Teaching Teachers
A look at CSC’s 100 years of teacher education

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Dear Alumni,

I was honored to preside over another set of graduation ceremonies at Chadron State College in May. It’s always an enjoyable experience to shake hands with the latest group of graduates who serve as a testament to CSC’s tradition of educating tomorrow’s leaders. Similar to the classes before them, the graduates are leaving CSC to become professionals in a countless number of occupations, including teachers, coaches, law enforcement officers, doctors, business leaders, and dozens more.

The institution’s progress of the last 100 years, akin to its alumni, is nothing short of remarkable. Those who were around when the first building – the center portion of Old Admin – was constructed, would be amazed to see the campus today. The quality academic programs, proficient faculty, state-of-the-art classrooms, beautiful landscaping, active student body and vibrant atmosphere should serve as a source of pride for anyone who has been part of the Chadron State experience.

In honor of the centennial, we are continuing that tradition of advancement with a pair of new features on campus. Completion is near on the new flag plaza on the Dean’s Green and the campus portal at the corner of 10th and Main. Like the projects of our Vision 2011 fundraising campaign, the plaza and portal will long serve as a reminder of the centennial year and make CSC an even more attractive place.

We also are excited to begin making good use of the space made vacant as a result of the Kline Center’s removal. It was certainly sad to see a building with such a storied history go down this spring, but I’m confident that its removal will help improve the strength of the institution. Construction will soon begin to upgrade the old parking lot and begin the landscaping for the Kline Center footprint. In coming years, we hope to improve its adjacent amphitheater and make it a premier place for gathering and performances.

This edition of the Alumni Magazine is special in that it is helping celebrate CSC’s first 100 years. A number of special events and projects have been planned in the coming months. I hope you will take note of the information about homecoming and plan to return to campus Oct. 1. Please use it as an opportunity to gather with old friends, relive memories and become involved in your alma mater’s milestone anniversary. Similar to CSC’s first 100 years, it will surely be a time to remember.

Sincerely,

Janie C. Park, Ph.D.
President
The founders of Chadron obviously were strong proponents of education. Just four years after the town sprang up when the railroad tracks across northern Nebraska reached the scenic White River Valley in 1885, funds were raised and a five-man delegation was appointed "to visit Lincoln and use their best endeavors to secure passage of the bill which provides for the establishment of a normal school in this city," the Chadron Democrat reported.

It was more than 20 years before those "endeavors" would bear fruit, but the persistence paid off in January 1910. That's when seven members of the Nebraska Board of Education, after touring the community in horse-drawn sleds, selected it as the site for the fourth such school in the state. Chadron State College was born and became the only four-year, fully-accredited institution of higher education in the western half of Nebraska.

It was founded as a "normal school," as teacher training institutions were called then. Although the college now has more than 60 additional undergraduate majors and endorsements and a strong pre-professional program, particularly in the health professions, preparing teachers has remained a major emphasis during the past century.

"Chadron State has always been on the leading edge in preparing people to teach in the rural areas of the Great Plains," said Dr. Margaret Crouse, dean of the school that includes the education program. "This college has been turning out top-notch teachers for decades and we continue to emphasize that. We've adopted several new methods to deliver the courses and incorporated new technology to help make this possible, but we're still stressing quality and also provide a personal touch."

Chadron State's motto for its centennial—A Century of Service—stands out when Dr. Crouse and others talk about the delivery methods that have been used to help train teachers and school administrators. The college has exerted great effort to make its programs highly accessible in its far-flung service area.

Shortly after he became the college's second president in 1916, Robert I. Elliott told the Nebraska Board of Education that "study centers were being organized in the territory and the instructors are always ready to spend their Saturdays in carrying on their work where 10 or more students get together to pursue one or more lines of study."

CSC faculty members also took courses off-campus on a weekly basis in the early 1940s to help teachers who neither had the time nor the resources to come to the campus. For many years, the college offered summer institutes on campus that drew scores of teachers who were striving to learn more and pick up additional credits toward that coveted degree.

During the 1960s and into the '70s, many teachers who were seeking master's degrees flocked to CSC to attend night classes. The roles were reversed in the mid-1970s, when Chadron State professors began traveling to area communities to teach many night courses.

In the 1990s, Chadron State became a national leader in distance learning, sending out some 250 courses annually via telephone, television and satellite connections. That number has decreased significantly in recent years with online computer courses now the rage.

Approximately half of the current 610 education majors—both elementary and secondary—reside off-campus and take courses in a variety of ways.

While the delivery systems have changed, many aspects of what it takes to be an excellent teacher have not, those close to the program point out.

Dr. Lorie Hunn, a Chadron State graduate and the college's director of field experiences (formerly known as director of student teaching), said it takes intelligence to be a good teacher.

"We need the best and the brightest students to go into education. It's so important that we have good teachers," Hunn said. "We also try to let the students know that we care about them as people. There are many hard-working, dedicated teachers out there who are CSC grads. I've always been proud that I got my degree from this college."

Dr. Pat Colgate, who worked at the college 37 years and was the dean over the Education Department for more than 20 years, said CSC had a strong reputation for producing good teachers when he came to the college in 1965.

"People such as Harold Koch, Betty Jacobson, Royce Vathauer and Tom Detwiler were already here," Colgate recalls. "They were top-notch and were so concerned that those they were training to teach would do it right. We've had a lot more like them since then."

"I think a major reason why our enrollment in education has remained strong is because our alums influenced students they taught to also become teachers. Often when students had a Chadron State graduate who was a good teacher, they wanted to follow in those footsteps and were advised to come here, too."

Colgate said one of the highlights of his career was going to education conferences and being told by principals and superintendents that a CSC grad they had hired was doing an excellent job. He added that frequently when schools were hiring, he and others on the staff would receive phone calls from an administrator asking if they had someone they could hire to fill a vacancy.

"They'd often say, 'We're calling you first because we know you put out good teachers.'"

— Dr. Don King
Remembering Kline

By Cathy Donohue

First dates, winter balls, the Phantom.

As the brick and beams came down, the memories flowed on for the Kline Center, which was demolished this spring.

The Kline experience, from 1961-2010, spanned at least two campus generations.

The south side, closed in 1979 due to settlement, was demolished in 1987. College officials, led by President Edwin Nelson, tried to save the facility that had been the “campus center,” but studies determined it would be too costly to restore.

The south side featured panoramic views from the 12-foot windows and a second-floor balcony that framed a bird’s eye view of the activity below. The cafeteria was also upstairs, near the west and east-side lounges.

Twin Stairways linked the balcony with the first floor, and were often used as backdrops for coronations in the early years.

The first floor also had a four-lane bowling alley tucked in the southwest corner and an open area with the snack bar and pool tables. Things flowed on the first floor, from snacks, to pool to conversation.  

The north side, opened five years after the south side opened, had a ball room, conference rooms and book store. It had the same elegance while being functional.

As a social center, Kline was the gathering place, said Denise Donohue Wickham (1970). “It was the place to see and be seen,” she said.

Agnes Chase Cortney (1970) will always link Kline with her wedding: “I had my reception there.”

Joyce Serbousek Clippinger (1976), started her day at Kline before classes. Serbousek worked in the cafeteria from 6-9 a.m., peeling 20 pounds of carrots with the cooks as the sun rose.

There was always a big morning rush of coffee drinkers, said Teresa Chase Nelson (1971), who worked in the snack bar.

Another surge of students came in the mid-afternoon, right before the TV drama Dark Shadows, Nelson said. “They would get their snacks and then flock to the TV,” she said.

Hanging out in Kline was a campus-life staple, said Jeannie Neese Sedivy, a student in the mid-'70s. “I had my first date with Warren there at a Homecoming dance.”

The upstairs lounge, bowling alley and pool tables all offered every day breaks, she said.

Bowling didn’t cost more than 50 cents, said Warren Sedivy. Along with a couple of burritos from the snack bar it was a cheap afternoon. “I never saw a bowling alley that small,” he said.

Sedivy bowled with classmate Craig Manley in 1978, but didn’t notice any cracks in the foundation, he said. “My game wouldn’t have been affected. The ball always found the gutter anyway.”

The formal and playful resided in Kline. Connie McCrae Krezelok (1971) remembers a food fight one day. “It was mashed potatoes as I recall. Someone flicked a spoonful and it began. We laughed and flicked for what seems a long time,” said Krezelok. “I think we helped clean it up when it was all done.”

Con Marshall, CSC information director from 1969-2005, got to experience the original Kline both as a student and staff:

“That place was packed with people,” Marshall said. “Students and faculty would have coffee between classes. There was a lot of interaction between the two groups,” he said.

Bruce Huckfeldt, CSC print shop supervisor, took advantage of the campus coffee break. “There were no classes at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings so we all gathered for the coffee klatch,” said Huckfeldt, a 1984 graduate. “It was always jammed pack at that time. I got to know every one of my professors in biology during that time.”

The fact that the administration put a high priority on the coffee break boosted turnout, said Del Hussey, retired financial aid director.

“It wasn’t mandatory, just close to it. But you looked forward to it so much that it didn’t have to be a requirement.”

Homemade cinnamon rolls were Hussey’s snack of choice before heading upstairs to the faculty lounge, he said. “Most of the time I never made it upstairs because we’d stop at a table to talk to students or faculty or staff. It was a family-type atmosphere.”

Even the Phantom, a campus legend dressed in bandages, trench coat, fedora and shades, made an appearance at the Kline Campus Center, Marshall said.

“The Phantom showed up standing on the balcony, above the crowd below. Some guys chased the Phantom all the way to the canyon and caught him, but they didn’t reveal the identity.”

Although the college’s old student center was reduced to rubble this spring, the memories will live on.
As a cultural center, Kline’s reach went beyond the campus. Concerts and high school dances linked Kline to the community and region.

The Mitchell Trio, with a young John Denver, performed at Kline. So did Mac Davis, George Carlin, Helen Reddy and the Grass Roots. The concerts were sponsored by Campus Activities Board but were open to the public.

Packed banquets were common, said Marshall. “Coach Bob Devaney was one of the guest speakers one year and we ran out of food,” he said. Olympians Jesse Owens and Rafer Johnson also spoke at conferences in Kline in the early ‘70s.

The Scholastic Contest brought droves of area high school students through Kline, where test scores were posted on the first floor. “I remember looking down from the balcony – it was super crowded,” said Dewayne Gimeson, CSC public information specialist.

Gimeson, a 1984 graduate, was a high school contestant in 1978 while attending Grant High School.

Like the soil beneath it, Kline’s function and personality shifted a bit when the south side closed.

Gone were the stairway coronations and the cafeteria was temporarily moved to the National Guard Armory.

No bowling alley on the north side, but more offices. The book store remained in the basement until the new campus center was erected in the mid-1990s.

Marshall saw the dynamics change. “When it (south side) closed the interaction between the students and faculty changed. We lost some of the interaction, especially when the cafeteria was moved to the armory.”

The change in attitude might have come anyway, said Hussey.

