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nebraska christian schools — building lives for eternity

Man's Way or God's Way



by Josh Cumpston,
Administrator

Ever since coming to Nebraska Christian, I have wondered why the founders chose to open a school in Central City. To me, it didn't make a lot of sense due to the fact that not too far to the west were the cities of Grand Island, Kearney, and Hastings. To me, when choosing an area for a school, population base would be one of the more important criteria. Would there be enough local students? Would teachers and other staff come? Would students from a distance come to the school?

I recently met Orvil Hamer, one of NC's founders, and he spoke a little about my question. Orvil said that Central City wasn't the plan; the school could have been in Aurora, Scotia, or many other towns. The men didn't have a preconceived idea of where the school should be started. They prayed for a place for a school for several years, and when the campus that NC sits on today became available, they were able to work with the owners, and Nebraska Christian was established in Central City. These men were following God's leading and were obedient – even if to human reasoning it didn't make sense.

At a recent board meeting, Greg Epp led us in devotions. I heard just the message I need to hear—

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Nebraska Christian Launches "The Next 50 Years" Capital Campaign



by Stephani (Deichmann '03) Francl, Development Director

Over 350 students, parents, and community members gathered in the gymnasium on February 6 to celebrate the launch of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign at Nebraska Christian. The capital campaign earned its name because each of the three buildings to be renovated as part of the campaign—the gymnasium, the girls' dorm and the boys' dorm—was built 50 years ago.

The program opened with a video that reviewed the school's rocky start. Bernice Grantham, wife of J.L., one of the Founders, was featured as she remembered being willing to sign over her portion of the farm to keep the school going in its first years. Kenneth Taylor, 1961 alumnus and after that board member for over 20 years, recalled many "hand to mouth" times. Both agreed that the school stayed open only by the Lord's provision and much prayer.

NC Board Chairman Paul McHargue reviewed the current state of the school, which in the past few years has included a balanced budget and efforts to review the facilities

to ensure that they're meeting students' needs. Campaign Chairman Mark McHargue then followed to explain the vision of the campaign: to prepare the school to serve students for The Next 50 Years.

Each of the buildings presented as part of the ambitious renovation will require a complete overhaul of basic systems such as electrical, plumbing, and HVAC. The bathrooms and kitchens in each building will be fully renovated,

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Top: The vision for the Gym Building.

Above: Campaign Chairman Mark McHargue explains the renovation plans at "The Next 50 Years" Campaign Launch Party.

NC Soccer: The Start of Something New

by Johnny Tseng, senior

On January 18th, the Eagles' soccer team played their first ever game in a junior high and high school soccer league in Grand Island. This was the first game since the soccer team was formed and is also the first competitive soccer team in the school's history. Although the team lost three of its first four games, the team members are still very positive and are looking forward to playing their next game. One of the players on the team, Eric Kim, expressed his opinion after the first game, "Everyone showed a pretty good effort,

but the result turned out really bad for us. It was a great experience, and we will keep improving as a team to play for God."

When asked about the process of forming a soccer team, team captain Chihoon Lee responded, "We found a soccer league in order to play actual games in, and during the process, we discussed our options with Mr. Cumpston. We have gotten through the tough part, and look where we are now!"

During their practices, the players usually work on stamina and

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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



For a guy with a desk job that focuses primarily on money and isolates me from students, it is a challenge to remember that this is about people. So God gave me fifth period study hall. The students in my study hall all know my mantra: "If you must speak, whisper." Most of them think they must speak, and some of them don't seem to grasp the concept that, by definition, a whisper is an attempt to avoid being overheard. I'll admit it frustrates me sometimes. About the time that I start to feel indignant, I find myself drawn into an "unnecessary" conversation with a small group of students in which my contribution cannot honestly be called a whisper. Turns out I am just like them, and despite my advanced age, I can still recall being where they are now.

God has given this school a mission to assist the family and the church by providing a Christ-centered education, equipping students with a Biblical worldview and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. That mission has to involve people, including the students in my study hall.

It is important that each one of them knows there is a God who loves them and has proven that

love in the person of his son. That truth is at the core of a Christ-centered education.

This God is not like us. I will continue to call them to an ideal that lies outside of myself and which I cannot perfectly model, but this God can rightfully say to all of us, "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Part of having a Biblical worldview is being able to acknowledge the truth that we are not and cannot be perfect. As Paul put it in Romans 3:20, "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin."

