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CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

FROM
PRESIDENT MILLIKEN:

All of our alumni will rejoice with us at the news that our Trustees, in their April 16 meeting, authorized the construction of a classroom-administration building on the new campus. Plans call for the building to be ready for occupancy by the opening of school this Fall. Simpson Structures, Inc. of Norfolk are the designers and builders.

The building will be located to the south of the west end of our present dormitory on the site. It will be one story, 50' x 200', and will house our cafeteria, library, classrooms, administrative and faculty offices. The estimated cost of the structure is \$120,000. This

does not include additional concrete for sidewalks and drive needed to include the new building.

We have some funds on hand and are expecting to raise the balance of the monies needed to pay for the construction by the time of occupancy. We will need the enthusiastic and generous cooperation of all our alumni, friends, and congregations to reach our goal.

Our present administration building and two houses would be available for sale as soon as we are assured of our move to the new campus. Then these funds will be used for further campus development.

2ND GENERATION STUDENTS

There are several members of the 1970-71 NCC student body whose fathers--and/or mothers--remember when! These are second generation students. This list shows that NCC has been around awhile, at least.

Steve Burkum, son of Don Burkum, now ministering in Clay Center, Nebraska. And there are more Burkums to come.

Nancy Delbridge, daughter of Albert Delbridge of Missouri Valley, Iowa. Nancy's sister, Phyllis, was also a student at NCC.

Everyone remembers that ole flashy basketball player, Jim Ferguson! His son, Mike, is giving a good report of himself on the basketball floor, too!

Lloyd Sapp's oldest son, Dick, is not only a student but is the men's physical education teacher, the coach of the basketball team, and ground school and flight instructor of NCC's Missionary Aviation Course.

Helen Snow works part-time as a student librarian at NCC. Her parents are the Howard Snows, Elmo, Missouri, preachers.

Cecilia Snyder, the daughter of Harlan, Iowa's minister, Jim, has had two brothers and a sister come to NCC before her.

Tom and Bill Weber have had both a father, George (Readstown, Wisconsin) and a brother, Alan, pass through these "hallowed halls" before them.



Who else will step on the scales and get out their check-books?

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F.



The Development Fund of NCC is a few dollars richer since Lowell Burkum became a few pounds lighter! Many of the faculty and staff accepted his challenge: "For every pound I lose, I'll contribute \$1 to the Development Fund. How many are with me?"

(The program became known as "Take Off Burkum's Fat."--thanks to Professor Miller.)

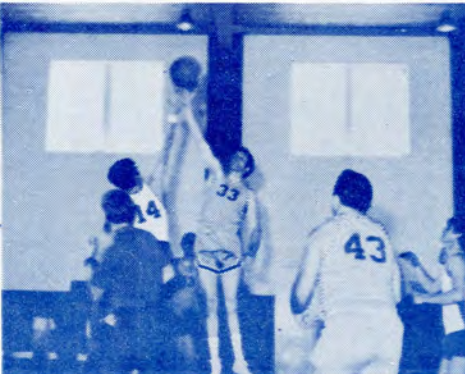
Would you believe eleven people signed up for that little program? Officially, it lasted for about a month--\$99 in the fund. Unofficially, some are still hanging on until Founders' Day, September 6.

At the annual alumni meeting held during the Spring Convention, there were several others who accepted the challenge--some to take off weight and some to pay the Development Fund \$1 for each pound.

So far we haven't heard from those "others"--Mike Hines!--but it appears to us we could almost pay for the new classroom-administration building with this program! (We said, "Almost!")

THE 1971 NCC ALUMNI

THE BEST YET...REUNION



At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, JOHN EPPERSON (66) was elected to serve his second term as President. John, with his wife and daughter, serves the church in Wakefield, Nebraska. He came to NCC from Onawa, Iowa.



John

Elected as Vice President was OWEN WILMOT (50), who is originally from Albion, Nebraska. Owen is married and has two children. He is serving the church in Clarion, Iowa.

Owen



Janice



ELECTED

FOR '71 - '72

JANICE SWICK (65) works as the secretary at the Nebraska State Patrol in Norfolk and was elected Secretary of the Association. She is from Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Jim



Elected to a second term as Treasurer was JIM PRICE (69) who is now ministering to the church in Atlantic, Iowa; but on June 1, he will join Deaf Missions in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He hails from Lewistown, Montana.

Also originally from Lewistown is KAY BURNHAM (63) who was elected Alert Editor. She is the Assistant to the Director of Development at NCC.

Kay





"IT'S TIME TO PLANT"

SAYS PRESIDENT JOHN!

In a season of planning, plowing, and planting, let's not forget our alma mater as she builds for the future. May I suggest a simple "garden plan" that will help meet the needs of our growing school and bring nourishment to our entire alumni family. The plan is quite simple!!!

Plant two rows of PEAS tempered in concern. The first row of peas is the "p" of preparedness. No-one is more effective in preparing young people for full-time Christian service than you, a Bible college alumnus. The enthusiasm you generate for NCC is many times the difference between going and not going! Prepare your area for Bible college.

The second row of peas is the "p" of prayer. Pray for NCC! Pray for her without ceasing! Pray for her from the pulpit and with others. Hold NCC up before God daily and you will be amazed at how God will give increases.

Of course, no garden for the future would be adequate with just two rows of peas. May I

suggest another miracle vegetable! Plant a couple rows of SQUASH. Let's begin now to squash criticism and indifference. Look for the good and be optimistic for the future. If you can't say anything worthwhile, don't say anything. A growing school needs a strong, supporting alumni.

Remember your days at NCC? You never got any more out of it than what you were willing to put into it. Put your back into the work; be part of our growing institution which gives "God the Glory."

Our garden must have LETTUCE! Let us be loyal to NCC. I want to be known as one being PRO-NCC for growing colleges are in direct proportion to a supporting alumni association. How can we begin to repay the fine education we received while attending NCC? A very simple way is to "speak out." The best advertisement I know is one satisfied customer speaking to another!

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ALUMNI CHURCHES BUILDING

Several churches served by NCC alumni have recently completed remodeling projects or entered into new building programs.

The church at Liberty, Nebraska where Jim Hackel '68 ministers completely remodeled their building in the past year as did the church at Julesburg, Colorado, where Russell McCracken '63 is the minister.

Floor plans have been approved for a new house of worship for the Third City Christian Church at Grand Island, Nebraska, where Tim Gilbert '65 ministers. He is the congregation's first min-



ister and has served there since 1969. A loyalty dinner was held February 21 with Bob Chitwood '58 as speaker. A commitment program was then begun to underwrite the construction of the new facility. This congregation is just four years old and has been meeting in the YWCA building.

Boulder Valley Christian Church in Colorado let bids February 28 for the construction of a new building. Goodman Church Builders of Joplin, Missouri, is the contractor. Harold McCracken '61 is ministering to this church.

Bob Chitwood '58 is in a building project again. The Capitol City Christian Church in Lincoln Nebraska, broke ground February 28 for a new building. Bob is the second minister of this congregation and has served since 1968.

The Auburn, Nebraska, congregation voted on March 21 to make several improvements on their church building, including carpeting, new pews, an outdoor sign, a new ramp entrance, and painting. Frank Zimmerman '56 is the minister.

