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In His Grip

by Dan Woods, Administrator



Many thoughts come into my mind as I reflect back on my last six years at NCS. In July, my family and I will be making the move to Houston in order to take over as the Head of Schools at Northland Christian School.

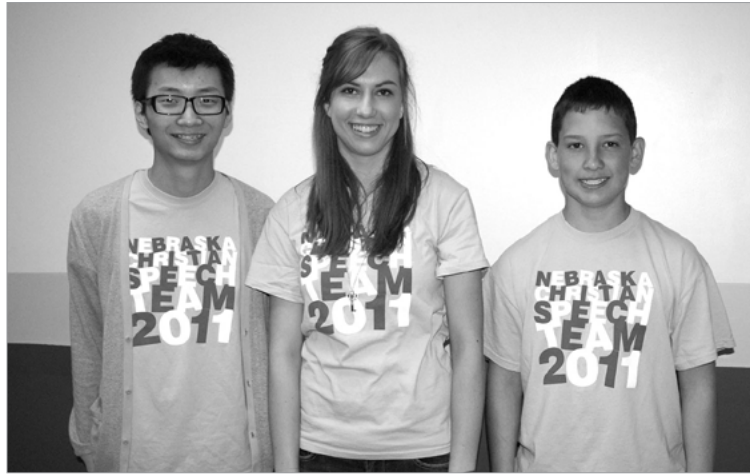
I have appreciated the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools because I think it fits with the fact that we are engaged in a battle for the hearts and minds of today's youth. From my vantage point, I think we have taken great strides and witnessed some incredible successes as we have moved forward with our mission of assisting the family and the church.

I am thankful for Dr. David Edgren, who acted on the Lord's leading in contacting me during the summer of 2005. Through his efforts, the transition of passing the baton was done in a way that glorified God. Dr. Edgren was (and still is) a great mentor and friend to me. His willingness to teach me and set the direction for the international program has been an indescribable blessing.

As I look forward to my role in Houston, I also find myself looking forward to what is ahead for Nebraska Christian. In a battle, you don't see many cruise liners in the water. You see battleships.

The ship that I have been commanding will continue to move

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State Speech Qualifiers (l-r): Joey Sun, Hannah Rogers, Scott Smith.

Speech Season Ends With Victories

The NC speech team competed in the Goldenrod Conference meet on February 23 and came home with the championship trophy, finishing 40 points ahead of the 2nd place team, Burwell. Of the 18 NC entries, 17 placed, most in the top three. Three students earned first place medals at the meet: junior Hannah Rogers in poetry and informative and sophomores Jahn Landrigan and Katherine Welk in duet. The Eagles continued their pursuit for excellence at the district meet at Sutton. There, the team earned a 2nd place finish, and Hannah Rog-

ers (informative), Scott Smith (extemporaneous), and Joey Sun (serious prose) placed in the top three in their respective events, earning a trip to the state meet in Kearney.

On March 25, freshman Scott Smith earned a 4th place medal in extemporaneous speaking at the Nebraska Schools Activities Association's state speech meet. As an extemper, Smith wrote three speeches on three different topics throughout the day. His 4th place winning speech was on the American economy and whether a rebound in wages would soon occur.

Long-Time Staff Members Retire

Three retiring staff members were honored at the Advance Dessert on Friday, April 8.

Mr. Marlow Pedersen became Nebraska Christian's principal in the fall of 1989 after serving at Sunshine Bible Academy in South Dakota. Over the years at NC, Marlow served as principal; taught industrial arts, government, and junior high history; coached boys' basketball and track; served as athletic director; organized both the Nebraska Christian Invitational Junior High and Senior High Track Meets; was student council sponsor; drove buses; and served as custodian for the elementary when it was located at Marquette.

Marlow used his woodworking ability to make many needed items for the school and for the Benefit Auction. He was also instrumental in numerous renovation projects on campus.

Mrs. Jacky Uhler came to teach at Nebraska Christian in the fall of 1989, through a series of God-orchestrated events. She has capably

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The NC Elementary presented the Patch the Pirate play *Armadillos Amigos* on March 18 & 19.

