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JUNE, 1995

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THE CLASS of '95

not pictured: Kristine L. Jernigan
BS - Biblical Studies Major
Brenda Lee Sowers
BA - Christian Education Major



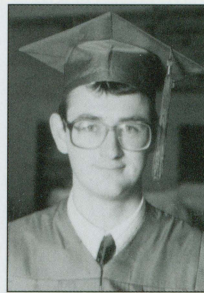
Melissa Lynn Abbink
AA - Deaf Ministry Major



Emilee I. Applegate
AA - General Studies Major



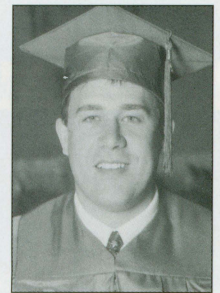
Ranell Marie Beerman
BS - Biblical Studies Major



Steve Brewer
BA - Missions Major



Miki L. Brooks
AA - Christian Education Major



Randy Noel Brooks
BA - Pastoral Ministry Major



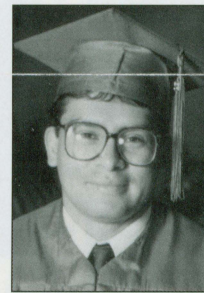
Johnnie Chvilecek
AA - Missions Major



Joleen Kelly Cleveland
AA - Christian Education Major



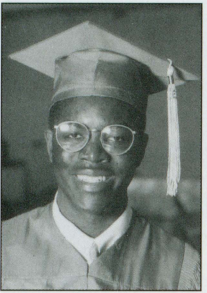
Lori Jean Hamilton Coffin
BS - Biblical Studies Major



Victor Esparza
BA - Pastoral Ministry Major



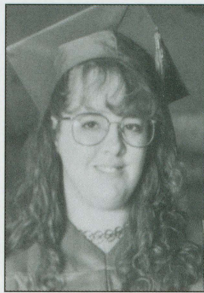
Beth Marie Fisher
AA - General Studies Major



Humphrey Godfrey M. Gadabu
BA - Christian Education Major



Marcus Oliver Gebhard
BA - Missions Major



Tina Marie Gebhard
BA - Missions Major



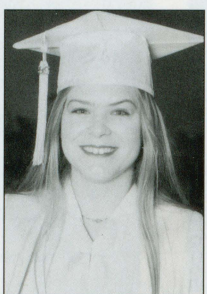
Joanna Lynn Hiatt
AA - General Studies Major



Trent A. Jeffrey
BS - Biblical Studies Major



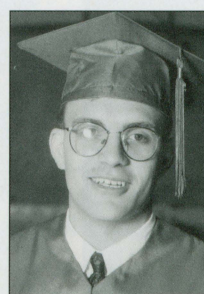
Karalee Ruthe Killian
AA - Christian Education Major



Jennifer Jo Post
AA - Deaf Ministry Major



Cheryl Mac Sander
AA - Christian Education Major



Thomas A. Steele
BA - Pastoral Ministry Major



Carrie Michelle Williams
BA - Missions Major

50th ANNIVERSARY FINALE



President Stites and Lowell Burkum.



Lowell Burkum leads the congregation in Favorite Hymns.



Master of Ceremonies Duane King "interviews" Todd McCracken.



NCC Alumni Phil Steele and Owen Wilmot discuss old times.



Tim Snyder and Cheri Myers.



Memories - Duane King hands the microphone to Mrs. Mildred (Ralph) Johnson.



Richard Wamsley, Former President of NCC reminisces.



Steve Smith and Loren Swedburg at the Victory Offering.



Not all attention was on the platform.



Todd and Marla McCracken.



Maria Johnson hosts a refreshment table.



Lori (Maertens) Blacker and Karolyn (Marshall) Milliken.



A Big Party means Food.

THE BIG PARTY!!!



JUNE
25TH
1995



At Worship - Dave Erickson, Senior Minister, First Christian Church, Council Bluffs, IA.



At Worship - Ken Cooper, Trustee, and Vernon and Irma Spilker.

The Victory Offering was a grand climax to the afternoon's festivities. Churches and individuals reached the \$50,000 goal and far surpassed it. As of June 25, \$70,339.11 was received. We know of other gifts in the mail.

Thank You!!!



The New Way Singers final concert capped . . .



. . . The 50th Anniversary Year.



Offering time at the concert.



Fiftieth Anniversary Balloons . . .



. . . Launched at Twilight.