The church at Clay Center, Nebraska, where Don Burkum '59 ministers, has voted to build a new parsonage and convert the old one into an educational unit. They are also making plans to build other facilities in the future as the need arises.



**Wah-um
Moh
Nus!**

Lik to herum abot othur alumni? So doum they! Help the ole "ALERT" editur out by writin' a letur lettin' uz no whachur doin'. Writ to the editur, Nebraska Christian College, Box 919, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701. Thanx!

AT THE ALUMNI REUNION



You are cordially invited

to attend the

GROUND - BREAKING

for the

CLASSROOM-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Friday, May 21, 1971 *

at 6:30 p.m.

on the new campus
1800 Syracuse
Norfolk, Nebraska

*Commencement Night

The service begins at 8:00 p.m.
at First Christian Church, 1200
North Thirteenth.



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A second row that is needed is: Let us support her financially! If you are not sharing your treasures with NCC, your heart is somewhere else, too.

And then, of course, no garden is complete without TURNIPS. Turn up at NCC with a prospect or two. Turn up with a smile; but most of all, let's turn up with some real determination. Let's unite our efforts for Christ and use this very effective tool that God has provided, NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE! Only through the training of a consecrated ministry can we ever hope to win the world for christ.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT!!!

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We'll be happy to include news of YOU in the next issue of the "Alert." Write us of your activities. And if we've reported on various activities and missed mentioning you, please bring that to our attention. In other words, folks, let us hear from you!

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Dues will be due on Founders' Day, September 6, 1971. HOWEVER, if dues were paid a little early some bills could be paid--and there are some delinquent alumni who haven't paid last year's yet! Dues are \$5 for singles and \$7.50 for couples. Send your check to Jim Price, 7½ Lynwood Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501.



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SWEDBURG REPORTS ON TRIP TO RUSSIA !

It seems a bit unreal, but in about ten short days the Swedburgs were transformed into "international travellers." On Nov. 8 we left Norfolk by air (to the cheering and good wishes of a large part of the faculty and student body), arriving in Vienna some hours later. We stayed overnight in T.C.M.'s Eidelweiss Haus (very European--very nice), then took off by Volkswagen bus to Budapest. We crossed the "Curtain," worshipped with the Christians, attended a youth meeting, toured the sights (very many, very old, very historic, including the Danube, which was grey, not blue, under wintry clouds) and did a wee bit of shopping.

On Tuesday we flew to Moscow. Yes, that evening we walked Red Square and ate Russian ice cream. We toured the Kremlin with its museums and cathedrals. No, they did not invite us in to meet with the government--an oversight, I am sure! We saw the circus, the subways, the Space Museum, the Beriozka (the dollar store) and on Thursday evening had a high thrill as we met with the Christians of Moscow and shared in their service. Oh, yes! we brought Christian greetings to the brethren in both Budapest and Moscow! On Friday we flew "Aerophlot" to Frankfort, and to home. You guessed it! That same crowd was back to welcome us--with bugles yet!!!



It was great! Our thanks in bushel-fulls to all of you who made it possible. We love you. We truly enjoyed the trip: the people, the food, the sights, the fellowship. We'd be willing to teach another 25 years if you promise to do it again!

In Moscow we bought some souvenirs. We bought my Mother and Sister (Mrs. Lu Swedburg, and Wilma Swedburg of Minneapolis) a "samovar" --a Russian tea service. (Shown in picture at left.)

ALUMNI DAYS ISSUE

SEE DETAILS

INSIDE

A L U M N I

JAN. 18



JOHN RAYMOND (57)
(Banquet speaker, now
Prof. at Ozark Bible.)

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY (Jan. 18)

- 6:15 - East/West Alumni game
- 8:00 - Parsons vs Grace College of the Bible
(arch rivals!)

FRIDAY (Jan. 19)

- 8 - 12 Classes
- 9:00 - Chapel
- 10:00 - Swedburg Reports!
- 12:00 - Alumni Meet 'N Eat!
- 1:00 - Choir
- 2:00 - Special Workshop with
Merlin Wright
- 5:00 - Banquet
- 8:00 - Parsons vs Faith Baptist


Hats! Hats!
and more Hats!
A hat for every-
one! Really?

ALUMNI WILL BE TEACHING ALL FRIDAY CLASSES

INFORMATION ABOUT HOUSING . . .

By special arrangement we can offer reduced cost housing if enough request it. Motels and rates are:

SUPER 8: single \$12.88; double \$14.88;
family \$16.88

BECKER'S: single \$9.50; double \$11.50;
family \$18.00

If you are interested in this motel arrangement, contact us at once!



DAYS 79!

- 19, 79

NEXT ALUMNI MEETING will be at the noon hour on Friday. Pick up your meal tray and go to the meeting room.



FREE! FREE! FREE!
The entire Alumni Days program is at no cost to alumni. You will receive: morning coffee & rolls, noon meal, and banquet AT NO CHARGE! YOU CAN'T EVEN TIE IT! BEAT IT?

NOTE THESE

1. Dean Swedburg will make a special report on his trip to Russia Friday morning at 10.

2. Again this year an East vs West All-Star game will be played! Highway 81, which runs through Norfolk, will be the dividing line. Mr. Burkum MUST know who intends to play!

3. Registration is so important to help us plan for your coming. Return the enclosed registration form TODAY!



LON HARDY (75)
(Chapel speaker, now minister At Belleville KS.)



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Convention Preview . . .

The 1979 CONVENTION at N.C.C. promises to be a good one. Headlining the program will be:

DAVID HAYNES, minister of the Calvary Christian Church, Bellvue, NE;

MAX WARD RANDALL, professor at Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, IL;

ALGER FITCH, professor at Pacific Christian College, Fullerton, CA.

A variety of workshops are also being planned for the April 3 - 5 convention.

Again this year, for the first time in several years, there will be a complete program for the ladies. A committee of alumni women is putting the program together. Be ALERT for further news!

PASTORAL COUNSELING SEMINAR

May 14-17, 1979

"Counseling In Crisis Situations"

LEADER: Charles McNeely, Prof. of Pastoral Care And Counseling at Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, IL.

Situations to be discussed will include: suicide, death and dying, severe loss, grief and others. More information will be forthcoming concerning registration cost and program.

N.C.C. SPORTS UPDATE (That's Right!)

Coach Boelter reports that in the first year of organized volleyball the gals posted a 10 wins, 6 losses record and earned a 2nd place trophy at the Midwest Christian College Conference tourney in Kansas City in October.



The boys Cross Country season climaxed with the Conference meet in Kansas City. Dennis Portenier finished 5th and Chris Lahm came in 11th. Others on the team included: Kenny Cleveland, Clark Bates, Rich Milliken, Steve Schnackenberg, Dave Hicks, Joel Burkum.



The basketball Parsons are 3 - 1, with the only loss coming in the opening round of the N.C.C. Invitational Tourney. The Parsons went on to capture 3rd place. Leading the Parsons early in the season is Soph. Pat Bohall, averaging 26 points and 21 rebounds per game.

February 6, 1974

Dear Alumni:

My message to you this time is a sort of "state of the union" at N.C.C. It is designed to enable you to pray and support the work here more intelligently. In the days ahead it appears that we will be needing every friend we can find. Inflation is especially difficult for schools like ours. If the income and student body can grow then we have a good chance to survive and to succeed in our objectives.

