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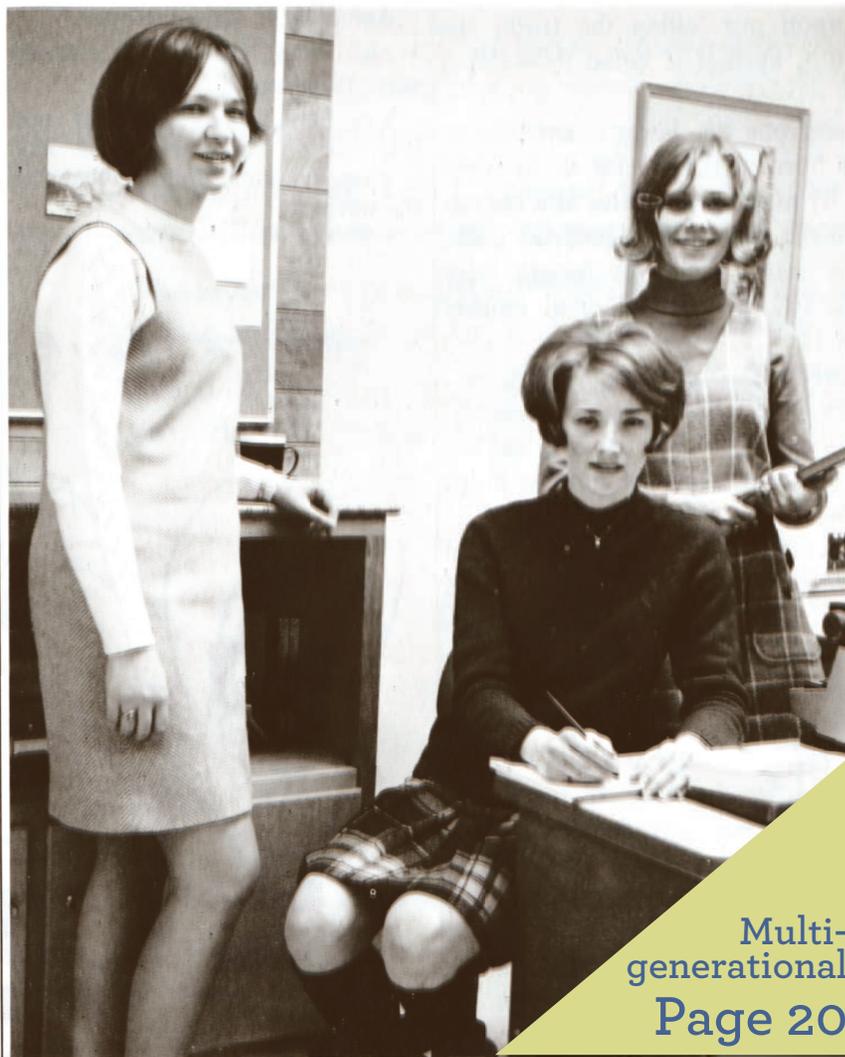
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From the Alumni Association President

Dear Friends and Fellow Alums,

It's hard to believe another year has passed so quickly. The 2014 commencement was suddenly upon us and gone again like the teasing of spring weather that we had, or perhaps it blew by with our famous winter wind!

There were many activities on campus and the alumni were eager participants in many of them. The biggest recent event, of course, was the annual commencement ceremony with a record number of graduates participating and marching from the largest graduating class in the history of the college. It was an eclectic and diverse group with ages ranging from 17 to 61. (One student graduated CC a week before graduating from high school!) The CC Alumni Association was again proudly represented by the staff and several board members. We provided souvenir frames for each graduate, helped collect donations for the class gift of scholarships for next year, provided souvenir t-shirts for the donors, and helped to welcome the newest graduates to the "club" of Casper College Alumni at the close of the proceedings.

Inside this issue you will find a lot more exciting news about past, current, and upcoming events, including our CC Alumni Fall Gala where we will honor the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus, Matteo Pistono and Commitment to Excellence recipients, William Hambrick and John and Jane Wold.

There is also a great cover story about the *Essence of Rex* statue donated by Marialyce Tobin. This true giant of a display is a spectacular event all by itself, and you should look forward to attending its dedication in August, which should be another terrific occasion. Speaking of occasions, don't forget to come to "Wednesday Night Live" at the Nicolaysen Art Museum this summer, as once again we help sponsor the season finale of this popular summer concert series.

Thanks to the many donations we have received and good earnings on those invested funds, we will be able to grant several scholarships again this year. We hope many of you will remember your alumni association in your gift giving.

Your association stays very busy and I am proud and honored to help represent you as president.

Mike Stepp ('80)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Stepp".

President

Casper College Alumni Association, 2013-'15

Don't forget to write (...call, email or post on Facebook)

It's vital we have your best contact information so we can keep you updated regarding Casper College activities. We are in the middle of a major update of our database. If your mailing label on this issue is incorrect or you are receiving multiple copies of Footprints, **let us know!** Update online, call us, send an email, or use snail mail. It's okay to use the postage paid envelope in the center of the magazine.



Letters to the Editor

I just received the winter edition 2014 of "Footprints" and was saddened to learn of the passing of Flynn Robinson, Joyce Adami, Bernie Lensmeyer, Rich Hubbard, and Bertha Davidson. I'll admit that over the years each of them had slipped away from my active memory. But in reading their names, I recalled moments when we shared experiences that crafted the person that I eventually became. They are friends that I will truly miss.

I am impressed with the evolution of "Footprints" into a quality product that I'll keep as the articles, poems, and recollections are very moving. I have family in Buffalo but admit that when I make that trek, I slow down because of the state patrol and make a brief stop at the Flying J before continuing onward. Now you have awakened a curiosity about how Casper College has grown, changed, and become an institution of regional importance.

The photo of the new music building and the accompanying story made me realize that Casper College has physically grown so I encourage you to place more pictures of the campus and more information about the different roles that Casper College has assumed within the region. The article on the Pine Ridge reservation was eye-opening. When I join a discussion about reforming the immigration system, I always manage to throw out my comment "If the Indians had a better immigration system, none of us would be here talking about this." Now I realize how pathetic that comment is, the statistics quoted in the article prove that the "Great White Father" in Washington should not be trusted. I commend Casper College for starting the process to provide a better future for those at Pine Ridge.

I'll stop by Casper College the next time I travel to Buffalo. I'd like to see how CC has evolved.

Charles Spratt ('61)
Aurora, Colorado



Dear Linda,

Well, another very nice job on the latest issue, do I see a bit of format change or is it just my imagination? I shouldn't say I really 'enjoyed' "A Trip to POW Camp 344" but I did find it to be an excellent and informative article. I could see why some of the first students were overwhelmed.

I'm sorry I couldn't vote for my favorite teacher. It would have been Bob Suedes. He was an excellent teacher and an even a better example of what a human being should be. Great guy. Here's a laughable incident concerning Bob. Casper College sponsored a dance in the old student union at the southeast end of the only building CC had. It was a nice, informal dance. I was there without a date and I saw a very nice looking young woman so I went over and asked her to dance and she accepted. During our dance I asked if she would like to go out; see a movie, get coffee or whatever. She was quite nice but said, pointing, "that man over there would probably object, he's my husband." I'm sure you've already guessed that the man was Bob Suedes. I was mortified because I was one of his students and didn't want to cause any problems, but my worries soon disappeared. She took it as a compliment and he thought it was somewhat comical.

Without my knowledge, on graduation day in 1961, Bob sought out my parents and told them that whatever path I chose, I would do well as I had been a very good student. I thought that was exceptionally nice of him and totally unexpected. As I said, Bob Suedes was an excellent teacher and a very nice human being.

Mike Davis ('61)
Richland Center, Wisconsin





Amy Sorensen ('03, '12) (Photo/The Pulse)



Howard Grant Harris ('74)
(Photo/The Morning Call)



Kaleigh Peil ('11) (Photo/The Pulse)

Making Headlines: Casper College Alumni in the News

The Footprints staff has run into a number of full-length articles written about Casper College alumni. Space limitations do not allow us to reprint these stories in their entirety. However, the full-length stories will be accessible on the alumni website at: caspercollege.edu/alumni.

Amy Sorensen ('03, '12) was on a flight returning from a family Christmas gathering when the call came out over the intercom: "Are there any medical professionals on board" followed by "Does anyone have flight experience?" Sorensen, who earned her nursing degree at CC, and an ICU nurse from California were able to step in as the plane diverted to Omaha, Neb. with a retired Air Force Pilot at the helm...

(Full story courtesy of The Pulse, a publication of The Wyoming Medical Center.)

Howard Grant Harris ('74) runs the Cowtown Rodeo in New Jersey every Saturday night during the summer. Now in its 60th season, the rodeo was originally started by Harris' great grandfather and grandfather in 1929. In 1978, Harris bought the rodeo from his father...

(Full story courtesy of The Morning Call newspaper, Allentown, Penn.)

Kaleigh Peil ('11) showed great leadership at the scene of a bad car crash as she calmed both patients and bystanders on December 23, 2013. Peil, an administrative assistant for Wyoming Medical Center's disaster department, earned a degree in emergency management from CC. She was driving from Casper to her family's home in Riverton when she came across a very bad accident involving two vehicles and multiple casualties...

(Full story courtesy of The Pulse, a publication of The Wyoming Medical Center.)

Susan (Roberts) Thomas ('68) runs an incredible organization known as the Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation. Thomas started the foundation in 2008 "to help young people who need extra assistance to learn a profession or trade." Thomas and her foundation were the topic of a story that ran recently...

(Full story courtesy of the Casper Star-Tribune.)

Charles Geier ('91) has established an after-school program called Rockin' Blues Academy in three Beaverton, Ore. elementary schools. Last summer he attended the Rock and Roll Forever Foundation's National Curriculum Summer Institute, created by Steve Van Zandt. As a kid growing up in Wyoming, he loved music, but didn't have this type of musical outlet. The Academy "is like my gift from my 10-year-old (self) to other 10 year olds."

(Full story courtesy of The Oregonian)

Matteo Pistono to be Honored as 2014 Distinguished Alumnus

The Casper College Alumni Association will honor the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus, Matteo Pistono, at its Autumn Gala on Saturday, October 4, 2014. Pistono is a writer, photographer, social justice campaigner, and the author of two books, "Fearless in Tibet: The Life of the Mystic Tertön Sogyal" and "In the Shadow of the Buddha: Secret Journeys, Sacred Histories, and Spiritual Discovery in Tibet." Pistono's images and writings about Tibetan and Himalayan cultural, political, and spiritual landscapes have appeared in The Washington Post, BBC's In-Pictures, Men's Journal, Kyoto Journal, and HIMAL South Asia.

Pistono was born and raised in Lander, Wyo. He earned an associate degree in international studies in 1991 at Casper College, and then attended the University of Wyoming, completing his undergraduate degree in anthropology. In 1997 he obtained his master's degree in Indian philosophy from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. Pistono worked with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. on Tibetan cultural programs, then lived and traveled throughout the Himalayas for a decade. He focused on China's human rights abuses in Tibet, gathering accounts and photos of the Chinese suppression of the Tibetan people.

