Greetings from the

President

It gives me pride to introduce this year’s edition of the Foundation Annual Report and President’s Report. This publication serves as a way for the institution to convey its extensive list of accomplishments from the past year.

As last year’s edition of this publication was being produced, we were reeling from the effects of the wildfires that swept over a considerable portion of forest and countryside near the campus. Before long, though, the grass greened up, and like other organizations and individuals in northwest Nebraska, Chadron State rebounded from that catastrophe, and we at CSC witnessed a year of remarkable successes — many of which you can read about within the pages of this publication.

Chadron State continues to be a progressive, vibrant institution which serves the High Plains Region in exemplary fashion. Innovative programs, award-winning teams and individuals, outstanding academic offerings and visionary planning make CSC an outstanding place to study, work and serve the greater community.

The great majority of these accomplishments would not be possible without the support of hundreds of volunteers and donors. I offer special thanks to those of you who have given time and money to make Chadron State expand on its record of tremendous successes.

As always, if you have any ideas about how Chadron State can improve its academic offerings, or its general operation, please contact me or the Alumni and Foundation Office. We always welcome your correspondence and visits, and look forward to serving the region to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,

Janie C. Park, Ph.D.
President
Greetings from the Foundation

For those of you with long memories, last year I mentioned in this space that giving is a choice. There are many worthwhile causes to which to donate our dollars. Individuals such as Bill Gates, Warren Buffett and Ted Turner, who give large amounts of money, focus on giving to specific causes. The goal of the Foundation Board of Directors and the Foundation staff is to get alumni and friends focused on Chadron State College.

This is a challenge, not just because of the many requests people receive for donations, but because of a perception that a state institution receives tax dollars and does not require additional support. Nothing could be further from the truth.

First, state dollars as a percentage of the support for a student’s education are a diminishing commodity. State government has many demands for the dollars available and the priority on education, while high, does not meet the percentage of need that it did in the past.

Secondly, educational costs continue to increase with the need to meet technology demands and a broad array of experiences to prepare students for the future. We help offset that through our gifts. None of us want an institution that provides just the basics. We want our students to have a quality education at Chadron State College. It is through your dollars that we do that.

A feasibility study has been completed to consider raising money on a scale larger than has ever been attempted at Chadron State College. This effort is to enhance the education of our students and deliver an educational product to society that is outstanding. None of this will be possible if we do not focus on Chadron State College, whether as alums or friends. Our staff does a great job in getting the message out. We individually need to look at our priorities and what Chadron State College has done for us and the region. Once we do that, it will be easy to focus on why donations to the Foundation are a great investment of your dollars.

If you would like to participate in a broader manner than just giving, please let the Foundation staff know. We not only need your dollars, we need your time. Through time given you can rekindle friendships and experience great satisfaction by helping Chadron State College continue to be an educational diamond serving not just Nebraska, but the surrounding states and wherever CSC graduates reside.

Thank you.

L.H. “Rick” Kolkman, Chairman
Chadron State Foundation
As goes the popular phrase coined by Shakespeare, the world was Chadron State College’s oyster in 2006-2007.

Among the institution’s global highlights were a collaborative partnership formed with a Ukraine university, an alumni trip to Italy, student trips to South America and London, and a semester-long visit by two scholars from central Asia.

A contingent of 14 members of the Chadron State faculty and administration traveled to eastern Europe in June to form relations with the National Agricultural University of Ukraine. A memorandum of understanding was signed by presidents of both institutions, paving the way for future collaborative efforts. One of the first installments in the partnership will be this fall when traditional dancers from NAUU perform at CSC.

In another intercontinental effort, Guncha Komekova of Turkmenistan and Munira Akilova of Tajikistan shared knowledge with the CSC Business Department during the spring semester while participating in the Junior Faculty Development Program funded by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The Chadron State Alumni Office expanded its offerings by arranging a trip to Italy for CSC graduates of all ages in March. The participants ranged in age from 22-89 and came from places throughout the United States. Similar trips are being planned for the future.

Students also gained valuable experience from group study trips to London and South America in May. It was the 30th year for CSC’s criminal justice tour of London, which was attended by 20 students. Seven students took part in the trip to Peru.

