Many construction projects at CSC this summer

By Justin Haag

Chadron State College’s motto is “Building Futures Every Day,” but the work on CSC’s campus goes beyond improving students’ lives this summer.

More than a dozen significant construction projects and other upgrades are under way at CSC.

“There are probably more pretty good sized projects, those in the $150,000 to $600,000 range, than we have during most summers,” said Dale Grant, CSC vice president of administration and finance.

A variety of sources are being used to fund the projects, including money annually set aside for maintenance, state appropriations, revenue bonds, and money collected as fees.

The most visible of the projects is the parking lot replacement north of the High Rise, Andrews and Kent residence halls. When completed, students will find less congestion in the area as the trafficways are being widened and parking stalls will be deepened and expanded from 7 1/2 feet to 9 feet in width.

“Even though we’re not gaining any more spots, we’re improving the quality of the parking,” Grant said.

Workers also are progressing on the largest of the campus projects, the $4.8 million renovation of the Administration Building. When completed, the structure will be a state-of-the-art teaching facility.

Construction on the building is occurring from the top down, and Grant expects the entire project to be finished in late fall. When finished, the third floor of the historic brick building will house CSC’s justice studies and social science programs. The second floor will be home to programs for English and humanities and communication arts. The first floor will be the new headquarters for the teacher education program.

The modernization of another one of the college’s oldest structures - Crites Hall - also is taking shape. The business office has joined other student services in the building to make a “one stop shop” for students to process paperwork and administrative business. While work will continue into the fall with the project, all of the services are operating in the building and it is ready for the large influx of students arriving in August.

In May, workers completed the reroofing of Memorial Hall and tied the facility’s heating and cooling system to the college’s absorption chiller - the device that generates cool air by burning wood chips from the nearby forest.

A pair of large window replacement projects is under way. One is to replace the windows in Miller Hall. Although that building was renovated in the late 1990s, installation of new windows was not part of the project. The other building to receive new windows is Kent Hall.

Also on the schedule of summer facility projects is the remodeling of some residence hall rooms, installation of underground irrigation, landscaping improvements and various concrete repairs. A bid also has been awarded to install a new fire sprinkler system in the Reta King Library.

In order to bolster the college’s security efforts, a pair of technology upgrades is planned. CSC is requesting proposals from vendors for security cameras to be placed in common areas of the residence halls and is in the process of purchasing software capable of distributing mass cellular phone text messages to students and employees in case of emergency.

Other technology improvements in progress include the revamping of the college’s public Web site, installation of a campus-wide Voice-over-Internet-Protocol phone system, and implementation of an automated process for people to connect to CSC’s wireless network. In addition, a new sound system was installed at the CSC softball field this spring.

Construction workers begin the demolition of the parking lot north of the Chadron State College residence hall complex in early May. The new concrete parking lot will be an improvement over the patched asphalt it is replacing, and is expected to alleviate crowding and traffic concerns.
Dear Alumni,

Although most of Chadron State College’s students have left for the summer, it does not mean things have been quiet at your alma mater.

An incredible amount of activity has already taken place on campus since the end of the spring semester. For one, the city has been bustling with all of the high school students who have come for CSC camps. Additionally, construction workers have been busy working on improvements that students who arrive on campus this fall will certainly notice. It’s exciting to see some of our most historic structures, such as the Administration Building and Crites Hall, gain new life and become state-of-the-art facilities for instruction and student services.

The upgrades on campus will likely be heavily used this fall. Chadron State awarded degrees to its largest graduating class since 2000 in May. While it’s impressive for the institution to have so many new alumni entering the workforce, as an administrator it seems somewhat daunting to replace those students. Thanks to CSC’s solid reputation and the hard work of many, indicators show there will be more than enough students to fill those vacancies come August. Of course, I’m always apprehensive to make any predictions for enrollment before students get moved in to residence halls and start attending classes. However, as of late June, the admissions office had registered 477 new students for the fall semester compared to 392 the same time the previous year. And, those figures do not reflect the number of new international students or students seeking graduate degrees.

A number of factors are contributing to CSC’s success. Among the reasons are new agreements with Moraine Park Technical College of Wisconsin, San Joaquin Valley College of California, and the Pima Medical Institute, which has locations throughout the United States. The agreements help students from those institutions transition to CSC’s bachelor’s and master’s degree programs. We look forward to a great relationship with these three institutions as we offer their graduates an opportunity to continue their education in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree.

On another note, it gave me great pleasure to be part of a CSC alumni tour to China last April. The trip was a wonderful opportunity to rekindle relationships with alumni and have a truly exciting and educational experience in this rapidly developing nation. This was the second alumni trip abroad, our first was to Italy in 2007. Plans are being made to offer another alumni international experience to a different country in the fall of 2009. We will send you announcements about this great opportunity when the plans are solidified. I hope you will join us in our next adventure.

Sincerely,

Janie C. Park
President
Chadron State College

Memories of CSC sought as centennial nears

Chadron State College’s 100th anniversary is coming soon. The college opened in 1911. Planning for the centennial observance is under way. One of the projects is to gather as many stories about the college and its people as possible. Some of the material will undoubtedly be used in the Centennial Book that is being written and others may be placed in a separate volume or on the CSC Web site.

Former students, current and former faculty and staff members and anyone else who has had close ties with Chadron State College are invited to submit their stories.

Contributions can cover any subject relating to the college. You may retrace your entire time at Chadron State or provide a few tidbits. If you are a former student, perhaps you will want to tell how you chose to attend Chadron State, recall some humorous incidents, discuss special activities you were associated with or observed, pay tribute to special professor (or maybe say something about a quirky one) or give us the low-down on something that didn’t go as planned. The sky’s the limit. The items you submit may be of any length. You can send us one story or send us several. No one will be graded on what is submitted, either.

The situation is similar for faculty and staff members, both past and present. We are interested in collecting the special memories that people have of this unique college. We want as much material as possible. Because we must proceed rather quickly on the book, we would prefer to have your contribution by Oct. 15, 2008. Please send them to Justin Haag, Communications Coordinator, Chadron State College, 1000 Main Street, Chadron, Neb., or via e-mail to jhaag@csc.edu.

Eagle staff wins awards in state competition

Staff members of the Eagle, Chadron State College’s student newspaper, were presented with five Golden Leaf Awards during the Nebraska Collegiate Media Association’s annual competition between the state’s collegiate newspapers in April. Deann Stearns of Edgemont, S.D., and Michelle DeBoer of Chadron each earned first-place honors. Stearns won the top award in the news photograph category, and DeBoer was first in advertisement design. In addition, Arden Nixon of Chadron designed the third-place cartoon entry.

The staff also was awarded second place in the special section category and third place in two-page spread layout design. The Eagle’s advisor is LaVida Dickinson. The students were accompanied to the NPA convention in Lincoln by Mike Kennedy, instructor of communication arts, and Pam Anderson, office assistant for communication arts, English and humanities.
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A graduate of both Chadron High School and Chadron State College has been selected as the 2008-09 Wyoming High School Principal of the Year by the Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals.

Dirlene Steffe Wheeler is in her eighth year as principal at Sheridan High School, which has 902 students in grades nine through 12 and 75 full-time teachers. Last week, Newsweek Magazine selected Sheridan as one of the top 1,300 public high schools in the nation. It was the first time a Wyoming school has been on the list.

The superintendent of the Sheridan School District, Craig Dougherty, said Wheeler is “a joy to work with, is profoundly intelligent and is always pushing the envelope in order to provide the best for kids.”

Wheeler graduated from Chadron High in 1972 and received her bachelor’s degree from Chadron State in 1976 with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. She earned her master’s degree in administration from CSC in 1995. She began her teaching career at Stapleton and after two years moved to North Platte, where she spent 18 years as a middle school and high school science teacher and coach. She went to Sheridan in 1997 as an assistant high school principal and was promoted to principal in 2000.

Wheeler’s parents, Dirl and Shirley Steffe, now live in Rapid City. He taught physics at Chadron State for 23 years before retiring. Wheeler’s husband, Neil, is a native of DeWitt, Neb., and formerly worked for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Their son, Zach, is a senior math major and a starting linebacker for the football team at Chadron State.

Wheeler said Sheridan is a “great place to be a principal” because the school has a talented staff and outstanding facilities, and the community is extremely supportive of education. She noted that within the past year donations were received to put field turf on the football field and erect a two-story pressbox. Sheridan High also possesses what Wheeler calls “a world-class” weight room and fitness center that were built with community contributions.

Earlier this decade, Wheeler became the first person from Wyoming to be named to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation’s advisory council. After serving a three-year term on the council, she was elected to the corporation’s board of directors, comprised of corporate chairmen, college presidents and school administrators. She is one of just three principals on the board.

Two years ago, Sheridan High received the prestigious Siemens Award for its outstanding math and science teaching based on student success. New programs at SHS since Wheeler became principal include expanding Advanced Placement courses, statewide compressed video offerings in French and Spanish, participation in the High School Reform Breaking Ranks II Initiatives and a freshman mentoring program called Link Crew.

The assistant principal at Sheridan High is Kevin Smidt, who earned his master’s degree in administration from Chadron State in 1992 while he was teaching in Scottsbluff. He was chosen the Wyoming Assistant High School Principal of the Year four years ago.

CSC English professors present papers, have works published

Several members of the English Department faculty at Chadron State helped keep the college in the spotlight by presenting papers at conferences or having works published during the 2007-08 school year.

Last October, Dr. Matthew Everson presented a paper at the American Literature Association Symposium on American Literary Naturalism in Newport Beach, Calif. The paper was titled “Black Riders, Rough Riders: Stephen Crane and Theodore Roosevelt Go to War.”

Everson also presented a paper at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in November. It was called “Sex and Settlement in the Narratives of Mari Sandoz.”

He also made two presentations on what he describes as “the darker side of life” at the 34th Interdisciplinary Great Plains Studies Symposium in Omaha in April 2008. One was titled “Haunted Houses, Hurting Bodies and Healing Earth” and the other was “A Hell of a Place for Dancing: Embracing the Corrupt Other in HBO’s Deadwood.”

The theme of the symposium was “Death, Murder and Mayhem: Stories of Violence and Healing on the Plains.”

