By Justin Haag

The Chadron State Foundation rolled out its first-ever multi-million-dollar fund-raising campaign during Homecoming weekend with help from alumni and supporters from across the nation.

During the Foundation’s annual trustee meeting that Friday night, foundation officials announced that more than $8.6 million had been raised toward the $11 million goal. The meeting was billed this year as the Vision 2011 Campaign Kickoff Gala.

The campaign, which is set to conclude during CSC’s centennial year, is receiving leadership and advice from the National Campaign Leadership Council -- many of whom were in attendance for the Oct. 2 gala. The NCLC is a group of 101 supporters who have been recruited by the foundation since the project was approved in May 2005. It represents 20 states and a wide variety of backgrounds.

The NCLC is being chaired by two couples with close ties to the institution, Randy and Lorrie Bauer of Chadron and Chad and Cheryl Emanuel of Waukee, Iowa. “This campaign will increase the profile of Chadron State College across the nation, and engage more of our alumni and friends in the life of the college,” Bauer said.

Emanuel said the campaign is built on the pioneering spirit that the institution’s forefathers exhibited more than a century ago in making education a priority in Nebraska.

Both Bauer and Emanuel praised CSC President Janie Park’s leadership in getting the campaign off the ground.

The campaign is designed to boost the foundation’s capital, endowments and annual fund. About $4 million of the funds will be used for two capital projects: the construction of the new Rangeland Agriculture Center and Pavilion, and the Events Center. The latter will be created from the renovation and expansion of the Ross Armstrong Physical Education Building.

The Foundation will use $5 million to boost its endowments, to assist with everything from scholarships and equipment to student and faculty support. The remaining $2 million will be raised through the annual fall fund drive and phonathon to provide immediate support to campus.

The Events Center will be a 94,000-square-foot addition to the Armstrong Building, which originally opened in 1964. The project also calls for renovation of the existing portion of the building.

“The Rangeland Agriculture Center and Pavilion will feature spaces to help the institution expand its programs for rangeland and agriculture. An indoor arena will help the rodeo team and animal science offerings reach their potential.

In a 12-minute speech, Park outlined the history of the institution, its resilience and value to the region. She also stressed the importance of the campaign in helping CSC continue a tradition of excellence.

“The Vision 2011 Campaign will help ensure that our students are welcomed on campus each fall with an open door, and will allow us to open new doors with new opportunities for them in our second century of service,” she said.

The gala, which had full attendance of more than 120 people and a waiting list, ended with music by the Chadron State College Show Band. Band members wore numbers on their backs as they snaked their way through the crowd to the front of the room. After playing the school fight song, the group arranged itself to display the amount of money that has been raised in the Vision 2011 Campaign. The campaign entered its public phase with a gala in the Student Center. (Photo by Justin Haag)
Dear Alumni,

During this year's homecoming celebration, I was pleased to play a part in the unveiling of the most exciting project during my time at Chadron State College. By now, you have probably heard or read that the Chadron State Foundation is embarking on the institution's first-ever multi-million-dollar fund-raising campaign.

By the end of the college's centennial year, we look forward to realizing a dream by celebrating the success of the Vision 2011 Comprehensive Campaign, a monumental milestone that will position the institution for success as it enters its second century of service. The result will be the funding required to approach the State for matching funds to build and renovate two outstanding facilities on the Chadron State campus, endowments to serve students for generations to come, and an increase in annual funds to address the institution's immediate needs.

This campaign is engaging alumni and friends throughout the nation. Not only is it generating the funds to give our students the education they need and deserve, but it is also elevating the image of Chadron State far and wide. We are fortunate to have the leadership of two couples serving as the campaign chairpersons, Chad and Cheryl Emanuel, and Randy and Lorrie Bauer. Their hard work and dedication ensures this campaign will be successful. This project also would not be possible without the dedication of the Chadron State Foundation staff. It was an honor to assist the campaign co-chairs and the foundation staff in the recruitment of the 101 members of our National Campaign Leadership Council to provide advice and assist with the campaign. To get such a large number of people committed to the campaign seemed like a daunting task in the beginning, but the great response from everyone we approached was a fantastically rewarding experience. The distinguished alumni and friends on the National Campaign Leadership Council represent more than 40 communities in 20 states.

Although we're proud to say that more than $8.6 million has been raised toward our $11 million goal, we still have a lot of work to do before we can celebrate success in this campaign. It should come as no surprise that the current economic climate poses a challenge to the effort. However, I am confident we will reach our goal by the end of 2011 because Chadron State is blessed with so many passionate, supportive alums and friends who are willing to help. With such an abundance of wind behind our sails, it seems there is little that cannot be accomplished. Thanks to each of you for giving us that priceless asset as we move forward in this campaign.

Sincerely,

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

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Centennial celebration planning ramps up

Chadron State College President Dr. Janie Park said planning for the institution's centennial celebration in 2011 has kicked into full gear this fall.

At the beginning of the school year, she announced that the celebration will include 14 months of festivities, beginning at Homecoming 2010 and culminating with December commencement of 2011.

“I feel very fortunate to be at this institution during this fun and historic time,” she said.

Park said the centennial provides an opportunity to elevate the image of campus, to showcase accomplishments, reconnect with alumni and friends, build a better sense of pride and increase philanthropy.

“We can develop a greater appreciation during those 14 months of who we are, where we came from, where we are now and where we’re going,” she said. “It provides us a clear point of reflection on the past and allows us to plan for the future and link that past with the future.”

A history book to commemorate the 100th anniversary is in the works, as well as planning for an exhibit of the institution’s history at CSC’s Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center in summer 2011. The center is seeking alumni who have stories, photos or other items to for the exhibit. The stories that have already been submitted for the book also will be provided to the Sandoz Center’s project.

Various departments and buildings on campus are also interested in collecting photos and stories to display in their respective buildings during the centennial year. Those who have material to submit for any of the above projects should contact Sarah Polak, center director and instructor of museum studies, at 308-432-6066 or spolak@csc.edu.

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Calling All Artists

An RFP has been issued to all professional public artists for a one-percent art project for a timeless, original and permanent sculpture to be placed in the open area at the east end of the Administration Building. The total budget is $60,000.

The deadline for submittals is February 15, 2010. View and download the specs and renderings of the project site and the RFP at the CSC website: www.csc.edu/Finance/OnePercent.
Family Tree Awards presented

Chadron State College presented its Family Tree Award to three families that have longstanding ties to the institution. The honorees were given special recognition during a brunch in the Student Center prior to the Eagles’ football game against Adams State College.

Following is information about each of the families.

**The Dinnel-Schultz Family**

Sharon Helm Dinnel Bilstein earned a degree from CSC in 1974, the first of five members of her family to attend the institution. She lives in Torrington, Wyo., after retiring from 36 years as a classroom and special education teacher.

Sharon’s daughter Janelle earned a master’s degree from CSC in 2005. She lives in Scottsbluff with her husband Mark Schultz and is a teacher at Gering High School. Mark, a partner in Western Sleep Medicine and Western CPap Supply, attended CSC in 1987 and 1998.

The Schultz’ daughters, Brittany and Kortany have been among CSC’s outstanding health professions students in recent years.

Brittany is in her first year at the University of Nebraska Medical Center after earning a bachelor's degree this May. Kortany, a senior at CSC, plans to attend medical school after graduating in May 2010.

Both were accepted to the Rural Health Opportunities Program and have been active in a long list of extra-curricular activities at CSC. One of those activities is the Cardinal Key National Honor Society, in which Brittany served as national president. Both were chosen to lead CSC’s chapter.

**The Keenan Family**

The Keenans have had one member from three generations of the family to attend CSC. After years of farming, he recently returned to ranching with her husband, Orville.

One of the couple’s two children, Harold Keenan, wasn’t far behind his mother, graduating from CSC in May 1960. He went on to earn a degree in medicine from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He served patients at Ogallala for nearly 20 years ending in 1988. He now practices in Oshkosh and lives on a farm north of Big Springs with his wife, Cheryl.

Recently, Dr. Keenan has been instrumental in establishing an endowment for CSC’s health professions students.

Harold and Cheryl’s son, Patrick, earned an agribusiness degree in 1995 to represent the third generation of the family to attend CSC. After years of farming, he recently returned to CSC to study toward a career as a clinical laboratory manager.