Paul goes on to say, "But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Christ Jesus for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Romans 3:21-25). A proper response to this gift is to love God and enjoy him forever. John says it this way in I John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us."

If the students in my study hall grasp these truths, then I would say the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools has been accomplished in their lives. I would also want them to share those truths. I would say that they must speak, and I would pray that they would do so in something more than a whisper.

Thanks so much for your prayers and financial support of our mission. Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 7 Elementary Musical
7 p.m., Central City PAC Center
- 9 Choir Tour (see p. 4)
- 13 Speech Showcase, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Choir Tour (see p. 4)
- 18 Winter Awards Night, 7 p.m.
- 24 Registration for grades 8-11,
7 p.m.
- 11th Grade College Prep Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 28 Dinner & Benefit Auction Preview, 5-8 p.m.
- 29 Dinner & Benefit Auction, 5 p.m.

APRIL

- 9 Campus Preview & Kindergarten Roundup,
8:15 a.m.
- 13 Choir Tour (see p. 4)
- 18-21 Easter Break
- 26 Honor Banquet

MAY

- 5 Spring Awards Night, 7 p.m.
- 6 Senior Night, 7 p.m.
- 8 Awards Chapel
- 10 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.
- 14 School dismisses for the summer

For additional events, check our website calendar:
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to hear Josh Cumpston and Gordon Thiessen.

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2013-14 Eagles Basketball Team.

Row 1: Student Managers Seth Hower, Cody Griess, Brad Hilderbrand, Ben Griess, Tim Hofmann, Joel Poppe, McKenna Leonard, Jayden Leonard. Row 2: Tim Fread, Johnny Tseng, Jack Hu, Clark Pham, Keagan Jewell. Row 3: Albert Yang, Kevin Lin, Jonas Chiang, Matt Swanson, Nathan Griess, Taylor Morris. Row 4: Assistant Coach Tim Jewell, Yu Chen, Hudson Downing, Andrew Winsterman, Dillon Rose, Logan Faeh, Zac Dockweiler, Head Coach Mark Leonard.



2013-14 Lady Eagles Basketball Team.

Row 1: Gailyn Ostrand, Makenna Morris. Row 2: Momoko Fukuda, Hope Baldwin, Alexis Hower, Rubi McHargue, Dan Tran. Row 3: Student Manager Claire Ostrand, Emily Simmons, Cassidy Ostrand, Whitney Heuermann, Amber Mazankowski, Katie Entz, Student Manager Alison Winsterman, Student Manager Carsyn Ostrand. Not Pictured: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand.



2013-14 Eagles Wrestling Team.

Row 1: Juan Lasso, Jaydon Elge, Carson Huenefeld, Jeremiah Ebel. Row 2: Assistant Coach Chris Schweitzer, Head Coach Terry Elge.



UNK Honor Choir members from NC. (front) Zoe Flynn, Madison Fuehrer, Whitney Heuermann, Meagen Dittmer, (middle) Matt Myers, Whitney Twogood, Talitha Harrington, Katie Cumpston, April Faeh, Adrian Epp, (back) Ethan Unruh, Logan Faeh, Levi Elge, Cameron Langemeier, Hans Epp, and (not pictured) Scott Smith.

16 NC Students Selected to UNK Honor Choir

On January 27, several Nebraska Christian students joined with students from 117 other schools in Nebraska and Kansas for the University of Nebraska at Kearney's annual Honor Band and Choral Clinic. The students rehearsed throughout the day, which culminated in a 6 p.m. concert at the UNK Health & Sports Arena.

The NC students participated in one of three choirs: Honor, Festival, and Women's. Of the 18 Nebraska Christian students who

auditioned, 16 were selected. Overall, more than 700 students auditioned for the choirs, and approximately half were selected. NC Music Director Mike Flynn said, "It is important for our students to be a part of this choral experience as many of the best singers in our part of the state come together to create beautiful music. The clinicians are top quality, the music chosen is usually excellent, and we work with other schools instead of competing against them."

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and the need for community space will be addressed. Not much new construction is planned, but rather it is a campaign to make the current space better serve students, families, and guests of the school.

Mark McHargue stated that the approximate cost for the planned renovations is \$4 million, but the renovations are no small matter. "As a part of this renovation, every square inch of each of these buildings will be touched," he explained.

Throughout the evening, each speaker emphasized that although the project will work directly on the buildings, it is not actually about improving buildings. Rather, the capital campaign is about provid-

ing facilities that allow the school to carry out its mission: 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.