Front (l-r): MaKenna Bolanos (Rosita), Marilla Flynn (Guillermo), Rachel McGuire (Diego). Back: Keziah Dexter (Rico), Sarah Simmons (Lola), Andrew Winsterman (Gordo), Nick Lovejoy (Chico & Juan Carlos), Jaydon Elge (Bola), Jaryn Frand (Paco), Daniel Myers (Patch the Pirate), Claire Ostrand (Princess Pirate), Cole Ruybalid (Ernest), Hailee Broman (Sissy Seagull).



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Mission: The mission of Nebraska Christian Schools is to assist the family and church by providing a Christ-centered education, equipping students with a biblical worldview and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Industrial Technology Upgrade

The Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation is pleased to partner with the Nebraska Christian School Board in an exciting project that will expand the Industrial Technology program for the next school year. In order to offer this expanded curriculum, there will need to be a facility upgrade.

The total cost of the project is pending as final bids are not in. A matching grant by an anonymous donor will match dollar-for-dollar all donations up to \$10,000. Donations toward this match can be sent to Nebraska Christian Schools designated for the "facility upgrade." Work will begin as soon as school ends in May.

"With NC's emphasis on qual-

NCS Foundation

by Jody Heuermann
NCS Foundation Executive Director

While the majority of my time has been spent preparing for the Dinner and Benefit Auction, the work of the NCS Foundation continues at a steady pace. The necessary work of bookkeeping and taking care of the legal processes of a foundation must be attended to. However, it is always a pleasure to meet with people and share the possibilities the Foundation has to offer in order to "leave a legacy that builds lives for eternity."

As we continue to enjoy some of the highest commodity prices in recent years, the charitable gift of commodities, whether its cattle or corn or other grain; can provide significant tax savings. Check with your accountant to determine whether a contribution of commodities is appropriate to your tax situation.

As you consider the legacy you wish to leave, please remember the benefit you could provide in educating future generations by donating to the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation.

ity education, we must include expanded course offerings for our students. I am excited to work toward providing more opportunities in the Industrial Technology area. As the NC Board and administration partners with the NC Foundation Board to raise the funds for this needed project, your support will help to launch our students into broadened technological areas."

– Daniel Woods, Superintendent

Please watch your mail for the NC Foundation's "Leave A Legacy" newsletter with further details.

Epp Signs Letter of Intent

Senior Anthony Epp has signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. He is the son of Greg & Caroline Epp of Giltner. Epp placed 9th at the 2010 NSAA Class D Cross Country Meet and was an integral member of Nebraska Christian's state championship team.

Dollars & Sense by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



The most common question I hear regarding finances these days is "How did the auction do?"

Kathy Chase, our auction coordinator, has a net figure of \$140,655.24. Does anyone have a penny? Some of the expenses and a few income items are still coming in so my books don't match that yet. By the end of April I am sure they will, because Kathy is meticulous about anything she does.

The most pressing issue in the business office right now is the search for a new group health insurance policy for the staff. The company we have been with for several years now is getting out of the health insurance business entirely, so we have to shop around. I have a half dozen agents who are asking questions about our group and our

Calendar of Events*

MAY

- 5 Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
*Performing Arts Center
Edwin & Bernice Lock Theater*
- 10 Senior Class Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Awards Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
- 12 District Track at Burwell
- 14 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.
- 17 8th Grade Graduation
6:30 p.m.
- 19 School Ends, 11:30 a.m.
- 20-21 State Track at Omaha

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



Above: Clockwise from top left: Cross Country Coach Janet Landrigan, Track Coach Carl Ostrand, Anthony Epp, Greg Epp.

