



# nc advance

nebraska christian schools — building lives for eternity

## In His Grip

by Dan Woods, Administrator



Back in September of 2009, the Foundation for Educational Choice released its latest findings regarding school choice in Nebraska. Strategic Vision, and Atlanta-based polling agency, conducted a survey of 1,200 likely voters in the Cornhusker state. The results show that more than eight of ten voters in Nebraska would send their children to private schools, charter schools, virtual schools or educate their children in a home school setting if they could. Eighty-four percent of the people polled would opt for schools other than traditional public schools.

After spending more than sixteen years working in the public school, my wife and I pulled up stakes from the government school system and began home schooling our children. Those years were a blessing.

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## Walk-for-a-Ride Campaign Purchases New Bus



On Friday, November 20, Nebraska Christian students gathered in the gym for a special assembly, where Superintendent Dan Woods announced the Walk-for-a-Ride



NC One-Act Team. Back (l to r): Kelsey Shepherd, Son Nguyen, Adam Richardson, CJ Urban, Johnny Chang, Shannon Rodehorst, Gail Mao. Front (l to r): Stephany Krieger, Anna Dinh.

## Students Search for 'Happily Ever After'

The NC drama team finished the One-Act season with the best finish it has had since the drama program's revival in 2006. At the Goldenrod Conference meet on Nov. 24, the team finished fourth out of nine teams. Then on Nov. 30, the team brought home the runner-up

plaque from the district competition. Johnny Chang, Stephany Krieger, and Shannon Rodehorst all received acting awards at the district competition, as well. The play, "Searching for Happily Ever After," was written and directed by drama teacher Gwen Prettyman.

## Worldview Expert to Speak at NC

Dr. David Noebel, founder and president of Summit Ministries, will speak at Nebraska Christian on Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Dr. Noebel will be speaking to Nebraska Christian students during the day, as well.

Dr. Noebel's popular book *Understanding the Times* has been used in Nebraska Christian's senior Bible class for many years, and other Summit curriculum is used in the elementary. Many NC students and alumni have attended the Summit student conferences. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Dr. Noebel's presentation.

Dr. David A. Noebel is founder and president of Summit Ministries.

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campaign. Nebraska Christian has long needed a new bus to use on over-the-road trips, and this campaign allowed students to have a vital role in purchasing the bus. Students, who committed to walking up to five miles, collected pledges and donations from friends, relatives, and acquaintances. The initial plan was for students to walk around the track, but, due to in-

convenient weather, most walking was done in the gymnasium. To date, students have raised nearly \$16,000 for the purchase of the bus. The week of January 4, Woods and Tom Dockweiler flew to Virginia to pick up the bus and drive it back. The bus has already transported both basketball teams and will be used for the Washington, D.C. and senior trips in March. To everyone who contributed to this campaign, please accept our sincere thanks!

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Tune in Saturday  
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## Dollars & Sense

by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



"But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases." (Job 23:13)

"Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him." (Psalm 115:3)

These two scriptures give clear declaration that God is in charge. Sometimes, as in Job's case, the declaration is an awesome and fearful thing. Sometimes, as in the Psalms, the declaration is an awesome and joyful thing.

I don't know why, but my mind goes to rollercoaster rides, the really big ones. We all know that once we are strapped in, we are no longer in control. Many find that awesome and joyful. I find that awesome and fearful and I think I know why. People who enjoy a rollercoaster are firmly convinced that it will not harm them. I don't believe that it will harm me, I am just not sure that it *won't*. For that reason alone I see a rollercoaster as awesome and fearful rather than as awesome and

### In His Grip

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ing. A few years later, we made the move to Nebraska Christian. Our two daughters graduated from NC, and our son is a few years shy of his diploma. I have experienced the gamut of educational choices for young people, and during my education career I have been on both ends of the "school shopping" trips. I have visited other schools and have spent many hours showing potential NC families the reasons for enrolling their children at NC. Equipping students with the Word of God is critical in this postmodern world.

Currently only twelve percent of Nebraska students are enrolled in private schools, but the results of the aforementioned survey show

joyful.