The evening's program concluded with a kindergarten through 12th grade choir performance. Guests were then invited to view the print-outs of the plans and ask questions of board members.

Current plans, the most up-to-date information, and answers to frequently asked questions may be found on Nebraska Christian's website at www.nebraskachristian.org

Quiz Bowl Team Excels at Conference

On February 19, the junior and senior high quiz bowl teams competed at the Goldenrod Conference meet at Fullerton. Both teams advanced to the finals undefeated. The junior high team beat Heartland Lutheran in the finals to become the conference champion. The high school team lost to Heartland Lutheran in the finals to become the conference runner up. Congratulations to both teams!



NC Quiz Bowl Excellence: Jr. High conference champions, and High School conference runner-up.

Front: Luke Swanson, Ben Janssen. Middle: Tim Hofmann, Trevor Cumpston, Jessica Hilderbrand, Hannah Ritta, Katie Cumpston, Marilla Flynn, Juan Lasso, Jon Dockweiler, Kyle Kim. Back: Alison Winsterman, Whitney Heuermann, Micah Smith, Beran Fisher, Zoe Flynn, Scott Smith, Adrian Epp, Andrew Feely. Not pictured: Junior High Coach Tara Mundt, High School Coach Dee Flynn.

Come Hear the Choir!

Our concert choir will be touring this spring. See if they're headed your way!

— March 9 —

10:30 Gospel Chapel, Newcastle
6:30 Evangelical Free, Concord

— March 16 —

10:30 Stockham Community Church
6:00 Immanuel Lutheran, Polk

— April 13 —

10:15 First Baptist, Cairo
6:00 Northwest Community Church, Malcolm

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it's amazing how God works! Greg began with the question, "Why Central City?" He shared that sometimes God's leading doesn't make logical sense, and we are confronted with a dilemma – do we do things man's way or God's way?

In our right minds, we would never write the script the way He writes it:

You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up everyone straight before him.

— Joshua 6:3-5

Why would the Israelites do this? It doesn't make sense. Do you think the people in Jericho were

scared watching this? Probably not until the walls began coming down.

Another example of God's leading seeming illogical is found in Judges 7:2-4, 8:

The Lord said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.'" Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained. And the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' shall not go." So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

It doesn't make sense to us that the Israelites would cut their army down to 300 men. They probably wondered themselves, but they trusted and obeyed. God did not want them boasting in their strength and their power. He had them blow trumpets and break jars, and because they were obedient, He delivered a victory over the Midianites.

In the New Testament, God's son, Jesus, is born into a common worker's family. The King of kings and Lord of lords is sent to die. He chooses fishermen to spread the Good News. It is not how we would have done it, but it is how God chose to work.

So why do you build a school in Central City? Because God opened doors, and NC's founders chose to follow, knowing that God was the only one who could make it work. If He makes it work, then He gets all the glory.

Glory to God.

Nebraska Christian Schools 2014 Dinner & Benefit Auction



Friday, March 28 | Auction Preview & “Buy It Now” Night

5:00-8:00 p.m.

If you aren't attending the auction, this is your chance to buy silent auction items. If you are attending, you can preview the items and place early bids. You can guarantee your purchase by choosing our “Buy It Now” option!
No invitations or tickets required.

Saturday, March 29 | Dinner & Benefit Auction

5:00 Hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction bidding

Knights of Rhythm Orchestra

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Live Auction, Scholarship Auction to follow

Dinner reservations required. To make reservations, please call us at (308) 946.3836.



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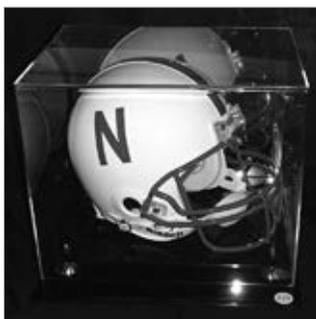
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NC Staff Ensemble Christmas Concert performance. Janice Stuhmer, Ruth Ferris, Denise Schreiber, Susan Ritta, Deana Leonard, Becky Ritta ('99), Tara Mundt, Dee Flynn, Josh Cumpston, Andy Falk, Carl Ostrand, Tom Dockweiler ('79), Clay Mankin. Not pictured: Larry Schreiber.

A New Goal for an Established Partnership: School & Foundation Join Forces for Capital Campaign

Nebraska Christian Schools and the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation have partnered in their missions and projects since the Foundation's inception in 2008.

