards
  Previous record: Brandon Harrington, 31.3 (2007)
- Most receptions in a season: Brandon Harrington, 82
  Previous record: Duane Smith, 72 (1985)
- Most field goals in a season: Travis Atter, 17
  Previous record: Jay Masek, 16 (1990)
- Most extra points in a career: Travis Atter, 162
  Previous record: Jay Masek, 116 (1987-90)
- Most points kicking in a career: Travis Atter, 279
  Previous record: Jay Masek, 267 (1987-90)

**Team Records**

- Net yards passing in a season: 3,023
  Previous record: 2,999 (2001)
- Most passes attempted in a season: 450
  Previous record: 404 (1998)
- Most passes completed in a game: 38 vs. Pittsburg State
  Previous record: 37 vs. Fort Lewis (2003) and Abilene Christian (2007)
- Most passes completed in a season: 287
  Previous record: 235 (2007)

Members of the CSC football team raise the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference trophy after claiming their third straight conference title. The Eagles have won 27 consecutive RMAC games, something that’s never been done in the 100-year history of the RMAC.
Women look to improve under guidance of first-year coach

The Chadron State College women’s basketball team took a big step forward last season and new head coach Tim Connealy hopes the Eagles make similar progress in 2008-09.

CSC had a 9-18 record a season ago and eight players, including four starters, return this year.

“We have a good group to work with,” said Connealy, a Chadron native, who was hired in late July after serving as the main assistant coach at the University of Nebraska-Kearney the past few seasons. “I tell the girls all time that I want them to play harder than the other team did. I’m not really into wins and losses, but I really feel like we have a solid group to work with and I’m excited for the season to begin.”

The Eagles, who had a 6-13 record in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, were picked to finish 11th among the 14 teams by the coaches in the preseason poll.

“We were picked last in the East Division and that really got the attention of the girls,” Connealy said. “I’m going to always teach the fundamentals, but I tell the team to give me defense and rebounding, and the offense is up to them as long as they score.”

The returning starters for Connealy are all talented. Sunni Busch, a 5-foot-8 junior guard from Mission, S.D., has already had a stellar career for the Eagles. She’s in the top 20 all-time scorers and led the team in nearly every statistical category a season ago by averaging 13.4 points, 6.1 rebounds and 2.6 assists a game. Busch was named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference East Division Preseason All-Conference Team and Connealy expects big things from her.

“Sunni is a team player and she wants to win,” he said. “We’re really expecting her to have another good year and she has an unbelievable feel for the game.”

Joining Busch in the backcourt will be junior Samantha Arkulari, a 5-7 point guard who averaged 8.1 points and 3.2 rebounds a game last season, and senior Kristy Long, a 5-8 senior who scored just over 10 points a game.

In the frontcourt, CSC will look to one of its two seniors, Chelsea DeHaven, to provide good defense and rebounding, both things she’s highly capable of doing.

Alyssa Lyman, a 5-9 junior guard/forward, Trysta Gruber, a 5-5 shooting guard, Whitney Segelke, a 5-7 guard, and Vanessa Schroeder, a 5-9 guard, also return to add some much-needed depth and scoring. Lyman is a solid shooter who is comfortable anywhere on the floor and Gruber started five late-season games last winter while averaging over five points. Segelke is also a proven scorer and Schroeder sees the floor well.

“I think the strength of our team is going to be our play on the perimeter,” Connealy said. “I tell the girls all time that I want them to play harder than the other team did. I’m not really into wins and losses, but I really feel like we have a solid group to work with and I’m excited for the season to begin.”

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Tim Connealy hired as CSC women’s basketball coach

Tim Connealy, who has been a graduate assistant and assistant head coach at the University of Nebraska-Kearney the previous four seasons, has been hired as the head women’s basketball coach at Chadron State College.

Connealy, a Chadron native, replaces Mike Maloney, who resigned late in July.

“I think we’ve turned a situation that could’ve been stressful into a positive one by hiring a young coach the caliber of Tim Connealy,” Smith said. “He has a tremendous knowledge of the RMAC and a great recruiting ability with a strong following of coaches who respect him. I think he’ll take this program to the next level.”

Connealy joined the Lopers in 2004 as a graduate assistant and was promoted to assistant coach in the summer of 2006. During his four years working under UNK head coach Carol Russell, the two helped lead the Lopers to an 84-46 record and a 57-19 mark in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, including two NCAA tournament berths. In the 2006-07 season, the Lopers advanced to the Sweet 16 and Connealy was the acting head coach during the Regional Final game against North Dakota while Russell was recovering from giving birth.

