NSCS Board approves demolition of Kline Campus Center

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College has gotten the go-ahead to vacate and demolish its Kline Campus Center, which has had a history of structural problems and energy inefficiency.

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees, meeting at Peru State College on Friday, March 26, voted unanimously in favor of the college's plan to designate the former student center as surplus property and tear it down.

Although the cost of demolition is estimated at $150,000, the institution will soon realize a financial benefit by closing the aging structure, said Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration. He projects the building may be torn down as soon as this summer unless another community entity is willing to renovate and lease it.

CSC President Janie Park said the closing and demolition of the Kline Center is not an easy choice, especially because it is such an integral part of the campus. However, she welcomes the savings during a time of budget shortfalls, and said the decision will improve the fiscal strength of the college.

Park said the administration considered “mothballing” the building, but fears it would continue to deteriorate and would be too expensive to bring back into use at a later date.

“Although the removal of the building will create a large physical gap on our campus, it will give us substantial cost savings and an opportunity to beautify that space,” Park said. “We have been looking into other exciting possible uses for that area.”

The removal of the Kline Center was listed in CSC’s official master plan in 2001. In addition to the structural problems, Grant noted the exterior of Kline is severely deteriorated and its interior continues to worsen. He said the building’s construction type, with a largely glass exterior and open ceilings, offers poor energy efficiency.

Most recently, the Kline Center has housed CSC’s print shop, tutoring services, conferencing, information services, instructional resources, college relations and the region’s Educational Service Unit. The building’s employees, who were alerted to the change at the end of last year, have begun moving to other facilities on campus.

The programs housed in the building typically occupy spaces that were designed for other purposes, Grant said. The operations of the student center moved into a new building in the early 1990s, and many of the offices previously in Kline have been relocated to other locations during the past 10 years. They include the office of financial aid, the alumni and foundation offices, and the college’s journalism program.

Despite winning an architectural award for its design more than four decades ago, structural problems were noticed soon after the building’s construction. The southern half of the building, which was completed in 1961, was closed in 1979 and demolished in 1987 because of settling problems. The north half, the portion still standing, was constructed in 1966.

The building was constructed after a push from students and faculty for a student center, and was highly popular after completion. It housed CSC’s cafeteria, bookstore and even a bowling alley. Faculty voted to equally participate with students in paying for the structure with a $10 fee per semester.

Historical accounts indicate the original plan to place the Kline Center north of the Administration Building on what is now known as the Dean’s Green was hotly cont...continued on page 11

Events Center will make CSC 3-for-3 in athletic recruiting

Vision 2011, the comprehensive fund-raising campaign designed to position Chadron State College for its second century, has three initiatives: capital, endowment and annual fund. The Alumni News will highlight an aspect of the campaign in upcoming newsletters. This edition features the Events Center portion of the capital campaign.

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College Athletic Director Brad Smith said the institution’s NCAA sports programs excel at two of the three attributes potential college student-athletes should consider when choosing a school.

“First, and foremost, a student needs to consider academics. CSC has a wide variety of outstanding programs with excellent faculty, staff and administration,” Smith said. “And, secondly, students need to look at the integrity of the athletic programs. We have respectable programs led by coaches who do everything they can with what they’ve been given.”

Smith admits, though, CSC falls short compared to most of its peers in the third attribute on his list -- facilities. While the first two may be the most important, Smith said prospective student-athletes put just as much or more emphasis on the quality of facilities when it comes to choosing a college.

At the top of CSC’s list of facility needs is the aging Ross Armstrong Physical Education Building, the brick barrel-roofed building constructed in 1963 that is home to the school’s basketball, volleyball and strength programs.

“Our coaches have a tough time recruiting because the facility is not anywhere comparable to the other teams in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and the region,” Smith said.

The urinals in the women’s locker room serve as a stark reminder of the building’s era of construction – an era before...continued on page 8
Letter from the President

Dear Alumni,

As another school year draws to a close, the end is drawing near for one of Chadron State College’s most prominent buildings.

As is reported on the front page of this edition, we have taken steps to prepare for the closing and probable demolition of the Kline Campus Center, which has encountered structural problems since its construction in the 1960s. If another community entity does not come forward with a plan to renovate and lease the building, we will take steps to have it torn down as early as this summer.

There’s a good chance you have fond memories of the Kline Center, whether you remember it as the institution’s student center or as one of its other many uses through the years. Because it was a building largely constructed “for the students and by the students,” the demolition of the building will be particularly saddening to many members of the alumni and others in the CSC community.

I can assure you this was not an easy decision to make. In fact, it has been 20 years since it was first slated for demolition in the facilities’ master plan in 1990. When the new Student Center was constructed in two phases from 1988 to 1992, the Kline Center’s intended purpose came to an end. The south side of the building was torn down in 1987 and early 1988. The demolition of the north portion was postponed until now and college staff has made good use of the building in the intervening years despite its declining condition.

Unfortunately, in today’s fiscal climate, the college cannot afford to renovate the deteriorating building or pay for its high cost of maintenance and utilities. The estimated savings of $80,000 per year will go far in helping other areas on campus.

When the building is removed, we will turn the space into a beautiful landscaped focal point for students and for the community.

Sincerely,

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

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Thank you for supporting the 2010 Phonathon

Your generous contributions to Chadron State College during the recent Phonathon are critical to our continued success. The student callers enjoyed hearing stories about your experiences at Chadron State and value the advice you shared with them. Your support and friendliness are appreciated by the students and staff of the Phonathon. Thanks for doing your part to help CSC continue its tradition of excellence!
Speaker tells about alumni to inspire grads

By Justin Haag

Chadron businessman Randy Bauer encouraged December graduates of Chadron State College to follow examples set by the institution’s exemplary alumni as they set out to make their mark on the world.

Bauer, who graduated from CSC in the 1970s and has assisted with fund-raising and athletics throughout his professional career, delivered the commencement speech Friday evening, Dec. 18, at Armstrong Gymnasium. During his presentation, he cited examples of CSC graduates of various degrees of prominence to inspire this winter’s class.

Among those mentioned were Walt Riehemann, who became executive vice president for a nationally known pharmaceutical company, Gretchen Glode Bergren, a medical doctor who has served as a medical missionary overseas, and Dave Sanders, a teacher who was killed trying to save students during the shooting at Denver’s Columbine High School in 1999. He also cited 1971 graduate Cheryl Adamson Ravenscroft, a Cherry County ranch wife and teacher who earlier this decade left retirement to fill a vacancy at an area rural school that was unable to hire a teacher.

“Cheryl will probably never be famous, but she certainly is the type of CSC alum we can all aspire to be,” he said. “It is Chadron State graduates like her who keep the communities in our part of the world functioning. Graduates from CSC are more likely to stay in the region to be the business person, teacher, police officer, or medical professional that are essential for each of our towns.”

Bauer also cited a number of statistics about this winter’s graduating class provided to him by Terie Dawson, CSC’s institutional research officer. Included in the statistics was the educational background of the student body.

“A little more than half of you are the first generation of your family to graduate from college with a baccalaureate degree,” he said. “I think this statistic more than anything defines the mission and value of Chadron State College. In so many ways, this college is serving students in ways no other college can.”

Bauer also spoke about the Chadron State Foundation’s Vision 2011 Campaign. In addition to the campaign’s objectives to boost scholarship and annual fund dollars, the project is seeking to fund construction of a new Rangeland Agriculture Pavilion and an addition to the Armstrong Building. Bauer, who has been a member of the Chadron State Foundation board of trustees for six years, is serving as a co-chairman of the fund-raising effort.

While noting that a graduation ceremony is not the place to request funds, he asked graduates and others in the audience to provide verbal support for the project as it advances in coming years.

“The Foundation Board of Directors believes strongly that too often the students in this end of the state are asked to make do with less than those students in other sections of the state,” he said. “We think it is time for students in this region to be provided with the facilities they deserve.”

He closed the speech by relating his expectations for the class.

“You don’t have to be a corporate lawyer or the next Albert Schweitzer to make us proud that you are a Chadron State College graduate. Just use your degrees to create worthy lives and work to make your communities the best they can be. That will do.”

Bauer, who has been a State Farm Insurance agent for 26 years, is no stranger to CSC. He was presented CSC’s Distinguished Alumni Award in fall 2006 and completed a term as chairman of the Chadron State Foundation Board of Directors this fall. He has been a member of the board since 2003 and now serves as the chairman of its nominating committee.

Prior to becoming an insurance agent, Bauer worked at CSC for nine years, the last five as director of admissions. He has been president of the Eagles Booster Club for 22 years and was the color commentator for CSC football radio broadcasts for 16 years.

The native of North Bend was a student leader and outstanding scholar-athlete while attending CSC in the early 1970s. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1974 and a master’s degree in 1980. He was a member of Blue Key National Honor Society and was captain of the CSC chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He still holds the CSC record for interceptions in football.

During his career, Bauer has received the National Quality Award from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors 10 times. In addition, he has served on the Chadron Civil Service Commission 26 years, is past president of Chadron Rotary Club, has been a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 201 and is active in St. Patrick’s church. CSC conferred 183 degrees during the ceremony.

Rusty Belina runs marathon in 50th state

By Con Marshall

In mid-December, Chadron State graduate Lambert “Rusty” Belina of Hay Springs reached a goal he’d set in the late 1990s by running in the Rocket City Marathon at Huntsville, Ala. Belina was the last state Belina needed to run the 26-mile, 385-yard race to reach his aspiration of completing a marathon in all 50 states. He also has run in the District of Columbia and five more marathons in states he’d previously conquered, giving him a total of 56.

