Donor’s home to serve as Chadron State College president’s house

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College’s president will have a new place to call home this fall, thanks to the generosity of one of the institution’s most ardent supporters.

CSC will take possession of the house at 702 East 10th St. this fall, which was constructed by Chadron State Foundation founder and community philanthropist Vern Chicoine upon his marriage to Madge Fortune in 1998.

Randy Bauer, chairman of the Chadron State Foundation Board of Directors, said houses have been donated to CSC in the past, but none as significant as the Chicoine home. The property, regarded among Chadron’s finest homes, is valued at $372,330.

CSC President Janie Park and her husband, Tom, plan to move into the house in September when the transaction becomes official. The property is handily located at the corner of 10th and Cedar streets, adjacent to the northeast corner of the CSC campus.

Before his death in 2003, Chicoine asked each of Madge’s three children if they were interested in the property. When none expressed interest, he decided to leave the property to CSC. Chicoine’s intent was for the residence to serve as a home for Park and presidents who succeed her.

Bauer said the Foundation, which has a policy to liquidate property it receives from donors, is making an exception in this case in order to fulfill the donor’s intent.

After receiving the property, the Foundation will turn it over to CSC. The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees approved acceptance of the property by CSC at the June 19 Board of Trustees meeting in Lincoln.

“The Chicoines have made Chadron State College and the community a better place, and this is just one more example of their generosity,” Park said. “This house will serve CSC and its presidents long into the future, just like the many other examples of Vern’s service, support and philanthropy on behalf of CSC.”

Park said the house not only has a convenient proximity to campus, but also is well-suited for entertaining the many guests of college presidents.

The house has been vacant since Madge moved to an assisted living facility in recent years. Bauer said Madge’s three children — Vikki of Phoenix, Ariz., Tom of Lincoln and Tim of Bluemont, Va., — have done an excellent job of maintaining the property since it became vacant.

Old Admin and football field among construction projects on campus

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College students who return for classes this fall will notice some changes when they arrive on campus.

Construction workers have been busy this summer completing a number of projects to improve facilities and upgrade aging structures.

Among the most noticeable projects is replacement of the parking lot south of Old Admin, formerly known as the Administration Building. With the $640,000 project, concrete is replacing the variety of surfacing materials that have been patched into the lot through the years. In addition to the 125-stall lot, the project includes a new plaza just east of Old Admin. The plaza will include plantings and ornamental landscaping.

Old Admin is the unofficial moniker given to the building by CSC officials to reflect the building’s renewed emphasis on academic instruction. Administrative offices, many of which were housed in the building since the college was founded in 1911, were moved to the renovated Sparks Hall and other locations on campus. Faculty members have been moving into the facility this summer as workers put finishing touches on the building’s $4.8 million renovation. Classes are scheduled to resume there this fall.

Another project on campus that calls for concrete is the construction of a new 1,000-foot retaining wall along the north side of Elliott Field on 12th Street. That upgrade includes a handicap accessible ramp near the Nelson Physical Activity Center, improved drainage and resurfacing of the south half of the street along the stadium, wrought iron fencing, sidewalk replacement and street lights. Total cost of the project is about $550,000.

Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration, said money for the projects is coming from sources dedicated to facility projects and not from the general cash fund, which was affected by this year’s budget shortfall.

While the scope of this summer’s construction on campus is similar to years past, the funding sources are different, he said. Much of the construction is being funded by appropriations made possible by Legislative Bill 605, which was signed by Gov. Dave Heineman in April 2006. The bill authorized more than $150 million to be used for maintenance and improvement projects at the Nebraska State College System and University of Nebraska system over the next 14 years. Other funding sources for construction on campus include funds made possible by continued on page 5
Letter from the President

Dear Alumni,

Again, another summer is flying by and the school year is fast approaching. There is much reason for optimism as Chadron State College begins its 98th year of service.

The campus is bustling with activity as construction workers and members of our maintenance crew are working to wrap up a number of projects before the fall semester begins. Among the most exciting happenings this fall will be bringing classes back to Old Admin, the newly renovated, state-of-the-art building formerly known as the Administration Building. As faculty members move into the building, the parking lot to the south is being completely redone. In addition, a new plaza between the Old Admin building and Sparks Hall, the new permanent home for the administration, will provide a beautiful central focal point to the campus. This fall, an Arts Committee will be working to choose and commission an appropriate outdoor sculpture for the plaza.

The plaza is just one of many projects on campus that are being beautified with plantings by CSC horticulturist Lucinda Mays and the CSC grounds crew. The campus has always been scenic, but the landscaping features added during the past few years have resulted in some breathtaking improvements.

It’s important to note that none of the construction projects on campus are being funded with dollars that could be used to help remedy the budget shortfall. The State of Nebraska has set aside funds that can only be used for maintenance and construction. We responsibly use those funds when they become available to maintain and improve this beautiful College.

Because of the depressed economy and its impact on our students and their families, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System approved only a very modest tuition increase for the coming year. Resident undergraduate students will pay $6 more per credit hour than last year. We have done everything possible budget wise to keep the increase as small as possible. Despite the modest increase, an education at Chadron State is among the most affordable in the nation and the best value anywhere. The investment in a college education continues to be an investment that pays large dividends to those who attain it.

As we conferred degrees to one of our largest classes ever in May, we celebrated another year of outstanding accomplishments and honors. One of the most recent honors of note was the presentation at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference centennial celebration this summer that Coach Brad Smith was voted the all-time Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference coach of the century. Everyone who knows Coach Smith personally is probably not surprised at this recognition because he is so deserving of this very special honor.

This fall we will begin planning the special events we will be hosting at Chadron State for our centennial celebration in 2011. We will keep you informed about the planning and will be looking to our alumni to help us in this “once in a century” celebration.

Please plan to visit your alma mater this fall and join in the excitement of another academic year. Excitement is already building for CSC’s Homecoming, which will be the week leading up to Oct. 3. Whether you arrive on campus during that event, or some other time, I’m sure you’ll like what you see.

Sincerely,

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

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Ann Smith receives Pathfinder Award

Ann Smith of Chadron was the Nebraska recipient of the Pathfinder Award given by the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports in Tampa, Fla., on April 3.

Smith was on the physical education faculty at Chadron State College for 25 years before retiring in 2005. She also coached cross country for five years and track and field for nine years at CSC.

The Pathfinder Award is presented to women who have demonstrated dedication to the advocacy, recruitment and enhancement of girls and women in sports.

After earning her bachelor’s degree from Chadron State in 1970, Smith began her teaching career at Bridgeport, where she coached the school’s first volleyball and girls’ track teams. Her first track team was the runner-up at the state meet and her team in 1974 won the state championship.

She earned her master’s degree from CSC in 1977 and joined the college faculty in 1980. She was presented the college’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1987.

Smith was the first Chadron State faculty member to receive the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award in 1985. She was presented the college’s Distinguished Alumni Award last fall.

Smith has been a Red Cross volunteer for nearly 12 years and has been deployed to assist with relief activities following 16 disasters in 13 states. She is currently teaching driver’s education at the Pine Ridge Job Corps Center.

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Watson selected for international committee, receives honor

Dr. George Watson, professor of justice studies at Chadron State College, has been appointed to serve on the development committee for the criminal justice test that is administered by the Educational Testing Service based at Princeton, N.J.

Six professors were selected to serve on the committee, which will revise the test that is used by colleges and universities to assess how their students have progressed and how they rank with other criminal justice students nationally.

Watson said he believes the invitation to serve on the committee is a tribute to the quality of Chadron State’s criminal justice program.

The other committee members are David Bowers Jr., University of South Alabama; Ronald Burns, Texas Christian University; Tammy Castle, James Madison University; George Higgins, University of Louisville; and Barbara Peat, Indiana University Northwest.

Each of the members is asked to submit 20 multiple choice questions to be used on the test. The committee will meet at least twice in Princeton. The first meeting will be early this summer and the second in the fall.

In late March, Watson was the recipient of the Founder’s Award presented by the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. In particular, he was cited for his contribution to international education and to the London Studies Program that has been a partnership between Chadron State and UNO since 1986.

Each May, students from the two institutions spend three weeks in London studying the law enforcement, judicial and corrections programs in that city.

Watson is the second person to receive the Founder’s Award. The first was Anthony Moore, a longtime official with Scotland Yard and the London Metropolitan Police. Moore assisted with the London Studies Program for 30 years before retiring.

About 125 people attended the luncheon where Watson was honored. They included Mike Fahay, the mayor of Omaha; Robert Houston, director of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services; and Col. Bryan Tuma, superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol.

Watson, who has a law degree and is a practicing attorney, was one of 25 attorneys designated fellows in 2008.

A native of Bridgeport, Watson earned his bachelor’s degree from Hastings College and his law degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has been on the Chadron State faculty since 1976.

Longtime fine arts chairman dies at 92

Dr. Harry E. Holmberg, longtime chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Chadron State College, died May 13 following a brief illness. He was 92.

Holmberg came to CSC as a music teacher and band director in 1953. He became division chairman in 1960 and filled the position until retiring in 1982.

Nearly a decade after he retired from CSC, he voluntarily taught scores of adults how to use computers. When he was past 90, he was still on the Chadron Civil Service Commission and played percussion in the Chadron community band. He was inducted into the Nebraska Music Educators Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Chadron State College Music Hall of Fame in 2006. He was born Feb. 5, 1917, in Chicago. He put himself through Northwestern University, where he received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees, by playing drums for dance bands.

His first job was band director at Boulder High School in Colorado in 1940. There he met his future wife, Margaret Leary. They married in 1944 while he was serving in the Army.

During a portion of World War II, Holmberg was a music officer in Europe. After the war ended, he remained in London and took graduate work at the Guildhall School of Music and directed a brass band.

Afterward, he was assistant band director and a music instructor at Iowa State University and was band director and taught music at Beloit College in Wisconsin, both for two years, before entering Florida State University, where he earned a doctorate in music education and audio visual.

He was hired at Chadron State less than a week before classes began in the fall of 1953. He was among the founders of Band Day during homecoming at CSC and the Post Playhouse, which began its 42nd season this summer at Fort Robinson State Park. After his wife died in 1990, Holmberg said he was searching for a pastime and enrolled in a computer science course at CSC. He also helped obtain a U.S. West grant to establish a computer lab at the Northwest Community Action Agency in Chadron. During the next few years, he used the lab to teach at least 200 people ranging from their 30s to past 80 how to use a computer.

One of Holmberg’s primary uses of the Internet was to communicate daily with his daughter, Marilyn.

Aside from his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Richard Alban, who died as an infant in 1957.

Food service director honored, promoted

The person in charge of food services at Chadron State College has earned special recognition from his employer.

Creative Dining Services announced the promotion of Tracy Shuck, Chadron State College food service director, to senior food service director and named him the 2009 winner of the Superior Performance Award.