“What killed it (coffee hour) was the emergence of coffee lounges in the new buildings on campus. President Nelson fought it but individual coffee pots won out.”

Rosella Tesch (1998) never saw the south side of Kline but felt the north side had its own vitality, both from the people who worked there and the design.

“When I first enrolled I noticed how distinctive Kline was from the other buildings,” she said. “It was light, open and had positive energy. It had good vibes.”

Both the Eagle newspaper and the tutoring services also occupied part of the top floor of Kline’s north side in the ‘90s.

Pizza and deadlines always went together at the Eagle, said Daniel Binkard, CSC graphic design artist.

“We often stayed until midnight before finishing up Thursday morning,” he said. Binkard worked on the Eagle in 2004-2007 and remembers the last days of the dark room era while working in Kline. “There were few sinks in Kline but we had one of them.”

Frances Gonzalez, CSC tutoring services counselor, had her first experience in Kline’s north side as a student, at an honors dinner hosted by President Sam Rankin. “It was in the ball room and we brought our parents. That recognition meant a lot.”

The Learning Center occupied part of the ball room for 17 years. “It was our home – tutoring, supplemental instruction and the International Club all used it.”

Nick Brening, May graduate, served as a tutor and supplemental instructor for three years in Kline and was sad to see it go, he said. The center had the right atmosphere for learning, Brening said.

Kline’s contribution to the campus might best be framed by those students who remember the pre-Kline days.

Bruce Shaver (1963) was a sophomore when Kline opened.

“Prior to Kline we had the student center in the north side of the Memorial Hall and the cafeteria in the south side–Kline was way more than we expected. There wasn’t anything like it in western Nebraska.”

Judy Nelson (1964) was glad she got to experience Kline in its heyday. “It was a state of the art building,” said Nelson, daughter of the former president.

The Lindeken Clock Tower anchors the new student center, and Tesch sees the shift in eras.

Kline represented a confidence and optimism that ushered in the ‘60s. The new center is more modest, practical, she said.

Jeanie Sedivy still remembers the effect Kline had on her when she attended the freshman orientation.

“I walked in there with my freshman beanie on, looked around and thought ‘I am big-time now.’”
Retired broadcaster Larry Miller of Spearfish, S.D., used a common wedding theme while delivering Chadron State College’s May commencement address. The 1969 CSC graduate highlighted many of his alma mater’s attributes while offering the graduates “something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.”

For “something old,” Miller spoke about the institution’s rich history and mentioned a list of prominent past faculty and staff members. Among the names were Ross Armstrong, Beatrice Koch, Don Burkhis, Bernard Donahue, Ed Nelson, Margo McCawley, Lyle Andrews and Harry Holmberg.

“Several of the buildings across campus bear their names. That’s a nice legacy, but that honor pales when compared to the enormous personal legacy they and other faculty passed along to thousands of young men and women over the years,” he said.

In delivering “something new,” Miller told about the many changes at CSC and how it’s grown.

“Of course, Chadron State College has always provided a solid foundation in basic education, research, teaching skills, and the like. But there’s so much more now. Courses in criminal justice, American Indian studies, library media and health professions. Graduate programs have expanded significantly. And then there’s online accredited courses. It’s a new world.”

A commencement speech by the late Fred Rogers, the star of the Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, provided material for Miller’s “something borrowed.”

Just as he had seen “Mr. Rogers” do at a Penn State University gathering, Miller prompted the audience to a moment of silence for the graduates to think about the people who have helped them along the way.

“Some of those people may be with us today,” Miller said. “Some may not. Wherever they may be, if they’ve loved you and encouraged you — they’re still with you.”

Graduating from a smaller school where you’re considered an individual is a benefit that’s a no-brainer. But it becomes even more important when you discover the quality of your education is not just “competitive” with other schools. It usually exceeds them.

Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from CSC and a Master of Science in journalism from Iowa State University in 1974. With more than 40 years of broadcasting experience, he’s had jobs from radio announcer and television news anchor to news director and station manager. He had senior management positions with the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, South Dakota Public Broadcasting and Mississippi Public Broadcasting. He retired in 2004 as president of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network.

In recognition of CSC’s centennial, Miller opened his address by speaking about the institution’s first commencement address by Dr. I.F. Roach of the State Normal Board. It was titled “The Real Thing.”

Miller spoke about Roach’s speech in closing, and offering the audience “something blue.”

“Let me suggest that Dr. Roach’s commencement address nearly a century ago about ‘The Real Thing’ aptly described what you take with you today,” he said. “It’s true blue. The real McCoy. The Real Thing. Not just a diploma — but a quality education from an outstanding school, Chadron State College.”
Woodhead, Heineman speak at Scholarship Luncheon

When the Nebraska State College System was looking for speakers for its annual Scholarship Luncheon, it found two of the state’s biggest names.

The event in downtown Lincoln on Friday, April 15, featured Danny Woodhead, the former Chadron State College football player who burst onto the NFL scene with the New England Patriots last fall, and Gov. Dave Heineman, who has occupied the state’s top post since January 2005. As an added bonus, Woodhead was accompanied by Jim Leonhard, a defensive back who was a teammate with the North Platte native during his time with the New York Jets.

About 30 students who will attend NSCS schools on Board of Trustees scholarships attended the event, three of whom will attend Woodhead’s alma mater. The NSCS consists of Chadron State College, Peru State College and Wayne State College.

While Woodhead has dazzled countless fans with his athletic skills, his academic achievements are also impressive. He graduated magna cum laude from Chadron State in 2007, and Wayne State College completed 36 credit hours generates $8,500 of revenue for the institution.

In 2007, Woodhead was the college Division II Academic Player of the Year and a finalist for the Draddy Trophy, which is awarded to the best college player of all divisions with the best combination of academics, community service, and on-field performance. Woodhead was twice awarded the Harlon Hill Trophy for being the best player in NCAA Division II. He also is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Woodhead and Leonhard’s wives, Stacia and Katie, also attended Friday’s event.

Chadron State College Board of Trustees Scholarship recipients Taylor Billinger of Papillion, Kayla Rushman of Dalton and Kira Stuhr of Bradshaw with Jim Leonhard, at left, Nebraska State College System Chancellor Stan Carpenter, Vice Chancellor Ed Hoffman, and Danny Woodhead, at right. (Photo by Rebecca Johnson)

CSC’s online offerings continue to grow

By Justin Haag

One of the great success stories of Chadron State College in recent years has been the growth of its offerings and enrollment for online education.

“This is the way that more and more students are choosing to pursue their degrees,” said Tamsyn Carey, project coordinator for CSC Extended Campus Programs.

Reports indicate that the number of U.S. students who study solely online has risen from 780,000 in 2004 to 2.14 million in 2009, said Carey. That number is projected to grow to 4 million within the next few years.

“There is a tremendous market out there for us to grow,” she said.

The number of online courses offered at CSC has grown from 89 in 2006 to 255 four years later. The total number of duplicated enrollments in online courses has nearly doubled in four years, growing from 2,189 in 2006 to 4,342 last year, Taylor’s data shows.

In a time of increased operating costs and shortfalls in state support, the increased enrollment has been welcomed by CSC. Carey notes that every online graduate student who completes 36 credit hours generates $8,500 of revenue for the institution.

“Engaging in these programs has helped us leave our typical service region and into other parts of the United States and beyond,” Carey said.

She said CSC has special incentive to offer Internet instruction, considering its sparsely populated service region. CSC began offering courses online in the late 1990s when the technology was new.

“A lot of institutions with a 100-year history do not have the extensive number of degree programs online that we do,” she said. “When online education first came on the scene, there were a lot of traditional institutions that dismissed the notion.”

While many question the value of an online course over a traditional classroom experience, Carey said the results speak for themselves.

The Department of Education recently performed a study to determine which class format delivers best education. Courses that feature a mix of online and face-to-face instruction performed better than both of its counterparts alone.

Carey said the online programs’ text-intensive delivery, with required participation in forums and chats, helps students who struggle in reading and writing. With students enrolling from across the nation and abroad, continued on page 18
Following is a list of recent achievements by Chadron State College employees.

Dr. Tim Anderson, professor of business, is serving as an elected member and chairman-elect of the Board of Commissioners for the Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Commission of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, the accrediting association for business programs.

The Chadron State College Arboretum, under the direction of facilities coordinator Blair Brennan and horticulturist Lucinda Mays, was the recipient of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum’s 2010 Affiliate Site Award.

Dr. Kathy Bahr, professor of English, won the 2011 Frederick C. Luebke Award for outstanding regional scholarship. She won the award for her essay, “Collateral Damage: Veterans and Domestic Violence in Mari Sandoz’s ‘The Tom-Walker.’”

Ryan Baily, head track and field coach, was named this year’s Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Women’s Indoor Track and Field coach of the year.

Dawn Brammer, assistant professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, was elected president of the Nebraska Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance.

Dr. Mathew Brust, assistant professor of science, is credited for discovering a previously undocumented beetle that will be officially described. He also authored five scholarly works about insects that were published in professional journals.

Nancy Cairns-Pietrangelo, an adjunct faculty member for Social and Communication Arts, received the Presidential Gold Award for Community Service from President Barack Obama for her international works with UNICEF.

Dr. Laura Gaudet, chairwoman of Counseling, Psychology and Social Work, has been elected the post-secondary vice president for the Nebraska School Counseling Association for the second time.

Dr. Joyce Hardy, professor of science, was selected to serve as a peer reviewer for Higher Learning Commission accreditation. She has been training in the Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality and Pathways accreditation processes.

Michael Kennedy, journalism instructor and adviser, was elected the 2011-2012 executive director of the Nebraska Collegiate Media Association during its annual conference in April.

Deb Kuskie, food services office manager, was presented the Award of Excellence for Creative Dining Services for 2010-2011. The award is presented to one employee annually for excellence in attitude, initiative, service and performance.

Con Marshall, information services officer, was named the Chadron’s 2010 Citizen of the Year by the Chadron Record newspaper in January.

Pam Newberg, King Library head of technical services, presented two sessions at the Online Audio-Visual Catalogers Conference in Macon, Ga., in October 2010. The sessions were entitled Beginning Sound Recordings Cataloging and Realia Cataloging. She will be part of a panel presentation in June at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Dr. Shafiq Rahman, associate professor of communication arts, has authored a book that details challenges faced by Bangladeshis-Americans since 9/11. The book, “The Bangladeshi Diaspora in the United States after 9/11: From Obscurity to High Visibility,” has been published and profiles the Bangladeshi community in the United States.

Michele Rickenbach, assistant registrar, was named 2011 woman of the year by the Chadron chapter of the Business and Professional Women.

Maggie Smith-Bruehlman, Upward Bound program director, graduated August 2010 from the University of Wyoming with a doctorate in curriculum and instruction.

The Nebraska Alumni Association has honored Dr. Teresa Zimmerman, assistant professor of applied sciences, with its Young Alumni Achievement Award.