First of all, I'm sure that all of you will be happy to know that the Auditorium will be in full use by Convention time. Your Convention will be the first special meeting to use it. I think you will like it.

The City of Norfolk Fund Drive for the College is designed to take care of the Auditorium and to build the Music Wing. They have just about half the amount. Their success is critical to the building of the Music Wing. The Board is studying building plans but letting a contract will be dependent upon how the City does. Your prayers for this work are vital.

Brother McConkey is working hard to contact student prospects. Any help you can give him in this area will be deeply appreciated. Recruitment is the responsibility of ALL of us.

If each of our congregations where you serve would place the College in their budget or would increase your giving by the percentage of the inflationary increase we could see our College stabilizing her income. We do not have a General Fund deficit to erase as in the past two years.

Plans are underway to add an additional faculty member by fall. We hope to be able to make some announcements in that regard before June.

We have a trio, "Joy Unlimited", for campus this summer. If you can get us invited to your Senior or Life Recruit Camp this summer, please work on it. They will be available for 10 weeks. They are a fine group.

Our next Building project demanding our immediate attention is the Boys' Dormitory. We will be taking steps this spring to initiate a fund drive to enable us to build. We want to be able to build the Dorm without a crippling debt. The goal is to underwrite it to the extent that the rentals will take care of the payments. The girls' dorm was totally borrowed and we are still having to subsidize it.

God has been good to us. Please pray with us that we will continue in His grace. May He bless you all to be at your best in His service.

Sincerely in Christ,

Harold B. Milliken, President

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THE ALERT

November 1974

Nebraska Christian College Alumni Newsletter



Fruitful Efforts For NCC

Alumni President: Don Gordon

It's been some time since the "Alert" has been published. It is hoped that we can get on a regular basis so that you may be kept abreast of various activities of the Alumni Association.

As your new president, I come to you with no great platform of promises, but with some ideas and suggestions that, I believe, can help us to be more and more effective as concerned alumni.

My main interest is to promote the cause of Christ as Nebraska Christian College relates to that Holy cause, and as we relate to NCC. I'm convinced that the best goal is for each one of us to be a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, thereby promoting, first of all, the Kingdom of our Lord -- and then comes the automatic promotion of our alma mater as a loyal Bible College, truly "educating a consecrated and qualified ministry". Jesus said "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples". (John 15:8) Not disciples of NCC, but of Jesus Christ. If we are faithful to the Word, and bear fruit for Christ, then NCC will be promoted as a loyal Bible College, because she is sending out fruit bearers.

I love NCC and all she stands for and has meant to me personally; I believe she is stable and worthy of your loyalty and mine. I get mighty tired of hearing of unjust

criticisms of her program -- and you and I know that there are criticisms, most of which have no basis. The Bible has always been taught and loyalty to the cause of Christ has always been a primary concern at NCC. You and I as students, reaped as we sowed effort and study.

Let's pull together for Christ and Nebraska Christian College that in all we do "to God be the glory"!

With Flying Colors

On special occasions at NCC the colors of the states or nation in which alumni are serving are being flown in front of Alumni Hall. Following is listed the flags that are presently available:

Brazil	Iowa	Montana
Arkansas	Kansas	Oklahoma
Colorado	Minnesota	South Dakota
Hawaii	Missouri	Texas
Indiana		

The Alumni Association would like every state or country represented.

At the Founder's Day meeting various aspects of the type, size, and material were discussed. Some states provided the flags free and in other cases they had to be purchased. If you would be willing to take the responsibility of locating the best source of supply for your state, contact Don Gordon for particulars and places to begin looking. The Cornhuskers may not have played football the best lately but will one proud Nebraskan stand up anyway.

Presently the Missouri Valley, Iowa congregation has the largest contingent of students enrolled at NCC. The minister was asked to share with the alumni "What works for me".

Open Parsonage

Produces Recruits

Don Robinson

The Missouri Valley Church of Christ has 12 young people enrolled in Bible College this fall. Two years ago, we had one. What is the secret for this kind of interest in youth going to a Bible College? I think there are several factors in our success.

The No. 1 factor is that the minister's home must be open for young people to enter. We have youth in our home every day. They come at breakfast time, at noon, in the evening, and a few have even come in the night. They know they are welcome. They see in the parsonage a different image than they see in the pulpit. They see ordinary people who laugh, who cry, who get frustrated and who really care. They are free to pour out their problems in our home and we will listen.

The No. 2 factor is that both the minister and his wife must love what they are doing. An unhappy minister will not produce recruits. Both the minister and his wife must love young people.

The No. 3 factor is a youth Bible Study with prayer cell groups where young people are encouraged to pray for each other. This gives youth an extra exposure to the Word of God and puts prayer power in a different prospective.

The No. 4 factor is to talk to them about Bible College. Invite them to think about it before they think about other schools. Challenge them to the real need and many of them will respond.

The No. 5 factor is to take the youth to the Bible College to see

it. When we do, we sit with our young people.

The No. 6 factor is to give the youth a taste of leadership roles while in high school. We let them see how exciting the ministry can be.

Alumni Letter

President Milliken

I am happy to be able to write about another increase in student body. With the total enrollment this fall at 180, we set a new record. With the state colleges dropping in enrollment we can be grateful for continued growth. The growth forces us to push out our upper-class students but I'm glad for those kind of problems. Your fine work in the churches has been a real help. Keep it up.

On behalf of my wife and myself, I want to thank you all for your generous gift of the Holy Land trip. I'm sure it will be an experience we will cherish all our lives. God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

All of us are feeling the pinch of inflation. The College does, too. Your prayers and efforts for the school will help us to carry on.

The city fund drive for Alumni Hall and Music Wing is a little over \$91,000. This is about \$40,000 short of their goal. Their shortage places a real pressure on us to make construction payments.

We have two urgent needs right now. Cash from commitments is needed! Loan funds are a must! We have no commercial institution that will loan anything right now. We are trying to borrow money on our open note at 8% interest. Please, if you have folk in your congregation who have available monies they could loan us, please give us their names or ask them to contact us. They can help themselves while they help us.

Please continue to undergird our labors here with your prayers for a Bookkeeper and a Business Manager.

Musical To Be Published

Lillenas Publishing Company has accepted for publication the musical "Let The Son Shine". This was the musical performed by the Enthusiastics and New Way Singers earlier this year.

A book, sound track, and record will hopefully be available to the public in the spring of 1975. The Lowell Burkum family, primarily Lowell and Dave composed the music and wrote the lyrics and dialogue. Lowell reports that the musical was accepted without change in the theology presented.

We hope to report in future issues of the news that Lillenas broke all previous sales records with this new hit.



Millikens To Holy Land

Because of the interest of many people, alumni and other friends of NCC the necessary funds have been received to send President Milliken and his wife, Greta on a trip to the Holy Lands. The cost of "Project Send" was nearly \$2,000. At the Founder's Day alumni meeting, the alumni president was authorized to barrow whatever amount was needed to finish meeting our obligation.