**The Stein Family**

The Stein family has become well-known for its association with CSC, its football program and western Nebraska.

Dick Stein, now retired after a successful career as teacher and head football coach at Chadron High School, earned a specialist’s in education degree from CSC in 1989. He still lives in Chadron with his wife, Marcia.

Each of Dick and Marcia’s five children has been highly involved at CSC through the years. Dick’s son Chris is a former starting quarterback for the Eagles and now teaches and coaches at Gordon-Rushville High School. Kevin and his wife, Brandi, have three children.

In addition to Chris’ coaching duties, other members of the Stein family remain involved with the football program. Dick serves as the clock operator for the Eagles’ home games. In addition, Lisa, Lynn and Jennifer have become a fixture along the Elliott Field sidelines while helping keep statistics through the years.

Four of Dick and Marcia’s grandchildren are either currently enrolled at CSC or have previously attended. From Chris’ family, Kassandra took pre-nursing classes through 2002 and Karyssa, a high school senior, is enrolled in a course this semester. From Lisa’s family, Ashley attended in 2007 and Lauren is currently enrolled.
Chadron State College presented special awards to five of its alumni during homecoming festivities Saturday, Oct. 3. Following is information about each of the award recipients.

**Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients**

**Barb Dutrow, Ph.D.**

Dr. Barb Dutrow has become a prominent member of the earth science community since graduating from Chadron State College. She is the Adolphe G. Gueymard Professor in the department of geology and geophysics at Louisiana State University. She received her bachelor's degree from CSC in 1974.

She also earned a master's degree in 1980 and a doctorate in 1985 from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. During this time she worked for Mobil Exploration and Producing Services, Inc. in Dallas where she evaluated the hydrocarbon potential of many of the world's oil fields.

After graduation, she pursued her research in experimental mineralogy at the Ruhr-University in Bochum in the former West Germany as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow. Prior to joining the faculty at LSU, she furthered her education by a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Arizona and as a visiting Professor at the University of Iowa.

In addition to teaching classes in mineralogy, geochemistry and petrology, her research involves both field studies of metamorphic rocks as well as computational experiments on how these rocks form. Computational studies are in collaboration with colleagues from Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico.

She was elected as the 2007 President of the Mineralogical Society of America, the largest international organization of mineralogists, petrologists, and geochemists in the world. She was only the second woman to be elected president in the Society’s 90 years.

She has served on a number of National Academy of Sciences Committees, including the National Research Council Board on Earth Sciences and Resources that advises Congress and the President. Most recently she was invited to coauthor the “Manual of Mineral Sciences,” the most widely used mineralogical textbook in the world, and one that she used as a sophomore earth sciences student at CSC.

She is a former CSC Distinguished Young Alumni Award recipient.

**John Moulds**

John Moulds of Marshall, Texas, has completed 44 years of service in transfusion medicine since earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology from Chadron State College in 1965.

Included in his years of service, accomplishments include 96 scientific publications, consistent participation on technical advisory boards and committees and numerous national awards. Among his honors are the 1983 Ivor Dunsford Award from the American Association of Blood Banks, the Sally Frank Award/Lectureship with the National Blood Foundation and AABB in 2003 and the L. Jeans Stubbins Memorial Lectureship of the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2007.

His area of professional interest has been immunohematology, red cell membrane biochemistry, adverse hemolytic transfusion reactions and population genetics. In 1973 he formed the Serum, Cells and Rare Fluids Exchange that he continues to direct. SCARF’s worldwide membership includes more than 150 immunohematologists who exchange unusual and rare specimens.

Moulds has presented numerous lectures throughout North America and on every continent except the Antarctic. He serves as a peer reviewer for several professional journals and serves on the editorial board for “Immunohematology.”

Following his degree from CSC, Moulds completed his medical technology degree at St. John’s McNamara Hospital in Rapid City, S.D. He then went to Minneapolis War Memorial Blood Bank and completed graduate studies in blood banking and was certified as specialist in blood bank by the American Society of Clinical Pathology.

He has two daughters, Dr. Terri Moulds Bowen and Dr. Christine Moulds-Merritt. He lives in the country with his wife, Dr. Joann Moulds, and six rescued dogs.

**Dirlene (Steffe) Wheeler**

Dirlene (Steffe) Wheeler is highly involved in a number of Wyoming’s educational endeavors while serving as principal at Sheridan, Wyo.

While at Sheridan, she has served on the State Assessment Task Force, was an original trainer for the high school reform movement, “Breaking Ranks II,” and was Wyoming High School Principal of the Year in 2008-2009.

She was selected to serve on the National Merit Scholarship Corporation Advisory Council for three years and is serving on its board of directors.

Wheeler, a Chadron native, graduated from Chadron State College in 1976 with a degree in biology education. Her first teaching job was in Stapleton where she taught grades 6-12 science classes and coached volleyball. Two years later, she joined the Adams Junior High staff where she taught physical sciences and coached swimming and gymnastics.

The remainder of her teaching career was at North Platte High School, where she received several community and instruction awards while teaching sciences and coaching.

Wheeler became assistant high school principal at Sheridan in 1997, after earning a master’s degree in secondary administration from CSC in 1995. Three years later she became interim high school principal and took the position on a permanent basis the following semester.

She and her husband, Neil, have two children, Molly and Zach.

**Distinguished Young Alumni Award Recipients**

**Zach Even**

Zach Even, a graphic designer for a large outdoor products company, developed a reputation as an accomplished wildlife artist while at Chadron State College and has put his talents to good use since graduating from the institution.

Even, who works for Gerber/Brunton knives at Lander, Wyo., said his artwork is fueled by a passion for the outdoors that he developed while growing up in Green River, Wyo. The artist graduated from Chadron State College in 2003 with an emphasis in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional art and graphic design.

Prior to working for Gerber/Brunton, Even was employed four years as an art director for Cabela’s at its corporate headquarters in Sidney. In 2006, a painting of his was featured on the cover of the company’s fly fishing catalog. Also that year, he won the 2007 Nebraska Habitat Stamp competition with a painting of a pronghorn antelope.

During his time at Cabela’s, he also hosted an episode of the Cabela’s Outfitter Journal television show.

In July 2006, he reached the summit of Mount Rainier. In the spring of 2007, he spent three weeks on Alaska’s Mount McKinley. After battling whiteouts and horrendous conditions for most of the climb, Even and his climbing partners reached the summit and made it off the mountain safely.

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While a member of the CSC track and field team, Even qualified for nationals twice. He still holds the CSC hammer throw record.

Even met his wife, Anne (Frates), while attending CSC and they married in 2005. In December 2008, they welcomed twins to their family, their son Brooks and daughter Adlyn.

Tim Kamerzell, Ph.D.

Tim Kamerzell has established a successful career as a scientist since graduating cum laude from Chadron State College in 2002.

Kamerzell became employed at Genentech after earning a doctorate from the University of Kansas in 2007.

A native of Alliance, Kamerzell was involved in numerous extra-curricular activities while pursuing a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and biology at CSC. He was a member of the basketball team, Natural Sciences Club and Health Professions Club. He also was a member of the honorary societies Beta Beta Beta and Blue Key.

He is a member of multiple professional societies, including the American Chemical Society, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists and the Biophysical Society. He is chairman-elect and executive committee member of the California section of the American Chemical Society, which has more than 5,000 local members. He also is chairman of the organization’s younger chemists committee.

Kamerzell lives in San Francisco with his wife, Maryam. He also is a freelance writer who enjoys running, hiking and traveling the Midwest.

Butch Lehmkuhler inducted into Ellensburg, Wash. Rodeo Hall of Fame

A Chadron State College alumnus, Butch Lehmkuhler of North Platte, was recognized as one of the West’s most respected rodeo clowns with induction to the Ellensburg (Wash.) Rodeo Hall of Fame in September.

Ellensburg Rodeo officials described Lehmkuhler as a crowd favorite for nearly two decades.

Lehmkuhler earned degrees in physical education and psychology from CSC in 1976. He joined the PRCA in 1977 and throughout his rodeo career has simultaneously worked as a high school drafting and woodworking teacher and coach.