Sutliffe wins Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Jay Sutliffe, Chadron State College associate professor of family and consumer sciences, was recognized in April as the recipient of CSC’s annual Teaching Excellence Award.

Sutliffe has become known both as an energetic classroom instructor and for his involvement in community-wide efforts to promote health and wellness.

The winner of the award is nominated for the Nebraska State College System’s teaching excellence award and is the recipient of a $1,000 check from the Chadron State Foundation.
Chadron State College formally recognized its four most recent retirees during a luncheon in the Student Center in April. The annual event was conducted by Dr. Janie Park, CSC president and Dr. Lois Veath, CSC vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Ronald Burke, professor of economics, and his wife, Mary, an office assistant for CSC’s graduate programs. Both retired in summer 2010.

The other two retirees are Jack Caswell, a custodian in Memorial Hall, and Gary Muenchau, a technician for heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Dr. Janie Park, CSC president, presented a plaque to each of the honorees and thanked them for their years of service.

Information about each follows:

Mary Burke
Office Assistant II

Mary Burke retired as an office assistant for the Chadron State College graduate studies program in June of 2010. She joins her husband Ron among this year’s retirees who are being honored.

Burke began her employment at CSC in 1987 with a data entry position in the Reta King Library. The following year, she began working as an office assistant in the Graduate Program Office. Dr. Bruce Bartels was the first of five deans to whom she reported. The others were Dr. James Wright, Dr. Pat Colgate, Dr. David Welch and Dr. Margaret Crouse.

Prior to coming to CSC, she had been employed in the University of Minnesota’s Agricultural Economics Department and taught kindergarten at Sand Fork Public Schools and worked in its library.

Burke said she has enjoyed working with the variety of people, including “great faculty and fabulous deans” through the years.

“I have enjoyed getting to know so many people during this time. It seems that no matter where we go, we know somebody,” she said.

She attended the University of Minnesota, Glenville State College, West Virginia University and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies from Chadron State in 2001.

Burke has been involved in the Our Saviors Lutheran Church since moving to Chadron. Since retiring she has enjoyed spending time with family, including their six grandchildren.

Their family includes son Andrew of Kearney, Neb., son Robb, and his wife Jill, of Brookings, S.D., daughter Melissa Miskimins, and her husband Matt, of Chadron. The grandchildren are Kaylie, Brayden, Anika, Trinity, Jonathan and Tristan.

Dr. Ronald Burke
Professor of Economics

Dr. Ronald Burke has become one of Chadron State College’s most well-known faculty members during the past 23 years. He joins his wife, Mary, among this year’s honored retirees.

Burke arrived at CSC in August 1987 and stepped down from his post as professor of economics in July 2010. During that time, he served as the director of CSC’s Center for Economics Education.

Burke said the opportunity to teach economics and agricultural economics courses attracted him to CSC. He also liked the potential for research and community services, as well as the existence of the Center for Economics Education.

“I greatly appreciated the honesty, philosophy, vision and...”

— Mary Burke

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focus on high academic expectation of administrators and faculty of CSC during my campus visit in May 1987,” he said.

Burke’s work in the classroom has earned him the Burlington-Northern Teaching Excellence Award and the Outstanding Service to Chadron State College Award.

In addition, the Center for Economic Education received national affiliation with the National Council on Economic Education in 1997 and 2002.

He said students’ success on the economics portion of the national exit examinations conducted within the department is a source of pride.

Burke said he’s enjoyed teaching all his courses through the years, with some bias toward teaching the principles of micro, macro and survey economics, as well as agricultural finance and national agricultural policies.

He said the changes in his teaching discipline have been constant and dynamic with increased interest in economics by the general population. There also has been increased focus on the general environment and role of economics in solutions, positives and negatives, domestically and internationally.

Prior to coming to Chadron State, Burke worked one year as special assistant to the vice president of extension and public service for West Virginia University. His work experience also includes one year as visiting professor at Montana State University, 15 years as associate professor and director of the Community Development and Research Center at Glenville State College in West Virginia, and more than five years as research fellow and agricultural economist for the United States Department of Agriculture’s Economics Research Service at the University of Minnesota.

Burke is a native of West Virginia who graduated from Sand Fork High School in 1959. His degrees include a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and biology education, and a Master of Science in agricultural economics from West Virginia University in 1963 and 1964, respectively. He earned a doctorate in agricultural and applied economics from the University of Minnesota in 1970.

As retirement continues, he plans to travel, do consulting work, spend time with family and friends and complete home projects. His hobbies include gardening and lawn work.

Jack Caswell
Custodian

For those who have spent any time in Chadron State College’s Memorial Hall during the past decade, Jack Caswell is a familiar face.

Caswell, a custodian who has spent most of his years in CSC’s fine arts building before arriving on campus in 1997, is among this year’s retirees.

In addition to Memorial Hall, he’s had periods of service in the Student Center, the Nelson Physical Activity Center and Hildreth Hall.

In addition to common custodial duties, he has been called upon to help set up for the myriad of fine arts events in Memorial Hall. He said he’ll miss the people most.

“I’ve always considered the kids in the building to be like my kids and the people that work there are like family,” he said.

Caswell was born in England and is a native of California. He served one tour of rescue and salvage missions for the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He served on the USS Current ARS 22, a diver-class ship.

“Whenever someone got shot down, we’d go in at any time, day or night, to do whatever rescue and salvage work needed to be done,” he said. “We also did underwater salvage if ships lost gear or went down.”

In addition to his military experience, he has studied at Los Angeles Trade Technical College and Pasadena City College.

He said he was lured to Chadron by his brother David, another CSC employee. Before becoming employed at CSC, Caswell worked in roofing construction and for farm implement dealers. He also had worked in maintenance at Pacific University of California.

Caswell has been a leader in collective bargaining for CSC’s support staff employees, serving as a negotiator for the past four contracts.

He said one of the first orders of business during retirement is getting healthy. He recently had surgeries on both hands, and had encountered issues with his heart.

Caswell is married to Pamela. Their family includes son Stephen, and his wife Leslie, of Chadron, and daughter Andrea who lives in California. Stephen is a maintenance repair worker in the CSC boiler house.

Gary Muenchau
HVAC Technician

Gary Muenchau has become a familiar face across the Chadron State College campus, as he’s one of the two employees who respond when people run into heating and cooling problems.

Muenchau, who earned a biology degree from CSC in 1979, brought four years of construction experience to the job when he was hired as a groundskeeper in 1984. After two months, he began a two-year stint working on CSC’s plumbing. After that, he stepped into his current role, working on heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

During one six-year stretch of that period, he was the only employee specializing in HVAC on campus. That changed when Scott Kadlecek transferred to HVAC from another CSC position in 2001.

Through the years, Muenchau has seen the campus go from hand-valve pneumatic regulation to digital controls for its heating and cooling. During his time, the campus has expanded use of its unique wood-fired system, including the implementation of a chiller unit.

Muenchau said he’s most enjoyed being able to work across the campus and getting to know people in every building.

“I know people in every building. It’s nice to be able to walk in to their offices and say ‘We’re here to fix your stuff,’” he said. “I’ve really enjoyed my time here and am thankful for the opportunity.”

Muenchau is a Chadron native who graduated from Platte Valley Academy, an Adventist school in Shelton, Neb.

His family includes two grown sons, Christopher of Chadron and Anthony of Sidney. He said the benefits of working at CSC attracted him to applying when his sons were small.

—Justin Haag, CSC Information Services

Upcoming Events

CSC Golf Outing
Ashland Country Club in Ashland, Nebraska
August 5, 2011

Watch your mail for details or contact the Alumni Office 308.432.6366 or alumni@csc.edu

Check the website at www.csc.edu/alumni/events.csc for more detailed information.
Con Marshall has long been known for his knowledge of area history, his extensive records and his love of Chadron State College.

Marshall has drawn upon those resources for a new pictorial history about the college’s first 100 years.

Marshall, who served more than three decades as CSC’s director of information and sports information, spent much of the last year writing and compiling material for the project, which was built from a similar book he wrote for the institution’s 75th anniversary. The production of “Chadron State College: A Century of Service” has been among his many projects for CSC since stepping down from his director’s post in 2006.

In addition to the book’s extensive historical content, its glossy pages and many color photos are expected to make it an attractive “coffee table” piece. The book gives a decade-by-decade account of the institution’s past, from its humble beginnings to present.

The CSC book is one of two large publications that Marshall, the 2010 Chadron Record Citizen of the Year, has completed in the past 12 months. He also finished work last year on a book of Chadron history for the community’s 125th anniversary. Both books have been labors of love for his hometown and alma mater.

Marshall spent countless hours in completing the CSC book, but said it would have been a lot more of a challenge without having the first book as a starting point. The new book didn’t require a lot of “new” research, considering Marshall had compiled the last 25 years while covering CSC news and sports. He said interviews with alumni and former employees during that time helped him build on information about the institution’s early years.

Marshall said he did his best to include information about CSC’s most important developments, and hopes that the college’s most significant history is included the book’s 240 pages. In order to meet the publisher’s guidelines, thousands of words were cut from his original manuscript. Stories submitted from alumni were not included because of space restrictions, but are being incorporated to the CSC website.

Marshall noted that he received editing and proofreading assistance from many people during the book’s creation, including Dr. George Griffith, Sharon Jones, his wife Peggy and his coworkers in CSC information services.

“I often wonder if I have everything in it that needs to be there,” he said. “You hate to leave anything important out.”

Marshall said the 75th anniversary book has been a valuable tool for him during his work the past 25 years, and he hopes the new book will be an equally helpful resource for future generations.

“This publication will stand as a lasting legacy for the centennial and serve as an invaluable resource for countless people in coming years,” said Dr. Janie Park, CSC president. “We are extremely fortunate to have someone around with Con’s writing ability and knowledge of the institution.”

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The book was printed by Donning Company Publishers of Virginia Beach, Va. Copies may be purchased by calling the Alumni office at 308-432-6366 or by downloading the order form at the centennial website, www.csc.edu/centennial.

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The stake for the center section of the Administration Building was driven on June 15, 1910, after members of the State Board of Education chose the spot midway between Main Avenue and Bordeaux Street, about 500 feet from the north line, according to the Chadron Journal. H.M. Childs of York, president of the board, drove the iron stake as it was held by L.P. Ludden of Lincoln, the secretary.

1910's

1910 Chad was selected by the Nebraska Board of Education as the site for a new normal school during a meeting in Lincoln on January 8 on the 15th ballot.

1910 Joseph Sparks was selected as the school's first president.

1911 The first term of Nebraska State Normal School at Chadron began on June 5 with an enrollment of 111. Dedication of the Administration Building was on July 28.

1910 - 1916

1915 A women’s dormitory, later known as Sparks Hall, was opened on January 5. It cost $27,257.

1916 Robert I. Elliott was selected as the new president.

1916 By authority of the State Board of Education, the Bachelor’s Degree was granted.

1916 The second addition to the west end of the Administration Building was constructed and contracts for $52,195 were signed for the east wing in June.