Knowing God will do as he pleases in my life or in the finances of Nebraska Christian Schools is exactly like that. I cannot control what God does. I will enjoy the experiences He takes me through, if I am firmly convinced that God will not hurt me. I can, however, be terrorized by the experiences God takes me through. I don't have to believe God plans to hurt me. All I have to do is not be sure that He won't. The sudden drops and sharp curves don't change, but the way I experience them is completely different. As we move into that period of the year when finances usually tighten up, pray that God grants me the grace to experience it with waving arms rather than white knuckles.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Until next time may God bless you and yours.

that parents would like a change.

Honestly, I'm a bit surprised at the results of the survey. However, I think things are changing in the education arena, and I am glad for what the Lord is doing at NC. We do things differently here because we are able to start with a foundation of God's Word, which makes all the difference in the world, especially when we are equipping our students with a Biblical worldview.

NC's enrollment continues to remain steady with a slight increase this second semester. Parents are "school shopping," and I continue to welcome folks on our campus at any time for a tour. If you know of parents that are looking, please direct them to my office.

Our website has been redesigned – Check it out at [www.nebraskachristian.org](http://www.nebraskachristian.org)

## Calendar of Events\*

### MARCH

- 1-7 Sophomore D.C. Trip
- 8-13 Senior Trip
- 15 GRC Quiz Bowl at Spalding
- 16 Speech Night, 6:30 PM
- 19 State Speech at UNK
- 19-20 Elementary Musical, 7:00 PM
- 26 Auction Preview Night, 5:00-8:00 PM
- 27 Dinner & Benefit Auction, Doors open at 4:00 PM

### APRIL

- 2-5 Easter Break
- 6 Dr. David Noebel speaks, 7:00 PM
- 7 Goldenrod Conference Music at NC
- 11 Choir Tour
- 16 Advance Dessert & Spring Concert
- 23 District Music
- 25 Choir Tour

### MAY

- 7 Junior-Senior Banquet
- 12 District Track
- 15 Graduation, 10:30 AM
- 20 School Dismissed for Summer, 11:30 AM

\*For additional events, check our website, [www.nebraskachristian.org](http://www.nebraskachristian.org).



Above: Third grader Savannah Zimmer enjoys playing on the playground following another snow.



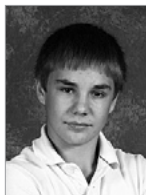
## New Students Arrive 2nd Semester

We are pleased to welcome several new students to the Nebraska Christian student body for the second semester. Joining us are: Warren Dexter (7th grade) and Ryan Dexter (3rd grade) who have moved to Central City from Burwell; Cheyenne Dringman (2nd grade) and Cierra Dringman (Kindergarten) who have moved to Central City from Beaver City; Tyra Go (freshman) from South Korea; Tressa Johnston (junior) from Kearney; Kameron Kaelin (sophomore) from La Vista; Nick Le (junior) from Vietnam; Maika Urasaki (sophomore) from Japan; and James You (auditing senior) from South Korea. The total number of students attending NC this semester is 184.

## Two Qualify for State Wrestling



Alex Newby



Isaac Elge

Senior Alex Newby and sophomore Isaac Elge qualified for state wrestling at the district tournament on Feb. 12-13. Newby, a four-year Eagle wrestler, came in fourth at the district meet in the 130-pound weight class. Elge placed third at districts in the 119-

pound class.

At the state tournament on Feb. 18-20, Elge came in fifth in his

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Sixth graders Zac Dockweiler (left) and Whitney Heuermann lead the elementary students as they march in Central City's Veterans Day Parade.

## From the Development Office *by Becky Deichmann, Kathy Chase, and Jody Heuermann*



Empty seats were hard to find as the beautiful sounds of the prelude music invited all present to join in worship of the Newborn King at the Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 18. International conductor Maestro Eric Dale Knapp returned to Nebraska Christian for the fifth time to conduct the all-day

clinic and evening performance.

Joining the NC choir were choir members from Central City Public School, Polk County Christian, Palmer Public School, O'Neill Public School, and a number of home school students. Serving as section leaders were Kaitly Flynn ('06), Susan Ritta, Janice Stuhmer, Cathy Blauhorn, Dee Flynn, Becky Ritta ('99), Lester Unruh, Dale Beye, and Bill Dickey. The Children's Choir under the direction of NC Music Director Mike Flynn was also a part of the performance.

