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(Neb.)-Chadron State College Provides New Self-Guided Campus Tours Via Phone



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(CHADRON)-"Please press 1 for Sparks Hall." A message like this may be similar to those heard by visitors to Chadron State College later this week when they use their cell phones to dial a special web-based phone service providing self-guided tours of campus. Sarah Polak, director of the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, wrote a proposal for the service that will be implemented through multiple phases.

Phase I, which will debut on April 26, will feature audio descriptions of 27 buildings on campus. There will also be a feature for callers to leave comments about their memories at CSC and contribute additional information or historical facts to the audio presentations.

Printed instructions for accessing the system will be available for guests at the Sandoz Center, which is serving as the Welcome Center for the inauguration of President Randy Rhine. The calls will be free except for the use of minutes from the plan of the caller. The tour will continue after the Inauguration and will eventually be accessible through the Internet.

In Phase II, historic photos of campus will be accessible for those accessing the tour via computer or smart phone.

The Phase III expansion will include additional narrative describing the gardens on campus, especially those that have been featured on Public Television. Buildings such as the Kline Campus Center, which are no longer standing, will also be options for interested listeners. According to Polak, future enhancements could conceivably involve audio descriptions of special rooms, centers or collections on campus. For more information about the audio tour, contact Polak at the Sandoz Center at 308-432-6401 or at spolak@csc.edu.

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