1920's

1921 The school's first gymnasium, now known as the Miller Building, was completed at a cost of about $90,000.

1921 The first Homecoming took place.

1924 The C was placed on C Hill by T. A. E. Williams, a college mathematics professor and later the registrar.

1926 The “training school,” later known as the Hildreth Education Building, was constructed at a cost of $94,800.

1921 - 1929

1927 The Legislature gave additional authority to the teachers colleges to grant the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Fine Arts Degrees.

1929 The library was constructed and the Chadron Memorial Stadium Association was formed to raise funds for a football stadium, which opened that fall.

1930's

1932 Edna Work Hall opened. It cost approximately $100,000.

1938 Crites Hall opened in the fall at a cost of about $150,000.

1939 A civilian pilot training program was begun. In 1939 the Navy entered the pilot-training program, which officially became a part of the war effort in July.

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1940 Edwin Rouse served as acting president for 14 months.
1941 Dr. Wiley G. Brooks became president in May.
1949 The state colleges were allowed to offer liberal arts degrees and a measure officially designated the college as Nebraska State Teachers College at Chadron.

1950's
1954 Dr. Barton Kline was appointed president.
1954 Memorial Hall, which cost about $700,000, was officially opened in February.
1955 Property was purchased along the west side of the college as the location for married student housing units.
1955 The Normal Board allowed the state colleges to begin programs leading to Master of Science in Education and Master of Arts in Education degrees.
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1960's
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1961 The Campus Laboratory School, known as Chadron Prep, closed in May. It was announced that the junior high portion of the school would close in May 1962.
1963 The name of the college officially became Chadron State College.
1964 The Ross Armstrong Physical Education Building, costing $600,000, opened.
1965 Albert Kent Residence Hall opened, costing $1,225,000.

1970's
1966 The Lyle Andrews Residence Hall, costing $1.4 million, and the north half of the Campus Center, costing $757,000, opened. Also, a $450,000 addition was made to the Sheaman Heating Plant.
1967 Dr. Edwin Nelson was promoted from dean to president of Chadron State College.
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1980's
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2010-2016
As the enrollment at Chadron State increased during the late 1960s and early '70s, the college needed new dormitory space. The buildings, from left, are Kent Hall, High Rise and Andrews Hall. Kent Hall cost $1,225,000 and opened in 1964. Andrews Hall cost $1.4 million and opened in '66 and High Rise cost $1,870,614 and was completed in 1967.

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1970 The Science and Mathematics Building, costing $1.25 million, opened.

1971 The Industrial Education-Home Economics Building, later renamed the Donald Burkisser Technology Center, opened. It cost $1.4 million.

1973 The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools gave its approval for CSC to begin offering the Specialist in Education Degree.

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The Math and Science Building (top) and the Burkhiser Technology Complex were added to the Chadron State scene in the early 1970s to help give the college some excellent instructional facilities. Both are located on the eastern edge of the campus.

During spring break from college classes in 1981, these Chadron State students took a very active role in promoting the Activity Center by riding bicycles 460 miles to Lincoln to discuss the matter with state senators. The students, from left, are Laura Larsen, Wauneta; James Stewart, Omaha; Gene Stratton; Rhonda Hernandez, Scottsbluff; Casey Frye, Laramie, Wyo.; and Angie Koehler, Neligh. The balls Mohr and Frye are holding were signed by CSC students and given to senators as petitions supporting the project.

One of the more striking buildings ever erected at Chadron State is the Reta King Library. It was completed in 1967 following a lengthy wait to secure federal funding so it could be expanded from what the state had provided.

This is the way the 72,500-square foot Physical Education Activity Center at Chadron State looked in the spring of 1986 as it was nearing completion. The structure is located just west of Elliott Field.

When Gov. Bob Kerry visited Chadron State in January 1984 to discuss his proposed budget, he was greeted by signs such as this. The governor did not include funding for the Activity Center in his budget, and then vetoed the funding from the appropriations bill. However 31 senators voted to override the veto, and CSC, at long last, obtained the building.
One way to make sure the cafeteria served good food is to grow your own and have the coeds tend the garden. That's exactly what was taking place at Nebraska State Normal soon after the school opened in 1911.

Chadron Normal had a football team the first year the school was open. In front, from left, are Lester (Doc) Gibson and Harold Haas. In second row are Heaman Carmean, Guy (Chic) Coffe, Kenneth Naylor, Walter (Todd) Bowman, Kenneth Scovel, Paul Akert and Clece Childers. In the back are Vivian Lundmark, Lavergne Irwin, Throm, Edwin Hennessy, Allan Fisher and Coach Charles White. Records indicate the team won two games and lost one.

The stadium at Elliott Field had recently been completed when this photo was taken just prior to kickoff. The drive for the stadium began in 1929. Notice the position of the player holding the ball for the kicker.

Believe it or not, Chadron State Normal had a girls basketball team in 1917. The players, in front from left, are Orpha Carmean, Bess Remender and Marguerite Morrissey. In the back are Ruth Sweeney, Clair Gordon and Vivian Heiser. Bess Remender's grandson, Cactus Shumway, was a baseball player at CSC in the early 1970s and gave the Ivy Day oration in 1972.

These athletes gave Chadron State its finest hour in the sprints. Among their accomplishments was winning both the 880 and mile relays at the Nebraska College Conference Meet in 1958. Their mile time of 3:22.8 was a conference record. They are, from left, Virgil Meyer, Frank Ferguson, Keith Kyser and Dick Boness. Ferguson won the conference's 100-yard dash in 1957 while Meyer captured both the 100 and 220 in both 1958 and '59. All four are now members of the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame.

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This orchestra apparently was composed largely of students from the Campus Laboratory School in the mid-teens. Richard Yamdley, center, was the conductor. Some of the others can be identified. On the left in front is another Normal Music instructor, Roy Peterson. Behind him is Greydon Nichols, a long-time Chadron attorney. Margaret English is on the cello. Holding the violin in front is Frances Smith, granddaughter of Chadron's founder, Fannie O'Linn. Next to her in the stripped dress is Ruth Wilson, daughter of noted history professor E.P. Wilson. Another Wilson girl, Eleanor, is directly behind her. Evelyn Good, daughter of State Sen. Jimmy Good, is at the drums.

Edna Work Hall was opened Sept. 1, 1932, five months after the contract was awarded. It contained 104 beds and a dining hall to accommodate 200. It cost about $100,000. Six years later, Crites Hall, which is very much like Edna Work Hall, was constructed.

This photo of the Administration Building was taken in 1937, the year the college observed its silver anniversary, although the school was actually 25 years old in 1936. During the 1970s, Dutch elm disease necessitated removal of many of the trees that had been planted early in the college's history.
Chadron State College President Janie Park said the institution has made great progress in many areas during her five years as president, even though her tenure began with a string of bizarre incidents that brought unwanted national attention.

Park, the college’s first woman president who marked five years in August, has had numerous instances of trial by fire—figuratively and literally. In 2006, during her first year, a wildfire threatened the campus as it roared over the hills to the south. As CSC housed firefighters and served as headquarters for firefighting efforts, Park joined Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman and other officials for a press conference on the front steps of the Student Center.
Other peculiar occurrences early in her tenure included the disappearance of a math professor who was found dead in the hills south of campus months after his vanishing, a campus lockdown prompted by a group of Montana fugitives passing through the community, the stabbing death of a student near campus and a vehicle accident that seriously injured six members of the wrestling team.

“Each one tested our emergency protocols, helping us identify problems with each,” she said. “They were all learning experiences. Each one was unique. It seems there’s no end to the different kinds of emergencies. When you have an organization, such as a college, with this many employees and a couple thousand students on campus, you know that bad things will occasionally happen. There are just that many possibilities. On the other hand, there are that many possibilities for great things to happen.”

Park said the high points have far outnumbered the lows during her time at CSC, noting that many initiatives by the faculty, staff and students have brought positive change for the institution. Among the top achievements has been a steady growth of enrollment, which reversed a downward trend for the institution.

CSC has experienced incredible growth in its online offerings, and has been recognized for having the best buy of online Master of Business Administration degrees in the nation. The number of graduate students has more than doubled, as CSC personnel have worked to improve its offerings.

“Our online offerings have grown tremendously helping provide educational opportunities to students who can’t attend classes in Chadron,” she said.

Many other programs have charted incredible success. Park pointed out the programs related to agriculture, such as rangeland and wildlife management, which have grown from less than 20 students to more than 100.

“I’m glad that we are having so much success in that area, because it is the bedrock of the economy in this region,” she said.

CSC has received frequent affirmation of the quality of its programs, including high marks from the Higher Learning Commission during the reaccreditation process in 2007. In addition, CSC received recognition last year from national publications for its outstanding service to active military personnel and veterans.

Park also takes a lot of pride in the facility improvements and campus beautification efforts.

The most notable projects include improvements to two of CSC’s oldest structures. The first building ever constructed on campus, Old Admin, was renovated to become a state-of-the-art teaching facility. Also, Sparks Hall, which formerly consisted of apartments, was renovated and expanded to house Park’s office and a variety of other services.

CSC also has earned recognition for its efforts to be “green,” among them student projects and the implementation of landscaping to conserve water and further beautify the campus.

Park said she has enjoyed her involvement with Vision 2011, the Chadron State Foundation’s first-ever multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign. The campaign will result in more scholarships and new and improved facilities for athletics, rangeland management, wildlife management, veterinary science and rodeo programs. The effort is scheduled to wrap up this year as a highlight of the college’s centennial celebration.

CSC’s initiatives to improve the diversity of its student body are also paying off, with many students from other countries attending CSC as part of federal programs and signed memorandums of understanding with a number of eastern European institutions.

“We’ve more than doubled the number of international students on campus during my time here,” she said. “We’ve also increased the number of students who are participating in study abroad and study away programs that have broadened their perspective of the world.”

Park also values the importance of the NCAA Division II athletics program at CSC, and said she will continue to support efforts to make the Eagles even stronger.

“Athletics are a truly important part of our college,” she said. “Without our athletic programs and the coaches’ recruiting, our enrollment would suffer. Those programs are a big piece of who we are.”

Similar to presidents of colleges and universities throughout the United States, Park has led CSC during a time of increased operating costs and shortfalls in state funding.

“Budgets for institutions of higher education across the nation are continually under pressure, and Nebraska is no different,” she said. “Nebraska still values higher education and funds it at a level higher than many other states. Even though we’re not getting all of the funding we need from the state, we feel very fortunate that we are getting the funding that we are.”

She said the institution has retained an emphasis on keeping student costs low, despite the funding challenges.

“Even through the budget cuts, we have endeavored to keep our tuition as low as possible,” she said. “Considering the students we serve, we want to continue to be a college of access and opportunity.”

“It’s not all bad to look at your institution under budget constraints, but it’s always very difficult for everybody involved,” she said. “In our case, it resulted in some layoffs and unfilled vacancies, creating a difficult time for the institution. In some ways, I believe we’re stronger now because we have a better sense of what our focus should be.”