AWARDS GIVEN AT NCC'S AWARDS BANQUET AND COMMENCEMENT

Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society Award

Tina Gebhard

Merit Award

Tom Steele

Progress Award

Randy Brooks

Dean's Cup / Rotary Academic Achievement Award

Kristy Jernigan

Service Award

Tina Gebhard and Lance Marshall

Church Growth Award

Jeremy Snoberger

Lion's Club Music Award

Ryon Sander and Misti Woolery

American Bible Society Award

Victor Esparza

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Miki Brooks, Randy Brooks, Victor Esparza, Marc Gebhard, Tina Gebhard, Neil Horton, Lance Marshall, Merle Powell, Suzi Steele, Tom Steele, and Misti Woolery.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Women's volleyball:

Most Valuable Player - *Kristi Neff*

Most Improved Player - *Jennifer Post*

Outstanding Freshman - *Rebecca Steele*

Women's basketball:

Most Valuable Player - *Nicole Snoberger*

Most Improved Player - *Kristi Neff*

Outstanding Freshman - *Amanda Grieser*

Men's soccer:

Most Valuable Player - *Kirk Evans*

Most Improved Player - *Brent Stemsrud*

Outstanding Freshman - *Michael Andrews*

Men's basketball:

Most Valuable Player - *Kirk Evans*

Most Improved Player - *Kirk Carmichael*

Outstanding Freshman - *Tony Malveaux*



Jerry Crosser donated a large door mat with the NCC seal on it as a 50th Anniversary gift to the college. The gift is appreciated and will serve for many years.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Lew '84 and Carol '83 (Ruttman) Stancer are now serving with a mission team in Guatemala. They have three children, Carissa (9), Cassidy (6) and Levi (2). Their address is:

Post Office Box # 320-03001
LaAntigua, Guatemala
Guatemala, Central America

Duane and Peggy (Carr) King '61 are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Deaf Missions, the ministry to deaf people they founded. Deaf Missions of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has grown to have national and international influence and outreach. Congratulations to the Kings and to Deaf Missions!

Robert L. Pfund reports that "Power Outlet", the radio show that he hosts was chosen as the number one contemporary Christian show in the State of South Dakota! Robert, his wife, Sonya, and their daughter, Brittany, live in Hartington, Nebraska.

J. D. King '89 is part of a church planting team in Wisconsin. The team is involved in starting a new church in Appleton.

Next Generation

Paige Erin Casey, born March 7, 1995,
weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces

Jim and Susan (Bisbee) Casey, 262 Fairchild Circle, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113

Mattie Rose Milliken, born April 24, 1995,
weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces

Jim and June Milliken, 55 Yunhi Dong, Seoul, Korea 120-113

Mona Elisa Churchill, born May 25, 1995,
weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces

Bob and Amy (Randolph) Churchill,
Route 1, Box 203, Honey Creek, IA 51542

ALUMNI DUES

Alumni who have become Blue or Gold members since the last Newsletter are as follows:

Ron Wymer Becky Wymer Audrey Niemann Wayne Moorhead
Alana Moorhead Elaine Randolph Mike Gerhardt

Two names were accidentally omitted from the Lifetime Member list published in the last Newsletter. They are Jim Brown and Diana Clark. We apologize for the error.

NCC ALUMNI COMPLETE SEMINARY WORK

Emmanuel School of Religion reports that Nebraska Christian College had four NCC alumni graduate from ESR this May — the highest number from any undergraduate institution. Those alumni graduating from ESR were **Joy (Allard) Harvey '89**, receiving a Master of Divinity; **Bonaventure Mkandawire '93**, receiving a Master of Arts in Religion; **Jeff Miller '91**, receiving a Master of Divinity with Concentration; and **Jeff Ballard '89**, receiving a Master of Divinity. Bonaventure is living and working in Norfolk for the summer and in the fall will begin work on his Ph.D. at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. Jeff Ballard has begun serving as the Campus Minister at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Joy Harvey and her husband Bob will be moving in August to Clinton, Oklahoma to begin a ministry there. Jeff Miller will continue to teach at Emmanuel School of Religion and serve at Central Holston Christian Church in Bristol, Tennessee while selecting a school to continue his education.



Tim Snyder '92 graduated from Cincinnati Bible Seminary on May 13. Tim will continue his ministry with the Third City Christian Church in Grand Island, Nebraska.