Pistono is also the founder and director of Nekorpa, a nonprofit working to protect sacred pilgrimage sites around the world. His other activities include serving on the Executive Council of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists, Rigpa Fellowship, and the Conservancy for Tibetan Art and Culture. Pistono and his wife, Monica, divide their time between Wyoming, Washington, D.C., and Asia. Pistono was the 2012 Casper College Commencement speaker and was nominated by Casper College for the 2012 American Association of Community Colleges "Outstanding Alumni" award. Casper College Distinguished Alumni are selected by the alumni board of directors for their extensive contributions to professional, philanthropic, or humanitarian work. The cover story of the Winter 2011 Footprints, "Pilgrimage and Politics: An Alum's Spiritual Journey for Justice," recounts Pistono's path from Wyoming to Tibet. Find it on the Casper College website at caspercollege.edu/alumni.

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Matteo sits with a nun in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition at a monastery in Lhasa, Tibet. (Photo/Matteo Pistono)

Saving the Best for Last – “Wednesday Night Live” Summer Finale

Don't let summer end without partaking of downtown Casper's fabulous summer music series. The final free concert in the “Wednesday Night Live” concert series will feature two bands, Screen Door Porch and The Bus Driver Tour on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Screen Door Porch bills itself as presenting “electrified porch music, a Wyoming-grown fusion of soulful American, roots-rock and country-blues that has been

likened to ‘Gillian Welch meets The Band, with Ryan Adams and Bonnie Raitt hanging out backstage.’” The concert will be held outside The NIC. There is no charge, and vendors will also be on hand to sell food and beverages. “The End of Summer Wednesday Night Live Finale” concert is supported by Hilltop National Bank, The Nicolaysen Art Museum, the Casper College Alumni Association, and the Casper College Foundation.

Commit Early and Often: Scholarship Judge-A-Thon Slated for Early Dec. 2014

The new, online Judge-A-Thon volunteer scoring events using the Stars program are a resounding success. After working through technology issues last year, this spring volunteers scored more applications than ever, and in half the time. These encouraging results means the college and the foundation are awarding hundreds of scholarships in a timely manner. This is great as early awarding means more students win awards and therefore commit to attending Casper College.

Volunteer to be a judge for our next Judge-A-Thon, Dec. 9 - Dec. 11, 2014, Tuesday through

Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the second floor of the Gateway Building at Casper College. Training is included, if needed, with lunch provided. You can attend for as little as a two-hour session and volunteering for multiple sessions is an option. For more information, email Elliott Ramage at eramage@caspercollege.edu or call 307-268-2325. The foundation thanks the many past volunteers for their desire to give back to the community in a meaningful way.

Mark Your Calendar: Great People, Great Times

Watch the Casper College website for final details on the Autumn Gala, sponsored by the Casper College Alumni Association on Saturday, October 4, 2014. The evening will feature great entertainment by Casper College talent, a chance to socialize with old friends and make new ones. Proceeds benefit scholarships for students and institutional enhancements. Tickets for the dinner are \$50 per person and can be obtained by logging onto caspercollege.cc/cc_alumni_banquet, emailing alumni@caspercollege.edu, or calling 307-268-2256 or toll free at 800-442-2963, ext. 2256.

Educator and CC Benefactors to be Recognized as 2014 Commitment to Excellence Recipients

The Casper College Alumni Association is recognizing three people with the Commitment to Excellence award in 2014 for their outstanding contributions to Casper College. This coveted award honors those who have given exemplary service to and have made a significant difference in the growth and development of Casper College.

Former Casper College District Board member and longtime Casper educator, William Hambrick will be recognized for a lifetime spent in education. Originally from Lone Star,

Texas, he taught school at every level, from kindergarten through college. He was named Wyoming's principal of the year in 1988. Hambrick served on the Casper College District Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2012 and was a key participant in the expansion of the Casper College campus to include the five newest buildings.

Casper couple, John and Jane Wold have supported education in Wyoming, in Casper, and across the country. They led the effort to build the Wold Physical Science Center in

1993. The Wolds established the Help Yourself Academy, an after-school enrichment program to teach science to elementary school students in partnership with Casper College and Natrona County School District No. 1. John Wold holds the distinction of being the first professional geologist to serve in the United States Congress and is currently the oldest living former Republican member of the United States House of Representatives.

Campus News

Casper College Boasts High-fidelity Simulation Lab



Casper College School of Health Science students now have the opportunity to receive some of their training in the new Health Science Simulation Center, where they will be able to rehearse high-stakes scenarios in a safe environment.

“The new lab has four simulation beds and is set up to resemble an actual hospital setting,” said Tammy Frankland, school of health science dean.

Each bed contains a mannequin-based simulator. “In the past, due to cost restrictions, the school of health science has only been able to purchase basic simulation mannequins. With this grant we will now be able to purchase mannequins that not only simulate breathing sounds, heart sounds, and pulses but nearly anything that might occur in a real patient including, blinking, eye dilation and life-threatening

occurrences such as heart attacks, severe allergic reactions, breathing difficulties, drug interactions (the mannequins will be able to be given more than 200 different drugs), and more,” Frankland noted.

The Health Science Simulation Center was made possible by \$2.3 million in federal funding through the United States Department of Labor’s Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program.

These funds have enabled Casper College to develop a state-of-the-art educational facility and dedicated staff, which will provide all health science students with world class simulation experiences to enhance their education and success in acquiring the skills, degrees, and credentials needed for high-wage, high-skill employment while also meeting the needs of employers for skilled workers.

CC Livestock Team Places First Overall in Junior Division

The Casper College livestock judging team placed first overall at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The contest marked the last national contest for the sophomore’s junior college judging career.

“The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is one of the largest livestock shows in the nation, in which only the best come. The Casper College team made sure that they only brought their best game,” said Jeremy Burkett, head livestock judging coach and agriculture instructor.

According to Burkett, Laddy Trehal, Kiowa, Colo., took third in sheep and carried the team to third in the sheep division. In swine, B.W. Ochsner, Torrington, Wyo., was sixth with Trehal close behind in seventh, pushing the team to third in swine.

In the cattle division, Emily Hasenauer, Wallace, Neb., finished fifth and Cade Christensen, Peyton, Colo., finished ninth.

In placings, Trehal was ninth, Ochsner sixth, and Hasenauer first. The team was first in placings as well. In reasons, the team finished third overall. In individual overall Ochsner finished seventh and Hasenauer finished fourth.

In the alternate division Dylan Freeman, Emmett, Idaho, was sixth overall and Chantz Potter, McKinnon, Wyo., took fourth beating Freeman by only a few points. Lacie Potter, McKinnon, Wyo., won the alternate division.

In addition, three Casper College Livestock Judging Team members were selected as All-American Livestock Judgers at the show: Katie Dodge, Spring Creek, Nev., Ochsner, and Trehal.



The Casper College Livestock Judging Team pictured, front row l-r: Emily Hasenauer, Katie Dodge, Bailey Skinner, Sierra Crisp, and Lacie Potter. Back row, l-r: Head Coach Jeremy Burkett, B.W. Ochsner, Laddy Trehal, Cade Christensen, Dylan Freeman, Colby Hales, Chantz Potter, and Assistant Coach Jason Johnson. (Photo courtesy Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo)

Wyoming Supreme Court Holds Court at Casper College

The Wyoming Supreme Court was on “On the Road” at Casper College on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

The justices were in session in the Wheeler Concert Hall, with the concert hall serving as the actual courtroom for the justices.

“The Court heard oral arguments for two cases while in Casper, and both were civil cases,” said Maya Russell, Casper College political science instructor. “This was an incredible opportunity for Casper College students and community members alike to see the court in session,” Russell added.

Following the live oral arguments, the audience members were able to participate in a question and answer session with the justices.



CC Addictionology Program Receives Accreditation

CC one of 14 programs accredited

The Casper College Addictionology Program has received accreditation from the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC). The Casper College program is one of the first 13 university and community college programs in the United States to receive the accreditation, and the only one in the state of Wyoming.

“The NASAC accreditation approval status identifies the Casper College Addictionology Program as meeting nationally approved accreditation standards for education of

addictions professionals,” said Edward Reading, president of the NASAC. “The students of Casper College are assured that the credits provided will be accepted toward state and national credentialing systems, state licensing boards and are transferable to other accredited higher education institutions,” he added.

Diana Quealy-Berge, addictionology instructor and department chair of the Casper College addictionology and psychology programs, noted that the accreditation was important not only for the program but for

students graduating from the program: “Students who graduate from an accredited program have assurance the courses, instructors and experiences meet national standards. Just as Higher Learning Commission accreditation assures students that Casper College provides a quality educational experience so does NASAC accreditation. To be among the first in the nation tells the world we are serious about attaining and maintaining the highest possible standards for our students and their future employers.”



Temple Grandin Speaks at Doornbos

Temple Grandin was the guest speaker for the 13th Annual Doornbos Lecture Series on Monday, April 21, 2014. Known worldwide as a designer of humane livestock handling facilities, Grandin-designed facilities can be found in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries.

Grandin is also known for her research and books on autism including “Different ... Not Less,” “The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger’s,” “The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum” with Richard Panek, “Animals Make Us Human: Creating the Best Life for Animals” with Catherine Johnson, “Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior,” and others.

Grandin spoke to the capacity crowd in the Wheeler Concert Hall located in the school’s new Music Building.



Essence of Rex

Get ready for the tyrant lizard king

by Lisa S. Pearce Icenogle ('79)



Imagine the sound of a *Tyrannosaurus rex*: booming, thunderous, monstrous.

Monstrous. The *T. rex* was one of the largest carnivorous dinosaurs that ever lived. An adult would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 feet long, 15 to 20 feet tall and weigh about seven tons. Now that's a lot of dinosaur, especially one who was a meat and bones eater.

Fast forward about 65 million years or so to summer 2014 at Casper College where the dramatic bronze *Essence of Rex*, created by bronze sculptor Chris Navarro, will be erected near the Tate Geological Museum.

Origin

Marialyce Tobin, *Essence of Rex's* benefactor, had followed the story of Lee Rex the *T. rex* discovered by J.P. Cavigelli, collections specialist at Casper College's Tate Geological Museum. The college made the announcement in February 2011 noting that the fossilized remains, dubbed "Lee Rex," had been discovered on a ranch somewhere near Lusk, Wyo., Tobin's hometown. "Ever since then I've just followed up on Lee Rex and done some research on the *T. rex*," said Tobin. That research, in part, led Tobin to the conclusion that "it is a shame that our dinosaurs from Wyoming are elsewhere, and we don't have any of our own."

Tobin approached Paulann Doane, executive director of the Casper College Foundation, about the possibility of placing a sculpture of a Wyoming dinosaur somewhere on the Casper College campus. "Marialyce and Paulann contacted me about doing the sculpture for Casper College. At the first meeting Marialyce told me she wanted me to do a sculpture of a dinosaur with light radiating out from the inside. I told her that was an interesting concept and to let me have some time to think about it. The dinosaur I wanted to do was a *T. Rex* and to make it possible to have light coming out of it I would make one side skeletal," Navarro recalled.