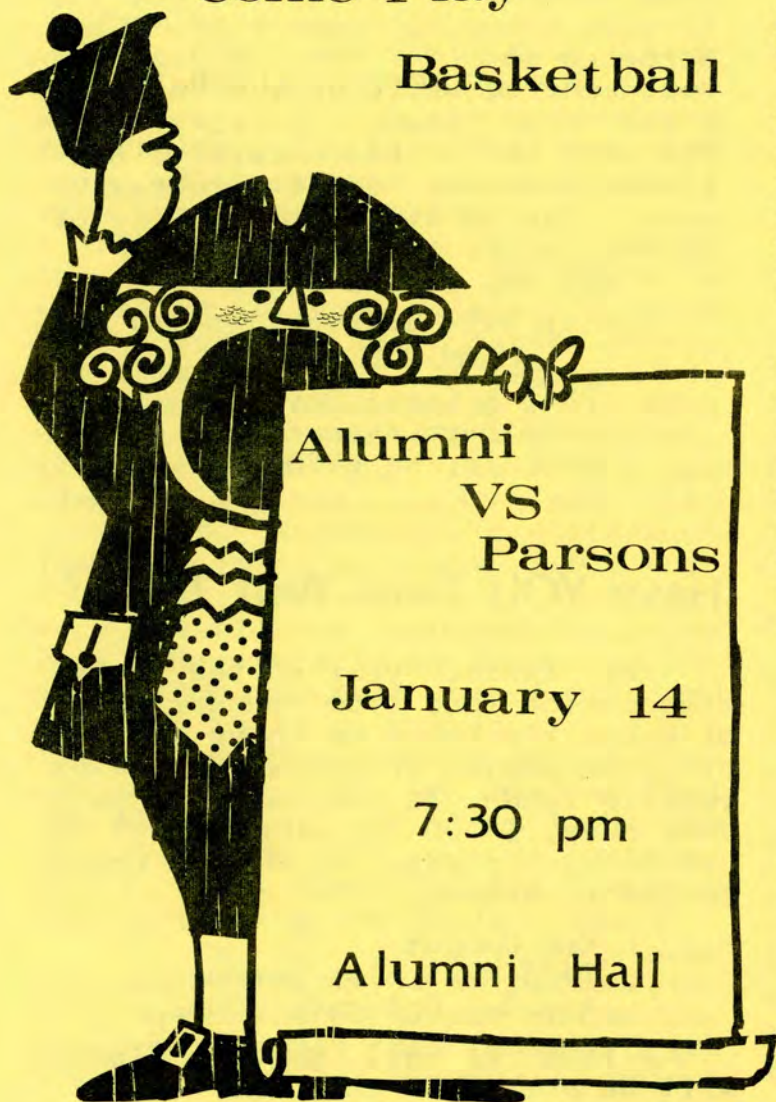
Praise the Lord, because of one of the many fine families in the Griswold Church -- the alumni association is not in debt. Upon asking for a loan of \$490, I was presented with a gift in that amount. Thank the Lord for all who have helped to make this inspirational trip possible for the Millikens. They are scheduled to leave on Nov. 19.

Chris Burkum Hospitalized

Nine year old Chris Burkum, daughter of Don and Millie Burkum, Clay Center, Nebraska was hospitalized with Leukemia. She has received chemotherapy and has undergone Bone Marrow tests and tests for Cobalt treatments. Doctors are pleased with progress but are not promising any results.

Come Play

Basketball



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WHERE ARE YOU?

Have you ever wondered what happened to that individual you took Life of Christ with or lived in the next room at the dorm. One question that seems to invariably come up when alumni gather and get to reminiscing is, "What Happened To _____?" Other alumni are interested in YOU!

Therefore one of the frequent suggestions is -- put more in the Alumni News about other alumni. Good idea! We would like to implement this idea by bringing everyone up to date on you at present. Next we would like to keep others informed of special aspects of your life, e.g. a particular program that was successful, or perhaps winning first place in the Chicken Wishbone Collectors Society.

For those alumni who produce church midweeks, the second best way is to send us your paper, the best way is to drop us a special note about your news.

However first things first, if you receive this paper you are an alumni; please take a few minutes and send us the following information.

Name (Maiden name also if married) _____

Address _____

Family _____

Last Year at NCC _____

Some particularly enjoyable memory of life when you were at NCC _____

At this point many will promptly proceed to unintentionally or perhaps intentionally forget and not do anything about this, may I suggest you do one thing if you are likely to be in this category; look at an NCC Annual from when you were in school. If you can go from cover to cover without the thought crossing your mind, "What Happened to _____?", it probably would not be worth your effort and a ten cent stamp to reply. Very few will be in this category. So--please respond, don't procrastinate, like we did for the Life of Christ tests.

SEE YOU IN THE NEWS!

Please send information to:

Alert Editors

Phil & Carol Davidson
1002 Park Avenue
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Have YOU Paid Your Dues?

The fiscal year of the alumni association runs from Founder's Day to Founder's Day. We have several projects planned for this year which require funds. If you have not paid your dues, \$5.00 for single or \$7.50 per couple, please send your check to the treasurer.

Ken Cooper
7975 West 51st Avenue
Arvada, Colorado 80002

A list of all paid up alumni will be printed in the next "Alert".



The Alert

Winter, 1974

President's Pen

NCC CareerDays 1973 are now history, and I believe they were the best ever! Wayne Smith of Lexington, Kentucky, and Bruce Roderick of Minneapolis, Minnesota, were at their best! Now we can look forward to the NCC Alumni Convention to be held April 2,3, 4.

I have been very grateful for the response of the Alumni in taking part in the convention. Our theme, "Alleluia" is just enough to thrill us! What a joy it is to be in on the 'ground level' of planning this convention. It is quite a task, but the committee is working diligently in making this the best convention ever. Praise His Name!

There will be a number of workshops, all lead by the Alumni. There will be singing groups, an Alumni Choir, and a Sing and Celebrate time after the regular evening services. There will be some great preaching by Jim Ewing, Dick Brown, Frank Zimmerman, Lowell Burkum and Bob Chitwood. Others will be speaking for the men's breakfasts and banquet. Then, there are workshops and speakers for the women, too!

I'm all excited about the gathering of NCC Alumni on the NCC Campus next April. Be praying for a great reunion with old friends. But even more, let us be preparing for that Great Reunion with Jesus and the angels in the air!

Alleluia,

Jerry Beckenhauer

Convention

April 2,3,4,1974

Convention Planning

Convention programming is well underway. Notices and invitations have already been sent to many alumni across the country. Responses are coming back indicating a willingness to serve where needed.

According to President Beckenhauer, this spring's convention will have between twenty and thirty workshops. Some of these will be for men, others specially for women, but all will be led by alumni. Other special programming includes banquets for both men and women to be held on Wednesday night of the convention. Thursday evening a special youth banquet is planned. Tuesday will see the alumni enjoying recreation together as well as an evening meal and alumni meeting.

Two other items closely associated with the convention and its alumni meeting are the selection of recipients for two awards: the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Mr. or Mrs. NCC Award. Names nominated for the former should be sent to Mr. Frank Zimmerman at Auburn, Nebraska. Names nominated for the Mr. or Mrs. NCC Award should be sent to Mr. Don Gordon in Griswold, Iowa. Alumni present for the convention alumni meeting will vote for their choice of Mr. or Mrs. NCC and the award will be presented at the fall Founder's Day program.

The dates for the convention are April 2-4. With the current energy shortage afflicting our country let each alumnus begin praying now that this will not be a serious detriment to this year's convention.