“We are fortunate to have a person of his credentials working at Creative Dining Services,” said Steve Hilligan, president of CDS.

The award is presented each year to one of the company’s directors. The winner is selected from directors who are nominated by their peers. More than 100 directors work for the company.

“Tracy demonstrates superior leadership qualities, promotes professional growth and development in himself and his staff and shows a willingness to assist and support other accounts. These qualities have made Tracy an essential part of the midwestern region for Creative Dining. He is involved in oversight of multiple accounts ranging from public schools, colleges, camps and business accounts,” said Glenda Haley, CDS regional operations director.

Creative Dining Services provides hospitality services for corporations, educational institutions, and organizations seeking a partnership for hospitality needs. The services provided include dining, facilities management, hotel and conference center management, senior living dining services, camp dining services and dining services for elementary, middle and high schools. Founded in 1990, Creative Dining Services headquarters is in Zeeland, Mich.
Spotlight: Dr. Margaret Crouse

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. Margaret Crouse, an academic dean who is entering her 30th year at CSC. Crouse earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University, Master of Science degree from Oklahoma State University and Doctor of Philosophy degree from Oklahoma State University. Following are the questions and her responses.

Please summarize your employment history at CSC: I came to CSC as a home economics instructor in 1979. I had just finished my master’s degree and had been working with teacher educators at Oklahoma State so I was excited to be a teacher of teachers. Supervision was a big part of my responsibilities and required I travel two days per week in order to visit all the students at their student teaching sites. In those days CSC sent a car load of faculty to Scottsbluff four days a week to teach night classes (no interactive television or online classes in those days). As I recall I taught a Scottsbluff night class for some eight semesters in a row. I sure enjoyed traveling with the senior faculty and they took pride in mentoring – Not sure the advice was the best but the conversations were fun. In 1992 I became the Dean for Business/Economics and Applied Sciences. I served in that position for some nine years. After a two-year hiatus as a teacher, I became the Dean for Education, Human Performance, Counseling, Psychology and Social Work and the Dean of Graduate Studies. I suspect I will complete my career at CSC as an academic dean.

What jobs did you have before coming to CSC? After graduation with the bachelor’s degree I taught middle and high school for six years in Kansas at the Conway Springs and Chaparral schools.

Why did you take a position at CSC? The job allowed me freedom to design curriculum and work with student teachers.

How has the transition from faculty to administration changed your perspective? I see a bigger view of higher education and the operation of education at the post secondary level. I have a greater appreciation of the various fields of study and their place within the whole of a college or university program offering.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed at Chadron State during your tenure? The most profound changes have been the delivery mode for bachelor and master programs. The online competition for providing education has taken on a private sector, for-profit appearance. This forces the public and private, non-profits to look at marketing in a whole different way. I had often thought that the student and parent behaviors have changed to a more “my way and when I want it” action, but in reality this is probably just the ebbs and flow of social behaviors. My late ’60s early ’70s college years were pretty “me” oriented and our patience ability just the ebb and flow of society, but in reality this is probably just the ebbs and flow of social behaviors. My late ’60s early ’70s college years were pretty “me” oriented and our patience

What were your favorite courses to teach? The courses I enjoyed most were child development, human nutrition and international food policies.

Please tell us about your most memorable moment at CSC: I am not going to forget the fire as long as I live. Seeing trees explode and a fire ball come over C Hill was one scary moment.

What programs and activities at CSC make you particularly proud? The accreditation of the Education, Social Work and Business programs at CSC. Special Olympics with CSC students as the helpers. One of our CSC family and consumer sciences students was elected the national president of the Student Section of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Yvonne Moody and I could not have been prouder of our student. We also had a range management student who became the national president of the student section of the Society of Range Management.

Who are some role models you’ve had during your career? Dr. Merlyn Gramberg was my role model at CSC. He was my first administrator and I learned many things by watching him. My hero however is Dag Hammarskjöld. He was the secretary general of the United Nations when I was a young girl just beginning to pay attention to the world stage. To me at that age, he seemed to approach the world turmoil in a respectful and gentle way, yet he did not appear to back away from reaching the goal.

How would you summarize CSC to a potential student? An education second to none and a leadership opportunity that stands above the rest.

What is your favorite book? The favorite books change over time, presently my favorite is “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortenson.

Name a job or chore you had as a child or teenager: I worked summers as a truck driver during wheat harvest, not for my farmer Dad but for custom cutters who needed to hire local help if the wheat yields were really good. Later I worked summers at local grain elevators, weighing trucks and testing grain.

What hobbies do you enjoy? Music, especially singing.

What was your first vehicle? I received my first car at age 14 so that I could drive the 15 miles to the junior high school. That car was a red 1964 VW. Not much different from my Smart car!

Please tell us about a memorable experience from your college days: I loved college mostly for the social life, so my memorable experiences are frat parties, football games (Kansas State never won in those days so it was just a reason to get together), basketball games (KSU did win these, so I paid more attention to the games), and Aggieville in Manhattan, Kan.

Where is your favorite vacation spot? I have been to most states and several foreign countries, but I think I like the Black Hills of South Dakota best as a favorite vacation spot.
Tree seedlings get off to great start

A massive tree planting effort at Chadron State College this year has had a lot of help from above, according to those most involved with the project. The more than 50,000 tree seedlings that were planted south of campus this spring have gotten off to a great start, thanks to the frequent rainfall this spring and summer. It is hoped that the effort will result in a forested scene by the end of this century.

"I don't think we could have picked a better year in the last 20 years," said Lucinda Mays, the CSC horticulturist who led volunteers during the hand-planting portion of the project. "We were really, really fortunate. The project got off to a slow start as a spring blizzard forced many of the volunteer groups to reschedule their planting sessions. Despite the scheduling nuisance, Mays said much more good came from the storm than bad. "The blizzard made it hard to schedule, but it sure did make it easy to plant," she said. "The soil was damp at least 12 inches down, and we planted six to eight inches down."

And, the frequent showers into midsummer have given the fragile seedlings an occasional drink and helped increase the survival rate.

Mays said most of the trees are "green and growing," although a few have been damaged by deer. The plantings contain not only ponderosa pines, but other evergreens, shrubs and deciduous trees.

In all, about 52,200 trees were given a home in the 30-acre area. For 12,200 of them, Mays led more than 35 groups up the hills to hand plant in areas inaccessible by the machine planter. The groups represented businesses and organizations, campus clubs, school classes, athletic teams, college departments and youth organizations such as Boy Scouts and 4-H clubs. The 513 volunteers ranged from kindergarteners to senior citizens.

Construction on campus

The college is seeking bids on a project that will implement an access control system to the residence halls. Grant said residents will probably use an optical scanner or proximity card to enter the halls when the new system is implemented. It will be completed with revenue bond funds. The other bid is for the placement of light fixtures in Armstrong Gym, Armstrong Pool and the Nelson Physical Activity Center. The new high efficiency lighting is expected to save enough on utility costs to pay for its implementation in seven years.

Eagle newspaper wins awards

Chadron State College's student newspaper, The Eagle, captured second place in Best Overall Newspaper, and four staff members earned seven individual honors, in the annual Nebraska Collegiate Media Association's Golden Leaf Awards presented April 4 at Wayne State College.

The Eagle garnered 17 points, finishing a close second to Wayne State's, The Wayne Stater, which earned 19 points. In the individual competition, The Eagle staff members won four categories, took second-place in two categories and placed third in another.

"It's great that we finished second against a high-quality paper like The Wayne Stater," The Eagle's editor Jennifer Cleveland said. "I am proud that our staff members, who have worked so hard this year, earned awards and that all their hard work paid off."

Cleveland, a senior from Scottsbluff, won the Hard News/Spot News Story category for her piece about the December 2008 murder of CSC student Kenneth Pfeiffer. Cleveland also took two second-place awards, one in the News Photograph category, the other in the Feature Story category.

Savanna Wick of Morrill, a sophomore, won the Cartoon category for her depiction of the evolution of music. Wick also placed third place in News Photograph for her image of a CSC-student couple standing in the burned-out living room of their rented home, gutted by fire in early February.

Sophomore advertising manager Carmen Brown of Harrisburg won the Advertising Design category. Photographer Daniel Binkard, who graduated in December 2008, took first in Sports Photograph for a Sept. 6, 2008, football picture that captured CSC's inside receiver Isaac Stockton landing on his head in the end zone for a touchdown.

The Golden Leaf Awards in an annual competition open to students from all NCMA-member student-run media, which encompasses about 15 two-year and four-year institutions statewide. The competition recognizes student work in newspapers, radio, television and online media. This year eligible entries must have been published or broadcast between Jan. 1, 2008, and Feb. 21, 2009.
Commencement speaker urges grads to embrace the unexpected

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College’s most recent Distinguished Alumni Award recipient told the graduates of her alma mater May 9 to enjoy life’s twists and turns on the road to success. CSC President Dr. Janie Park presented the DA to Leanna Scott-Timperley, an oncologist and hematologist who earned degrees from CSC in 1974 and 1976. The award was presented during CSC’s undergraduate commencement ceremony in which Scott-Timperley served as the keynote speaker.

Scott-Timperley is president of the New Mexico Cancer Center Associates, a group of seven medical oncologists and hematologists. She treats malignancies and benign and malignant blood disorders. She also served as medical director for the Cancer Institute of New Mexico’s board of directors. The institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to patients who can’t afford certain aspects of treatment.

Scott-Timperley noted that the route to her current position in life has not been direct. “As a high school senior I approached one of my teachers and asked for a recommendation for a scholarship to attend Chadron State College,” she said. “She informed me that she would not write the letter, because I wouldn’t even graduate. It’s just possible that she knew something my parents had known for years. If you want me to do something, just tell me I can’t.” Of course, the Hay Springs native attended CSC and graduated with a degree in earth science in 1974. During her studies, she had dreams of earning vast riches working in the oil fields. However, following graduation, she followed her husband, Dale, who was setting out on a career as a teacher and coach.

“The only oil I saw was when I took the car to the garage for an oil change,” she said.

A year later, the two returned to Chadron where Dale entered the master’s degree program and Leanna obtained teaching certification. With their new degrees in hand, the two landed jobs in Hastings.

Despite teaching stints at O’Neill St. Mary’s High School, Hastings St. Cecilia High School and Hastings College, Leanna soon discovered that teaching wasn’t for her. She instead became attracted to a career in the physician’s assistant after meeting one who served on her school’s board of education. With the education she obtained at CSC, she applied and was accepted to PA school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. After working as a psychiatric PA at Hastings Regional Medical Center, she decided to advance her career again. She began medical school at the same time the couple’s daughter, Corey, was entering kindergarten. She graduated UNMC with an M.D. four years later. She practiced in North Platte before moving to New Mexico.

“It’s important to follow your dreams, regardless of your age, regardless of your circumstances, you have to achieve your goals,” she told the graduates. “If you want something bad enough, work for it. Work to make it happen, but don’t expect it to take a short time.”