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Eagles expect to have outstanding season

Led by five proven seniors, two of whom have been national champions, this should be a banner season for the Chadron State College wrestling team. Coach Scott Ritzen, who is in his 22nd season with the Eagles, believes this year’s team has the potential to be his best.

The national champs are Brett Hunter, who won the 165-pound title in 2007, and Josh Majerus, who captured the 177-pound prize last season after being the runner-up the year before. ‘They alone are enough to make any coach optimistic about the season outlook. And, they have some excellent help.’

The other senior standouts are Devlon Webb, who during his third trip to nationals last season broke loose to place fifth at 125 pounds, and a pair of national qualifiers from the past—Willy Jones at 165 in 2004-05 and Shaine “Pete” Odell at heavyweight in 2006-07.

CSC, RMAC schools partner with B2 Networks

Earlier this summer, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Commissioner J.R. Smith announced a multi-year partnership with B2 Networks. Regular season and conference championship events from many of the campuses in the RMAC, will be broadcast via the B2 Networks.

B2 Networks is a premier provider of reliable and secure international television and pay-per-view broadcasting systems. Their worldwide network of arenas, stadiums, local venues and data centers are currently in use to distribute live sports and events to personal computers, television screens, mobile devices and commercial venues around the world. For the B2 Networks’ Programming Guide visit www.b2tv.com, or for information about B2 Networks, visit www.b2now.com.

Volleyball team taking strides to improve

Although the Chadron State volleyball team didn’t end its 2008 season with the number of wins it was looking for – the Eagles finished with a 3-26 record – coach Amy Spruiell feels the pieces are in place for future success.

“We have a young setter who trained well this year and we’re looking for her to do good things in the future,” she said. “We have a good nucleus of experienced players, especially on the defensive side.”

To be sure, the Eagles will have to replace some holes left by five graduating seniors, but with six underclassmen and three redshirts getting into the action next season, Spruiell is excited about the potential her team possesses.

“We feel like we have a solid recruiting class and I’m really excited to see the incoming freshmen work together with the returning team members,” she said.

Despite the losing record this season, there were several bright spots for CSC. Senior libero Jennifer Luatua was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. It’s the first time in school history a volleyball player has won a conference player of the year award. Luatua, a senior libero from Everett, Wash., led the Eagles with 483 total digs and averaged 5.62 digs a set. Luatua’s average of 5.62 digs led the nearest RMAC defensive specialist by more than one dig.

For her career, Luatua averaged 5.22 digs a set (1,233 total), the highest dig average of any volleyball player in Chadron State history. Luatua was a three-year letter winner and a team captain in 2008.

Jamie O’Brien also had a solid season, exemplified by her consistent play at a variety of positions, and Spruiell liked the steady progression of true freshman setter Skye Duncan.
'50s
Jim Weber '58, Purdum, won five medals at the National Veterans Wheel Chair Olympics in Omaha, July 25-29, 2008.

'60s
Con Marshall '63, current CSC staff, Chadron, received awards in the District 7 College Sports Information of America Fred S. Stabiley Sr. Writing Contest.

James Ayres BA '67, MA '72, Ogallala, taught in the Ogallala school system for 40 years and retired in May 2007.

Dick Kettlewel '68, Buffalo Gap, S.D., has published two books containing his wildlife photos and is working on a third.

'70s
Cheryl Schwarzkoph '70, Forsyth, Mont., retired in May, 2008, after teaching for 35 years in the Forsyth Public Schools but is still working 1/3-time as an elementary school counselor. She and her husband Bill enjoy travel, golf and attending their grandkids’ activities.

Thomas McNamme '72 and his wife Annabelle celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary June 22, 2008. They live in Laramie, Wyo.

Darrel McDonald BA '72, BS 73, SPE '77, is the assistant director of education and training at Stephen F Austin State University. Darrel is part of the Columbia Regional Geospatial Service System (Columbia Center) that received a $4 million appropriation to continue support of regional geospatial support for emergency response, economic development and resource management. The center was involved with mapping applications for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. He and his wife J.P. live in Lufkin, Texas.

Randy Pollard '74 has retired from Greeley Public Schools after 35 years of teaching and coaching. He and his wife Georgie live in Greeley, Colo.

Randy Butcher BS '75, SP '03 was hired as Goshen County (Torrington, Wyo.) School District's director of special services this fall.

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Susan Cummings MS '95 began duties as Emerson Elementary principal in Alliance during August 2008.

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Justin Bruening att '00 is an actor starring in the television show “Knight Rider.” He lives in New York, N.Y.