Rodeo aficionados call Lehmkuhler a “contract performer” -- an entertainer who performs in-between rodeo events. Costumed in clown garb, he jokes with the crowd and cowboys, and performs acrobatics on a trampoline. During the bullriding finale, however, he performs as a barrelman, assisting the bullfighting clowns in protecting thrown or dismounting bullriders. Lehmkuhler has won several of the annual “Coors Man in the Can” awards.

Child Development Center’s outdoor classroom becomes certified

The new outdoor classroom at the Chadron State College Child Development Center Laboratory has earned the national designation of a certified Nature Explore Classroom from the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation.

The CSC Nature Explore Outdoor Learning Environment is the fifth Certified Nature Explore Classroom in Nebraska and the 24th in the nation.

Nature Explore Classrooms are part of the Nature Explore Program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation.

Developed in response to the growing disconnect between children and nature, Certified Nature Explore Classrooms are designed to help fill the void by educating young children using research-based principles for integrating nature into their daily learning. The first Nature Explore Classroom is located in the Tree Adventure attraction at Arbor Day Farm, the Arbor Day Foundation’s interactive conservation venue at Nebraska City.

The classrooms offer interactive elements – including climbing structures, musical instruments made of natural materials, wooden blocks, small waterways, and natural materials for building and creating art – that give children important and inspiring nature experiences. While connecting children with nature, such unstructured play and activities are shown to enhance concentration, develop creativity and problem-solving, relieve stress, and improve skills in many areas.

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Pool named for 1960s Chadron State graduate

The swimming and diving pool at the University of Northern Iowa was named in honor of Chadron State College graduate Glen F. “Bullet” Henry on Sunday, Oct. 18.

A native of Newcastle, Wyo., Henry came to Chadron State to play football. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1963 and his master’s degree in 1966, both from CSC.

He joined the physical education faculty at UNI in 1966 and immediately began the men’s swimming and diving program. In 1981, he started the women’s program.

Henry was employed as a professor 38 years at University of Northern Iowa. He received the Missouri Valley Conference’s swimming coach of the year honor seven times. He served on the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, Collegiate All-American Swimmer Selection Committee and was a state, district and national swim clinician.

He has received the UNI Alumni Achievement Award and was inducted into the university’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

The dedication program stated that the swimming and diving pool was named in Henry’s honor “to appropriately recognize an outstanding coach, teacher, supporter and contributor to the greater good at the University of Northern Iowa.”

Henry and his wife Karen were crowned “Mr. and Mrs. CSC” at Chadron State during his senior year. The couple lives in Cedar Falls.

In the summer of 2004, the Henrys were injured in a motorcycle accident near LaCrosse, Wis. The accident left him paralyzed from the chest down. However, he spoke at the pool-naming ceremonies. The Henrys’ three children and three grandchildren also attended.

Outdoor classroom

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described in the Dimensions Foundation’s Learning With Nature Idea Book are eligible to become certified Nature Explore Classrooms.

The CSC classroom is at the Burkhiser Technology Complex. At the new classroom, children can create visual masterpieces in a nature art area, climb and crawl on structures, build with natural materials, and practice their balance, agility, and creativity in designed areas.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to enjoy Nature as it was meant to be,” said Kim Madsen, Child Development Center director. Madsen also wants to thank the many community partners who value nature enough to support this project that generations to come will have the opportunity to enjoy.

“The Chadron State College Development Center Laboratory has taken an important leadership role in a profoundly needed initiative to connect young children with nature, setting a wonderful example for education centers across the country,” said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

“Everyone at the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation appreciate the commitment Chadron State College has made to the Nature Explore program and the role that nature plays in the lives of young children.”

Alumni of the Eagle newspaper gathered during homecoming weekend to reconnect and pay tribute to longtime adviser Lavida Dickinson. Those who attended the reunion are, front row, from left, Laura Phagan, Dede Farrar and Justin Haag. Middle row, Heather Phipps, Shell Jeffery-Tomjack, Dickinson, Jason Ferguson and Kim (Phagan) Hansel. Back row, Lori (Hyk) Ebsen, Amy Amack, Holly Boomer, Patti Barnt, Wendy Smith, Michele (Dishong) McCormack, Lenessa (Herring) Keehn, Vicki (Rice) Kraeger and Eric Trauger.
Cabela’s donates truckloads of taxidermy

By Justin Haag

The company that bills itself as the world’s foremost outfitter has lived up to its slogan for Chadron State College’s wildlife management program.

Two semi-truck loads of taxidermy were shipped from the Cabela’s corporate headquarters in Sidney to the college’s Burkhiser Complex on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5-6. Included in the shipments were full body mounts of many large animals, such as moose, elk, African lion, mountain lion, caribou, grizzly bear, zebra and deer.

Ethan Teter, a sophomore from St. Paul who serves as president of CSC’s Wildlife Club, said he is in awe of the collection.

“It will be a great study tool for our wildlife management courses and other biological sciences,” Teter said. “It’s one thing to read about animals and use your imagination, but a full body mount really helps draw a better picture of what an animal is like in a natural setting and helps a person comprehend the actual size of a creature. The standing grizzly bear and moose, for instance, are just huge.”

Cabela’s officials decided to donate the collection after receiving an inquiry from CSC about the availability of one mount.

“I was planning to donate $750 to have a caribou mount for our growing collection,” said Dr. Ron Weeden, a CSC professor who teaches science courses for the wildlife management program. “Before doing that, though, I suggested that maybe we should send a letter to Cabela’s to see if they might have one available. Of course, the company’s response has exceeded our wildest expectations.”

Mark Dowse, taxidermy product manager for Cabela’s, said the letter arrived at their offices at the right time. He said the animals donated to Chadron State were in storage at Sidney awaiting display in new stores. However, they became surplus after the down economy prompted the company to curtail some of its planned retail expansion.

“This gave us an opportunity to reduce our inventory and give Chadron State a great learning tool,” he said. “I wish we could have given more.”

The official count of the donation is 65 pieces, although several contain more than one animal. For instance, one piece portrays an arctic wolf chasing a hare.

Dr. Teresa Zimmerman, the CSC assistant professor who wrote the letter to Cabela’s, said the mounts will be a fantastic visual aid for teaching anatomy and physiology. The collection also will serve as a tool to compare between species of North America and the African savanna.

“This is going to do incredible things for our program,” she said. “I can’t begin to tell you how much excitement this brings to our students and faculty.”

Dowse said he took special consideration of CSC’s learning initiatives while choosing pieces for the donation. For instance, he attempted to include a male and female of each North American species when possible.

Zimmerman plans to begin using the pieces in her classes immediately. She also expects them to be incorporated in the design of the college’s planned Rangeland Agriculture Center and Pavilion, which will house the wildlife management and rangeland management programs. That building is scheduled for construction following the completion of Chadron State’s comprehensive fundraising campaign in 2011.

Cabela’s officials have asked that the value of the collection not be released, but Weeden says it’s best described as “priceless.”

Dowse said Cabela’s purchases pieces for its stores from a variety of sources, including hunters and taxidermists. When the company constructed eight new stores in 2007, it used 30 taxidermists across the nation to prepare pieces.

“The bigger stores that year had 500 to 600 mounts,” Dowse said. “I’ve been doing this job for 11 years, but I still find each mount to be unique.”

Conference draws law enforcement, prosecutors

More than 40 people, including regional prosecutors and law enforcement officials, gathered at Chadron State College’s Student Center on Tuesday, Oct. 27, to receive an update on recent legislation and cases in criminal law and procedures.

The conference was sponsored by the Attorney General’s Office and the Justice Studies Department at CSC. Most of the information was presented by two members of the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, John Freudenberg, chief of the Criminal Bureau, and Corey O’Brien, assistant attorney general in the Drug and Violent Crime Unit. Freudenberg is a 1992 CSC graduate who earned a juris doctorate from the University of Nebraska.

Among the topics were recent developments in consent searches and search and seizure.

Dr. George Watson, CSC justice studies professor, said the conference was provided as a service to officials in western Nebraska, but also provided a learning opportunity for the justice studies program.

Conference attendees said the conference provided a valuable service to the region.

“It’s not always easy to keep updated on all the laws and changes in legislation, so we take advantage of any opportunities such as this.”

