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In His Grip

by Dan Woods, Administrator



The lighting of a small match in a dark room has an amazing result. The whole room can be illuminated with the simple strike of match. As we continue to see some amazing changes in our culture, we can be assured that Jesus Christ is still the Lord of all ... and he has given us a command. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

In the book of Judges, Gideon ordered his men to do two things: at an appointed signal, they were to break the pitcher and let the light shine, and then sound with the trumpet, crying, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon! The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!" (Judges 7)

In the devotional *Morning & Evening*, Charles Spurgeon gives the following charge to all believers: This is precisely what all Christians must do. First, you must shine; break the pitcher which conceals your light; throw aside the bushel which has been hiding your candle, and shine. Let your light shine before men; let your good works be such, that when men look upon you, they shall know that you have been with Jesus. Then there must be the sound, the blowing of the trumpet. There must be active exertions for the ingathering of sinners by proclaiming Christ crucified.

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Richard Olson (front) speaks to the crowd while his wife Suzanne and Ed Ritta look on.



Norm Krug (right) presents the Hall of Faith Award to Marlow & Donna Pedersen.

Two Couples Receive Hall of Faith Award

Two couples received the Hall of Faith Award at the Harvest Festival on November 6. Board Secretary Ed Ritta presented the first award to Richard & Suzanne Olson, and Board Chairman Norm Krug presented the second award to Marlow & Donna Pedersen.

Richard & Suzanne Olson

The couple to whom we are presenting the Hall of Faith Award has been associated with NC since our 4th year of existence. In 1961 while living in Ute, Iowa, they first heard about Nebraska Christian High School from ads on the Columbus radio station KJSK. They wrote to NC to see if there were any teaching positions open, and in the fall of 1962 he was hired to teach chemistry, general science, geometry and algebra. They moved to Clarks, from where he was able to commute to NC. He taught for one year, then returned to carpentering. His wife taught kindergarten in the area and then taught for several years at Grand Island Christian elementary.

Three days before school started in August of 1965, Walter Ediger asked him to teach math part time. He taught geometry and two algebra classes every morning that school year. During this period, Harry Stull, a maintenance man at NC, asked him to help repair and paint the gutters on the Ad Building. This was the first time he had ever worked that high above the ground. At the end of the first day, Harry remarked about how relaxed he was working 40 feet up. This

experience helped him as he later became a professional steeplejack.

He and his wife had two sons graduate from NC, David in 1983 and Daniel in 1984. During their high school years, he completely re-shingled the Ad Building, and he has also repainted the woodwork at least twice. As long as I can remember, he has done the shingling and repair work on the Ad Building roof.

Even this fall he replaced shingles, with his oxygen bottle beside him.

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Students Score Above Average on ACT

Superintendent Daniel Woods is pleased to announce NC's 5-year average ACT scores.

5-Year Averages	NC	State
English	23.2	21.7
Reading	24.1	22.3
Math	22.0	21.7
Science	22.0	21.8
Composite	23.0	22.0

The 2009 composite average of 23.9 is well above the state and national averages, 22.1 and 21.1 respectively.

Woods attributes the school's success in part to the solid academic program as well as the committed professional staff who deliver the curriculum on a daily basis. "We are thankful for these scores," he says. "Since 1959, the school has followed God's Word and Proverbs 9:10, which says, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and knowledge of the holy is understanding.'"

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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.

Dollars & Sense

by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



It is time to write my quarterly article again. When I last wrote, we were just starting the sewer extension project.

Little did I know that when I wrote this one, we would be just finishing up. I am certain that if I had known of all the delays we would face, the anxiety I was talking about then would have been an even greater temptation and struggle for me.

As things turned out, we were able, because of the delays, to install the entire system with no de-watering. That fact alone will significantly reduce out costs on the project. Our best estimates at this time are that we still need about \$80,000 to cover all the bills we expect for this project.