Alumnus' Church Burns

On Monday, November 26, 1973, the church house of the St. Francisville, Illinois, Christian Church burned to the ground. From the paper of alumnus Gene Morehouse, minister of that congregation, comes the following article:

I am very sad that I have to bring you all out of town this news about the church building. Yesterday morning between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. the church building caught fire. Imogene and Joyce Potts discovered the fire and reported it to the fire house. The

fire started in the back part of the basement. By 11:30 the fire had spread to the roof and it couldn't be stopped. We wish to thank everyone that came to help fight the fire. The only thing that we got out of the building was a record player and one good storm window. At this writing the basement is too hot to go into to see if we can find the bell. My study is completely gone, except the few books I had brought home Monday morning. Three weeks ago Sharon suggested that we bring everything home that concerned the newsletter and make room for it in the basement of the house. That way, Ruth could play and Sharon could wash and run the newsletter at the same time. So all of the newsletter material is safe. We will continue to have a newsletter weekly. The church board met last night at the parsonage.

We will have church and Sunday school in the school gym at the same time—regular hours. We ask that if any one ever took a song book home to please bring it this Sunday morning.

The church did have insurance, but it was not enough to cover everything. We have started a building fund, but do not know at this time how much is needed. If you would like to help, send your gift to Box 12, St. Francisville, Illinois 62460.

Others may be interested in helping to replace the personal library of our brother. If so your contributions can be sent to Gene Morehouse at the aforementioned address.



Know the Seniors

Charles Adrian Bridges completes his work for graduation at the close of first semester, December 1973. He will be part of the graduating class in May '74 and so has a slight head start on some of his fellow graduates.

Charles is a transfer student, having come to Norfolk from Central Christian College in the fall of 1971. He had completed two years at Central.

While a student at NCC, he has preached as a student minister for the Ewing, Nebraska, congregation. He has worked his way through college, and maintained a good academic record as well as a fine relationship with his fellow students.

His plans are open for a ministry in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area upon completion of his college work. (There seems to be an interest in this area of the Mid-

west for Chuck!)

We commend to your attention and fellowship this first of our grads for the 1973-74 academic year.

—Loren T. Swedburg, Dean

Alumni News

The new year is off to a rapid start. Alumni are already immersed in innumerable activities. The "busyness" of the past several months indicate the pace of NCC Alumni.

Several churches where NCC Alumni serve Christ have held revival meetings during the fall now past. Among them are: Emden, Illinois on November 25 to 30 with Bob Wilson of Lincoln Christian College. MONTE MCCLENAHAN (73) ministers there. OWEN WILMOT (50) participated in a revival September 23-28 with Lloyd Pelfrey of Central Christian College at the Clarion, Iowa church. The congregation meeting at Sutton, Nebraska where LARRY PHILIPPI (69) ministers held a meeting with Harold Hamon.

The new Westside church in Omaha reported 13 additions recently. NORMAN ARMSTRONG (64) is the minister with that church.

ALLEN BURNHAM has resigned a good ministry with the Correctionville, Iowa church and has moved to Fairmont, Minnesota. During his years at Correctionville, he served as a Revival Fires Promoter for the area and watched the congregation grow spiritually and numerically.

GENE MOREHOUSE reported via his church paper the destruction of the meeting place for the St. Francisville, Illinois church where he is presently serving (see related article). The building was a total loss. The loss also included Gene's personal library and effects.

The National Missionary Convention at Oklahoma City was quite well done this year. Remarks by Mr. McGavran were excellent and well founded upon Scriptural principles. It was interesting to see many alumni at the convention. Your editor was pleased with the opportunities to visit with WAYNE MOORE, GERRY MARTIN (66), JIM (69) and KAY (63) PRICE, the KIM LAMBS (71) and many others including JOE EGGBRECHT, JANICE SWICK (65) and MEREDY MCCLENAHAN.

Returning from the convention it was good to see DONNA MCGHGHY MAGGERT (67) and her husband at the church in Plainville, Kansas where we stopped to worship. Donna, and her husband Rick, live in Denver where he works with a flying service.

GERALD MARTIN has resigned an associate ministry at the Central Church in Clovis, New Mexico to enter

the military chaplaincy.

According to one recent report DALE SCHEFFLER (51) purchased a Coast to Coast store in the St. Louis vicinity. Another report related that he was presently seeking another ministry. Who can reconcile this?

JERRY BECKENHAUER (66) reported that the Indianola, Nebraska church recently burned a mortgage on the parsonage. The cost of that parsonage was \$18,000 but it was completely paid for in just over four years.

The JOE THURSTENSON (61) family has a new addition: Jeffrey Marc, born December 5. Jeff weighed in at six pounds twelve and one half ounces and was twenty inches long.

The Watchmen Quartet presented "Sounds of Christmas" over Lincoln's channel 9 on December 24.

News from South Africa continues to show the work of the GUY family is progressing nicely. News of BRIAN (72) and DEANNA (67) is sent out regularly by CAROL DAVIDSON (67). If you want on the mailing list or wish other information write Carol at the College. Additional materials appear in the South African Torch, available by writing Mission Services.

Word has not been received from many, many alumni for an awfully long time. There are many who have never appeared in this column. If you are one of these, you have, for the most part, dropped out of sight. We'd like to hear from you. Could you drop us a line and let us know what you are doing. If you are running a feed store or having a "greeaat" ministry with some local church there are others who'd like to know where you are and how things are going for you.

Our President Speaks Out!

Dear Alumni:

This should be a letter with much "good news" for you and the College family as a whole.

You will rejoice with us that we have the largest enrollment of all-time - 170 students. Those 93 new students were the major factor in this jump. Your faithful recruiting and support are essential to our continued growth. Bring groups of youth to the campus. Talk the need of joy and Christian service. "The fields are white unto harvest." Keep on doing a good job in your own ministry for the Lord. This always is an encouragement to youth.

If you have ideas for the College administration for the benefit of the school, if you have Trustee suggestions, program ideas, etc., please give them to our Trustees or myself. We will not promise to use them but will consider and evaluate and use what we feel to be good for the program. Our labors together will result in a better College program and an advancement in the cause of Christ.

I would suggest that you write out your ideas so

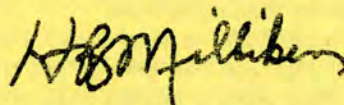
that we can have a permanent record for our files. What may not be good for now may be so later. We hope to build a backlog of rich ideas through the years'.

Over \$110,000 in cash and commitments have come in on the new auditorium from Alumni, Trustees, faculty, staff and friends. We are now in the closing part of the city campaign to raise \$130,000 to pay off the auditorium and to build the Music Wing. The amount received in commitments and cash is \$59,000. We have closed our downtown office and will be carrying on the cleanup of the balance of the program from the campus. Pray with us that these men will succeed in their efforts for the Norfolk Fund for NCC. If they do we can then proceed with plans for the construction of the Music Wing.

We are borrowing money on an open note in order to be able to pay our bills for construction. The note is for three years at 8% with the understanding we can pay them off earlier. Our fund drive is designed to take care of these. If you have folk in the church who would want to loan us funds on this basis, helping us as they help themselves, please have them write me.

God bless you as you labor for Him and His cause.

Sincerely in Christ,



Harold B. Milliken
President



McConkey's Message

This year we spent Thanksgiving in the college booth at the National Missionary Convention in Oklahoma City. We had a great time promoting the college until Friday afternoon. Lois and I along with Jim and Kay Price skipped out and watched that fiasco called a football game on television. Oh, how we hated to return to the booth after that drubbing, and we heard it from all sides, for the rest of the convention.

