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nebraska christian schools — building lives for eternity

In His Grip

by Dan Woods, Administrator



As we prepare to embark on another year of “Building Lives for Eternity,” I am humbled as I look back on how the Lord has graciously directed and provided for the ministry of Nebraska Christian for fifty years. With a thankful and humble heart, I look forward to again seeing what the Lord will do on the campus this year.

Humility will be the focus as we serve, teach and minister to the students that the Lord is bringing to our campus. I am reminded in the book of James that God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. Please pray with me that the Lord will teach all of us the true meaning of humility this year.

Ediger Dies at 85

Walter Ediger, the first administrator at Nebraska Christian Schools, died on Friday, June 26. He was 85. The memorial service was



held on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at the Training Center on the campus of Fellowship Bible Church in Rogers, Arkansas.

Walter Ediger served as the administrator of Nebraska Christian Schools for its first 14 years of operation and, as the obituary on page seven notes, “played a key role in the creation of ... Nebraska Christian High School.” Our gratitude goes out to God and to Mr. Ediger for his contribution to Nebraska Christian Schools, and our condolences go out to his family.

for obituary see ‘Walter Ediger’ on pg. 7

50th Class Graduates

On May 16, 2009, Nebraska Christian hit a milestone as its 50th class of seniors graduated. Throughout the 2008-2009 school year, several events provided the opportunity to look back on the previous 50 years and celebrate this significant marking of time. Likewise, the 27 seniors celebrated the milestone of graduation by reflecting on their last 13 years of education. The seniors gathered with friends, family, and teachers one last time prior to graduation for Senior Night on May 14. From the class history to the senior wills to the closing video, the seniors reflected on their time at Nebraska Christian.

The theme of reflection was continued and built upon at the commencement service on May 16. Class

speaker Stephanie Ritta, the only senior to attend Nebraska Christian from kindergarten through twelfth grade, looked back on her 13 years at NC as she relayed to the audience

how she had grown spiritually while a student at the school. “My teachers’ examples of loving selflessness reflected Christ’s sacrifice and encouraged me to be selfless, as well,” she said.

Rebecca Woods, the other senior speaker, reflected on the message hammered home through the seniors’ last few weeks of school: Finish Strong! Woods stated that the concept of finishing strong does not end with high school graduation; rather, Christians should seek to finish strong in life by training hard spiritually, pressing on, and looking to Jesus as the driving force behind their motivation.

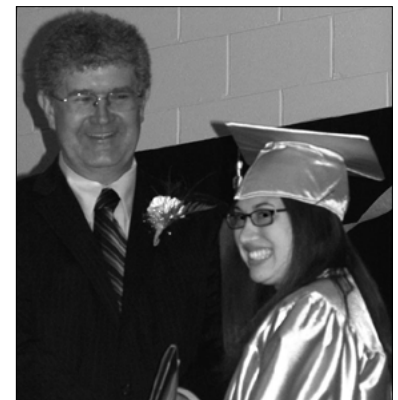
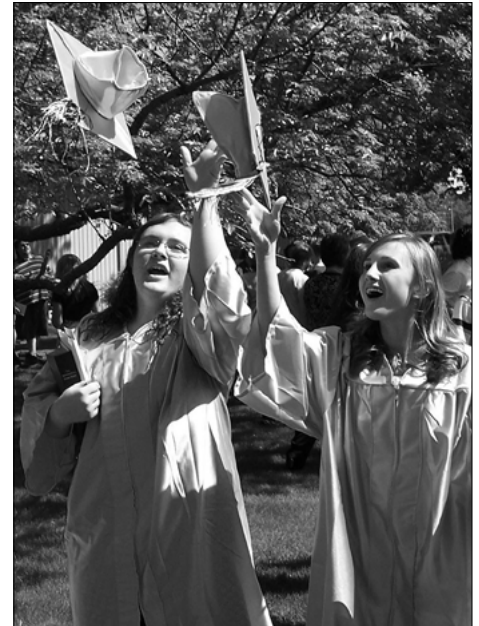
In his commencement address, Mr. Barney Sarver, an FCA director from Texas, built on Woods’ theme of finishing strong. He encouraged the students, as they leave their high school days behind and look to their futures, to always stand by their convictions,

strive for excellence, and be courageous.