I do very much look forward to get-

ting back into the business office on a more consistent basis so that I can answer some of the more detailed questions concerning the school's finances. I am blessed to have Karen Miotke in the business office. Throughout this project she has been keeping me informed of the basics of what is going on financially.

People often ask about the Harvest Festival offering. The total this year was about \$8,500. In the not too distant past, it was common to count the offering and figure out how many paychecks could be released. While finances seem tight right now, I am grateful that it has been unnecessary to hold paychecks or bill payments. Please continue to pray for God's provision for Nebraska Christian Schools. Until next time, may God bless you.



At left: Seniors Janae Landrigan (left) and Adam Richardson inspect slides during Anatomy and Physiology.

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Tonight it is my privilege to present the 2009 Hall of Faith Award to Richard and Suzanne Olson.

Marlow & Donna Pedersen

Marlow became principal in the fall of 1989, after serving as coach, teacher, and principal at Sunshine Bible Academy. Over the years at Nebraska Christian he served as principal, taught Industrial Arts, government, and junior high history, coached boys' basketball and track, served as Athletic Director, organized the Nebraska Christian Invitational Junior High Track Meet, the Nebraska Christian Invitational Senior High Track Meet and the Nebraska Christian 9th

& 10th Grade Basketball Tournament, was Student Council sponsor, drove busses, and even served as custodian for Nebraska Christian Elementary in Marquette.

Marlow used his woodworking ability to good advantage to make many needed items for our school and for our benefit auction. He built "sneeze bars" for the dining hall serving table, rebuilt the walk-in freezer door, and built bookshelves, picture frames, and a number of items to be sold at auction. He was also instrumental in numerous renovation projects at Nebraska Christian.

Marlow is an expert gardener and has blessed the NC kitchen and

Calendar of Events*

NOVEMBER

- 24 Conference One-Act
at Burwell
- 26-30 Thanksgiving Break
- 30 District One-Act
at Pawnee City

DECEMBER

- 18 Festival of Lessons & Carols
prelude, 6:30 PM; program, 7:00 PM
- 21-22 Final Exams
- 23 Christmas Vacation Begins
- 29-30 Holiday Basketball
Tournament *at St. Edward*

JANUARY

- 4 Classes resume
- 25 UNK Honor Band & Choral Clinic
- 28 Conference Wrestling Quad
at Greeley
- 30 NC Family Prayer Time
8:30 AM

FEBRUARY

- 6 Elementary Pancake Feed
5:00 - 7:30 PM
- 10 Campus Preview Day
8:15 AM - 1:15 PM
- 12 District Wrestling
- 14 Choir Tour
- 15-16 Girls' Basketball Subdistricts
- 18-20 State Wrestling
- 22-23 Boys' Basketball Subdistricts
- 24 Conference Speech
at St. Edward
- 27 District Speech *at NC*

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

many of the faculty members with delicious home-grown produce.

Donna was a tutor for international students and became Nebraska Christian's librarian in 1991, serving in this capacity until 2006. Her own love of reading fueled her desire to increase the number of books available to our students. Along with Marlow, she has been a willing volunteer at Nebraska Christian. Always ready to work in any area of need at the school, their love for the students and for their Lord is readily apparent.

It is my pleasure to present this 2009 Hall of Faith Award to Marlow and Donna Pedersen.



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.



Above: 1st and 2nd graders dressed up for Medic Mania during Homecoming Week.
 L to r: Sammie Osentowski, Seth Hower, Amanda Whisenand, Carl Mundt, Toby Zaruba, Jamie Myers, Connor Lovejoy, McKenzie Schweitzer.

Now Booking: The NC Concert Choir

The Nebraska Christian Concert Choir will tour on four Sundays this spring:
 February 14 • March 14 • April 11 • April 25

Already Booked: Evangelical Free Church of Concord – April 11 at 6:00 PM

Please call Susan at 308-946-3836 or e-mail sritta@nebraskachristian.org to schedule the choir on any of these days.