In talking with people from other colleges, I find that High School Counselors are sometimes very hard on non-accredited Bible colleges. I have known of two

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counselors that have said, "Why waste your time in going to a church school when you could go to the State University?"

I don't think we ought to fight with these counselors but I do think we need to try and work with them. We need to show them that the Ministry is an honorable profession and the education received at NCC is not sub-standard. Facts and figures are good but not nearly as convincing as the personal, kind explanation of the purposes of NCC. In many cases the counselor just does not know or understand the position of the Bible college. He naturally promotes the college he is most acquainted with, and usually that's the state university or the one he graduated from.

We will be happy to send to you a packet of material from NCC that you can take to his office and present to him. Then when a student asks about Bible college or NCC, he may give a sympathetic and understanding word for our college.

—Ron McConkey

From the Editor's Mess

Have you noticed the change taking place in the church these last ten years? There has been, and there continues to be a great deal of change. Some of the change is good there's no doubt of that, but some is not so great. Let me share just a few of these changes with you and you determine whether they are bad or good.

I was reminded of the first major change by Erskine Scates at a recent meeting. He pointed out the change in attitude prevalent in the brotherhood toward those "not of us."

A few years ago, 1970 to be exact, Richard C. Halverson, a Presbyterian, appeared on the program of the North American Christian Convention. This was not the first time a "denominationalist" had been featured. Charles Allen, a Methodist, was at Detroit and who knows how many more there had been? This time, however, a furor arose! The first hints of this furor were seen in a *Christian Standard* editorial entitled, "Why Did They Do That?" In the "Mail Box" of April 25, 1970 Don Earl Boatman concurred writing, "It is a bad

mistake to feature denominational people..."

Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, a Lutheran, was featured at the Kiamichi Clinic a few years ago. What resulted on Christ's Forty Acres was a tempest in a teapot as men grumbled about Brother Mac's audacity for allowing a denominationalist access to the "sacred" (sic) platform even though Tom Anderson, David Noebel and many others had already done so.

More recently, however, we are seeing more and more of these "horrible" denominationalists on our convention platforms and television shows. How many letters do you suppose stalwart Cecil Todd has received for using Anita Bryant, Vonda Kay Van Dyke or Walter Brennan? What we once abhorred as a movement, we now accept!

Another remarkable change has been that in our attitude toward denominational practices. Once the "movement" hated the "language of Ashdod," but we seem to have pretty well accepted it now. Not only have we accepted the language, but we are also rapidly accepting the methods and traits of various denominational groups. Case in point:

The emphasis on growth at any price. Once the "movement" stood for growth through the preaching of the Word. Now we have adopted the gimmickry and gadgetry of our denominational neighbors. Bus ministries, give-aways and contests abound. We have even gone to denominational seminars to "learn how to evangelize and counsel."

The emphasis on size. In the denominational world the emphasis has been on bigness for years. In the "movement" the emphasis was always on faithfulness. Marshall Leggett in an article in a 1973 *Lookout* says we should be more concerned about the size of our Bible schools pushing forward to those larger than 1,000. In the past there were many who believed the church grew by establishing more congregations...and not through the conventional means of church fights either.

Still another change, believe it or not, can be seen in the methods of support utilized for various institutions. Within the past year I've seen an article written by my friend Arthur B. Edwards in *The Gospel Log* favoring endowment for Bible Colleges. The historic position is that "starvation support" guarantees faithfulness.

We might as well face it. Change comes whether we like it or not. The price of our freedom, however, is eternal vigilance. Let's do our best to make sure the change we are part of is not anti-biblical. Let's remain faithful to Christ and to His Word.

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OUR PRESENT SPEAKS OUT

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The inflationary push will force us to increase our College costs to the students to try to help keep up. We need to encourage our regular supporters to increase their giving to help, too. I will be sending a letter to the churches hoping to get new regular supporters and to encourage the present givers to increase. Many are giving us what they did ten to fifteen years ago. Your encouragement to the church to include us in their budget or to ~~incrase~~ increase their regular giving will be a great help.

We are expanding our Deaf Ministry with the help of Duane and Deaf Missions in Council Bluffs. If you know of Deaf youth who would be interested in our program, please bring them to us or let us know.

We have a great job to do and we need every alumnus involved to do our best. God bless you as you serve Him and His cause at home and around the world.

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THE ALERT

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FLASH -- ALUMNI DAYS AT NCC -----

MARCH 16, 17 1976

Nebraska Christian College is PROUD of her alumni, and to a very great extent her continuing growth and success will depend upon the loyal support and pride which we alumni have for our Alma Mater. A GREAT PROGRAM has been planned — ON CAMPUS March 16 and 17 to bring together the students, administration and alumni for inspiration, information and instruction. The activities will begin at 5:30 Tuesday evening with student and alumni fun activities, including an Old Timers vs Student Reserves basketball game. (Old Timers to include alumni OVER 35). Then the Alumni All Stars vs Varsity game will follow. (All Stars for alumni under 30. You alumni between 30 to 35 can choose your team.)

All classes on Wednesday will be taught by ALUMNI GUEST PROFESSORS. A special Rap Session between the Administration and alumni will be held Wednesday afternoon. The event will close with a 5 p m Smorgasbord on Wednesday. Both noon and evening meals on Wednesday are compliments of NCC. It is urgent the cafeteria personnel know how many to prepare for, so please fill in the coupon below and send it today stating your intent to share in the first great Alumni On Campus Days. There will also be special music, lectures, sermons and testimonies all by NCC Alumni. It will be a GREAT fellowship. *Youall come!*

A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME, PLEASE —

IT'S been many moons since we've come your way with the Alumni Alert but I know you have continued to support your Alma Mater in these past months.

Great things are happening up (or down) Norfolk way. There's a great spirit of love and concern that prevails as students, faculty and administration work together to transform any problems into possibilities! It is reassuring to me, and I know it is to you too, to see the trust of God's Word exemplified in the campus life and outreach ministry of our Alma Mater. Jesus promised *With God all things are possible*. (Matt. 19: 26) and brother and sister, I believe it!

Only God knows right now what the future holds -- but it is our responsibility to

dream BIG dreams for God and work hard to bring them to fruition. As we do that I believe the message of Proverbs 3:6 will be realized. Taylor's paraphrased Living Bible states it this way: *In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown*

ALUMNI ON CAMPUS DAYS MARCH 16,17

Yes, I/We plan to attend _____

Sorry, cannot attend _____

Will eat Noon meal Yes _____ No _____

Smorgasbord (Bicentennial) Yes _____
No _____

Name(s) _____

efforts with success. That's true in our personal life, our work for the Lord, in our efforts for NCC and in the life and ministry of Nebraska Christian College. The future of our Alma Mater is as bright as the promises of God and those promises are limitless!

So, as we consider NCC and our involvement with her, let's join together, as never before, in dreaming BIG dreams, in working to bring them to reality and may we never be heard to say — "I've got to see it before I'll believe it," but rather, based upon the faith described in Heb. 11:1 may God help us to remember that "we must believe it before we will ever see it!"

What's in the future for NCC? Only God knows — but we can and must visualize only the greatest to His glory.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the spring convention.