But instead of having a big sigh of relief and hanging up his well-worn shoes, the 68-year-old former teacher and coach said he’ll try to round the figure up to 60 before he settles for shorter races.

Belina said he runs between 1,500 and 1,600 miles annually, mostly on country roads around Hay Springs, to keep in shape for the marathons.

The Rocket City Marathon was relatively easy after he’d been toughened up by the previous three marathons he conquered last fall.

“The temperatures were in the 30s, but it was bearable,” Belina said. “I put on a few more T-shirts and a light vest, wore Under Armour for my legs, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat and gloves, so it really wasn’t too bad.”

He placed 929th among the nearly 1,300 runners and was 11th among the 17 entries in the 65 to 69-year age group. His time was four hours, 37 minutes and 41 seconds.

Earlier, he’d run on the California side of Lake Tahoe where the terrain was rugged and at Newport, R.I., and Raleigh, N.C., during downpours.

One of the highlights in Belina’s marathon career occurred in the fall of 1999 when he qualified for the famed Boston Marathon the following spring. His time in Boston was 3:52:58.

A wide receiver for the football team and a sprinter for the track team as an athlete at Chadron State, Belina feels fortunate that he’s reached his goal without any significant injuries.

“I’ve had cuts and scrapes on my nose, face and chin lots of times, but nothing serious,” he said. “If I’m sore, I just go run it off. It always goes away.”
By Justin Haag

Chadron State College marked the 100th anniversary of its founding on Friday, Jan. 8, by unveiling a new symbol to represent the institution's 14-month centennial celebration.

The new symbol features a soaring eagle and fireworks with the words “Chadron State College: A Century of Service.” The design, which incorporates the eagle from a past CSC logo, was created by Dewayne Gimeson, CSC public information specialist.

The mark, named the Centennial Celebration Symbol, will complement the institution's official logos on promotional materials. The celebration is scheduled to kick off during homecoming 2010 and conclude with commencement in December 2011.

“This new mark portrays the festive spirit of the special occasion while reflecting the tradition of our institution,” said CSC President Janie Park. “It will represent CSC well on items that promote the celebration.”

The college was founded Jan. 8, 1910, after much consideration by the Nebraska Board of Education. Historical records show the vote came immediately after members of the state board of education toured by train six communities that had filed applications for the new school: Alliance, Crawford, Chadron, Rushville, Gordon and Ainsworth. Although the board went to work on the decision the day it returned to Lincoln, it didn't come easy. It took 15 ballots for board members to reach a unanimous decision.

Although Chadron received five votes to Alliance's two on the 14th ballot, it did not receive any votes in the fifth, sixth and 11th. After receiving word of the narrow decision, Chadron residents celebrated with much jubilation by ringing church bells, blowing whistles and lighting bonfires.

“Today is an important day because it marks the founding of higher education in western Nebraska,” Park said the day of the unveiling. “The Nebraska Board of Education's decision in 1910 to locate a college in Chadron marked the beginning of an incredible success story.”

Although the college was founded in January 1910, classes for the institution's first 111 students didn't convene until June 1911. The center portion of the Administration Building, the college's first structure which is now called Old Admin, was completed soon after courses began.

**NPPD lighting efficiency program reflects savings for Chadron State College**

For the second time this year, Chadron State College has turned its efforts of energy efficiency into a sizable rebate check.

Representatives from the Nebraska Public Power District were on campus Monday, March 29, to present $15,592.80 to CSC for changes made to lighting in the Ross Armstrong Physical Education Building and the Nelson Physical Activity Center.

The funds are made possible through NPPD’s EnergyWise incentive program.

Bryce Landen, NPPD energy efficiency consultant, and Terry Rajewich, NPPD account manager, delivered the funds, which add to a rebate of more than $27,000 in January for efforts in Old Admin and Sparks Hall.

The recent improvements include 140 lights replaced, a majority of which were changed from 400-watt metal halides to 400-watt metal halide pulse starts. Incandescents also were replaced by metal halide pulse starts.

The changes reflected an annual projected reduction of 155,928 kilowatt hours, or 35.6 kilowatts of demand. In all, the college has reduced its total kilowatts of demand this year by 115,23 kilowatts of demand.

“This was yet another great opportunity to lower some of our operating costs at Chadron State College through the changes of our lighting program,” said Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration. “NPPD's EnergyWise program allows us to cut our energy use, which has resulted in savings, while still maintaining a quality level of lighting for our staff and students.”

Grant said the institution is using the rebate money for other lighting upgrades on campus. Next up, he said, is the Math and Science Building.

NPPD’s Commercial, Industrial, and Area Lighting Efficiency Program offers cash incentives to help cover the cost of a variety of energy-efficient upgrades. On average, interior lighting accounts for 28 percent of a business' energy consumption. NPPD officials also say the lights also are a contributing factor to a facility's productivity, employee morale and safety. Lighting technologies developed during the past 10 years can help cut lighting costs 30 to 60 percent while enhancing lighting quality and reducing environmental impacts.

Information about NPPD's Commercial, Industrial, and Area Lighting Efficiency Programs can be found at www.nppd.com/energywise/incentives.asp.

**Mitchell student appointed NSCS student trustee**

Gov. Dave Heineman has appointed Trevor Dietrich of Mitchell to serve as Chadron State College’s student representative on the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees.

Dietrich, a junior studying business administration with an option in marketing and entrepreneurship, will assume his new duties in May.

The student trustee is an undergraduate student who is appointed by the governor for a one-year term as a non-voting member. One student trustee is appointed from each of the three state colleges – Chadron State, Peru State and Wayne State. Student trustees are granted full board membership and participation except for certain personnel and legal matters.
Final call for centennial materials

A final call is being issued to alumni, current and former faculty and staff members, and friends of the college to submit information for Chadron State’s 100th anniversary book and other materials. The deadline is May 1. The book will go to press this fall.

The contributions may cover any subject pertaining to the college. Both brief and substantial memoirs have been received. Pictures also are welcomed. Materials not included in the centennial book may be placed in a separate volume or on the CSC Web site.

The material should be sent to Justin Haag, Media and Public Relations Coordinator, Chadron State College, 1000 Main Street, Chadron, NE 69337 or via the Internet to Justin at jhaag@csc.edu.

CSC leads workshop for band conductors at state educators conference

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College music professor and his musicians, college students from seven Nebraska institutions were provided an opportunity to improve their skills in conducting a band.

Dr. Adam Lambert and the Wind Symphony coordinated and conducted a workshop for aspiring conductors at the Nebraska Music Educators Association Conference in Lincoln on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009.

Each of the aspiring band leaders conducted CSC’s 48-member band and received live and recorded feedback from three clinicians. The clinicians were Dr. David Bohmert, Wayne State College; Dr. Gary Davis, University of Nebraska at Kearney; and Dr. Jay Gilbert, Doane College.

Lambert said the event not only provided a valuable experience for the student conductors, but also showcased CSC’s band offerings.

“TThe fact that we had a band there prime time during the Nebraska Music Educators Association convention was a big opportunity for us, and the feedback was just amazing,” Lambert said. “The band played the best they have played in my time here at Chadron State.”

Representing Chadron State among the student conductors was senior Brittany Weglin of Yoder, Wyo., a 2005 graduate of Southeast High School. Other institutions with student participants were Wayne State College, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Nebraska Wesleyan and Nebraska-Kearney and Doane College.

Lambert made the proposal to conduct the workshop after being selected as a participant in the University of North Texas Conductors Collegium this summer. He modeled the NMEA workshop after that event.

C-S-C spells school spirit with new project

Chadron State College is encouraging Eagle fans to show their school spirit by submitting entries for a new photo campaign.

For the new project, “We Are CSC,” Eagle fans are being asked to submit photos of groups spelling out CSC with their bodies. The photos will be used on CSC’s Web site, social networking sites and printed publications. The photos may be sent to WeAreCSC@csc.edu.

CSC President Janie Park joined Elmo Eagle, the school mascot, and Randy Rhine, CSC vice president for student services and enrollment management, in posing for the inaugural photo for the campaign Friday afternoon, Feb. 26.

Two CSC College Relations marketing liaisons, students Kristen O’Brien of McCook and Carmen Brown of Harrisburg, are organizing the project. They encourage people to use the new project as a creative and inexpensive way to show their school spirit at locations around the globe.

Cowboy vacation program set for July

Young and old alike are being rounded up for a cowboy adventure in the scenic Pine Ridge country of northwestern Nebraska this summer. Chadron State College’s family learning vacation program, “Walk in Their Boots: The Cowboy Life,” will be presented July 20-23.

Participants will learn cowboy and ranch skills, including roping and team driving with wagons. Sessions will help attendees learn about horses and tack. The group also will learn to cook in a Dutch oven, take in the region’s rich history, kick up heels at a barn dance and listen to cowboy songs around the campfire.

Shellie Johns, CSC coordinator of conferencing, said the program is designed to be enjoyed by two or more family members of diverse generations or age categories, but that single adults or couples will also take pleasure in the experience.

Participants will sleep on comfortable beds in an air-conditioned CSC “bunkhouse.” Nearby is CSC’s Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center and its space dedicated to the history of the cattle industry, the C.F. Coffee Gallery.

Payment is due by June 15. For cost and registration information, contact the CSC Conferencing Office at 308-432-6380.

Residence halls add security feature

Chadron State College students who live in the residence halls gained an added level of security this spring.