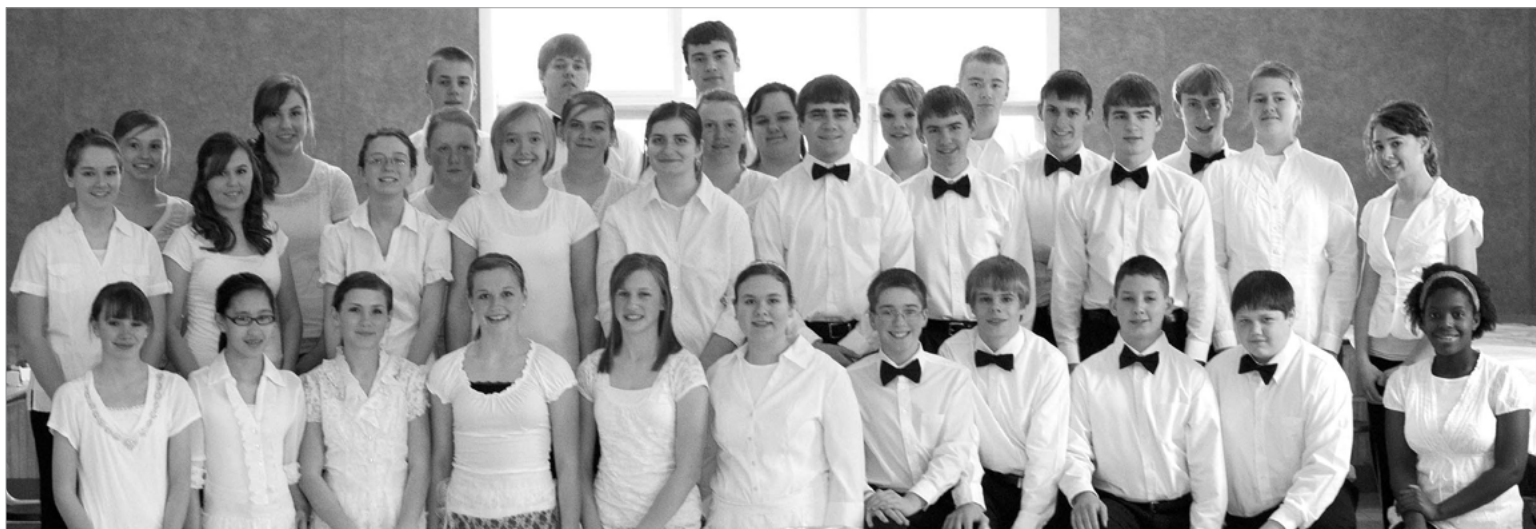
group's health. At this point I pretty much know what the questions will be, and I usually know the answer as well. I should have bids from everyone by the time you read this. Pray for wisdom as this is a huge budget item.

Dan is working with me and the other members of the leadership team to get next year's budget in place before he leaves in July. We did not raise tuition last year, but there will be a slight increase in tuition for the 2011-2012 school year. We have adjusted some of the fees as well. Please pray for our staff, parents, and donors, all of whom make sacrifices to accomplish the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools. Pray too that we will be successful in achieving that mission. If we are, it will turn those sacrifices into investments.

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.



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.



From the Development Office

by Becky Deichmann, Kathy Chase, and Jody Heuermann



Often in life it seems that God asks us to do what we can do, then watch while He does what only He can do. The Dinner and Benefit Auction is one of those events where we all work hard, but only God can move on the hearts of people to give. We are excited to announce that this year's profit is over \$140,000!

The nearly 300 guests at the Saturday night dinner were welcomed by the soft glow of lamps and candles and the big band sounds of the Knights of Rhythm. The student servers once again impressed our guests with their gracious service and set a new record by serving everyone their entrée in less than seven minutes!

Twenty-seven items were offered for sale on the Live Auction. Items selling at \$1,000 or more included: tickets to a Taylor Swift concert that sold for \$7,000, tickets to a Michael W. Smith concert with backstage meet and greet that sold for \$4,200, dinner with Governor Heineman and First Lady Sally

Ganem that sold for \$3,200, a sight-seeing flight that sold for \$1,500, a handmade quilt and a Kyle Berck / Strobel Motorsports Racing package that each sold for \$1,200, and a handmade Adirondack face-to-face swing that sold for \$1,000.

The Scholarship Auction continues to be an avenue of giving that our donors are enthusiastic about. Prior to the event, over \$22,000 had been received in response to mailings and phone calls. \$43,850 was raised during the Live Scholarship Auction. All these funds will be used to provide a Christian education for students who might otherwise not have the financial means.

We are grateful to all who were able to donate time, talent, or treasure in order to make this event a success. It is always a pleasure to see it all come together. Please join us in thanking God for blessing NC in a big way through the Dinner and Benefit Auction.



Above: "Vannas" Anna Faeh (left) and Sarah Armatys participate in the live auction.