'Till then,

Don Gordon,
Alumni President

TREES - TREES - TREES

Brother Lloyd Sapp reports that 13 full-grown evergreen trees were purchased, using the \$500 allocated to that project by the Alumni Association.

The trees cost \$260 and it cost \$240 to move them. They were moved to the campus last October. Since then one has been destroyed because of high wind and heavy snow. Two are tilting, leaning, or at least they are not perpendicular!

We should be cautioned that these trees do not look as good as they will in a couple of years. It will take them that long to recover from the moving.

(Ed. note: Our thanks to Brother Lloyd for all his work on this tree project.)

NCC ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION

THE FOUNDATION OF GOD
STANDS SURE

By now you have received your copy of the NCC News featuring the Spring Convention.

I, for one, am looking forward to seeing *you* at the Alumni Banquet and the Convention to follow. See you there!!!

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ALUMNI BANQUET INFORMATION

THE REGULAR ALUMNI BANQUET IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD TUESDAY MARCH 30, 1976 AT 5:00 P. M. AT GRAMPY'S RESTAURANT, 1221 OMAHA AVE. THE COST IS \$3.15. RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN THE NCC OFFICE BY MARCH 20. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED CARD.

McCONKEY'S MESSAGE

One of our colleges had an increase in enrollment of 100 and when I asked a Bible College President how they did it he said, "They have a loyal and enthusiastic Alumni." In recent months I have felt a growing surge in loyalty and enthusiasm among our alumni.

Alumni reunions are springing up everywhere. Jerry Beckenhauer hosted one on Saturday afternoon January 31, in Indianola, Nebr. The Enthusiastics were singing in Indianola Saturday evening and about 40 alumni showed up for the Alumni Fellowship Time on Saturday afternoon. John Epperson planned one for Iowa on Saturday, February 28.

Perhaps you'd like to sponsor one in your area. The College stands ready to help in any way we can. We may be planning a trip with a Gospel Team into your area and the rally could be planned when we could be with you. We covet the opportunity to tell you of some of the things that are happening on campus. If you are interested, just contact the college to arrange scheduling and program assistance.

I'm convinced the best way to sell the college to prospective students is to bring the students on campus for a day and let them observe the life of the college. We welcome juniors and seniors and may I urge you as an alumnus of NCC to search out your prospective students and bring them to the campus. We'll feed, entertain and house you for a day and night on the NCC campus.

Ron McConkey, Director,
Student Recruitment

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR --

There is a first time for everything, and this is the First "Alert" for which the Hanleys (Neal & Sherry) are responsible. We would like to outline some of the things we have in mind, but first, our address. Please send any comments or articles to us at:

P. O. Box 137
Wymore, NE 68466

(Attn: Alert)

Now, what sort of things can you expect to see in the Alert in the months to come? First of all, we want to feature different departments of the college in future editions. We also want to have regular articles from our Alumni. That col-

PARSONS BASKETBALL

The NCC Parsons have enjoyed a very successful season. They have a 14 and 9 record. The Parsons have played good basketball and have victories against teams that NCC had never beaten before--Grace Bible Institute, Friends Bible College, and Milford Tech.

Rick Ferguson is leading the team in scoring with a 24 point per game average. Rick also leads in assists.

Mark Chaplin averaged 19 points and did a good job of rebounding, along with Kerry Jech and Dave Hazlett. Kerry averaged 14 points and was usually required to defend the best forward on the opponent's team.

Randy Steele showed a lot of improvement after he took over a starting position. Lyle Swanson, who was supposed to go overseas the second semester on a tour that failed to materialize, came back and played as sixth man on the team and came off the bench in our last wins to give the team a big boost. Bob Paxton also was able to help out on occasion after sitting out the first semester with a bad back.

We won the consolation trophy at the Freeman JC Invitational Tourney, and accomplished that without the help of Rick Ferguson. As coach, I am extremely proud of what the team has done. They deserve a lot of credit for trying so hard against teams that are usually much taller. Our tallest player is 6'2" and most of the teams we played had at least two starters over 6'4".

A few of the Alumni have contributed financially toward our athletic fund and we really appreciate it and look forward to more support from our Alumni fans.

Allen W. Boelter, Coach

umn will be entitled "An Alumnus Speaks." We also want to hear from you relevant to where you are and what you are doing. Let's share with one another.

By the way, what have you done about the letter you recently received from Pres. HBM relative to your helping raise \$1,000 toward the retirement of NCC's indebtedness? Please, please, please pray about this vital matter and then respond in the affirmative. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

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Steven Aden BA Ministerial

- Jerry Allen BA Ministerial

- Terry Bowland BA Ministerial

Deb Brownell CE Certificate

David Burkum Music Certificate

David Burnett B Theology

Fredia Byers CE Certificate

Gaylene Condry CE Certificate

Brenda Curtice CE Certificate

Micheal Curtice BA Ministerial

Dave Evans B Religious Ed

- Rick Ferguson BA Ministerial

Linda Harvey CE Certificate

Patti Hazlett CE Certificate

Doris Heath CE Certificate

Barb Hill CE Certificate

- James Hopkins BA Ministerial
B Theology

- Jerry Hopkins BA Ministerial

Carolyn Hough CE Certificate

Jerran Jackson BA Ministerial

Teresa Keys B Sacred Lit

Teresa Kuntzweiler CE Certificate

Linda Lloyd Music Certificate

- Rebecca McConkey CE Certificate

- Mike McHugh BA Ministerial

B Theology

- Paul Milliken BA Ministerial

Connie Jo Myers CE Certificate

- Jerry Quandt Church Secretarial

Lou Ann Nicholson BA Ministerial

CE Certificate

Sharon Raper CE Certificate

~~Mary Lou Sandy~~ CE Certificate
Church Secretarial

Luann Satter CE Certificate

Carol Schwarz Church Secretarial

Jonda Selders CE Certificate

Randy Steele BA Ministerial

Marcia Streeter CE Certificate

Phyllis Thomson CE Certificate

- Mike Wagner BA Ministerial

- Mark Weber BA Ministerial

Rose Whitney CE Certificate

* MR. OR MRS. NCC NOMINATIONS *

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* Send your nominations for Mr. or *

* Mrs. NCC to: *

* * *

* Don Burkum *

* 313 S. Alexander *

* Clay Center, Nebr. 68933 *

* * *

* Include in your nomination, reasons *

* why you believe this individual *

* should receive the honor. *

* Voting will be during the NCC *

* Convention *

Greetings

The thirty first College year is now history. Our fiscal year ends April 30. Graduation was May 14. This has been a fine year. Until our books are audited we will not know just how our budget came out. I am praying that we can show a balance again. With forty graduates we have set a new record in this area. Brother Ron will need all the recruitment help he can get to enable us to keep growing in enrollment.

If you will be bringing groups near this area on your way to the convention, please plan to stop by for a tour of the campus and an overnight stay in the dorm. The more we can get on campus, the more likely we are to develop interest in support and enrollment.

The L. E. Morris Student Centre is coming along. We hope to be able to begin moving the cafeteria after the middle of June. This will open up space in that area for more needed classrooms, offices and storage.

At our annual meeting in June the Board will be looking at the possibility of constructing another four-plex to serve as housing for single students on campus until we are able to go ahead on another dorm. The four-plex then could be converted for married couples with a minimum of effort and cost.