This spring, Everson’s article “The Call of the Critics: Jack London, The Call of the Wild and Its Early Reviews” was published in “The Call: The Magazine of the Jack London Society.”

In addition, he is nearing completion of a book-length study comparing Crane and Roosevelt. It is titled, “Strenuous Lives: Stephen Crane, Theodore Roosevelt and the American 1890s.” He said he will soon be seeking a publishing contract for the work.

Another CSC English professor, Dr. Brad Wilburn, was the editor and wrote an essay and the introduction for “Moral Cultivation,” a book published by Lexington Books. The book contains seven essays by professors at six higher education institutions.

Wilburn said the book contains a variety of perspectives, including Confucianism, ancient Greek philosophy, Judaism, Scottish enlightenment and the views of David Hume and Kantian. He added that he worked on the book for six years. He came up with the idea from his dissertation, which is on moral improvement.

George Griffith, one of the senior faculty members at Chadron State, presented two papers this past year. One was at the Interdisciplinary Studies Association conference in Boulder, Colo. Titled “Victorians at the Grand Charteuse,” the paper examines the influence the monastery, located in the French Alps, may have had on Victorian writers who visited it.

Griffith’s second paper was presented at the Modern Language Association conference in Chicago. It dealt with author George Eliot’s contribution of newly-coined words, or neologisms, to the Oxford English Dictionary. Griffith has given and published a number of papers on Eliot and her works.

Dr. Kathy Bahr had an article published in the journal, “Nineteenth Century Prose.” It is on Victorian critic and poet Matthew Arnold. It explored the use of some of Arnold’s metaphors with respect to culture.

Another member of the CSC faculty, Dr. Deane Tucker, will have a book published this summer by Lexington Books. It is titled “Derrida: Duchamp As Ready Made Deconstruction,” and looks at the art of Marcel Duchamp using Derrida’s theories of deconstruction.

In addition, Dr. Robert McEwen will have poetry he wrote published in NebraskaLand Magazine this summer and the Prairie Schooner, a literary quarterly, later in the year. His poems also appeared in a recently published book, “Rural Voices,” which contains works of Nebraska poets.

McEwen also co-produced a compact disc with the CAMSCO Music Company titled “Tell A Story.” It features the work of the late Joe Heaney, an Irish singer and storyteller. McEwen said he has been studying Heaney’s work for a number of years and has edited about 20 hours of Heaney’s material for the School of Ethnomusicology at the University of Washington in Seattle.
Shortcourse, a cooperative program between CSC and the University State College's campus. The presentation was part of the annual Range varieties of plants and grasses found on the hills south of Chadron Students listen as Dr. Chuck Butterfield, at right, explains the many Event celebrates faculty and staff

By Justin Haag

Range professor awarded teacher of the year

For the second consecutive year, Chadron State College's outstanding teaching award has been awarded to a faculty member from its agriculture and rangeland management program.

It was announced in May that Dr. Chuck Butterfield, an associate professor who serves as chairman of CSC's Department of Applied Sciences, is this year's recipient. Last year's winner was Dr. Georgia Younglove, who leads CSC's animal science programs.

Butterfield said he has enjoyed watching the program grow since he arrived in the fall of 1999. Back then, he said 23 students were enrolled in CSC's agriculture and range management program. Last semester, 98 students were studying in the program.

While some of CSC's success in recruiting students can be attributed to a declining emphasis on range management at the state's largest university, Butterfield said many students are choosing CSC because of its solid reputation as a leader in the subject. He said CSC's location in "cow country" is perfect for the courses he teaches.

"We've kept our same focus in educating the student who comes from a ranch and wants to return to it," he said. "But, we also have a lot of students who graduate from here and go obtain graduate degrees or become employed for government agencies such as the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) or BLM (Bureau of Land Management)."

Through the years, Butterfield noted that Chadron State has added courses in range ecology, range fire ecology, vegetation inventory, and worked with members of the CSC science department to create a minor in wildlife management. In addition, CSC has signed an agreement with Casper College in Wyoming that benefits students from that two-year institution's rangeland fire management program who want to obtain a bachelor's degree.

The growth of CSC's program is paying dividends. This fall will mark the addition of a faculty member devoted to rangeland wildlife management. In addition, the Chadron State Foundation has begun raising funds for the construction of a Rangeland Agriculture Center and Pavilion, which will house classrooms and laboratory space for the programs in addition to an indoor arena.

Butterfield said the new facility will be a great recruiting tool. But, even without the best facilities, Chadron State has been able to attract great students who are committed to their studies, he said. CSC's policies of open enrollment may sometimes attract students who are not serious enough about their studies, but it also affords the school an occasional diamond in the rough, he said.

"We get a few who are here to rodeo a lot, and maybe go to class on the odd occasion," he said. "They generally don't last too long."

He told of one student who couldn't get accepted to a large university because she was not good at taking standardized tests. She enrolled at CSC, where she became an outstanding student, and later excelled in a master's degree program at the same university that wouldn't admit her out of high school because of a low ACT score.

Butterfield was raised on a ranch near Worland, Wyo. He holds a bachelor's degree in range ecology from the University of Wyoming, a master's degree in grazing management from Texas A&M University and a doctorate in rangeland ecology from the University of Nebraska. In addition to his teaching, he has become known for research in low elevation bighorn sheep management, prescribed fire and bison management and ecology. He has been involved with a number of professional organizations and has earned awards for his service.

More than 30 employees of Chadron State College received special recognition in late April during the institution's annual faculty and staff recognition banquet in the Student Center.

Dr. Chuck Butterfield, professor of range management, received the Teaching Excellence Award, which is presented annually to the institution's outstanding educator. Other candidates for the honor were Dr. Phil Cary, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Wendy Waugh, professor of business and economics.

Nine retirees and 19 employees celebrating anniversaries for years of service also received special recognition.

The list of retirees includes two members of the English faculty, Dr. Michael Cartwright and Dr. Robert Doxtator. Dr. Ron Miller, sociology, and Dr. Randy Lawson, biology, also are on the list.

Other employees honored for their retirement are Loree MacNeill, director of cultural programs and college relations, Ken Korte, exhibit design and display specialist, Terry Burks, accounting clerk, Gene Peters, electrician, and LeAnn Canaday, custodian.

Doxtator also was recognized for 40 years of service to the institution, which represents a longer tenure than any other current employee. Following are the employees who celebrated anniversaries for years of service:

- 40 years: Robert Doxtator.
- 20 years: Mary Burke. 15 years: Don King, Ann Krejci, Donna Ritzen and Linda Wineteer. 10 years: John Caswell Jr., Amy Coates, Robyn Foral, Nancy Hartman and Scott Kadlecnek.

Dr. Janie Park, CSC president, presented awards to the honorees and Dr. Lois Veath, vice president for academic affairs, served as the program's master of ceremonies.
Dr. Ron Miller, the professor who has taught most of Chadron State College’s sociology courses the past 32 years, drew from concepts of his discipline while delivering the keynote address at CSC’s commencement ceremony for students receiving master’s and specialist’s degrees in early May.

Miller, who retired after the spring semester, began his employment at CSC in 1976 as an instructor and was promoted to assistant professor after earning his doctorate from Washington State in 1980. He was promoted to his current position five years later.

During his commencement address, he told the graduates that knowledge leads to success, and that it’s important for people to realize organizational structures in order to be successful.

“There is an organizational chart that everyone can see, and then there is the water cooler structure. Pay attention closely to the water cooler structure,” he said.

Miller told the audience to not only recognize the structures, but to pay attention to the things that are wrong with them. However, he said it is best to study the organization and how people interact before pushing for change.

“Before you attempt change, get a feel for the lay of the land,” he said.

He also encouraged the students to become aware of where power lies and to acknowledge it.

“In physics, power is the ability to move things. In social life, power is the ability to get people to move and move things,” he said.

Miller said visibility, which is improved by something as simple as a person’s height, complements power. Although people can’t do much to change their height, Miller said they can become more visible by volunteering for many efforts.

Success also comes from social exchanges, he said, while provoking the graduates to be fair to others.

“If people’s profits are in line with their investments, they’ll be happy,” he said. “If people’s profits are short and their investments are long, they’ll be mad. If people’s profits are high and their investments are low, they’ll feel guilty. It’s easier to feel angry than guilty.”

He also encouraged the graduates to develop strong relationships. Marriages, for example, are stronger when each couple gives 51 percent, he said.

Lastly, he told the students to gain an understanding of people’s ideals and “where they are coming from.

“People will act on their understanding of reality and not your understanding of reality,” he said.
Spotlight: Dr. Ron Weedon

Spotlight is a feature of the Alumni News that explores the lives and careers of prominent people within the Chadron State College community. This edition’s Spotlight focuses on Dr. Ron Weedon, a professor who has completed 37 years of teaching at Chadron State. He earned a doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1973 and also holds a master's degree from that institution. He completed his undergraduate studies at The College of Idaho in 1964. Following are the questions and his responses.

What jobs did you have before coming to CSC?
Farming, U.S. Forest Service, secondary school teaching, college instructor, and visiting assistant professor of biology.

Why did you take a position at Chadron State?
It is a small college emphasizing teaching in an outdoor setting which for a field botanist is a botanical “gold mine”.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed at Chadron State during your tenure?
We have come from a sleepy small teachers’ college “on shady lane” to a point where we are academically a liberal arts college with a quality-orientation like a small university. There are many more modern buildings serving a wider diversity of student needs.

What are the most profound changes you’ve noticed in teaching and your discipline of study during your career?
In Biology, we have come to the level of one of the best undergraduate programs around for preparing students for careers in the health professions. We also have much improved programs in environmental resource management, wildlife management, the plant sciences, and watershed management. The Geoscience program is back in business. The High Plains Herbarium is now the second largest in Nebraska, larger than any herbarium in South Dakota and the largest of institutions in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. We are on the way to developing important zoological collections.

What do you like most about teaching? The students! We are still getting great people and there seems to be more of them.

What courses are your favorites to teach?
All of them. I taught the microbiology courses for 29 years and did I ever see great students there! Now I am teaching botany courses. A person can’t be half-bad if he loves both plants and people.

What is your favorite book, food, beverage, movie and television program? I have lots of favorite books. I have been lucky enough to have enjoyed many great meals, none of which resembled my own cooking, except chili. I drink with medicinal purposes in mind, of course! Lots of movies…television: Law and Order.