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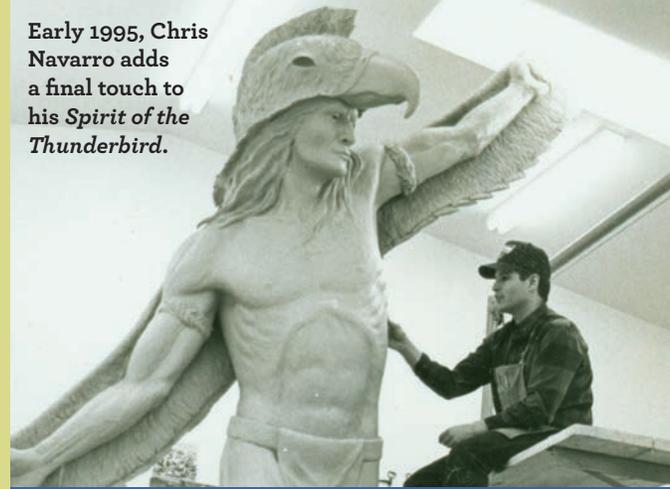
Early work on the Lee Rex site.



Chris Navarro puts the finishing touches on his clay sculpture *Essence of Rex*. (All *Essence* and *Spirit* photos/Chris Navarro)



Early 1995, Chris Navarro adds a final touch to his *Spirit of the Thunderbird*.



Casper College alumnus **Chris Navarro** ('90) has been sculpting since March 13, 1986. According to Roger Naylor in his story "A Monumental Talent," Navarro, during a visit to sculptor Harry Jackson, "spotted a bronze of a cowboy riding a bucking bronc. 'It was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. It had a beauty and a power to it I just wanted to own. But it was \$35,000. I thought if I can't buy it, I might be able to make one.'"

The very next day Navarro entered a Casper art store, bought the recommended supplies and then went to the library and checked out every sculpting book he could find. Naylor continues: "For several months he spent his days working in the oil fields (he retired from bull riding following a string of injuries) and sculpting at night. His first bronze, a rider atop a spinning bull, won first place in a Cody, Wyo. art show, netting a \$15 prize and blue ribbon," wrote Naylor. Navarro never looked back.

Navarro is no stranger to Casper College having created the *Spirit of the Thunderbird* bronze for the college in celebration of the school's 50th anniversary in 1995. From 1974 to 1976 Navarro attended the college as an animal science technology major. He returned in the mid 1980s as a part-time student taking both art and photography classes.

Navarro, who specializes in large monumental bronze sculpture, has spent the past year working on both *Essence of Rex* and a 16-foot tall bronc rider for the University of Wyoming that will be dedicated in October 2014. He has installed more than 27 life-size and monumental bronze sculptures throughout the United States, including the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

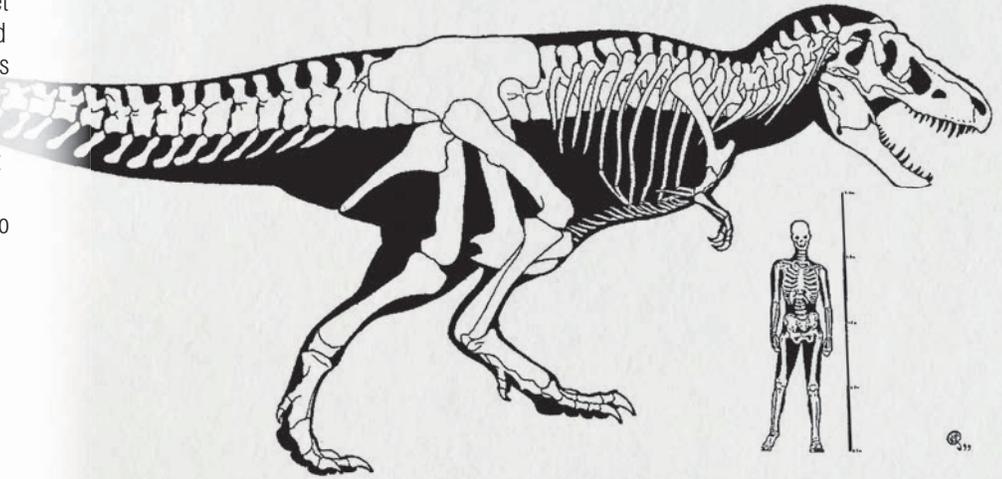
Founder of the Navarro Gallery at Tlaquepaque in Sedona, Ariz., "I have created more than 200 contemporary bronze sculptures capturing the spirit of the West and my works are represented by galleries throughout the country," he said. Navarro and his wife Lynn divide their time between Casper and Sedona, "where the people, land, history and wildlife inspire my creations."

"Despite the extraordinary amount of time and labor such projects require, they provide me with great satisfaction. To know that my work will last long after I'm gone for future generations to enjoy is really rewarding, he said. "Life is art and art is life," Navarro added. "I really love what I do, and I don't ever plan on retiring."

Size

Casper College's 'Rex' won't be quite as large as a fully-grown adult, but still an impressive 13.5 feet tall, 28 feet long and 7 feet wide – the size that a *T. rex* as a teenager would have been. More illuminating is the fact that this *T. rex* will be lit from inside, requiring a first for Navarro: a bronze showing a skeleton on one side and the other side showing the fleshed out view. "I've never sculpted a skeletal framework. To bring it to life, I wanted to inject emotion into it. I wanted to give it the 'wow' factor," he said.

Navarro began the project in June 2013. Certainly the skeletal side, featuring the *T. rex*'s signature serrated teeth in the creature's massive four-foot long jaw will help create the "wow" factor that Navarro designed into the piece, but adding to that 'wow' will be an "internal LED 12-volt white lighting on the inside running down through the skull, the spinal column, and the tail for a special effect," Navarro said.



Height comparison: Six foot tall man vs. full-grown *T. rex*. (Drawing by Russell Hawley)

Creation

To create the bronze, Navarro "sculpted the clay original in my Casper art studio." The finished sculpture, containing more than 1,000 pounds of clay, was "cut up in sections and transported to Caleco Foundry in Cody, Wyo.," said Navarro. Once the bronze pieces were completed, foundry personnel welded the pieces together, helped Navarro strap the piece onto a trailer hitched to the back of Navarro's large SUV for the drive to Casper College. *Essence of Rex* will be unveiled in a special dedication ceremony Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014 near the Tate Geological Museum.

Tidbits

The first *T. rex* teeth were discovered in 1874 near Golden, Colo., while postcranial elements were found in Eastern Wyoming, think Weston and Niobrara counties, in what is known as the Lance Formation in the early 1890's. "The Lance Formation is well known for its late Cretaceous dinosaurs, including one of the most famous of predatory dinosaurs ... *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The Lance is exposed primarily in gullies and some hillsides in a long swath near the eastern edge of Wyoming, especially between Lusk and Newcastle," noted Cavigelli.

Tyrannosaurus rex (Greek tyrannos = tyrant + sauros = lizard + rex = king), is estimated to have had a bite with nearly 5,000 pounds of force – the average adult human has about 175 pounds of bite force. The mouth, contained in a skull that weighed more than 1,000 pounds and could be up to five feet long, was lined with 60 cone-shaped serrated teeth, some banana-sized



Marialyce Tobin with *T. rex* head cast.



at about 13 inches long. In one bite a *T. rex* could get 500 to 600 pounds of meat off its victim, and unlike most predators the *T. rex* ate even the bones. Crushing bones and swallowing large amounts – *T. rex* jaws were able to dislocate like those of a snake – could be hard on teeth, but teeth regrew continually. Speaking of teeth, scientists believe that the *T. rex* most likely had bad breath attributable to those serrated teeth holding pieces of a victim's flesh long after the original meal. Of course along with the bad breath was deadly saliva that *T. rex* might have also used to kill its prey, much like today's Komodo dragon.

The *T. rex* had keen, binocular-like vision, according to a study at the University of Oregon. The study revealed that the *T. rex*'s binocular range was 55 degrees, which meant that the *T. rex* could see objects more than three miles away. Compare that to humans who can only see objects less than a mile away. The skull contained hollow bones, to lighten the weight; the brain was the size of a coconut or a gorilla's, so the *T. rex* had some

smarts, perhaps akin to a modern-day lion. With that large skull, the *T. rex* also had a highly developed sense of smell and could smell a carcass far away.

Despite what appear to be "puny" arms on a *T. rex*, it is likely that they were used for mating purposes, to hold captured prey, or to help the creature get back onto its powerful hind legs after a fall. Those small arms were actually about three feet in length with two two-inch long claws, and research indicates that each arm could lift up to 500 pounds.

Finally, there is much debate about the 'speed' of a *T. rex*. With a variety of ways to estimate speed, a *T. rex* could have moved anywhere between 11 miles per hour on the slow side to a fairly speedy rate of 45 miles per hour. Either way, a human can run anywhere from seven to 11 miles per hour depending on his or her condition, so, it seems probable that a *T. rex* would eventually catch up with a running human. The outcome, however, is predictable: the human would be a small but tasty hors d'oeuvre!

An Update on Lee Rex

On Wednesday February 23, 2011, Casper College President Walter Nolte announced the discovery of the fossilized remains of a *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The discovery, made by J.P. Cavigelli, museum collection's specialist at Casper College, was one of only about 50 *T. rex* ever found, and at the time of the announcement had the potential to be among the most complete. Preliminary plans had also called for the fossils, and perhaps a fully mounted skeleton, to be on display in the Tate Geological Museum after excavation.

Excavation of the *T. rex*, dubbed "Lee Rex" after the owner of the land on which the bones were found, began in June 2011. On July 13, 2011 the huge 25,340-pound rock, the concretion, was lifted atop a lowboy trailer, provided by Black Hills Trucking, and hauled to a large barn-like enclosure on the Casper College campus. Prep work on the concretion began in earnest in late August 2011.

Cavigelli and Kent Sundell, Casper College geology instructor, went back to the site in June 2012 in hopes of finding more bones and the skull. After two weeks of work with a skid steer only one small piece of a *T. rex* bone was found. Prep work continued on the concretion in the enclosure dubbed "The Lee Rex Barn."

By August of 2013 the bones hidden within the concretion had been exposed. As Cavigelli recently noted: "We have a well-articulated middle part of the animal ... probably a female ... the pelvis, and vertebrae running fore and aft from there, about 10 tail vertebrae, and it is unclear exactly how many heading forward. There is a series of ribs and one femur."

Unfortunately, the skull of Lee Rex was not found. "We have excavated a large area around the concretion in search of more pieces. one last search for the skull will take place in late June." Cavigelli noted.

According to Cavigelli, Lee Rex is the seventh *T. rex* found in Wyoming, (an eighth has since been found), and is the first one to stay in Wyoming. "Thanks to a contribution from Nerd Oil LLC and from Pathfinder Wind Energy LLC as well as the generosity of the landowner, the specimen belongs to the Tate Geological Museum. We are not sure where it will end up on display, but right now it is too big to fit into the back doors of the museum," he said.

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Moving day! Chris Navarro delivering *Essence of Rex* to Casper College.

An Inside Look

A mini-tour of Casper College's newest additions

College's Student-Centered Building Opens

The Casper College Student Union and University of Wyoming at Casper building was dedicated on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014. The four-story building was built with students in mind and houses a modern cafeteria and kitchen facility, a sandwich and coffee bar, campus bookstore, wellness center, and a 'hang-out' area called the "T-Bird Nest."

The building also contains new classrooms featuring the latest in video and videoconference technology, which are utilized by both Casper College and University of Wyoming at Casper faculty. The facility has allowed the University of Wyoming to combine its Casper School of Outreach branch and University of Wyoming/Casper College Center into the newly christened University of Wyoming at Casper.