Top right: Commencement speakers Stephanie Ritta (left) and Rebecca Woods rejoice after receiving their diplomas.

Above right: Board Chairman Norm Krug presents Kensy Kaelin with her diploma.

At left: Graduate Jae Kim and his father, Eun-Churl Kim, celebrate his accomplishments. Kim took flight lessons from John Armatys while a student at NC, and he was able to fly his parents from the Lincoln airport to Central City for his graduation.



**Join us for
Homecoming
on September 18!
Support your
Eagle football
players as they
take on the
Leigh Panthers
at 7:00 p.m.**

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Dollars & Sense

by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



It is truly an honor to sit where I sit and watch what God is doing at Nebraska Christian Schools. July is one of the best times to do that. The previous school year and what God has done is still fresh in our memories, but the focus has shifted to the next school year and what God is going to do next.

The summer staff and a bunch of volunteers are actively preparing. Classrooms and dorm rooms are being cleaned and / or refurbished. Book orders are being made and delivered. Equipment is being checked, repaired and prepared. As most of you know, it is our goal to have our existing septic tanks become non-existent and to have a sewer extension to the city in place by the start of this school year. It is good to have a goal. Over a mile of pipe is in the ground, and once the grinder pump stations arrive, I can really tear the place up! It has me on edge at times when I realize how little time remains, but I am learning again the value of Peter's reminder in I Peter 5:6-7. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's

mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." It is an act of arrogance on my part to think that God has lost control and an act of distrust to believe He doesn't care. I am excited to see how it all works out.

I am so grateful to the many individuals God has raised up to support us with their prayers, their time, and their financial gifts. I doubt that I know the half of what he is doing through people like you and people I don't even know. Like I said at the beginning, it is an honor to sit where I sit and to be able to see as much as I do of what God is doing. May you all have the privilege of watching God work for His glory and our good in the days ahead.

Editor's note: This article was written at the end of July. School has begun, and work on the project continues. Please continue to pray for us as we move forward.

Calendar of Events*

AUGUST

29 Golf Marathon

SEPTEMBER

18 Homecoming
Football vs. Leigh, 7:00 PM

18-19 Class of '68 & '69 Reunion

26 NC Family Prayer Time
8:30 - 10:30 AM

OCTOBER

16 End of First Quarter

26 Parent-Teacher Conferences
2:00 - 8:00 PM

NOVEMBER

6 Harvest Festival, *6:30 PM*

26-30 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

18 Festival of Lessons & Carols
7:00 PM

23 Christmas Vacation Begins

*For additional events, check our website, www.nebraskachristian.org.

Girls' Relay Team Starts Well



During one of the season's first track meets, the girls' 400-meter relay team of Michelle Toukan, Rebecca Woods, Alycea Unruh, and Joanna Stuhmer set a new school record of 51.4 seconds. The previous record of 52.7 seconds had stood since 1994.

At left: The record-breaking girls' 400-m relay team celebrating their victory. (Left to right) Michelle Toukan, Rebecca Woods, Alycea Unruh and Joanna Stuhmer.

Toukan Breaks Record

Sophomore Michelle Toukan, daughter of Mike & Laurel Toukan of Central City, broke the long-standing girls' 100-meter dash record with a time of 12.4 seconds at the Dick O'Neill Invite in Kearney. The old record of 12.6 seconds was set by Kristin Hattan ('95) in 1994.

Our website has recently been redesigned!
Check it out at
www.nebraskachristian.org

— *Did you know?* —

You can access our academic calendar, activities calendar, and weekly announcements at www.nebraskachristian.org. Students and parents can also find that information on the Sycamore Education website.