Name a job or chore you had as a child or teenager that might surprise the readers: An old Idaho farm boy surprising the readers?

What was your first vehicle? An old four-door Plymouth sedan, which I enjoyed restoring. Before that, a 1949 Farmall Super A tractor. I found a 1950 Super A years later which I drive around town in parades for just for the fun of it. The first vehicle I bought in Chadron was a 1974 International Scout with which students and I used for years for botanical field work. Because of it, students always told me to keep my act cleaned up because they always knew who was coming down the street.

Please tell us about a memorable experience from your college days: As students after a nice hot philosophy lecture on a late Friday afternoon late in the spring semester, we invited our professor over to the Student Union for a cup of coffee and a piece of pie, on us, to discuss “the meaning of life”. If I am ever invited to give a speech at graduation, I will tell the rest of the story.

Where is your favorite vacation spot? Anywhere in the world. As a part of our field science program, we “just have to” go with students to some really great places. The last great place was Costa Rica.

CSC science majors entering professional schools

Twenty-four Chadron State College students who have been majoring in science have been accepted into professional schools beginning this fall.

Ten of the students are in the Rural Health Opportunities Program, a joint venture with the University of Nebraska Medical Center that is designed to help provide health care professionals for rural communities in the state.

Those students, their home towns and fields of study are:

- Nursing-Liz Licking, Tryon.
- Physician Assistant-Lea Wells, St. Paul.
- Pharmacy-Kale Breining, Arapahoe, and Sharla Jansen, Rushville.
- Physical Therapy-Brett Kollars, Pierce, Maressa Lee, North Platte, and Ally Malzahn, Sidney.
- Radiography-Megan Clark, Crete.

All of the RHOP graduates will take their professional training at the UNMC main campus in Omaha except Licking, who will attend the western Nebraska site in Scottsbluff.

The remaining students have been in traditional track programs and will continue their training at various localities. Those students, their home towns and schools they will attend are:

- Dentistry-Brian Rochelle, Casper, Wyo., UNMC College of Dentistry in Lincoln.
- Dental Hygiene-Michelle Schultz, Grand Island, UNMC in Scottsbluff.
- Medicine-Tyler Dickey, Morrill, UNMC in Omaha.
- Nursing-Joslynn Simpson, Alliance, UNMC in Scottsbluff.
- Physician Assistant-Katie Fisher Metz, Hershey, and Bryce Jarzynka, Cairo, both UNMC in Omaha.
- Physical Therapy-Cynthia Coats, Merino, Colo., AT Still University at Mesa, Ariz.; Chuck Funk, O’Neill, Missouri State University in Springfield; and Joseph Osovski, Nebraska City, Elon University in North Carolina.
- Radiography-Taryn Ledford, Custer, S.D., UNMC in Scottsbluff.
- Veterinary medicine-Jessica Baker, Kimball, Oklahoma State University, and Craig Calkins, Cody, Wyo., Washington State University.
- Brad Fillmore, who has taught anatomy and physiol-

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Receives Arch Coal Award in Wyoming

A Dawes County native and graduate of Chadron State College, Sharla Dowding, is one of 10 Wyoming teachers who recently received a 2008 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Dowding has taught science at Newcastle High School since 1997.

This is the eighth year the Arch Coal Awards have been made in Wyoming. They include a $2,500 unrestricted cash prize, a trophy and a classroom plaque. Nominations of the teachers are made by the public. The selections are made by former recipients of the award.

Dowding grew up on a ranch in the Marsland area, where her parents, Buzz and Rosalene Tollman, reside. She is a graduate of Crawford High School and earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in science education from Chadron State. She is working on a doctorate from Montana State University.

Her husband, Rod, is also a Crawford High graduate.

Dowding is serving a three-year term as the District XV director for the National Science Teachers Association. The district includes Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. She was a recipient of a national Radio Shack Tandy Teachers’ Award in 1999 and was selected as Wyoming's Presidential High School Science Teacher of the Year for 2001.

Additionally, she has been the president of the Wyoming Science Teachers Association, co-chaired the state science teachers’ conference, volunteers as her school’s quiz bowl team and science Olympiad sponsor and is the director of the Regional Science Fair.

Dowding said she tries to incorporate technology into her labs, lectures and review sessions because it motivates the students.

“I feel fortunate that my mission in life, my vocation and my passion are all the same: I want to teach science in a manner that will develop compassionate, competent citizens who will be assets to our society,” Dowding stated.

Sharla Dowding

CSC more than a name for graduation speaker

Chadron State College alumnus Kelvin Sharp, president of South Plains College of Texas, used a familiar acronym to guide CSC graduates this spring. While speaking at his alma mater’s commencement ceremony in Armstrong Gym in May, Sharp used the letters C-S-C to offer guidance to the graduates.

The first C, he said, stands for competition.

“In today’s world we hear all types of talk about global competition and how it will impact our lives,” he said. “Ladies and gentlemen, I am here to tell you that you will have competition every day. You have to face those challenges head on and be fearless.”

He said the S is for “stay current,” noting that being informed about what’s going on in the world around him leads to the best decisions.

“If you don’t stay abreast with what is coming your way, you will get trampled by the foot traffic,” he said.

He encouraged the graduates to have “compassion,” using the final letter of the acronym.

“No matter what your major, you are going to find service to others is your calling,” he said.

Sharp, who was awarded CSC’s Distinguished Alumni Award during the commencement ceremony, also reminisced about his college days during the presentation.

He said coming to CSC from Texas Tech earlier this decade.

Since leaving CSC, he has obtained a master’s degree and a doctorate from Texas Tech University. He earned the Distinguished Alumni Award from Texas Tech earlier this decade.

His career includes about 20 years of teaching mathematics at both colleges and high schools. He became president of South Plains College in 2004 after having served four years as its vice president of academic affairs and a short time as dean of instructor.

His experience also includes more than 31/2 years as dean of instruction at Clarendon College in Texas and a four-year stint as mathematics instructor and rodeo coach at West Texas A&M University.

Because of a widespread snowstorm in the Nebraska Panhandle, Sharp’s arrival to Chadron was delayed. He and his family drove more than 700 miles from his home in Levelland to attend the ceremony.

Chadron State conferred degrees to 297 graduates, the largest class since 2000.
Terri and Marty Connealy join Living Legacy Club

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

Marty Connealy recalls that one of his most interesting experiences, in the 15 years he served on the board of directors of the Chadron State Foundation, was working with a diverse group of directors.

When he was initially elected to the board in 1992, a number of long-time members were still hard at work trying to help “their college” any way they could. They included Allen Alderman, Vern Chicoine, Jerry Johnson, Bob and Bobbi Ross, Dick and Marlene Myers, Keith Spencer, Lee Wahlstrom, Mary Horse, Bob Rasmussen and Bill Gieseler.

“They had a wealth of experience and were doing everything they could to assist the college,” Connealy remembers. “You could tell it was a very personal endeavor for them. The new members learned so much from them. Several had been on the board since the foundation was started back in the 1960s and wanted to make sure it continued to do its job. Their selflessness inspired the rest of us to work hard to help the college, too.”

The long-time members also realized that “new blood” was needed to ensure the foundation continued to thrive after they stepped down. Connealy and others helped serve on what unwittingly became a transition team.

“We made a concerted effort to expand the number of trustees, involve them with committees, and eventually move them into board positions,” said Connealy, a Chadron attorney.

“Terri joined the foundation’s President’s Club soon after he became a board member. Not long after that, they also became members of the Living Legacy Society.

That was another interesting process. But I am pleased that we were able to bring in bright new leaders who are passionate about Chadron State College, just like their predecessors were. The present board is filled with quality people who are carrying on very well.”

Connealy’s tenure on the board included a two-year term as president.

“My wife and I are very proud to be members of the Living Legacy Society,” said Connealy. It’s exciting to know that you can contribute to someone’s education after you are gone. It’s a great way to help the foundation educate our young people for generations to come.”

Mapping project will help Chadron walkers

People in Chadron who walk for fitness will soon have a new resource to help them with their endeavor.

The Chadron Lifespan Wellness Team is spearheading a project to publish brochures that contain detailed maps of Chadron’s popular walking routes. Insurance provider Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska announced in June that the Chadron program was one of its nine recipients of Blue Health and Wellness grants awarded outside Omaha and Lincoln. The award is $10,000.

Jay Sutliffe, the team’s chairman who is an assistant professor of applied sciences at CSC, said the grant will allow the group to complete the second phase of the mapping project. That phase includes the installation of outdoor fitness equipment and signage along the routes.

In order to determine which walking routes are most popular in Chadron, members of the Lifespan Wellness Team surveyed walkers in the community.

“Most of them walk 10th Street, Ridgeview, Sixth Street and Maple,” said team member Ann Dockweiler, who is CSC’s college nurse. “But, there were quite a few different routes that are popular. There are some routes in north Chadron, and, of course, walkers use the Heritage Trail south of the campus quite a bit.”

Dockweiler said people who are looking to walk certain distances will be able to identify a route by looking at the new maps.

“We wanted to get the routes down on paper to be placed in motels and other places around the community to help walkers in the area,” she said.

In order to measure the routes, the team called upon students of Chadron High School’s geometry and trigonometry classes that are taught by Curt Holquist. The stu-
Art of Gift Planning

Planning What to Give

Surprisingly, there are different tax results from giving different types of property. Consider for example, highly appreciated securities. If stocks have been owned more than one year, then donors can deduct not just their original cost, but also any “paper profit” present in the gift. Best of all, no capital gains taxes are due when you give securities. Real estate, mutual funds and other types of property offer the same advantages. At death, it makes sense to leave “tax-burdened” assets, such as U.S. savings bonds and death benefits from retirement accounts, to charities, thus allowing heirs to avoid income and death taxes.

Planning How to Give

You may want to join our many friends who have helped through bequests - gifts through their wills or living trusts. You also could choose to make a gift that reserves lifetime income to you or a family member. We would benefit in the same manner as if you had made a bequest, but you would be entitled to charitable deductions and other tax benefits today. Or you may prefer the simplicity of an immediate gift of cash or property. By tailoring the form of your gift to fit your personal situation, you can maintain financial security and make a truly meaningful contribution.