After Monday, March 15, students were required to use a small device that resembles a keychain, known as a key fob, to enter residence halls during night and early morning hours.

The security system, which includes new doors and scanner hardware at entrances, has been installed in Kent, Andrews, Brooks, High Rise and Edna Work halls.

The main entrances have been equipped with a video camera and buzzer to screen visitors and residents with misplaced or inactive fobs. Upon entrance to the halls, students and others will still be required to show identification at the front desk.

“We take the safety of our students seriously and this is expected to improve their college experience,” said Sherri Simons, CSC director of housing. “This technology has been installed by colleges and universities across the nation and will make life better for residents of our halls.”
Students spearhead NPAC workout facility upgrades

By Justin Haag

When Chadron State College students recognized the demand for improved exercise facilities, they put their money where the college’s fitness equipment is.

The CSC Student Senate recommended an increase to student fees to pay for an expansion of the Nelson Physical Activity Center’s weight room, which was approved last year. Most of the construction occurred during summer 2009 with the improvements and new equipment implemented during the fall semester. The need for added exercise space became evident from user complaints in the busy facility.

“We outgrew the previous cardio room,” said Sarah Milner, NPAC coordinator. “It was the same size as a classroom.”

The new and improved workout facility now houses a full complement of exercise equipment for both cardiovascular and weight training. In addition to the strength training equipment that was previously in the NPAC, a dozen new pieces of weight machines have been added that are selectorized, meaning that their level of resistance is adjusted by moving pins or levers. The NPAC also has installed more than two dozen pieces of equipment for cardiovascular training, including treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bicycles and a rowing machine. Milner said the NPAC received a great turnout during orientation activities which were planned to familiarize users with the new equipment.

The improvements and equipment have been funded with a $2.90 per credit hour increase to the activity fee. Dale Grant, CSC vice president for administration, said $175,000 has been expended for the project so far.

“In order to make room for the expansion, two of the NPAC’s five racquetball courts were converted for the new function,” Milner noted that all five courts were rarely used simultaneously before the conversion and said she has heard no complaints since the change.

“Usage is up. More students, faculty, staff and community members are coming in,” she said. “We hear a lot of positive feedback about the equipment and the facility.”

Improvements at the NPAC also are making exercise more enjoyable from an entertainment perspective. The Cardio Theater system has been added to each piece of new cardio equipment. The feature allows users to connect any stereo headphonne to the equipments’ wireless receivers, select a wall-mounted TV and adjust the volume. In addition, workout DVDs are available for check-out at the front desk. The addition of windows providing a view of Elliott Field also makes the space more inviting.

Milner encourages people to incorporate the NPAC to their fitness plan. In addition to the equipment, the NPAC’s vibrant intramural program offers a wide range of team and individual activities.

The NPAC is open to all community members. Individual memberships start at $15 per month with discounted family, senior citizen and annual rates. CSC students and employees may use the facility free of charge.

Four shows set at Post Playhouse this summer

The Post Playhouse at Fort Robinson State Park will feature four shows this summer.

The four shows that will be performed on a repertory basis this summer are “Pump Boys and Dinettes,” “The Wizard of Oz,” “Nunsense,” and “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

The Post Playhouse’s Memorial Day weekend schedule will feature the opening of the first production and a performance by regional bluegrass favorite, the Bald Mountain Rounders. The Nebraska Arts Council awarded a grant to the playhouse for its opening weekend.

Two CSC students will have roles in this summer’s productions. Senior Clint Wright of Oshkosh will serve as managing director, working alongside artistic director Tom Ossowski. Freshman James Safarik of Hyannis will perform assigned roles to be determined.

For a schedule and other information about the theatre, which is largely sponsored by Chadron State College, visit www.postplayhouse.com.

Chadron State College science professor Dr. Joyce Hardy told an audience that there is more to Charles Darwin than the study of evolution. Hardy was the first speaker of this spring’s Graves Lecture Series at CSC’s King Library.

Chadron State College Winter Magic Formal king and queen, Trevor Dietrich of Mitchell and Sarah Counts of Chappell, are flanked by the competition’s runners-up. At right are first runners-up Doug Liewer of Butte and Margo Larsen of Springview. At left are Mike Mamula of Box Elder, S.D., and Mariah Cook of Herndon, Va., who had the third most votes. The annual coronation and dinner was Valentine’s Day, Sunday, Feb. 14. (Photo by Justin Haag)
Professor’s article published in Russia

An article by Chadron State College business faculty member Dr. Timothy Donahue recently appeared in a magazine published by a Russian university.

Donahue’s article, “Horizons of an American Economy,” was published in the June 2009 edition of Science Magazine, produced by Voronezh State University.

In the article, Donahue wrote that America’s economic potential depends on planning for the future, working together instead of competing, accepting great changes, and understanding America’s role as an integral part of the global economies.

“We are a global society; we can no longer choose to work in isolation if we want sustainability for our country and the world,” he wrote.

The article was originally written in the fall of 2008 at the request of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Journalism. It was published as part of its academic Nebraska Decisions Journal.

Donahue, CSC professor of marketing and entrepreneurship, also serves as director of the Small Business Development Center at CSC.

Range management program in meeting’s spotlight

By Con Marshall

The Chadron State College range management program was in the spotlight during the Society of Range Management’s recent annual meeting in Denver.

Both Dr. Jim O’Rourke, professor emeritus of the CSC program, and Dr. Chuck Butterfield, an associate professor, received special awards.

Another professor, Dr. Georgia Younglove, became president of the SRM’s Range Science Education Council.

In addition, a Chadron State junior, Kody Schwager of Bartlett, Neb., was elected secretary of the Student Conclave and two more range management majors from CSC completed terms as national officers. Michelle Miller of Bayard was the conclave president and Jamie Hornickel of Ord was the reporter.

O’Rourke received the Frederic R. Renner Award and Butterfield received the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award during the annual meeting.

The Renner Award is the most prestigious given by the SRM. It is presented with the belief that the recognition will foster better use of rangeland resources and provide a broader understanding of the contributions that the resources make to the welfare of all people.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, which O’Rourke received in 1998 and Butterfield received this year recognizes exemplary and dedicated teaching. Only one of the awards is given annually. Under their leadership, Chadron State’s range management program has grown into the second largest in the nation. The curriculum is offered at about 25 colleges and universities in the nation. Chadron State has 96 majors this year.

Glenn Novotny to speak at graduation

Glenn Novotny of Danville, Calif., a 1969 graduate, has been selected to speak at Chadron State College’s spring commencement ceremony May 8.

Novotny, who was a CSC Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2007, is a venture partner at Telegraph Hill Partners, a San Francisco-based private equity firm investing in life science, medical device and healthcare companies. Prior to joining Telegraph Hill, Glenn worked at Central Garden & Pet for 17 years, including president and chief operating officer from 1990 to 2003 and chief executive officer from 2003 through 2007.

Novotny was instrumental in taking Central public in 1993 and growing it from sales of $200 million to $1.7 billion through organic growth and more than 40 acquisitions to create the largest pet supply and second largest garden supply company in the United States.

The businessman also worked at Weyerhaeuser Corporation from 1970 to 1990 in a variety of operating, strategic planning, sales and executive management roles. He served as CEO of Weyerhaeuser Garden Supply from 1988 to 1990.

Novotny has served on both public and private boards of directors and has significant entrepreneurial experience. He is a director of Ditan Corp., Freedom Innovations, Nexus Biosystems, Pet Food Express, Reeb Millwork, and VeriTainer Corp., and an adviser to Trupanion Pet Health Insurance, Inc. Additionally, he is the founder and CEO of Glennhawk Vineyards.

In addition to his bachelor’s degree from CSC, he gradu-
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gender-equity legislation for college athletics went into effect.

“Our locker room is small, our weight room is outdated and our training room is extremely small,” he said.

The deficiencies of the building are why the Chadron State Foundation is calling for funds to renovate and expand the Armstrong Building. The project will result in the Events Center, a new 94,000-square-foot addition to the 23,000-square-foot Armstrong Building.

“We have recruited many quality athletes based on the quality of our academics and athletic programs,” Smith said. “I’m amazed at what our coaches have been able to do with this outdated facility. However, the time has come to step up and give our student-athletes and the community a facility worthy of the people it serves.”

The Events Center will provide a new arena, which will be large enough to accommodate sizable events such as graduations and concerts, yet small enough to maintain a spirited atmosphere for the Eagles’ home contests. The seating is projected to be 2,000-2,900.

The project also calls for a renovation of the existing portion of the building in order to retain the current gym as an auxiliary facility.

“During October when men’s and women’s basketball starts and volleyball still has matches to go, we have teams in there from 5 a.m. to 10 o’clock at night,” he said. “An expanded weight room will also help our teams, as our undersized room stays busy from early in the morning to late at night.”

The plan also calls for renovating the swimming pool to make it more suitable for physical conditioning than recreation. The building also will have new locker rooms, offices and meeting rooms, including a Hall of Fame room to showcase the best athletes of the Eagles’ history. In addition, the main entry of the facility will move from the north end of the building to the south.

Kaitlin Petri of Kearney, an All-American basketball player for the Eagles who just wrapped up her junior season, said the positives of Chadron outweighed facility issues when she transferred from the University of Nebraska-Kearney last fall. However, she agrees facilities play a big part in many recruits’ decisions.

“It all depends on the person. With me, facilities weren’t all that important,” she said. “I really like Chadron’s small-town atmosphere.”