Send an e-mail to nc@nebraskachristian.org for more information.

Save the date now for the

Festival of Lessons & Carols

December 18 at 7:00 p.m.



Tune in Saturday
afternoons at 1:04 p.m.
and Sunday mornings
at 10:30 a.m. to hear
Dan and Gordon on
AM-750 KMMJ.



Baptism at the Fitness Center. Above: Gib Killion (center) closes the baptismal service with prayer. On May 10, in a special service at the Merrick County Health & Fitness Center, Pastor John Prettyman of the Community Bible Church in Central City baptized seven dorm students.

From the Development Office

by Becky Deichmann, Kathy Chase, and Jody Heuermann

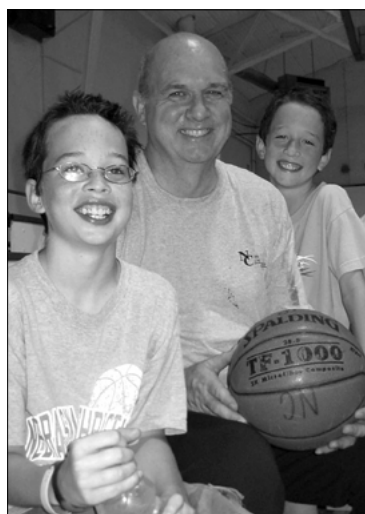


The competition was intense at times, but always friendly at the 50th Anniversary Alumni Volleyball/Basketball Tournament on July 3rd and 4th. While some would have to admit to some “complaining” by muscles that hadn’t been used in a while, everyone would agree that it was fun to relive old times playing and watching in the NC gym. Even some children of alumni got an opportunity to display their skills as they look forward to their opportunity to make great memories at Nebraska Christian.

The event began with coed volleyball on Friday night in round robin play. Saturday morning several teams played 3-on-3 basketball,

and the fun continued as different teams were formed with fathers and sons, brothers, and old friends and teammates. The morning concluded with lunch in the cafeteria.

We would love to hear opinions on this event regarding dates and times, as well as ways to get more alumni involved. Give us a call!



Above (left to right): Zac, Tom ('79), and Jon Dockweiler enjoy the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

At Right: Members of Team Ayvah. Front (left to right): Justin Denning ('99), Michael Flynn ('97) Back: Steve Goodspeed ('97), Beth (Anderson '99) Philippi, Brandi Flynn, Angela (Russell '97) Gustafson, Jen Burdett, Curt Burdett ('97).

2008-2009 Faculty, Staff & Coaches

Michele Boutin	Daurice Hower	Shelly Rodehorst
Kathy Chase	Gib Killion	Denise Schreiber
Becky Deichmann	Janet Landrigan	Larry Schreiber
Tom Dockweiler	Clay Mankin	Amy Shotkoski
Terry Elge	Erin Mankin	Charissa Smith
Ruth Ferris	Karen Miotke	Cheryl Smith
Dee Flynn	Carl Ostrand	Janice Stuhmer
Kaity Flynn	Tonya Ostrand	Gordon Thiessen
Mike Flynn	Marlow Pedersen	Bill Uhler
Gil Glad	Kate Perry	Jacky Uhler
Scott Gripenstroh	Becky Ritta	Patty Welk
Jody Heuermann	Marilynn Ritta	Daniel Woods
Barb Hoff	Robert Ritta	Kimmarie Woods
Larry Hoff	Susan Ritta	Verna Zaruba

A Special Thank You



Eighth grader Jae Welk thanks those who helped her succeed in school. During the graduation ceremony, all the eighth graders had the opportunity to show appreciation to those who had impacted their lives.

Alumni: Want to connect with former classmates and teachers?

Check out the Nebraska Christian Alumni Website: www.alumni.class.com/nebraskachristian

or the NC Alumni Facebook group: www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=25989872393

NC's 2009 National Honor Society inductees are (left to right) Karrah Miller, Janelle Bailey, Abbie Krug, Janae Landrigan, and Jen Smith.