Thanks to this partnership, the school has been able to redesign the website, renovate the industrial technology facility, purchase essential equipment, and otherwise provide for needs that the General Budget could not meet.

In the last few months, the partnership has taken on an entirely new facet seen in the staffing and operations of The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign. As the NC Board explored the possibilities for the capital campaign over the past year, they looked to the NCS Foundation Board for support and help.

"The Foundation's mission is to glorify God by providing a means through which gifts can **Soccer**, *continued from pg. 1*

techniques such as passing, dribbling, and shooting skills. They try to focus on the areas that they have the most problems with and are working hard to get better. They are coached by Mark Perry and Lorenzo Santillan.

On February 22nd, the team will compete again in Grand Island. When asked about the attitude

be received and invested in order to build a solid financial base for Nebraska Christian Schools. As part of that mission, we have had a Capital Fund set up for a few years in order to someday assist the school with such needs," Foundation Director Jody Heuermann explained. The NC Board requested that the Foundation manage the funds for The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign, and the Foundation Board consented.

In addition to managing funds, the Foundation also showed its support by allowing Foundation Director Jody Heuermann to serve as the Campaign Director. "I've been with the school for over 10 years and have been a part of the last two building campaigns to renovate and build the elementary/weight/wrestling facility and the high school classroom facility. It was a natural fit for me to take

toward the upcoming game, Kim and Lee said they are trying to have fun and enjoy the competition, but they also want to improve.

Team members are Chihoon Lee (captain), Eric Kim, Ichiro Hokazono, Sang Duong, Kamin Khobjai, Josh Frederick, John Tran, Kyle Kim and Ryan Dexter, as well as four students from other schools.

on this role, and I'm honored to serve in this way."

The Foundation isn't the only one with "skin in the game." NC also has a staff member who doubles as campaign staff. Development Director Stephani Francl's responsibilities have shifted from being entirely school-focused to now being campaign-focused. "I love the school and am excited to be able to work on The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign," she said. "I get to work on things I enjoy like writing letters, designing what you'll see in print and on the website, and preparing the campaign's message so that it's clear, concise, and always up-to-date."

It was impossible for anyone to know what God had in store for the school six years ago when the Foundation was established. But now, it's clear that He put things in place for just such a time as this. The well-established partnership of NC and the Foundation will be a vital part of helping The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign run smoothly and, by God's grace, blessing the school for years to come.

For more information about the campaign, to find out how you can help, or to contact us, please visit the website at www.nebraskachristian.org.

Christmas Concert Held in Lieu of Festival

When the decision was made to postpone the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols until 2014, Music Director Mike Flynn and Superintendent Josh Cumpston knew they didn't want the Christmas season to pass without some type of a Christmas concert. The solution was to put on a fun, less formal, but still worshipful Christmas program. Students, staff, and alumni participated in the concert, which took place in the gym with an audience of several hundred people. While everyone is looking forward to the return of the Festival of Lessons and Carols in 2014, the 2013 Christmas Concert was a great way to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Top: Benny Stevens

Above: Alexandra Wostrel and Amy Hilderbrand.

NC Flashback



While the event names have changed, Nebraska Christian has always offered dress-up opportunities for its students. In this picture from a Junior-Senior Banquet from the mid-90's, can you identify at least five students? If so, you could win a prize. Send your guesses to advance@nebraskachristian.org.

From the last issue (bottom left): The Afraidika Fever cast members pictured are (left to right) Haley Warnock, Michaila Lovejoy, Cailyn Ostrand, Rachel McHargue, Scott Smith, Ethan Unruh, and Jerod Prettyman. Ostrand, McHargue, and Smith are currently NC seniors, and Unruh is an NC junior. Congratulations to Brittany Ritta! Her name was drawn out of the correct submissions, so she receives our prize.