Also in May, a master’s degree was conferred on a graduate who completed most of her CSC courses overseas by Internet. Tonia Vaughn of Oceanside, Calif., completed coursework while living in Okinawa, Japan, while her husband, a U.S. Marine helicopter pilot, was stationed there.

Some of Chadron State’s efforts in diversity were offered on the CSC campus. A popular fine arts performance offered by the Galaxy Series in March was that of the Golden Dragon Acrobats, who demonstrated their art form that originated in China about 4,000 years ago. Another worldly feature of the fine arts series was the performance of historical eastern European music by the Shirim Klezmer Band from Boston in January.

One of the foremost political discussions of the day also took center stage at CSC in February. Dan Stein, president of the Federation of American Immigration Reform, and Enrique Morones, founder of Border Angels, debated their positions on illegal immigration as part of the college’s Distinguished Speakers Series.

Of course, Chadron State’s campus was once again enriched by students who call other countries home. During the last school year, 24 students from more than a dozen countries attended CSC. Once again, one of the year’s highlights was the International Club’s Food Tasting Party in which students prepared cuisine and performances to demonstrate their home countries’ culture. In addition, the Chadron State College diversity committee planned a wide range of events to expose the CSC community to various cultures.

Although the subjects of the following occurrence are not from another country, it can be said that they are from a “whole other world.” Chadron State football coaches got a pleasant surprise in June when a high school football team from the northern tip of Alaska, the Barrow Whalers, joined the CSC camp during a visit to the mainland. The team, which has been featured on ESPN, hails from a region where trees don’t grow and practices are sometimes interrupted by polar bears. The school’s superintendent is a Wyoming native who had heard of the exceptional quality of Chadron State’s camps.
Institutional Growth

Accreditation team lauds CSC’s efforts
Chadron State officials learned in April that CSC met all five accreditation criteria and no serious concerns were found by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission that visited the campus. Unlike most institutions, Chadron State required no follow-up visits from the HLC after the team’s visit. The reaccreditation process began when CSC personnel prepared and submitted a 200-page self-study report to the HLC.

Relations formed with Ukraine university
A contingent of 14 Chadron State College faculty and administrators took the first step in bridging the distance between a university in eastern Europe and Chadron State College during a mission to the Ukraine in May. The group was hosted by the National Agricultural University at Kiev, the country’s capital city, some 5,400 miles from Chadron. At the conclusion of the group’s nine-day visit, the institutions formed a memorandum of collaboration, which calls for Chadron State and NAUU to explore areas of cooperation, including student and faculty exchange programs, joint educational programs and research projects.

Agriculture, athletic facility projects launched
Two large facility projects that will greatly enhance Chadron State College’s offerings to students in agriculture and athletics are moving forward. Designs have been created for a 33,600 square-foot agriculture facility southeast of CSC’s main campus and for a structure adjoining the Armstrong Building that would create an additional 45,000 feet of space, including a new gymnasium, seating, showers, classrooms and offices. Program statements for both facilities have been approved by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and forwarded to the Nebraska Legislature. Chadron State administrators will take the steps to secure state funding after private contributions are raised.

Forest recovery effort begins
Approximately 200 pine seedlings were planted on C Hill during the summer of 2007 by four Chadron Girl Scouts with assistance from Lucinda Mays, CSC facilities horticulturalist, and Silas Kern, the college’s head groundskeeper. The trees will replace the dozens of mature pines that were destroyed by one of the massive fires that struck the region in July 2006.

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Former office assistant gives $275,000
Carolyn Thackham, a long-time Chadron resident who was employed at Chadron State as an office assistant in the 1960s, left her estate totaling about $275,000 to the Chadron State Foundation to be used for scholarships. She died in March 2006 at age 103.

Social Work program accredited
The Council on Social Work Education in 2006 granted accreditation of the Chadron State program for an eight-year period, extending through October 2014.

NBDC opens again
After being closed for two years because of statewide budget problems, the Nebraska Business Development Center office reopened at Chadron State with Dr. James Koehn, a CSC business and economics professor, serving as the director. The center assists new businesses and those planning to expand.

Grant to help low-income students
The U.S. Department of Labor will award Chadron State a $250,000 grant annually for three years to begin an Upward Bound program to help as many as 50 low-income students from Alliance, Chadron and Gordon-Rushville to complete high school and succeed in college.