Scott-Timperley got the itch to advance her career once again and decided to pursue a career in oncology and hematology in her late 30s. Despite her desire to help patients with tumors and blood disorders, six more years of study seemed like an incredible challenge.

“I lamented that fact that it would take so much time. I told my friend that I’d be 45 when I was done. Her question to me was, ‘So, how old will you be if you don’t do it?’”

In addition to crediting the patience and cooperation of her husband and daughter, Scott-Timperley said her parents were critical to laying the foundation of her success.

She said her father, who dropped out of high school but later earned General Educational Development certification, was one of the smartest people she’s ever met. “He could catch a fish when the guy standing next to him couldn’t. He was a farmer, rancher, a steward of the land. He was an environmentalist before it was vogue to be an environmentalist. He was a hunter, a rock hound, a lapidarian. He taught me right from wrong. He reminded me that I’m not better than anyone else, but that no one else is better than me. He taught me that I should treat the man who lived under the bridge the same as I would treat the president of the United States.”

She also gave credit to her mother who started college at the same time she did. “The hardest classes I ever took were the ones with her,” she said. “I worked like a dog and still could not beat her in a test.”

She encouraged the graduates to not let others define their path to success.

“Everything you need to succeed is in your possession right here and right now.”

She gave credit to CSC for building on the foundation set by her family. “It was the education I received at CSC that further enabled me to build upward,” she said. “It is a firm foundation, and one that you all now know.”

She also told the story of Pearl Fryer of Bishopville, S.C. “The son of a sharecropper, Fryer has overcome much discouragement in his life to earn national and international acclaim for the topiary gardens he’s begun and nurtured. He started the gardens with plants discarded from a local greenhouse.

She also recounted a long list of experiences with her patients that have given her inspiration.

“Every day when I get to go to work I have the opportunity to observe success. Not mine, but the people that I have the privilege of working with,” she said.

Similar to Scott-Timperley’s life, her trip to the graduation ceremony had many twists and turns. The airplane she and her husband were riding could not land in Chadron the previous day because of high winds. After detours to Williston, N.D., and back to Denver, she landed in Scottsbluff that evening and traveled to Chadron by rental car.

The college had scheduled to give the DA to the doctor during a surprise dinner in her honor, but was forced to postpone the presentation until Saturday’s ceremony.
Chadron State College graduate Larry Riley has been promoted to general manager of the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association. The announcement was made May 11 by the team’s president, Robert Rowell.

Riley replaces Chris Mullin, who was a star player for the Warriors before moving into management.

Riley, 64, has spent the last 20 years working for NBA teams as a scout and coach and in management.

A native of Whitewater, Ind., Riley earned four letters in baseball, three in basketball and two in cross-country while attending Chadron State in the 1960s. He was selected the college’s outstanding senior majoring in physical education when he graduated in 1966.

Ten years later, Riley was back at CSC as the basketball and baseball coach. His basketball teams had identical 17-9 records and his 1979 baseball team was one of just two from Chadron State to qualify for the NAIA District 11 playoffs.

Riley was inducted into the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

After leaving CSC, Riley coached basketball 10 years at Eastern New Mexico University before joining the Milwaukee Bucks as an assistant coach and advance scout. After six years with the Bucks, he was director of player personnel for the expansion Vancouver Grizzlies for six years and then was the No. 2 assistant coach for the Dallas Mavericks for six years before going to the Golden State Warriors as the top assistant under Don Nelson in 2006.

Riley has spent the last six-plus months as assistant general manager of the Warriors.

“We think Larry Riley possesses many characteristics that will allow him to be successful as the general manager of our team,” Rowell said.

“One of his primary strengths is his ability to work with a group of people to achieve a common goal, which his wide-ranging 20-plus years of experience at the NBA level will enable him to do on a day-to-day basis. It is that type of experience and insight that will prove invaluable as we move forward.”

Riley’s twin brother, Mike, who also graduated from Chadron State after playing basketball and baseball for the Eagles, is a scout for the Warriors. He and his wife live in Rapid City, S.D.

The Warriors were 29-53 this past season. They were second in the NBA in points scored, but last in points allowed.

A research project at Chadron State College is expected to help property owners grow healthier stands of buffalo grass, the turf species that has gained attention in drought regions because of its low water use and low maintenance requirements.

Shelley Miller of Minatare, a junior studying rangeland ecology, is working with Ted and Jane Grant of Niobrara Sod Farm LLC at Hay Springs on the project, which is designed to determine the best irrigation patterns and watering amounts for improving the rooting depth when establishing buffalo grass sod. The project began earlier this summer.

Buffalo grass, one of the region’s few native turf species, is a common warm-season, range plant of the short- and mixed-grass prairie regions of North America. It can be found from northern Montana and North Dakota to southern Mexico.

Grant, a 1982 graduate of Chadron State College who is donating the turf and most of the materials for the project, said he contacted CSC’s range management program after he was unable to find adequate information about the care and maintenance of buffalo grass to pass along to customers. It was especially difficult to find research about raising buffalo grass in the High Plains of northwest Nebraska and southwest South Dakota, he said.

“No place has weather like we have,” Grant said.

Grant worked with Dr. Chuck Butterfield, the Chadron State College professor who is supervising Miller, to secure a plot in the vacant area east of the Burkholder Complex suitable for the research. Miller helped lay out the plots, each of which receive a varying amount of water.

She also constructed a series of transparent tubes to map root development in the plots during the summer. At the end of the season, she will dry and weigh roots from the various plots to further determine the effects of various treatments.

Butterfield said the study will evaluate various chemical weed control methods when it continues in summer 2010.

Dr. Adam Lambert, Chadron State College director of bands, was one of about 45 conductors selected to attend the University of North Texas Conductors Collegium this summer. The event was June 15-26 at the UNT campus at Denton.

Lambert said the highlight of the experience was conducting what many consider to be the strongest college band in the world, the UNT wind symphony.

Each afternoon, 11 selected conductors rehearsed and conducted the band. Every three days, a new set of 11 conductors conducted an individually assigned piece of music in 20-minute slots while the others watched with copies of the music being performed. Observing participants sat directly behind the ensemble, listening through earphones to the comments being recorded to DVD by the clinicians.

Lambert said the DVD provided instant feedback, complete with comments in preparation for the next day’s rehearsal. The three days culminated with an evening concert, performed in UNT’s Murchison Concert Hall.

Lambert was selected to conduct “Canzona” by Peter Menin in the fourth round of the event. The morning schedule included daily lectures on subjects pertaining to conducting and rehearsing, instruction on score preparation and analysis and basic conducting technique. “It was an extraordinary experience,” Lambert said. “I was extremely impressed with the professionalism of the entire collegium. The University of North Texas Wind Symphony is truly outstanding. From the organization of housing and other details to the final concert, the environment was extremely professional and very well organized.”

The event was hosted by Eugene Migliaro Corporon, world renowned band conductor and coauthor of the series, “Teaching Music Through Performance in Band.” Other clinicians included Dennis Fisher, director of symphonic band at UNT, Dr. Jack Stamp, band director at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and composer of band music, and Dr. James Jordon, choir director at Westminster Choir College.

Lambert said the four clinicians were “absolutely outstanding” with each providing a unique perspective to the art of conducting.

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Seven retirees honored at year’s end

Chadron State College gave farewell recognition to seven retirees at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year.

Carla Crawford, Custodian

Carla Crawford served as a custodian in four buildings on campus since arriving at CSC in 1984.

After three years at High Rise, she took a four-year hiatus from the college. In 1990 she was hired to provide custodial duties for the Kline Campus Center, Brooks Hall andCrites Hall.

Carla said she has enjoyed meeting people and working with them to set up meeting rooms and dinners. Through her duties, she became acquainted with CSC employees and many other northeast Nebraska agencies and programs, including the Pine Ridge Job Corps, Chicago Northwestern Railroad, U.S. Forest Service and Elderhostel participants.

“Crites Hall is a beautiful building that I have enjoyed along with the office personnel who have made my years at CSC a wonderful experience,” she said.

In 1976, she earned an associate’s degree from Nebraska Western College in Scottsbluff.

Besides CSC, she worked at the U.S. Forest Service’s Halsey Nursery, was a secretary for two angus ranches, and was partner in Cummings-Crawford Auction Service.

LaVida Dickinson, Instructor, Communication Arts

LaVida Dickinson gained an outstanding reputation for knowing the news business while teaching Chadron State College’s journalism courses and serving as adviser of The Eagle newspaper from 1984 to August 2008.

Under LaVida’s guidance, The Eagle was in production every other week to once weekly. She also ushered in the use of computers for paginated layout and stayed abreast of the field’s ever-evolving technology advancements. The newspaper and its staff members garnered numerous awards for excellence throughout her tenure.

LaVida said she’s enjoyed each of the journalism courses, and said The Eagle was “her life” during her years as adviser.

“Almost all of the students in journalism classes and at the Eagle newspaper were enthusiastic, eager to learn, energetic, cooperative and tons of fun,” she said. “It’s a joy to stay in touch with many of them and hear about their lives and work.”

Journalism appealed to LaVida at an early age as she grew up on her family’s north-central South Dakota farm. She credits “the tremendous variety in a day’s work and the chance to write about what people are doing” for attracting her to the business.

“It all probably started in country grade school when we produced a school newspaper. We made copies one page at a time on a hectograph, not a machine but a pan holding a gelatinous substance.”

Before coming to CSC she honed her skills working in a variety of journalistic positions. Her experience includes reporting for the Rapid City Journal, freelance writing, working in information office positions at the University of South Dakota in Springfield and serving as managing editor at the Springfield Times.

She’s witnessed many changes in the business.

“Computers have completely revolutionized the way journalists work, but the basics of news gathering and writing remain the same,” she said.

A native of Mound City, S.D., LaVida graduated from Selby High School in 1961 and later earned a bachelor’s degree from South Dakota State University and a master’s degree from CSC.

She and her husband, Zane, have three children, Shelly, Derek and Danita, and three grandchildren, Karni, Jalen and Jillian. LaVida has a long list of hobbies to which she looks forward to devoting more time. They include compiling family history, camping, crossword puzzles, baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting and keeping up with friends, family and former students on the social networking Web site, Facebook.

Zane Dickinson, Assistant Professor, English and Humanities

As assistant professor at Chadron State College’s English and humanities department for more than a quarter century, Zane Dickinson has taught technical writing and composition to hundreds of students.

Zane, who plans to leave the classroom this fall, is known for his down-to-earth approach to teaching. He said technical writing has become much more informal and reader-friendly. He also believes grading in higher education has become more lenient and classroom management more demanding during his experience.

In addition to his years teaching, Zane served a period as CSC’s faculty development director. He also conducted the Teaching Analysis by Students program and served as campus chairman of the Chadron State Foundation’s annual fund drive.