Park said she’s honored to serve as president during CSC’s centennial celebration this year.

“To be here at a time the institution is celebrating its 100th year of service has been something special,” she said.

Despite the evolution from a teachers college to a comprehensive college offering more than 70 programs of study with professional and liberal arts offerings, she said CSC’s primary task is not much different than it was in 1911 when its first classes convened.

“In many ways our mission hasn’t really changed,” she said. “Our mission has been to serve this region and the rural High Plains and we’ve done that service very well in the past 100 years.”

CSC’s array of online course and degree offerings are just another chapter of a storied tradition, she said.

“CSC has long delivered courses away from campus when it was needed,” she said. “In past decades, professors got in their vehicles and drove to other communities to teach courses. The mission to serve students away from campus has been simplified because courses can be delivered electronically.”

“It’s a campus of opportunity, and it provides higher education to this rural region around us,” she said. “It allows students to earn an education and get jobs that are important to this region. Some of them include teaching, health care, rangeland management and criminal justice.”

Park, a Texas native who came to CSC from Montana State University at Billings, said she and her husband have enjoyed living in northwest Nebraska.

“Chadron is a really fine community. It’s small enough that you can become acquainted with most of the people and I found that they were very welcoming and have stayed that way,” she said.

The small size of the community and sparse population of the region does present unique challenges, though, she said. As the population, including that of high school students, continues to decline in the region, college personnel must find ways to attract and serve students.

Transportation issues, including the recent discussion of eliminating federal funds to small airports, have an effect on CSC’s success.

“It would be hard to tell someone that we’re trying to hire that we don’t have an airport,” she said.

She said Chadron businesses, especially those that hire college students, are vitally important to CSC. She also cited the Host Parent Program — in which new CSC students become acquainted with area families -- as an example of the community’s outstanding support for its college.

“The community has been very supportive of the college, and I want the college to continue being very supportive of the community.”
Chadron State College has been selected to join a consortium of seven colleges that was awarded a $750,000 grant for its Kaleidoscope Project from the Next Generation Learning Challenges competition. The program is designed to serve at-risk students by using technology.

Dr. Lois Veath, CSC vice president for academic affairs, said the award puts CSC in select company, noting that only 30 of the 600 submitted applications were selected for funding. CSC is the only public master’s degree comprehensive institution in the consortium.

Designed and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, NGLC focuses on identifying and scaling technology-enabled approaches to improve college readiness and completion by addressing a continuum of interrelated issues spanning secondary and postsecondary education from grades six through college.

NGLC is led by Educause in partnership with The League for Innovation in the Community College, the International Association of K-12 Online Learning, and the Council of Chief State School Officers. In addition to funding, NGLC is gathering evidence about effective practices, and working to develop a community dedicated to these persistent challenges. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation helped design the NGLC, as well as fund the initiatives.

The Kaleidoscope Project will implement a fully open general education curriculum across the seven colleges that serve predominantly at-risk students. The project’s use of open educational resources will virtually eliminate textbooks costs as an obstacle to success for low-income students. It will also allow institutions to collaborate to refine and improve course content, closing the loop between course design and student learning outcomes by using premier open educational courseware designed through millions of dollars of grant money by leading universities in the United States.

Chadron State will design three courses in transitional reading, writing, and English composition that use open education resources to reduce costs to students and to serve place-bound learners through distance education. Prior to the new project, the courses were offered only in the residential setting on campus, thereby shutting out adult learners in CSC’s expansive service region who may not possess the basic skills to be successful in college.

The courses will include individual modules for specific skill sets that enable instructors to customize the learning environment to the needs of individual learners. The modules will also be used to increase the retention and success rate of learners who will attend a summer bridge program prior to their first fall semester at CSC.

In addition, Chadron State will pilot courses designed by other Kaleidoscope partners including fundamentals in chemistry and biology, transitional mathematics and geography. A total of nine courses will be developed, piloted and refined in the first wave of the NGLC.

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Students of Chadron State College’s education program deliver a presentation to their peers as one of their professional semester projects. Before graduating and entering the field, CSC students are subjected to the rigors of the professional semester, more commonly known as “block.” (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

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ing CSC even more accessible to those wishing to teach. Four years ago, a group from Sheridan, Wyo., approached the college about taking the entire elementary education curriculum there. Most of the courses can be taken through distance learning or online, but CSC professors also spend two weeks in Sheridan each summer offering methods workshops. This spring, 11 people who had been in the Sheridan program received bachelor’s degrees and four more earned master’s degrees from CSC.

“Sheridan approached us about this,” King noted. “There are other colleges that are closer, but they contacted us. Most of these students have taken two years at Sheridan College and then transitioned to us. They can’t say enough good about the program.”

Similar programs have been available in Scottsbluff and North Platte for nearly a decade.

Chadron State also offers a Post Baccalaureate Certification Program that allows those possessing a bachelor’s or master’s of arts degree to earn a teaching endorsement so they can teach on the secondary level. The participants must complete nine required education courses and then come to the campus in the summer for classes that meet three hours a day, five days a week for five weeks to form the professional semester, or block. The final phase is student teaching for a semester.

King said this summer’s contingent included 24 students.

Chadron State’s graduate program in education has also grown immensely the past six years, and has more than 221 majors.

“It’s bursting at the seams,” King said. “All those classes are online and it allows the students to take a class or two each semester while they are also teaching. The word is out that we’re a good deal cost-wise and they can get a quality education. It’s all about service and quality. That’s what we provide.”
A new agreement between Western Nebraska Community College and Chadron State College will help serve students pursuing a nursing career and community members seeking personal development.

WNCC President Dr. Todd Holcomb and CSC President Dr. Janie Park met in early May to sign two memorandums of understanding for the new partnership.

The agreements call for CSC to provide space and facility use in Chadron for WNCC to offer its Basic Nursing Assistant program to northwest Nebraska residents. WNCC also will provide non-credit continuing education and personal development courses in the Chadron area.

Park said the new agreement with the Scottsbluff-based institution will help serve an educational need in the northern Panhandle with courses that do not align with CSC’s mission. In addition to a Certified Nursing Assistant license, people will be able to tap the knowledge of other skilled community members – the courses may range in anything from cooking to basic computer operation.

“WNCC and Chadron State have long been partners in educating the region. Also, WNCC remains the largest source of transfer students for CSC,” Park said. “We appreciate Dr. Holcomb’s spirit of cooperation and look forward to helping put these exciting new offerings into action.”

Holcomb also said the partnership will be a valuable asset to the region. “WNCC is constantly looking for opportunities to collaborate with Chadron State College to better serve the entire Panhandle of Nebraska,” Holcomb said. “These bilateral agreements enable the expansion of course offerings in northwestern Nebraska, which furthers the mission of WNCC to assure learning opportunities for all.”

Dr. Lois Veath, CSC vice president for academic affairs, said the new agreement will help CSC’s health professions students to attain Certified Nursing Assistant license, which is required to job shadow at many health care facilities.

“In the past, the students have been required to go back to their hometowns or other communities to earn that certification,” she said. “It’s a huge service for our students and we’re delighted to be partners with WNCC. We can’t offer those courses, but we can provide the infrastructure and support for them to operate here.”

—Justin Haag, CSC Information Services

WNCC, CSC team up to offer nursing, community ed classes

Presidents Todd Holcomb, Western Nebraska Community College, and Janie Park, Chadron State College, sign the new memorandums of understanding as vice presidents Terry Gaalswyk, WNCC, Dale Grant, CSC, and Lois Veath, CSC, stand by. (Photo by Justin Haag)

Student newspaper named best in state

Chadron State College’s student newspaper, The Eagle, earned best overall newspaper and claimed runner-up honors for its website during the Nebraska Collegiate Media Association’s Golden Leaf Awards in April.

The Eagle’s strong showing was bolstered by 24 individual awards.

Kevin Oleksy of Chadron won seven individual digital medium awards, took first place for multimedia features and use of digital technology, and shared best site design honors with fellow staff member Vera Ulitina of Tula, Russia.

The Eagle staff won first place for series-special sections with its “Vancouver View” special section and took first place in the newspaper category for layout and design.

T.J. Thomson of Denver swept the top two places in the two-page, special spread design category and took first place in news photograph and sports photograph, second in feature photograph, and honorable mention in the continued on page 18
Brad Gamble said he “never dreamed” he’d be a national champion when he decided last summer to use his final year of track and field eligibility at Chadron State College, but it all worked out for him in March when the former standout at Eagle Valley High School won the heptathlon at the NCAA Division II National Indoor Track and Field Meet in Albuquerque.

Not only did Gamble win the grueling competition, which is made up of seven events, he scored 5,456 points to eclipse the national record that was set in 2009 by Camille Vanderdiessche of Abilene Christian by eight points.

“I guess you could say I had the best two of the best days of my life,” Gamble said. “I was able to do well in all the events and had several personal bests. It was fun. I’m still pretty happy about how things went.”

Although Gamble led the way indoors, four other Eagles earned All-American honors during the national meet.

Two of the honors came in the long jump, when junior Lanar Newman placed fifth in men’s competition at 23-6 ¼ and senior Julia Bayer was seventh among the women at 18-8 ½.

Karl McFarlane and Cody Hunt joined them a day later. McFarlane was third in the 60-meter hurdles in 7.96 seconds and Hunt was eighth in the shot put at 57-3.

The Eagles scored 21 points to rank among the top-20 teams and gained recognition at the national meet.

“Not only did Gamble win the grueling decathlon after eight events before eventually being passed by Central Missouri’s Brent Vogel, the same athlete whom Gamble clipped indoors.

Gamble scored 7,177 points to finish runner-up. The point total is a Chadron State record, breaking the old mark of 6,879 that was set in 1990 when Cory Shinkle placed third at the NAIA National Meet.

Other All-American’s included McFarlane in the 110-meter hurdles, Jessica Horsely in the women’s hammer throw and the 4x100 relay team of Jake Gruver, McFarlane, Brandon Segelke and Phil Rivera.

Horsley, a senior from Sheridan, Wyo., threw the hammer a career-best 189 feet, 1 inch at the national meet. Her previous-best was 187-11. She was the only one of the 17 entries to exceed her seasonal best during the national competition.

Just for good measure, Horsley hit 189-1 twice. The mark is a Chadron State record and is 20 feet, 3 inches farther than her top throw prior to this season.

McFarlane finished fifth in the 110-meter high hurdles and the men’s 4x100-meter relay team placed sixth.

The quartet was the first Chadron State relay team to qualify or place at a national meet since the 4x220-yard team was third at the NAIA National Meet in 1959. This year’s team set the school record in the 4x100 relay when it won the event earlier this month at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Meet in 40.50 seconds.

McFarlane’s time in the hurdles was 14.21 seconds.

McFarlane also ran on the Eagles’ relay team, which was timed in 41.10 seconds while placing sixth.