Two Selected to All-State Music Groups

Juniors Nathan Ritta and Alycea Unruh were selected to participate in the Nebraska Music Educators Association All-State Band



Nathan Ritta



Alycea Unruh

and Chorus. More than 2000 high school students auditioned for one of the musical groups, and selection as a member is one of the highest musical honors attainable in Nebraska.

Ritta, who plays the trumpet, was one of 160 students selected for the

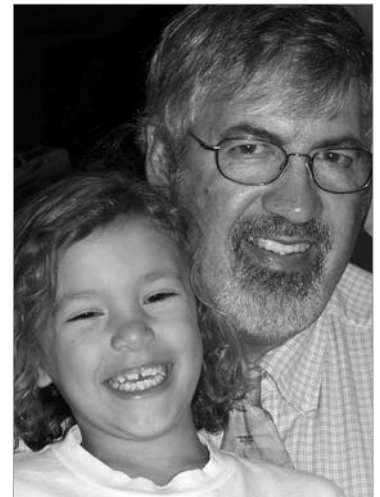
All-State Band. This was his second year to be chosen for the band. Unruh, a soprano, joined 441 other students in the All-State Choir.

The groups rehearsed Wednesday, November 18, through Friday, November 20, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. A final public concert was held on Friday, November 20, at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts on the UNL campus.

“Bring Your Grandparents to School” Day

Fifty-three grandparents braved the cold and dreary weather to attend the 4th Annual Elementary Grandparents’ Day held on Wednesday, October 21. The event was hosted by the Development Office.

The day began with musical selections by the elementary choir and band along with class verses and presentations by the Spanish, art, and PE teachers in the gym. The students then escorted their honored guests to their classrooms to meet their teachers and to get an inside look at what they are learning and projects they have completed. Following the time in the classrooms, Mr. Woods used some



Above: First grader McKenzie Schweitzer and grandpa Larry Hoff.

Below Left: Georgene Elge and grandson Jaydon Elge, 5th grade.

interesting magic tricks to illustrate biblical principals and even got some grandparents involved in shooting rubber bands.

The day concluded with a delicious turkey dinner prepared by the NC kitchen and served by 5th hour study hall students and several moms. The students then reluctantly bid their grandparents goodbye, and a few tears were shed, proving that at Nebraska Christian Schools, we think our grandparents are very special gifts from God.



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



We are back in the office on a more regular basis after enjoying time with our families this summer.

We are preparing for our 5th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols to be held on our campus Friday, December 18th. International conductor Maestro Eric Dale Knapp will return to NC for the sixth time to

conduct the full-day clinic and evening performance. World renowned concert organist Mark Thallander will also be back, along with our largest orchestra ever. These excellent musicians donate their time as a gift to the students and the community. The event is funded in part by grants from the Merrick Foundation and the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation.

Be sure to include this inspirational evening of celebrating the birth of our savior in your holiday plans. You won’t want to miss the prelude

that begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available in the NC office for a suggested donation of \$10. Are there people you would like to introduce to the school? This is a great opportunity to invite them out!

Looking ahead, the 2010 Dinner and Benefit Auction will be held March 26th and 27th. Donations are already starting to come in. Now is the time to begin thinking about what your part might be in making this another successful event. Special handmade items are always good

sellors, as well as trips, tickets for events, unique opportunities, art, jewelry, and electronics. Another great way to donate is by purchasing extra tickets to the dinner and inviting friends and family you would like to introduce to NC.

Last year’s auction netted a profit of \$149,000. We know our God isn’t limited by economic conditions, so we would ask you to join us in praying for God’s richest blessing on the 2010 Dinner and Benefit Auction.

Four Join NC Staff for 2009-2010 School Year

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members for the 2009-2010 school year!



Clay Mankin

Spouse: Erin

Education: UNK

Previous Job: Teacher at Ansley

Position at NC: Grades 7-11 Social Studies

teacher, Head Boys' Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach

Clay Mankin and his wife Erin (who is the assistant girls' basketball coach) relocated to Central City during the summer because they felt the Lord leading them to Nebraska Christian, and they're excited to be part of its mission. Clay especially looks forward to watching God work in the lives of the students and teachers.