Planning When to Give

Many people plan gifts at year-end to provide important tax deductions. Or they may find charitable contributions most helpful in years when they have a large influx of taxable income, from a bonus, sale of a business or successful investment, or inheritance of taxable assets such as savings bonds or IRAs. As noted above, large deductions are available even if you retain lifetime income from your gift. But the most practical time to make significant gifts may be through your estate plan, by means of a will, living trust or beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy or retirement account. Such gifts are wholly revocable while you are alive and may save significant taxes for your estate.

Please contact the Chadron State Foundation at 308 432-6366 if you would like more information about gift planning, or if you have made the Foundation a beneficiary of your estate.

SIFE team finishes in nation’s top 10

The Chadron State College SIFE team tied for ninth in the nation at the Students In Free Enterprise National Exposition in Chicago. The event was May 13-15 at the McCormick Place Convention Center.

CSC qualified for the national expo by winning its league at the regional competition at Denver in April. A total of 143 SIFE teams qualified for the expo at 16 regional competitions. The University of Arizona won this year’s national event, which featured more than 3,200 students.

Each team gave a 24-minute presentation about the projects they completed during the year that teach financial management, entrepreneurial ability, market economics and success skills. The presentation was judged by representatives from some of the top companies in the nation. The Expo also features one of the largest career fairs in the nation and several Chadron State Students received an internship or an interview for a job.

This is the 10th year Chadron State has had a SIFE team and the ninth year it has competed. The team has qualified for the expo each of the nine years and has qualified in the top 20 in seven of those years. This is only the second time that the team has made the top 10 list. In addition to qualifying in the top 10 the team also placed as a top 15 national qualifier in the Financial Markets Education special topic competition.

Some of the projects completed by the team this year: helping middle school students raise funds by making pizzas for Super Bowl Sunday, development of a special newspaper edition that features content by children, developing a booklet to promote saving money and teaching saving skills to middle school students. With the assistance of Chadron sixth-graders, the group also has developed a children's coloring book titled “Clark Starts a Business.” The book has been translated in Portuguese and sent to Brazil for learning practice.

CSC business and economics faculty members Dr. Rick Koza and Dr. Tim Donahue sponsored this year’s team.

CSC’s SIFE team members are Cody and Sierra Gullickson, Newell, S.D.; Jeff Casselman, Chadron; Barrett Hahn, Aurora; Ashley Heidemann and Drew Blessing, Ogallala; Sonja Painter, Ainsworth; Dallas Korus, McCook; Doug Liewer, Cody Gullickson, Barrett Hahn and Felipe Cecilio.
Students study justice system, see many sights in London

By Deann Stearns, Program Participant

Seventeen Chadron State College students and Dr. Tracy Nobiling, CSC associate professor of justice studies, joined students and professors from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in a criminal justice tour of London on May 12-28. This was the 33rd trip to London for CSC students.

In addition to studying England’s criminal justice and legal systems, students participated in cultural activities such as touring Brasenose College at the University of Oxford and visiting the birthplace of Shakespeare at Stratford-Upon-Avon. They also visited the university town of Cambridge and Warwick Castle, which dates back to the 11th century and contains a medieval dungeon and waxwork figures portraying medieval and Victorian societies.

Students toured the working stable of the Metropolitan Police Kings Cross Mounted Branch, which specializes in keeping public order. The branch is involved with disorder, crowd dynamics, major events and ceremonies.

Police are more noticeable on horses and often the sight of them is effective in reducing tension, the visitors were told. “A mounted officer is as good as six officers on foot,” said Dave Oliver of the mounted branch.

Students also toured the Lambeth Emergency Centre and viewed new communication technology. The center houses the Metropolitan Police Central Communications Command Headquarters and Special Operations Room.

The CCC is the largest operational command unit in the United Kingdom and provides Londoners with emergency police response service. They receive about 10 million emergency and non-emergency calls and e-mails every year. By 2010 the number is expected to increase to more than 23 million calls and e-mails. Calls are increasing because of more cell phones which allow for easier contact to police, said Christopher Russell of the CCC.

Students sat in on court cases at the Highbury/Islington Magistrates Court and Old Bailey Crown Courts.

District Judge Baker of the Magistrates Court gave the students an overview of their court process.

“The law is changing fast,” Baker said. There is a widening use of police-fixed penalty notices with a move away from courts criminal proceedings. Only 3 percent of all proceedings go to a higher court,” he said.

The group also visited New Scotland Yard, the Metropolitan Police Training Academy, the Metropolitan Police Charing Cross Division, Wormwood Scrubs prison and HM Prison Pentonville. They had a legal studies walking tour around the Inns of Court and a “Jack the Ripper” walking tour of London’s old East end where the unsolved murders took place.

Students could also participate in weekend trips to Edinburgh, Scotland, and Paris, France.

Even though prices on retail items are comparable to the United States, the exchange rate from U.S. dollars to United Kingdom pounds was about 2.095, making shopping in the U.K. more expensive for Americans. One hundred U.S. dollars were worth about 47 local equivalent pounds.

Students who participated: David Andersen, Chadron; Robbie Anderson and Katrina Mundt, Alliance; Bobbi Bath, Douglas, Wyo.; Heather Canarecci and Carol Walker, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Kimberly Chadwick, Oshkosh; Matt Crider and Jacob Finerty, Hesperia, Calif.; Brian Drinkwater, Crawford; Dusty Ginsbach, Buffalo, S.D.; Adam Hoesing, Mullens, Chisholm McDonald, Sturgis, S.D.; Jeremy Naslund, Golden, Colo.; Katie Osten, Carroll, Neb.; Rachael Roath, Westminster, Colo.; and Deann Stearns, Edgemont, S.D.

1971 graduate to serve on census committee

Tiva M. Aga, who received a business administration degree from Chadron State College in 1971, has been selected to serve on the U.S. Census Bureau’s Advisory Committee on the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population.

Aga is founder and executive director of Urban Development Programs in Hawaii.

As a member of the nine-person committee, the Honolulu resident will advise the census bureau on the new American Community Survey and ways to achieve a more accurate count of the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population in the 2010 census.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez selected the members of the committee.

“The Race and Ethnic Advisory Committees play a vital role in ensuring that we make the best effort possible to reach race and ethnic groups, not only during the 2010 census, but also the American Community Survey that is conducted throughout the decade,” said Steve H. Murdock, Census Bureau director.

As a community builder, Aga is known as a strong advocate for Pacific Islander communities within Hawaii in areas of health and social services, public awareness and building relations. She develops programs to assist Pacific Island women through health and education, with the goal of empowering women to become independent of public assistance and into homeownership.
Co-queens crowned at Chadron State’s Ivy Day

For just the second time in the 88-year history of Ivy Day at Chadron State College, two queens were crowned during the ceremony in the Armstrong Building on Saturday afternoon. The event honors the college’s outstanding senior scholars.

Voting by the student body left Nicole Hagan of Ogallala and Megan Pelton of Chadron with the same number of votes. Thus, they became co-queens. The king was Tyler Dickey of Mstrill.

The only other time co-queens were elected since the first Ivy Day in 1920 was in 1978, when Janet Franklin of Beaver City and Kathleen Kelly of Alliance shared the honor. There has never been co-kings, although the tradition of crowning a king dates back to only 1989.

Hagan is a business administration major and is the daughter of Duane and Krystyna Hagan. Pelton is a human biology major and is the daughter of Ed and Stephani Pelton. Dickey also is a human biology major and is the son of Steve and Pam Dickey.

Attendants to the queens were Audra Liebig of North Platte and Joslynne Simpson and Kylee Stanley, both of Alliance. Attendants to the king were Alex Laudenklos of Monroe, Daniel McDermott, Merna, Brian Rochelle, Casper, Wyo., and Kylee Stanley, Alliance; Health Sciences-Richard Christen, Anselmo, and Jessamy Thornton, North Platte; Mathematics-Anna Hytrek, Torrington, Wyo.; and Rebecca Pinkelman, Wynot; Science-Sarah Placke, St. Paul.


Several other special awards were presented. Those awards and the recipients are:

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society’s Outstanding Achievement Award-Bruce Bevers, Douglas, Wyo.

National Business Education Award-Margaret Hancock, Mitchell.

Clyde Bond Memorial Award to an outstanding scholar-athlete-Landon Ehlers, Omaha.

Outstanding Senior Talon (admissions ambassador)-Paul Schwegar, Longmont, Colo.

Count Cruce Exit Scholarship-Amy Amack, Chadron.

W.A. Tarr Earth Science Award-Jennifer Balmat, Chadron.

Tutor certifications through the College Reading and Learning Association-Kristina Corey, Scottsbluff; Joel Repenning, Bloomfield; and Kylee Stanley, Alliance.

Supplemental Instruction Leader Award-Becka Pinkelman, Wynot.

Kylee Stanley of Alliance and Brian Rochelle of Casper were the recipients of the Platinum Eagle Awards during Ivy Day on May 3. The Platinum Eagles are presented annually to one male and one female for “distinguished leadership and service.” A student-faculty committee makes the selections. The awards are considered the highest honor that a Chadron State student can receive. Both recipients majored in human biology and graduated Summa Cum Laude, which requires a grade point average of at least 3.9 on the 4.0 scale. Both were attendants to the Ivy Day royalty and were recognized as outstanding seniors majoring in biology. Stanley will be pursuing a degree in medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha beginning this fall. Rochelle will be studying at UNMC’s College of Dentistry in Lincoln.
Summer 2008

Chadron State College senior Jovan Mays performs during the second annual "Release," a stage show in Memorial Hall that he organized to promote expression and diversity. The variety show April 5 featured more than 15 performers, each bringing a unique style, talent and emotion to the stage. About 500 people attended the event and continued to increase their applause as the show went on.

Chadron State hosted the Chadron Adventure Race that drew 60 participants who rode bicycles and ran between 20 and 35 miles in the Pine Ridge south of town on Saturday, April 26. The race was sponsored by the Nebraska Sports Council and coordinated by Donna Ritzen, a physical education and recreation instructor at CSC. As can be seen in this photo of several participants leaving the campus, the weather wasn't too cooperative and caused the kayaking portion of the race to be cancelled. However, Ritzen said numerous participants, even those covered with mud at the end of the day, told her the event was awesome and they plan to return next year, when it again will be the last Saturday in April.