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Both Kevin McClelland and Moala Tautuaa represent the Chadron State men, while Lexi Smidt is on the women’s team.

McClelland, a junior from Long Beach, Calif., who was also placed on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Second Team, led the Eagles with 14.9 points per game, 2.3 assists and 1.16 steals.

Tautuaa, a junior from San Francisco and a two-time all-RMAC selection, was second on the team in scoring at 12.4 points a game and he was the team’s leading rebounder with 5.2. For the season, he shot a stellar 65.4 percent from the field (123 for 188).

Smidt, a sophomore from North Platte, paced the CSC women with 8.8 points per game and added 3.4 rebounds. She was also the team’s top 3-point threat, connecting on 53 treys.

Chadron State’s honor mention selections on the men’s team are senior Jan Burris (Los Angeles) and Ray Mitchell (New Orleans).

Marla Munsen (Hershey), Kelsey Scott (Douglas, Wyo.), Jazmyn Webster (Cheyenne, Wyo.) and Kada Williams (Green River, Wyo.) earned honorable mention on the women’s team.

Both Chadron State teams finished the 2010-11 seasons with 6-20 records.
Two Nebraskans and two Canadians who play for Chadron State College have been named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Softball Teams.

They are Katie Bolin and Jamie Mazankowski, both of Kearney, and Christina Lewis and Angela Jay, both of British Columbia. Bolin and Lewis were selected to the second team, while Jay and Mazankowski were placed on the third team.

Bolin, a senior outfielder, had one of the greatest offensive seasons in history at Chadron State after setting records for most home runs (17), RBIs (51), runs scored (46) and slugging percentage (.772). Bolin, who is also the career home run leader at CSC, finished the season ranked in the top 10 in nearly every RMAC category.

Lewis, a senior pitcher and designated player from Delta, British Columbia, finished with a .336 batting average and 10 home runs. She also had a 7-9 record in the circle. In addition, one of her pitching victories was a 5-inning no-hitter against the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Mazankowski, a senior shortstop, started more games than any other CSC player in history (190). She led all RMAC shortstops with a .409 average and 10 home runs. She also set two school records for highest seasonal average and most hits (63).

Mazankowski is also an accomplished scholar-athlete. She was placed on the RMAC’s All-Academic First Team and the District 7 First Team, as selected by sports information directors throughout the country.

Jay, a junior catcher from Victoria, British Columbia, only committed one error, despite playing all 47 games for Chadron State and 44 of those were behind the plate. She was second on the team with a .362 batting average and 11 of her 24 runs batted in came with two outs. She also laid down seven sacrifice bunts and stole a team-high six bases.

Chadron State ended the 2011 season 21-26 overall and 17-21 in the RMAC. It was the fourth straight season the Eagles won at least 20 games.

Four Eagles named to RMAC softball team

Natasha Marquis, a former graduate assistant at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, was hired as the 12th head volleyball coach since Chadron State added the sport in 1972 in early February.

Marquis, a native of King City, Calif., replaces Amy Spriuell, who resigned in November.

“We certainly had some quality candidates for the job,” CSC athletic director Brad Smith said. “It was a tough decision to make but we feel we have an excellent young coach in Natasha and I’m eager to see what she can do with our volleyball program.”

Marquis joined the UNK staff in the summer of 2008 and she helped guide the Lopers to three consecutive Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships. The Lopers also qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs three times and had a cumulative record of 96-12, including a 54-2 mark in the RMAC.

In 2010, UNK advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division II National Championship and ended the season ranked fifth in the final American Volleyball Coaches Association Poll.

Marquis is hoping her accomplishments as an assistant translate to success at Chadron State.

Smith named to RMAC Hall of Fame

Chadron State College’s Brad Smith has been elected to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, commissioner Joel R. Smith announced. The inductions will be Friday, June 24 in Colorado Springs.

Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m.

In addition, all 22 RMAC Coaches of the Year will be presented with their awards along with the J.W. Campbell/Con Marshall Award to the top Sports Information Director in the RMAC.

Tickets can be purchased for $50. A table of ten is $500.

Smith, the school’s current athletic director and former football coach, will join five other individuals – Gary Garner and Jim Kroh of Fort Hays State, Amy Miller Brammer of Mesa State, Sarah Parkey Meyer of Adams State and Al Rozman of Western State – and seven teams from Adams State in the 2011 class.

“I was truly blessed by great players and surrounded by great coaches during my time as the head coach at Chadron State,” Smith said this week. “It’s an honor to be in the RMAC and I’m privileged to be elected into its Hall of Fame.”

Smith’s coaching career has garnered him several awards. He was named the RMAC’s All-Time Football Coach at the conference’s centennial celebration in the summer of 2009 after having a career record of 133-56-1 at Chadron State from 1987 to 2004. He is the school’s all-time winningest football coach and each of his final 11 teams won at least seven games. Smith’s all-time winning percentage of .704 ranked seventh in Division II among coaches whose teams had played at least 150 games when he stepped down from that position at the end of the 2004 season.

He was the RMAC Coach of the Year in 1996 and 2001 and he shared it in 1999. He coached five conference championship teams and led the Eagles to the playoffs four times.

Smith will join two of his former players, Joe Planansky and Kevin Homer, in the RMAC Hall of Fame. They were inducted in 2005 and 2007, respectively.

As an administrator, Smith was influential in helping guide Chadron State from the NAIA ranks to NCAA Division II and the RMAC, a move that fully took effect in 1990. He also was heavily involved in the expansion of the stadium and press box at Elliott Field in the 1990s and helped start the Don Beebe Classic, Chadron State’s annual golf tournament that is held each May as a fundraiser for the CSC athletic program.

The 2011 Hall of Fame class was chosen by a committee comprised of Patti Arnold, Eric Danner, Marv Kay, Todd Kelly, Con Marshall, Joan McDermott, Sarah Meier, Larry Mortensen and Smith.
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students are exposed to discussion from a wide range of backgrounds.
She said the number of students between age 25 and 35 who are enrolling for courses at CSC is “exploding.” A specific area that has taken off is the online master’s degrees.
“Having the master’s degrees online makes sense. Most graduate students are adult learners who may be looking to advance in their careers,” she said. “Moving our programs online has allowed us to attract that audience. The beauty of online education is that it has made college accessible for more of those people who want to go back to school later in life.”

Internet delivery also has found popularity with the traditional-age college students.
“Even our on-campus students are choosing to participate in our online courses,” she said.
Many students enrolling at CSC have already taken online courses during high school, she said. Among students who find the courses convenient are those with hectic work schedules and athletes who spend time traveling and in practice.

During nearly 15 years of offering courses on the Internet, CSC has not only seen an increase in enrollment and offerings, but also competition from other education providers.
“The competition is fierce,” Carey said.
More than 3,000 for-profit colleges and universities throughout the United States, many of which have robust online programs. Those institutions generate $12 billion of revenue annually.
“A lot of these institutions recognize the isolated rural areas of the Midwest and are actively mining our service region for students,” Carey said.
CSC has an advantage in that it’s less expensive than most for-profit universities. Carey noted that a degree from an established institution such as CSC will be more highly regarded by employers than one from a place regarded as a “diploma mill” – especially if the other institutions haven’t obtained the same rigorous accreditation standards. Students who enroll at CSC also will enjoy more attention from faculty and staff than that of many other institutions.
“You are not just a number, you are a person at Chadron State,” she said. “That’s a huge competitive advantage.”

“The admissions office has done a phenomenal job pounding the pavement in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado to maintain our on-campus enrollment,” Carey said. CSC’s success in stabilizing the on-campus enrollment has helped it venture into the online market.
While some CSC on-campus students would like to take only Internet courses, Carey said advisors encourage them to study in a traditionally classroom setting. After all, that’s why they enrolled at Chadron.
“Even though residential enrollments still remain the foundation of Chadron State College, with the overall growth of online programs, it is reasonable to expect that significant growth at CSC will also come from online programs,” she said.
More information about CSC’s online offerings may be found at www.csc.edu.

Three Eagle golfers land on RMAC All-Academic teams

Three Chadron State College women’s golfers were selected to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic First and Second Teams.

Allison Rowden was a unanimous selection to the first team, while Alissa Peterson and Caitlin Parker joined the second team.

Rowden, a junior from Broken Bow, who has a 3.82 grade point average in physical education, was the Eagles’ top golfer after averaging 87.9 strokes per 18 holes last season. She had one top 10 finish and shot a low round of 76.

Peterson, a senior from Lusk, Wyo., with a 3.52 GPA in business administration, is a three-time all-academic selection. She averaged 88.6 strokes during four RMAC tournaments and had a low round of 82.

Parker, a senior from Rock Springs, Wyo., with a 3.43 GPA in math education, is also a three-time all-academic selection. She averaged 92.0 strokes during four RMAC tournaments and had a low round of 82.

With the addition of both Ashley Kurtz and Heater Lutter on the RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll, Chadron State has the most selections of any conference school.
As a team, the Eagles finished seventh in the RMAC, guided under first-year coach Terri Connealy.

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“I’m really excited for the opportunity and I appreciate the support I’ve received,” she said. “I truly enjoyed everyone I met while in Chadron. It’s going to be a great atmosphere and I’m looking forward to all the potential this team has.
“I want to get back to the basics and I see a lot of passion in these girls. This is a great situation because the quality these girls possess. I’m excited to see where our strengths lie because I know we have them, and then we can tackle our weaknesses one at a time.”

Marquis inherits a squad with 10 returning letter winners. In 2010, the Eagles had a 2-24 overall record.
“I’m really hoping to help establish a new culture for the team,” she said. “There is a lot of potential and a lot of great things can happen and I hope I can help steer us in the right direction.”

She also said she’ll emphasize hard work in the classroom.
“Academics are the biggest thing to me,” she said. “I want kids who are strong academically because you need to be a student before you’re an athlete and that’s important in Division II. I want to help these girls gain success for life after volleyball.”

In addition to her coaching duties at UNK, Marquis was an assistant coach for the Nebraska Gold club team and was an assistant director and coach for the Lopers’ summer volleyball camps.
She had a solid collegiate career as a right side and middle hitter at Division I Albany (N.Y.) for two years after playing two seasons at Butte College in California.
For the Albany Great Danes, Marquis was part of a program that won 44 matches in 2006 and 2007.
At Butte, she hit .319 and averaged 2.44 kills per game as a sophomore, helping the Roadrunners win a second straight Golden Valley Conference title.

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spot news-hard news category.
Ultima took first place in the newspaper division’s feature photograph category and Oleksy took first place in the headlines category and third place in the spot news-hard news category.
Sara Labor of Hot Springs, S.D., finished second for headlines.
Savanna Wick of Mitchell was second place in page-one layout and design.
Julie Davis of Denver earned honorable mention for sports story while Kinley Q. Nichols of Littleton, Colo., earned honorable mention for sports photograph.
The awards were selected by professional journalists and multi-media specialists from outside the state.