NC Classes of 1968 & 1969 are planning a combined class reunion in Central City on **September 18-19, 2009**

Friday, Sept. 18, is NC Homecoming, so we could be part of those activities and watch a football game. We would then have time together on Saturday, Sept. 19. For more information, please contact Wayne Green at greenserv@kmtel.net or Bob Ritta at sritta@nebraskachristian.org

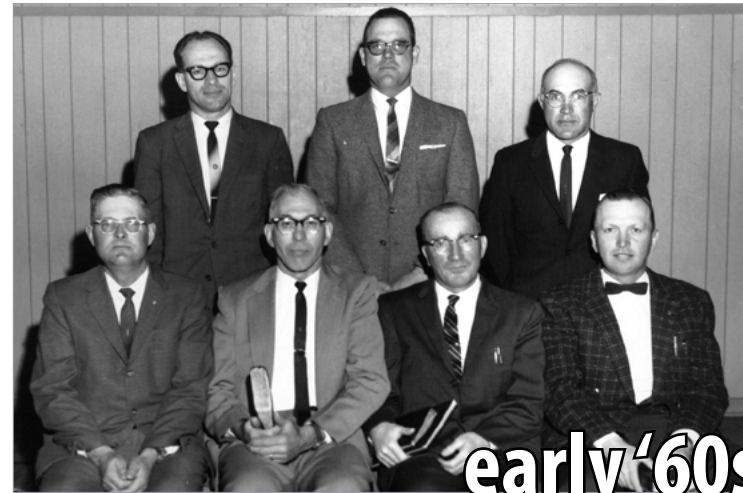
50 years



1976

Students and staff gather for the Music & Worship Center ground-breaking in 1976.

When the campus was purchased in 1959, it consisted of three buildings: the Administration Building, Whittier Hall, and Hord Hall. Through the years, several new buildings have been constructed, and Whittier and Hord have been razed. The most recent project, completed in 2008, was the new high school building on the southwest edge of campus.



early '60s

One of the early school boards included (seated, left to right): Paul Oswald, Glenn Taylor, Eldon Nikolaus, Joyce Grantham, (standing) Superintendent Walter Ediger, Cecil Clausen, and Orvil Hamer.

Nebraska Christian Schools came into being through the grace of God and as a result of the prayer and effort by several godly men who desired to see a Christian high school in central Nebraska. Many of these men served on the Nebraska Christian Board in the school's early days.



1962

The 1962 Concert Choir directed by Kay Sawyer.

Since the school's early years, the music program has been one of NC's distinctives. Under the direction of H. Kay Sawyer, Elaine Wischmeier, Ken Liebelt, Michael Flynn, and others, the NC choir and band have been known for excellence. The choir is also a powerful promotional tool for the school, as each spring, the choir performs concerts in area churches.



1982

A Potato Dig in 1982.

Nebraska Christian would not have survived the last 50 years without the prayers and support of people who believe in Christian education. While most people think of monetary gifts in relation to supporting the school (and NC couldn't survive without those!), other donations are equally important. Electronics, sides of beef, sidewalks, musical instruments, lockers – all have been given to the school. But perhaps the most notable gifts, to many students at least, were potatoes. For many years, the potato dig at Floyd Rowse's field outside of Burwell was a highlight of the year. Keith Barthel provided the noon meal for the students, and if there was time, they'd head back to his farm once they finished collecting potatoes. The potatoes collected that day would be used in school meals throughout the year.



1990s

A group of high school teachers in the early 1990s. Front row (left to right): Walt Hamilton ('66), Mike Geren, Barb Hoff, Sandi Griepenstroh, Elaine Wischmeier, Harriet Gillett. Back Row: Principal Marlow Pedersen, Robert Ritta ('69), Wally Goff, Jacky Uhler, Sharon Lipke, Donna Pedersen, Judy Garwood ('65), Superintendent Rich Musgrave.