Both in and out of the classroom, Zane has become known as one of the region’s foremost outdoorsmen. He said he plans to spend more time in the outdoors in retirement, and may write about hunting and fishing. Zane, who gives much credit to his mother for fostering his love of outdoor activities, helped organize CSC’s Hunting and Angling Club, a group he advised for many years.

After graduation from Hot Springs High School in 1960, Zane earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Dakota in 1966 and a master’s degree from Iowa State University in 1970.

In addition to CSC, Zane has taught technical writing at Iowa State, Rock Valley Community College in Rockford, Ill., and the University of South Dakota in Springfield. He also taught industrial journalism at USD-Springfield.

Zane started his career in education teaching high school math, biology and algebra in Vale, S.D. He also coached all the sports and taught elementary physical education in the school system. He said his experience teaching fifth-grade PE ranks up there with technical writing as his favorite teaching experiences. He also taught Spanish and biology to high school students in Newell, S.D.

Zane said a position at Chadron State appealed to him because it was close to his hometown and he had a high opinion of the institution because many members of his family had attended CSC.

He and his wife, LaVida, are parents to Shelly, Derek and Danita. Their grandchildren are Karni, Jalen and Jillian.

Dr. Clark Gardener, Professor of Education

Dr. Clark Gardener, who is retiring after 19 years on Chadron State College’s Education Department faculty, has never forgotten his heritage.

He was born in Shelby, Mont., and grew up on the family farm that had been homesteaded by his grandfather, an immigrant from Australia. With that background, Clark said he enjoyed reading about and researching rural education, and became an advocate for the retention and advancement of schools in rural America.

Clark has been a member of the National Rural Education Association for 24 years and was the founder and first director of the Panhandle Center for Rural and Small School Education that is now named the High Plains Center for Rural and Small School Education.

In 2004, Clark was elected to the Executive Committee of the National Rural Education Association and served in that capacity three years. When it was determined there were no courses available that specifically addressed rural education, Clark developed such a course and taught it online several years.

During the association’s convention in 2006, Clark was presented a plaque recognizing his “outstanding leadership and service in rural education.”

Clark majored in math while earning his bachelor’s degree from Montana State University in Bozeman. He graduated in 1966 and was a junior high math teacher one year before joining the Navy and becoming an electronic technician on a flight simulator during the Vietnam War.

After four years in the Navy, he was a high school math teacher and coach five years, then became an elementary teacher. He earned his master’s degree in elementary education at Northern Montana College and continued on next page.
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Karen Hughart
Office Assistant II

Karen Hughart has witnessed many changes in leadership and academic reconfigurations while working as an office assistant in the Burkhisier Complex for more than a decade. She has worked for three deans, one twice, during that period. Karen describes her duties as keeping the office of the dean running smoothly. Her tasks have included organizing the dean’s schedule, tracking budgets and updating class schedules and catalogs.

Hughart, who will step down at the beginning of 2010, began her work at CSC in 1996 as Dr. Margaret Crouse’s secretary in the School of Business and Applied Sciences. She worked under Dr. David Welch from 2002-2004, Crouse again from 2004-2006, and Dr. Gary White since 2006.

Despite the transitions, she said her duties have remained basically unchanged and she has many good memories and has always enjoyed her job. Before coming to Chadron State, she worked as office manager of the Dawes County Extension Office. She also worked in medical records and purchasing at Chadron Community Hospital.

Karen is a native of Pierre, S.D., where she graduated from Riggs High School in 1968. The daughter of a carpenter and homemaker, she has five siblings.

She and her husband, Alan, look forward to visiting the families of their two daughters, including their five grandchildren. Their daughter Shuna and her husband Tyler are parents to Haydn, Gareth and Kelyn. Their other daughter Stephanie and her husband Tony are parents to Joey and Jack.

Dr. Allen Shepherd
Professor of History

Dr. Allen Shepherd is concluding 37 active years as a Chadron State College faculty member this summer when he teaches sessions on “The Asian Cultural Realm” and “World War I.”

Allen says he was bitten by the history bug as a student at Madrid High School in Perkins County, Neb., and has visited many places where history was made. He has been to all 50 states and 84 nations, some of them several times.

Much of his traveling has been with his wife, Sara, who came to America with several family members in 1956 during the revolution against the communist dictatorship in her native Hungary. They met during Allen’s senior year at the University of Nebraska, where he earned his three degrees.

At CSC, Allen taught nearly 20 courses. They range from Nebraska and U.S. history to several other subjects, such as “The Ottoman Centuries,” “Europe in the 1920’s,” “Socialism, Marxism and Communism” and “The Napoleon Age.”

He is recognized as a leading scholar on European and Middle Eastern history, and is well-versed in late-medieval Hungary and the Ottoman Empire that ruled much of the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean region in the 16th century. Events during that era were the topics of many of the 38 papers Shepherd wrote and delivered at history conferences while at CSC.

About 20 of his papers were published and he is the author of books on the centennial history of his hometown, Madrid, and Billy “the Bear” Iaeger, a colorful character in the early history of Chadron.

Never one to be idle, Shepherd received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study at five U.S. universities after coming to CSC. He was selected for a seminar on Yugoslavia in the summer of 1972, was a Fulbright Fellow to Turkey in 1988 and a Malone Fellow to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in 1995.

Shepherd encouraged his students to travel and led numerous study tours for them. In 1980, he founded the Campus Historical Forum for history students. The organization raised funds by hosting the popular Oktoberfest on campus and used most of the proceeds for numerous trips he led, spanning from the California Coast and the Spanish Southwest to Washington, D.C.

“I really enjoyed those trips because I got to know the students much better than I would have otherwise,” he said. Nearly every trip resulted in slide shows he presented on- and off-campus.

He also led student groups on five European tours and co-sponsored two trips to Mexico and one to Hawaii.

The “crowning” experience while leading students, Allen said, occurred in 1992, when he coordinated the Nebraska Semester Abroad program that spent four months at Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the University of Leuven in Belgium.

Allen says he and Sara plan to continue traveling. His goal is to visit 100 countries.

The couple has two children. Phil is an investment counselor in Omaha and Lydia is a research chemist in Ohio. Phil has three children and Lydia has five.

Linda Wineteer
Office Assistant II

Linda Wineteer became a fixture in Memorial Hall, where she was the first person people saw when they entered the fine arts building. Her friendly demeanor helped many students and other visitors become comfortable on campus.

Linda has been an office assistant in Memorial Hall since 1992. During that time, she has been instrumental in assisting CSC’s programs in visual and performing arts, cultural programs and college relations.

While Linda has been responsible for a long list of clerical and secretarial duties for the department, she said her favorite part of the job has been to assist students and visitors who enter M-Hall by informing them of the “amazing talent and energy” to be found in the building.

Before coming to Chadron State College, she had jobs as a legal secretary and a bank bookkeeper and teller. She also worked in retirement planning and customer service.

Linda was born in the Chesapeake Bay village of Betterton, Md., and graduated from Chestertown High School, a 30-minute bus ride from her hometown. She graduated from Hiram Scott College in Scottsbluff with a bachelor of arts in political science.

She said the vibrant activity of Memorial Hall appealed to her when she was seeking a job. “The energy and variety of work was right up my alley,” she said.

Following retirement, Wineteer plans to devote more time to her two favorite hobbies – baseball and baking. A die-hard Rockies fan, Linda developed a love for the sport as a child, when her dad served as a Little League coach.

Linda is married to Ron Wineteer, who has retired from teaching and directing Chadron’s Retired Seniors and Volunteers Program.
Students find value helping hurricane victims in Texas, Louisiana

By Con Marshall

Nearly 50 Chadron State College students learned firsthand during the recent spring break that helping others can be an exhilarating experience. Some of them even got to spend a little time on the beach, a favorite activity for numerous college students nationwide during the annual break from classes.

But it was much more work than play for the two groups from CSC who helped victims of major disasters in the South.

They came home feeling they had made a difference and were proud of the way they had spent their time.

Forty of the students went to the Galveston area in southern Texas to help with the cleanup from Hurricane Ike, which struck the Gulf Coast on Sept. 13, 2008. The others went to New Orleans to help repair the damage done nearly four years ago by Hurricane Katrina.

"Being able to help people in need is a feeling you can’t explain unless you’ve actually done it," said Janelle Read, a CSC student from Crawford who went on the Galveston trip. "I’ll never forget the week I spent in Texas."

The Galveston trip was organized and led by Deena Kennell, director of the internship program at CSC. The other sponsors were Jim Sheaffer, longtime political science professor at CSC and a frequent participant in good deeds activities, and Tara Hindman, a CSC graduate assistant.

This was the second year in a row Kennell has led a group that helped storm victims. Last year, she took 12 students to Biloxi, Miss., to help clean up the destruction that Katrina had done in 2005.

The New Orleans trip was headed by Sarah Polak, director of the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. She also led a smaller group to New Orleans two years ago.

The two groups had different tasks during their ventures.

Those going to Texas did extensive physical labor, such as cleaning up fallen trees, tearing shingles off a roof and knocking down a garage that had been heavily damaged by the hurricane.

In New Orleans, the students helped the Catholic Archdiocese reclaim archival materials and refurbish artifacts that had been soaked by the flood that nearly washed the city off the map when Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005.

The Galveston trip worked under the auspices of the National Relief Network, although it did not provide funding. The latter was a mixture of appropriations from several college funds, a grant from the Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education, donations from the community and out-of-pocket contributions by the participating students.

While the students were there, they earned a reputation for hard work. Kennell said. In just three days they ripped through four feet of debris, tore shingles off a home after gale-force winds had lifted them out of place, cleared five lots of at least a ton of debris that had been washed onto the shore by the hurricane, and knocked down a garage that had been left worthless by high waters. In the midst of all of this, the students did have time to spend one afternoon on the beach.

"We saw a lot of buildings that are still structurally sound, but need to be gutted and given a whole new interior," Kennell said. "Of course, a lot has already been done, but it was such a massive storm that there is still much to do."

The trip was an amazing experience, said Amy Prince, a student from Hill City, S.D.

"The fact that 40 of us were able to work so well together and how we accomplished so much was phenomenal," Prince said. "We were given some pretty hard tasks, yet we tackled each one of them. I feel so blessed that I was able to go on this trip and help out those affected by the hurricane. I would do this again in a heartbeat.

Another of the participants, Jessica Roit of Ohiowa, Neb., had similar thoughts.

"I have never seen a more profound example of teamwork than I saw while working in Texas," Roit said. "There is a whole new level of beauty in watching people helping people."

Similar feelings were expressed by several of those who went to New Orleans, where the work was tedious and time-consuming.

Some of the CSC students had taken classes Polak teaches in museum studies and assisted with chemical treatment of materials and cataloging. The church’s archives, particularly of events such as births, baptisms and marriages, became vitally important after many families had those records washed away.

The CSC students also helped recover regalia, artifacts and statues belonging to the archdiocese.