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Award for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

James Martin ‘59, Omaha, received the Cornerstone award.

Rochester, dentistry.

Dick Jeffers ‘57, Valentine, was elected to the Nebraska Coaches Association as the boys track coach of the year.

Lila Gudgel ‘70, Grand Island, retired after working 24 years with the Grand Island School District.

Torrington, Wyo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rusty Belina ‘64, Hay Springs, ran two more 26-mile, 385-yard races in 2010. This brings his total to 64 races in 12 years. He ran the London Marathon and plans to run the Boston Marathon.

Faye Boyles ‘67 and Melvin Boyles att. ‘63, Mullen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Gene LeMaitre ‘68 BS ’78 MA, Gillette, Wyo., will have completed 42 years of teaching in June 2011. He and his wife Barbara now have 11 grandchildren.

Mark Overman ‘69, Scottsbluff, is the new chief deputy sheriff for Scottsbluff County.

Colleen Harvey ‘69, Chadron, is retiring after 41 years in the education field.

Kathy Lowe ‘70 BS ’97 MS, North Platte, retired in May 2010 after 40 years in the North Platte Public Schools.

Lila Gudgel ‘70, Grand Island, retired after working 24 years with the Grand Island School District.

Vince Peister ‘71, Hastings, was recognized by the Nebraska Coaches Association as the boys track coach of the year.

Ken Griffith ‘71, MS ’75 Guernsey, Wyo., was elected president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Lynell Stillwell ‘71, Gordon, will be retiring from Hyannis Area Schools this spring after 19 years in the system.

Gregg Luebe ‘72, Mitchell, retired after 38 years of teaching and coaching.

Richard Wheatley ‘72, Omaha, retired as a minister but is back to being a part-time intern minister at the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Neb. He also is driving motor coaches part-time for Arrow Stage Lines in Omaha.

Robert Mueller ‘72, Chambers, retired in May 2011.

Richard Scott ‘73, Sidney, retired after 37 years of teaching, coaching, and administration in Sidney.

Rita Keller ‘73, Wayne, is retiring at the end of this school year after teaching for over 30 years.

Sharon Schaub ‘74, Westminster, Colo., retired in 2009 from being a special education teacher.

Steve Nelson ‘74, Alliance, received the “Volunteer of the Year” award from the Nebraska Sports Council for his work with the Cornhusker State games torch run.

Tim Keller ‘75, Wayne, celebrated 30 years in the banking industry.

Terry Pueblo ‘75, Joplin, Mo., is going on a medical mission trip to Haiti.

Edward Haagenson ‘75 BS ’81 MS, Scottsbluff, retired from teaching drivers education at Western Nebraska Community College. He taught the class for 28 summers and drove over 3,000 students.

Dave Wiedeman ‘76 BS ’84 MS, Dalton, retired from Leyton Public Schools in May 2010.

Mike ‘76 and Barbara (Beierman) McNutt ‘77 BA, ’86 MS, Gillette, Wyo., will be going on tour with the Gillette Chamber Singers this summer in Ireland. This will be their 5th overseas tour with the group.

Jerene Kruse ‘76, Albion, was awarded the Nebraska Teacher’s Association Nebraska Art Educator of the Year for 2010-11.

Gail ‘77 and Cyndi (Mondle) Moravek ‘77, Shoshoni, Wyo., are retiring after 30 years of teaching at Shoshoni Schools.

Craig Pease ‘78, Ashland, will retire from being the superintendent for 31 years.

Pat Cordell ’79, Gothenburg, joined the Gothenburg State Bank as a loan officer.

Michael Montgomery BS ’80, MS ’84, SE ’87, Leigh, received his doctor of education degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in December 2010. He is the superintendent of Leigh Community Schools.

Monica McGowan ’80, Lakeville, Minn., is the master bell technician at her business Ringing Restorations. She also works at the International Music Camp where she coordinates and expands the hand bell program. She will celebrate her 30th teaching anniversary with husband Joe in September.

Edward Katen ‘80, Glenrock, Wyo., retired after 31 years of teaching.

Eunice Howard ’80, Ainsworth, retired after 42 years of teaching. She now volunteers and plays for the Senior Center Kitchen Band, which sells CDs and video tapes.
Nancy Elwell ‘82, Seward, was recently promoted to associate professor of psychology at Concordia University.

Robert LeMasters ‘83, Riverton, Wyo., was voted Riverton School District Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Sheryl Carson ‘83, Manhattan, Kan., will join the staff of the K-State Research and Extension Kearny County Office as a family and consumer sciences agent.

Katrina Eicher ‘84, Elizabethtown Ky., is the communication department coordinator at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College where she is a professor and faculty representative on the Board of Directors.

Jim English ‘85, Torrington, Wyo., is the president of Wyoming High School Activities Association.

Brett Baker ‘85, Grand Island, was presented a professional award as the city administrator/clerk/ economic development director from the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association.

Cheni Khonje ‘86, Dunkirk, N.Y., received her master’s degree in microbiology and then went to Princeton Theological Seminary where she was ordained and is now a pastor of First United Presbyterian Church.

Thandi Khonje ‘86, Boomfield, N.J., is a registered neonatal and metabolic dietitian at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, N.J.

Juanita Shrader ‘87, Fort Myers, Fla., has taught for 25 years as a teacher and librarian at Fort Myers Christian School.

Thomas Schwarten ‘87, Lincoln, was named the new Lt. colonel administrative assistant of the Nebraska State Patrol.

Rod Miller ‘87, Omaha, ran the Market-to-Market relay with six other Omaha Public Power District employees. They had a time of 12 hours.

Sheryl Cardon ‘87 BS ‘95 MS, Deerfield, Kan., works for K-State Research and Extension which involves educational programs and projects for youth such as 4-H.

Jeff Tomlin ‘88, Grand Island, was named the Nebraska Danger’s offensive/defensive line coach. The Danger are part of the indoor professional football league.

Jennifer Tomka ‘89, Lincoln, Matthew Kanarick ‘89, Melbourne, Fla., and Mary Tiensvold ‘95, Rushville, placed third in the 4th annual Polar Bear Tank Race held outside Mullen, Neb.

‘90s

Peggy Adam ‘90, Odell, retired after 21 years or working for the State of Nebraska as a probation officer.

Shawn DeGaugh ‘92, Douglas, Wyo., retired and sold his company. He now consults for oil companies.

John Freudenberg ‘92, Lincoln, was appointed as the battalion operations officer for the 377th MI BN.

Jim Varvel ‘93, Hay Springs, was named president of the Hay Springs branch of Security First Bank.

Keri Homan ‘99, Scottsbluff, is the new principal at Morrill Elementary School.

‘90s

Taurina Smith ‘00, Springfield, Mo., received a master of divinity degree from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary.

Lloyd Spangler ‘00, Norfolk, retired in January 2011.

Chriissa Luckow ‘01, Crookston, started working at AgCountry in Aug. 2009 as a records specialist doing bookkeeping for farmers. She and her husband have a small grains and sugar beet farm and have one child, Zander, who is three and half years old.

Boone Huffman ‘01, Chadron, is the owner and operator of Ash Creek Outfitters.

Vincent Ryan ‘01, Chadron, has become a shareholder and partner in Fred A. Lockwood & Co., P.C.

Kimberly Mashek ‘01, Fort Collins, Colo., is an accounting tech III at Colorado State University.

Nathan Gortemaker ‘02, is one of two new sheriff deputies in Milford.

Dadrea Rabeler ‘02, Dillingham, Alaska, is a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation’s department of public safety and was the recipient of the Indian Country Police Officer of the Year Award.

Jeff Pieper ‘02, Mitchell, was promoted as the president of Pinnacle Bank, Mitchell Branch.

Dustin Wilkie ‘03, Grand Island, has been promoted to major for the National Guard flight facility.

Jacob Charvat ‘03, Omaha, works for the Omaha Fire Department as a firefighter and paramedic. He and his wife Amy have two children, Connor and Emma.

Dan Bruner ‘03, Spearfish, S.D., has been employed by Walmart for 12 years and has been promoted to a market human resource manager covering seven stores in South Dakota.

Linda ‘Smith’ Lacy ‘04, Ashby, remarried in 2005 to Cal Lacy. She is the director of the Panhandle Visual Arts Program where she has served over 50 rural schools. She is currently serving Gordon-Rushville schools as the resident artist.

Jennifer (Koza) Dorwart ‘04, Sidney, joins the Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce and the High Plains Compass staff. She is also the Sidney High School cheer team coach and coaches the Special Olympics team.

Zane Limbach ‘05, Crawford, was announced as the new vice president at Sandhills State Bank.

Tawyna Teter ‘05, Lovell, Wyo., was named the 2010-2011 Wyoming Counselor of the Year.

Thomas Pratt ‘05, North Platte, is keeping the family tradition and opening his own dental office.

Heather Russell ‘05, Chadron, will join her mother’s massage therapy business as a massage therapist.

Adam Wells ‘06, Omaha, graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Medicine as an M.D. in May 2010.

Jacqueline Wells ‘06, Omaha, began her family practice rotation in May 2010.

Jas Bains ‘06 MS, Gunnison, Colo., is the new head football coach at Western State College. He spent five seasons coaching at Chadron State, with the final three as special teams coordinator and defensive secondary coach.

Tony Case ‘07 MS, Gunnison, Colo., is the new offensive assistant football coach for Western State College. He coached the offensive line at Chadron State from 2005-2007.

Maura (Bronte) Pfeifer BA ‘08, MS ‘10, Dickinson, S.D., was hired as the head volleyball coach at Dickinson State University.

Barrett Hahn ‘09, Aurora, was hired as a staff accountant to the Almquist, Malzahn, Galloway and Luth CPAs in Grand Island.

Del Ray Kraupie ‘09, Bridgeport, is a steer wrestler and hazed for champion Dean Gorsuch at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Emily Hudson ‘10, Wauweta, is the new family and consumer sciences teacher, Art teacher, and assistant volleyball coach for Wauweta-Palisades schools.

Alisa Keener ‘10, Scottsbluff, was named the extension office’s new 4-H assistant.

Ryan McDonough att. ‘10, Gunnison, Colo., is the new part-time game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Western State. He coached football at Chadron State the last two seasons.

Mike Aimone ‘08, Gunnison, Colo., is the defensive line and strength coach at Western State. Mike coached football at Chadron State in 2009.

Marriages

‘80s

Monte Zillinger ‘87 and Linda Shea, were married July 11, 2009. Monte was recently promoted to director of police training, Burlington Northern, Santa Fe Railway. The couple lives in Euliss, Texas.

‘90s

DoAnn Holm ‘01 and Heath McDonald were married Nov. 2009. The couple lives in Maywood.

Scott Kuester ‘01 and Kristan Peters were married March 26, 2011. The couple lives in Lincoln.