CSC Fall Alumni Happenings

July 31 Gillette gathering
Aug. 8-9 Cody & Sheridan gatherings
Aug. 25 Booster Club Cookout
Sept. 6 Alumni Tailgate Sparks Hall
Sept. 11-12 Casper gatherings
Sept. 20 Pueblo pregame gathering
Sept. 27 Bill Baker Reunion
  and Purple Passion Reunion
Oct. 5 Santa Fe, N.M. gathering
Oct. 11 Family Day
Oct. 12 Scholarship Reception
Oct. 25 Homecoming, Board Mtg.
  See back page for Homecoming details
Nov. 6 Rapid City gathering

Contact the CSC Alumni Office for details at
308-432-6366, 800-242-3766
or check our website: www.csc.edu/alumni

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CSC Alumni News
Eagles flew high in track, field again in 2008

The Chadron State College track and field team chalked up another excellent outdoor season in 2008.

While the Eagles missed several of the outstanding seniors who graduated the year before and didn't have quite as much depth, they still had an array of noteworthy accomplishments.

"I was pleased with our season," said Coach John Reiners. "We had a lot of athletes improve their marks from the year before and had another competitive team. Many of them finished the season strong and seem excited about next year."

During the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Meet, the Eagles demonstrated how they had improved as the season rolled along. They had more than 40 seasonal bests at the meet, where both the men and the women topped 100 points in the team totals for the third year in a row. Reiners was also pleased that 13 women and 15 men earned points at the conference meet.

Reiners also is proud of the team's academic achievement. The overall grade point average during the spring semester was 3.21. A dozen Eagles made the President's List by earning all As while 26 others made the Dean's List, which requires a grade point average of at least 3.5 on the 4.0 scale.

While distance running had not been a strong area for the Eagles in a decade or more, that changed this year, thanks to a pair of Alliance natives. The Eagles set nine school records during the outdoor campaign with distance runners Stacy Girard and Joe Schultz each netting three of them.

Girard, who was a junior, overcame a foot problem that hampered her midway in the indoor season to break three outdoor records, including two of the oldest on the books. She ran the 3000 meters in 10:25.85 to knock nearly 25 seconds off the school record that dated back to 1981 and had a 5000 time of 18:10.57 that was 23 seconds faster than the record that had been set in 1986.

In addition, Girard lowered her own record in the 1500 by about nine seconds when she ran it in 4:33.51 to place fifth and earn All-American honors at the NCAA Division II National Meet in late May. She also set the CSC indoor records in the 1500 and 3000 this past winter.

Just a sophomore, Schultz posted school records in the 1500 (3:53.81), 3000 (8:41.80) and 10,000 (31:58.38) this spring. The 3000 mark that he broke dated back to 1979. He also set four CSC records in the distances during the 2008 indoor season and owns all the college's distance records except the 5000 outdoor mark that was established in 1975 by Rue Graesser.

Another women's individual record was set by Sara Pilakowski, who ran the 400 meters in 58.02 at the conference meet. Laurie Eklund also cracked the one minute barrier by running the 400 in 59.50. They joined Perisha Hinton and Whitney Hollaway to set the school standard in the 1600-meter relay. The record of 3:56.81 erased the mark that was set a year ago by the same runners.

Mary Wells closed out her career with another solid season. She earned 21 points at the conference meet by placing in all four of the throws and qualified for the National Outdoor Meet in both the shot and the discus.

Several men on the Chadron State team had excellent seasons.

Among them were sprinters Mike Smith and Gary Metcalf. Smith's time of 20.96 in the 200 ranks second on CSC's all-time list. Metcalf's 21.21 this season is third. Both Smith, a senior, and Metcalf, a junior, were members of the winning 400-meter relay team at the RMAC Meet. Another member of that team was sophomore Brandon Harrington, who won the RMAC high hurdles both indoors and outdoors. In addition, he qualified for nationals in the triple jump with a mark of 49-2 1/2, just a half inch off the school record.

Another jumper, senior Jourdin Holden, overcame injuries to go 24-2 1/2 in the long jump at the conference showdown to break Josiah Smith's school record by a quarter of an inch and qualify for the national meet. Holden also owns the CSC indoor long jump record.

Reiners was particularly pleased when senior Mike Aimone threw the shot 55 feet, the fifth best mark in CSC history, at the conference meet to qualify for nationals.

Reiners added that several athletes on both the men's and women's rosters red-shirted during the spring and are expected to be major contributors next year. He also said the 2008 recruiting class appears to be a strong one.

Attention Alumni of Chadron State College:

The Sports Information Office is looking for photos of former CSC head football coaches Clarence Berge and George Bealer, Berge coached in 1912 and Bealer coached from 1913-14. If you, or someone you know, has these photos, please send them to:

Chadron State College
C/o Alex Helmbrecht
1000 Main Street
Chadron, NE 69337

The photos will be treated with care and will be returned promptly.

Year in Sports:

The Chadron State Sports Information Office has finished work on the 30th Annual Year in Sports, which chronicles all of CSC’s athletic teams and their achievements. The publication includes season wrap-ups, statistics, records, and awards and honors CSC athletes earned during 2007-08. The Year in Sports also includes important historical information related to each sport. If you are interested in receiving a copy, mail a check for $5 to CSC Sports Information.
CSC Alumni Athletics

Letter from the Athletic Director

Dear Alumni,

It’s hard to believe the summer is already upon us. Although no athletic teams are currently competing, the CSC coaches and their staffs have remained busy with numerous camps on campus. Over 3,000 campers descended on Chadron in a variety of sports and all of them received excellent knowledge from the talented and dedicated Chadron State athletics staff.

The football camp’s first session was a record-setting one as over 875 players attended the three-day camp, and nearly 1,000 more showed up for the final three sessions.

The men’s and women’s basketball camps, volleyball, track and field, wrestling, and softball camps have also been great successes. Not only do the individual campers get to learn from experienced coaches and players, but they get an opportunity to see the wonderful community that Chadron State provides first-hand.

Speaking of wonderful community, it was so great to visit with all the alumni and friends of the college who came to Chadron on Memorial Day weekend for the CSC Golf Classic. Not only is the golf tourney a great time to see so many familiar faces, but it’s also a major fundraiser for the athletic program. This year over $25,000 was raised and that will go a long way in the day-to-day operation of our program. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the alumni and friends of the college who came to Chadron in a variety of sports and all of them received excellent knowledge from the talented and dedicated Chadron State athletics staff.

The softball team also wrapped up a record-setting campaign. In addition to setting the school record for team wins, four student-athletes earned recognition on the all-conference team. Without a senior on the roster in 2008, head coach Rob Stack has plenty of athletes who have decided to continue their schooling at Chadron State. Over 100 athletes have signed letters of intent and more are expected to walk on and join the teams in the fall, adding to the already storied tradition at CSC.

The spring commencement was a joyous occasion as numerous graduating seniors descended on Chadron in a variety of sports and all of them received excellent knowledge from the talented and dedicated Chadron State athletics staff.

The conclusion to the spring sports season resulted in Stacy Girard garnering All-American honors at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championship in late May. She finished fifth in the 1,500 meters and set a new school record in the process. Although the other CSC athletes at the national meet didn’t meet their goals of becoming All-Americans, coach John Reiners was proud of the way they competed and the future again looks bright for the track and field team.

The golf team also wrapped up a record-setting campaign. In addition to setting the school record for most wins, four student-athletes earned recognition on the all-conference team. Without a senior on the roster in 2008, head coach Rob Stack has plenty of pieces to work with as the Eagles continue to forge ahead.

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

The spring commencement was a joyous occasion as numerous student-athletes earned their bachelor degrees. As a department, we wish them well as they head into their chosen fields.

Academic success has almost become synonymous with the CSC athletic program. At the conclusion of the spring semester, 86 student-athletes earned a spot on the Dean’s or President’s List. To do so, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5.

The 2008-09 school year provided many exciting experiences for Chadron State College fans and those associated with the college. Once again, thank you for supporting Chadron State College athletics. We look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Brad Smith
Director of Athletics

Golf team had solid season in 2007-08

Despite being picked to finish eighth overall in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Women’s Golf Preseason Poll, the Chadron State women’s team ended the season in fifth place and continued to be one of the most consistent teams in the conference.

The Eagles’ fifth-place finish in the RMAC is the 10th time in 11 years they have finished in the top five.

Led by all-RMAC performer Ally Malzahn, the Eagles averaged shooting rounds of 348.5 and in nine tournaments they finished out of the top five just twice. CSC won the South Dakota School of Mines Invite with a score of 699 and posted a season-low score of 672 at the Loper Invitational during the fall.

Malzahn, a junior from Sidney, was voted as the team’s most valuable golfer. During the season she averaged shooting 82.5 during each round and claimed individual titles at the Mesa State Invitational and the SDSMU Invite.

In addition to being named to the RMAC First Team and the RMAC All-Academic First Team, Malzahn set two new school records. She fired a 74 during the final day of the Regis Invite at Fox Hollow Golf Course in Lakewood, Colo., to better the 75 Sarah Halsey carded on two separate occasions for CSC during the 2004 and 2005 seasons. Malzahn also set the school record for the lowest two-day total by shooting a 153 during the Grizzly Invitational on Oct. 2.

Alissa Peterson, a freshman from Lusk, Wyo., also had a stellar season for the Eagles. She averaged 89 strokes each round and was named the team’s newcomer of the year.

Two four-year letterwinners also had good seasons for the Eagles. Leslie Mueller, a senior from Martin, S.D., averaged 88.5 each round, and Loni Hughes, a senior from Hot Springs, S.D., averaged 93.9 during the fall semester. Hughes didn’t play in the spring because she was enrolled in CSC’s block program for future teachers.

Sam Hanson and Caitlin Parker also saw time on the links for the Eagles. Hanson, a redshirt freshman from Chappell, averaged 90.7 each round, and Parker, a freshman from Rock Springs, Wyo., averaged 91.2.

RMAC Golf Championship, April 19-20

Team Scoring


CSC Scores

Ally Malzahn 81-90, 171; Caitlin Parker 95-90, 185; Alissa Peterson 93-92, 185; Sam Hanson 94-100, 194.