Of his conversion, Clay says, "I

was saved when I heard the true gospel of Jesus. I was convicted of the way I had lived my life and believed in Jesus as the one who paid my debt."



Janet Landrigan

Spouse: Paul

Children: Janae (17), Levi (16), Jahn (14)

Education: Chadron State College, Pensacola Christian College

Previous Job: Home schooling, part-time substitute teaching, home-based baking business, helping Paul with their small cattle operation

Position at NC: ESL, reading, and English teacher; Cross Country Coach; Dorm Aide

Paul & Janet Landrigan's family has made a slow migration from the family farm in Broken Bow to Nebraska Christian. Janae (CS '10) began attending NC in 2006, Levi (CS '12) joined her in 2008, and now Jahn

(CS '13) and Janet have joined them. Janet lives in the girls' dorm during the week, helping dorm parents Larry & Barb Hoff where needed. She is teaching several English and ESL classes, and she also coaches the cross country team.

A believer since 1979, when the Lord used another teacher to get Janet's attention and make her very "aware of [her] sin and need for salvation," Janet looks forward to teaching in a Christ-centered environment. She also anticipates being with her own children each day, something that hasn't been possible since Janae began attending NC.



Shelly

Rodehorst

Spouse: Randy

Children: Ryan (23), Allie (22), Shannon (18)

Education: Kearney State College, Central

Community College

Previous Job: Clinical Nurse for 18 years, Home Health Nursing for 1 year

Position at NC: Cook

Shelly Rodehorst is no stranger to NC, as her son Shannon (CS '10) has attended since his freshman year. This year, she joins the staff as the new cook. She especially looks forward to meeting and building relationships with the students. Regarding her decision to take the job at NC, she says, "God gave me a year off to quiet my heart and start listening to Him, instead of me telling Him what I wanted! When the opportunity to be a part of NC came, I knew it was where He wanted me."

Shelly accepted Jesus as her savior as a young child. She says she has always wanted to be in missions of some sort, using the talents God

has given her. She sees her new job as a perfect opportunity, as she enjoys cooking and kids. "This will be the mission field I have always longed for, and I won't even have to leave the country!" she says.



Amy Shotkoski

Spouse: Steve

Children: Bryant (17), Ethan (14), Macy (5)

Education: UNL

Previous Job: K-4 reading specialist

and Kindergarten teacher in Fullerton, homemaker

Position at NC: 7 & 8 Art teacher

Amy Shotkoski is thrilled to be returning to Nebraska Christian. A volleyball coach and kindergarten teacher at NC in the mid and late 90's, Amy is returning to NC in a different capacity: junior high art teacher. "I felt led by God to take this opportunity to teach again," she says.

Amy especially looks forward to seeing the students she taught years ago; her kindergartners are now juniors and seniors! She also is thankful for the chance to teach from a Christian viewpoint and interact with others who also love God.

Amy grew up in Milford, Nebraska, where both of her parents were college instructors. When she was seven, she went to a summer camp in Lexington, and while there, the speaker talked about Jesus in a way that Amy had never heard before. That night, she asked Jesus to forgive her sins and come into her life. "I am thankful to have met Jesus at a young age," she says, "because through all the trials in my life I have always known that God loves me no matter what and that His grace is sufficient!"

NC Flashback



We don't have to go back very far for this flashback! In the spring of 2005, the campus flooded after heavy rains. Can you identify these three girls who are enjoying the water? E-mail your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.



From the last issue (left): Congratulations to Twyla Unruh! She correctly identified the two students in the last issue's flashback: Micole Neely (FS '99) and Justin Denning ('99). She receives an NC 50th Anniversary T-shirt.