Program reaches out to entrepreneurs
In Chadron State College’s renewed effort to help communities of the Great Plains survive and thrive, the institution’s business department has revamped one of its programs. College officials have accentuated the marketing option of the business degree to appeal to prospective entrepreneurs. The courses of the newly formed “Marketing/Entrepreneurship” option will be launched this fall.

Activities generate vibrant atmosphere
In addition to a long list of student performances in theatre, music and athletics, Chadron State offered performances and presentations by a lengthy list of big-name acts and speakers in 2006-2007. Audiences at Chadron State were treated to a diverse schedule of events. From a dinner theatre to dance groups, acrobats, cowboy poets and art shows, there was a little something for everyone during the past academic year. A wide range of talent is again being scheduled for appearances at Chadron State College in the coming year.

End of Fall 2006 semester, enrolled undergraduate students at CSC had the following characteristics:

- Represented 12 countries including the United States
- Represented 40 states and Puerto Rico
- Represented 89 of the 93 counties in Nebraska
- Ranged in age from 17-82
- Of those responding, 57% are first generation college students
Achievement

Football team wins 12 straight in banner season
The 2006 Chadron State College football team finished the regular season undefeated and then won its first playoff game in history, defeating West Texas State A&M 43-17 before finally losing 28-21 to Northwest Missouri State in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs. The Eagles were ranked as high as third in the postseason polls. The team finished the season 12-1, winning both the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and NCAA II Southwest Region titles.

Tailback earns nation’s top honor
Tailback Danny Woodhead, who in 2006 became the first college football player at any level to rush for more than 2,700 yards, was the winner of the Harlon Hill Trophy, which is presented annually to the top player in NCAA Division II. He also placed on the first-team Academic All-American team. In addition, the Eagles’ head coach, Bill O’Boyle, was named the Division II National Coach of the Year by Sportexe and Football Gazette.

Range students excel at convention
A team of four Chadron State College students placed third among 19 entries in the Rangeland Cup competition at the International Range Management Convention in Reno, Nev., in February. The poster the team developed focused on both current and historically important rangeland ecology and management topics. In other news, a study by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln showed that Chadron State has the second largest range management program in the Great Plains region, second only to Texas A&M. The same study showed that only three larger range management programs exist in the United States: Texas A&M, Utah State and Wyoming.

Wildlife Club assists with release of bighorns
Chadron State’s Wildlife Club drew statewide media attention during the winter of 2006-07 when several of its members assisted Nebraska Game and Parks Commission personnel and a helicopter trapping team in the release of 51 bighorn sheep in northwest Nebraska.

Criminal justice students tour London
Twenty Chadron State College students participated in the 30th criminal justice tour to London in May. While many of the same places are visited annually, there are always some new discoveries, according to Dr. George Watson, professor of justice studies at CSC and coordinator of the trip. A highlight this year was visiting the new emergency control center at New Scotland Yard.

End of Fall 2006 semester, enrolled undergraduate students at CSC had the following characteristics:

- 68% were in the top half of their graduating class
- 36% were in the top quarter
- 24% scored 25 or above on the composite ACT
- Average ACT score was 21

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Business students win state honors
Thirteen Chadron State business majors were placewinners at the Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda Fraternity’s conference. Firsts were won by Nicole Hagen in Hospitality Management and Amanda Smith in Financial Analysis and Decision Making. Smith also was second in Human Resource Management.

Wrestling team has best season yet
Led by sophomore Brett Hunter, the Chadron State wrestling team had its best national tournament in history in March. Hunter won the 165-pound championship while another sophomore, Josh Majerus, was the runner-up at 197 pounds and seniors Mark Pfeifer and Matt Weingart finished fifth and sixth in their weight classes. Hunter became Chadron State’s first national champion wrestler since Bob Lynch in 1972. The team finished sixth in the nation.

Health professions students move on
More than 40 Chadron State students were accepted to begin advanced training in the health professions in the fall of 2007. Twenty-three of the students are participants in the Rural Health Opportunities Program that is a joint venture between CSC and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The others have been in the “traditional” health professions programs and were accepted by an assortment of professional schools.

Track and field garners more All-American honors
Members of the Chadron State College track and field team earned four All-American honors in May at the NCAA National Outdoor Meet to go with the two they earned at the indoor meet. Senior Amanda Owens led the Eagles by placing fourth in the heptathlon and tying for eighth in the high jump. In addition, Emily Volkmer placed sixth in the triple jump and Mary Wells was seventh in the discus.