Jess Roberts '00 has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service to the United States during Operation Iraqi Freedom June 14, 2008. Capt. Roberts acted as Col. Ball’s primary legal counsel and advised in ethics, criminal, claims, fiscal and administrative law and also oversaw the successful Legal Assistance Program for soldiers that provided legal advice for soldiers in family, consumer, probate and tax law. Jess is a JAG Officer in Washington, D.C., and lives in Annandale, Va., with his wife Brittany.

Michelle Reiners '00 was named the McCook Community College head volleyball coach this fall.

Angie Matson-Rufenacht '02 was named the 2008 On-campus Bookstore Runner-Up at Black Hills State University as the director of the Program for Special Needs Individuals.

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Al Ford '81 was named the offensive line coach for Adams State College in Alamosa in July 2008. He and his wife Sally att '79 have two sons and live in Alamosa, Colo.

Kary McCaffery '82, Scottsbluff, received her master's degree in Reading Literacy from Concordia University in Seward in December 2007.

Michael O'Brien MA '85 has been selected by the Commission for Rehabilitation Services as the director of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. O'Brien previously worked for the DRS as administrator of the vocational rehabilitation division. He also owns and manages O'Brien Consulting, a private firm that provides private rehabilitation services, leadership consultation and training, and agency research and analysis.

Lori Russen '85 is the senior human resource manager for Sony Electronics. She lives in Escondido, Calif., with her husband Keith.

Bunny Pisacka '85 was honored by The Casey Tibbs Foundation as a rodeo cowgirl great. The Foundation pays tribute to the history of rodeo in South Dakota. Bunny lives near Buffalo Gap where she ranches with her family.

Dannys McCroskey '86 graduated from the University of Phoenix in October 2008, with a master of science in Counseling/Marriage and Family Therapy. Danny is employed at Leroy Haynes Center in La Verne, Calif.

Kay Hill '88, manager of the Eagle Pride Bookstore, has been named the 2008 On-campus Bookstore Runner-Up Manager of the Year. Hill was chosen from a pool of about 130 bookstore managers.

Angie Matson-Rufenacht '89 recently returned from China. She served as part of the United States Olympic Committee Sports Medicine Team and was assigned to Track and Field for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Angie is a certified athletic trainer and physical therapist assistant. Her past experience for the USOC includes medical staff for the 2005 World University Games in Izmir, Turkey; the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and in 2001, two weeks of volunteer service at the USOC Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Angie lives in Peyton, Colo., with her husband and two daughters.

Matthew Kanarick '89 participated in the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, in July 2008. He lives in Melbourne, Fla., where he is a financial planner.

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Scott Miller att ’00 has joined Idea Bank Marketing as a graphic designer. He and his wife Kelly live in Hastings.

Kathy Frush ’01 joined Des Moines University as a faculty member in the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery and also provides patient care in the Foot and Ankle Institute.

Kelsey Rasmussen ’02 recently moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where she is a teacher at Shepardson Elementary.

Jeff Nemecek ’03 was awarded the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award in October. He is a teacher at East Ward Elementary in Chadron.

Thomas Pratt ’04 is working as a dentist at Joan Albrecht DDS, and the West Central District Health Department in North Platte, where he lives with his wife Melissa.

Jamie (Wood) Kotschwar ‘05 graduated from Mesa Community College and lived in Jackson, Wyo.

Anthony Perlinski ’05 is working on a doctorate in land ecology and watershed management after graduating from North Dakota State University with a master’s degree in natural resource management in December 2007.

Loren Ditsch ’06 graduated with his master of science degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The focus area was community and economic development.

Jeff Larson ME ’07 accepted a position as an assistant coach at Black Hills State University for the 2008 season. He joins the staff as special teams coordinator and linebackers coach. Jeff and his wife Staci live in Spearfish.

Andrea Todd ’07 and her mother recently purchased Cakes by Connie in Alliance, a bakery and catering business.

Jerry Smith ’08 works for Direct Care Professional at Rehabilitation Enterprises of North Eastern Wyoming in Sheridan, working with special needs individuals.

Marriages
'70s
Lance Paris ’78 and Iris Rogers were married June 21, 2008. They live in Crawford and Lance works at Wal-Mart.

'00s
Melissa Burke ’01 and Matt Misikims were married July 6, 2008. They live in Chadron where Melissa works at Chadron State in the athletic department.

Heidi Lynn Ostrander ’03 and Brock Terrell were married Jan. 7, 2008. They live in Hay Springs.

Mikelle Boshart ’04 and Jay Wissing ’04 were married...
June 21, 2008. They live in Lincoln where Mikele is a registered nurse at Bryan LGH Hospital and Jay is a sales representative for Prairie Life Center.