Throughout the years, dozens of men and women have forgone higher paying jobs in order to help "Build Lives for Eternity." Staff members join the NC family with the understanding that they may have to go without raises or wait an extra month for their paycheck, but they make these sacrifices because they, like NC's founders, understand the value of a Christian education.



2008

The 2008-2009 NC elementary.

For Nebraska Christian's first 12 years, it was solely a high school. In 1971, grades 7 and 8 were added to the student body. Then in 1977, the Nebraska Christian Elementary School was formed. Throughout the years, the elementary school moved repeatedly, as classes have been housed at the Central City Evangelical Free Church, the boys' dorm west wing, the girls' dorm north wing, and the classroom wing of the gym building. In the fall of 1999, the elementary moved to the recently purchased Marquette school, where it stayed until the fall of 2004. At that time, the school moved into the renovated bus barn on the main NC campus.



1998

The first NC wrestling team, 1998-1999. Front, (left to right): Mickey Kinney ('01), Tyler Storz ('01). Second: Darrell Wedige ('00), Dereck Fishler ('00), Stuart Hostetler ('99), Kyle Kinney ('99), Jacob Fishler ('01). Third: Zack Miller, Malachi Meyers (FS '04), Kyle Kugler (FS '00), Levi Moore, Caleb Huenefeld. Back: Assistant Coach Earl Schenck, Head Coach Terry Elge, Isaac Elge (CS '12).

Extra-curricular activities have always been important at NC. Students are encouraged to get involved in the activities of their choosing, be it athletics, speech and drama, music, journalism, FCA, or numerous other activities that have been offered at NC throughout the years.



1978

Tom Dockweiler ('79) studies in his dorm room during the 1978-1979 school year.

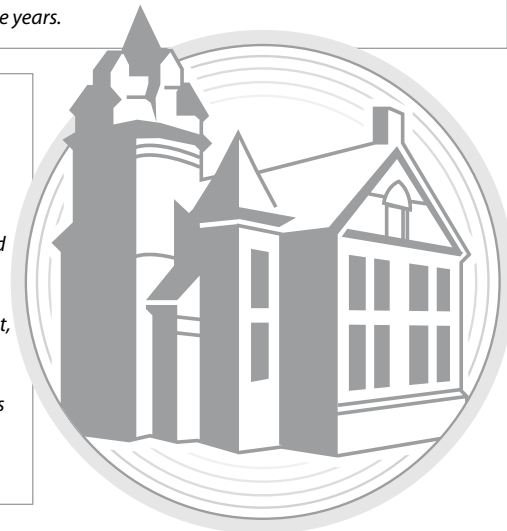
When Nebraska Christian opened, the boys lived in Hord Hall and the girls in Whittier. In 1962, West Hall, the current girls' dorm, was built, and East Hall, the current boys' dorm, followed in 1964. Initially, most students lived in the dorms during the week, but as time progressed, fewer families chose to have their children stay in the dorms. By the late 1990s, NC had only a handful of dorm students. With the addition of the international program, however, the dorms again filled, and there will be 39 dorm students in '09-'10.



2002

Paul Feng (left to right), John Chang, Choongman Lee, and Shohei Tanno were some of the first students in the new international program.

For decades, Nebraska Christian has welcomed students from other countries to be part of the student body. In the 1980s and 1990s, many Japanese students studied at NC, but only a few attended at a time. That all changed with the arrival of Dr. David Edgren in 2001. When Edgren became superintendent, he brought with him a vision for a thriving international program. Over the last eight years, the international program has grown steadily, and in the 2008-2009 school year, students from Japan, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, South Korea, and Hong Kong were members of the student body.



Student Summer Activities: From Sports Camps to Conferences



Nebraska Christian hosted basketball, volleyball, and football camps during the summer. Students going into grades three through twelve could participate in some or all of the camps. Many high school athletes helped out with the camps geared toward elementary students.