— Henry Moreno
Wellness professor honored for creativity

A Chadron State College family and consumer sciences professor was honored for creative teaching during a national conference this summer.

Dr. Norma Nealeigh was awarded the Creativity in Education Award at the National Wellness Conference in Stevens Point, Wis., in late July. Nealeigh presented a poster about an assignment in her upper level Lifespan Wellness course.

Just 10 attendees were selected to present posters at the conference. Nealeigh’s topic was “Lifespan Wellness: The Mini-Magazine.”

For the mini-magazine assignment, students were asked to create a small publication about wellness for a specific age range. Each student produced a magazine with a cover, contents, editor’s page and information about eight dimensions of wellness – physical, social, emotional, occupational, financial, spiritual, environmental and intellectual.

Nealeigh said the conference covers a wide array of topics about wellness, and had dozens of presentations. This summer marked her third year in attendance.

Chadron State College ranked again by U.S. News & World Report

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

For the second consecutive year, CSC was the only public institution in Nebraska to be named among the nationally circulated publication’s top 69 baccalaureate institutions in the Midwest region, an area that encompasses 12 states.

“Chadron State College is a Midwest treasure recognized nationally for its academic quality and value,” said CSC President Janie Park. “We are very pleased to once again be acknowledged by U.S. News as one of the best colleges in the Midwest.”

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

CSC offers undergraduate programs in about 70 majors or endorsements, numerous professional studies options and four master’s degrees.

During the past 26 years, the U.S. News college rankings, which groups schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has been a research tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.

The 2010 America’s Best Colleges package provides an examination of how more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools compared on a set of 15 indicators of excellence. Among the many factors weighed in determining the rankings, the key measures of quality are peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation rate performance.

Highlights of the college rankings were published in the U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges issue.

CSC Alumni Travel Program

Rick ’71 and Pat att ’69 Watson joined 14 other CSC Alumni on a trip to Ireland this past fall. The CSC Alumni Travel Program will travel to the Greek Isles in September 2010. See the ad in this issue.

Donna Engel ’70 and Marilyn Hucke ’71 joined 14 CSC alumni and friends on a recent trip to Ireland. Donna and Marilyn also went on the first alumni trip to Italy in March of 2007.

Viaggio a Corfu
Larry Teahon named chairman of NSCS Board of Trustees

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees selected Larry Teahon of Chadron as its 2009-10 chairman and Carter “Cap” Peterson as vice chairman. Teahon, who presided over his first NSCS Board meeting in September, succeeds past chairman Bill Roskens of Omaha.

A 1982 graduate of Chadron State College, Teahon is manager of Environmental Health and Safety for Crow Butte Resources, Inc. in Crawford. He and his wife, Linda, live in Chadron.

First appointed to the Nebraska State College System Board in 2001, Teahon has been chairman of the Fiscal and Facilities Committee since 2004. While chairman, many significant improvements were made to the infrastructures at Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges.

“I believe in the mission and purpose of the Nebraska State Colleges and understand the importance of maintaining affordable, high quality education for students and their families. As a lifelong supporter of higher education, I know the Nebraska State College System is an integral part of the higher education system in Nebraska,” Teahon said.

The former city manager of Chadron, Teahon is active in the community. He has served on the Dawes County Agricultural Society, Northwest Nebraska Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on the Chadron State Alumni Council.

“Larry is committed to the Nebraska State College System and its students. His background in city administration and his understanding of financial management, auditing and the oversight of capital projects makes him a valuable resource. We are very pleased to have him at the helm of the Board,” Nebraska State College System Chancellor Stan Carpenter said.

First part of new student information system goes live

By Justin Haag

Students entering Chadron State College for fall 2010 are applying using the new Nebraska Student Information System. The new system, which has involved months of training for a number of CSC employees, was implemented at the end of September.

Tena Cook, CSC director of admissions, said NeSIS has a number of new dynamic self-service features that are making it easier for students to complete the admissions process.

“The new online application is very exciting and offers a high level of convenience and service to the student applicant,” she said.

The new system also is being implemented at the two other colleges of the Nebraska State College System and the institutions of the University of Nebraska system. One of the new system’s features, the TrueYou identity management system, allows students to conduct most of their business and academic affairs with a single user ID and password at all seven NeSIS campuses.

To attain that objective, CSC students were prompted to obtain a new ID card with a unique number at the beginning of the semester.

Another benefit to the new system is the expanded search and reporting functions for college staff.

Cook said the implementation has gone smoothly for the most part.

“As with any new product or service, details are being tweaked and staff product knowledge continues daily,” Cook said.

The Oracle PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions application was chosen by the Nebraska State College System and the University of Nebraska in September 2008. The NSCS and the university opted to implement a new student information system in 2007 after they were advised the systems in place would not be supported after 2011.

The estimated cost of implementing the new system for all seven institutions is $29.8 million over three years, with ongoing costs estimated at $2.5 million annually. More than a half-dozen employees from Chadron have attended training for several months in Lincoln and Omaha during the past year.

“This project represents a tremendous investment of time, energy and other resources, ” Cook said. “The travel time to and from Lincoln and Omaha was probably the most obvious draw on our resources and away from our regular responsibilities.”

She said the task of making the admissions component live couldn’t have been completed without other members of the CSC staff “filling in the gaps.” She also praised the guidance from technical leads on the CSC campus and in Lincoln.

Three other components to the system are scheduled to be implemented next year.

The parts that involve the financial aid and registrar’s offices are projected to go live in February and April, respectively. The billing component will start up next summer and the entire system is scheduled to be operating by fall 2010.

More information about the NeSIS system is available at the project’s Web site, accessible by clicking on the NeSIS logo at CSC’s home page, www.csc.edu.
Watershed Team continues Chadron Creek study

By Deann Stearns, CSC Student

Ten Chadron State College students and four professors continued their ongoing study of Chadron Creek’s resources Saturday, Nov. 7. At six sites along the creek, the Watershed Team collected data on range quality, water flow rate, invertebrates, chemical properties and bacteria. The team is in its fifth year of monitoring the sustainability of Chadron Creek’s natural resources.

Austin Horn, a junior from Sidney, is the lead student of the Watershed Team. He replaced Jennifer Balmat, graduate student, who was the lead in past years.

“We have the same sampling events as in the past, except for fisheries,” Horn said. “The team, also known as P3, which stands for People, Prosperity and the Planet, is made up of students from across disciplines. It traveled to Washington, D.C., in 2008 to compete in the Environmental Protection Agency’s Sustainable Design Competition, a student-led P3 research program. The team will not attend the contest this year.

“The team’s four years of data shows large variations in flow, a function of intermittent drought and some wetter years.”

— Dr. Mike Leite

The Watershed Team can be found at watershedteam.org.

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CSC’s annual Phonathon Vision 2011

The Vision 2011 Campaign is Chadron State’s first multi-million dollar comprehensive campaign. As the College approaches its centennial celebration in 2011, the goal is to secure gifts for three initiatives: capital funds, endowment funds, and annual funds.

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Chadron State College 2010 Phonathon
January 24 – February 11, 2010
Spotlight: Dr. Scott Ritzen

Spotlight is a feature of the Alumni News that explores the lives and careers of prominent people within the Chadron State College community.

Dr. Scott Ritzen has become a revered educator and coach at Chadron State College during the past two decades. He came to CSC in the summer of 1987, serving as head wrestling coach, assistant football coach and instructor in CSC’s Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. In 1990, as CSC entered the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, the athletic department restructured and all assistant coaching duties were removed from the head coaches. In the mid-1990s, Ritzen became the HPER Department chairman, along with the teaching and coaching duties he continues today. He earned bachelor’s degree in business and physical education in 1982 and a master’s degree in physical education in 1984, both from Adams State College. He completed his doctorate in sports management in 1992.

What jobs did you have before coming to CSC?
Professionally, I taught and coached at Boulder High School in Boulder, Colo., for two years prior to coming to CSC.