Above: Auction servers pause for a picture before the event. Row 1 (l-r): Alexis Hower, Katherine Welk, Tori Swanson, Cailyn Ostrand, Emily Simmons, Kim Deichmann, Ethan Unruh, Matthew Myers, Scott Smith, Dusty Whisenand, Rubi McHargue. Row 2: Hannah Myers, Shayleigh Cooper, Tonye Fisher, April Faeh, Shanna Bailey, Nathan Ritta, Hans Epp, Anthony Epp, Whitney Heuermann, Rachel McHargue. Row 3: Cassidy Ostrand, Hannah Rogers, Brittany Ritta, Shawna Ritta, LeAnn McGuire, Keegan Franci, Braden Moody, Matthew Musgrave. Row 4: Jacob Simmons, Curtis Heuermann, Jordan McHargue, Levi Elge.

Below: Hors d'oeuvres servers James Davis and Katrina Troester.



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through the waters with the sole purpose of accomplishing the mission of NC. The Lord continues to bring great people to come on board to assist in the mission. It has been a blessing to work with so many people who are dedicated to the Lord and who are willing to be a part of the Nebraska Christian mission, a mission that will con-

tinue long after I am gone.

Thanks for partnering with me during the last six years. Whether you have been fighting on the front lines, carrying ammo to the front lines, or helping purchase the ammo, I am eternally thankful for your support. May the Lord richly bless you in your labors for Him and for His glory.

**Mark your calendar for
Alumni / Homecoming Weekend**

Friday, September 23, 2011

Football vs. High Plains at 7:30 p.m.

Check our website and facebook page for details later this summer.

Nebraska Christian Class of 2011



Front (l-r): Stephany Krieger, Alycea Unruh, Michelle Toukan, Abigail Winsterman, Yeni Kim, Nick Le. Middle (l-r): Duy Trinh, Sarah Armatys, Anna Faeh, Katrina Troester, Tressa Johnston, Kendra Griepenstroh, Alice Kim, Nathan Ritta, Casey Beck, John Zhang, Trung Ngo, Son Nguyen. Back (l-r): James Davis, Matthew Musgrave, Jarrod Thiessen, Dillon Dexter, Caleb Schulze, Jordan McHargue, Anthony Epp, Scott Ritta.

Abigail Rene Winsterman is the daughter of Denise Winsterman of Central City. She has attended Nebraska Christian for 1-1/4 years. Abbi says that her time at NC has shown Christ to her in a new way and has helped her grow in her faith. Her favorite verses are Galatians 5:22-23. As for her future, she says, "I plan to live life to the fullest in my faith!"

Alycea Victoria Unruh has attended Nebraska Christian since kindergarten. Her parents are Lester & Twyla Unruh of Central City. She is the third child in her family to graduate from NC – Benjamin graduated in 2004, and Micah graduated in 2007. Alycea is especially thankful for the friends she has made while attending NC, and her favorite memories are from choir tours. She cites Matthew 11:28-30 as her favorite verses because they remind her that she can give her burdens to Christ, and he

will give her rest. Alycea's future plans include studying cosmetology at Xenon in Grand Island.

Anna Gail Faeh of Marquette has attended Nebraska Christian for four years. Her parents are Andy ('81) & Lori Faeh. Anna's two older siblings, Luke ('07) and Audra ('09), are also NC graduates. Anna counts her freshman PE class among her favorite memories of NC, and she especially enjoyed playing soccer in the mud. Of her time at NC, Anna says, "NC has been a great school environment. It's allowed me to pursue excellence academically as well as growth spiritually. I really appreciate that!" In the future, Anna plans to attend college, graduate, and get a job. Her favorite verses are Romans 8:38-39.

Caleb Lawrence Schulze is the son of Tim & Linda Schulze of Hordville. He has attended Nebraska Christian for four years. He says he appreciates NC because he has

been given a Christian perspective on everything from schoolwork to sports. His fondest memories of his NC years are choir tours and basketball road trips. Caleb's favorite verses are Proverbs 3:5-6. He plans to have a career in construction management.