At left: A few of the girls' high school basketball campers. (Left to right) Front Row: Ashley Mazankowski, Emily Simmons, Shawna Ritta. Back Row: Danielle Thiessen, Cailyn Ostrand, Rachel Miller, Katie Griess, Heidi Hofmann.

In mid-June, eleven students and recent graduates attended the Resolved Conference in Palm Springs, California. Featured speakers at the conference were John MacArthur, John Piper, CJ Mahaney, and Steve Lawson. The sessions focused on sin – what it is, where it came from, and if it can be stopped.

The students, who were accompanied by NC Chaplain Gordon Thiessen, financed a portion of their trip through a golf marathon.

Above right: Resolved Conference attendees. (Left to right) Front: Braden Swanson, Karrah Miller, Jessica Dexter. Middle: Darren Holzinger, Casey Rose, Wes Kembel, Danielle Richards. Back: Elizabeth Griess, Elliot Murphy, Emily Murphy, Kiel Hansen, Gordon Thiessen.



~ Harvest Festival ~
November 6 at 6:30 PM

Memorial Gifts

For: Don Beason	Kerry & Janice Stuhmer
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad	For: Don Hanson
For: Phyllis Brown	From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad	Aaron & Mary Reisinger
For: Edna Brunner	For: Kathryn Kurzenberger
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For: Ruby Cox	Gil & Dorothy Glad
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For: Walter Ediger	From: Dorothy Ritta
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris	For: Myrna Shaffer
Bernice Grantham	From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
Dorothy Ritta	For: Carl Stuhmer
Robert & Susan Ritta	From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
Ken & Judy Taylor	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Lavelle
For: Doris Ehn	Dorothy Ritta
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad	For: Linda Wandfluh
For: Leora Goff	From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris	For: Elsie Kasten's 101st Birthday
Gil & Dorothy Glad	From: Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Lavelle
Robert & Susan Ritta	

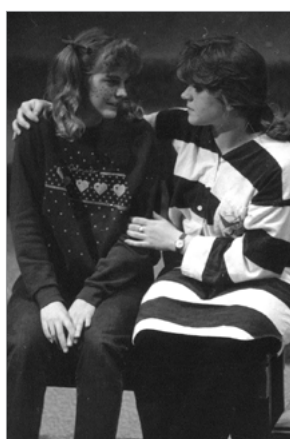


A Lesson in Quilts

Girls in the Family and Consumer Science class learned quilting during the second semester last year. The old computer lab on the third floor of the Ad Building was converted into a sewing space for the class.

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NC Flashback

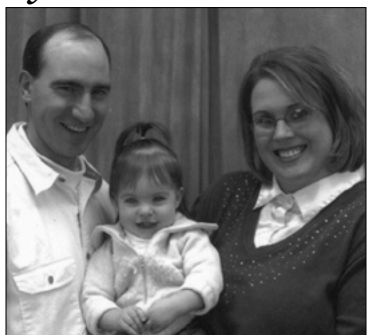


The class of '99 just had its 10-year reunion. In 1986, the class began kindergarten with the pictured students as two of its members. Can you identify at least one of these classmates? (Hint: Only one of them graduated from NC.) One person who submits the correct answer will receive a 50th Anniversary Nebraska Christian T-shirt. Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the last issue (at left): Congratulations to Dorothy (Jordan '89) Pelc! She correctly identified the two actresses in last issue's flashback. They are Deb (Hansen '88) Mead and Dina (Gurney '88) Hanken.

Alumni News

Ryan & Sarah (Stuhmer '96) Schoen



On June 23, while working at E Energy in Adams, Ryan Schoen was injured in a freak accident, resulting in burns on 30 percent of his body. He has been hospitalized since that day and is currently undergoing skin grafts. While Ryan is expected to make a full recovery, he has a long road ahead of him. Workers' compensation and insurance are covering the medical bills for now, but eventually the Schoens will become responsible for Ryan's medical care.