One of the participants, Jovan Mays of Aurora, Colo., said it would seem that after nearly four years since Katrina hit New Orleans most of the damage would be repaired. But after seeing the city in person, it is easier to understand the situation.

"You learn that sometimes embracing a struggle can help you grasp the severity of the destruction and the remaining after effects,” he said.

More than 40 employees honored at banquet

More than 40 employees of Chadron State College received special recognition during the institution’s annual faculty and staff recognition banquet.

Dr. Wendy Waugh, CSC professor of business, received the Teaching Excellence Award, which is presented annually to the institution’s outstanding educator.

Seven retirees and 36 employees celebrating anniversaries for years of service also received special recognition. Following is the complete list of employees celebrating anniversaries.

35 years: Audrey White, Sally Zahn.
30 years: Brenda Barry-Schommer, Margaret Crouse, Yvonne Moody, Sherri Simons.
25 years: Zane Dickinson, William Roweton, Mark Stephens, Kathy Stokely.
20 years: Greg Butler, Dewayne Gimeson, Kim Huckfeldt, Robert Zillig.
15 years: Melvin Ainslie, Kathy Bahr, Mike Bogner, Blair Brennan, Linda Evans, Shellie Johns, Norma Nealeigh, Bill O’Boyle, Laure Sinn, Don Watt.
10 years: Alan Cisneros, Dale Grant, Patti Nemeth, Laura Gaudet, Bruce Huckfeldt, Roger Mays, Kenny McKinnon, Jeri Neuharth, Jerome Patterson, Rob Stack, Deane Tucker, Georgia Younglove.
Awards presented at Ivy Day

A long list of awards were presented to graduating seniors during Ivy Day on Friday, May 8, in Memorial Hall.

Three seniors from eastern Nebraska were the 2008-09 recipients of Platinum Eagle awards. They are Jessica Cervantes of West Point, Sara Pilakowski of Genoa and Barrett Hahn of Aurora.

The Platinum Eagles are generally awarded to one female and one male for “distinguished leadership and service.” The awards are considered the highest honor a CSC student can receive.

This is the first time in the 20 years that the awards have been given that there were more than two recipients.

Chelsea Keeney, a junior from Callaway who headed the selection committee, made up of students and faculty, said the contributions by Cervantes and Pilakowski were so outstanding that it was necessary to honor both of them.

Cervantes has been secretary, chief justice and president of the Student Senate, vice president of the Health Professions Club, a new student orientation leader, an honor student of the Physical Activity Center, an anatomy and physiology mentor, a new student orientation leader.

The other finalists for the Platinum Eagle award were Pamela Anderson, Minden, Keri Byczkowski, Sterling, Colo.; Mike Aiphone, Kemmerer, Wyo.; Grant Sasse, Monument, Colo.; and Kyle Schmidt, Gordon.

The 2009 Ivy Day royalty are seniors Erin Ridder of Callaway and Tyler Lebsock of Yuma, Colo. The first attendants to the royal couple were Rachel Wickman of El, Neb., and Chance Galey of Crawford. The other queen’s attendants were Ashley Krause of Big Springs and Pilakowski.

The other king’s attendants were Danny Hanlon of Crawford, Nathan Stec of Valentine and Schmidt.

Schmidt served as the orator representing Blue Key. The Cardinal Key orator was Melissa Johnson of Sidney. Dr. Clark Gardener, who is retiring as a professor of education this summer, was the faculty greeter.

Nearly 60 seniors also were recognized as the outstanding scholars in their academic areas during the ceremonies. The colorful event is sponsored by Blue Key and Cardinal Key National Honor Societies.

Seniors receiving outstanding scholar awards from each academic area are:

- Accounting-Greg Kusek, Alliance.
- Agribusiness-Eric Ide, Holdrege.
- Art-Tania Bad Mocassin-Swewczyk, Pringle, S.D.
- Biology-Lindsay Drake, Rapid City, S.D.
- Business Administration-Barrett Hahn, Aurora.
- Communication-Ashley Milton, Cody.
- Computer Arts-Bethany Banks, Wausau; Daniel Binkard, Ponca; Jennifer Cleveland, Gering; Tabitha Murphy, Rapid City, S.D.; Deann Searns, Edgemont, S.D.
- Criminal Justice-Sarah Chavez, Rawlins, Wyo.
- Elementary Education-Amie Retchless, Bridgeport.
- Environmental Resource Management-Pamela Johnson, Columbus.
- Family and Consumer Sciences-Holly LaRue Newbold, North Platte.
- Finance-Jared Koester, Peetz, Colo.
- Health Jennifer Kardos, Chadron.
- Health Sciences-Michelle Schultz, Grand Island.
- History-Zack Olson, Broken Bow.
- Justice Studies-Jorge Pla Redondo, Valencia, Spain.
- Language Arts-Megan Horn Billings, Mont., and Tom Olesky, Valentine.
- Law Enforcement-Christopher Craig, Sidney, and Sean Lerman, Douglas, Wyo.
- Legal Studies-Adam Hoesing, Clearwater.
- Management-Audrey Roberts, Hot Springs, S.D.
- Management Information Systems-Lionel Newberry, Scottsbluff.
- Marketing-Ami Felphoelter, Broadwater.
- Mathematics-Tyler Bartlett, Chadron.
- Middle School Education-Molly Ford, Cody.
- Molecular Biology-Daniel Hanlon, Crawford.
- Natural Sciences-Chase Rasby, Sutherland.
- Psychology-Erica Croft, Monument, Colo.; and Jessica Vahrenkamp, Rapid City, S.D.
- Range Management-Daniel Ruterebories, Ord.
- Recreation-Lyn Ausdemore, Valentine.
- Social Work-Valerie Rahrs, Marquette.
- Social Sciences-Adam Sterup, North Platte.
- Special Education-Raycheal Steininger, Sidney.
- Theatre-Erica DeBoer, Morrill, and Shelby Wilson, Benkelman.

Three special awards also were presented at Ivy Day. The Student Leadership Award given by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools went to Hahn. The National Business Education Association Award was presented to Ryan Mader of Buffalo, Wyo. The Clyde Bond Memorial Award that goes to seniors who displays outstanding character, leadership and athletic ability went to Pilakowski and Zach Wheeler of Sheridan, Wyo.

Large class graduates in May

Chadron State College conferred degrees to one of its largest classes ever with graduation ceremonies May 9.

This year’s class had 295 candidates for degrees. It included 52 students earning graduate degrees and 243 earning bachelor’s degrees.

The graduating class represents 26 states and nations.

Following is the breakdown:

States: Nebraska 192, Wyoming 42, South Dakota 18, Colorado 16, California 3, Arizona 2, Wisconsin 2, Florida 1, Georgia 1, Kansas 1, Massachusetts 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Montana 1, North Dakota 1, New Jersey 1, Ohio 1, Oklahoma 1, Texas 1, Virginia 1, Washington 1. Nations: Russia 2, Ethiopia 1, Ghana 1, Spain 1, Philippines 1.
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Eagle Boosters News

Kickoff Cookout August 24
The annual Eagle Boosters’ Kickoff Cookout is set for Monday, Aug. 24, at the Chadron Ridgeview Country Club. Coaches from all of the CSC sports will present their previews of the coming season.

Cost is $7.50 per person, payable at the door. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the barbecue at 6 p.m. This is always one of the most enjoyable events of the year, so plan to attend! Make your reservations by calling the CSC Alumni Office at 1-800-CHADRON or 308-432-6366. The reservation deadline is August 18.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us for post-game receptions at the Country Kitchen following every home football game.
Watch for other athletic team post-game receptions in future athletic releases and on their schedules.

Check the CSC Athletics Web site for schedules & rosters:
www.chadroneagles.com

Coaches Corner
Listen to the coaches discuss the highlights of the week’s previous games and preview the upcoming games. Coaches Corner is every Monday at noon at Country Kitchen starting August 31.

Eagle Boosters Membership Form
Yearly Dues: $35 per family

Name ___________________________ Alum _______ Parent _______ 
Athlete’s Name _____________________
Address ____________________________
City __________________ State _______ Zip _______
Phone _____________________________
E-mail ____________________________

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Football Gatherings
Watch for additional information in the football programs

Date/Time Location
8/29, 10 a.m. Alumni Tailgate, south side of Sparks Hall
9/5 Pittsburg State, look for CSC in section I
9/26 Pregame at Kearney Country Club
10/24 Pregame at Colorado Mines

Eagle Boosters News

2009–10 Galaxy Series Calendar

Performances

Main Gallery Art Shows

Aug. 24–Sept. 18 Sheldon Art Museum

Sept. 23–Oct. 20 Gregory Blair (Music)

Oct. 26–Nov. 20 Rich Klages

Nov. 30–Dec. 11 Senior Art Show

Jan. 11–29 Robert Mullennix

Feb. 3–26 Roberta Condon (Cowboy Music)

Mar. 3–26 Adrienne Watson

Mar. 30–April 15 Senior Art Show

April 19–30 All-Student Art Show

April 8 Impulse (Specialty Event)

Gallery 239 Art Shows

Aug. 24–Sept. 18 David Roholt and Justin Jensen

Sept. 23–Oct. 20 Christina Bartsch

Oct. 26–Nov. 20 Phil Robinson

Nov. 30–Dec. 11 Advanced Art Studio

Jan. 11–29 Harold Storsve

Feb. 3–26 Ceramic Art Show

March 3–26 Ming Zhou

March 30–April 15 Rembrandt

April 19–April 30 Adv. Art Studio

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Dr. Clark Gardener displays the book that served as a source for his commencement speech, “The Leadership Secrets of Santa Claus.” (Photo by Daniel Binkard/CSC)
By Con Marshall

A Chadron State College professor had what he calls “a wonderful experience” in Russia recently.

Dr. Tim Donahue, associate professor of business, spent two weeks in Voronezh, in late March and early April, discussing business practices and observing the modern lifestyle in Russia.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the trip,” said Donahue, who is in his fourth year at Chadron State.

“I learned there are a lot more similarities than differences between the people in American and Russia. We look the same and our wants, goals and dreams are about the same.”

Much of Donahue’s time was spent at the University of Voronezh, where he spoke 16 times to students in business and economics classes. He also met with many of the business and community leaders in the city, which has a population of about 1.2 million and is located in southwestern Russia, about 400 miles south of Moscow.

Donahue, who has vast experience in small business development, was asked to come to the university after five officials from the school visited Chadron State last fall and some partnerships were initiated. He said the Russian government is putting extreme pressure on the colleges and universities and the smaller governmental units to develop new businesses.

“Only about 17 percent of the businesses in Russia are what we would describe as small businesses,” Donahue said. “In the United States, that figure is about 80 percent. For years, everything in Russia has been from the top down. The national government controlled everything and shackled most possibilities for entrepreneurship and business development with a lot of rules and regulations.”