Casey Eugene Beck of Central City has attended Nebraska Christian since kindergarten. His parents are Jerry & Linda Beck. Casey's brother Jason ('90) and sister Katie Batenhorst ('08) are also NC alumni. Casey fondly remembers his time in wrestling, praying together as a team and learning about the Bible. His favorite verse is Matthew 25:21. He is considering attending Central Community College, and he plans to run the family farm.

Cuong Van (Nick) Le is the son of Chuong Van Le and Dung Kim Thi Dinh of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He has spent two years at Nebraska Christian. Nick's favorite

verse is Genesis 4:7 because it reminds him to do the right thing. His favorite memory of his time at NC is the big snow fight the dorm kids had one night last winter. Nick plans to go into business.

Dillon James Dexter has spent two years at Nebraska Christian. His parents are Zane ('87) & Kathy Dexter. Dillon's hometown is Burwell. His sister Jessica ('09) is also an NC graduate. Dillon says that being at NC has strengthened his faith, and his favorite memory of NC is cross country practices. He cites Colossians 3:1-4 as his favorite verses, saying they remind him of what is really important in life. Dillon plans to attend Hastings College in the fall.

Duy Minh Trinh has attended NC for two years. His brother Danh (David) graduated from Nebraska Christian in 2007. Duy's parents are Minh Ngoc Trinh & Duy Ha Thi Dinh of Ho Chi Minh City,

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Vietnam. Of his time at NC, Duy says, "NC just makes me very thankful for what I have: the teachers, friends, cooks, dorm parents, and coaches. I learned to be content with what I have and help others with what they need." His favorite verse is John 13:34. Duy plans to get an MBA and then return to Vietnam to work.

J Anthony Epp has attended Nebraska Christian for one year. In the fall, he plans to attend Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, studying actuarial science. Anthony's parents are Greg & Caroline Epp of Giltner, and his sisters Alexis McMullan ('04) and Brittany ('07) are also Nebraska Christian graduates. Anthony is thankful for his year at NC because it has allowed his faith to be strengthened, not torn down. His favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 10:13. Anthony was a member of the 2010 State Cross Country Championship team, and he will never forget the day they won. "We were nervous until the results were announced," he explained. "Running that race exhausted all of us, but we forgot the pain when they announced the results. The majority of the student body and teachers rejoiced with us when they announced us state champs! Winning state was amazing, but it was even better because everyone was there."

James Charlton Davis IV of Central City is the son of Jayne Davis. He has attended NC for 12 years. His future plans include attending Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota, while participating in ROTC to become an officer in the Army. James says that he will never forget the freshman-sophomore trip to Washington, D.C. his freshman year. His favorite verse is Psalm 20:7.

Jarrold Lee Thiessen is the son of Bruce & Melody Thiessen of Grand Island. He has attended NC for four years. His brother Ben graduated from NC in 2009. Jarrold's favorite NC memories are from junior year wrestling and shop class. His favorite verse is Romans 11:33. He plans to attend Grace University in Omaha and go into missions.

Jordan Levi McHargue, son of Mark ('85) & Judi (Elsberry '85) McHargue of Central City, has attended NC for nine years. Jordan's brother Andrew ('08) is also an NC graduate. He believes NC has helped prepare him for life in the real world. He plans to get a machine tool degree from Southeast Community College in Milford. Jordan's favorite verse is Matthew 7:3, which encourages him to not be legalistic, judging people while doing the same things they do.

Katrina Ann Troester is the second in her family to graduate from Nebraska Christian, as her brother Zach was a member of the class of 2009. Her parents are Kurt & Nancy Troester of Hampton. Katrina has attended NC for 6 years, and her future plans include going to college and getting a job. Katrina's favorite memory from NC is when Mr. Ziegler got her and Steph Krieger out of class to go to the Central City Mall to buy food. Her favorite verse is Psalm 119:73.

Kendra Faith Griepentstoh has attended Nebraska Christian for eleven years. Her brother Bill ('06) is also an NC graduate. Kendra's parents are Scott & Sandi Griepentstoh of Central City. Kendra's favorite verse is Psalm 37:24 because it reminds her that no matter how down she feels, God will always pick her back up. She is especially thankful for the relationships she

has cultivated while at NC, and her favorite memories are working in the kitchen with Shelly Rodehorst and Kate Zuehlke ('10) her junior year. Kendra plans to move to Omaha, work at a coffee shop, and write a novel.