Coming from UNK, Petri left what she considers to be the best facility in the RMAC for one of the most dilapidated. Although she knew the building wouldn’t be as nice as the one at her former program, she was surprised to encounter wasps and a leaky roof upon her arrival. She struggled to list any basketball facilities in the RMAC as inadequate as CSC’s. “There might be some smaller ones,” she said.

The athletics program, of course, will realize the most benefit from the new facility, but Smith is quick to point out others in the community stand to gain.

Each spring, CSC’s undergraduate commencement ceremony packs Armstrong Gym from wall to wall. The ceremony is broadcast to television sets in the Student Center to accommodate the overflow crowd.

“We’re working to make it so someday all of a graduate’s grandparents, grandpas, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends will be able to watch the ceremony in the same building,” Smith said. “This also will provide another facility for concerts and other big community events.”

The Events Center is one of two capital projects in the campaign. The other is the Rangeland Agriculture Center and Pavilion, which will help educate future generations about the businesses that have long been the backbone of the region’s economy. The Chadron State Foundation announced during the campaign’s kickoff in September 2009 that $8.6 million had been raised toward the effort’s $11 million goal. However, much fund-raising remains because many of the funds have been dedicated to areas of the campaign other than the capital projects.

The foundation also is raising $5 million for endowed funds and $2 million of annual funds.

As part of the fund-raising effort, many donor recognition opportunities exist in the capital portion of the project. The original Armstrong Building, for instance, will retain Armstrong’s name in honor of the revered coach and administrator. However, naming opportunities exist for the Events Center and its many features.

Smith has joined CSC President Janie Park and Connie Rasmussen, executive director of the foundation, as they’ve traveled near and far to drum up enthusiasm for the project. He said it has been well-received.

“The concept is generating a lot of excitement,” Smith said. “We’re working toward reaching that goal and the entire CSC community will benefit when we do.”
Students spend break providing hurricane relief

By Justin Haag

Once again, a Chadron State College group spent the mid-term break on the beaches of Louisiana, but it wasn’t all for fun.

The group of 38 students and two faculty members went to Chalmette, La., in the St. Bernard Parish to assist with efforts in the recovery of Hurricane Katrina of five years ago. After making the 27-hour bus trip to Chalmette, the contingent took orders from the National Relief Network. The group, which was led by science faculty members Ann Buchmann and Wendy Jamison, departed Chadron Saturday, March 6, and returned Saturday, March 13.

The “Alternative Spring Break” trip to the Gulf Coast, which has been offered each of the past three years, is designed to help students learn the value of providing service. Those involved with the project say it accomplishes its goals.

“I think the highlight for myself and most involved was the opportunity to speak with the people in the area about their experiences,” Jamison said. “We found that everyone had a story, they were all unique, and all very interesting and eye-opening. It was also amazing to see how much is still left for the recovery after five years.”

On the first day of the mission, the group ventured to aligator country for a wetlands restoration along a levee that had been breached by the hurricane. New trees were planted along the levee to provide wind protection and replace the previous stand that had been killed by exposure to salt water.

On the second day, one CSC group cleaned and organized a large shed for the Our Lady of Lourdes church of Violet, La., while another worked at one of the many residences devastated by the disaster.

The students’ work is vital in helping the church this year resume its annual carnival that was suspended after the hurricane. The residence, which was home to a National Guard soldier commissioned to earthquake-torn Haiti, was being prepared for renovation and re-habitation.

On day three, about a quarter of the students returned to the church to assist in carrying large construction up a ladder to the second floor and installing signage in the parking lot. The remaining students planted more trees and picked up trash along a swampy roadside where they spotted a deadly water moccasin.

Deena Kennell, CSC’s director of internships and career services, helped organize the expedition this year after joining students in the Gulf Coast the past two years. Kennell said student-led fund-raisers, a small amount of money from last year’s trip and a variety of other campus funding sources helped keep the cost for each student at $100.

Kennell said the students pumped fuel at a Chadron truck stop and sold advertising on t-shirts in order to raise funds.

“This year’s trip was very student driven and would not have happened if not for the commitment and dedication of several students,” Kennell said. “They spearheaded the connection with the National Relief Network and all the fund-raising and participant recruiting.”

New information system poses many challenges

Chadron State College has been dealing with the challenges of implementing a new student information system this academic year. The system, which is going live in multiple stages, is expected to be fully operational by the beginning of the fall semester.

One of the most significant hurdles has been getting students registered for the fall semester. Because of the new system, CSC moved its registration from the usual February period to early April. This gave students a small window of time to get registered before the last day of the semester, May 7.

The new system, the Oracle PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions application, was chosen by the Nebraska State College System and the University of Nebraska in September 2008. It has been named the Nebraska Student Information System, or NeSIS. 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 State have attended training for several months in Lincoln and Omaha during the past year.

Chadron State College is seeking the names of vehicle owners who want to display Eagle pride on their rides. CSC staff members are working to collect names of Nebraskans who are interested in displaying a set of license plates that sport the CSC brand.

The project is in its early stages and CSC is asking interested vehicle owners to contact Karen Pope, CSC director of alumni, at 308-432-6357 or kpope@csc.edu.

Those who state their interest will be under no obligation to participate, but will be updated about the project’s progress and will be approached for the licensing fee when the list tops the required 500 names. The fee of $70, which is separate from other licensing charges, will be applied to each vehicle an owner registers with the special plates. The statute requires that all 500 paid registrations be submitted by CSC before the plates are printed.

If the project is successful, CSC supporters may purchase the plates for use on a wide variety of vehicles, including trucks and motorcycles.

The organizational license plate program became effective in January following legislation passed by the 2009 Nebraska Legislature. More information about the program may be found at the DMV’s Web site, www.dmv.ne.gov.

Interest sought for CSC license plate project
Spotlight: Richard Bird

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 Richard Bird, chairman of the art department who has been teaching at Chadron State since 1977. Bird earned his bachelor’s degree in fine arts from the University of Kansas in 1970. After serving as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Air Force from 1970-1973, he earned a master’s degree of fine arts in ceramics and glass from the University of Kansas in 1977. Following are the questions and his responses.

Please summarize your employment history at CSC: I came to CSC in 1977 directly out of graduate school. This was an exciting time as this was my first real teaching job at a four-year institution. I stayed one year at Chadron but was approached by Hastings College which had just been given a gift from a donor to build and start a glass blowing program. Ten years later, with a wife and new daughter, I came back to CSC to do the same thing; to build a glass blowing studio and to develop several courses to be added to the art program. I became chairman of art in 1992 and have been happy with all of my choices since that date.

What jobs did you have before coming to CSC? As a youth growing up I had a variety of jobs from operating my own lawn service, assisting in a golf pro shop, car wash attendant, grocery store clerk, sign painter and hardware store clerk. While in college I joined Reserve Officers Training Corps during the Vietnam War. Much to my surprise there were not many ROTC cadets with my background and was offered a position as a Motion Picture Director for NASA and the space program. This was an exciting job for a 24-year-old.

Being in charge of 35-plus people, all trained film personnel, and I knew nothing about a film camera. The best part was filming hundreds of launches and doing all the early film work for the Space Shuttle program. After leaving Hastings College I managed a sculpture studio and bronze casting foundry in Colorado and built and managed a drywall production plant in California. After four years of seeing what the real world was like I really wanted to get back to artwork and especially to teaching.

Why did you take the job at CSC? I took the job the first time because it was my first and only offer. I came back the second time for many good reasons. Chadron State was and is a good small state college with a friendly, caring and involved faculty, staff and student body. This may sound a bit trite but I have not seen any other place that the entire operation puts people and community as the main priority. Secondly a job requirement that I could teach a variety of art classes in well-supplied and equipped studios within a program that was open to making change now, not in the distant future.

Patty and I had started to have a family and we wanted to get to a place we could raise a family. Chadron and the surrounding community have been great for us. Lastly, I already knew Dr. Noel Gray and John Dillon in the Art Department and looked forward to working with them again, plus Dr. Mike Cartwright, the dean, asked if I could build a new Glass Studio.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed at CSC during your tenure? It is hard to believe that Chadron State College is 100 years old and I have been here for almost a third of its history. I remember when the only one in Memorial Hall with a computer was the secretary for nearly 15 faculty. She would type for all of us and we thought this was the fastest invention that anyone could work with.

Next is the upgrading of almost all the buildings with state-of-the-art classrooms and equipment to aid faculty with instruction and better prepare students for the job market.

A real pride is the addition of art in almost all buildings and now the push to add outdoor sculptures. When I came, there was almost no art and we now have made advances in the visual aesthetics of the campus.

Probably the largest change has been in course delivery. We have gone from all face to face 16-week classes to mediated/distance/online/correspondence and through a multitude of delivery formats. All of this has been good for faculty and students with just a few avalanches along the way.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed in teaching and your discipline of study during your career? There have been many changes, but if we start with the basics in art, they have remained constant. A good background of drawing skills and an understanding of the elements and principles of visual communication are the same, as has the understanding of the basic skills and tools. The technology and equipment have grown by leaps and bounds. When I came, our No. 1 goal in art was to increase the collection of 35mm slides to be used in classes as examples of that big “art world” we were so isolated from in Chadron. Projectors and bulbs were worth their weight in gold. Today the slides, some 50,000, have been put away and it is hard to find a slide projector to use.

In photography, there were about six darkrooms on campus and the only one remaining today is in the art department. I will add that we teach digital photo along with the traditional processes.