Although the practice will end in May, he said police have had the authority to audit a business whenever it wished. This has often forced businesses to give bribes to keep the police away. In addition, he said price ceilings are placed on many retail products, but the costs of operation have climbed, greatly diminishing the potential for profit.

Donahue noted that the Russian government has finally realized the country is not going to have the kind of growth and development it needs unless it adopts more free enterprise practices.

“Many of our American corporations were once small businesses that got out of hand,” Donahue observed. “Russia has depended on its old-line businesses for its growth, and they’re not succeeding, just like some of our American corporations aren’t succeeding now. If you don’t have small business development, you don’t have economic growth. Both the government and the people I met appear hungry for change.”

Donahue’s lectures at the university were to both undergraduate and graduate students. He also met a few times with business and government officials. During the sessions, he always asked for questions, but initially received almost none because that was a new experience for the students. However, after he had met with the classes a couple of times the exchange started to flow.

“I wanted to learn from them, just as much as I wanted to tell them how we do things in the United States,” Donahue said. “They weren’t used to speaking up in class, but I finally got through that barrier and we had some interesting discussions.”

Most of the undergraduates know enough English that he didn’t need an interpreter. Russian students have the opportunity to learn two foreign languages, and English is often one of the choices. When he spoke to the older groups, an interpreter was needed.

One of Donahue’s most interesting experiences came near the end of his visit when he met with a group of city and government leaders. The session lasted two hours and more than 20 members of the media were in attendance, shooting film and taking notes and photographs.

“I told my interpreter it must have been a slow news day, but she said no, it was an important event to have an American come and talk to them about how to improve their businesses.”

The CSC professor said the longer he stayed the more questions he received about the differences in the Russian education system and the people he met.

“I told them more than once that I was surprised that America has a black president and are hopeful that relations between the two nations will improve. He said the people are also interested in the world’s economic prospects and the future of the global economy.

He also said he was frequently asked how the American education system works.

Donahue said he definitely has some new stories to tell his CSC classes now. He added that before he left Voronezh, several of the faculty members and business leaders told him they would like to have him return for a similar visit.

“We’ll have to wait and see if that can be arranged, but I certainly learned a lot and hope some of the things I shared can help them,” Donahue said. “The people I met were very gracious and want to improve their lives. I had a delightful time.”

Wildlife professor chosen for leadership institute

Dr. Teresa Zimmerman, Chadron State College assistant professor of agriculture, has been chosen by The Wildlife Society to attend its annual Leadership Institute. The event will be during the TWS Annual Conference in Monterey, Calif., in September.

Zimmerman, who teaches CSC’s wildlife management courses, is one of 15 early-career wildlife professionals who were chosen to participate in a variety of distance learning and hands-on projects. The projects will culminate in intensive mentoring activities and leadership workshops at the conference.

“It is well known in the profession that nearly 70 percent of our leaders are projected to retire in the next decade,” said Dr. Michael Hutchins, executive director and CEO of TWS. “We established the Leadership Institute in 2006 to address the upcoming shortage because we feel we have a responsibility to prepare our members to meet this pressing need.”

Also selected for the institute was CSC alumnus Nick Kacnor, a native of Clearwater who graduated from CSC in 2005. He is employed by the Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming.

A committee of TWS members and staff selected participants based on the applicants’ academic record, demonstrated leadership capability or potential and demonstrated level of excellence in their current position, or in a chapter or section of The Wildlife Society.
Dear Alumni,

Although classes are out for the summer and the athletic teams aren’t competing, the CSC coaches and helpers have been busy with several camps on campus. As in the past, the summer camps are always a great way to show off our beautiful campus to potential students and the coaches do a tremendous job in preparing all the younger athletes for their upcoming seasons. Over 2,500 campers were on the campus in a variety of sports and I saw first-hand how beneficial their time here was.

For many involved with CSC athletics, the summer kicked off during Memorial Day weekend with the annual CSC Don Beebe Golf Classic. This year’s tournament was another resounding success. All of the CSC alums get a chance to reconnect over a fun weekend of golf and fellowship. It’s also a major fundraiser for the athletic program and much of the money raised goes a long way in the day-to-day operation of our program. Again, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all those involved.

This summer is also a special one for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. The conference is celebrating its 100th anniversary in July and as part of the festivities, 19 all-time teams are being selected. Eight former CSC all-stars have been chosen from various sports.

While these players certainly deserve these accolades, it should be noted that all the former players, coaches, and certainly the fans and boosters at Chadron State can take a lot of pride in the accomplishments of this athletic program.

Two new coaches have been hired at Chadron State and I’m confident both of them will lead their respective programs to new heights. Ryan Baily, a former CSC athlete, will take over the track and field program, and Chadron resident, Scott Simons, is the new women’s golf coach. I wish them both the best of luck.

We are also excited about all the new student-athletes who have decided to continue their schooling at Chadron State. Over 100 athletes have signed letters of intent and more are expected to walk on and join the teams in the fall, adding to the already storied tradition at CSC.

Here’s to an even more successful season in 2009-10.

Yours in CSC Spirit,
Brad Smith
Director of Athletics

**2009 FALL MEDIA GUIDES**

The 2009 fall media guides will be printed in late August. The football media guide will be $10 and the volleyball media guide will be $5. Please make out the check to CSC Sports Information.

Mail check to Alex Helmbrecht, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337.

For the second time in the 15-year history of the Chadron State College Don Beebe Golf Classic on May 24, a playoff was needed to determine the winner of the championship flight. And, the results were much the same as they were in 2005, when the first playoff occurred.

Brett Simons of Chadron dropped in about a 10-foot putt on the third hole of the playoff to give his team the victory as darkness was closing in. Four years ago, Simons sank a 33-foot putt to win the tournament during the second hole of the playoff.

The other members of this year’s winning team were Brett’s brother Scott, Rob Stack and Joe McLain, all of Chadron. In 2005, Jake Williamson was on the championship team instead of McLain.

Finishing as the runners-up both years were the Simons’ brother’s dad, Tom, along with Dr. Dan Johnson of Chadron, Ed McNulty of Mitchell and Judd Norman of Billings, Mont.

Both teams finished this year’s regulation play with scores of 120. Third place in the championship flight went to a team from Mullen made up of Leonard and Michael Phillips, Mike Brown and Dale Ginkens.

The first flight was won by Jim Brownfield of Cozad, Mike Brownfield of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Trevor Moon and Ben Royal of Buffalo, Wyo., with a 124 total. Former Chadronites Larry and Lee Baumann and Scott Wieting and his son Jeff shot a 131 to win the second flight. The third flight was won by Jerry Evans, John Tausan and Bob Zahm, all of Chadron, and another former Chadron resident, Craig Clarke, who now lives in the Chicago area. They shot a 137.
CSC athletes, former coach garner all-time RMAC honors

All-time teams have been chosen throughout 2009 to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Chadron State College certainly wasn’t left out of the festivities.

Representatives from the conference’s schools selected the RMAC all-time teams. The RMAC is the fourth oldest conference in the country, and the most historic in the western U.S.

The All-Time Football Team is dominated by former Eagles. Tailback Danny Woodhead is the RMAC, All-Time Offensive Player, linebacker Kevin Homer is the All-Time Defensive Player, and current CSC athletic director Brad Smith is the All-Time Coach. In addition, Joe Planansky is on the offensive all-time team and Casey Beran is on the defensive team.

The football squad wasn’t the only all-time team to feature former CSC athletes. Tricia Lukawski was placed on the track and field team. Jacqueline Wells is on the women’s basketball team, Ally Malzahn was on the volleyball team and Casey Lukawski was placed on the women’s basketball team. T ricia Lukawski was placed on the all-time RMAC teams. The conference’s schools selected the RMAC All-Time Team and Casey Beran is on the offensive all-time team and Casey Beran is on the defensive team.

The All-Time Track and Field Team is second on the list. Current CSC athletes, former coach garner all-time RMAC honors.

Nine former Chadron State College athletes have been selected for induction into the Eagles’ Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 3. The group includes four football players, three men’s basketball players, a women’s basketball player and a volleyball player.

The football players include Jay Rhoades, whose wife, Angela Woodworth Rhoades, is the volleyball player who will be inducted. Both are teachers and coaches at Douglas, Wyo.

The other football players who will enter the Hall of Fame are Cody Gamble of Sidney, Chad Johnson of Mitchell and Joe Planansky of Windsor, Colo., and a native of Hemingford.

The men’s basketball players are Russ Crafton of Overland Park, Kan., J.J. Feddersen of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jason Robinson of Queen Creek, Ariz. All three were seniors in 1993-94, when the Eagles tied for first place in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference standings.

Feddersen is a native of Alliance. Robinson was the second of three brothers who combined to score 5,081 points for the Eagles.

The women’s basketball player to be inducted is Shauna Smith Golembiewski, a native of Gordon who lives in San Jose, Calif. The Lady Eagles were 19-5 in the RMAC play her final two seasons. They were the conference co-champions her junior year and finished second her senior year.

Former Chadron State College tailback Danny Woodhead, left, is the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Time Offensive Player, linebacker Kevin Homer, middle, is the All-Time Defensive Player, and current CSC athletic director Brad Smith, right, is the All-Time Coach, the RMAC office announced in June.
Chadron State track team had many bright spots despite array of injuries

There were some lows, but also many highs for the Chadron State College track and field team during the 2009 season. Most of the lows can be explained in two words: injuries and weather. Both kept the Eagles from accomplishing as much as was hoped. However, interim coach Willie Hoffman pointed out the athletes who were able to compete did well.

Six proven veterans missed all or parts of the season because of a variety of leg ailments, while several freshmen also experienced physical problems that sidelined them entirely or limited their performances.

Because of the weather, six meets, or about half those on the schedule, were either cancelled or had to be rescheduled. Much of the spring also was not conducive to training outdoors.

However, the Eagles also had lots of bright spots. They had 44 performances that made the school’s all-time top 10 lists in various events. Twenty-three of them came indoors and the remaining 21 outdoors.

Some of the highlights included:

- Winning six field events at the Colorado State-Pueblo Meet to open the outdoor season and claiming five firsts and five seconds at the Nebraska-Kearney Twilight Meet. Also, Brandon Harrington won three firsts at the University of Colorado Open Meet in April and won the long jump at the RMAC Outdoor Meet.
- Personal bests in nearly every event they entered by throwers such as Jessica Horsley, Kate Jungck and Wade Crawford, and the progress made by Ryan Shelton, who’s shot put mark of 53-3 ¾ is the best ever by a CSC freshman.
- An excellent group of male long and triple jumpers led by Harrington and freshman Lanar Newman. The Eagles placed first, third, fourth and fifth in the long jump, and second and fifth in the triple jump at the UNK Twilight Meet.
- Consistent performances by all three woman pole vaulters. Each of them finished among the top six at both of the RMAC Meets.
- The promise shown by freshman Lincoln Proud in the 400 hurdles and multi events. He finished fourth in both the RMAC heptathlon indoors and the RMAC decathlon outdoors.
- Hoffman said the assortment of injuries could make the Eagles a stronger team next season if the athletes can regain their health. Nearly all of them took redshirts this year and did not lose any eligibility.