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

Fundraising at the Nebraska State Fair

We have learned of an opportunity to run a food stand at next year's Nebraska State Fair with the proceeds going to Nebraska Christian. This is not something we have the internal resources to do, so we want to open it up to our supporters. Two families have volunteered to help with the stand, but we still need a person or group to head it up. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Chase at 308-940-0264.

Landrigan Qualifies for State Cross Country



Freshman Jahn Landrigan placed tenth at the district cross country meet to qualify for the state meet on October 23. At the state meet in Kearney, Landrigan placed 49th out of 121 runners.

*send address changes to
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Fall '09 Sports Teams



2009 Cross Country Team. Row 1, l to r: Head Coach Janet Landrigan, Chloe Bauer, Alice Kim, Jessica Kim, Yeni Kim, Jane Seok. Row 2: Student Manager Shannon Rodehorst, Joey Sun, Duy Trinh, Janae Landrigan, Dominic Cho. Row 3: Adam Richardson, Dillon Dexter, John Zhang, Jahn Landrigan, Wai Ng.



2009 Football Team. Row 1, l to r: Fred Lee, Elliot Murphy, Thayer Dungan, CJ Urban, Johnny Chang, Rick Dawson. Row 2: Luke Woods, Son Nguyen, Scott Ritta, James Davis, Jordan McHargue, Trevor Lee, Trung Ngo. Row 3: Jacob Simmons, Levi Landrigan, Jonathan Smith, Cody Smith, Andrew Swanson, Tynothy Whisenand, Seth Bailey. Row 4: Anthony Faeh, Curtis Heuermann, Derek Rose, Braden Moody. Back: Coach's Aide Mark Perry, Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Student Manager Scott Smith, Student Manager Matthew Swanson, Student Manager Jerod Prettyman, Assistant Coach Clay Mankin, Coach's Aide Tim Peterson.

NCS Foundation by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

A year 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 School Board to determine new endowment area needs and to map out a vision of growth in areas of student recruitment, building curriculum and programming.

We are praising the Lord for his provision in allowing us to make the match on the \$20,000 sewer project matching grant offered by an anonymous donor.

We have opened a new endowment area at the request of another anonymous donor with an interest

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Take the gospel to them; carry it to their door; put it in their way; do not suffer them to escape it; blow the trumpet right against their ears."

A portion of our mission at Nebraska Christian is to encourage our students to have a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This comes first by keeping the gospel in front of them at all times and challenging them to respond to the gos-

pel call. Second, it means discipling our students and then modeling for them an authentic relationship with Jesus. And finally this means challenging and equipping our students to share the gospel with those who are lost, obeying Jesus' command of letting their light shine before men.

Thanks for partnering with us as we continue on our mission at Nebraska Christian Schools.

We were able to purchase new copiers for the Jr./Sr. High building, the elementary building and the office through a donation to the capital improvement fund.

Please join us in thanking God for these provisions made possible by the generosity of faithful people who want to "leave a legacy that builds lives for eternity."



2009 Volleyball Team. Row 1, l to r: Heidi Hofmann, Rachel Miller, Amber Rainbolt, Kelsie Shepherd, Katie Griess, Anna Faeh. Row 2: Sarah Armatys, Jessica Davis, Alycea Unruh, Jen Smith, Joanna Stuhmer, Katrina Troester. Row 3: Student Manager Cailyn Ostrand, Katherine Welk, Ashley Mazankowski, Bekah Mead, Anna Kirby, Student Manager Emily Simmons. Row 4: Head Coach Tony Ostrand, Student Manager Katie Nuss. (Not pictured: Coach's Aide Kate Perry, Coach's Aide Erin Mankin.)

Homecoming Encourages & Unifies Student Body

by Stephany Krieger

Homecoming is one of the most anticipated times of the school year. For some students, it's about dressing up in strange clothes or getting pumped up for the big Friday night football game. But for the NC community, it's also about unity, not only among the classes, but throughout the school.