Matthew Richard Musgrave of Central City is the son of Rich & Sara Musgrave. Matthew has attended NC for one year. His older brother Nathan ('92) and sisters Ruth Malstead ('94) and Melinda Haak ('96) are also NC alumni. Matthew, who grew up in Mexico, says that being at NC has helped him get used to American culture. Matthew was a member of the state championship cross country team, and his favorite NC memory is having the whole school at the state meet, celebrating with the team. His favorite verses are Matthew 9:9-13. "It shows that Christ came to save the lost, such as me," he says. Matthew plans to attend a community college before transferring to John Brown University.

Michelle Carolyn Toukan, daughter of Mike & Laurel Toukan of Central City, has attended Nebraska Christian since kindergarten. She has many great memories of her time at NC, including the DC trip, Spanish class with Mr. Ziegler, and chemistry class. Michelle says Jeremiah 33:3 is her favorite verse because it reminds her that God is always there when she calls on Him. She plans to attend Hastings College in the fall, where she will study journalism and run track.

Nathan Mark Ritta of Marquette has attended Nebraska Christian since kindergarten. His parents are Ed ('73) & Marilynn Ritta. Nate's older siblings – Beth ('98), Kate Perry ('00), and Jon ('08) – are NC alumni. He plans to study electri-

cal engineering in college and then possibly go into missions. Nate says that his time at Nebraska Christian has taught him the "absolute importance of keeping Christ in the center of everything." He will always treasure the times after a tough wrestling practice when the team would gather on the mat, reading Proverbs. His favorite verse is Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Sarah Anne Armatys, daughter of John & Mary Armatys of Central City, has attended NC for 10 years. Her favorite memory of her time at Nebraska Christian is running through sprinklers after open gym. She is grateful for the time she spent at NC, saying, "It has grown my knowledge of a biblical worldview, shown me how to share my faith, and equipped me with the tools to do so." Sarah's favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9. She plans to become a pilot and flight instructor.

Scott Michael Ritta, son of Mike ('78) & Kathy Ritta of Chapman, has attended NC since kindergarten. His sister Chrissy ('08) is also an NC graduate. Scott's favorite verse is Matthew 17:20 because it shows the power faith can have. Track meets his sophomore year are some of Scott's most treasured memories. After college, Scott plans to return to the area to farm.

Son Nam Nguyen of Hanoi, Vietnam, has attended NC for three years. His parents are Giang Nguyen & Hang Nguyen. His favorite verse is Hebrews 11:6. Son says that being at NC has helped him become more responsible. His favorite memory is the day he and Shelly Rodehorst organized a campus-wide Easter egg hunt for the dorm kids. Son plans to become a successful businessman.

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Stephany Jae Krieger of O’Neill is the last in her family to graduate from Nebraska Christian. Her parents, Lowell (’82) & Vicky (Masters ’81) Krieger, and sisters, Melissa Weedon (’05) and Stacey (’07), are also NC graduates. Stephany appreciates NC because she has been encouraged in her walk with the Lord while attending the school. Stephany’s favorite verses are Philippians 3:13-14. Her favorite memories are freshman Bible class with Mr. Ziegler and accounting with Mrs. Uhler. Next fall, she plans to attend Central Community College—Grand Island and major in business technology.

Tianyuan (John) Zhang is from Taiyuan, China. His parents are En-

lai Zhang & Enhui Wang. He has attended NC for three years. His favorite memories of NC come from life in the dorm – snow days, the “man cave,” and friends. John has appreciated the Bible knowledge he has gained while he’s been at NC. In the future, he plans to attend college and study business. John’s favorite verse is Proverbs 13:1.

Tressa Daniella Johnston, daughter of Don & Peg Johnston of Kearney, has attended NC for a year and four months. She especially enjoyed the 2010 cross country season – running with freshman girls and qualifying for the state meet. Her favorite verses are 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 because they remind her of the price Jesus paid to save her. She plans to become a dental assistant

or work with children.

Trung Quoc Ngo has spent two years at Nebraska Christian. His parents are Hien Ngo & Loan Nguyen of Vietnam. Trung plans to study business in college. He has especially enjoyed living in the boys’ dorm, and he credits NC with helping him improve his English and become more mature. Trung’s favorite verse is Isaiah 41:10.