Memorial Gifts

For: Gary Ackles	From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
From: Dennis & Fae Beaumont	Ed & Marilyn Ritta
For: David Amen	For: Luella "Lou" Koenig
From: Mary Reisinger	From: William & Jeannine Burdette
For: Buzz Baker	Bob & Susan Ritta
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad	Ed & Marilyn Ritta
For: Kerry Ballagh	For: Guilford Nissen
From: Gil & Dorothy Glad	From: Linda Peterson
For: Diane Briggs	For: Luke Osler
From: Carol Mieth	From: Marilyn Wagner
For: Roberta Brigham	For: Lois Tibbetts
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For: Vernon Channer	Leona Sharman
From: Donn & Carolyn Russell	For: Sue Tschetter
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From: Gil & Dorothy Glad	For: Don Winfrey
For: Gene Flynn	From: Mary Reisinger
From: Kathleen Flynn	For: Roger Wischmeier
Bob & Susan Ritta	From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
For: Maynard Jensen	For: Ed Wolf
From: Dorothy Myers/Myers	From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
Land & Cattle, Inc.	Bob & Susan Ritta
For: Elizabeth Kaltenbach	

Luke Osler ('02)

Luke Alan Osler, 30, of Gering, went home to be with his King, Wednesday morning, Nov. 20, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family. A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. at Grace Chapel in Scottsbluff with Bruce Peterson officiating.

Luke was born April 13, 1983, in Kearney to Douglas and Marilyn (Schmidt) Osler of Kenesaw. He attended Kenesaw Public School through the 8th Grade and then Nebraska Christian High School where he graduated in 2002. He married Krystal (Hughes) Osler in May 2005. They made their home in Gering, and were blessed with two natural children and one adopted son. Luke attended Frontier School of the Bible and later attended and graduated from UNMC School of Nursing in 2010. He excelled at his job as a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit and worked at Regional West Medical Center for over 10 years. He was a loving father and greatly enjoyed sharing faith and his love for hunting and camping with his children. He attended Grace Chapel in Scottsbluff.

Survivors include his wife, Krystal Osler of Gering; daughter Anna Jane Osler, and sons Eli Alan Osler and Alonzo Osler; mother, Marilyn Wagner of Scottsbluff; sisters, Erin ('99) Purdy (Jason) of Plattsmouth, Neb. and Lisa Osler ('06) of Gering; grandparents Dale and Florence Schmidt of Lincoln and Georgia Osler of Kenesaw. Also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws survive him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Osler, and his grandfather, Leonard Osler.

NC Almanac

10 years ago ('03-'04)

- Kaylee Stone ('04) is one of 48 Nebraska students to receive the Believers and Achievers Award.
- The Elementary Pancake Feed brings in \$2,222.10, and 435 people are served.

20 years ago ('93-'94)

- NC hosts the Varsity division of the Ham-Mer speech meet.
- Ninety people attend Alumni Day. Andy Faeh ('81) is elected president.

30 years ago ('83-84)

- The 13-member speech team competes at the Central Nebraska Forensics League meet in Kearney.
- The boys' basketball team places second at Grace College of the Bible's high school tournament.

40 years ago ('73-74)

- Enrollment for second semester is 121.
- The board decides to sell tickets to April's Advance Dinner for \$2. Pastors and their wives may attend free.

50 years ago ('63-64)

- The board discusses the need for a new boys' dorm.

25 Days of Auction

Beginning March 4, we'll be highlighting one live auction item per day on our Facebook page and blog. Be sure to check back each day to learn about our exciting items!

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Poetry Out Loud Makes NC Debut *by Makenna Morris, senior*

Poetry Out Loud is a competition between students who take two poems and recite them word for word in a class competition. The winners of the class competitions then perform in a school



Juan Lasso

competition, where they are judged again, and the winner of the school competition then will compete at Regionals. Regional winners move on to the State competition, and State winners compete at Nationals.

This year, every student from Mr. Jay Garrison's sophomore, junior, and senior English classes performed in the class competitions. Some freshmen who were in the first semester drama class also competed. The finalists in those classes who made it to the school competition were as follows: Wendy Bornmann, Noah Dexter, Meagen Dittmer, Sang Duong, Beran Fisher, Marilla

Flynn, Zoe Flynn, Alexis Gulbranson, Talitha Harrington, Juan Lasso, Janie Mousel, Clark Pham, and Hannah Ritta.

Judges selected the students who preformed without error and met the performance criteria for presence, voice, complexity, dramatic appropriateness, and evidence of the comprehension of the poems. The judges that judged the school competition were Mrs. Barb Hoff, Mrs. Deana Leonard, Mrs. Ruth Ferris, Mrs. Janice Stuhmer, and Miss Becky Ritta ('99).

Juan Lasso won the school competition and Clark Pham was chosen as the alternate. Juan went on to compete in the regional competition in Kearney on February 16, where he qualified for the state competition. He will compete again on March 8.



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