Homecoming 2009 began on Tuesday with Medic Mania, where students dressed as a doctor, nurse, or patient. Black, yellow, pink, green, red, orange, blue, and shades of neon were seen all around campus on Wednesday, which was Class Bash. Students dressed in their class color as much as possible. "Seeing Michelle Toukan wear a bumblebee outfit was the highlight of my day!" stated Janelle Bailey. Thursday was many faculty members' favorite day, as the teachers dressed as students and vice versa. On Thursday afternoon, the student council put on a pep rally, and then each class decorated a corner of the gym to encourage the fall sports teams. The week wrapped up on Friday with Blue & White Day, as students and staff dressed in school colors and supported the football team in its contest with Leigh. Though the team lost 34-3, the homecoming celebration continued after the game with Senior Recognition (which has replaced the traditional crowning of a king and queen) and a bonfire behind the girls' dorm.

Staff and students alike thoroughly enjoyed the week. "Homecoming week this year was one of the most outstanding of all the years that I have taught here!" exclaimed Barb Hoff. Senior Kelsey Shepherd agreed, saying, "The themes this year were very fun, making it easy for everyone to participate. The student council did a great job."

Stephany Krieger is a junior from O'Neill. Her parents are Lowell ('82) & Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger. She is a member of the Reflector staff.

THE EAGLE INSIGHT

The Eagle Insight is written by members of the Nebraska Christian Reflector staff.



Homecoming Week photos, clockwise from top left:

- Juniors Stephany Krieger (left) and Michelle Toukan study on Class Bash day.
- Junior Trevor Lee reads the newspaper during ESL Reading. The Grand Island Independent provided free copies for the class once a week.
- 1st grader Joshua Strong decorates the sidewalk to encourage the sports teams.
- (L to r) Juniors Caleb Schulze, John Zhang, Bailey Davis, Yoni Kim, and Casey Beck fight their tug-of-war opponents during the Homecoming pep rally.

Spiritual Emphasis Day Challenges Students

by Janelle Bailey

Sweatshirts and Bibles in hand, the Nebraska Christian junior and senior high students headed to Covenant Cedars Bible Camp on September 9, 2009, for Spiritual Emphasis Day. After a time of student-led worship songs, Pastor Pat Abendroth of Omaha Bible Church challenged staff and students to be on guard against dangerous assumptions. Two of these assumptions were assuming the Gospel and assuming theology.

Abendroth described assuming the Gospel as taking for granted that everyone involved in Christian schools, churches, and organizations has a relationship with Jesus Christ. The good news of salva-

tion through Jesus Christ needs to be central in every ministry, class, and program. Senior Becky Poefel stated, "I thought it was a great wake-up call because we take so many things for granted, as we just assume people are Christians."

Assuming theology meant accepting teaching as biblical without searching the Scriptures. To avoid assuming theology, Abendroth encouraged believers to be like the Bereans seen in Acts 17:11. The Bereans examined the Scriptures every day to see if Paul's words were true. In order to protect Christian schools, churches, and other organizations founded on biblical principles, followers of Christ should steer clear of

these dangerous assumptions.

Following Abendroth's sessions, students enjoyed laughing and chatting during lunch in the cafeteria. Freshman Shawna Ritta summed up students' enthusiasm for the noon meal by simply stating, "The food was amazing." Stomachs full, people scattered across camp to experience the outdoor adventures Covenant Cedars offered, from tether ball and basketball to an obstacle course in the woods. Soon, students loaded the busses and returned to campus to complete the afternoon classes, encouraged and challenged.

Janelle Bailey is a senior from Central City. Her parents are Danny & Amy Bailey. She is the copy editor of the 2010 NC Reflector.

Alumni News



Shelby Elge ('08) & Mike Swanson ('08)

Shelby Danae Elge and Michael John Swanson will be united in marriage on January 1, 2010. Parents of the bride are Terry & Kelly (Bokelman '81) Elge of Aurora. The groom's parents are John & Sarah Swanson of Dannebrog.