Ye-Eun Martina (Yeni) Kim of Seoul, South Korea, has, along with her twin sister Alice, attended NC for five years. Her parents are Young-oug Kim & Jung Hee Roh. Yeni became a Christian while attending NC, and she says, “It was like a turning point in my life!” Her favorite verses are Philippians 3:12-14. In the future, she plans to

go to college, figure out what she wants to do with her life, and get a job that she will enjoy!

Ye-Ji (Alice) Kim has attended NC since eighth grade. Her parents are Kim Young Oug & Ro Jung Hee of Seoul, South Korea. Alice says that what she has learned about herself and about the Lord during her time at NC has completely changed her way of thinking about herself and her interactions with others. Her favorite verse is Philippians 4:13. She says, “Whenever I feel insecure and overly worried about my future, I am reminded by this verse to be calm. Also, this verse tells me that God will strengthen me as he has in the past.” Following graduation, Alice plans to become a pediatric nurse or clinical psychologist.



2010-2011 Yearbook Staff. Front (l-r): Katrina Troester, Joey Sun, Emily Chongprasertsak. Middle: Seth Bailey, Stephany Krieger, Michelle Toukan, Rachel Whittle, LeAnn McGuire. Back: Sophia Songthangtham, Kendra Griepentrost, John Zhang, Sierra Sheeks, Adviser Becky Ritta. (Not pictured: Beran Fisher, Tonye Fisher, Tym Whisenand.)



2010-2011 Wrestling. (l-r) Tym Whisenand, Andrew Swanson, Isaac Elge, Head Coach Terry Elge, Coach’s Aide Chris Schweitzer, student manager Jessica Davis, Trung Ngo, student manager Kendra Griepentrost, Nathan Ritta, Kameron Kaelin, Coach’s Aide Scott Griepentrost.



2010-2011 Boys' Basketball. Row 1 (l-r): Duy Trinh, Caleb Schulze, Matthew Musgrave, Scott Ritta. Row 2: Student manager Tim Smith, Seth Bailey, Scott Smith, Chase Kvoles, student manager Ethan Unruh. Row 3: Derek Rose, Matt Kim, Neil Lin, Braden Moody, Jahn Landring. Row 4: Kemery Myers, Jim Tao, Wai Ng, Luke Woods, Levi Landring, Jonathan Smith, Head Coach Clay Mankin. (Not pictured: Assistant Coach Adam McClanahan, Cody Smith.)



2010-2011 Girls' Basketball. Row 1 (l-r): Abigail Winsterman, Tressa Johnston, Alycea Unruh, Michelle Toukan. Row 2: Joanna Stuhmer, Heidi Hofmann, Gailyn Ostrand, Rachel Miller. Row 3: Anna Kirby, Shawna Ritta, Katie Griess, Bekah Mead, Rachel Whittle, Ashley Mazankowski. (Not pictured: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand.)

NC Almanac

10 years ago (2001)

- Ryan Garwood ('03) makes NC history by going to state in three sports in one year: football, wrestling, and track.
- The speech team places second at state.
- The speech team, coached by Ruth Ferris and John McHargue, places second at state.

20 years ago (1991)

- The music department earns "Best Band," "Best Chorus," and "Best Ensemble" awards at the Goldenrod Conference Music Contest.
- Emily Ferris ('98), Rebecca Kaiser ('97), and Nicholas Stone ('97) win medals at local math contests.

- Nathan Musgrave ('92) and Kara Hitchcock ('91) qualify for state speech.

30 years ago (1981)

- The NC boys' track team places 2nd at the district meet. Clark Pedersen ('81) is a double winner at districts.
- Dr. Donald Canfield is hired to be the new superintendent.
- Julie Bjorgaard ('81) places third in poetry at state speech.

40 years ago (1971)

- Seventy students attend campus preview day.
- The board takes steps toward adding a junior high program.

50 years ago (1961)

- The board leads a chapel service for the student body.