Sixth grader Dillon Rose was the featured soloist for "Once in Royal David's City," the hymn that traditionally opens the service.

Returning for the second time to accompany the choir was world-renowned organist Mark Thallander. Piano accompaniment was provided by Jonathan Jaques, Music Director at O'Neill Public School. Also accompanying the choir was a 30-piece orchestra made up of professional musicians from the area and students from Hastings College, Grace University, Grand Island Senior High and Nebraska Christian.

Featured soloists were Susan Ritta and Jeanette Benson. Special prelude music was provided by a mixed quartet from the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church, NC alumnus An Tran ('09) playing classical guitar, a brass ensemble, and Mr. Thallander on organ.

Reading the Scripture lessons were Daniel Woods, Tom Dockweiler ('79), John Armatys, Norm Krug, Charissa Smith ('94), Carl Ostrand, Mike Toukan, Pastor Paul



**Above:** Music director Mike Flynn conducts the children's choir.

**Below Left:** Third graders Halle Strong (left) and Jada McHargue sing with the children's choir. The choir sang several solo numbers and joined with the adult choir for two songs.



Blanchard, Pastor Dave Olson, and Belinda (Berck '86) Strobel.

Maestro Knapp commented that the choir gets better every year as the students build on what they have learned from past performances. He also commended Mike Flynn on his excellent preparation of the Nebraska Christian students. This event, sponsored in part by grants from the Merrick Foundation and the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation, continues to be a memorable experience for participants and audience alike.

## 2010 Dinner and Benefit Auction March 26th & 27th

# \$530,000

The above figure is the total profit to Nebraska Christian by God's grace through many generous donors during the past seven auctions. As we look forward to a successful eighth auction, we need your continued support of this major fundraiser in the following ways:

- In an effort to make the best use of our time and resources, we feel God has directed us to make some changes this year. We will be limiting the number of silent auction items to around 100 and live auction items to 30. We will be intentional about seeking out items that have a history of being the most desirable for our audience and the most profitable for our bottom line. If you think you have something that fits this criteria, give us a call so we can discuss it.
- We need your help to find the following:
  - Stay at a cabin or time share
  - Dinner cruise or dinner at a lake
  - Bed and Breakfast
  - Purebred puppy
  - Golf experience
  - Handmade items such as clocks & quilts
  - Tickets to sporting and fine arts events
  - Hunting trips for deer, pheasant, turkey (professional or your own land)
  - Dinner with a celebrity
  - Lessons in cooking, quilting, landscaping, etc.
- Let's talk. We may be able to network some items to create a total package, or you may be able

to give us a lead to something we haven't thought of. Unique experiences have brought thousands of dollars to this fundraiser.

- Your cash donation to the Scholarship Auction will help make an education at Nebraska Christian available to as many students as possible.
- Your cash donation to underwrite the cost of the event will help enable the profit to be applied directly to NC teachers' salaries.
- Purchase a table for eight at a cost of \$400 (\$240 is clear profit to NC) and invite guests that you would like to introduce to NC, such as parents of prospective students, supporters or bidders at the auction. Your "investment" in this way could result in increasing our student body or support base!
- Purchase a corporate table at a cost of \$1,000 (\$840 of this is clear profit) which entitles you to preferred seating for your table of eight (let us know if you need help filling your seats) and prominent recognition in the catalog, at the event, and in our publications.

We need to hear from you right now – our deadlines are approaching! Please call the NC Office at 308-946-3836 or the Development Office at 308-940-0264 today. And remember ... we need all the prayer we can get!

## Supporting Christian Education

When people think of the "face" of a school, they often think of students, teachers, or administrators. However, every school has employees who work behind the scenes, and Nebraska Christian is no different. What is different about these employees is they work in their chosen field – be it maintenance, cooking, or assisting administrators – not simply because they were trained to fill those roles (though they may have been), but because they believe in the mission of the school and its role in building lives for eternity. In this two-part series (continued in the Summer 2010 issue), readers will take a glimpse into the lives and motivations of these valuable staff members.