ROMANIA PROJECT HEADED BY ALUMNUS

Joel Burkum '81 and a friend, Walt Blankenship, have started a benevolent effort to help relieve the appalling conditions in Romanian orphanages. The ministry is called For God's Children International. The main effort is to provide clothing for the children as well as milk, medicine and other needs. During a previous visit they delivered beds, milk and medicines. They also have opportunities to share the gospel during these visits.

For information about this mission effort, contact Joel Burkum at Deaf Missions, 712-322-5493, Walt Blankenship in the evening at 712-328-3776, or write For God's Children International, 123 Brentwood Heights, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

Joel and a team will spend three weeks in Romania beginning June 29. While there, Joel will also be meeting with deaf Romanian Christians to research the possibility of starting a Romanian Sign Language translation of the Bible. Joel serves full-time as Video Producer at Deaf Missions in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

ALUMNI PROJECT

Alumni are nearing their goal of funding the archives storage cupboards for the Library. The project was completed for \$4,800. So far, \$3,900 has been given by alumni and friends of the college, and some donations are "in the mail". If you would like to help finish funding this project, there is still time to give.

The archive cupboards consist of five oak sections and were recently installed. The whole unit measures eight and one-half feet high, fifteen feet long, and 18 inches deep. Four cupboards have smoked glass doors for display purposes.

Librarian Maria Johnson has moved many important items into the archives. The Gunderson Bible collection, annuals, rare books, pictures, and important papers are some of the articles in place.

When you visit campus, ask to see the Alumni Archives Project. We'd love to show it off! Those who have contributed to the Alumni Project since last report are as follows:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| David and Ruth Ann Bradshaw | Janice Swick | James and Lois Childs |
| Jean Snyder | Dave and Connie Jo Hardy | Hub and Pat Hall |
| Charlie and Jan Shafer | Dave and Deb Ludwig | Ed and Edith Mae Maertens |
| Lois Thoreson | Merle and Linda Lore | Elaine Randolph |
| Jerry and Cheri Beckenhauer | Lee Swanson | Marvin and Doris Adams |



Alumni Council member, Tony Clark '86 did a lot of organizational work for getting the archives built. Tony, Alumni Director Verna (McVey) Weber '71, and Librarian Maria (Stueland) Johnson are pictured with the archive cupboards.

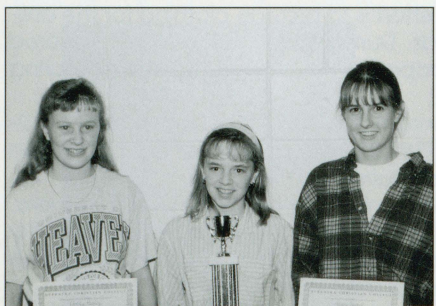
1995 NCC BIBLE BOWL TOURNAMENT REPORT



First Place Team
Meadow Park Church of Christ
Rochester, Minnesota



Second Place Team
New Testament Christian Church
"A" - Keokuk, Iowa

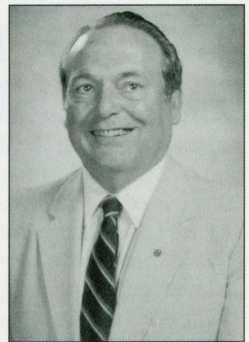


Third Place Team
Christian Church
Fairmont, Minnesota



Top Brain Winners
(1 to r) Tiffany Atwell, Montrose, Colorado (2nd), Cindy Martin, Rochester, Minnesota (1st), and Angie Steele, Norfolk, Nebraska (3rd).

DUNNING LECTURES



The sixteenth annual Dunning Lectures will be presented by Dr. Charles R. Gresham of Grayson, Kentucky, on October 4 and 5. Dr. Gresham will be speaking on the theme, "The Ministry of the Spirit in Ephesians".

Dr. Gresham has spent his lifetime in educational and preaching ministries. He has taught in four Bible Colleges, was a member of the faculty of Emmanuel School of Religion, helped develop Kentucky Christian College's Master of Ministry program and written extensively. Though he is officially retired, he continues to write, preach, and teach at Kentucky Christian College and abroad for Taking Christ to the Millions.

The Dunning Lectures are in honor of Guy B. Dunning, the founding president of Nebraska Christian College. Mr. Dunning spent most of his years of ministry in Nebraska. He helped begin Pibel Bible Camp, open closed churches, begin new churches, and strengthen existing churches. Mr. Dunning died in November, 1979. The lectureship began in 1980 as a tribute to him.

The first lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 4. The Thursday lectures will be at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION

Nebraska Christian College has cooperated with Cincinnati Bible Seminary to offer graduate education on our campus. For a number of years alumni and area preachers have been able to earn a master's degree through extension education.