Why did you take a position at Chadron State? I had always known, from competing in wrestling at the collegiate level, that I wanted to be a collegiate wrestling coach. I also had worked with a previous coach from CSC so he influenced me as well.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed at Chadron State during your tenure? We have had tremendous advancements in technology on the CSC campus. I once had the only computer in the Nelson Physical Activity Center and we now have entire programs available at CSC online. The other changes come in athletics with the move into joining the RMAC and NCAA Division II which are such very competitive affiliations it’s a difficult challenge.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed in teaching, coaching and your discipline of study during your career? Students are certainly not the same as they used to be. They expect to be educationally stimulated in a variety of ways (online learning, etc.) in and out of the classroom. We have and will continue to produce excellent graduates who are prepared to succeed in the changing world.

What are your favorite courses to teach? I teach primarily coaching courses. I most enjoy the graduate courses that I teach.

Please tell us about your most memorable moment at CSC:
I would say coaching my first national champion at CSC in wrestling and having a second-place finisher in that same year. I will also never forget the CSC playoff game in football against Abilene Christian in 2007 that went into three overtimes with CSC coming out on top.

What programs and activities at CSC make you particularly proud?
Obviously I am partial, but the success of the athletic programs at CSC, knowing how disadvantaged they are, makes me proud of the coaches, athletes, and entire CSC family.

Who are some role models you’ve had during your career? I had the tremendous opportunity to be coached by a Hall of Famer in Richard Ulrich. I was also very influenced by former CSC wrestling coach Rodger Jehlicka who encouraged me to take the position at CSC while I was working as his graduate assistant at Adams State.

How would you summarize CSC to a potential student? Chadron State College is a place where the more you put into it the more you will get out of it. The time and commitment that you make to CSC will pay you back in more ways than you would ever imagine. CSC is a family of people who genuinely care about you and your future.

What is your favorite book, food, beverage, movie and television program? I really enjoy a wide variety of things in life. Not a book reader but enjoy reading articles and short excerpts from all sources.

Name a job or chore you had in your younger years that might surprise the readers: During the summers of my college days I worked at the Coors Brewery in Golden, Colorado. That might have been a mistake!

What hobbies do you most enjoy? I enjoy playing golf.

Please tell us about a memorable experience from your college days: Most of my college experiences are censored however, winning the national championship both as a team and individually was very memorable.
Students see good, bad on tour of Canadian Rockies

By Con Marshall, CSC
Information Services

Fifteen Chadron State College science students saw both the good and the bad while participating in a 4,300-mile trip into the Canadian Rockies last month.

They saw the beauty of the towering mountains, the waterfalls that descend from them, the wildlife that resides in them and the array of wildflowers and other plants that grow on them. They even saw fossils that lie in the mountains in places.

But they also observed some frightening scenarios that apparently stem from global warming. Glaciers in the areas they visited are receding and thousands of acres of prime forest land in Alberta and British Columbia have been destroyed by beetles that have survived the recent mild winters and feast on pine and spruce trees the remainder of the year.

The trip was sponsored by two veteran members of the CSC science faculty, Dr. Ron Weedon and Dr. Mike Leite. They had previously joined in leading two field trips to three localities, the Desert Southwest, the Big Bend area west Texas and Costa Rica. This was the first time they had led a tour to Canada and the Pacific Northwest.

Two newer members of the CSC science faculty, Dr. Mathew Brust and Dr. Ann Buchmann, also served as mentors during the trip.

Each student selected a topic involving geology, plants or water to study during the 12-day journey. The students are now writing papers on their research.

The trip began with a diagonal jaunt through northeastern Wyoming and Montana by way of Missoula and Flathead Lake to Glacier National Park.

One of the highlights of the trip was being able to walk on the Athabasca Glacier in Banff National Park in Alberta. The glacier has retreated a mile since 1844, the CSC group was told.

Other major attractions visited in Canada included the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, traveling on the spectacular Icefields Parkway to Jasper National Park, hiking on a restricted area (led by a guide) on Mount Stephen, viewing quarries where significant numbers of Cambrian fossils have been collected but many other remain and exploring Yoho National Park in British Columbia.

After returning to the U.S., the CSC party viewed the Channeled Scablands, a unique 150 by 200-mile area with diverse agriculture ranging from fruits to wheat not far from Spokane in eastern Washington.

Chadron State enrollment up four years straight

Chadron State College reported another increase in enrollment this fall, marking its fourth consecutive year of positive growth.

As of Oct. 15, 2,853 students were taking courses at CSC, a 4 percent increase of 108 students from the same date in 2008. The college also reported a 1 percent increase in full-time equivalency.

"It gives us great pride to continue the trend of growth at Chadron State," said Dr. Randy Rhine, CSC vice president for enrollment management and student services. "CSC is an outstanding institution and we are glad more students are capitalizing on its offerings."

Rhine said the enrollment indicators for spring 2010 also are strong, with 2,053 students registered for courses in late November compared to 1,995 at the same time last year.
Heineman headlines Chadron State Veterans Awareness Conference

By Justin Haag

Gov. Dave Heineman headlined the list of more than 20 presenters at the CSC Veterans Awareness Conference in the Student Center on Tuesday, Nov. 10. More than 170 people attended the conference, which was organized by a CSC social work program’s “Communities and Organizations” class.

Heineman, a veteran himself, used the conference to express gratitude to the state’s servicemen and servicewomen of past and present, and to update the audience about Nebraska’s military programs and services for veterans.

Heineman also applauded the CSC students’ efforts in organizing and conducting the conference.

“I suspect you’re finding out just how hard it is, and the challenges of putting on a conference – especially a successful one,” he said. “This is a great crowd and you should be very proud of yourselves for what you’ve done.”

The class of 11 students is taught by CSC social work faculty member Bruce Hoem.

The other keynote speaker of the conference was Peter Henry, director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Black Hills Health Care System. Breakout session topics included post-traumatic stress disorder, veterans’ benefits, family support, female veterans’ issues, education benefits and substance abuse.

The conference’s opening ceremony featured the singing of the National Anthem, presentation of colors by active military and American Indian veterans, and the unfolding of one of three U.S. flags that flew over the World Trade Center buildings on 9/11.

CSC, elementary students benefit from PE partnership

By Kristen O’Brien, College Relations

For the fourth straight year, Chadron State College students are gaining hands-on teaching skills by providing a physical education experience for students of a nearby rural elementary school.

Thirty-two students from Alpha Elementary are dropped off every Tuesday and Thursday from Sept. 10 to Nov. 12 to spend an hour with Chadron State students who are majoring in Physical Education. The Alpha students range from kindergarten to eighth grade. Students at CSC each develop a lesson plan and put that plan into action with the Alpha students.

Dawn Brammer, the Chadron State instructor who oversees the project, said the No. 1 goal is to get students comfortable with running their own lesson.

“They need to be able to think on their feet. This is a controlled environment yet they have the freedom to teach the lesson and skills that they want,” she said.

Ryan Akers, a senior from Newcastle, Wyo., believes the opportunity has benefited him by giving him first-hand experience before entering his own classroom.

“One thing I learned is how kids react to different teachers and lessons,” he said.

Throughout the education program at Chadron State, students are given the opportunity to learn how to use different types of teaching methods, but experiences like these allow for a more real-life approach to learning.

“I have really learned the importance of physical activity and how to teach different individuals at different levels. I will also take into the classroom with me the creative lessons from other student teachers,” said Amanda Scott, a senior from Colorado.

The students attending Alpha Elementary also are benefiting the middle grade at Alpha, commented on the college’s facilities and other resources.

“CSC has more equipment than we do so they can do more activities with the kids,” she said.

Both teachers agree that the Alpha students love the experience and look forward to it every year.

C.A.R. Reunion in February

The Chadron Area Reunion (CAR), held annually in the Phoenix area, is scheduled for Feb. 6, 2010, for Northwest Nebraskans who live in, or are visiting, Arizona -- the Southwest District of Northwest Nebraska.

CAR--2010 is set for 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Golden Corral Buffet Restaurant, 1868 North Power Road, Mesa. It is the same location as 2008 and 2009, with a private room and a $7.19 charge for meals with coffee or an additional $1.89 for other drinks.

Reservations are not required, but information may be obtained from organizer Mike Smith, 623-977-8869 or 2AZKidz@Cox.Net. A reminder postcard will be mailed, potential CAR members with new postal or E-Mail addresses should forward those to Mike Smith.

Fall 2009
Dear Alumni,

It appears to be that time of the year again and as the holiday season approaches, I hope you have ample time to spend with loved ones.