The expansion of areas of art and the fact that we have kept all those traditional media active make me proud. For a college with a faculty of three and the help of very good adjuncts, we offer more art disciplines than any school our size in the Midwest.

What are your favorite courses to teach? I came to CSC because of the variety of classes to teach and would say glass is my favorite. I love teaching a different media almost every hour the day. A small college gives the opportunity to teach a lot of things and even if that’s not your strength. The students make it a learning experience for you as much as them.

Please tell us about your most memorable moment at CSC: It is a combination of things following a repeated pattern. A feeling of success in recruiting and assuring parents they are placing their student in good hands for the next few years. Seeing that particular student learn, experience and grow in art and in life. The fun of introducing them to all kinds of new ideas with endless future possibilities. The hardest thing is to watch them graduate and say goodbye as they start a new chapter.

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CSC professor honored by wildlife management organizations

Chadron State College assistant professor Teresa Zimmerman and her wildlife management students have earned special recognition this spring.

Zimmerman, who has taught all the courses of CSC’s wildlife management program since her hire in 2008, was awarded the Professional of the Year Award by Nebraska’s chapter of The Wildlife Society in February. In addition, she was chosen to receive the Alumni Award by the Wildlife Club at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in April.

The UNL Alumni Award is designed to reward Wildlife Club graduates who have made special contributions to their discipline of study. Zimmerman, who served as president and treasurer of the club as a student, is being recognized for her involvement in student chapters and the Nebraska conclave. The honor is being presented during the club’s 50th annual banquet Saturday, April 17.

“It’s nice to be recognized by the college group that I was involved with and loved so dearly,” Zimmerman said.

The Wildlife Society’s Professional of the Year award was presented as a surprise during the chapter’s Feb. 26-27 meetings at Norfolk. Other institutions represented at the meeting were the UNL, Wayne State College, University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of South Dakota.

“This award came as a total surprise to me,” Zimmerman said. “Usually it has been presented to mid-career professionals, so it is an honor to receive the recognition,” she said.

In addition to Zimmerman’s hands-on approach to teaching and her contributions around campus and in the classroom, she was recognized for her support of the chapter.

She led CSC’s Wildlife Chapter in organizing the first student wildlife conclave in Nebraska in October 2009. During that event, students from CSC, WSC, UNK, Doane College, Northeast Community College and UNL gathered at Halsey, Neb., to learn from wildlife professionals from across the state.

She also was instrumental in securing the donation of two semi-truck loads of taxidermy mounts from Cabela’s last year. The collection, along with other features of the wildlife management program, will be showcased at Burkhiser Complex during an open house Monday, April 19.

In 2009, she and 14 other wildlife professionals were selected to participate in the Wildlife Society Leadership Institute at Monterey, Calif.

Three students received special appointments during the meeting at Norfolk.

Jason Clark, a freshman from Papillion, was elected to serve as co-chairman of the student chapter committee of NETWS. Cassidy Emerson, a freshman from Crawford, volunteered to serve as the student representative on the planning committee to host the Central Mountain and Plains Section of the Wildlife Society meeting in Scottsbluff in August 2011.

Justin Powell, a junior from Scottsbluff, was asked by the chapter to create a bronze sculpture representative of Nebraska’s wildlife. The sculpture will be donated to the Wildlife Society during its national meeting Oct. 2-6 at Snowbird, Utah.

While at the Wildlife Society meeting, club members participated in a “bioblitz” at the Wood Duck Wildlife Management Area southeast of Norfolk. Each student group was assisted by professional biologists to identify as many species of birds, mammals, plants, fish, reptiles, amphibians or invertebrates in the area based on visuals, such as tracks and nests.
New study option targets demand for public health professionals

By Justin Haag

A new study option at Chadron State College will help prepare graduates for the growing demand for public health professionals.

The new Family and Consumer Sciences bachelor’s degree option in health and human services is collaboration between CSC’s programs in FCS and Health Professions. Scheduled to begin this fall, the program also is being integrated with the Rural Health Opportunities Program, a partnership with the University of Nebraska Medical Center that helps meet the demand for health care professionals in Nebraska’s small communities.

Dr. Jay Sutliffe, who teaches several of the courses on the FCS portion of the curriculum, said he recognizes a need in communities for more trained professionals in the health and human services area.

“Public health is really focused on health promotion and disease prevention, which is being looked at more seriously with the current health care environment,” Sutliffe said. “This program will help meet the needs of local, regional, state and federal agencies.”

Sutliffe expects students who earn the new bachelor’s degree from CSC to be prepared for immediate employment or to pursue a graduate degree.

“Ideally this degree will provide entry level jobs with the idea that some students will continue to UNMC in Omaha for the master’s in public health program,” Sutliffe said. “This degree will be very effective at the community level, but the master’s degree students will be trained for leadership. Think of the recent H1N1 pandemic – the response at the state and federal level was primarily handled through public health agencies which fall under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.”

Dr. Twila Fickel, director of CSC’s health professions program, said she is excited for the new program’s potential and the opportunity to add another facet to the institution’s positive relationship with UNMC.

Two CSC students in their fourth semester of college will be selected to enter the RHOP portion of the program each spring. Applicants this year were given a March 26 deadline and the selections will be made following interviews in April.

After the RHOP students complete a bachelor’s degree at CSC, they will pursue one of five master’s degrees at UNMC. Disciplines are epidemiology, public health administration, biostatistics, occupational health and community health education.

“There is a robust job market for this field of study,” Fickel said. “You can make a living at it. People who enter these fields work with a lot of high profile issues facing the public today. Just a few examples include H1N1, radon detection, diabetes education and many other efforts to keep the public healthy.”

Fickel said the degree also will be a worthwhile consideration for students who decide on a different career path after first pursuing a degree in another health professions field.

“This gives them the opportunity to redirect their focus and maintain their enthusiasm for a career in health professions,” she said.

In emphasizing the value of health and human service workers, Sutliffe cited a letter to the media from Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman in February.
A commemorative DVD on the Chadron State College football program with special emphasis on the Eagles’ 76-73 triple overtime victory over Abilene Christian in November 2007 is available to purchase.

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Dear Alumni,

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

The warmer months are beginning to approach Chadron State College, and like the changes Spring brings, the NCAA is making some adjustments for the student athlete with its “Life in the Balance” initiative that becomes effective August 1, 2010.

The “Life in the Balance” initiative began as a proposal that was developed by college presidents and the NCAA. The two working together decided the NCAA needed to provide student-athletes with a college experience that balances academics, athletics and social pursuits.

The initiative basically shortens the early practice sessions of fall sports and the numbers of games each team is allowed to play. The volleyball matches will be reduced from 28 to 26, golf is reduced from 24 to 21, softball is limited to 56 games and men's and women's basketball can play 26 regular season games.

The first start date for competition in football and volleyball is the Thursday prior to Sept. 6. In addition, preseason practice for football and volleyball starts one week later in the summer. Women's volleyball can start practice 17 days before its first match or five days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier. In football, practice can be started 21 days before its first game or seven days prior to the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

As many of you already know, the Eagles’ first football game in 2010 is Saturday, Aug. 28 in Chadron against the University of Mary. Since that game was already scheduled before this legislation passed, CSC will receive its practice time and be able to play the game.

The NCAA, as well as myself, is hoping these changes in schedules puts less of a burden on the student-athlete and provides them with a collegiate experience that will lend balance to all aspects of their college lives.

The winter sports season was exciting at CSC as the men's and women's basketball teams continued to show improvement. Both narrowly missed qualifying for the RMAC postseason tournament and I’m expecting big things from these two programs in the future.

Coach Scott Ritzen also had a successful wrestling season, guiding a very young team to a sixth place finish in the RMAC.

However, one of the biggest stories of the winter sports season was the men's track and field team taking second place at the RMAC Indoor Meet. It was the first time the CSC men finished as runner-up in the conference and they scored the most points in school history. I was incredibly proud of how the team performed. It was also great to see our new track coach and former CSC student-athlete, Ryan Baily, named the RMAC's coach of the year. He's a talented, young coach and I'm glad he's here at Chadron State. If you get the opportunity to see any CSC team compete, please take the time to do so.

Once again, thank you for supporting Chadron State College athletics.

We look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Yours in CSC Spirit,

Brad Smith
Director of Athletics

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Young men’s basketball team took important strides last season

By Alex Helmbrecht

The youthful Chadron State men's basketball team didn't let inexperience get in its way en route to a successful 10-16 season in 2009-10.

The Eagles won eight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference games – their most since 2002-03 – and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the postseason conference tournament.

“We're going in the right direction and we have improved,” CSC head coach Brent Bargen said.

Only five letter winners returned to the Eagles in 2009, but the team quickly found a groove, winning two of its first three games, including an 80-73 win over NAIA nationally-ranked Black Hills State.

The Eagles also posted a three-game winning streak in late January. Among the victories was a 65-64 win over Nebraska-Kearney where CSC scored the final seven points in the final minute. It was CSC's first home win over UNK since 2006.

Sophomore center Moala Tautuua led the Eagles with 12.1 points and 5.0 rebounds a game. He also shot a staggering 62.6 percent (112 of 179 field goals) from the floor. He was named to the RMAC All-East Division Second Team.

Redshirt freshman Donte Archie was second on the team in scoring with 10.5 points and sophomore Kevin McClelland averaged 8.3 points a game.

“We've got five of our top six scorers back and almost all our rebounding comes back, and that's a nice place to start,” Bargen said. “The continuity of our program is going to be huge for us.”