Here’s to an even more successful season in 2008-09,
Woodhead, Malzahn named RMAC Scholar Athletes

Running back Danny Woodhead and women’s golfer Ally Malzahn are the recipients of Chadron State College’s Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference’s Honor-Student Athlete Awards for 2007-08.

Both were outstanding students who were team leaders.

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

Woodhead had a 3.72 GPA while majoring in health and physical education, and Malzahn carries a 3.48 GPA in health sciences. Malzahn, who is a junior, will continue her studies at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha in the fall. Woodhead, a senior, is currently playing professional football for the New York Jets.

Woodhead, a two-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner and the all-time leading rusher in college football history, is the most successful gridder in CSC history. He finished his career with 7,962 rushing yards, 109 total touchdowns and he owns nine NCAA records, nine RMAC records and 13 school records.

In addition to setting numerous records, Woodhead ranks second all-time in all-purpose yardage with 9,479. His 109 career touchowns ties the NCAA record and his 654 career points ranks second all-time.

In 2007, Woodhead rushed for 1,597 yards and scored 21 touchdowns despite missing the majority of three games with a foot injury. He also caught 38 passes for 484 yards and two scores. He helped lead Chadron State to its second-straight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title and a spot in the quarterfinals of the Division II playoffs, and he’s just the second player in NCAA history to post four consecutive 1,500 yard seasons.

Woodhead also excelled academically. He was named the College Division Academic All-American Player of the Year by ESPN The Magazine, the RMAC Academic Player of the Year, and he was the first CSC football player to be a Draddy Award Finalist. For that honor, he earned an $18,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Malzahn had a successful campaign for the women golfers. She led the Eagles at nearly every meet this season and she was named to the RMAC Women’s Golf First Team and the RMAC All-Academic First Team.

In addition to those honors, she set two new school records. She fired a 74 during the final day of the Regis Invite at Fox Hollow Golf Course in Lakewood, Colo., to better the 75 Sarah Halsey carded on two separate occasions for CSC during the 2004 and 2005 seasons. Malzahn also set the school record for the lowest two-day total by shooting a 153 during the Grizzly Invitational on Oct. 2.

She averaged 82.5 strokes during each round played.

New York Jets sign Woodhead as free agent

NEW YORK - Former Chadron State College running back Danny Woodhead signed a free-agent contract with the New York Jets on April 27. In his ensuing months, he has started to win over many of his coaches as well as the New York media.

Early in June, Woodhead’s name was the most searched item on www.newyorkjets.com and the web site has stated that inquiries about Woodhead have come from all over.

Eric Allen, the Senior Managing Editor of the Jets’ web site, wrote Woodhead is known for his speed and can disappear rather quickly. “And if you don’t have your eyes open, a big lineman’s shadow might push Woodhead further into obscurity.”

“I’m feeling pretty good. Everything’s fast, that’s the thing,” Woodhead was quoted as saying, “The linebackers are fast-everyone. You just have to go out there and do your best and that’s what I’m trying to do.”

The story continued, “In drills, Woodhead displays the swiftness and elusiveness that brought him to New York. When training camp commences next month, you’ll be able to see more when the team practices with pads and the punishment of two-a-days challenges the body.

“To make a run at a roster spot, Woodhead will have to make a dent on special teams. He received a decent amount of work as a punt returner in the spring.”

In April, Woodhead said other teams contacted him during the NFL Draft, but he said on Monday that the Jets were the “best fit.”

At 5-foot-8 and 200 pounds, many scouts and pro teams questioned Woodhead’s size, but his numbers at Chadron State and his pro day performance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln were too eye-popping for the Jets to pass on.

During his four years at CSC, Woodhead ran for an all-division record 7,962 yards and he tied the all-time touch-
down mark by scoring 109.

Woodhead was a two-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner and he holds nine NCAA records and 13 school records.

Since Woodhead was not invited to the NFL Combine, he worked out at the Nebraska pro day and posted dazzling numbers. He ran the 40-yard dash that was timed between 4.33 to 4.38 seconds, had a vertical leap of 38 1/2 inches, and he bench-pressed 225 pounds 20 times.

In late December, Woodhead’s No. 3 jersey was retired by the college.

All-time Chadron State NFL Players:
1935 - Dub Miller (Chicago Bears, Chicago Cardinals)
1970 - Bennie Francis (Minnesota Vikings)
1979 - Terry Mastny (Buffalo Bills)
1989 - Don Beebe (Buffalo Bills, Carolina Panthers, Green Bay Packers)
1993 - Guy Earle (Washington Redskins)
1995 - Joe Planasky (Miami Dolphins)
1999 - Kevin Homer (Pittsburgh Steelers)
2002 - Ryan Deterding (New York Giants)
2004 - Marvin Jackson (Kansas City Chiefs)
2008 - Danny Woodhead (New York Jets)
CSC Golf Classic winners shoot 123

Steve DeBoer of Chadron sank about a 15-foot putt on the final hole to clinch first place in the championship flight of the Chadron State College Golf Classic on Sunday, May 25.

Other members of the winning foursome were Tom Park of Chadron, Park's son Eric and a friend, Brad Fox, both of Billings, Mont. They shot rounds of 60 and 63 for a 123-stroke total. Their 60 on Saturday was the tournament's best round.

Finishing second in the championship flight were the tournament's defending champions, Steve Behrends, Judd Hageman and Brett and Scott Simons, all of Chadron, they had rounds of 63 and 61 for a 124 score.

Following the tournament, Tom Park said he and his teammates felt fortunate to win. "Our puts fell and theirs didn't. It could easily have gone the other way. We were lucky to pull out a one-stroke win."

Hageman acknowledged that putting woes kept his team from playing as well as it did a year ago, when it had back-to-back rounds of 56 for a 112 total that is the record for tournament which was started in 1995 to benefit Chadron State athletics.

Hageman sank about a 20-foot putt just before DeBoer hit his clutch shot. If DeBoer and his teammates hadn't made their putt, the two teams would have had a play-off.

Also in contention for top honors during most of the tourney were Don Dotson, Dan Johnson and Tom Simons of Chadron and Ed McNulty of Mitchell. They had rounds of 61 and 65 for a 126 total. That was four strokes better than any of the other teams.

The first flight was won by Marty and Terri Connealy of Chadron, their son Tim of Kearney and Rob James of Rapid City with a 130 total. They had a 68 on Saturday and followed it with a 62 on Sunday.

The second flight was won by Jerry Dahlgren of Hay Springs, his son-in-law, Eric Glenn of Rapid City, and two former Chadron State tight ends who now live in Windsor, Colo., Joe Planansky and Pat Nickodemus, with a 133.

Winning the third flight were Rob Harvey of Chadron, his son Justin, Charlie Littrel of Chadron and former Chadronite, Cory Wählstrom, with a 139.

Forty four-person teams participated in the tourney again this year. The golfers came from a dozen states.

Chadron State Athletic Director Brad Smith said the tournament and other events held in connection with the tourney were extremely successful. The sports memorabilia auction on Friday night grossed about $13,000 and another $10,000 was pledged by those in the audience for Chadron State athletic scholarships.

Another highlight was the fact that CSC graduate Don Beebe, who was a wide receiver on six Super Bowl teams during his nine years in the National Football League, was able to play in the tournament for the first time in four years. Beebe, who lives in Yorkville, Ill., was in a foursome that included his father, Don Sr., his brother Dan and a brother-in-law, Bob McQuade.

The tournament was played on Saturday and Sunday this year instead of Friday and Saturday as in the past. Even that turned out for the best. Friday was cool, windy and damp. While the wind blew again on Saturday, it was much warmer and Sunday was a perfect day for playing golf.

Landon Ehlers presented Clyde Bond Memorial Award

Landon Ehlers, an Omaha native and a wide receiver and punt returner for the Chadron State football team, was the 2007-08 recipient of the Clyde Bond Memorial Award.

Ehlers is the 28th recipient of the award, which is given annually to a CSC student-athlete based on leadership skills, character, and athletic abilities that Bond displayed during his four years at Chadron State.

Ehlers had a successful senior season with the Eagles. He led the conference in punt return yardage, averaging 15.2 each return and scored one touchdown. He was named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference First Team as a punt returner and earned First Team All-Academic status.

In addition to his return duties, Ehlers was a starting wide receiver. He had 27 receptions for 347 yards and three TDs.

For his career, Ehlers accumulated 871 yards on 66 receptions and scored 11 touchdowns.

Ehlers graduated in May and plans to take a year off before attending medical school.

Bond was a native of Sheridan, Wyo., and was a pitcher for the CSC baseball team in the late 1970s. He had graduated from the college and was attending a Southern Baptist seminary in Louisville, Ky., when he was electrocuted on April 15, 1981, while mowing a church lawn.

Bond’s family and friends established the award that pays tribute to him and his Christian beliefs. Jones was a leader in Campus Crusade for Christ while attending CSC.
In its second season competing in Division II, the Chadron State College softball team proved it belonged. Since the program was revived in 2007 after more than 20 years away from the diamond, the Eagles took the next step in the progression of their program in 2008 by earning more wins - finishing with a 20-23-1 record - and improved in almost every facet of the game.

The Eagles showed considerable development from the batter's box by raising the team average from .254 in 2007 to .297 this season. CSC also averaged more than eight hits and five runs a game, bettering the marks set in 2007 by nearly one more run and three more hits a game.

"Just looking at the type of production we had in each category that you can take statistics on, we improved," said first-year head coach Rob Stack. "We didn't increase our home runs but we were missing 20 home runs from two people who were on last year's team, so that's to be expected. But we're not really a home run hitting team, we're a team that has to score runs any way we can and we were able to do that in most games. I thought we really improved our defense and pitching, too, but we still have room to get better. But we're going in the right direction and we have a lot of pieces to build on for next season."

CSC will return all nine starters and three others who saw playing time next season.

At home, the CSC women provided local fans with plenty of excitement. The Eagles had an 8-7-1 record at the friendly confines of CSC Softball Field and nine of the games were decided by two or less runs.

Although the Eagles didn't improve their conference win total from a year ago - CSC has never won more than 12 games in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference - they were competitive with the top teams in the league, earning six of their 12 victories against playoff teams.