### Becky Ritta ('99)

by Janelle Bailey & Dominic Cho

For some, Nebraska Christian is like a home away

from home; for Miss Becky Ritta, it truly has been her home. After moving from Kansas to Nebraska, Robert ('69) & Susan Ritta took the position of boys' dorm parents at NC, bringing with them their family – including Becky, who was five years old. She attended NC from kindergarten through twelfth grade. After graduating in 1999, she attended Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, where she majored in English and minored in Journalism. During her senior year at Grace, then-Superintendent Dr. David Edgren offered her a job at NC for the summer. As the summer came to a close, Dr. Edgren asked if she would assume a full-time position as his secretary – she agreed. Since beginning as an NC staff member in 2004, Becky's role has continued to evolve. Initially, she served as Edgren's secretary and co-taught Cultural Literacy with him. Since then, she has taught a variety of ESL Classes, yearbook, and speech, and she currently spends half of each day teaching and half working in the main office. In addition to those responsibilities, she is the head speech coach and student council adviser.

Among all the perks NC offers, Becky specifically enjoys develop-

ing relationships with the international students. At the end of the day, Becky finds great joy in knowing that she is impacting students' lives for eternity.



### Gib Killion

by Gail Mao

Mr. Gib, the best friend of all international students, has been working at Nebraska Christian for two years. He graduated from UNK with a major in business. Before coming to NC, he was a missionary in the USA and in China for four years. This great experience gave him a passion for influencing young people's lives. Later on, NC Superintendent Daniel Woods invited Mr. Gib to teach at NC, as they were good friends in Christ.

Mr. Gib works with the international program at NC. As international students enter the U.S., the first person they see is this kind and tall teacher who greets them at the airport. As an ESL Bible teacher, Mr. Gib's greatest wish is that he could tell the students truth about Christ and make a difference in new international students' lives. And he really does.



### Kaity Flynn ('06)

by Seth Bailey

Saying that a Nebraska Christian staff member's path



# EAGLE INSIGHT

Written by members of the Nebraska Christian Reflector staff and is edited by Janelle Bailey.

to NC is unique is an obvious statement. No two staff members' stories are the same. Some graduated from college; some did not. Some went to NC; some did not. And the list goes on. That being said, it is safe to say that Miss Kaity Flynn's story is most definitely unusual.

Kaity graduated from Nebraska Christian in 2006; she spent her freshman through junior years attending Palmer High School. Her older siblings Mandy Schweitzer ('95) and Mike ('97) also attended NC, and her parents Mike & Dee serve as teachers and boys' dorm parents. Despite her connection to the school, however, Kaity never gave working at NC a second thought. All that changed in the spring of 2008. Kaity had spent several semesters at the University of Nebraska at Omaha studying biotechnology before she decided to take a break to figure out what she wanted to do. It was during that break that she received a job offer from Nebraska Christian, and she has spent the last two years tutoring international students and monitoring study halls.



## Karen Miotke

by Jennifer Smith

Mrs. Karen Miotke has become a familiar face in the office. Working as an aide in the business office, she assists Mr. Tom Dockweiler ('79) with the accounting/business departments. Before her role at NC as an aide in the business office, Karen was a stay at home mom; however, she was confined to her house due to a medical condition. She wanted to get out of the house, and since her children, Doug and Nancy, both attended Nebraska Christian, she asked the school if she could ride to school

with her children and help as a volunteer. The school gladly approved her request, and she began volunteering on the campus in 1987. Over the years, she performed many tasks such as helping in the kitchen, listening to students' Bible verses, and organizing card files in the library. In January of 1990, Karen began helping with business office work, and she was hired as an employee there in 1994. Even though her children graduated in '89 and '91, she continues to work as an aide in the business office at NC not only because she enjoys her work so much, but also because she feels like this is the place God wants her to be. Throughout the years, there are certain people Karen has worked with that still remain special in her life today.