Sarah says that Ryan's job has given him some paid time off, so his paycheck is nearly normal for now, but this will be depleted in a hurry. Sarah also isn't working nearly the hours she did before the accident. To help make up for the loss of income, an account has been set up for the Schoens at Farmers & Merchants Bank. If you would like to contribute, please contact Connie, Betty, or Joyce at 402-788-2526. Any cards or well-wishes for Ryan should be sent to Sarah Schoen, 620 7th St., Adams, NE 68301.

David Swanson ('03) & Kirbie Holcomb

David Swanson and Kirbie Holcomb announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. The couple plans to wed on June 26, 2010. Swanson is currently serving with the Army National Guard in Iraq.

Walter Ediger, 1923 - 2009

BELLA VISTA — Walter Ediger, Christian educator, dies at 85.

Walter Ediger, known throughout the Midwest for his work in Christian high school administration, has died. He was 85.

Ediger, who lived in Bella Vista, died Friday, June 26, 2009, at Northwest Medical Center of complications of a stroke. He was born to Frank C. and Martha Ediger on Oct. 21, 1923, in Henderson, Neb., and spent his early years in Hillsboro, Kan., where he graduated from Hillsboro High School. He earned a B.A. degree from Tabor College in Hillsboro and later added an M.S. in educational administration from the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia.

He married Wanda Pauls, his wife of 65 years, on May 27, 1944. The Edigers had five children: Warren, Karen, Paul, Christi, and Beth.

He began his teaching career at Berean Academy, then served as an administrator and teacher at Central Christian High School in Hutchinson, Kan., Nebraska Christian High School in Central City, Neb., and Oklahoma Bible Academy, Enid, Okla. He played a key role in the creation of Central Christian High School and Nebraska

Christian High School and was instrumental in helping Oklahoma Bible Academy build and move into new facilities in Enid. He was also active for many years on the Board of Directors of Grace University, in Omaha, Neb.

He was a frequent consultant to other Christian schools and speaker at Christian education conferences. The Association of Christian Schools International recognized him for his contribution to Christian education, and Nebraska Christian High School named him to their Hall of Faith for his work there. He wrote numerous articles and one book, "A Quest for Excellence in Christian Education."

He is survived by Wanda, Warren and Cheri Ediger, Karen and Phil Wantoch, Paul Ediger, Christi and Geoff Braun, and Beth and Miles Menne. He is also survived by his brother, Frank; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Joel.

The family suggests donating to a memorial fund established in his name at Grace University, 1311 South 9th St., Omaha, NE.

Online condolences may be made at stockdalefuneral.com.

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Class of '99 Reunion

The class of '99 held its 10 year reunion on July 17 and 18. Twenty-three of the forty-one class members attended at least a portion of the weekend's events. Class members toured the NC campus on Friday evening, spent Saturday at Timberlake Ranch Camp, and concluded the weekend with a Saturday evening banquet at Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City. One of the highlights of the event was when Dan Buller, who is teaching English in Korea, chatted with class members using Skype.

Above: Members of NC's Class of 1999. Front (Left to right): Mike Coleman, Justin Denning, Adair Ballagh, Dan Buller (on laptop), Josh Schreiber, Kyle Kinney, Joya (Stretch) Kinney. Middle: Jessica Zaruba, Susanna (Weiss) Poeffel, Jeremy Poeffel, Erin (Osler) Purdy, Lana Daniels, Becky Ritta, Andrea (Krug) Plucker, Leslie Thiessen. Back: Amber (Fagan) Olsen, Jess (Sallans) Peterson, Cara (Jensen) Francl, Russ Francl, Beth (Anderson) Philippi, Shellie (Creutzberg) Stull, Rebecca (Holmstedt) Parde, Jeremy Janzen.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('99)

- The elementary moves to the newly purchased Marquette school.
- New staff: Kim Hiebner, Scott Johnson, Alistair Parlane, Joannette Regier, Charissa Smith ('94), Verna Zaruba.