Majerus, Williams RMAC named Scholar Athletes

Wrestler Josh Majerus and pitcher Casey Williams are the recipients of Chadron State College’s Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference’s Honor Student-Athlete Awards for 2008-09.

The awards are given for outstanding achievement in both academics and athletics. The RMAC annually recognizes one male and one female athlete from each of its member institutions with the student-athlete awards. The recipients receive a plaque from the conference and the names of the CSC honorees are placed on a banner in Armstrong Gymnasium.

Both Majerus and Williams were outstanding students and team leaders.

Majerus, a senior from Albion and CSC’s only three-time All-American at the Division II level, has a 3.57 GPA in health and physical education. He was also named to the Division II National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic First Team and he was the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Academic Wrestler of the Year.

Majerus is the only wrestler in RMAC history to be named Academic Wrestler of the Year two seasons in a row. Majerus, who won a national championship in 2008 and finished as runner-up in 2007, wrapped up his career nicely by claiming a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Division II National Championships in March at 197 pounds. He has the second most wins in school history with a record of 117-43.

Williams, a senior from New South Wales, Australia, who has a 4.00 GPA in psychology, had a stellar ending to her career in 2009, earning a bevy of postseason accolades. She was selected to the 2009 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Softball Second Team, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, the RMAC Academic Player of the Year, and a member of the Daktronics All-Central Region Second Team.

In 2009, Williams had a 15-10 record and tossed 19 complete games, including four shutouts. She led the RMAC in earned run average (2.46), strikeouts (185) and opponents’ batting average (.220).

In the last two seasons, she has won 29 of the Eagles’ 40 games. Williams also owns several school records. For her career, she struck out 357 batters, threw 319.1 innings, seven shutouts and 37 complete games.
Softball team progresses in third season

The Chadron State softball team took the next step in its progression as a third-year program in 2009 by just missing out on qualifying for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference playoffs. The Eagles, who finished the season with a 20-30 overall and a 13-21 mark in the RMAC, were just one game away from advancing into the postseason tournament.

Although the Eagles didn’t reach their ultimate goal, the 2009 season was still a success. The 20 victories is a school record and that includes their first-ever win against a ranked opponent when they defeated Metro State.

The Eagles also fared well at the Rebel Spring Games in Florida. Against some of the better teams in Division II, CSC posted a 5-5 record.

Several individual honors also went to senior pitcher Casey Williams. She is CSC’s RMAC Female Scholar-Athlete for 2008-09, she was placed on the 2009 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Softball Team selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, and she was also chosen by the coaches as the RMAC’s Pitcher of the Year and was placed on the Daktronics All-Central Region Second Team.

Then came an array of academic honors, including being named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second Team as selected by CoSIDA. She was also the conference’s Academic Player of the Year and was placed on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 7 First Team.

Cassie Humphrey of Chadron also was named to the RMAC All-Academic First-Team for 2009 and made the All-District 7 Second Team.

She has a 3.94 grade point average after three years at CSC.

Erica Colbert of Cheyenne was placed on the RMAC Academic Second-Team.

Her GPA after four semesters at CSC is 3.82. Stephanie Hillman of Rapid City, Jamie Mazankowski of Kearney, Angie Heesacker of Hay Springs, Melissa Lohr of Eaton, Colo., Katelyn Moore of Chadron and Andrea Wyman of Silver Creek received honorable mention.

Katie Bolin, a sophomore from Kearney, had the team’s highest batting average. She had 37 hits in 106 at bats for a .349 average. Her hits included six doubles, a triple and seven home runs.

2008-09 season was a rebuilding one for CSC golf

The 2008-09 golf season didn’t end the way the Chadron State women’s golfers were hoping for, but with all five varsity golfers returning in the fall the future looks bright.

Adding to the optimism is the addition of new coach Scott Simons, who replaced Michele Rickenbach in February. “I’m really looking forward to coaching the girls in the fall,” he said. “They have a lot of talent and the experience they all gained this year will be valuable.”

Allison Rowden was the Eagles’ top golfer in 2008-09. The freshman from Broken Bow averaged 87.6 strokes a round. Sophomore Alissa Peterson wasn’t far behind. She averaged 89.3 strokes a round and tied with Rowden for shooting the lowest round of the year with an 81.

Two other sophomores also posted solid scores throughout the season. Sam Hanson averaged 92.2 strokes a round and Caitlin Parker averaged 98.5.

The fifth member of the team, freshman Michelle Haynes, averaged 96.3.

The Eagles also did well academically. Peterson was named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic Second Team, and Parker was tabbed for the third team.

Although the Eagles finished out of the top five in the RMAC for just the second time in 12 years, their scores were consistent. They averaged 723 strokes through 36 holes and they ended the season in seventh place in the conference.


Baily named head track and field coach

CHADRON – Ryan Baily has been named the head track and field coach at Chadron State College, athletic director Brad Smith announced on May 8.

Baily, who coached at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., the past four seasons, replaces John Reiners, who resigned in late January.

Baily is a native of Scottsbluff and a graduate of Chadron High School, where he lettered four years both indoors and outdoors. As a student-athlete, Baily was a member of Western State’s 2008-09 regional team.

“T o have an opportunity to be a part of it and I want to keep building on the success that Coach Reiners and Coach Hoffman have had and take it to another level. I have ambitions to win conference and national titles.”

“T o have an opportunity to coach at my alma mater is very special and it’s close to family. The community and school support from Chadron is extraordinary and I’m excited to get to work.”

Baily, a Chadron State graduate and former track athlete, helped turn Western State into one of the premier programs in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Since 2005, Western State has had nearly 30 All-Americans and three national champions.

Baily’s teams have had plenty of success, too. The Western State women have placed third or better in the past four RMAC Championships, and the Western State men’s team won the 2008 indoor title and claimed four runner-up finishes since 2007.

Baily is a two-time RMAC Coach of the Year and he was also the North Central Regional Coach of the Year in 2008.
Maurine Badgett '69 is currently working for the Cathedral Home for Children at Sagebrush Alliance in Sheridan, Wyo. She is working with children in kindergarten through fifth grade in reading, writing and art.

Patrice (Herboldsheimer) Egging '72 has recorded a CD of instrumental piano music. She and her husband Mike '73 live in Pratt, Kan.

Skip Thompson BS '70, MS '77 has planned work for the 2010 Democratic Convention, golfing and fishing. This second retirement from education follows his 1998 retirement from the U.S. Army National Guard. Skip and his wife Bobbi (Johnson) BS '70, MS '77 plan to see the United States in their motor home and visit friends along the way.

Janet B. Moore '70, Oakland, Calif., has received the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from Golden Gate University School of Law. Sherrill received a Certificate of Specialization in Litigation and was awarded CALI Awards in California Legal Research and Trial Advocacy. He also received the School of Law “Law School Award” for Academic Excellence in Criminal Litigation.

Dr. Nancy (Langner) Elwell '82, Seward, who is an assistant professor of psychology at Concordia University, was selected as this year’s recipient of the university’s outstanding teaching award. The annual award goes to a full-time member of Concordia’s faculty, nominated by students and faculty members who have previously received the award.

Katrina Eicher '84 Elizabethtown, Ky., is a professor of communication and director of the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. Last year she led the Quality Enhancement Plan for Technology Innovation and is now the communication department coordinator. She is also directing “In One Basket” for the Toy Box Theatre, a children’s theatre company she founded in 1998.

Patty (Droge) '85 and Jeff Windsor '86 celebrated their 25th anniversary in January 2009. Jeff has accepted a position as Product Manager with Schoolwires Centricity, a web site and community management solution for connecting the K-12 community.

Shawn Kreman '87 re- ceived his Master’s in Education Leadership from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on May 9. He and his wife Trisha (Smith) att '86 reside in North Liberty, Iowa, where Shawn is a high school principal and Trish works at the University of Iowa health laboratory scientist.

Eileen Vickers '87 a counselor at Newcastle (Wyo.) Middle School, has been elected next school year president for the American School Counselor Association.

Philip Warrick '88 Cedar Park, Texas, is the new principal of Round Rock High School. Warrick was the former superintendent of Waverly Public Schools in Nebraska.

Chris Wilson '89 has been promoted to Captain in the Gunnison Police Department. His wife Christina (Clements) Wilson '90 is the Director of the Medical Laboratory at Gunnison Valley Hospital. They have two children and live in Gunnison, Colo.

John Blaylock '89 has been promoted to vice president of educational services at Northwest Community College. He and his wife Diana '77 live in Norfolk.

Holly Boomer BA '89 MA '90 Spearfish, S.D., took a faculty position with Black Hills State University in Spearfish. She is an assistant professor in arts and humanities.

Katie Schow '90 was named auctioneer of the year by the Nebraska Auctioneers Association. He and his wife Cheryl live in Paxton with their two children, Bailey and Benjamin.

Kathy Gibbons '91 became executive director of Family Resource Services in Chadron, July 2009.

John Freudenberg '92 was selected as Manager of the Year for the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office. He and his wife Chris (Bratten) BS '99 ME '08 live in Lincoln where John is the Criminal Bureau Chief for the Nebraska Department of Justice.

Kevin Hodgson '94 was recently promoted to detective with the McComb Police Department. His wife Teresa (Kenning) '94 continues to work at Trenton Medical Clinic as a physician assistant. The couple has two daughters, Megan and Sydney, and lives in McCook.

Collette (Anthony) Fernandez '96 has been hired as the Director of the Chadron Chamber of Commerce. Collette and her husband Clint '97, who is a teacher at East Ward Elementary, live in Chadron with their two children.

Angie M. (Blonski) Stokes '98 Billings, Mont., began freelance writing for Family Family Magazine in August 2008. She will be a steering team member of a new chapter of MOPS at St. Bernard’s Catholic Parish this fall.

Niki (Fratres) Salomon '98 Gothenburg was selected for an APHA (American Pharmacists Association) One-to-One Patient Counseling Honorable Mention Award by the Pharmacy Times Today Magazine. She received the award April 4 in San Antonio, Texas, at the National Meeting for APHA. She was nominated by Amy Krotter at '04, PharmD candidate from UNMC.

Krista (Morrison) Maichle '99 published “ACT 36 – Aiming for the Perfect Score” April 2009. She lives in Englewood, Colo., with her husband Paul '98 who is the CFO at Worth Interiors.

Travis O’Gorman ’99 is a partner at Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, L.P. He is also a legal writing instructor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Annie and Zachary Bednar '03 will join the Women's Center at Regional West Hospital in Scottsbluff as an OB/GYN in July. He completed medical school and residency in June. Annie and his wife Deidra reside in Scottsbluff.