## Michele Boutin

by Shelisa Boutin

This is Mrs. Michele Boutin's fourth year serving as a cook at NC. Her three children, Shelisa (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Shyler (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Sharina (6<sup>th</sup> grade) attend NC. She heard about NC through Mrs. Barb Schroeder, a teacher in Blue Hill who had once taught at NC. After opting to home school her children rather than send them to Blue Hill's public school, Michele was given encouragement from Mrs. Schroeder. She then shared with Michele what a great school there was here in Central City. After looking into it, Michele and her husband prayed about the possibility. Many things fell into place, and they believed it was God's will for them to come to NC. They stepped out in faith and were amazed to see God open doors when all seemed to be closed. They are very thankful to God for leading them here and feel blessed at

the Christ-centered education their children are receiving.



## Patty Welk

by Katie Griess

Nebraska Christian's faculty and staff are filled with helping hands and encouraging words for their student body. Mrs. Patty Welk is just one of the many members of the faculty, but she contributes much to the school. Patty graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1975 with a major in Social Work. A few years later, Patty attended an event at Grand Island Christian School, where two of her children attended school. At this event, she eagerly listened to speaker (and then-Administrator) Rich Musgrave expound about Nebraska Christian Schools. Since then, all four of Mrs. Welk's children have attended Nebraska Christian, including Jae and Katherine who will graduate in 2013. Mrs. Welk has continually helped Nebraska Christian's students by being the elementary librarian and a resource for the secondary students. She enjoys having the opportunity to encourage the elementary students to read and finds joy explaining assignments and reading to those in secondary grades. Patty is a great addition to Nebraska Christian Schools' faculty and staff and is greatly appreciated by its students.



## Shelly Rodehorst

by Stephany Krieger

Being a first year cook for 180 students and staff proves to hold its challenges. New staff member Mrs. Shelly Rodehorst attended college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where she studied to get her Di-

etician degree. She then went to Central Community College in Kearney where she received her nurse's license. Shelly learned about NC from Gib Killion when he introduced the school to her son, Shannon, who will graduate as a member of the class of 2010. Hoping to find a different job, Shelly inquired about a position at NC. Within a few months, a cook position opened up, and Shelly accepted it, believing it was God's calling. As a member of the NC staff, she enjoys seeing the joy on kids' faces while serving the Lord.



## Susan Ritta

by Heidi Hofmann

Anyone who has visited Nebraska Christian in the last 15 years has surely met Mrs. Susan Ritta. Susan first began working in NC's office in 1973 after a college friend told her about an opening for a secretary. After three years at NC, she married that friend, Bob Ritta ('69), and they moved to Texas, then Kansas, and started a family. Ten years later, the Ritta family returned to Nebraska Christian as boys' dorm parents. Following six years in the dorm, the Rittas moved into Central City, and in November 1994, Susan returned to the NC office as a secretary. Aside from a 3-year stint as secretary at the Marquette campus in the early 2000's, Susan has remained in the main office. In 2007, she and Bob added girls' dorm parents to their list of duties, and they currently serve as dorm substitutes when needed. If you would ask her why she still continues to work here, her response would be that she loves it. She loves to meet new people and strongly believes in a Christian education. Susan has been here for many years and hopefully will be for many more!



Above: Senior Alex Newby vaults over a chair as he attempts to secure a seat in Musical Chairs. The Student Council-sponsored Christmas party following first semester finals helped students relax and recoup after studying.

## From the Foundation Director's Desk

by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

A year and a half has passed since the inception of the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation. We are grateful that many endowment areas have continued to grow in spite of a very difficult marketplace. Our Foundation Board is working closely with the Nebraska Christian Schools Board to determine new endowment area needs and to map out a vision of growth in areas of student recruitment, building curriculum and programming.

Recent capital improvements made possible by generous dona-

tions to the Foundation include: two vans, three copiers, a paper folder, a lawn mower, music department upgrades, science department upgrades, and elementary school needs.

I welcome opportunities to share our vision for the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation with civic organizations or other groups. We want as many as possible to know that by investing in the Foundation, they will be "leaving a legacy that builds lives for eternity."