SIFE places high again
The Students In Free Enterprise team at Chadron State College tied for 16th in the overall standings and placed third in the Market Economics competition at the National Exposition in Dallas in May. The Chadron State team has ranked among the top 20 nationally each of the past seven years. There are SIFE teams on more than 1,700 college and university campuses in 43 nations.

Students study Peru language, culture, history
Seven Chadron State students spent three weeks in Peru, South America, in May, studying Spanish and learning about the Incan empire that flourished there centuries ago. The students lived with host families in Cuzco, a city of about 300,000 that was the Incas’ capital prior to the Spanish invasion in 1534.
Faculty

Professor honored for rural education leadership, service
The National Rural Education Association recognized Dr. Clark Gardener, a member of the Chadron State education faculty since 1990, for outstanding leadership and service. The presentation was made during the organization’s annual convention in Kansas City. He had been a member of the association’s Executive Committee the previous three years.

Retired professor’s book tells of westward migration
Drawing heavily on material he had collected during his 35 years as a history professor at Chadron State, Dr. Rolland Dewing wrote a book, “Regions in Transition,” that was printed by University Press of America in 2006. The book told of the migration of thousands of residents from the Midwest to the Pacific Northwest because of the drought and depression of the 1930s. His family was among those in the transition.

‘Spirit of Sandoz Award’ presented to Cartwright
Dr. Michael Cartwright, professor of English at Chadron State, received the “Spirit of Mari Sandoz Award” during the Sandoz Heritage Society’s annual conference at CSC in March. Cartwright formerly served as executive director of the Sandoz Society and has been on the board of directors for nearly a quarter century.

Winkles have big year
Dr. William Winkle, director of bands at Chadron State for 34 years before retiring in 2005, was inducted into the Nebraska Music Educators Hall of Fame in November. At the same time, a CSC graduate, Sharon Arthur Hoffman, was named the state’s music educator of the year. Hoffman has taught vocal music at Bayard since 1979. Winkle’s wife Carola, a member of the Chadron State music faculty who retired this spring, was elected president of the International Music Camp in the summer of 2006. She is the first woman from the United States to hold the office.

Foundation Facts

❖ Fifteen new members were added to the President’s Society. The President’s Society recognizes donors who pledge $10,000 or more.

❖ Three new members were added to the Living Legacy Society. The Living Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have made arrangements to provide future gift support for Chadron State College.

❖ Nine new named endowed scholarships were established.

❖ Three new annual scholarships were added.
Alumni

Hemingford educator named Teacher of the Year
The U.S. Department of Education honored Cynthia Lanik, a 1989 Chadron State graduate and teacher at Hemingford Middle School, as Nebraska’s American Star Teacher for 2006.

Crawford teacher gets Wal-Mart honor
Catie Limbach, a 1989 Chadron State graduate who teaches kindergarten in Crawford, was selected as the 2006 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for Nebraska. It was the second consecutive year that a CSC graduate who teaches in northwest Nebraska received the honor. Sherry Retzlaff of Rushville was the previous recipient.

Potter-Dix educator named best in agriculture
Nancy Miller, a 1975 graduate of Chadron State and a teacher at the Potter-Dix Schools, was named the Nebraska Teacher of the Year for Agriculture in the Classroom and was one of five recipients of the national award in 2006.

USC coordinator tops in strength, conditioning training
Chris Carlisle, a 1985 Chadron State graduate, was named the 2006 National Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by the Professional Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society. Carlisle is in his sixth year as the head strength and conditioning coach at the University of Southern California.

Morrill principal earns honor
Kent McClellan, who earned his master’s degree from Chadron State in 1992, was selected as the Nebraska High School Principal of the Year for 2007-08. He has been the principal at Morrill for 15 years.

Banner County teacher is outstanding elementary teacher
Twila Griffiths, a 1966 Chadron State graduate and a teacher in the Banner County Schools the past 21 years, was the recipient of the Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award at the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association’s conference.
### Foundation Report

#### Chadron State Foundation
**Statements of Financial Position**
*June 30, 2006 and 2005*

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#### Chadron State Foundation
**Statements of Activities**
*For the Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005*

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Alumni by State

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