Class of '89 Meets for 20-Year Reunion

In mid-August, the Class of 1989 gathered in Central Nebraska for its 20-year reunion. The classmates spent time at Timberlake Ranch Camps, then they converged on the NC campus for a tour and bonfire. Tom ('79) & Sherry (Masters '79) Dockweiler, Larry & Denise Schreiber, and John Ellifson joined the class at NC. The next day, the classmates met at Rod & Lori Randolph's house in Kearney, where they con-

Classes of '68 and '69 Reunite After 40 Years

The classes of 1968 and 1969 met Homecoming weekend for a combined reunion. The classmates attended the football game versus Leigh, then they gathered in the cafeteria to look at old yearbooks, get reacquainted, and reminisce.

On Saturday, those in attendance toured the NC campus. The reunion concluded with a pizza lunch at former NC teacher Ruben & Carol Ruybalid's home in Central City.

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



Front, l to r: Justin Halbgewachs (FS), Jennie (Pizzolato) Cowen, Lisa (Sandoval) Wilcox. Back: Aaron Harvey, Rod Randolph, Melissa (Worden) Goerl, Joanna (Schmidt) Mattson. Not pictured: Jeannie (Woodworth) Fullerton, Doug Miotke, Dorothy (Jordan) Pelc.

tinued reminiscing, golfed, and enjoyed catching up with each other. In all, ten class members and their families took part in the reunion.



Front row, l to r: Bill Hamer ('69), Judy (Fast '69) Hamer, MaryAnn (Huff '69) Crawford, Cindy (Brush '71) Schaller. Back row: Tom Martin ('68), Craig LeBar ('68), Brad Schaller ('68), Wes Weiss ('68), Wayne Green ('68), Bob Ritta ('69)

Hunter Wesley Scheel son of Jay & Jacki (Knaub) Scheel (former NC elementary teacher and coach)



Hunter Wesley Scheel was born to Jay & Jacki Scheel of Rawlins, Wyoming, on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Hunter

weighed 6 lbs., 13.6 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long, and has reddish-blond hair and blue eyes. His big sisters are Carlee June and Shania Marie. Grandparents are Duane & Linda Knaub of Lingle, Wyoming, and Betty (Scheel) Schmidt of Norfolk, Nebraska, and the late Carl Wesley Scheel.

The Scheel family resides at 624 E Murray Street, Rawlins, WY 82301.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('99)

- Caleb Merchant ('00) and Kate Ritta ('00) are named Homecoming King and Queen
- Laura Garwood receives the Hall of Faith Award at the Harvest Festival
- Denise Denning and Diane (Wright '83) Rogers are installed as Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents

20 years ago ('89)

- Jody Hower ('90) and Cheryl Dockweiler ('90) are named Nat'l Merit Commended Students
- Rick Rehmert from Mamre Evangelical Free in Marquette speaks on Genesis 1-4 during Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Melissa Honeywell ('91) is named to the All-State Band

30 years ago ('79)

- Rick Wolfenden ('80) is elected student body president
 - Chris McCubbin ('80) is named a National Merit Semifinalist
- ## 40 years ago ('69)
- Harold Berry from Back to the Bible speaks at Corporation Day
 - David Schwenk ('70) is student body president
 - New staff: Ed Johns, Beverly Young, Dale Monahan, Mr. & Mrs. Don Wright

50 years ago ('59)

- The Board decides to hold monthly meetings at 8 p.m. on the first Monday of the month
- Construction begins on the Gym Building
- The 1st Annual Corporation Meeting is held on November 24

Memorial Gifts

For: Emma Applegate
From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
For: Doris Brooks
From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
For: Harold Chambers
From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
For: Ken Clausen
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Deverle Cooper
From: Jerry & Linda Beck
Dave & Ruth Ferris
Bob & Susan Ritta
Eldon & Mildred Root
Greg & Karen Senkbile
Leona Sharman
Scott & Patty Welk
For: Donovan Crandell