20 years ago ('89)

- Enrollment is 188, a record high.
- Marlow Pedersen is hired to be the new principal.
- New staff: Glenda Kai, Donna Pedersen, Jacky Uhler

30 years ago ('79)

- Grand Island Christian opens as a satellite school of NC.
- New staff: Warren Barnell, Mike ('74) & Mickee (Kugler '74) Neely, Denise Schreiber, Larry Schreiber

40 years ago ('69)

- The board raises tuition 5% for the '69-'70 school year.
- 106 students are enrolled at the start of school.

50 years ago ('59)

- Nebraska Christian opens with 38 students.
- Walter Ediger becomes NC's first administrator.

Nebraska Christian 8th Grade Class of 2009

Front (left to right): Kim Deichmann, Carrie Beck, Tori Swanson. Middle: Anna Kirby, Bekah Mead, Shawna Ritta, Danielle Thiessen, Hannah Warnock, Katherine Welk, Jae Welk. Back: Braden Moody, Kevin Lee, Curtis Heuermann, Derek Rose, Anthony Faeh.



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Sewer Project Update

In late June, we sent a letter to everyone who receives the Advance, informing them of our state-required sewer project. To date, 94 individuals or couples have contributed nearly \$41,000 to aid in the project. We are so grateful!

The project has an estimated total cost of \$200,000. If you would like to help financially, please designate your checks "sewer project" and mail to Nebraska Christian. If you'd like to volunteer your time, please call project coordinator Tom Dockweiler at 308-946-3836.

Thanks for standing with us in this project!

*Be sure to join us for our
Biannual NC Family Prayer Time
on September 26.
We'll meet in the Music & Worship
Center from 8:30 to 10:30 AM.
Bring the whole family!*

Five medal at state track, Miller wins pole vault

Capping a successful season, Nebraska Christian brought home medals in five events at the state meet in Omaha, and the girls' team took sixth place in Class D. Each NC qualifier medaled, and sophomore Michelle Toukan placed in all four events in which she was entered. Two-time state pole vault medalist Karrah Miller took first in the event, and Toukan placed 4th. Elliot Murphy, the only member of the boys' team to qualify for state, took sixth place in the 110-meter high hurdles.

The girls' track team had one of its most successful seasons in recent memory. Two long-standing school records – in the 100-meter dash and 400-meter relay – were broken (see page 2). Additionally, the team placed second at the conference meet and first at the district meet.

State Track Results:

Pole Vault: Karrah Miller, 1st;
Michelle Toukan, 4th.
400-meter relay: Karrah Miller,
Michelle Toukan, Alycea Unruh,
Rebecca Woods, 4th.
100-meter high hurdles: Rebecca
Woods

100-meter dash: Michelle Toukan,
6th; Rebecca Woods
300-meter low hurdles: Rebecca
Woods
200-meter dash: Michelle Toukan,
7th
110-meter high hurdles: Elliot
Murphy, 6th



Above: The 2009 Track Team. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Fred Lee, Thayer Dungan, Elliot Murphy, Casey Rose, Braden Swanson, Jae Kim, Kenneth Go, Wes Kembel. Row 2: Alex Newby, Luke Woods, Joey Sun, Trevor Lee, Levi Landrigan, Scott Ritta, Son Nguyen, John Zhang, Ray Johnson. Row 3: Kelsey Shepherd, Yeni Kim, Karrah Miller, Alice Kim, Michelle Toukan, Joanna Stuhmer, Jessica Kim. Row 4: Sarah Armatus, Janae Landrigan, Alycea Unruh, Kendra Griepenstroh, Rebecca Woods, student manager Anna Faeh. (Not pictured: Darren Holzinger, Wai Ng, Lacy Tonniges, Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Coach's Aide Larry Hoff.)