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2011 Track. Row 1 (l-r): Soonchan Jung, Wai Ng, Matt Kim, James Lee, Tanner Cooper, Derek Rose, Alex Frederick, James Davis, Neil Lin. Row 2: Hans Epp, Anthony Epp, Luke Woods, Matthew Musgrave, Scott Ritta, Dillon Dexter, Andrew Swanson, Kameron Kaelin. Row 3: Rae Zhong, Bekah Mead, Michelle Toukan, Rachel Miller, Cailyn Ostrand, Anna Kirby, Alycea Unruh, Whitney Twogood. Row 4: Tori Swanson, Tressa Johnston, Rachel McHargue, Rachel Whittle, Talia Murphy, Maiko Yamaguchi, Esther Jeong, Yena Yoo, Mia Dinh, Lindsey Ngo. (Not pictured: Head Coach Carl Ostrand.)



2010-2011 Speech Team. Row 1 (l-r): Alice Kim, Jane Seok, Jessica Kim, Katherine Welk. Row 2: Janet Song, Mina Kim, Scott Smith, April Faeh, Sarah Armatys, Shanna Bailey. Row 3: Kim Deichmann, Chloe Bauer, Zoe Flynn, Seth Bailey, Duy Trinh, Anthony Faeh, Tyra Go, Assistant Coach Ruth Ferris. Row 4: Head Coach Becky Ritta, Joanna Stuhmer, Hannah Rogers, Levi Landrigan, Jahn Landrigan, Beran Fisher, Joey Sun, Shawna Ritta, Anna Faeh.

Memorial Gifts

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| For: Diane Sellers Alverson | Marlow & Donna Pedersen |
| From: Jim & Barb Hermanson | Bob & Susan Ritta |
| For: Don Dose | Dorothy Ritta |
| From: Linda Peterson | Eddra Ritta |
| For: Wilma Groen | Steen & Rogene Stone |
| From: Gil & Dorothy Glad | Kerry & Janice Stuhmer |
| For: Mike Gustafson | From: Calvin Lockwood |
| From: Gil & Dorothy Glad | From: Gil & Dorothy Glad |
| For: Rae Gustafson | For: L. Catherine Blodgett |
| From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore | From: Gil & Dorothy Glad |
| For: Oren Hoback | For: Muriel Miracle |
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| Leslie & Barbara McHargue | From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore |

NC Flashback



In this flashback, rather than identifying the people in the photo (though you're welcome to do that, too), we'd like you to identify the event taking place. Hint: This was in the mid 1970s. Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the last issue (left): Jim & Barb Hermanson, NC teachers in the 1970s, are the winners of the last flashback. Their entry was drawn out of all the correct entries identifying the couple in the picture as Helen & Ward Smith.

*Please join us for our **Spring Concert***

We are pleased to announce that this year's concert will be held at the **Performing Arts Center, Edwin and Bernice Lock Theater**

located in Central City between the Central City High School and Middle School.

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. A freewill donation will be taken for the NC music department.



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*The Senior Class of
Nebraska Christian High School
announces its*

Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 14, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Nebraska Christian Gymnasium

Class Verse: "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 6:1

Class Flowers: Pineapple & White Asiatic Lily

Class Colors: Silver, Black, Lime Green

Class Motto: "Live as though Christ died yesterday, rose from the grave today, and is coming back tomorrow."
— Theodore Epp



Marlow Pedersen



Bill & Jacky Uhler

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taught the full gamut of business and technology courses, and she served as junior class sponsor for several years. She has held Bible studies for girls after school and lent her creative talents in redecorating the girls' dorm. Mrs. Uhler is known for her caring heart and has joyfully served the Lord at NC!

Mr. Bill Uhler came to teach at Nebraska Christian in the Fall of 1993, after teaching at Fullerton High School since 1969. He taught the entire range of math classes offered at Nebraska Christian and also served as Quiz Bowl Sponsor for a

number of years. Once the secret of Bill's pull-up prowess got out, classes began begging for demonstrations. Many former students count "the day Mr. Uhler did pull-ups in the doorway" as one of the highlights of math class.

Together the Uhlers have opened their home for dorm student parties and staff get-togethers..

Mr. Pedersen and the Uhlers will be greatly missed on the Nebraska Christian campus, and we are thankful for the influence they have had on students, staff, and parents over the last twenty-plus years!