April Jorgenson ‘03 and Casey Carnahan were married Oct. 10, 2009. The couple lives in Gretna. April is an accounting assistant with Schnackel Engineers in Omaha, and Casey is a supervisor with LifeCom in Omaha and is a member of the Gretna volunteer fire department.

Garrett Frei ‘04 and Amber Wondercheck were married June 26, 2010 in Sidney. The couple lives in Gillette, Wyo., where Garrett is employed with the State of Wyoming as a sales tax examination analyst.

Melanie Caroselli ‘04 and Quincy Pryor were married Aug. 14, 2010. The couple lives in Westminster, Colo.

Samantha Fedderson ‘05 and Bryan Grimes were married Aug. 15, 2011. The couple lives in Hemingford.

Melissa Barlow ‘05 and Ryan Sestak were married Dec. 21, 2010, in Scottsbluff. The couple resides in Perkins, Okla., where Ryan is a pipeline controller at Blue Knight Energy Partners and Melissa is a certified personnel/payroll clerk at Stillwater Public Schools.

Annalee Margheim ‘05 and Ryan Swenson were married July 24, 2010. Ryan is a chiropractor and...
Annalene is a family and consumer science teacher at Dakota Middle School. The couple lives in Rapid City, S.D.

Toni Mathewson ’05 and Daniel Warburton were married Oct. 2, 2010. The couple lives in Scottsbluff.

Ashlea Olson ’06 and Jason Jepsen were married June 7, 2008. The couple lives in Chappell.

James Mann ’06 and Kelly Neff were married March 24, 2011. The couple lives in Omaha.

Tiffany Culek ’06 and Ryan Johnson were married April 10, 2010. The couple lives in Kimball.

Amy Blehm ’07 and Spencer Lease were married Aug. 7, 2010 in Scottsbluff. Both are employed as elementary school teachers for the Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Renée Roes ’07, and Tim Collins MS ’08 were married July 3, 2010. The couple lives in Rapid City, S.D.

Benjamin Schuckman ’07 and Megan Pelton ’08, were married Jan. 2, 2010. Benjamin is a merchandise supervisor at Walmart in Omaha and Megan is a medical student at UNMC in Omaha.

Stacy Robison ’08 and William Simco were married July 10, 2010. The couple lives in Casper Wyo.

Jaime Balzan ’08 and Matt Hazen ’08 were married Dec. 31, 2010. The couple lives in Forest Grove, Ore.

Felipe Cecilio ’08 and Amanda Owens ’08, Sioux City, Iowa, were married Sept. 13, 2008. Amanda is a nurse for Mercy Hospital and Felipe is the manager of yard operations for Union Pacific Railroad.

Craig Calkins ’08 and Rebecca Soule current student, were married in 2009. The couple lives in Pullman, Wash.


Kristi Corey ’08 and Micah Johnson ’09 were married Sept. 18, 2010. The couple lives in Alliance.

Christopher Craig ’09 and Amber Flaming were married June 26, 2010 in Sidney.

Whitney Rickard ’09 and Skyler Bennett were married Aug. 8, 2009. Whitney is a special education teacher at Green River High School in Green River, Wyo., and Skyler is employed with West Plains Grain Inc. in Chadron.

Sammie Rinehart ’09 and Dusty Ginsbach ’09 were married June 26, 2010 in Chadron. Dusty is attending law school at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D., and was selected as the only 1st year law student for a graduate assistant position.

Katie Ringleman ’10 and Virgilio Villeda ’10 were married June 5, 2010. The couple lives in Columbia, Mo.

Benjamin Rodenburg ’10 and Stephanie Solowski ’10 were married Aug. 14, 2010 in Chadron.

Nikki Arner ’10 and John Darling were married June 5, 2010. The couple lives in Chadron.

In Loving Memory

Future Eagles...

‘90s

Isaac Uhrich to Roxanne (Jackson) Uhrich ’95, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Logan Fedon to Sally (Patrick) Fedon ’99 and husband, Glenmore, PA, May 2010. He joins brother Caleb.


‘00s

Daniel Christopher to David and Tamara (Streeks) Holdsworth ’00, Batesville, Texas, Oct. 22, 2010. He joins big sister Hiary.

Jace Knifong to Aaron and Billie (Grant) Knifong ’00, Canon City, Colo. He joins older brother Jackson, Oliver Lathan to Jenny (Publow) Beel ’01, Johnstown, adopted Mar. 28, 2011. He joins sister Olivia.

Tyler James to Bradley and Emily (Pieper) Hall ’01, Parker, Colo., Dec. 29, 2010.

Madeleine Elizabeth to Matthew ’01 and Stephanie (Sanner) Summers ’01, David City, Sept. 8, 2010. She joins big sister Natalie.


Myrah Beatrix, Aug. 19, 2010, and Addilyn Colbie, Feb. 26, 2010, to Brett ’01 and Lindy (Kingsbury) Foley ’01. Lindy received her masters in educational administration from UNL in May and was selected as the Nebraska Department of Education Employee of the Year. Brett received his Ph.D. in educational psychology from UNL and was elected president-elect of the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association.

Chance Richard to Jason ’01 and Brianne (Freeman) Moudry ’02, Hemingford, April 19, 2010. He joins Allisson and Grady.

AnnaKra Rowley to Kelly and Amanda (Collins) Rowley ’02, Chadron, Jan. 12, 2010.

Natalie and Trigg adopted from Russia to Russell and Marcie (Sprenger) Adels ’02, Sterling, Colo., June 2010.

Lucas Roberts to Katie ’02 and Josh Diggins ’09, Mar. 24, 2011. Katie is a former staff member at CSC as well.

Cora Simpson to Jason ’02 and Theresa (Cool) Simpson ’06, Morrison, Colo., Dec. 26. Joins siblings Parker and Riley.

Cody Dean to Chris and Jayme (Leever) Hallman ’03, Scottsbluff, June 3, 2010. He joins big sister Milissa.

Julia Kleinsasser to Don ’03 and Kristi (Satterthwaite) Kleinsasser ’04, Elba, Neb.

Caroline Elizabeth to Melissa and Thomas Pratt ’04, Mar. 29, 2011.


Madalyn Patricia to Brandon ’04 and Angela (Meiergerd) Peterson ’04, North Platte, Jan. 20, 2010.

Twins Paige Adelyn and Collin Reed to Aaron and Karl (Yow) Scheper ’04, Lincoln, Dec. 20, 2010.

Aivree Jayne to Jason and Ashlea (Olson) Jepsen ’06, Chappell, Feb. 18, 2010.

Noah Jean to Philiph ’06 and Alicia (Longe) Parks ’06, Columbus, Jan. 17, 2010.

Malachi to John ’09 and Stacy Girard ’09, Chadron, Apr. 12, 2011.

‘01s


‘90s


Larry Butzline ’62, Alliance, died Apr. 25, 2011.

Nedra Lopez ’63, Gering, died May 6, 2010.

John Beiber ’64, Alliance, died Dec. 18, 2009.

Donna Mapel ’65, Palmdale, Calif., died March 10, 2011.


Ione Belde ’69, Bayard, died Feb. 18, 2011.

‘70s


Derald Morgan ’71, Alliance, died Mar. 5, 2011.


Peggy Turner ’72, Bakersfield Calif., died Apr. 1, 2011.

Joseph Adams ’73, Everett, Ark., died May 5, 2011.

Donald Parsons ’73, Rapid City, S.D., died April 18, 2011.


Kent Elwin Frost ’76, Overton, died Feb. 10, 2011.


‘80s


Kimberly Peters ’81, Scottsbluff, died Feb. 27, 2011.


Grant Campbell ’88, Hemingford, died May 27, 2010.

‘90s

Tyrel Grafford ’00, Ogallala, died April 17, 2011.

Chad Mason ’02, Henderson, Nev., died March 30, 2011.
Homecoming at Chadron State College is always a special time, and the one marking CSC’s 100th anniversary will certainly be no exception. Many CSC alumni have fond memories of the spirit rally, the lighting of the C, the coronation and a bed sheet decorating contest. This year, those events will lead up to a day for the ages.

Friday Night Dinner
The Chadron State Foundation Annual Trustee Vision 2011 dinner will have a limited number of seats available for purchase at $40 per plate. Please call our office to make your reservations.

Eagle Run
The annual 5k road race will get the activities going, as runners and walkers pace their way through a scenic route. For more information, contact Ashley Dent, 308-432-6392, adent@csc.edu. Time: TBA.

Centennial Parade
Join the horde of bands, floats, and student groups as they make their way along Chadron’s picturesque Main Street beginning at 10 a.m. This year’s theme, “A Century of Service,” calls upon people to create floats and other entries that relive the big events of Chadron State’s past and display its unique characteristics. To ensure a spot in the parade, contact Aaron Rutt, Blue Key sponsor, 308-432-6223, arutt@csc.edu

Pregame Party
The big event! The parade route is being reversed this year so it will end at the CSC campus, where a wide array of activity will await fans of the Eagles. Dine in true north-west Nebraska style as band music fills the air and children partake in games organized by CSC students. Live eagles from the Raptor Education Foundation will be displayed and tour guides will be on hand to show people around campus. Groups, organizations and businesses that would like to reserve a plot on the Dean’s Green may call Shellie Johns, conferencing coordinator, 308-432-6380, sjohns@csc.edu.

Dedication of Centennial Statue and Plaza
Take a moment at 12:30 p.m. to help formally honor two new features to its campus – a statue east of Old Admin and the Centennial Plaza on the Dean’s Green.

The Big Game
Head to Don Beebe Stadium where the Eagles will add another installment to Elliott Field’s storied history. The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference clash with the Colorado State-Pueblo ThunderWolves will begin at 1:30 p.m. Also, be sure to catch the Eagles’ volleyball team as it takes on the Regis Rangers and Metro State Roadrunners during matches in Armstrong Gym on Friday and Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

Come Together
Get together with fellow Eagle fans and coaches for the traditional postgame gathering at the Country Kitchen Restaurant. Later in the evening, the Alumni Office will host a social event downtown for alumni to become reacquainted.

Alumni Concert
Join with alumni to enjoy the many talents that have filled Memorial Hall through the years. Former Chadron State musicians will reunite to present a concert. A public reception is scheduled prior to the concert. Musicians are encouraged to contact Adam Lambert, band director, 308-432-6322, alambert@csc.edu. Time: TBA.

Boom! That’s 100
A celebration of this caliber deserves a fitting ending. As the day’s events wind down, join members of the CSC community as a top-notch fireworks display will brighten the Chadron sky. Time: TBA.

Other homecoming and centennial events
Chi Omegas reunite for Homecoming 2011. For information contact Sharon Bartlett at sharon_bartlett@chadronschools.net. Centennial Rodeo and Reunion, Sept. 9-11; “Carnegie to Sandoz: History of a Building,” exhibit at Sandoz Center, opens Sept. 20; Centennial Piano Concert, TBA; Winter Commencement, Dec. 15, 6 p.m., Armstrong Gym.

Check Chadron State’s Centennial website, www.csc.edu/centennial, as details and other events emerge.