Those attending the dedication were impressed with the building's sleek design, bright interior, and view of Casper provided through the large glass panes facing north.



2nd



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3rd





4th



1st

Floor

- Tobin Dining Hall
- Jack McCann College Store
- Sub Connection

2nd

Floor

- Cundy Campus Wellness Center
- Student Lounges

3rd

Floor

- UWC Classrooms/ Offices
- T-Bird Nest Student Recreation Area

4th

Floor

- UWC Classrooms/ Offices
- Student Life Offices
- Student Meeting Rooms



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Hundreds of friends of Casper College, other members of the campus community, and many local and state leaders gathered Tuesday, January 28, 2014 for the dedication ceremonies for the new Casper College Student Union and University of Wyoming at Casper. The space in the 90,000 square foot building was split with the University of Wyoming, as were the construction costs of approximately \$32 million.

Ribbon Cutting

1. Governor Matt Mead (center) leads the ribbon cutting for the building on the staircase that joins four floors of Casper College and University of Wyoming at Casper facilities. Joining him, from left, are CC Foundation President John Jorgensen, CC Student Senate President Bailey Jessee, CC Trustee Kathy Dolan, Associate V.P. for Student Services Bill Landen, CC President Walter Nolte, UW President Dick McGinity, UW Board of Trustees President David Bostrum, UW Associate Dean of Outreach Maggi Murdock, and UW at Casper Director Brent Pickett.

Tobin Dining Hall

2. Marialyce Tobin (center) cuts the ribbon to dedicate the Dick and Marialyce Tobin Dining Hall, named for her and her late husband. Joining Tobin are Trustee Kathy Dolan, President Walter Nolte, CC Foundation Executive Director Paulann Doane, and CC Foundation President John Jorgensen. Tobin has been on the CC Foundation Board member for nearly 25 years. Tobin's husband Dick was a college trustee from 1978 until he passed away in 1986, and was a prominent three-term Wyoming state representative.

Jorgensen/Bryce Commons

3. The green space in the new lower campus plaza has been named for John Jorgensen and George Bryce, who have led the Casper College Foundation for a combined total of more than five decades. Their leadership of the CC Foundation has been vital for supporting expansion and improvement of the campus, as well as numerous scholarships and other initiatives that support students. The surprise announcement was made by Mick and Susie McMurry at the dedication of the UU building, and was followed by a gift of financial support by the McMurry Foundation.

Sarvey East Lobby

4. CC Instructor Emeritus of Accounting Michael Sarvey, accompanied by his wife Sally, leads the cutting of the ribbon for the east lobby, which he sponsored with the inscription “Committed to Excellence in Teaching.”

Summit Room

5. CC Alumni Association past presidents Kevin Bromley and Charlotte Babcock cut the ribbon for the Summit Room, sponsored by the Casper College Alumni Association. The association board decided to support the room because of its exclusive focus on student leadership and activities.

T-Bird Nest

6. The ribbon for the T-Bird Nest, sponsored by the Goodstein Foundation, is cut by the CC Thunderbird. Major projects previously named in honor of the longtime support by the Goodstein family include the campus library and visual arts center.

Cundy Campus Wellness Center

7. The Matthew Robert Cundy Campus Wellness Center is dedicated by Matthew’s parents Jan and Brad, along with his sister Dawn and brother Chad. Their gift in remembrance of their son is part of the family’s efforts to enhance suicide awareness and prevention efforts in Wyoming.

Lounges

- 8. John Jorgensen, CC Foundation president, leads the dedication for the Dr. Sue Jorgensen Lounge in memory of his late wife, who was dedicated to education, and in particular, literacy. The location was selected due to its shared use by students from CC and UW at Casper, where Sue Jorgensen established the elementary education program. Representing UWC are UW Associate Dean of Outreach Maggi Murdock, and UWC Director Brent Pickett.
- 9. The Lenhart Mason and Associates LLC, CPAs Lounge was dedicated by members of the firm. Their support is in recognition of the longtime working relationship between the firm and Casper College.
- The Williams, Porter, Day and Neville P.C. Lounge was dedicated by members of the Casper law firm. The firm’s support is in recognition of the longtime working relationship between WPDN and Casper College.
- 10. The Cundy and Sorensen families were present for the dedication of the Cundy and Sorensen Families Student Lounge recognizing their support of Casper College. Jan Cundy (seated at right) is a member of the executive committee of the CC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Ben Roberts Commons Comes Tumbling Down

The demolition of Ben Roberts Commons was completed in June to allow for the creation of the Jorgensen/Bryce Commons and the rerouting of Campus Drive. Roberts Commons was named for Ben Roberts, a Wyoming pioneer rancher and stockgrower. It was named for him following a gift to support its construction by Mrs. Iva Mae Roberts. Several locations on campus are currently being considered to carry on the Ben Roberts name. A final selection is expected by the board of trustees this summer.

The original Roberts Commons, which was constructed of pre-cast concrete and contained a cafeteria and a ballroom, was dedicated on December 9, 1979. The new cafeteria, named for Dick and Marialyce Tobin, opened in January of this year in the new Student Union building.

Roberts Commons September 1979. Photo courtesy of Casper Star-Tribune Collection, Casper College Western History Center.



Roberts Commons demolition, June 2014.



Casper College adds “Ranch Campus”

One of the major goals in Casper College’s master plan has been the construction of a new agricultural education and rodeo facility. Initial estimates put the cost at about \$11 million.

However, late last year an existing ranch west of Casper on North Six Mile Road went up for sale at a fraction of the cost of new construction. Many of the desired features were already present at the ranch, including a manager’s residence and guest room, meat processing shop, a workshop, and garage. Additionally, the ranch boasted horse stalls, two small riding arenas, classroom space, a greenhouse, lambing and livestock barns, and cattle-working facilities.

Casper College, with assistance from the Casper College Foundation, made an offer to purchase the property. This spring, the property officially became the Casper College Ranch Campus.

The facility will be put to immediate academic use, with classes beginning there this fall. Plans are currently being developed for a regulation-size arena for rodeo practice and the proper equipment to operate the ranch. Remodeling of some of the facilities for academic use is also planned.

Casper College is now seeking supporters who see the opportunity this ranch offers to students, the agricultural industry, and the sport of rodeo. The college is seeking funding to

construct the arena, conduct the remodeling, and purchase the equipment. Total estimated project cost is \$1.5 million.

According to Casper College President Walter Nolte, “The Casper College Ranch Campus property provides an opportunity to expand academic programs, improve student learning, and enhance the rodeo program.”

Nolte noted that the CC Ranch Campus typifies the mission of Casper College, which is to “provide educational opportunities to improve quality of life and sustainable community building and citizenship.”



In the Beginning...

by Joan C. (Bennett) Carlton ('47)



Above:
Marie Schulte
Below:
Dorothy Bennett

Just received the latest edition of Footprints and want you to know how much I enjoy it, and like all of the previous ones, how much it AMAZED me for many reasons.

You see, I graduated from Natrona County High School in June of 1946 and (much to my surprise!) three months later I returned to that same building climbed up the stairs to the third floor and PRESTO! ... I was a college attendee!

And, oddly enough, we "collegiates" not only shared the same building, but some of the same teachers as well. A bit surreal, but in those days life in Casper, Wyo. was so very different from what it is now.

It is difficult to explain. World War II had just ended and all of these young boys/men were returning to a different life and lifestyle. They were so young and so eager as they headed back to school in droves and were greeted by goggle-eyed 17 and 18-year-old girls who gazed upon them as a veritable masculine smorgasbord!! And all crammed into ONE floor of a high school!

One of the favorite gathering spots (other

than the "lounge") was The Little Kitchen across the street, where we would go to yak and laugh and relax, and for those sophisticated ones, smoke.

What an exciting and mind-boggling time. Some of these fellows were mighty fine basketball players as well and thus became the Thunderbirds. Remember the name **John Begovich** ('47)?

There were also some members of the class who displayed some above-average acting talent, which **Ken Urey** handled with his usual aplomb.

And there were even a number of students who displayed remarkable acumen in their pursuit of knowledge. A young girl from Nebraska named **Marge Heckendorf** ('48) was one of them.

And **Shirleanne (Scullen) Houser** ('48) is at the forefront when it comes to fellow students who continued their loyalty to "CJC" through the years.

But I have always been in awe of those hard-working dreamers who, through sheer tenacity, brought this dream to life. There was much criticism, dire predictions, opposition, and downright anger at the thought of having another college in this sparsely populated state. I remember **Fred Goodstein** as one of those fighters using not just words, but time and money (his own) to bring this dream to fruition.

Hundreds no, thousands, of people have contributed to the success of this institution from students to faculty to other personnel. My mother, **Dorothy Bennett**, and her best friend, **Marie Schulte**, were two of those ladies who LOVED working in the office and were rewarded for their efforts by having two rose bushes planted in the atrium (*Ed. Note: Liesinger Hall courtyard*) when they retired. A lovely tribute to many devoted employees.

In my visits to Casper to see my wonderful Meyer family we have driven by the college and it is beautiful, wondrous, and a place that proves dreams CAN come true.

Forgive me for "dropping names," would love to mention more, but I have neither the space nor the time to list more, AND it has been 68 years – although I have been credited with having an outstanding memory – I AM coming up on 86 years old and so can be forgiven for having a few blanks here and there!

In closing, thank you so much for keeping me on your mailing list. It is difficult to relate MY Casper "Junior" College experiences to the Casper College of today, but it is still interesting, rewarding and fun!!

Editor's note:

Vince Crolla, Casper College Western History Director, dug up a bit of additional information for this piece: "The Casper City Directories say that Dorothy Bennett worked as a secretary at Casper College until 1974 and retired in 1975. Marie Schulte was the bookstore manager until 1977 and retired in 1978. The directories are pretty vague about dates, so their actual retirements could be a year or two off. As for The Little Kitchen, it was located on 503 W. 9th St. and was described as a confectionery by the 1945 City Directory. Unfortunately, we do not have any photographs of it."



Above: John Begovich
Below: Ken Ury

Looking Back

Multigenerational Remembrances

Jolyn Kraen Wynn ('69)



Herman and Virginia Kraen with baby Janet ('62), Buffalo, Wyo.



Emily Wynn ('12) (middle) with her sons, Orion and Taidge Hampton – both future T-Birds.

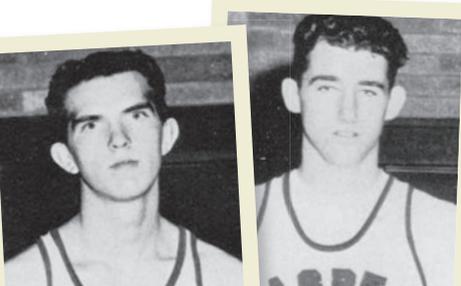
Virginia Bates Kraen was never an official cheerleader. She was, however, on the bottom row of the girls' pyramid that performed during halftime at basketball games during her school days at Clearmont High School in Clearmont, Wyo. She was the valedictorian of her class of 1937 (all seven of them) and always claimed that she had read every book in the school library before she graduated.

More than anything Virginia wanted to go to college, but being raised during the Depression (the fifth of six children) money was scarce. As the valedictorian she was granted a scholarship to Chadron State College in Nebraska, which covered tuition and books. She was able to eke out that one year, working almost full time to pay for her room and board, but the money she needed to continue just wasn't there.