In the increasingly complex world in which the church must minister, this opportunity for continuing education is a real value to our churches and ministers. The emphasis of the courses that have been offered has emphasized practical ministries that enable church leaders to function more effectively.

Several students have already completed their master's degrees and others are continuing in the program.

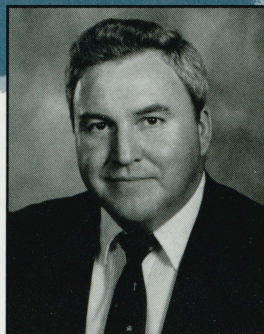
It is our hope that churches will realize the value of this graduate program and make it possible for their ministers to participate. Not only could they allow the minister the time for study but could assist him in paying the costs. This would be an investment in their minister and also in the future of their church.

This fall Dr. Bob Chitwood will be teaching a course entitled, "Interpreting Scriptures for Preaching and Teaching: Parables of Jesus" on September 18 - 20 and October 23 - 25. A student will need to attend both sessions in order to receive credit for the course.

Dr. Chitwood brings a rich heritage of preaching and ministry to the classroom. His students will gain a great deal in learning to bring the Word of God to their people.

Registration information is available from either Nebraska Christian College or Cincinnati Bible Seminary. For more information, feel free to contact Dr. Bill Weber at the college.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Opportunities and difficulties usually appear hand in hand.

Great athletes know they only perform their best after constant and exhausting training — and usually after the bitter experience of losing a few times. Most highly successful business people, statesmen, etc., have achieved the promise of opportunities in spite of difficulties. Should we of Christ's church expect our efforts not to be attended by difficulties?

The apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 16:8-9, "But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me." Great achievements are identified by meeting and overcoming crises.

Paul's problems were as great as — if not greater than — ours. He was stoned, imprisoned, and, according to tradition, executed for his belief in Christ. One of our crises today is remaining true to Christ and His teaching in a culture which has not threatened Christians with physical violence, but has ignored Christianity in recent years and treated it as irrelevant. Some of our churches struggle with being relevant to our contemporaries in the presentation of Christ without insisting non-Christians and new converts accept religious cultural traditions which are not essential to salvation.

The other side of this religious cultural coin is churches struggling to exist which accept teaching and preaching that sometimes ignores Biblical instructions about salvation or

adds to it because they hope they can continue as some sort of Christian witness and light in the darkness. Other churches which are successful at reaching non-Christians sometimes become so engrossed in attracting new hearers they never quite get the Christ of the cross fully presented.

If these crises aren't enough to offer great opportunities, committed Christians are being waylaid by discouragement. Some are using time and talent in minor disagreements instead of the effective presentation of the gospel and the edification of the body. The result is a weariness of body, mind and spirit. Individuals are heard to say, "If this is Christianity, who needs it?"

Perhaps our greatest crisis — and, therefore, greatest opportunity — is we trust in ourselves more than we should, and trust in God less than we should. My years of life have made me reflect on how little I really control. No matter how well I teach and preach, the class and congregation will respond to what it deems important. Once a child leaves home, he or she does not always do things as the parent desires. At NCC we teach (and teach and teach), we seek to minister in various ways and expose students to many avenues of service to God, we seek potential students and challenge them to minister, and we seek resources to continue the college's ministry. Yet we know we do not totally control any of these things. Some students fall by the wayside, others become far greater servants of Christ than our teaching could have made them, and God meets our needs even when we don't know how He is going to do it.

There are many obstacles, as Paul said, but the opportunities are great. The world needs to know the Christ of the cross. Though at times the obstacles seem to be greater than ever, I know the opportunities are immense. If we will be faithful to God in service, He will meet our needs as surely as He did Paul's.

In Christ, *Ray D. Stites*

COMING EVENTS • COMING EVENTS • COMING EVENTS

July 16 - 20North American Christian Convention - Indianapolis, IN
 NCC Reception Wednesday Night
 August 19-20New Student Orientation
 August 21Registration
 August 22Classes Begin
 August 23Opening Convocation
 September 11Board Meeting

September 18-20.....Masters' Seminar
 September 29Parents' Day
 October 4 - 5Dunning Lectures
 October 9 - 13Missions Emphasis
 October 16 - 18Mid-term Exams
 October 19 - 20Fall Break
 October 23 - 25Masters' Seminar
 November 3 - 4.....Turning Point '95



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