The men's team will lose two seniors – Tyler Coffman and Chance Wallesen – but the nucleus of the team returns. Including Tautuua and Archie, three other players return who started at least 14 games.

“We're going to lose a lot of toughness and leadership with Tyler and Chance graduating and they're going to be sorely missed,” he said. “But we have some guys who can fill those roles.”

The Eagles, who lost six games by 10 or less points, had a promising ending to their season by going 5-5 over the last 10 games.

“It's really tough to be successful in your last 10 games while playing in the East Division and I was really proud that we were able to be .500. We need to get bigger and stronger, but I like where we're going,” Bargen said.

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Members of the men's basketball team celebrate as the student section spills onto the court at Armstrong Gymnasium after the Eagles defeated the University of Nebraska-Kearney on a last second free throw by Shaw Buckner. (Photo by Kristen O'Brien)
CSC men finish second at RMAC Indoor Meet

By Con Marshall

Members of the Chadron State College men's track and field team capped an excellent indoor season by winning four events and finishing second in the team standings at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Indoor Meet at Golden, Colo., in late February.

The Eagles, who previously had not placed higher than third at the meet, scored 121 points, their all-time high at the RMAC Indoor Meet and five more than third place Nebraska-Kearney garnered. The performance earned CSC's first-year coach, Ryan Baily, the meet’s Male Coach of the Year honor.

The Eagles’ leaders included junior Jake Gruver (Cheyenne, Wyo.), who won both the 60 and 200-meter dashes with times of 6.91 and 22.72 seconds. Another CSC sprinter, Phil Rivera (Apple Valley, Calif.), was fifth in the 60 and third in the 200, and was selected the meet’s Male Freshman of the Meet.

Both Gruver and Rivera had major knee surgery within the past year, and Rivera has had it twice on the same knee in the last two years.

Chadron State’s other conference champions were sophomores Cody Hunt (Lingle, Wyo.) and Lanar Newman (Kingston, Jamaica). Hunt won the shot put with a school-record throw of 58-feet, 6 inches, and Newman won the 60-meter hurdles with a career-best time of 8.34 seconds.

Besides winning the hurdles, Newman placed in all three of the jumps, taking third in the long jump, fourth in the triple jump and fifth in the high jump. In addition, he was seventh in the 60 meters to earn 28 points. Newman shared the meet’s Male Athlete of the Meet Award with Reuben Mwei of Adams State.

Prior to the conference meet, Hunt in the shot and Newman in the long jump had qualified for the NCAA Division II National Indoor Meet that was in Albuquerque on March 12-13. Newman also qualified for the heptathlon at the national meet, although he had competed in the multi-event just once. In all three competitions at nationals, the CSC entries finished ninth, one place from earning All-American honors.

Along with Newman, several other Eagles did well in the jumps at the conference meet. CSC junior John Ritzen (Chadron) was second in the triple jump with a career-best of 47-4 ¾ and also was sixth in the long jump. Riley Northrup (Hot Springs, S.D.), the only senior letterman on the men’s indoor roster, was fourth in the high jump at 6-7 and seventh in the triple jump. Also placing twice for the CSC men in field events was sophomore Lance Steele (Greeley, Neb.), who was fifth in the weight throw and eighth in the shot.

In addition, freshman Glen Clinton (Cody, Wyo.) went on a career-best 14-9 to place second in the pole vault. Another CSC freshman, Marcus Hartzler (Sidney), showed lots of promise by placing fourth in the heptathlon at the conference meet.

The CSC women wound up seventh in the team standings with 28 points. Two veterans were among the leaders. Senior Kate Jungck (Hay Springs) was fourth in the weight throw with a career-best 50-5 ½ and junior Stacee Craig (Powell, Wyo.) cleared 5-3 to place fourth in the long jump. Craig also was sixth in the pentathlon.

Freshman Alyssa Norton (Rushville) was fifth in the shot put and seventh in the weight throw. Another CSC freshman, Ashley Fanelli (Arvada, Colo.), placed in both the long and triple jumps.

CSC Athletics

Youthful wrestling team took promising steps

By Alex Helmbrecht

Although the season didn’t end the way Chadron State College head wrestling coach Scott Ritzen had hoped, he’s hoping the disappointment from a losing season will motivate his young team next season.

The Eagles, who had just three juniors and one senior, were one of the youngest teams in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Despite that fact, three wrestlers finished in the top four at their weights at the RMAC/West Region to qualify for the NCAA Division II National Indoor Meet that was in Albuquerque on March 12-13. Newman placed in all three of the jumps, taking third in the high jump.

The national qualifiers all hail from California. Jimmy Savala and Cody Vasconcellos are juniors and Ryan Fillingame is a freshman. Savala, who recovered from a back injury just in time to compete at the regional tourney, and Fillingame, the RMAC’s Freshman of the Year, each lost both their matches at the national tournament.

Vasconcellos, a junior from Turlock, Calif., who joined the team in January, won his first match at nationals but couldn’t maintain his momentum, losing his next two.

In addition to adding Vasconcellos in January, the wrestling team received a big boost when senior Duke Eardley joined the team. Eardley, a four-year letter winner in football and all-conference linebacker, had a 7-5 record for the Eagles at 197 pounds. Ritzen said he was particularly pleased with the leadership and toughness Eardley brought to the team.
By Alex Helmbrecht

The 2010 season for the Chadron State softball team will be anything but easy, but that’s perfectly fine with coach Rob Stack.

The Eagles, who are in their fourth-year competing at the Division II level, will play 11 games against teams ranked in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Top 25 this season, including eight against Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference foes, Mesa State and Metro State.

And if teams receiving votes to be ranked are included in Chadron State’s schedule outlook, a third of its games are against the preseason top 40 teams in the nation.

The Eagles have experience on their side. Six starters and seven seniors – five of whom helped get the program started in the fall of 2006 – return to a squad that finished with a 20-30 record and narrowly missed the 2009 RMAC playoffs.

The core seniors – Allison Hendrickson, Cassie Humphrey, Stephanie Hillman, Blair McEndaffer and Katelyn Moore – are big parts of the puzzle for CSC.

Hendrickson, a third baseman, hit .319 a season ago, collecting a team-high 52 hits in 163 at bats. She scored 52 runs and drove in 32 more, both team highs. Humphrey will be the No. 1 pitcher this season and play in right field when she’s not pitching. Last year she won three games and struck out 52 batters and hit .287 and led the team in runs scored with 30 and was second in RBI’s with 25.

Hillman, a first baseman, hit .250 last season and accounted for 44 total bases. McEndaffer, a catcher, is returning to action after missing all last season with a back injury and Moore is firmly entrenched in center field.

Other starters include juniors Katie Bolin, Jamie Mazankowski and senior Melissa Lohr.

Lohr, a slap hitting second baseman, had the team’s highest batting average through 10 games before injuring her knee. She was hitting .393 with 11 total bases in just 28 plate appearances. Stack said she’ll most likely bat leadoff.

Bolin, a leftfielder, was a pleasant surprise last year. She had 37 hits in 106 at bats for a .349 average. Her hits included six doubles, a triple and seven home runs.

Mazankowski, who will play shortstop and catcher, hit .294 (42 hits in 143 at bats) and led CSC with 10 doubles.

The team’s other senior — Lynette Ebert – will also be important as the designated player.

Stack said the Eagles’ No. 2 pitcher will be junior transfer Christina Lewis, but freshman Kate Pinder will also get time in the circle.

Several freshmen are being counted on to help this season. Stack said Nikki Ritzen, Kaly Land and Britney Debord give the Eagles good depth and could earn some extended playing time.
Woodhead enjoyed flying high with Jets

By Alex Helmbrecht

Danny Woodhead can’t pinpoint one moment of clarity when he realized he had made it in the NFL after rushing for two Harlon Hill Trophies from a small Division II school in the Nebraska Panhandle.

In fact, to him, playing in 12 games as a wide receiver and tailback for the New York Jets and helping that franchise advance to an unexpected AFC Championship Game appearance was the same game he’s been playing since he was a kid.

“I never really had a moment where I thought ‘I made it,’” said Woodhead, who owned nine NCAA records, nine Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference records and 13 Chadron State records when he concluded his playing career in 2007.

“The first game I played in, I thought, it’s just football. But then you remember you have an NFL jersey on and it is the real deal. That’s a pretty awesome feeling and the playoffs were incredible. As the season went on, I really started to get more comfortable. I had a couple catches, but when I made a catch or two to get a first down, you get the feeling you’re helping. I always felt like I belonged and the other players made me feel that way, too.”

The Jets finished the 2009 season with a 9-7 record and caught fire in the postseason, upsetting both Cincinnati and San Diego on the road before losing a 30-17 decision to the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC Championship Game.

The Colts lost to the New Orleans Saints in the Super Bowl in a classic back-and-forth game, but Woodhead was one of the few who didn’t get much enjoyment from watching it.

“It was tough to watch,” he said. “Obviously, we all wanted to be playing in the Super Bowl and so it’s different watching it when you know you had a chance to play in it.”

Despite falling short of the Super Bowl, Woodhead was pleased with how he performed in his ‘rookie’ season. He was signed as a free agent by the Jets in 2008 but missed the entire season with an injury. He bounced back, though, and was a fixture for the Jets in the preseason, saw considerable time in the regular season and played in two postseason games.

“The preseason, regular season and playoffs; each one is a different step,” he said. “The speed goes up and it’s just a great time being a part of that. We just came up a little short.”