Tina Harry '00 Oxford, Miss., is employed at the University of Mississippi Libraries as cataloger and assistant automation librarian and assistant professor.

Sean ‘03 and Becky (Stewart) Wolfe ’02 have moved to McCook, where Sean is a corporate controller for Community Hospital and Becky works for the public accounting firm Stagemeyer & Smith, PCPs P.C. They have a two year old son, Mark.

Senna (Johnson) Reeves '03 was promoted to assistant vice president/retail market lender of the Chadron office of First National Bank North Platte.

Travis Gilchrist '05 received his MS from the University of Wyoming in entomology in 2008 and was accepted to the Army Medical Service Corps as an Army entomologist. The received direct commission to 1st Lieutenant in June 2008. Travis is the executive officer of the 151st Medical Detachment/Preventive Medicine, stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Jenni Hahn att '05 was a participant in the 29th session of the Mid-American Institute of Professional Photography at the University of Northern Iowa. She is considering attending Hahn Photography in Rapid City, S.D.

Heather Phipps ’05 was recently honored by winning the Mark Twain award. The Mark Twain award is considered one of radio and television’s highest awards and is given for an outstanding contribution and cooperation with the Associated Press. Heather is the news director for Eagle Radio of North Platte.

Travis Covy '05 has been promoted to head track coach at Black Hills State University after being an assistant last year. Travis resides in Spearfish, S.D.

Cynthia Ruzicka '07 West Des Moines, Iowa, is employed by the Office of the Governor of Iowa as Resources as a wraparound specialist that provides re-entry services to offenders exiting prison. He and re-integrating communities. The process assists them in reintegration issues and maintaining desistance from criminal behavior with them and community partners.

Amanda Glenn '07 is the director of the High Plains Compassion, a company that promotes Western Nebraska through the Web site www.highplainscompass.com. She lives in Sidney.

Marriages

Charlie Haskell ’01 and Miranda Blaine ’04 were married July 19, 2008. They live in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where they are a two year old son, Mark.

Kristie Lynn Luebe ’02 and Travis Mundorf were married Aug. 2, 2008. They live in Springfield.
John and Stephanie (Serres) Casey ’02 were married Sept. 20, 2008. They live in Rapid City, S.D., where both are realtors in the Casey Real Estate Team at The Real Estate Group.

Paula Hohman ’02 and Derek Anderson were married Dec. 29, 2008. They live in Louisville, Ky., where Paula teaches 7-12 English and language arts and Derek teaches at Omaha Central High School.

Nicholl Micek ’04 and Nathan Weber were married July 12, 2008. They live in Norfolk and have a daughter, Emanuell Marie. Nicholl is employed at Dental Wellness Center as a dental assistant.

Melissa and Thomas Pratt ’05 were married July 8, 2008. They live in North Platte where Melissa is a general practice dentist.

Tandi and Jason Croghan ’05 were married Sept. 6, 2008. They live in Rapid City, S.D.

Angie Johnson ’05 and Michael O’Bryan were married May 23, 2009. They live in Chadron where Angie is employed as the office manager of Chamberlain Chapel and Michael is the service technician of Metal Products Company.

Alisha Lynn Schilling ’05 and Gabriel Ames Scoogan were married June 21, 2008. They live in Sheridan, Wyo., where they are employed by Mountain West Electric and Western Field Services.

Seth Lambert ’06 and Jenna Arnold were married April 18, 2009. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

Sarah Clark ’08 and Derek Thompson ’07 were married Sept. 20, 2008. They live in Newcastle, Wyo., with their children Dagan Jon and McKenzie.

Jessica Swanson ’07 and Brett Simons ’09 were married June 6, 2009. They live in Hill City, S.D.

Future Eagles...


He joins sisters Max and Maggie.

Daniel to Cheryl and Patrick Havermann ’92, May 8, 2008. He joins sisters Amanda and Victoria and brother Nicholas. The family resides in Vermillion, S.D.


Elias John to Mark ’97 and Andreas (Steckelberg) Bieganski ’00, Fort Collins, Colo., April 16, 2009. She joins sister Signe Jean. Mark works at Technology Laboratory, Inc. as a chemist.


Ryan Michael to Dale ’97 and Stephanie (Forster) Chaney ’98, Valentine, Feb. 21, 2009. He is welcomed home by sisters Emily and Adrianna.


‘00s

Kendyl Elizabeth to Brady ’00 and Sara (Foreman) O’Hare ’99, Kearney, Feb. 6, 2009. He joins siblings Carsyn, Garrett and Rylie.

Alaina Kay to Justin ’00 and Landa (Sonnenburg) Raymer ’01, Hay Springs, May 5, 2009. She joins brother Dilan.

Luke Travis to Travis ‘00 and Nicole (Heinen) Powell ’01, Doniphan, March 7, 2009. He joins sister Kaylee. Travis and Nicole have started a health care staffing division called Essential Healthcare in addition to their current staffing company Essential Personnel.


Dawson Everett Aaron to the late Aaron and Christy (Spotanski) Cox ’06, Hutchinson, Kan., Nov. 14, 2008. Christy is a special education teacher for the Reno County Education Cooperative.

Kya Jana to Brant and Courtney (Myers) Krul ’02, Chadron, May 13, 2009. He joins sister Morgan.


Dante Douglas to Bobby and Nicholle (Johnson) Peralta ’02, Hayward, Calif., May 5, 2009. Nickie is an M.D. at the San Mateo Medical Center.


Allan to Chad and Stephanie (Brunner) Keller ’02, Wellington, Colo., April 23, 2008.

Callista Paige to Aaron Reichmuth and Shelley Fisher ’02, Humbolt, May 24, 2009. Shelley is a physician assistant with Oncology Associates, P.C. in Omaha.

Colin to Sean Conroy ’03 and RaeAnn (Miller) Severson ’05, Chadron, May 9, 2009.


Jayce Joseph to Tara (Schaffer) ’03 and Craig Hoffman ’05 Chadron, June 13, 2009. He joins sister Brooklynn.


Andrea received her Master’s from Wayne State College May 9, 2009, and is now the assistant elementary principal and SPED director at West Point Public Schools.


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Phyllis Fry Helzer, Chadron, died May 12, 2009.

Former Faculty

Dr. Harry Holmberg, Chadron, died May 10, 2009.

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


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Phyllis Fry Helzer, Chadron, died May 12, 2009.

Former Faculty

Dr. Harry Holmberg, Chadron, died May 10, 2009.

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Marcella Fitch ’58, Harrison, Feb. 11, 2009.

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Georgene LeBar ’61, Chadron, died April 2009.

Francis E. Galey ’65, Riverton, Wyo., died April 28, 2009.

Michael “Mike” McClaren ’67, Chadron, Jan. 12, 2009.

Debra Ridlen Palser ’05, Elsie, died July 13, 2009.

Come join us for Homecoming October 3, 2009

Alumni groups planning to return for Homecoming:
The Eagle Newspaper Staff Reunion
Celebrate LaVida Dickinson’s years as adviser of The Eagle.

Justice Studies Reunion
Visit the new mock trial courtroom and forensic lab. Join us for dinner that evening.

Watch your mail for more information from these groups
Living Legacy: Fryes want to help others attend CSC

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!

Casey and Tanya Frye definitively got involved when they were students at Chadron State College in the late 1970s and early ’80s.

Casey was the first president of the Ag Club after it was reorganized and also was president of the Student Senate his senior year in 1981-82. He was among the six students who rode bicycles 460 miles from Chadron to Lincoln in the spring of 1981 to help CSC gain support for the $4.6 million appropriation that built the Nelson Physical Activity Center.

Tanya says she couldn’t quite keep up with Casey in extra-curricular activities, but she was an outﬁelder for the softball team all four years she was at CSC and earned good enough grades to be accepted in the Iowa State veterinary school.

The Fryes still live in Ames, Iowa, and work close by. She is a small animal veterinarian in Des Moines and he is vice president of research and development for the Burke Corp., a firm that had 30 employees when he joined it in 1984 and now has 360.

The Burke Corp. makes about 1,600 precooked meat products that are used a multitude of ways in the foodservice and prepared foods industries. He’s the head of research and product development as the firm continually strives to develop more consistent, efficient, healthy and tasty foods.

The Fryes have done well, and often reﬂect on their college days when they both had fun and learned. That’s why they didn’t hesitate when they were asked if they would consider joining the Living Legacy Club.

“We’ve stayed in touch with the college through the Alumni Newsletter and the Internet,” said Tanya. “It’s our misfortune not to have children, but we have put the college in our will so we can eventually help kids whose parents might not be able to provide the funds to put them through college. Chadron State supported us when we were students and gave us a nice start in our careers. It’s our goal to help someone else have the same kind of opportunities.”

Homecoming – Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009

11 a.m. Homecoming Luncheon – Student Center Ballroom
Recognition of Awardees and Alumni Reunion Groups
Distinguished Alumni Honorees: Dirlene (Steffe) Wheeler, Barb Dutrow, John Moulds and Susan (Woeppe) Nowakowski
Distinguished Young Alumni Honorees: Zach Even and Tim Kamerzell
Hall of Fame nominees: Jay Rhoades, Cody Gamble, Chad Johnson, Joe Planansky, Angela (Woodworth) Rhoades, Shauna (Smith) Golembiewski, Russ Crafton, J.J. Feddersen and Jason Robinson

1:30 p.m. CSC Football vs New Mexico Highlands at Elliott Field
4 p.m. Postgame Reception at Country Kitchen
6:30 p.m. Reunion groups social and dinner
7 p.m. CSC Volleyball vs. CSU-Pueblo in Armstrong Gymnasium

Check our Web site: www.csc.edu/alumni/events for details about Homecoming. Or visit our Facebook page, Chadron State Alumni, to RSVP for the above events.

Homecoming Registration Deadline is Sept. 23, 2009
Please save, this will be the only notice!
Please return with your paid reservations to: CSC Alumni Office, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337 or call 308-432-6366 or 800-242-3766

Name ____________________________ Grad year ______
Spouse/Guest ____________________________ Grad year ______
Additional Guest(s) ____________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City, State Zip ____________________________
Phone ____________________________
Contact e-mail ____________________________

Friday, October 2:
Eagles Luncheon $10.00/person#_______ $ ______
Noon to 2 p.m. Chicoine Atrium/Sandoz Center
Saturday, October 3:
Photos $7.00/person#_______ $ ______
(Hall of Fame, Alumni Awards, Reunion Groups)
Homecoming Luncheon $13.50/adult#_______ $ ______
$7.50/8 & under #_______ $ ______
Total$ ______

Athletic Tickets
Football $8/adult #_______ $ ______
$5/student & senior citizen #_______ $ ______
Volleyball $5/adult #_______ $ ______
$3/student & senior citizen #_______ $ ______
Total #_______ $ ______

Grand Total $ ______

*To RSVP for Survivors luncheon please contact Hope Anderson 308-432-5264