It has been a busy fall semester, most notably with the public announcement of the Vision 2011 Comprehensive Campaign for Chadron State College's Second Century. My wife Pam and I are members of the National Campaign Leadership Council, which is leading the effort toward the $11 million goal. This is the College’s first campaign of this magnitude and we are all thrilled with the results to date. I am excited about the renovation of the Armstrong facility and the impact it will have on our athletic program and western Nebraska. If all goes as planned, the renovation will turn Armstrong into a state-of-the-art facility for not only athletics, but for the entire community by hosting graduation, concerts and other events. Armstrong will be a keystone facility in the region and another opportunity for Chadron State to show off its beautiful campus. I would like to take this occasion to thank all of you for your generous support, either financially or through your dedication to the college and its programs.

In October, Chadron State was proud to host the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Athletic Directors’ Summit. All 14 athletic directors in the conference, including numerous assistant athletic directors and presidents, were on campus for two days for the annual fall meeting. Much was accomplished and my hat is off to the people on campus who helped host the meeting. Everyone left CSC impressed with the facilities and the people.

Also in October, Chadron State inducted nine former student-athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend. As usual, this was one of the highlights of the weekend, along with the Eagles’ convincing win over New Mexico Highlands. It was fun to see former players I coached and to re-connect with the numerous other athletes and alumni representing their sports or academic programs. The fall sports season was a success and I’m looking forward to an electrifying winter sports campaign. If you get the opportunity to see any CSC team compete, please take the time to do so.

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

Have a joyous holiday season,

Brad Smith
Director of Athletics

Plenty of new faces will be on the court for the Chadron State men’s basketball team this season, but fourth-year head coach Brent Bargen likes what he sees.

“I love these kids,” said Bargen, who has helped the Eagles improve their victory total each year during his first three seasons. “I think we really filled in the holes we had from last year and we replaced what we needed to replace. We have a lot of versatile players and they’re all athletic.”

Eight incoming players joined the team this fall and the Eagles have seven returning players, including two starters in sophomore guard Kevin McClelland and senior center Tyler Coffman.

Unfortunately, the top player from the past two years, Tim McLaurin, who averaged 18.2 points and 5.2 rebounds and was a First Team RMAC East choice last season, did not return to CSC this fall.

However, three of the top five scorers from last year are back. They include McClelland, who averaged 10.2 points, and Coffman and Moala Tautu, who averaged 7.6 and 7.0 points, respectively.

Two more sophomores and two redshirts also return from last season, when the Eagles were 8-19.

Coffman is one of just two seniors on the roster. The other is Chance Wallesen, a guard from Bridgeport who played two seasons at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff and one year at Bellevue College before coming to CSC.

Five more transfers, all juniors, also are on the team. They are Jan Burris, Trey Mosby, Eric Butler, Shaw Buckner and Chris Randel.

“We really have good depth,” Bargen said. “Playing time is going to be tough to get. As the season goes on, we will only get better. Of course, there’s going to be ups and downs because these guys are young and they haven’t played together much, but I couldn’t ask for better depth.”

Donte Archie and Jelany White, both redshirt freshmen guards from California, could also figure prominently in the team’s success this season.

“We’re hoping with the added depth and maturity of our returning guys, we’ll be able to take that next step,” Bargen said. “The chemistry has been good so far and practice has been going well. We haven’t faced any adversity yet as a team, but when we do, I’m confident these guys will pick one another up.

CSC Athletics

Men’s basketball team could turn heads

Brad Smith

Kevin McClelland

Tyler Coffman

Head Coach: Brent Bargen (Fourth Season)

* RMAC Contests Home Games in Bold

Head Coach: Tim Connealy (Second Season)

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Fall 2009
Eagles had another successful season on the gridiron

Even though the Chadron State College football team wasn’t able to replicate all the triumphs it experienced the previous three years, the 2009 season was still a success.

The Eagles shrugged off a couple of tough, early season losses to claim a 7-4 record, tying for third in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Seven players earned all-conference accolades, led by Special Teams Player of the Year, Travis Atter. Atter had a record-setting season in 2009. He made 18 of 24 field goals to break his record of 17 set in 2008. He also connected on all 38 of his PAT kicks, and became CSC’s all-time leader in kick scoring points (371) and career field goals (57).

Joining Atter on the first team are wide receiver Brandon Harrington, inside receiver Ben Puffer, defensive end Cory Beran, linebacker Duke Eardley and punter Kevin Berg. Harrington was also a first team selection at kick returner.

The Eagles second team selections are outside linebacker Jeff Lyster, a senior from McCook, and cornerback Jed Herblan, a junior from Arvada, Colo.

Nick Milani, a sophomore from Poway, Calif., is a third team selection.

Despite graduating nine starters from a year ago, the Chadron State College football team led the RMAC in total defense during the 2009 season.

The Eagles gave up 288.6 yards a game this fall. It is the fifth time this decade that the Eagles have led the conference in total defense. The other years were 2000 (285.8 per game), 2001 (234.9), 2002 (243.4) and 2006 (251.5). CSC also set the defensive pace in the conference five times between 1993 and 1999.

The Eagles had the stingiest pass defense in the conference this year, yielding 187.9 yards a game. They were third in rushing defense, giving up an average of 100.7 yards.

Offensively, the Eagles were fourth in rushing, sixth in passing and fifth overall, gaining 351.7 yards a game. They ranked third in scoring offense at 29.6 points. They led the conference in third down efficiency at 48.1 percent, moving the sticks 78 times in 162 tries.

Chadron State can also hang its hat on its phenomenal record during this decade, owning a record of 87-25 since 2000. The Eagles are also 69-13 in the RMAC.

The next best RMAC team is Nebraska-Kearney. The Lopers are 72-33 overall and 61-21 in conference.

The Eagles’ 87 wins and winning percentage of 77.6% ranks seventh in all of Division II this decade.

Including a record of 77-31 in the 90s, Chadron State College is 164-56 (74.5%) the last 20 seasons of football. That’s among the top 15 percentages in Division II during that time.

These former Chadron State College athletes were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming this fall. In front, from left, are Jay Rhoades ’94 and Angela Woodworth Rhoades ’96 both of Douglas, Wyo.; Shauna Smith Golembiewski ’95 San Jose, Calif.; and Cody Gamble ’98 Sidney. In the back are Russ Crafton ’95 Overland Park, Kan.; J.J. Feddersen ’94 Cheyenne, Wyo.; Jason Robinson ’94 Queen Creek, Ariz.; Joe Plansky ’95 Windsor, Colo.; and Chad Johnson ’95 Mitchell.

J. Rhoades, Gamble, Johnson and Plansky were all inductees for football. Basketball inductees were Feddersen, Robinson and Crafton for the men and Golembiewski for women. A. Rhoades was inducted for volleyball.

**WRESTLING SCHEDULE**

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Head Coach: Scott Ritzen (23rd Season)  
* RMAC Contests  
Home Matches in Bold
Young women’s Basketball team looking to contend in conference

There's a youth movement going on in the Chadron State women’s basketball program. Of the 19 players on the preseason roster, 10 are incoming freshmen and two more are redshirt freshmen.

"Obviously, we're going to be really young," second-year coach Tim Connealy said. "We're going to have some peaks and valleys, but hopefully the girls will be able to fight through that and develop more consistency."

The returning players include seniors Samantha Arkulari, Bobbi Arends and Alyssa Lyman. Arkulari starred at point guard and averaged 5.9 points. Arends came off the bench to help in the post, and Lyman set a school record by canning 81 3-pointers while averaging 14 points a game, second highest on the team.

Sophomore Kelsey Scott, who averaged 6.4 points, is another returning starter.

Sunni Busch, who led the Eagles in both scoring (15.6 points per game) and rebounding (9.4 per game) while earning Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Second Team All-East Division honors, decided not to return for her senior season.

Connealy feels his team will be more athletic than last year's squad, thanks in large part to the influx of freshmen and transfer Kaitlin Petri, a 5-foot-11 junior guard who averaged 11.3 points and 4.8 rebounds last season while starting for Nebraska-Kearney.