So back home to Clearmont she went, and in 1939 she married my father, Herman, and they started their own family. They had four girls – Janet, Joan, Judy and Jolyn – all born in Buffalo, Wyo. In 1952 the family moved to Casper, where two more girls, Jerri and Jamie, were added to the family.

Raising six girls on my father's income was not easy. My mother was a master at making something out of nothing, but one thing she never stinted on was encouraging all of her girls to get an education. She always said, "there's a college in Casper, so you can live at home while you go to school." We all knew there would be no money to help us, so it was our responsibility to get scholarships or work for the money for tuition and books, but we would have a place to stay and food to eat – more than my Mom had during her one year at Chadron.

Always looking for ways to make extra money, during the school year of 1958-1959, our family took in two boarders – Casper College students Tommy Gleason and Terry Linnan, both T-Bird



Left to right: Tommy Gleason and Terry Linnan.

basketball players. Casper College either didn't have dorms then or there weren't enough to go around. Sister Janet was at that time in the Air Force, Joan was a sophomore, and I was in third grade. All of us girls were very impressed with the "college boys" and they helped reinforce Mom's insistence that we girls go to college too.

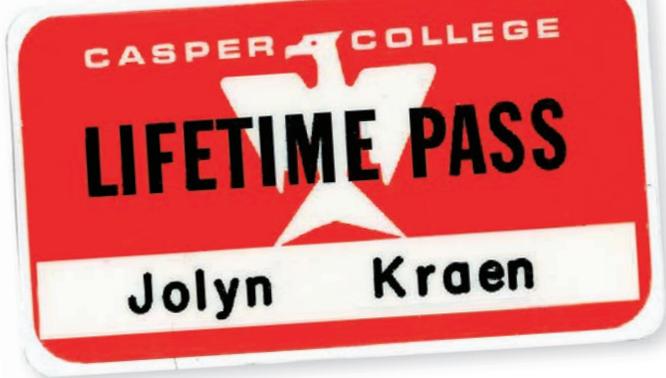
When Janet came back from the Air Force in the fall of 1960, she and Joan both entered Casper College as nursing students. Janet was the first woman to be part of the veteran's group, the 5-50 Club. She remembers the first time she walked into the meeting room as quite a shock to all the guys, but they eventually came to accept her as their "little sister."

Janet and Joan both credit Dorothy Putnam with being a terrific nursing instructor, and to this day Joan knows that Campbell McWhinney, who taught chemistry and gave her many hours of free tutoring, was the only reason she made it through to graduation. They both graduated in 1962, with Janet soon getting her three-year nursing certificate and Joan going on to the University of Wyoming for her B.S.N.

Judy went to the convent in 1962, so I was the next daughter to hit Casper College. Nursing was not for me, so I graduated in 1969 in journalism. Though I didn't stick with that degree for my B.S., the skills I learned from Joe Stewart and Jean Ann Dunn (publications office manager) helped me tremendously when I went back to school at Eastern Montana College in 1985. I graduated in 1988 in elementary education and library science.

Judy left the convent in 1968 with degrees in English and secondary education, but felt teaching wasn't really her calling, so in 1969 she returned to Casper College to work on her nursing degree. She credits Dr. Gail Zimmerman with helping her get through several tough science classes. She graduated in 1971, and went on to the University of Wyoming and Mount Mercy College in Iowa to finish her B.S.

I got married in May 1971, to George Wynn, a sailor who had flunked out of Oregon State University in 1967. He wanted to return to college to use his GI Bill, but knew OSU wouldn't take him back until his GPA was raised. Enter Casper College. We lived at Wheeler Terrace (when it was new) and ate supper with my folks almost every night during that school



year of 1971-72. George was on the dean's list, and back to OSU we went in 1972. George graduated in forest management in 1975.

My two youngest sisters, Jerri and Jamie, both attended Casper College. Jerri went one semester before she opted for beauty school and Jamie went for three terms. In 1974 Jamie was in a program that placed her in college for the second semester of her Natrona County High School senior year. She worked as a student aid for Dr. Jon Brady who encouraged her in her political aspirations. With the help of Senator Gale McGee, she got accepted into the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. Jamie continued at Casper College until she was offered a job at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1975.

In the 1980's after my father passed away, my Mom decided it was her turn to go back to college. She took full advantage of CC's Golden Age Scholarship and took many drawing and painting classes, sign language, creative writing, and cake decorating. She loved being back in the classroom and interacting with teachers young enough to be her kids.

So, long story longer, every one of Virginia's six daughters attended Casper College. Four graduated. Of those four, three completed B.S. degrees. Of the 15 grandchildren of Virginia and Herman Kraen, Molly Wynn, (an Oregon resident who got in-state tuition at CC because I graduated from there) class of 1998; Virginia Bodyfelt, class of 2001; Martha Bodyfelt, class of 2002; Katie Anderson, class of 2011; and Emily Wynn, class of 2012 attended Casper College. Of those same 15 grandchildren, one has an associate degree, nine have bachelor's degrees, five have master's degrees, one has a doctorate, two are working on bachelor's degrees, and two are working on master's degrees.

Before she died in 2008, Virginia even talked to my grandsons, Taidje and Orion Hampton (now at Dean Morgan) about how important it was to go to college. Since then they have both been involved in the Casper College-sponsored GEAR UP and Help Yourself Academy, so they already know their way around CC.

Joan, Judy and I are now all avid members of (the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) OLLI at Casper College, so we are back at Casper College again – once more soaking up the learning my mother so loved. Thank you, Casper College, for letting my mother's dream for her family come true. And thank you Mom, our own personal cheerleader.

Virginia with her grandchildren.



Both of my parents, Gus Benardis and JoEva Fritts were students at Casper College in 1949.

Gus asked JoEva to go on a date with him to the Casper College Theater in the round to see "Arsenic and Old Lace." They continued dating, were married on June 10, 1950 and I was born on Dec. 4, 1951. So if not for Casper College, I wouldn't be here. In 1970 I attended Casper College and graduated with an associate degree in 1972. My sister also attended and several of our nieces and nephews have been students at CC. Now, after retiring in June of 2013, I am again taking all kinds of community education classes and (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) OLLI classes at CC. It's a wonderful opportunity our community provides.

Doris (Benardis) Waddell ('72)



The Benardis Family.

Notes from T-Bird Camp

by William Landen ('76)



Kulia Murray ('14)

BYU-Hawaii

5'9 • Setter

Hometown: Lahaina, Hawaii

High School: Lahainaluna High School

Parents: Leimomi and Derek Murray

Major: General Studies

Kendyl Nunn ('14)

University of Illinois-Chicago

5'10 • Guard

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

High School: Morgan Park High School

Parents: Melvin and Audrey Nunn

Major: Physical Therapy

Daniel Nwosu

University of Montana

6'1 • Guard

Hometown: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

High School: Sunrise Christian Academy

Parents: Juliet and Daniel Nwosu, Sr.

Major: Psychology

Jay Wright

Louisiana-Lafayette University

6'0 • Guard

Hometown: Savannah, Georgia

High School: Effingham County High

Parents: Lucretia and Clarence Wright

Major: Business

Thunderbird Stars Sign Letters with University Programs



Sharman Wraps Up Recruiting Efforts, Touts Her Incoming Class

Angel Sharman has been around Region IX long enough to know what it takes.

The Casper College volleyball coach thinks she has that with her incoming class of volleyball recruits. After wrapping up her recruiting efforts recently, the longtime T-Bird coach reflected on a roster full of freshmen that spans the rotation; a group that she says could take the floor right now and be competitive.

"I feel like this recruiting class is a great one," she said. "I am excited about these new players. I think we are going to be more aggressive offensively. We have strong hitters in every position and strong setters coming in to get them the ball."

The T-Birds return **Madison Legerski** (Laramie, Wyo.), an all-Region IX selection as a freshman last year at outside hitter. Hitters **Alicia Hedlund** (Casper) and **Jenna Anderson** (Buffalo, Wyo.) are also back, along with **Kacie Chinen** and **Kaitlyn Kaahaaina** (Hawaii).

The T-Birds lost some quality players off last year's team. **Vivien Rechlin**, the Region IX North Setter of the Year, and fellow German countrywoman **Kira Schafer**, another post-season honoree, decided not to return for another season. **Sydney Marchant** (Draper, Utah), a two-time all-region hitter, graduated. **Maggie Butler** (Casper) and **Krystal Harward** (Orem, Utah), two solid inside

players, along with **Rahnee Jackson** (Casper), **Melina Bachtar** (Layton, Utah), **Kulia Murray** (Hawaii) and **Marija Skopljak** (Serbia) have all graduated.

Sharman admits there are big shoes to fill, especially those of Rechlin, who quarterbacked last year's 18-19 season. Sharman thinks she found two outstanding players in **Kiarra Johnson** (5-8, Idaho Falls, Idaho) and **Breeanna Mason** (5-10, Billings, Mont.).

On the outside, Sharman signed Mason's twin (and teammate) out of Billings Senior, **Aubree Mason**, and two players from the state of Washington: **Ashley Seiler** (5-11, Cheney) and **Taylor Larsen** (6-1, Colfax).

In the middle, Sharman signed **Cheyenne Pau** (5-11, Gillette, Wyo.) and **Isidora Markovic** (6-1, Serbia). Sharman is excited about **Hailey Sapiro** (Indio, Calif.), an outstanding defensive player who will likely step into the libero spot.

"We should be solid all the way across and on the back row," Sharman said. "I expect this team to get off to a good start."

Sharman enters her 14th season with the Thunderbirds. She has a career mark of 492-395 (382-234 at Casper) and is one of the winningest active coaches in the NJCAA.

Check out the 2014 volleyball schedule!



T-Bird Rodeo 2014-'15 Schedule

Sept. 12-14	Central Wyo. College	Riverton, WY
Sept. 19-21	Chadron State College	Chadron, NE
Sept. 26-28	Sheridan College	Sheridan, WY
Oct. 3-5	Lamar CC	Lamar, CO
Oct. 10-12	Laramie CCC	Laramie, WY
March 20-22	Gillette College	Gillette, WY
March 27-29	Eastern Wyo. College	Torrington, WY
April 10-12	Colo. State University	Fort Collins, CO
April 17-19	CC Ropin' & Riggin' Days	Casper, WY
May 1-3	University of Wyoming	Laramie, WY

T-Bird Women's and Men's Basketball 2014-'15 Schedule

TBD	Sheridan College Jamboree (W)	Sheridan, WY	TBD
TBD	Salt Lake CC Jamboree (W)	Salt Lake City, UT	TBD
Oct. 18	Casper Jamboree(M)	Casper, WY	TBD
Oct. 31	Lamar CC (W)	Casper, WY	TBD
Oct. 31	Impact Academy (M)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Otero JC (W)	Casper, WY	TBD
Nov. 1	Northeastern Colorado (M)	Casper, WY	5 p.m.
Nov. 4	Wyoming All-Stars (M)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Northeastern Junior College (W)	Sterling, CO	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Columbus CC (W)	Sterling, CO	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	Wyoming All-Stars (M)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Northeastern JC (W)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	USU Eastern (W)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	College of Southern Idaho (M)	Scottsbluff, NE	TBD
Nov. 15	Western Wyoming (W)	Casper, WY	3 p.m.
Nov. 15	Salt Lake CC (M)	Scottsbluff, NE	TBD
Nov. 18	Eastern Wyoming College (W)	Torrington, WY	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	Eastern Wyoming (M)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	Planet Athlete Academy (M)	Casper, WY	5 p.m.
Nov. 26-29	North Idaho (W)	Coeur D Alene, ID	TBD
Nov. 27	Lamar CC (M)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	Northwest Tech (M)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Snow College (M)	Casper, WY	5 p.m.
Dec. 5-6	Colorado Kings (M)	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Pima Community College (W)	Tucson, AZ	TBD
Dec. 17	Cochise College (W)	Tucson, AZ	TBD
Jan. 9	Little Big Horn College (W/M)	Casper, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Miles CC (W/M)	Casper, WY	3/5 p.m.
Jan. 13	Eastern Wyoming (W/M)	Casper, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Sheridan College (W/M)	Sheridan, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Gillette College (W/M)	Gillette, WY	3/5 p.m.
Jan. 20	Western Wyoming (W/M)	Casper, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Northwest College (W/M)	Powell, WY	3/5 p.m.
Jan. 30	Gillette College (W/M)	Casper, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Sheridan College (W/M)	Casper, WY	3/5 p.m.