Endowment	April '09	October '09	January '10
General Budget	2,375.00	\$2,859.18	\$632.54
Student Scholarships	10,635.00	15,314.00	16,279.13
Teacher Salaries	1,250.00	1,875.00	2,034.76
Where Needed Most	550.00	715.00	682.40
General Endowment	10,100.00	13,771.00	14,583.16
Capital Fund		47,186.40	50,824.34
Athletic Equipment Fund			1,314.45
Festival of Lessons & Carols	1,000.00	1,000.00	985.10
Sage Point Money Market			411.60
Money Market Account FP		101.62	2,186.06
Totals:	\$25,910.00	\$82,822.20	\$89,933.54

### Ways to Give Spotlight: By Will

You can make a bequest in your will stating that either a certain dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate will pass to Nebraska Christian Schools at your death.

## NC Welcomes New Custodian

Mrs. Raquel Dringman joined the NC staff at the beginning of the second semester. Raquel, her husband Dan, and daughters Cheyenne (2nd) and Cierra (Kindergarten) moved to Central City from Beaver City so the girls could attend NC. Raquel serves as the "cleaning prayer warrior," or custodian. Prior to working at NC, she was employed by the State of Nebraska, working in a judge's office

at a county courthouse.

Raquel says she has always wanted her daughters to have the opportunity to attend a Christian school. One day last fall, she called the office to find out about possible job openings and learned that a custodial opening existed. She is excited about being able to see her girls at school, and she's glad to be working in an environment where she is surrounded by other believers.

The Nebraska Christian Elementary proudly presents

# Patch the Pirate Goes to Space

March 19 & 20

7:00 PM

NC Gymnasium

Dr. Noebel *continued from pg. 1*

tries® and edits and writes Summit's monthly publication, The Journal. Dr. Noebel has been a college professor, college president, and candidate for the U.S. Congress. Dr. Noebel has a B.A. from Hope College in Holland, an M.A. from the University of Tulsa, and was a Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin. He is an author, editor, public speaker, and ordained minister. He is recognized as an expert on worldview analysis and the decline of morality and spirituality in Western Civilization. He travels worldwide lecturing in high schools, universities, and churches.

Noebel has been a guest on numerous national radio and television programs. He has authored a number of books and has written extensively on the subject of Western Civilization's moral and spiritual decline. His most popular works include *Understanding the Times*, which sold over 500,000 copies, the New York Times' best selling *Mind Siege* (co-authored with Tim LaHaye), and *Clergy in the Classroom* (co-authored with Kevin Bywater and J.F. Baldwin). He and his wife Alice live in Manitou Springs, Colo. They have two children and five grandchildren.



## Memorial Gifts

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## Alumni News



### Ryan & Shelby (McPeak '04) Webb

Ryan & Shelby Webb (pictured with son Avery, age 1) have recently completed their training as New Tribes Missionaries and are preparing to leave for Papua New Guinea to take the gospel to a remote tribe there. Their departure goal is January 2011, and they are currently building a team to support them financially and through prayer. As God would lay it on your heart to have them share their passion for reaching the lost with your church or Bible study group, please contact them at [ryanandshelby@hotmail.com](mailto:ryanandshelby@hotmail.com) or 262-853-0963.



### Melissa Krieger ('05) & Ryan Weedin ('06)

Melissa Sue Krieger, daughter of Lowell ('82) & Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger, and Ryan Douglas Weedin, son of Don & Kathy Weedin, will be united in marriage on April 10, 2010. The wedding will take place at Faith Community Church in O'Neill.

### Alumni: Want to connect with former classmates and teachers?

Nebraska Christian Alumni Website:  
[www.alumni.class.com/nebraskachristian](http://www.alumni.class.com/nebraskachristian)

NC Alumni Facebook group:  
[www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=25989872393](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=25989872393)

## NC Flashback



In the mid-70's, these two ladies were fixtures in the office. If you can identify them, you could win an NC 50th Anniversary t-shirt! Send your guesses to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org).

From the last issue (left): Congratulations to Bill Gripenstroh ('06)! His name was drawn out of all the correct guesses, and he'll receive an NC 50th Anniversary T-shirt. The girls pictured are Lisa Osler ('06), Laura Reimer ('06), and Carmen (Dockweiler '06) Chase.

## NC Almanac

### 10 years ago ('99-00)

- The elementary puts on a Christmas program, "The Bethlehem Project," at the new Marquette campus. Tyler Nunnenkamp ('07) and Crystal Ratliff (FS '07) play the roles of Joseph and Mary.
- Six students join the student body for the spring semester.