The freshmen are Taylor Diehl, Jaci Egley, Liz Ellicott, Lindy McDaniel, Betsy Moler, Marla Munsen, Mallory.

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Wrestling team looking to improve as season progresses

Chadron State wrestling coach Scott Ritzen has said all along that his team will probably have some rough spots this season after graduating national champions Brett Hunter and Josh Majerus along with stalwarts Devlon Webb and Shaine Odell.

However, that fact hasn't stopped him from thinking his team could turn some heads. The Eagles were picked to finish sixth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and they also open the season ranked 18th in the Division II national poll.

"Even though we're going to be inexperienced, this group of guys works hard and I know they want to have success," said Ritzen, who's entering his 23rd season at CSC. "They've all been working really hard and that's a good indication of where the program is headed."

The only returnees with a winning varsity record last season are juniors Jimmy Savala and Sam Udell.

Savala, who is ranked sixth in the preseason poll at 141 pounds, went 30-13 last year and qualified for the national tournament for the second time.

Udell was 8-7 at 197 pounds and is moving up to heavyweight this season.

Sophomores Phil Bullington, Brian Easterling and Jake Lords also are back after filling varsity slots last season.

Seven redshirt freshmen and 10 true freshmen round out the roster. Ritzen said several freshmen will probably be in this year's varsity lineup.

"I think we've got a good group (of freshmen)," Ritzen said. "I hope they can hold up to the challenge."

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

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

"Where There's a Will There's a Way"
This watercolor was commissioned by the Chadron State Rodeo Booster Club. The painting is of Will Farrel, CSC’s 1999 and 2001 National College Rodeo Bull riding Champion preparing to ride at Chadron State’s home rodeo. Unframed prints are available for $100. Watercolor by Don Ruleaux.

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

Contact the CSC Alumni office if you are interested in purchasing any of these items at 308-432-6366.
Although the Chadron State volleyball team finished with a record of 5-21 this season, head coach Amy Spruiell believes the Eagles, bolstered by the best freshman class in years, made considerable progress and are on the right track.

“I’m excited about our potential,” Spruiell said. “I think we’re making progress.”

All five of the Eagles wins came within the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. To put that in perspective, CSC won only one game in the RMAC in 2008.

The Eagles had a freshmen class that was ripe with talent, not to mention, numbers. All together, eight freshmen saw significant time and all of them started at least one match during the season.

Alyssa Norton, a Rushville native, led the Eagles with 158 kills, but Lauren Emory, Mollie Jones and Mallory Irvine weren’t far behind. Emory, a junior from Fort Collins, Colo., had 152 kills. Jones added 141 kills and Irvine had 138 more. Jones and Irvine are both freshmen.

Defensively, the Eagles will have to replace senior libero Sarah Mortensen, who led them with 263 digs, but Spruiell is excited about the development of redshirt freshman Ashley Bargen. Skye Duncan and Bailey Wise are also talented defensive specialists who saw plenty of action this fall.

The Eagles had the luxury of playing two setters this season. Junior Stephanie Levi led CSC with 402 assists, while Nikki Stetson had 261.

Future appears bright for Eagle volleyball team

Members of the Chadron State College volleyball team celebrate a point during a match earlier this season. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)
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Miscellaneous News

Karen Enos, current faculty, was awarded a doctor of education degree in educational administration.

‘40s

Doris Hallsted Rawalt ‘40 celebrated her 90th birthday April 19, 2009. She lives in Chadron.

‘50s

Jack Romanek BS ’57, MS ’61, was chosen by the Casper College Alumni Association as this year’s Commitment to Excellence honoree. This award honors “those who have given exemplary service to and have made a significant difference in the growth and development of Casper College.” Romanek lives in Casper and retired from Casper College in 1991.

Rex BS ’59, MS ’66, and Sharon Jones ’72 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 27, 2009.

‘60s

Charlie Snoek ’60 retired as the Wildlife Habitat/Tree Program Manager for the Upper Niobrara White River. He and his wife Barb live in Chadron.

Dale Butler ’64, Overland Park, Kan., was inducted into the Nebraska High School Athletic Hall of Fame at the Lied Center in Lincoln. Butler is a Chadron native who estimates that he has officiated more than 2,100 football, basketball and baseball games. He has been refereeing for 42 years.

Anna (Sellers) Peterson ’64, Kimball, will celebrate her 100th birthday in December.


Dr. Patricia (Meter) Covalt ’66 has published a book titled "What Smart Couples Know." She lives in Centennial, Colo.

Sharon Cripps ’67 was selected as the Featured Quilter at the 2009 Chadron Festival of Quilts. Cripps joined the Panhandle Quilt Guild in the mid-1990s after doing a demonstration for them. She is also a member of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and the Pine Ridge Quilters Guild in Chadron. She and her husband live in Whitney. Milton and Phyllis Mott ’68 celebrated 60 years of marriage Sept. 4, 2009. They reside in Scottsbluff.

Dennis Kirkpatrick ’69 retired March 31, 2009, after sixteen years of being a supervisor at Paulsen, Inc. Dennis and his wife, Susan ’69, live in Gothenburg.

‘70s

Ann Smith BS ’70, MS ’77, Chadron, was the Nebraska recipient of the Pathfinder Award given by the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports in Tampa, Fla., April 3. The Pathfinder Award is presented to women who have demonstrated dedication to the advocacy, recruitment and enhancement of girls and women in sports.

Janelle (Todd) Kukuchka ’73 retired from teaching in Sheridan, Wyo., where she lives with her husband, Kenneth ’73. Kenneth is a teacher at Central Junior High.

Patrick Doyle ’71 retired from Chicago and North Western Transportation Corporation where he was a railroad engineer. His wife, Barbara (Gillman) ’74 is a first-grade teacher for the Goshen County School District. They live in Torrington, Wyo.

James M. Harmon BS ’74, MS ’80, Atkinson, is entering his fifth year at Rock County High School, where he graduated from in 1970, after 31 years at West Holt High School. Harmon has been coaching girls’ basketball for 30 years and has won 330 games. His wife Jacalyn (Jaci) (Bennett) ’80 retired after 35 years of teaching in May 2009. Their children are both teaching in the English departments of their respective schools; daughter Jill Paopao ’01 at Chadron High and son Jesse at Schuyler High School.

Randall W. Pollard ’74 and his wife Georgie are both retired from teaching in Greeley, Colo., and have relocated to Lyons, Colo.

Dr. Charles McMasters ’75 prepared troops from the Tennessee National Guard to be deployed in Iraq. His part was getting protective mask inserts and upgrading their prescriptions. Charles graduated from Southern College of Optometry and has been practicing in Mississippi since.

Doug Johnson ’79 was honored for 30 years of employment with Nebraska Public Power District. He is the local manager in Gordon but lives in Rushville with his wife Candise ’78.

Elizabeth Slownn att ’79 was named Director of Northern Region’s Public and Governmental Relations Staff. Slownn was recently employed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Southwest Regional Office. Prior to her federal career, she worked as Director of Development for the society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. She lives in Missoula, Mont.

‘80s

Russell Harford ’83 MA was appointed by Gov. Dave Heineman to serve on the County Court in the 12th Judicial District. Harford is a partner with Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, Watson & Harford in Chadron, where he has worked since 1989.

LeMay (DeLapp) and Maynard (Brit) ’83 Britain celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 8, 2009.

Patricia Kuhn ’85 retired as a Special Education Consultant for the Safford School District in August 2009. She and her husband James live in Safford, Ariz.

Ishtiaq Chowdhury ’86 was promoted to Director of Sales for Technomag Inc. in Setauket, N.Y. He lives in Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.

Monte Zillinger ’87 is the Senior Manager of Police at BNSF Railway in Fort Worth, Texas. He received a Master of Science in Management from Baker University in Kansas. He lives in Euless, Texas.

Vicky Elder ’88 has been named the executive director of the Chadron Housing Authority. She and her husband James ’88 live in Marsland.

Carolyn Haefelin BS ’88, MS ’97 retired after 18 years of teaching. She was the fourth-grade teacher in Bridgeport.

Kim Bright ’89 celebrated 20 years at Pinnacle Bank, where she is currently the operations supervisor. She lives in Mitchell with her husband Wesley and son Austyn.