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Feb. 3	Western Nebraska (W/M)	Casper, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Miles CC (W/M)	Casper, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Little Big Horn College (W/M)	Crow Agency, MT	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 12	Central Wyoming (W/M)	Riverton, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Northwest College (W/M)	Casper, WY	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 17	Western Wyoming (W/M)	Rock Springs, WY	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Central Wyoming (W/M)	Casper, WY	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 24	Western Nebraska (W/M)	Scottsbluff, NE	5:30/7:30 p.m.
March 2-6	Region IX Tournament (M)	North Winner	TBD
March 3-7	Region IX Tournament (W)	South Sub-Region	TBD
March 16-21	National Tournament (W)	Salina, KS	TBD
March 16-19	National Tournament (M)	Hutchinson, KS	TBD

T-Bird Volleyball 2014 Schedule

Aug. 22-23	Subway Tourney	North Platte, NE	TBD
Aug. 29-30	CSI Tourney	Twin Falls, ID	TBD
Sept. 2	Western Nebraska CC	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Sept. 5-6	Salt Lake Tourney	Salt Lake City, UT	TBD
Sept. 12-13	Pizza Hut Invitational	Sterling, CO	TBD
Sept. 19-20	WyoBraska Tourney	Torrington, WY/Scottsbluff, NE	TBD
Sept. 23	Eastern Wyoming	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Laramie County CC	Casper, WY	5 p.m.
Oct. 2	Sheridan College	Sheridan, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Northwest College	Casper, WY	3 p.m.
Oct. 7	Central Wyoming	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Western Wyoming CC	Rock Springs, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	Sheridan College	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	Northwest College	Powell, WY	3 p.m.
Oct. 21	Eastern Wyoming	Torrington, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Laramie County CC	Cheyenne, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Western Nebraska CC	Scottsbluff, NE	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Central Wyoming	Riverton, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	Western Wyoming CC	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Nov. 5-8	Regionals	Casper, WY	TBD
Nov. 20-22	Nationals	Casper, WY	TBD

Faculty & Staff Notes

1. **Jared Bowden** was named the Community College Faculty Member of the Year for the state of Wyoming. The award is given annually by the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees. Bowden has worked at Casper College since August 2004 when he was hired as a physics instructor. He works closely with local elementary schools and supports numerous science initiatives in the community including Science Olympiad, the Lego Robotics competition and the Natrona County School District No. 1 Science Fair.

David Zoby, CC English Instructor, was an honored guest in April at the opening of a special exhibit dedicated to the legacy of the Pea Island Lifesavers organized by the Buffalo Soldier's Museum in Houston, Texas. Zoby's book, "Fire on the Beach," co-authored with David Wright, tells the story of the original Coast Guard, the U.S. Life-Saving Service formed in 1871. The exhibit also features the documentary movie, "Rescue Men," which Zoby wrote, served as technical advisor and as an associate producer.

2. **Valerie Innella Maiers** and Aaron Maiers welcomed Ari Alfred William Maiers on March 26, 2014. Ari tipped the scales at 8 lbs. 9 oz. Big sister Clara is 9 and adores her little brother. She sings and reads to him every day.

3. Casper College faculty members have been partnering with the Wyoming Symphony's "Music on the Move" project, to bring educational music programs to Wyoming schools and community groups. **Gary DePaolo**, Casper College adjunct music instructor, composed a soundtrack for "Mr. Pusskins: A Love Story." He and retired communication instructor **Ebba Stedillie**, who reads the story, have appeared before several groups. DePaolo also presented "Symphonic Stories" with **Bill Conte**, Casper College theatre instructor, who read three books at the Natrona County Public Library this past spring. The performance premiered DePaolo's soundtrack for "Stellaluna."

4. **Lance D. Jones**, (far left) director of security and judicial review and adjunct instructor in the Casper College School of Social and Behavioral Science participated in the Museum Teacher Fellowship Program at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. He will also attend the Max M. Kaplan Summer Institute at the Holocaust Museum Houston, which will be held in Houston from July 29 through August 1.

Once again, several Casper College employees won prestigious awards during the 2014 retirement and recognition dinner. **Dale Anderson** ('89), fire science program director and instructor and **Heath Hornecker** ('97), agriculture department head and instructor were honored with the Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award. The Robert Durst Classified Staff Award was given to **Melody Dugan** ('07, '08), office assistant in the Adult Learning Center while the Outstanding Administrator Award went to **Donna Sonesen**, director of the Early Childhood Learning Center. **Paul Marquard**, physics and engineering instructor received the Judith Bailey Scully Award, which is given for demonstrating academic excellence. Two Shanklin awards were given with **Gail Schenfisch**, an adjunct instructor who teaches American sign language in the communications department receiving the Shanklin Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award and **Cammy Rowley**, Early Childhood Education instructor, receiving the Shanklin Faculty Leadership Award.

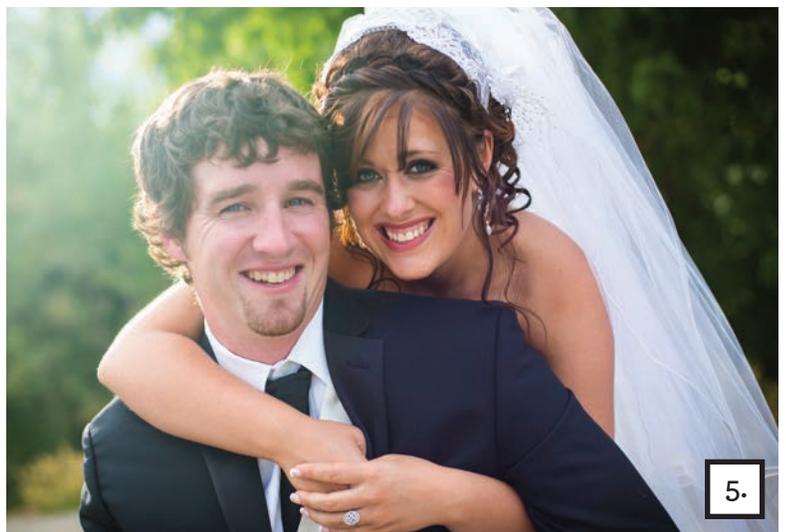
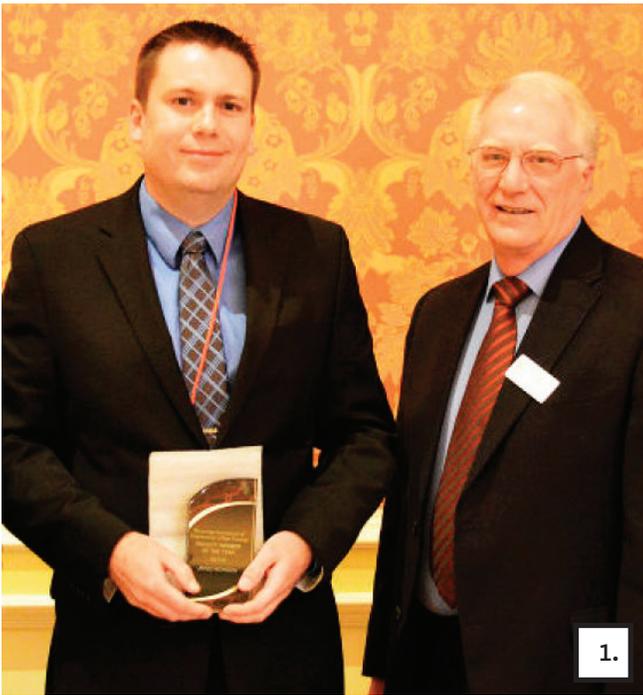
5. **Lindsey Elizabeth Neely** ('09) and Lyle Benjamin Hunt, Jr. (current) were married July 20, 2013. The bride graduated from Casper College with an associate of arts in 2009, and from Boise State University with a bachelor of arts in communication in 2010. She was an admissions representative at Casper College. The groom attended Casper College and is a construction foreman. They will both head back to school this fall. Lindsey will begin studies at the University of Wyoming School of Law and Lyle will be commuting to study at the University of Wyoming at Casper.

6. Several CC folks were part of a Stage III production of *A Street Car Named Desire* directed by **Tom Empey**, who returned to Casper from Salem, Ore. to direct the classic Tennessee Williams play for the first time in his directorial career. **Teresa Wallace**, director of counseling, played Blanche DuBois. Steven Spicher ('95) appeared in the role of Stanley Kowalski. Tricia Lovelace ('11, '13) played Stella and dedicated her performance to CC theater instructor, **Douglas Garland**.

Congratulations go out to this year's NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) award winners from Casper College: **John Blesi**, electronics instructor; **Angel Sharman**, volleyball coach and physical education instructor; **Bill Conte**, theatre instructor; **Jessica Hurless**, ('02) communication instructor and assistant forensics coach; **Brandi Atnip**, ('94) biology instructor; **Karel Mathisen**, ('06) public relations assistant; and **Lance Jones**, director of security and judicial review.

Will Robinson, Casper College biology instructor, has been named to a Roster of Fulbright Specialists. The appointment came after an application process and peer review as well as recommendations. Robinson is now eligible for Fulbright grants to travel abroad to universities and other nonprofit organizations including government agencies, cultural institutions, and research organizations. "My travel will be in response to requests by those entities for workshops, lectures, and seminars in my field: beekeeping, bee biology, and pollination. I'm hoping especially to apply some of my Asian honey bee research in practical ways to Asian beekeeping and honey bee management," said Robinson.

Chad Hanson was the recipient of a 2014 Creative Writing Fellowship, granted by the Wyoming Arts Council through funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. In 2013, Hanson placed 28 poems in 15 different literary journals, including: The Fourth River, The South Carolina Review, Boston Literary Magazine, The Cold Mountain Review, and Flyway: Journal of Writing and Environment.



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Twelve Retire from Casper College

Casper College said farewell to 12 employees who accounted for a total of nearly 263 years at the 2014 Recognition and Retirement Banquet.



Brad Cornwell started working for Casper College on October 22, 1990. At retirement, Brad was the network services coordinator but he also worked in the following areas at Casper College: database manager/enrollment for the career office studies program; computer assembler, installer, and troubleshooter; computer lab assistant and management; and network administration.