Although the Eagles had their growing pains in the RMAC, they've dominated out of conference foes by posting a 12-0 record.

In 2008 the Eagles had their first-ever all-conference performers in sophomore Allison Hendricksen and junior Casey Williams, and juniors Blair McEndaffer and Erica Colbert earned honorable mention.

Hendricksen, who plays third base, led CSC in nearly every offensive category. She had a .385 batting average and at least one hit in 32 of 44 games played, including a 17-game hitting streak midway through the season. During the streak, Hendricksen had a .537 batting average and 29 hits. She also drove in 18 runs and scored 12 more and 11 of 29 hits netted extra bases.

For the season, Hendricksen also led the team in total hits (52), doubles (12), triples (2), total bases (86), slugging percentage (.637), on-base percentage (.449), sacrifice flies (4) and walks (19).

Williams, who was the Eagles' No. 1 pitcher, became CSC's all-time Division II era wins and strikeouts leader this past season. In 31 appearances, Williams had a 14-12 record with a 5.64 ERA and 172 strikeouts. She was also effective from the plate, batting .307.

McEndaffer was the team's second-leading hitter with a .324 average and she drove in 27 runs. She also had 15 extra-base hits, including five home runs, and an on-base percentage of .409. McEndaffer was also a strong defensive catcher, committing just two errors and throwing out eight base runners.

Colbert, who transferred to CSC from Mid-Plains Community College in the fall, provided the lineup with plenty of pop. She hit a team-high 11 home runs and drove in 37 runs while hitting .272 for the season. She also played well defensively in left field by having six assists and 37 putouts.

The Eagles also fared well in the classroom. McEndaffer and Cassie Humphrey were each named to the RMAC All-Academic Second Team for having better than a 3.20 GPA.

McEndaffer and Humphrey are two of three players who have played in all of Chadron State's Division II games. The other is Hendricksen.

Expectations will be high for fall sports

When classes resume in the fall, the campus will once again be buzzing with excitement for CSC sports. The football team, winners of 24-straight regular season games, will look to claim their third-straight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship and advance into the NCAA Division II playoffs. The volleyball team could also have a stellar 2008 campaign. After winning 11 matches a season ago, the Eagles are eager to improve and earn a trip to the RMAC tournament.

Although the football team will have to replace key starters who were lost due to graduation, the 2008 season still has the potential to be an exciting one for the Eagles.

In all, 19 starters return for the back-to-back RMAC champions and 12 of them earned all-conference recognition in 2007. Senior quarterback Joe McLain, who is 27-3 as a starter, will lead a balanced offensive unit that returns four of its top six receivers, as well as running backs Mark Haag and Aaron Cooksley.

Defensively the Eagles return nine starters to a unit that allowed 318.7 yards a game. Returners include linebackers Austin Bailey and Zach Wheeler, safeties Trevor Hyatt and Craig Kaiser, and the entire starting defensive line. Special teams could also be strong in 2008. Punter Kevin Berg and kicker Travis Atter are among the conference's best at their positions. Berg's punts averaged 39.7 yards and Atter, who is close to becoming the school's all-time leading kicker, was 6-for-9 in field goals.

Junior Brandon Harrington, who set a school record by averaging 31.3 yards a kickoff return, also returns.

The volleyball team will be looking to gain entry into the RMAC tournament for the first time in five years after finishing the 2007 campaign with plenty of momentum. After posting just six wins in two seasons, the Eagles took a major step forward last season by claiming 11, including eight inside the conference.

Sophomore outside hitter Lindsay Heisler, who set four school records last year, leads a talented group of attackers that will be bolstered by the addition of four National American University transfers. Daniela Oliveira, a three-time NAIA All-American, and Thais Batistella, who was an All-American in 2007, signed with the Eagles after the NAU program was dissolved in March. Thamy Viana and Tais Centeno also joined the Eagles from National American.

On the front line, the Eagles have plenty of experience with Lauren Emory, Elizabeth Most, Bridgette Boswell and Jamie O'Brien all coming back for another year. All played in at least 103 games last season.

Defensively, the Eagles will be sharp. Libero Jennifer Luattu, who was a second team all-conference selection in 2007, returns for her senior season. In 2007, she averaged 5.75 digs a game.

A big question mark for the Eagles will be at setter. After losing three-year starter Jamie Weingart to graduation last year, CSC will look to junior Tagen Bierley and true freshman Skye Duncan to run the offense.
George Watson, CSC faculty, was among 30 Nebraska attorneys honored in Lincoln as a new Fellow of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. Robert Dondero ’70 was among 15 new Fellows chosen based on their integrity and character, legal expertise, public service and efforts to improve the legal system.

60’s Gaylene Martin ’64 retired from teaching and is now a certified health coach. She resides in Portland, Ore. George Darrow ’69 retired March 2007 from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad after 33 years as a locomotive engineer. He resides in Edgecumbe, S.D., with his wife Gay.

70’s Robert Dondero ’70 retired after 35 years of teaching Industrial Arts. He resides in Glenburn, Maine with his wife Cheryl.

Bill Pike BA ’71, MS ’76, MA ’77 received the Nebraska Community College Association’s Alumni of the Year award. He resides in Gurlay with his wife Lila ’71.

Nick Gaspers ’71 retired after 36 years as a teacher, principal, superintendent and university professor. He resides in Maylene, Ala., with his wife Jan.

Dave Avey ’71 retired April 2008 from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, where he has been a game warden. He has worked 36 years with the game and fish department and resides in Casper, Wyo.

Marty ’72 and Bonnie Williams ’73 retired from teaching in May 2007. Bonnie taught for 32 years and Marty taught for 34 years. They reside in Alma, Kan.

Dave Bellis ’74 Worland, Wyo., has retired from teaching after 34 years. He will continue her executive director of the Wyoming High School All State Marching Band and work in the music travel industry.

John Nielsen ’74 retired in 2007 from public school teaching and has taken a position as Music Education Professor at Central College in Pella, Iowa. John resides in Des Moines, Iowa.

Gail Moravek ’77 received the “Life Time Achievement in Science” award presented by the Wisconsin Science Teachers Association. Gail resides in Shoshoni, Wyo.

80’s Eileen Vickers BS 80, MS 87 was a semi-finalist for the 2008 School Counselor of the Year program. Eileen has been a school counselor at Newcastle Middle School for 15 years. She resides in Newcastle, Wyo., with her husband Wayne.

Dennis ’Buck’ Edwards MS ’81, SPE ’87 was the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award given by the Nebraska School Activities Association during a program in conjunction with the Boys’ State Basketball Tournament. Buck resides in Chadron with his wife Shirley.

Rick Cantri ’82 was named a Regional recipient of Statewide Counseling excellence by the Nebraska State College System. He is the counselor at Scottsbluff High School.

Mary Raymer MA ’83 received her PhD in Health Care Administration from Capella University April 30, 2007. She resides in Sildell, La., where she is the Director of the National Scholarship Program for the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Russ Crawford BA ’85 BS ’86 published a book The Use of Sports to Promote the American Way of Life. During the Cold War: Cultural Propaganda, 1945-1963. Russ is currently Assistant Professor in the Department of History, Political Science and Criminal Justice at Ohio Northern University and resides in Ada, Ohio.

Cori Hastings ’86 was promoted to Project Analyst for the Wyoming Department of Transportation. She resides in Cheyenne, Wyo., with her husband Larry.

Dede Farrar BS ’87 MA ’92 has become fully self-employed as a life coach and mental health counselor based at Village Therapy Resources in Chadron.

Mary Green ’86 has returned to the Panhandle after living in Omaha for 20 years. She is currently the speech and drama teacher for Alliance High School. Her husband, Tony Amill, is the program director for the Alliance YMCA. Their son, Jonah, is two years old.

Alan Garey ’89 has been named the superintendent of the Medicine Valley Public Schools for the 2008-2009 school year. He and his wife Kristene att ’89 live in Curtis with their children.

Holly Boomer BA ’89, MA ’90 accepted a position as Academic Dean with National American University in Rapid City. She has a Ph.D. in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

90’s Junice Dagen ’91 serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys’& Girls’ Club in Chadron, as well as being the chair for the local food pantry.

Angie (Anderson) Halstead ’93 has been named the Financial Services Champion of the Year by the Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Angie is employed by Maldoon & Stack, LLP as a CPA in Casper, Wyo.

David Blauvelt att ’95 and Stephen VanVoy ’95 founded First Care Medical, a no appointment urgent care clinic in Kearney, where both are physician assistants. David’s wife Cindy ’88 is an elementary teacher in Kearney Public Schools.

Howard “H.J.” Hardy ’97 graduated from Doane College with a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership. He resides in Omaha where he and his wife are teachers, with their children, Lauryn and Andrew. Jeff Wallin ’98 is an insurance agent for Western Insurers. He and his wife Rita ’99 live in Grant.

Angie Stokes att ’98 is an independent contractor/distributor for “Kidwell New,” a children’s educational resource for children, parents and teachers. She and her family live in Billings, Mont.

Kent McElhaney MS ’90 has been selected as the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Wilma Schaffert ’90 was commissioned by Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas to create an image for materials related to the 150th anniversary celebration of the Butterfield Overland Mail Route. She was “Artist in Residence” but does live in Alliance.

Walt Wilcox MS ’96 was presented with the Milken Educator Award in Los Angeles, Calif. The award recognizes outstanding elementary/secondary educators for their dedication to teaching professional leadership and engagement with families and the community. Walt is the principal at Dean Morgan Junior High School in Casper, Wyo.

00’s Matt ’01 and Stephanie Summers ’02 live in David City. Matt is a family physician with Butler County Clinic. Stephanie substitute teaches in the public school system. They have a three year old daughter Natalie.

Carol Rempp MS ’02 has been promoted to Director of Multicultural Education at the Nebraska Department of Education. She resides in Lincoln.

Keven Heese ’02 has been promoted with the WallGroens organization. He is the store manager in York.

Zac Alcorn att ’02 is in Seattle, Wash., where he has a position as tight end for the NFL’s Seattle Seahawks.

Dave Nelson ’02 has accepted the position of assistant football coach for the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. He lives in Newcastle with his wife Christy and son Issac.

Ernie Herrera ’03 started Ernie Herreras Private Personal Training in Cathedral City, where he resides with his family.