Tessa Dormann ’05 and Jason Aschenbrenner were married Aug. 7, 2008. They live in Omaha where Tessa works at Pfizer Pharmaceutical.

Brad Bounous ’04 and Saria Masek ’06 were married July 18, 2008. They live in Sidney where Sara is a first grade teacher and Brad substitutes in the schools.

Carly (Peterson) ’06 and Jeremy Zakrzewski were married Aug. 16, 2008. Carly works at TierOne Bank.

Mitchell Biggs ’06 and Cassidy O’Donnell ’06 were married Aug. 2, 2008. They live in Laramie, Wyo., where Mitch is a claims adjuster for Mountain West Farm Bureau and Cassidy is a youth worker with the Laramie Youth Crisis Center. Cassidy will receive her master of business administration degree with an emphasis in Marketing in November.

Lacey Wilson ’06 and Jon Westerby ’07 were married Aug. 3, 2008. They live in Cairo and are both teachers in the Grand Island Public School System.

Kristin Morford ’07 and Derek Meyers current student were married Aug. 8, 2008. They live in Chadron.

Nicole Huckfeldt ’07 and Scott Goeder att ’07 were married June 28, 2008. They live in Chadron.

Brittany Clay ’08 and Daniel McDermott ’08 were married June 7, 2008. They live in Coralville, Iowa, where Daniel is a student at the University of Iowa.

Births

Parker Floyd to Sara Grant and Eric Wellnitz, current student, CSC staff, Chadron, June 25, 2008.

’90s

Brian Robert to Don and Lori Hyk Ebsen ’92, Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 15, 2007. He is welcomed home by his brother Eric.


Aiden Thomas to Sage ’94 and Tammy (Halley) Solon ’95 North Platte, May 7, 2008. He joins brother Andrew.

Holli to Jennifer and Clifton Matson ’95 Lincoln, April 27, 2008. Clifton is currently a business teacher and assistant football coach at Prague High School.

Barrett Joseph to Rebecca and Curtis Moffat ’95 Lincoln, July 31, 2008. He joins brother Bodie.

Abigail Jaya to Tim and Janel (Pinn) Hyncik ’95 Fairbur, July 8, 2008. She joins brother Bodie.

’00s

Fletcher and Max to Jake and Janell (Stokey) Stewart ’00 Chadron, Aug. 7, 2008. The twins are welcomed home by brother Dalton.

Aspen McKenna to Derrick and Andrea (Rasmussen) VerMaas ’00 Omaha, June 7, 2008. Aspen joins brother Kayden. Andrea has accepted a position as family practitioner in Blair after finishing her residency earlier this year.


Ruggin to Troy and Sarah (Magnuson) Meyer ’01 Hemingford, July 16, 2008.

Jack Nicholas to Nicholas and Kara (McCarville) Thomas ’01 Olathe, Kansas, Jan. 15, 2008.

Sophie Faye to Saphron “Ronne” (Harwick) ’01 and Ben Watson ’01 Rapid City, S.D., Oct. 28, 2008.

Zayne Grady to Damon ’01 and Jodi (Thomas) Mittleider ’03 Sidney, Aug. 27, 2008. Zayne is welcomed home by brother Mikah.

Lincoln, June 12, 2008. Nancy recently completed her master’s degree through Doane College.


Caleb Quinn to Jason and Sally (Patrick) Fedon ’99 Glenmore, Pa., July 18, 2008.

Caleb to Gregg ’99 and Amber (Stokes) Pelster ’01 Commerce City, Colo., April 24, 2008. He joins brother Ryan.

Mitch is a claims adjuster for Pfizer Pharmaceutical.

Cassidy O’Donnell ’06 and Mitchell Biggs ’06 and Tessa Dormann ’05 and Jason Aschenbrenner were married Aug. 2, 2008. They live in Chadron.

Kaitlynn Terese to Don ’03 and Kristi (Satterthwaite) Kleinasser ’03 Elba, Aug. 22, 2008. Kristi is a physical therapist at Howard County Community Hospital in St. Paul.

Riah Kadie to Marc ’03 and Samantha (Mooney) Fisher ’03 Chadron, July 18, 2008. Riah is welcomed home by brother Parker.


Taya Jo to Tracy (Finney) ’04 and Ethan Mann ’05 Omaha, Aug. 6, 2008. Ethan is working toward his Ph.D. at UNMC and Tracy is a registered dietitian at the Nebraska Medical Center.

Bridget Ellis to Lacey (Anders) ’04 and Adam Herring ’07 Sheridan, Wyo., July 16, 2008.