Ruth Doyle began her career at Casper College on August 16, 1976 first as a counselor in student personnel services for 15 years and then for the last 23 as an education and psychology instructor.



Bev Dye began her career at Casper College on August 17, 1987 where she started as an instructor, but eventually became the director of what used to be known as the Adult Basic Education/GED Center. She continued as the director of the ABE/GED Center when the name changed in May 2012 to the Adult Learning Center at Casper College. In addition to her director duties, Bev also co-taught the popular community education class "Shake Your Bon-Bons."



Sue Easton ('99) began her career as an accounting clerk for the Casper College Foundation on April 12, 2004. From there she went to work as an academic assistant in the social and behavioral science division under division chair Dave Cherry. When the college moved to a system of deans and schools Sue became a museum assistant.



Douglas Garland started his employment with Casper College on August 15, 1994 as costume designer and instructor, a position he still held at retirement, in the theatre department.



Carol Lau began at Casper College on June 21, 1999 as the copy center supervisor, then team leader, and finally operator.

Bill Mixer started his employment with Casper College on January 12, 1983 as an outreach trainer. Later he became an environmental instructor for the school and taught water quality technology and environmental science degree programs; online credit courses in water quality technology; continuing education courses in water, wastewater, collection systems, and distribution systems operation; MSHA, OSHA, Hazwoper, and safety classes; ASSE backflow certification; and most recently certification classes for underground utility locating. He was also the "dean of fly fishing" at Casper College, teaching fly fishing classes for P.E. credit and as a continuing education offering.



Lisa Mixer began her career as an instructor at what was then known as the Adult Basic Education/GED Center on November 21, 1988. When she left the center, now known as the Adult Learning Center at Casper College, she was the programs coordinator.



Barbara Mueller began at Casper College on July 1, 1985 as assistant continuing education director. Four years later she became a faculty member, and beginning in the 2007 fall semester also served half time as the international education director.



Raymond (Ray) Steinbacher began his teaching career at Casper College on August 15, 2001. When he retired, he had taught statistics, and created both the statistics degree program and department.



Stewart Walker began his career at Casper College on January 19, 1993 as assistant director of computer services. At retirement he was the enterprise systems coordinator.

Jane Young began her career as a circulation specialist working nights at the Goodstein Foundation Library on November 15, 2005. She then became the serials specialist and finally a library specialist II – serials.



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1940s, 50s, 60s

John Cole ('69) is enjoying retirement and taking woodworking and welding classes up at Casper College. John and Judy met the fall of 1969. Judy was working at the library and John asked her to go to an international dinner. Before retirement John worked for the Bureau of Reclamation. Judy works for Natrona County School District No. 1 at Pineview Elementary. They love sharing the international dinners with their granddaughters.

1970s, 80s

Ron Salvesson ('74), the president of Knapp Supply has announced that the restaurant and janitorial supply company in Casper is now part of Bargreen Ellingson. Ron and his wife **Kim (Harbison) Salvesson** ('73) volunteer at many CC alumni events and Ron is a member of the CC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Thomas McMahan ('75) retired two years ago from a career in construction management for the Durrant Group Architects & Engineers, Dubuque, Iowa. He spent five and a half years working in the Honolulu office administering the construction of four high-rise condominiums on the islands of Oahu and Maui just prior to retirement. His wife Julie retired from the Iowa Department of Public Health in Sept. 2013. Julie spent 15 years of her career working in Wyoming as director of public health nursing in the Casper Public Health Dept. They have three grown children. Kyle is in Dubuque, Iowa. Daughter Kari Bruhn lives in Richmond, Texas where she is an elementary school principal. Their youngest son Ryan is in Bend, Ore. Thomas is a Vietnam veteran, served in the U.S. Navy and used the veterans program to help finance his Casper College education. He writes that "it is exciting to see and hear what great things are taking place at Casper College. I still believe it is a great school and wish it and the faculty continued success."

1. **Suzette McIntyre** ('75, '96) recently opened up Boardwalk Gallery in downtown Windsor, Colo., where she both works and shows. In addition to showing her own pieces at the gallery, she also conducts workshops and features other artists in solo shows throughout the year. Suzette has been a wedding and portrait photographer for more than 20 years.

Lita (Arguello) Burns ('78) is vice president for instruction at North Idaho College. Prior to her move into higher education she was director of nursing at Allied Health in Wyoming. Lita is a Riverton, Wyo. native. She attended Casper College, then transferred to the University of Wyoming to finish her nursing degree. She says "I received a great education and enjoyed college life at CC. My second year I worked as a proctor in Bailey Hall and served under Lyle Cox. I have extremely fond and positive memories of CC."

Hank Franzen ('79) and his wife Lori were recognized as the Stock Contractor of the Year by the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and also nominated by the PRCA for Stock Contractor of the Year for 2013. The Franzens own Powder River Rodeo Co. in Riverton, Wyo.

2. **Carol Greet** ('79) blogs about daily life on a Wyoming Centennial Ranch (a ranch that's been in the same family for 100 or more years), enriching the blog with photographs of her day-to-day life. She also raises Rimrock English Shepherds. Carol says that she grew up on the Casper College campus. She writes, "I remember Dr. Aley and also Dr. Loftin, who always said he'd adopt me if my parents wanted to kick me out, and he gave me a huge hug onstage at graduation. I remember playing pranks on the work study girls ... once unplugging and taking a phone with me to gym class! It was difficult to skip class once I actually started attending, as professors would stop by my mom's office to see if I was sick. I also worked on the grounds crew, though my job was to paint married student housing. I spent two summers listening to the radio and painting those horrid concrete walls. I was a docent at Werner Wildlife Museum for a while too. Seems like all the people I knew are now names on the buildings. I loved my time at CC. I've returned a time or two for plays and meetings and usually a wave of tears passes through me at some point, remembering those great people and my mother, and the professors who taught me and befriended me. CC is just not the same without my mother there." Her mother, Jerri Burton, worked at CC for many years, including several years as former president LeRoy Strausner's administrative assistant.

Kathleen Warner ('80) was profiled in the Casper Star-Tribune for her 36 years playing with the Wyoming Symphony. In those years, she's only missed two performances. In addition to the musical portion of her life, Kathleen designs stained windows and is a restoration artist repairing stained glass for churches and historic buildings.

Jannette Van Patten ('82) will serve Pathfinder High School, located in Lander, Wyo., as principal and counselor this fall. Jannette has worked at PHS as counselor since 2011. Prior to that, she served as principal of the K-12 school in Farson, Wyo. She has also worked as a school counselor, a middle school math and social studies teacher, and an elementary teacher. Jannette and her husband have three adult children.

1990s

Amy Brus ('92-'93) has become the newest member of the Academic Testing Center Team at Casper College.

Josh Hamilton ('93, '95) has reestablished his private psychiatric practice in Las Vegas following a successful tenure as associate dean at West Coast University. The Hamilton Group provides mental healthcare to the residents of Southern Nevada. He continues to visit numerous schools of nursing as a representative of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). This past April, he spoke at the Annual Contemporary Forum on Psychiatric Nursing in Las Vegas. He has also taken on a full-time academic post as associate dean of nursing at Roseman University of Health Sciences in Henderson, Nev. He is heading the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program. He writes that he and Lynn "are delighted to be back in Southern Nevada, and we've resumed work on our unwieldy mid-century Craftsman home in the old Scotch 80 (mob) neighborhood. We've become active with the Southern Nevada Parrot Education Rescue & Rehoming Society and are now "fostering" two parrots. Wow, has that been a learning experience?!"

Win Farnsworth ('94) is the founder of Information Systems Consulting Inc. The company merged with southern United States tech company Venture Technologies this spring and intends to double its data centers and

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add over 100 employees and four states to its market through the merger. They are based in Casper and started in 1998, initially working with the city of Casper and Casper College to provide their tech infrastructure.

Thomas Aitchison ('94, '10, '11) was recognized as Employee of the Year by the Wyoming Department of Corrections for his work at the Wyoming Women's Center. He has returned to Casper College to speak with students at Casper College regarding career opportunities with the Wyoming Department of Corrections. He holds degrees from CC in retail marketing, statistics and psychology.

3. Brandy (Mertz) Kauffman ('94) and her family are currently living in Lincoln, Neb. She and her husband Dana recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in February and they have two children. Their son Hayden is 4 and their daughter Callie is 18 months. Brandy is seeking a new position in the Lincoln area.

Jill E. Kamber ('95, '98) and Craig J. Knox were married Dec. 13, 2013 in Casper. The bride is employed as a licensed realtor at Stratton Real Estate. The groom is a superintendent with CK Mechanical. The couple is at home in Casper.

Leda Pojman ('98) is now in Gillette, Wyo. as deputy county and prosecuting attorney for Campbell County after spending eight years in Cheyenne, Wyo. in the attorney general's office.

Jennifer (Crank) Dyer ('99-'01) is now the development director for The Nicolaysen Art Museum and Discovery Center. Jennifer comes to The NIC with extensive experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic field. She has been responsible for fundraising, development, and management in a number of previous positions. She served for three years as chair of the Natrona County Prevention Coalition, and as the program director and deputy director for Mercer Family Resource Center. Jennifer has been accepted into the M.B.A. program for Organizational Leadership at the University of South Dakota.

Melissa Stahley-Cummings ('99) is the new director of assessment for Casper College, after serving as the interim director for several months.

2000s

4. Cyndi Johnson, ('00) has published her first e-book, "Cyndi Gets Fresh: Fresh Food Foundations." The cookbook/memoir includes stories of growing up in

Wyoming, supporting local agriculture and ranching, and cooking homemade recipes. Her husband, Josh Johnson, a 1998 graduate of the University of Wyoming, is the editor. The book can be found on Amazon.com. Cyndi and Josh live in Reno, Nev., but are planning a move to Denver, Colo. She is currently working on several food projects and her dissertation for her Ph.D. in learning, teaching, and culture, with an emphasis in social media through Colorado State University. She loves to travel, eat great food, consume great wine, and listen to 1980's music, Broadway tunes, and opera. You can follow her blog at cyndigetfresh.com.

Melody (Culbertson) Moore ('00) is now teaching professional piano lessons at Rockstar Music Store in Casper. Since graduating with her associate of arts in music education she has taught piano from her home.

Jennifer Henderson ('00, '05) was honored with the Casper 2014 Woman of Distinction award. Jennifer has been a Casper Fire Department employee for more than 10 years and was promoted to engineer in 2012, making her the first woman to earn that rank in Casper. She is studying for certification as a paramedic. She is an EMT-1 and an adjunct faculty member in the fire science program at Casper College. She is also a big sister in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and has traveled internationally on working mission trips with her church. Ten Casper women were recognized with nominations for the award, including **Denise Neville Bressler** ('84) **Cori Cosner Burton** ('98) and **Crystal Mueller** ('90).

5. Brady Frude ('04, '05), West Rawlins game warden with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department was recognized by American Legion Post 33 in Lander, Wyo. as the 2014 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Brady is a native of Laramie, Wyo. and graduated from Casper College with associate degrees in biology and wildlife management in 2004 and 2005, respectively, followed by a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Wyoming in 2006. He also attended the 13-week Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy and is certified as a Wyoming peace officer. Outside of law enforcement, Brady is active in the department's recruitment programs, hunter education, and wildlife education. He lives in Rawlins, Wyo. with his wife Candice and their three girls. He is an avid hunter and ice fisherman and can always be found accompanied by his dog, Penny.