### 20 years ago ('89-'90)

- The Master's Musicians, directed by Elaine Wischmeier, put on three Christmas concerts in the Aurora area.
- The Advisory Council votes to accept a used gym floor from a public school.

### 30 years ago ('79-'80)

- Alumni officers are elected: Vice President Gaylen Worden ('64), Secretary Kathy Johnson ('77), Treasurer Penny Grantham ('77).
- The drama team, directed by Karen Senkbile, takes its one-act play, "More Perfect Union," to the district competition in Kearney.

### 40 years ago ('69-'70)

- Campus preview day, focusing on students in the 8th and 9th grades, is held December 19.
- The board decides to invite five Advisory Council members to attend every other board meeting.

### 50 years ago ('59-'60)

- Paul Oswald is elected chairman of the board.
- At the February Advisory Council meeting, the board asks the council to raise \$12,000 toward paying off the school's bills.

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**Advance Dessert & Spring Concert**  
 Friday, April 16

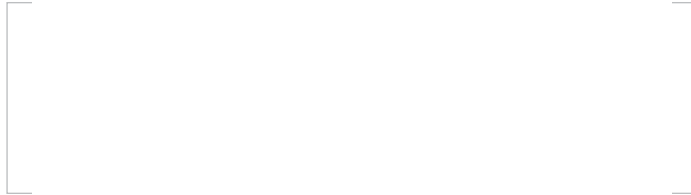
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## NC Spellers Take 1st & 2nd

8th grader Scott Smith won the 7th & 8th grade division of the Merrick County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 16. Beran Fisher, also an 8th grader, was the runner-up. Nebraska Christian's other competitors, 7th grader Emily Simmons and 8th grader Hannah Myers, advanced to the final oral rounds. As the county champion, Smith will compete at the regional contest in Omaha.

In the 5th & 6th grade division,

Nebraska Christian's competitors Alexis Hower (6th), Cassidy Ostrand (6th), Marilla Flynn (5th), and Matthew Myers (6th) all made it to the final oral rounds. Congratulations to all of these students!



**Above:** 5th & 6th grade competitors (left to right) Alexis Hower, Cassidy Ostrand, Marilla Flynn, and Matthew Myers.

**Left:** 7th & 8th grade spellers (left to right) Cailyn Ostrand (alternate), Hannah Myers, Beran Fisher, Scott Smith, and Emily Simmons

## Spring Choir Tour Schedule

The NC choir will be touring on three dates this spring. On February 14, the choir presented programs at Pleasant View Bible Church in Aurora, Faith Community Church in Aurora, and Hope Reformed Church in Sutton. The other tour dates are as follows:

**April 11**

10:30 AM, To Be Scheduled – 4:30 PM, Berean Church, Broken Bow

**April 25**

10:30 AM, Evangelical Free Church, Minden – 4:00 PM, Evangelical Free Church, Stromsburg



1st Row (l-r): Yeni Kim, Jasmine Guo, Jessica Kim, Katie Nuss, Alice Kim, Janet Song, Duy Trinh, Son Nguyen, Jessica Davis, Rachel Miller, Sarah Armatys, Janelle Bailey. 2nd Row: Katherine Welk, Carrie Beck, Kim Deichmann, Michelle Toukan, Kelsey Shepherd, Caleb Urban, Isaac Elge, Nate Ritta, Casey Beck, Kevin Lee, Janae Landrigan, Kendra Griepentstroh, Joanna Stuhmer, Anna Dinh. 3rd Row: Ashley Mazankowski, Tressa Johnston, Alycea Unruh, Anna Kirby, Alex Newby, Jahn Landrigan, Derek Rose, Scott Ritta, James Davis, Katie Griess, Heidi Hofmann, Shawna Ritta, Tyra Go. 4th Row: Abbie Krug, Amber Rainbolt, Stephany Krieger, Katrina Troester, Caleb Schulze, Adam Richardson, Elliot Murphy, Levi Landrigan, Rebekah Poefffel, Anna Faeh, Bekah Mead, Maika Urasaki. 5th Row: Joey Sun.