Carsen Allen to Jade (Hicks) ’02 and Dwight Malcolm BA ’03, BS ’06 Gering, June 11, 2008. Carsen joins big brother Kaden.

Owen Whitman to Jason ’02 and Kate (Ebke) Hesser ’02 Grand Island, Oct. 3, 2007. Jason and Kate have both graduated from University of Nebraska Medical Center with an M.D. and are completing a family medicine residency in Grand Island.

Alexandra Anne to Dave ’03 and Alyssa (Derry) Rasmussen ’04 Whitewood, S.D., Oct. 29, 2008. Dane has been appointed special agent for the Department of Criminal Investigation with the State of South Dakota and the family recently moved to Pierre, S.D.

Nanci recently completed her master’s degree through Doane College.

Obituaries

Friends

Donald Willis Forney, Rushville, died Oct. 28, 2008.

Thomas Cummings, Chadron, died Sept. 6, 2008.

Irina Hooker, Chadron, died Sept. 5, 2008.

‘30s


‘40s

Margaret Truwe ’42, Peoria, Ariz., died Sept. 6, 2008.

Esther Marcy ’42, Hay Springs, died June 27, 2008.

‘50s

Nels Christiansen ’52, Billings, Mont., died July 31, 2008.


Harold Reid ’50, Lubbock, Texas, died Nov. 9, 2008.

‘60s

William “Bill” Horst BS ’60, MS ’78, Arnold, died March 2, 2008.


‘70s

Kathryn Lukkes ’78, Council Bluffs, Ia., died Oct. 27, 2008.

‘00s

Benjamin Baum att ’01, Scottsbluff, died Sept. 13, 2008.

Austin Fischer ’08, Maywood, died Sept. 16, 2008.
Jo Lynn Chasteen-Love joins Living Legacy Society

The Living Legacy Society recognizes those who have made provisions for a future gift to Chadron State in their estate plans. We are pleased to have the opportunity to recognize these individuals, and thank them for their future gift during their lifetime!

Jo Lynn Chasteen-Love and many of her family members have a long association and deep appreciation for Chadron State College. For that reason, she recently joined the Living Legacy Society through the Chadron State Foundation. Those joining the society make provisions to leave a portion of their estate to the college.

Jody, as she's usually referred to, came to CSC from Laramie, Wyo., in 1966 with her long-time friend Linda Sandall Nitsch. They were roommates their first two years at CSC and remained close until Linda's death in 2004 while she was a business instructor at the college. She counts her friendship with Linda as one of her most treasured moments.

Now a resident of Loveland, Colo., Jody graduated from CSC in 1970 with a degree to teach English. Her first job was in the same classroom that her father, Joe Chasteen, once had at Laramie High School in Wyoming. She spent two years there, then taught three years at Gering High School before obtaining a master's degree in personnel administration from the University of Denver.

Jody said after that she became what her mother, the late Lorena Thomas Chasteen, referred to as “a corporate gypsy.” She spent much of her career in personnel management employed by Schlumberger Oilfield Services. She began working for the firm in Denver and was transferred to New Orleans, Simi Valley, Calif., Ann Arbor, Mich., Dallas, the Schlumberger headquarters in Paris, France, and Houston.

At the latter location, she met and married Harry W. Love, a Schlumberger executive. She retired from the firm in 1996, but now assists non-profit organizations and does volunteer work. The couple moved to Loveland after he retired in 2003.

While Jody has no children of her own, she has three stepsons, a daughter-in-law and her first grandson. She was one of the links that helped the Chasteen family receive the Family Tree Award for Chadron State in 2000. Her dad, a resident of Cheyenne, a former CSC football player and one of the most active members of the Purple Passion alumni group, graduated from CSC in 1950. Jody helped establish a scholarship at CSC in her father's name when the Family Tree Award was presented.

Other relatives who are CSC grads include an uncle, Robert Thomas of Torrington, Wyo., his daughter Debbie; a nephew, Todd Hallsted and his wife Angie of Casper, Wyo.; a cousin, Cindy McDaniel Frederick of Guernsey, Wyo.; her cousin Tom's wife, Debbie Moore McDaniel of Temecula, Calif., and the McDaniels’ daughter, Jennifer Younquist of Stockton, Calif. Several others also attended CSC.

"Dad always says that no matter what the question, education is usually the answer," Jody said. "Education helped us have great careers and Harry and I feel we have the responsibility to give back and do what we can to help others. That's why we established the Chasteen Family Scholarship and now I am joining the Living Legacy Society."

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A CSC student will contact you soon to request your support for CSC’s annual Phonathon. Please consider a gift to fund scholarships and campus services to ensure a scene at Chadron State College in which every student fits.