Dusti Tolman ('06) is the new executive director for the Self Help Center of Casper. Dusti holds a master's degree in counseling and a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wyoming. She also attended the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine. She is a licensed professional counselor and has worked at the Self Help Center since 2007. Dusti served in the U.S. Air Force in 2002 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was recognized with several honors and awards including the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

James Carpenter ('08) and Anita Renemans were married July 20, 2013, at the Sinks Canyon Center in Lander, Wyo. The bride graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2011 and is a third grade teacher at Douglas Intermediate Elementary School. The groom is a construction tech for EOG. They are at home in Douglas, Wyo.

Chloe Titus ('08) is the first fully online justice studies student to partake in the Chadron State College London Study Abroad. She transferred to CSC after earning her associate degree in criminal justice from Casper College. She lives in Lander, Wyo. and works at Fremont County School District #1 Gannett Peak Elementary as a paraprofessional with special education first graders.

2010s

Sarah Siems ('11) and **Mary Ness** ('82) were recognized as two of Wyoming's top three nurses according to a Casper Star-Tribune survey in May 2014. Mary is employed at Jackson Pediatrics in Jackson, Wyo. and Sarah works for Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

6. Alex Rose ('13) has a new position as a park ranger for the BLM at the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nev. Alex credits his time at Casper College, which gave him what he needed to enhance his skills. Alex writes, "It was a challenge, but overall a fantastic experience, and the hard work paid off! ... After being away from a college environment for so long, I was terrified of going back to school. But once I committed and took the plunge, everything worked out. And I appreciate that, at Casper College, if you show up to class and work hard, you will do well. I also learned that life experience, along with already having earned a bachelor's degree in the past, gave me a tremendous advantage when tackling course work."

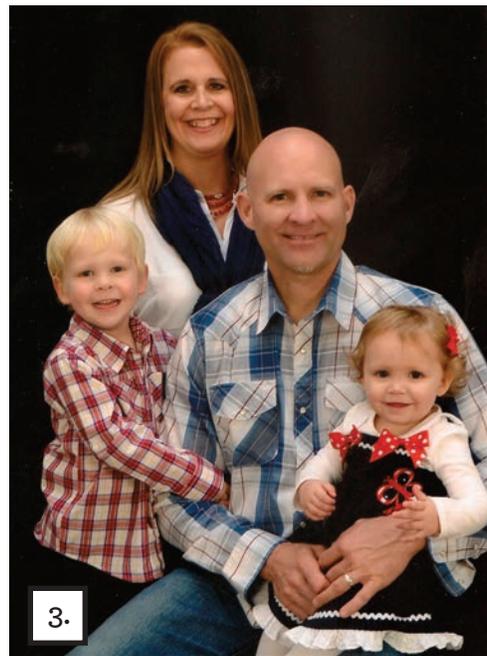


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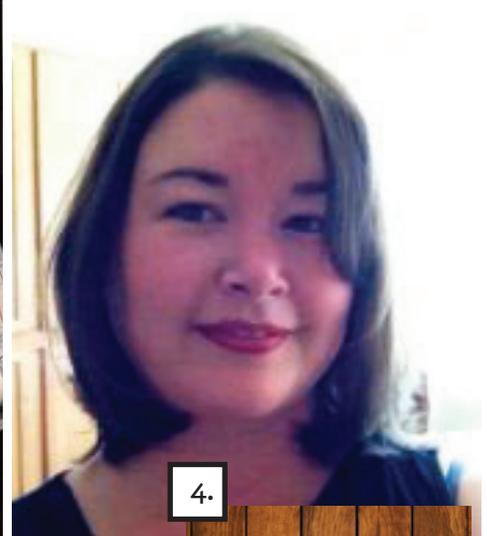
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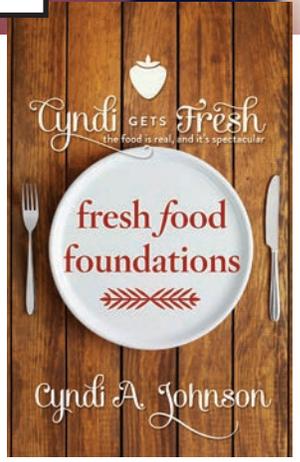
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The Casper College Class of 2014 raised money for scholarships through the sale of commemorative Casper College Class of 2014 t-shirts. "If you contribute \$10 or more to the 2014 class gift through the Casper College Alumni Association, your gift helps fund a scholarship supporting a student at Casper College next fall," said Linda Nix, associate director of alumni relations. Casper College Student Senate President Bailey Jessee urged his classmates to support the effort to "give back and create opportunity for others." The CC Alumni Association donates the shirts, so every penny goes toward funding scholarships. Last year the 2013 Class Gift T-shirt fundraiser generated enough money for two \$850 scholarships. There are still some t-shirts left for a contribution of \$10 or more, and you can get yours by contacting Linda Nix at 307-268-2218 or alumni@caspercollege.edu. Here is the list of donors at press time:

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According to Charlotte

by Charlotte Babcock ('49)

My friend and I met for lunch. Lunch was tasty, visiting was brisk. We were having a great conversation when suddenly he blurted, "Back in the day, have you heard that?"

"What?" I said.

"Back in the day," he repeated. "What does that expression mean?"

"What are you talking about?" I said as I scattered bits of food about.

"Well," he said, "everybody's saying it and I don't know what it means or where it's coming from."

"Don't ask me, for heaven's sake," I said, and ruthlessly changed the subject.

On the way home "back in the day" echoed over and over in my brain. I felt I had entered the twilight zone by not keeping up with the language of the 21st century.

I started immediately to rectify this lapse and I felt like the village idiot when I, too, began reading it and hearing it in magazines, newspapers, and on television. Clearly, I had not been paying attention. My research quickly led me to the conclusion that all these "back in the days" referred to a specific decade which the perpetrator remembered best. My village idiot persona began to fade somewhat and I thought, "I can do this! I can join in."

The trouble was I couldn't come up with one specific decade for me and so there was nothing for it but to include about 50 decades. I can do that because I'm OLD, (just so you know). Really, I could fill this whole magazine, but I got shot down.

BACK IN THE DAY ... Postage stamps were three cents each and the mailman delivered the mail twice a day, leaving not only eagerly awaited real handwritten letters, but weekly magazines like Life and the Saturday Evening Post with the unforgettable Norman Rockwell covers. There was never junk mail.

BACK IN THE DAY ... Your only phone was in your house. You lifted the receiver and a sweet-voiced operator said, "Number please," and you were connected unless the line was busy. There were also party lines and furtively listening in on those lines kept you up on all the gossip. But you didn't want to get caught; people weren't above swearing at you to "get the &\$@!# off the line!"

BACK IN THE DAY ... You went to the movie theater to see a movie because that

was the only place they played. Movies told grand stories and produced widely acclaimed stars like: Mae West ("I like two types of men. Foreign and domestic"); W.C. Fields ("Start the day with a smile and get it over with"); Will Rogers ("Never kick a cow chip on a hot day"); Katharine Hepburn ("The calla lilies are in bloom"); Bette Davis ("What a dump"); Clark Gable ("Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn"); and John Wayne ("Don't apologize. It's a sign of weakness").

BACK IN THE DAY ... There was always dancing – dancing cheek-to-cheek to the romantic stylings of the "big bands" during WWII. Who can forget "Moonlight Serenade," "Dream" and "I'll Be Seeing You."

BACK IN THE DAY ... I can't forget traveling the country's two lane highways, watching for the Burma Shave signs to relieve the monotony.

"Dinah doesn't treat him right/but, if he'd shave/Dinah might."

"Are your whiskers/when you wake/tougher than a two-bit steak?"

"He tried to cross/A fast train appeared/Death didn't draft him/He volunteered."

BACK IN THE DAY ... Traveling by train beat riding in the car by at least a mile – many miles; especially when going many, many miles. Railroads crisscrossed the country from "sea to shining sea." Passengers experienced red carpet treatment on the journey and loved every minute of it – the Red Caps in their spiffy uniforms who took charge of the luggage; the conductor who welcomed them aboard; the porters who made the beds in the Pullman cars and snapped the curtains around them at bedtime; the elegant dining cars where the tables glistened with white linens, as did the waiters in their white jackets. Through it all, passengers relaxed and watched the passing scenery through wide windows. Doesn't it just make you want to cry?

"Back in the day" is not a phrase I'm comfortable with even though it's the hottest thing going. I've done my best with it, but I grew up with two words that trigger my memories and they are, "remember when." These words do it all for me and I bet my friend will agree.

(Now folks, don't write to me about everything I've left out, because I know I have. I just wouldn't be able to stand it.)

This issue of

Footprints

showcases

multi-

generational

families with

members who attended

Casper College. This, I think,

is something to be proud

of and I am proud that my

family is one of those. It has

to begin with someone pretty

old – like me. I attended two

years after Casper College

was established; when its

classes met on the third

floor of NCHS. I was a '49er.

Next came daughter Vickie

('85). Following her was

my younger daughter Linda

('03) and representing the

third generation was my

granddaughter Roxanne ('91).



It all feels like
a legacy and
I like it.

Left: Roxanne
and Scott Homar.

Below: Linda
Coatney, left and
Vickie Quisenberry,
right.



Hidden Campus

by Justin Pehrson

“Hidden Campus” is a new, recurring feature to Footprints where we take a brief moment to focus on the overlooked gems that are scattered across the college.

It is only fitting that this story falls at the tail of the magazine as it highlights the business end of a horse. Located in the Krampert Theatre Complex between the costume shop and the Thomas H. Empey Studio Theatre, the carousel horse, albeit a treasure by itself, bears a little known brand of serendipitous origin.

Our very own Nancy Madura, art instructor, constructed the beautifully detailed amusement steed from foam in 2001 for the theatre department’s production of Rogers and Hammerstein’s *Carousel*. The prop pony turned out so well that the faculty and staff determined it deserved to be appreciated by all for years to come as opposed to the dark and dusty fate of storage where your only hope is to be repurposed for another stage.

Fast-forward a bit to a celebrity appearance at Casper College in the fall of 2003. ARTCORE Executive Director Carolyn Deuel ('72) brought the legendary Shirley Jones to Casper College to present a master class for students and the general public. Jones talked about her expansive career, gave insights about the craft, and performed some musical numbers.

With a moment of inspiration, Theatre Instructor, Douglas Garland, approached Jones with a request to autograph the iconic prop with which she is so famously associated.

She obliged and was “quite delighted to sign it,” as retired Theatre Instructor, Tom Empey recalled.

“Shirley was very gracious with the staff and students,” said Empey. “Actors with a foundation in theatre know how difficult the business can be and often desire to give something back ... she was very personable.”

The carousel horse’s famous autograph is just one example of the many fascinating details at our college. So, the next opportunity you find yourself on campus; walk a little slower, look a little closer. Take notice of the hidden treasures that contribute to the wonderfully unique experience that is Casper College.



Shirley Jones signing the carousel horse while on campus in 2003. Photo courtesy of Douglas Garland.

Have a suggestion for a “Hidden Campus” feature? Send your request to Justin Pehrson at jpehrson@caspercollege.edu or call 307-268-2266.



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