Ango (Herrera) Charging Thunder ’03 graduated from UNMC College of Medicine with an M.D. She will be completing a Family Medicine Residency at UNMC in Omaha.

Brian Griffith ’04 is living in Pasco, Wash., where he is working for Planned Parenthood as a field organizer.

Ryan Runge ’04 received the 2007 Nebraska Middle School Teacher of the Year in Industrial Technology. He is a teacher at Potter-Dix Junior High School in Chadron.

Darren Wright ’04 is a newly certified member of the Nebraska Bar Association and joins Larry Bird’s law practice in Albion and Fullerton. He resides in Albion.

Michele Schwindt ’05 graduated from the Radiography Program at UNMC and is a licensed Radiologic Technologist. Jeffry Schwindt ’05 is a medical technologist and works for the Alegent Health System in Omaha, where they live with their children Ashton and Benjamin.

Brady Germeroth, ’06 is employed by the Department of Public Safety as a state trooper. He resides in Crockett, Tex.

Adam Wells ’06 was elected President for the Student Association for Rural Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center where he is a medical student.

Amber Burson MS2 ’08 has been selected to fill the new athletic trainer position for the Lexington Public Schools. Burson will work with Lexington coaches to prevent and treat athletic injuries.

Amy Amack ’08, Chadron, was selected as Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2009 during the Buffalo Bill Rodeo at Nebraska Lincoln Days.

Marriages
90’s Hattie McVay ’95 and Jim Brown were married January 25, 2008. They reside in Gillette, Wyo., where Hattie is employed by Williams Production as Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator.

00’s Ed Newbold ’05 and Holly LaRue, current student were married July 7, 2007. They reside in Chadron where Ed is employed by the Nebraska Department of Highways.

Eric Mumm ’06 and Nichole Neal ’08 were married June 30, 2007. They reside in Sidney.

Jared Young ’07 and Jody Kelm, current student were married June 7, 2008. They reside in Chadron.

Births
Faculty and Staff
Amirah Norria to Leala and Jamie Waldo, faculty, Chadron, March 16, 2008. She joins siblings Nina and Darius.

Brighton Lee to Shane and Lee Miller, faculty, Chadron, March 27, 2008. Brighton joins siblings Braya and Brando.

90’s Brayden Michael to Brent and Mary Jo (Zahradnick) Arnold ’91, Midway, Ky., July 18, 2007. Siblings are sisters Chyia and Sarah. Peyton Allen to Eric ’93 and Lorna (Dahlgren) Glenn ’95, Summerset, S.D., April 18, 2008. He is welcomed home by big brother Jarek. Remi Rose to Shannan (Mead) ’93 and Tate Adams ’93, Thermopolis, Wyo., October 18, 2007. She continued on next page
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joins twin sisters Arin and Zoe. 
Jacob William and Harrison Seeley to Jeff and Angela (Buckley) Maser ’94, Salmon, Idaho, April 2, 2008. 
Marin Rose to Jeff and Coral (Vantine) Dickau ’95, Hartford, Wis., February 26, 2008. She is welcomed home by big brother Vaughn. 
Logan Andrew to Randy and Theresa (Jorgensen) Krupicka ’95, Milligan, October 26, 2007. He is welcomed home by big sister Rebecca. 
Caelan Titus to Steven Helmandollar and Tricia Schmit ’96, Albemarle, N.C., January 29, 2008. He is welcomed home by big brother William. 
Dominic Ray to Steven Sanchez and Chrissy (Wells) Winkelman ’96, Big Piney, Wyo., August 17, 2007. Siblings are Justin and Alyson Winkelman. 
Cashley Kalyn to Glen and Elke (Melvin) King ’97, Sturgis, S.D., February 20, 2008. 
Avery Elizabeth to Tony att ’97 and Sarah (Witherspoon) Rodocker ’03, Gering, Nebraska, November 2, 2007. 
Abigail Grace to Joe and Kelly (Fritzler) Kezoeor ’98, Holdrege, October 11, 2007. She joins brother Caleb. 
Brayden James to Travis ’99 and Sara (KinKennon) Thomsen ’01, Sidney, March 4, 2008. 
Grayson Casey to Shawn and Riki (Corns) Hunter ’99, Crawford, May 29, 2008. He is welcomed home by brothers Taren and Boady. 
00’s 
Presley Dillon to Cynthia (McBride) ’00 and Justin Stephenson ’00, Cheyenne, Wyo., February 11, 2008. 
Alexis Janae to Bryon and Sarah (Fritz) Kraus att ’00, Waco, April 11, 2008. 
Grady Shane to Shane and Jamie (Swanson) Gorwell ’01, Hyannis, June 14, 2007. 
Ovid Baxter to Slim and Katie (Quittmeyer) Reece ’01, Harrison, May 5, 2008. He joins big sister Rebecca. 
Blake Tyler to Casey ’02 and Becky (Stoner) Lancaster ’02, Fullerton, August 28, 2007. Blake joins big brother Carson. 
Carter to Anna and Cory Hegwer ’02, Commerce City, Colo., April 40, 2008. He joins big brother Griffin. 
Presley to Jolene (Holscher) ’02 and Tanner Pettera ’02, North Platte, January 27, 2008. She joins big sister Boston. 
Addalai Zada to Jeff ’02 and Lindsey (Lanik) Burbach ’02, Sioux City, Iowa, April 17, 2008. 
William Colby to Chad and Maria (Fisher) Tussing ’02, Blunt, S.D., May 30, 2007. 
Issac Curtis to Christy and Dave Nelson ’02, Newcastle, September 27, 2007. 
Jackson Henry to Trisha (Fales) ’03 and Tony Price ’02, Chadron, April 15, 2008. 
Matthew John to Kayla and Jeffrey Lien ’03, Chadron, April 29, 2008. 
Erica Sophia to Adriane (Schmer) ’03 and Stephen Matthews ’03, Omaha, September 26, 2007. 
Ryleigh Beth to Cara and Ernie Herrera ’03, Cathedral City, Calif., March 28, 2008. She joins big brother Tayler. 
Joey Lauryn to Dave and Anpo (Herrera) Charging Thunder ’03, Omaha, June 20, 2007. She is welcomed home by sisters Katyn, Gabriella and Alyssa and brothers Quan and Douglas. 
Lacie Lynee to Rob ’04 and Donna (Robinson) Miller ’06, Petersburg, March 8, 2008. She is welcomed home by brother Robbie. 
Karlene Marie to Billy and Ann (Blackburn) Kepler ’06, Newport, February 13, 2008. 
Brayden Ray to Malinda (Sprentall) ’06 current staff and Bryan Linegar ’08, Chadron, June 23, 2008. 
Brayla Bennet to Brittany (Morgan) att ’07 and Casey Bach, current student, Chadron, January 28, 2008. 
Bo Brooke to Renee and Jeffrey Thies ’07, Kimball, February 5, 2008. 

Obituaries 
Friends 
John Snyder, BA ’98 was killed in an accident May 2007. His wife, Kristi (Gibbons) BA ’96, MBA ’98 is making a memory book for Alyssa, their daughter who is 4 years old, and would like as many stories, memories, or photos that friends can share. Please send your story to Kristi at PO Box 63, Chadron, NE 69337 or email to kristi_snyder@us.aflac.com. 

60’s 
Ruth Semroska ’60, Buffalo, Wyo., passed away May 15, 2008. 
Genevieve Rogers ’61, Chadron, passed away March 19, 2008. 
Arlene Engelsgaard BS ’68 MS ’75, Lafayette, Colo., passed away February 21, 2008. 

00’s 

An alumni gathering in the Los Angeles area was held in late March at Cerritos, California. Those attending from left, Sharon and Fran Needham, Troy Olson, Alumni Director Karen Pope, Jim Schwartz, Athletic Director Brad Smith, Beverly Helm, Jaime and Lindsey Olson.

Alumni in Sidney gathered for an after hours event in May. Some of those in attendance are shown from left, Theresa Finney, Dana Gurney, Charles Hoffman, Anne Stevens, Rachel Forster, Casey Cortney, Judi Roach, Kenneth Polan. Back row, Paul Newland, Kody Christensen, Greg Stevens, Jay and Carrie Nesbitt.

Susan Nowakowski hosted a San Diego alumni gathering at her business, ANN Healthcare. Pictured from left, Joan Howell, Fran and Sharon Needham, Susann Nowakowski, Athletic Director Brad Smith, Brady Doe and Margaret Bergamin.
Chadron State College Homecoming
Saturday, October 25, 2008

Friday, October 24
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration in Alumni Office, Sparks Hall
List of student activities available at registration
12 p.m. Eagles Luncheon in Student Center, North Platte room, with President Janie Park and Athletic Director Brad Smith
2 - 3:30 p.m. Campus Tours
Afternoon Golf available at Ridgeview Country Club
5 - 7 p.m. Brats and Burgers at the American Legion Club
7 p.m. Spirit Rally, on campus

Saturday, October 25
8 - 9 a.m. Alumni Coffee & Registration in Student Center Lobby
8 a.m. Eagle 5k Run/Walk at Nelson Physical Activity Center contact Sarah Thomas at 308-432-6342 for more information
9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade - Main Street
10:30 a.m. Photos in Student Center Ballroom
11 a.m. Homecoming Luncheon - Alumni Awards & Hall of Fame in Student Center Ballroom
Distinguished Alumni planning on attending so far: Jerry Messman & Ann Smith
Distinguished Young Alumni planning on attending so far: Sharla Dowding
11 a.m. Tailgating Contest, Elliott Field Parking Lot
1:30 p.m. Football Game CSC vs Colorado School of Mines at Elliott Field
4 p.m. Postgame Reception at the Country Kitchen
6:30 p.m. Reunion groups social and dinner

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Homecoming Registration
Deadline is October 17, 2008

Please save, this will be the only notice.
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Friday, October 24:
Eagles Luncheon $10.00/person # _____ $ ________
Brats & Beer $8.00/person # _____ $ ________

Saturday, October 25:
Photos $7.00/person # _____ $ ________
(Hall of Fame, Alumni Awards, Reunion Groups)

Homecoming Luncheon $13.50/adult # _____ $ ________
$7.50/8 & under # _____ $ ________
Total $ ________