Woodhead shined during the preseason, rushing for 226 yards on 45 carries. He really turned heads in the final preseason game against the Philadelphia Eagles when he ran for 158 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries in the Jets’ 38-27 victory in front of 73,000 fans at the Meadowlands.

“That game was awesome and I showed what I could do,” he said. “It was a blast. I played in the other preseason games, but in that game I got into a rhythm and it was a lot of fun. It was really helpful to have that performance and that game didn’t hurt me in any way.”

However, Woodhead earned his roster spot in the regular season at wide receiver. He made eight receptions for 87 yards and rushed 15 times for 64 yards. He was often on the field during third downs, giving the Jets another dimension to their offense with his versatility.

Catching the ball was nothing new to Woodhead. During his four years at Chadron State he made 129 receptions for 1,417 yards.

“I did a lot of different things but I was still in the backfield a lot of the time,” he said. “Moving to receiver wasn’t in my plans at the beginning, but I wanted to do anything to help the team in basically what was my rookie year. It was a great experience to play in some big games and it was awesome. I couldn’t have been more blessed and I’m thankful for the opportunities and hopefully I can keep taking those opportunities.”

New York Jets wide receiver Danny Woodhead runs upfield during a game last season. Woodhead, a former CSC football player, played 12 games for the Jets in 2009. (Photo by Al Pereira/New York Jets)

For now, though, Woodhead is taking time to relax in the offseason. He’s been busy maintaining his workout regimen, playing video games and helping his wife, Stacia, around the house. Yet, with all his spare time and proclivity toward video games, he hasn’t played a game as the Jets on “Madden 2010.”

“I still haven’t played as myself on Madden,” he joked. “I am just atrocious on it and I couldn’t catch a ball. I think I’m ranked a 46 overall, but I’m really fast.”

Woodhead’s siesta is well earned. During the season and preseason camp, he usually began his day around 6 in the morning before calling it quits in the early evening. He said a normal day featured meetings in the morning, practice, and then more meetings in the afternoon.

“I have basically worked seven days a week since July when we went to camp and I need time to just rest and that’s what I’ve been doing,” he said. “I wanted to work hard because I wanted to help my team in any way possible, but the thing people don’t understand is that it’s a job. It’s still fun, don’t get me wrong, but it’s a lot of work.

“The season was such a rollercoaster, but I was so blessed with how things went. It was a great year, especially since I was able to play and do some things to help the team. It was really awesome to play on Sundays. It’s something you can’t really explain; it’s unbelievable.”

2010 Chadron State Football Schedule

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Miscellaneous News

'50s

Don Curtis ’53 and his wife Gloria are retired, living in Arvada, Colo. They are doing volunteer work for two non-profit organizations.

Don Kennedy ’57, Rapid City, S.D., is the Lieutenant Governor Elect of Region 4 South Dakota Kiwanis, and the West River AARP Action Team Leader in western South Dakota.

Don Mahlman ’58 was presented the President’s Council of Service and Civic Participation award for his 4,000-plus hours of volunteer work with various organizations. Don lives in Fairbury.

'60s

Connie (Prewitt) ’61 and Herb Madison ’61 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 27, 2009. They live in North Platte.

Joe McKay ’62 and his wife Louise are retired and live in Kalspells, Mont. Joe coached girls track and won 12 state championships. He has been inducted into the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame, Chadron State Athletic Hall of Fame and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.


Anita Shaw ’63, Silverdale, Wash., is the founder of CHARCOT Awareness Education Foundation, a non-profit organization. Charcot Foot is a devastating bone deterioration disease. More information is available at charcotawareness.org.

Wilma Quelle att ’65 is a retired teacher from Nebraska and the Navajo Reservation.She has authored a book “Steps to Navajo History,” which is a set of Navajo biographies that travel through 250 years of tribal history. The book was chosen by PublishAmerica Publishing Company as a nominee for the “Oprah Book Club” selection. Wilma lives in Mesa, Ariz.

Gary Streaks ’67 retired from Blue Cross/Blue Shield after 21 years. He lives in Lincoln.

'70s

Mary (Peters) Ash ’70 Arcadia, retired May 2009 after teaching 39 years at Arcadia Public Schools.

Fred Hagman ’71 has been promoted to the branch manager at Security First Bank in Crawford. He lives in Chadron with his wife Jolene ’73.

Karen Kelley ’72 Denver, Colo., retired from the Denver Public Library in February 2009.

William “Bill” Kester ’72 was inducted into the Elgin Public School Athletic Hall of Fame in February for his involvement and achievements during his high school career in various sports at Elgin. The past 36 years he has taught, coached and served as an administrator. He and his wife Pam live in Neligh.

Dorothy McArthur ’72 celebrated her 85th birthday. She is active at the Perkins County Senior Center and writes a weekly column for the Tribune Sentinel, a monthly column for church and every Monday listens to children read at Grant Elementary.

Nina Fortkamp ’72 Wauneta, celebrated her 87th birthday and is still involved with the school art department. She tutors elementary students in reading and continues to substitute teach when needed.

Dennis Hubbard BS ’72, MS ’79 retired from teaching after 35 years in August 2009. Dennis lives in Chadron and taught in Pine Ridge, S.D.

Richard Reiner ’74 retired as a professional nadoe clown, which he started in 1972. He lived in North Platte with his wife Chris ’74. They are employed at North Platte High School, Richard as the activities director and Chris as a secretary.

Monica Kramer BS ’75 MS ’95 Stapleton, was honored as the education winner at the 2009 Women of Achievement banquet in North Platte. The categories included volunteer, business, social services, government, youth and education.

'80s

Jill (Cook) Wright ’81 received her master’s in administration from San Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She lives in Spring, Texas.

Antonio Escamilla ’83 retired from the State of Wyoming as a probation/parole officer but has been appointed a member of the Parole Board to the State of Wyoming. He lives in Cheyenne, Wyo., with his wife Peggy (Klein) ’71 who is a licensed clinical social worker.

Mark Brohman ’85 has been nominated president of Friends of UNL State Museum and is serving on the UNL’s Environmental Task Force and UNL’s Water Policy Task Force.

He lives in Lincoln with his wife Anessa.

Michael O’Brien MA ’85 received the Oklahoma City Mayor’s Public Personnel Employee’s Award as a public employee for contributing to the removal of social, attitudinal and environmental barriers for people with disabilities. O’Brien was appointed the executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation in December 2001. He lives in Newcastle, Okla.

Mary Theresa Green ’86 is the sponsor at Alliance High School for the drama/one act teams. The Alliance team took first place in the Class B championship.

Mendel Miller ’87 was named assistant state veterinarian in South Dakota in September 2009. He lives in Pierre, S.D.

Terry Patrick ’88 is the flight test program manager at Edwards Air Force Base in California. He lives in California City.

'90s

Mike Newman ’91 was announced as one of three recipients of the 2009 First Quarter Achievement Award from the International Aerobatic Club for achievements in aerobatic flight and competition scoring. Newman was featured in the International Aerobatic Club magazine. He and his wife Cindy live in Ogallala.

Mike Samp ’91 was promoted to assistant chief of police of the University of Wyoming Police Department in January 2009. His wife Missy (Gingrich) ’96 is the program assistant of the Honors Program at the University of Wyoming. They live in Laramie, Wyo.

Esther Davison ’92, Pine Bluffs, Wyo., has published a book “Goodness and Mercy,” which is about her parents as her 75th birthday.

Kallene (O’Connor) West ’00 is employed with Modern Woodmen of America as a financial planner and was named the Colorado Rookie of the Year and the Colorado Agent of the Year for 2005. She lives in Englewood, Colo., and her husband Jake ’00 live in Pueblo, Colo., where Jake is employed with Professional Bull Riders, Inc., and was named the owner/broker for the company in December 2009.

Dr. Jason Hesser ’02 has joined the Cretes Area Medical Center as a full-time physician. Jason recently returned from Iraq, completing his military service with the Army National Guard. During his deployment, Captain Hesser served as a Field Surgeon with the 248th Area Support Medical Company out of Georgia. He is rotating at both the Cretes and Wilber clinics. He lives in Cretes with his wife Kate (Ebke) ’02 and their son Owen. Kate is also a physician with the Cretes Area Medical Center.

Heath Linn ’02 and his brother Chris Linn have recently purchased the Village Foods market in Morrill.

Jennifer (Pritchett) Brown ’00 received her CPA license April 2009. She has been pro-
moted to senior accountant at Fred A. Lockwood and Co. P.C. Jennifer lives in Chadron with her husband Bryan '00, who is a teacher at Wolf Creek Schools, Pine Ridge, S.D.

Todd Lowery MA '02 is the head volleyball coach at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College and won the Red River Mountain Conference with a 30-0 record in 2009, qualifying for the NAIA National Volleyball Tournament. Todd was recently named the director of intercollegiate athletics at the University.

Shawn Benton '03 is the Alliance city finance manager. He lives in Alliance with his wife Keri (Stricker) '03 and three daughters, Saige, Drew and Grae.

Tim '03 and Stephanie (Stoll) Hruby '06 were honored recently by the Farm Bureau as Excellence in Agriculture winners. The award is one given as part of Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers program. They ranch near Marsland with their daughter, Sophie.

Laura Vaughan '03 received her bachelor of science in nursing degree from the UNMC College of Nursing West Nebraska Division in Scottsbluff, December 2009.

Kalyn Mead '04 served as assistant coach for the Wheatland Wyoming High School drama team. The Wheatland team won first place in their division at the Wyoming State Drama tournament at Casper College.