From: Anonymous
For: Walter Ediger
From: Mary Jo Mougey
For: Renae Epp
From: Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Shirley Guenther
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Amy Gustafson
From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
For: Don Hansen
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Gene Hansen
From: Dave & Ruth Ferris
Ray & Sheila Miller
S. R. & D. M. Petersen
Bob & Susan Ritta
Harry & Shirley Sorensen
For: Joan Hemelstrand

From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
For: Dorothy Jones
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Pat Jones
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Grayton & Kathryn Ann Kurzenberger
From: Eldon & Mildred Root
For: Dick Lemmerman
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Larry Ljunggren
From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
For: Elvin Moody
From: Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Vernon Rice
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For: Ethel Rogers
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad

For: Laverna Sallans
From: Carl & Anna Marie Moore
In Honor of: Gil & Dorothy Glad's 50th Anniversary
From: Jack & Dorothy Burger
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dexter
Dorothy Glad
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Lavelle
Carolyn Solander
The Scott Welk Family

Be sure to join us for NC Family Prayer Time

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Student Council Promotes Fun and Fellowship

The 2009-2010 Student Council (STUCO), led by senior Elliot Murphy, hopes to take an active role in student life this year. So far, it's off to a good start.

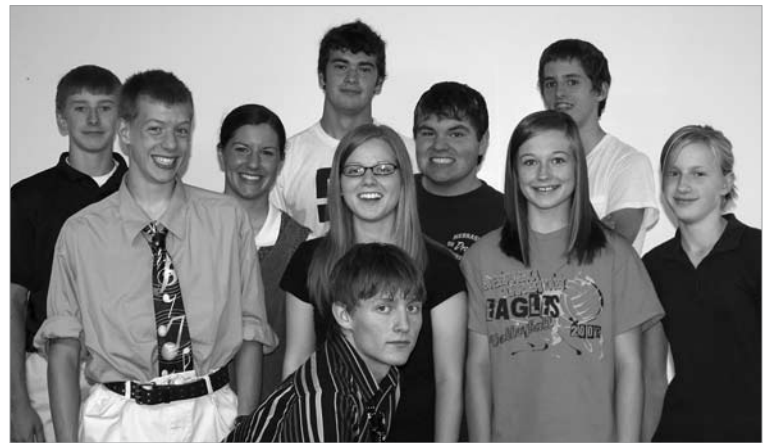
The first STUCO event of the year, the annual back-to-school social, encouraged students to get to know those they would not necessarily meet in their daily classes. Split into teams of approximately ten students, with representatives from each grade on each team, students participated in a variety of games, including a Kool-Aid chugging contest and a watermelon pass. The day ended with an ice cream social featuring Dairy Queen Dilly Bars and Star Bars.

Homecoming week was the student council's second big "event" of the school year. Whereas the back-to-school social was intended

to introduce students to each other, Homecoming week activities were designed to foster class unity (see "Homecoming" on pg. 6).

In early October, the Student Council sponsored Encouragement Week. Throughout the week, students wrote encouragement notes to classmates and teachers, and the student council delivered the notes along with a sucker on Friday.

On Nov. 10, STUCO sponsored a Red Cross blood drive. The day was a success, as more students and teachers volunteered to give blood than the Red Cross staff could accommodate. Summing up STUCO's activities during the first semester, Vice President Janelle Bailey said, "I've been overwhelmed with how God has blessed each of our events. It's been encouraging to see students lead others willingly and well."



Above: The '09-'10 Student Council as seen on Student-Staff Swap Day of Homecoming Week. L to R, 1st row: James Davis. 2nd row: Jahn Landrigan, Vice President Janelle Bailey, Cailyn Ostrand, Emily Simmons. 3rd row: Luke Woods, Secretary Janae Landrigan, Shannon Rodehorst. Back: Treasurer Jordan McHargue, President Elliot Murphy.

Right (l to r): Senior Johnny Chang, seventh grader Emily Simmons, senior Elliot Murphy, and sophomore Luke Woods sort notes during Encouragement Week.