‘90s

Jack and Betty Jo (Wineteer) Holwell MS ’91 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2009. Both have retired from the Weston County School District and live in Newcastle, Wyo.

Julie Rice-Rollins ’93 has been appointed to the position of Professor of Geography at Oklahoma City Community College. Julie is the first full professor of geography to be hired by the college in its 37 year history. She lives in Warr Acres, Okla., with her husband Matt and daughter Kate.

Linda Drinkwater BS ’93, MS ’99 was honored as the Great Plains Communications Outstanding Teacher for 2009. Drinkwater is a Chadron High School math teacher. The outstanding teacher is chosen based on professional involvement, contributions, and accomplishments in the teaching field, community service activities and the ability to inspire students. Drinkwater has taught at Chadron since 1984.

Hope (Kamerzell) Cooper BA ’94, MA ’96, is a Program Consultant II for the Kansas Department of Corrections. She lives in Lawrence, Kan., with her husband Lance.

Dr. Jason Fink ’94 joined Chadron Chiropractic Clinic. He has more than 10 years of experience. He and his wife Meggin (Koss) ’98 live in Rushville with their children. Meggin is a speech and language pathologist.

Nichole Pourier att ’95 has joined Western Community Health Resources as Director of Family Planning. Pourier was previously employed at Chadron Medical Clinic and Legend Buttes Health Service. She and her family reside in Chadron.

Dan Dieringer MS ’94 is the full-time offensive coordinator at South Dakota School of Mines and brings in 19 years of college coaching experience. He lives in Rapid City, S.D.

Michael Kushnick ’96 earned his teaching license and was promoted to Associate Professor at Ohio University where he researches and teaches in Exercise Physiology. He lives in Athens, Ohio, with his wife Shannon (Santin) ’96 and their daughters, Lillian and Ella.

Archie Shipp ’96 is the middle/high school principal at Wiggins Public Schools and his wife Tammie (Ohrmund) ’97 is the math department leader at The Academy charter school in Westminster. They live in Brighton, Colo. with their children.

Jeff Steinbeck ’98 was hired as an administrative assistant at Casper College. Steinbeck will be a dean of students in charge of discipline and performance and will also conduct teacher evaluations. He coached the Hershey girls’ basketball team to the state tournament in the last two seasons before moving to North Platte.

Ashraf (Rony) Ahmen ’99 received a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Florida in 2008. He lives in Ontario, Canada.

‘00s

David Russell ’00 has been hired as vice president in the team of agricultural and commercial lenders at Security First Bank in Rushville. He lives in Hay Springs with his wife Sarah (Wiley) ’00 and children.

Tricia (Holwell) Parker ’01 was named the Director of Reading and Writing for the Nebraska Department of Education in Lincoln.

Jed Mathis ’01 is a Research Technologist for the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wis.

Nissrine Houari-Tarik ’02 earned her MBA in 2007 from the University of South Florida. Nissrine is an accounting controller for Schroeder-Manatee Ranch in Lakewood Ranch and recently became a U.S. citizen.

Brent Heyen ’02 entered the seminary this fall. He was a member of Brother Knights and was the Columbian Squares moderator. He lives in Otoe.

Sheena Sturgen ’05 joined Gothenburg Discount Pharmacy. Sturgen completed pre-pharmacy classes at CSC and graduated from University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy in May.

Sarah Hall ’05 is the Adoptive Family and Birth Family Caseworker for Hope’s Promise in Grand Junction, Colo.

Lara (Dailey) Hager ’05 was promoted to Compliance Officer/Internal Auditor in
Marriages

Randy Mathis and Lynn Scheopner Hardman att ’75 were married Aug. 1, 2009. They live in Chadron.

Kevin Schenbeck ’95 and Alicia Wise were married Feb. 10, 2009. They live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Matthew Ryan Daugherty and Jennifer Dunn ’97 were married Oct. 3, 2009. They live in Parker, Colo.

Ryan Mathis ’00 and Bandie Reed were married June 6, 2009. They live in Lincoln.

Matt Love and Shayley Dockery ’00 were married June 20, 2009. They live in Saratoga, Wyo., where Shayley is a teacher with the Wyoming Virtual Academy.

Bradley Hall and Emily Pieper ’01 were married Oct. 18, 2008. They live in Parker, Colo.

Dr. Shawn Murdock ’02 and Michelle Schmidt were married June 6, 2009. They live in North Platte where Shawn is the newest family medicine physician at Great Plains Regional Medical Center and will provide a full scope practice at Midlands Family Medicine, PC.

Luke Goodwin and Hilary Welsch ’02 were married Sept. 13, 2008. They live in Gothenburg.

Sheldon Poage ’02 and Janae Crary ’06 were married June 7, 2009. They live in Glenrock, Wyo., where Sheldon is a trooper for the Wyoming Highway Patrol and Janae is the Patient Relations Coordinator at the Wyoming Medical Center.

Oliver Glass and Katie Johnson ’03 were married March 28, 2009. They live in Fremont.

Tommaso Pagano and Dr. Brittany Smith ’04 were married July 11, 2009. They live in Norfolk, where Brittany is a doctor in occupational therapy at Jacobson Services.

Brady Rhodes and Jennifer Harlan ’04 were married June 6, 2009. They live in Spearfish, S.D.

Nathan Weber and Nicholl Mick <em>’04</em> were married July 12, 2008. They live in Pierce.

Justin Kumke and Misti Harlan ’04 were married Oct. 25, 2008. They live in Kearney.

William Deines ’05 and Christina Van Buren ’06 were married Sept. 29, 2007. They live in Bridgeport.

David and JoAnna Tatman ’06 were married Sept. 25, 2009. They live in Larchwood, Iowa, where both are employed for a PreK-12 Christian curriculum publishing company.

Codi Wake ’06 and Kyle Jorgensen were married July 5, 2009. They live in Lander, Wyo., where Codi is teaching 8th grade science.

Abby Slagle ’06 and Barton Cron ’08 were married May 30, 2009. They live in Aurora, Colo.

Danyel Dux att ’07 and Scott Bartels were married Aug. 1, 2009. They live in Omaha.

Daniel Helberg ’07 MS and Megan McNeil ’06 were married June 20, 2009. They live in La Vista where Dan and Megan teach at La Vista Junior High and Dan coaches football for Papillion-La Vista High School.

Justin Israel and Mary Andrews ’07 were married Aug. 28, 2009. They live in Rapid City, S.D., where Mary is employed by Security First Bank.

Derek Gail ’07 and Vanessa Mapes ’08 were married August 2008. They live in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Skylar Bennett and Whitney Rickard ’09 were married Aug. 8, 2009. They live in Green River, Wyo., where Whitney is a Special Education teacher for the Sweetwater County School District.

Luke Norman ’09 and Erin Musgrave, current student, were married Sept. 5, 2009. They live in Crawford where Luke is employed by the family ranch.

Jacob Kruse att ’08 and Giselle Andersen ’09 were married Sept. 5, 2009. They live in Lincoln where Giselle will begin graduate studies in animal epidemiology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Lyn Ausdember ’09 and Nathan Stec ’09 were married Aug. 1, 2009. They live in Omaha.

Future Eagles...

’90s

Darin William Quinn to Darin and Aimee (Rogers) Binning ’93, Pinande, Wyo., July 13, 2008. He joins siblings Ashton, Perry, Madelyn, Dominic, and Amelia.

Grayson Stone to Chuck att ’94 and Valerie (Simcox) Randall ’95, Valley, Sept. 28, 2009. He joins brother Hunter.


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Ty Marshal to Layne ’05 and Jackie (Janssen) Sievers ’04, Randolph, July 23, 2009.
Pierce Christian to Juan and Anne (Jacobson) Ramos ’05, Sammamish, Wash., April 17, 2009. He joins sister Brooke Catherine.
Allison Elizabeth to Jerrad and Melissa (Phillips) Shepherd ’05, Brady, April 10, 2009. She joins sisters Cassandra and Christina. Melissa is the K-12 music teacher at Eustis-Farnam Schools.
Emmerson Kate to Curtis ’05 and Mikel (Parks) Landreth ’06, Chadron, June 19, 2009. She joins brother Brayden.
Owen Spencer to Brandi and Timothy Krum ’06, Anaconda, Mont., July 14, 2009.

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