Lyndsey Rice '04 is an academic advisor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Erica Parish '05 received a bachelor of science in nursing degree from the University of Nebraska College of Nursing in Omaha, December 2009.

Zane Limbach '05 has been assigned as branch manager and senior lender for Security First Bank at the Harrison Bank, Harrison.

Brooke Martin '05 graduated from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine May 15, 2009. She lives in Glenwood Springs, Colo., and is an intern veterinarian at Glenwood Veterinary Clinic.

Andrew Lenzen '05 will serve as the interim associate dean at the WNCC Sidney campus until a permanent replacement is hired. Lenzen has been teaching mathematics at WNCC since 2002. He lives in Sidney with his wife Lydia and five children.

Jas Bains MS '06 has been hired as an assistant football coach at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo.

Clint Jordan '06 is practicing with Family First Dental in Loup City after graduating dental school in 2009.

Alicia Longe '06 is a physician assistant at the Columbus Medical Center.

Kiel Cook '07 is the manager at Sieck Land & Cattle in Martin, S.D.

Jed German '07 has joined Contrynary Associates, P.C., in Scottsbluff as an accountant in their tax department. Jed graduated with his master in professional accountant from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in December 2009.

Marriages

'80s

Harvey Foos '83 and Elena Pechentchikova were married Aug. 29, 2009. They live in Edwards, Colo., and Harvey is employed at the Lions Square Lodge in Vail.

'90s

Brandon Rock '97 and Sanna Reckling were married June 8, 2009. They live in Long Valley, S.D.

'00s

Angela Dewald '00 and Anthony Simmak '01 were married July 3, 2009. They live in Sheridan, Wyo., where Angela is a financial advisor for Edward Jones.

Ashley Hughes att '03 and Joe Martin '06 were married June 24, 2006. They live in Potter where Ashley is the director of the Potter-Dix Early Learning Facility and Joe teaches 7-12 social studies, physical education and coaches all seasons.

Shelley Fischer '02 and Aaron Reichmuth were married Sept. 12, 2009. They live in Humphrey.

Lisa Thiessen '02 and Matt Bahns were married Aug. 22, 2009. They live near Clarkson.

Daniel Dorwart '02 and Jennifer Koza '04 were married Jan. 2, 2010. They live in Sidney where Dan is a high school teacher and basketball coach and Jenn is a financial consultant at Memorial Health Center.

Brock Weinrich att '04 and Brad Nowak were married Oct. 17, 2009. They live in Hawaii where Brad is stationed at Hickam Air Force Base.

Brittany Smith att '04 and Tommaso Pagano were married July 11, 2009. They live in Norfolk where Brittany is an occupational therapist.

Tessa Covington '05 and Chad White '05 were married May 2, 2009. They live in Sabetha, Kan.

Jennifer Weinmeister '05 and Joseph Gaul were married Aug. 15, 2009. Jennifer is a family teacher at St. Joseph's Children's Home in Torrington, Wyo., and they live in Morrill.

Rachel Novakovich '05 and Jeremiah Vardiman '05 were married Oct. 10, 2009. They live in Larchwood, Iowa and both work for a Pre-K-12 Christian curriculum publishing company in the marketing department. David is a senior graphic designer and JoAnna is a technical copywriter.

Amy Blemm '07 and Spencer Lease were married Aug. 7, 2009. They live in Gering.

Julie Christensen '08 and James Innes '07 were married Oct. 17, 2009. They live in Gillette, Wyo., where Julie teaches first grade and James is a detention officer for the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

Ryan Milner MS '08 and Sarah Thomas, current staff, were married Sept. 12, 2009. They live in Chadron where Sarah is the Nelson Social Activities Center coordinator and Ryan is adjunct faculty.

Giselle Andersen '09 and Jacob Kruse were married Sept. 5, 2009. They live in Lincoln while Giselle continues her education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Future Eagles...

'80s

Reanna to Duane and Jeaninne Davis '88, Brady, Aug. 31, 2009. She joins sister Robin.

'90s


Eastin Kraig to Lance '97 and Erin (Johnson) Falzone '99, Kempner, Texas, Nov. 25, 2009. Eastin joins brother Cason. Lance is in the Army stationed at Fort Hood and Erin is a geometry teacher at Copperas Cove High School.


Evan Granger to Randy '97 and Hilary (Hulbert) Strom '01, Gering, July 1, 2009. He joins sisters Emma and Ella.

Brookelyn Starr to Cassidy (Cain) '98 and Jay Camino '99, Buffalo, Wyo., Jan. 4, 2010. She joins brothers Ben and Bryce.


'00s

Lillian Marie and Greyeton Guyer to Kelly and Kimberly (Johnson) Sudbeck, Cozad, Dec. 18, 2009.

Carson to Jeff and Kimberly (Duyesen) Wickersham '00, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 28, 2009. He joins brother Calvin.

Gaitlin Gunner and Reece Rhyannon to Sarah (Keim) att '00 and Kevin Janssen ME '09, Omaha, Sept. 7, 2009.

Linda Ann (Lindy) to Jim and Amy (Bradfield) Cornelius '00, Farmington, N.M., Jan. 14, 2009.

Brynnar Kai to Curt '01 and Crystal (Harris) Bach '01, Chadron, Oct. 27, 2009.

MacKenzi to John and Kathy (Chrisman) Frush '04, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 19, 2008. Kathy is an associate professor in Podiatry College at Des Moines University.

Addison Marie to Amy and Matt Mason '01, Thermopolis, Wyo., July 17, 2009.

Braxton to Kendra (Petersen) '01 and Tadd Smich '01, Eagle, Nov. 19, 2009.

Kassie Danielle to Clinton and Jennifer (Wales) Dieken '03, Elmdorf Air Force Base, Ala., April 9, 2009.

Hudson Patrick to Diana and Patrick Friesen '02, Omaha, Oct. 19, 2009.

Kallie Lynn to Travis and Kristie (Luebe) Mundorf '02, Springview, Sept. 28, 2009.

Jacob Michael to Joseph '02 and Sarah (Murray) Dorshorst '09, Hay Springs, Jan. 15, 2010.

Chloe Serena to Marinda (Collier) '02 and Devon Scott '02, Clarkson, Oct. 19, 2009. She joins brother Bryon.

Sophie to Jennifer (Pickering) '02 and Michael Cole '02, Hershey, June 23, 2009.

Korbin Scott and Braxton Lee to Tonya (Novasio) '02 and Cody Barent '02, Roberts, Mont., May 9, 2008.


Kevin Andrew to Sean '03 and Becky (Stewart) Wolfe '02, McCook, July 30, 2009. He joins brother Mark.

Layla Keegan to Shannon (Jennings) 'BA '03, MA '04 and Dallas Baldwin '03, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 30, 2009.

Blane Edward to Megan (Ostrander) '04 and Aaron Hird '06, Grants, N.M., Jan. 24, 2010.

Miles Samuel and Clare Margaret to Nathan and Nichole (Mical) Weber '04, Pierce, March 5, 2010. They join sister Emanuell Marie.


Brayden to Lee '06 and Julie (Spener) Burenheide '06, Tilden, Jan. 23, 2009.

Carson to Alisa and Dustin Favinger '06, Cozad, September 2009.

Paisley Michele to Lacey (LeZotte) '06 and Ryan Hoffman '07, Whitefish, Mont., Nov. 1, 2009. She joins sister Sydney. Ryan is the physical education teacher and head wrestling coach at Whitefish High School and Lacey is a kindergarten teacher at Muldown Elementary. Aiden to Cassie and Jesse Hammer '08, Spearfish, S.D., Dec. 18, 2009.

In Loving Memory


Edwin Bartling, current stu...
Don Schmaderer—A Living Legacy Member

Don Schmaderer recalls that when he was a student at Chadron State College in the early 1960s, he was a member of a strategic planning group that tried to envision what the campus might look like as more of the nation’s “baby boomers” sought higher education and the college grew.

“We tried to imagine what would happen,” he said. “There was really nothing east of Crites Hall then, and what developed was about 10 times more than we ever anticipated. It was fun to watch the college grow and develop. Now, I’m glad to see that planning is underway for more improvements through the Vision 2011 program.”

Don was a farm boy from Stuart who was recruited to play football for the Eagles by coaches Bill Baker and Dudley Draxton. He was a freshman on the Eagles’ undefeated team in 1958 and was an all-conference player and captain of the 1961 team his senior year. He recalls his scholarship was a job in the cafeteria that paid 30 cents an hour and some of his meals. He also found time to serve as vice president of the Student Senate his senior year.

Don has been a banker in his hometown most of his career. He had a setback in June 2009, when his wife, Sally, passed away. He’s thankful that his three children and nine grandchildren live in Nebraska. He continues to serve as chairman of the board of the Tri-County Bank, which has branches in nearby Atkinson and Bassett, and he is involved in several community organizations.

Chadron State College has remained one of his interests. He keeps tabs on the athletic teams and other developments and tries to get back to the campus at least once a year. Don has designated one of his IRA’s for the Living Legacy program through the Chadron State Foundation, and has this to say about his decision: “Being involved in my community taught me that we need to develop partnerships to make progress. Now is a good time to create a partnership with Chadron State College and its Vision 2011 drive.

“Ross Armstrong and his wife, Ruby, and other Chadron State faculty members treated me like family, creating an environment for learning that gave me a good start for future success. I am happy that Chadron State College, as a small, progressive college, continues to improve the educational opportunities for its students.

“We can all be a part of this partnership with Chadron State by establishing scholarships for students and supporting the Vision 2011 fund drive.”