A new Student Dean has been hired. He is Dick Wamsley, Taylorville, ILL. He spoke for us for our Deeper Life Crusade in September. We have a good prospect for the printing office and mailing department to replace Carol Davidson.

I have one major concern that I wish you would make a matter of your prayer and work effort. It is the erasing the Development Fund Deficit. The construction of the dormitory will hinge upon the successful completion of this project. I need help. If you would consider a presentation for your church, please let me know. I'm putting together a program asking for support of this project.

God bless and keep you all in Him.

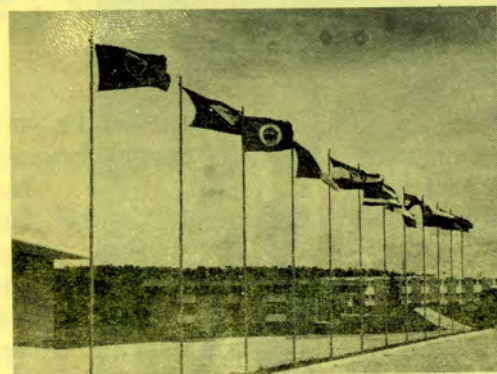
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NOTES FROM YOUR ALUMNI PRESIDENTS

OUTGOING

As I think back on the past two years, I can not help but thank God for the many good and wonderful blessings that have been realized by Nebraska Christian College. As alumni, we have shared in those blessings either by being directly involved in a special program or project, or through our prayers and financial support.

I continue in my praise to God for the dedicated host of men and women (the board, administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and innumerable others) whom God uses to carry on the work of "Educating a Consecrated and a Qualified Ministry." Yes, I am proud to claim NCC as my Alma Mater and look forward to seeing many of you who are equally thankful and proud at Founders Day in September.

As I close our two years as president of the association, I ask your forgiveness for those times I have failed in my responsibilities and I thank you for the undeserved honor of serving as your president. I certainly thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Until September, Lord Willing,

Don Gordon

INCOMING

One of the characteristics of the Christian life should be optimism. As an alumnus of Nebraska Christian College, and having been given the opportunity to serve as president of the Alumni Association, I'm optimistic about our college.

To see the 1976 graduating class, to see the facilities being developed for better educating of ministers, to see addition of faculty members, and to hear of the great spirit gives us all cause to rejoice that NCC is being used by our Lord for the building of His Kingdom.

The alumni are important to any college. You are important to NCC. You can be a builder of the school as you support it and then encourage others to do so also.

I'm looking forward to the new year already!

Blessings,

Bill Weber

FOUNDERS DAY

SEPTEMBER 6



FOUNDERS DAY

SEPTEMBER 6th

SPEAKER - DICK WAMSLEY

MUSIC - GOSPEL COURIERS



Brother Dick Wamsley is the new Dean of Students and Professor of Pastoral Care. This will be a real opportunity for us to meet this latest addition to the faculty of NCC. Don't miss it!

The Gospel Couriers will be singing in concert and we can expect to be lifted by their witness.

The Alumni, faculty and friends of NCC will have the opportunity to share in fellowship and good times. Don't miss that opportunity!

L. E. MORRIS STUDENT CENTRE!!

There's something new for you to see on your visit Founders Day and during the school year. Come see the new Student Centre and Cafeteria building.

Conversion of the old kitchen facilities for needed classrooms, office space and storage should be completed soon. Look at these too!

NCC continues to provide for the needs and comforts of her students as they prepare for a life of service to the Lord.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Although it has been several months since Brother Lowell Burkum received this award, we would like to extend the congratulations of the Alumni Association. We all know of Lowell's dedication and hard work. The results are very evident in the performance and lives of students in the music department. Our congratulations and thanks to Lowell Burkum, our "Distinguished Alumnus" of the year.

ALUMNI MEET-N-EAT

FOUNDERS DAY

Our "Alumni Meet-N-Eat" will be held in the new cafeteria of the L.E. Morris Student Centre building at 12:30 p.m. on Founders Day.

Maggie Steele and Jan Burroughs will be in the entry of Alumni Hall that morning to take your orders for the noon meal. It will be ordered from McDonald's Restaurant. Be sure and see them before noon!



OUTSTANDING NEBRASKAN AWARD

Leonard Wymore received this award at the NCC reception at the North American Christian Convention in Denver in recognition of his service and work with the NACC.



MR. OR MRS. NCC

Who is it this year? We don't know! A committee, with Don Burkum as chairman, accepted nominations from Alumni and voting was done by ballot at the Convention in April. On Founder's Day, Mr. and/or Mrs. NCC will be presented for due recognition.

INFLATION HITTING YOU?

Inflation hurts doesn't it? Well, it hurts our Alma Mater too. Costs continue to go up. Is your financial commitment keeping up?

WE APOLOGIZE!!

As you know, the issue of "THE ALERT" that was due just before the NACC did not appear. The paper was ready for printing and had been given to the printer. However, problems developed in producing a master plate and as a result----- NO ALERT!! We are sorry.

NACC - NCC RECEPTION BIGGEST AND BEST YET!!

From all reports this was the biggest and best reception NCC has ever had. Our special thanks to Paul and Betty Wickenkamp for their hard work, and to all the ladies in Colorado who baked all those delicious cookies.

As you watch the NACC through the years you must notice that NCC is increasingly well represented. Praise God for His continued blessings. Make plans now to attend the NACC in Cincinnati next year.



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McCONKEY'S MESSAGE.....

Three years ago a Bible College President told me that he thought the NCC Alumni were the most loyal to their school of any he knew. I must agree with him. School loyalty can be expressed in many ways, but I feel that we saw your loyalty at the North American Christian Convention in Denver. Real school loyalty was exhibited by NCC Alumni. You see, we love the Lord and what he has done for each of us. This brings fellowship and we surely had fellowship at the Convention. I don't know how many times folks mentioned about how many happy people were always standing around the NCC booth. Then at our reception everyone was saying, "Isn't it great that so many have come to our reception!" I had a great time fellowshiping with you, and I think the Convention fellowship is just one of the ways we can measure Alumni loyalty.

I've been in lots of camps this summer and even now I'm pounding this article out between classes at beautiful Como Camp in Colorado. I'm convinced that I need to get around more this coming year. I want to visit with you and student prospects that you know about. If you have a son or daughter, or know of a person who ought to be visited, contact me. I'll try and plan a trip into your area. But, if I can't come personally, feel free to write or call for information about the college. NCC is growing and it is getting better and better. Come and visit us on campus and bring those prospective students with you, before Christmas if possible. Remember us in your prayers and until we can get there, please speak a good word for us.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.....

As you read this, another school year is almost upon us. As we watch NCC prepare for another year of service to our Lord, we Alumni need to be aware of what we can do to help.

First, we need to place NCC on our daily prayer list. Why not choose a different professor or staff member to pray for each week? You might even drop them a card and let them know you are praying.

Second, let us not forget the financial needs of NCC. You have probably received your current "Ropeholder Report" and please do not avoid your own prayerful consideration of the financial deficit and your responsibility in that need.

Third, wherever you are, keep the need for Christian training and service in front of those with whom you serve. NCC is dedicated to the purpose of training preachers and servants for the King. We must send her our young people in order that she might accomplish that task.

Praise God in all things!

Neal

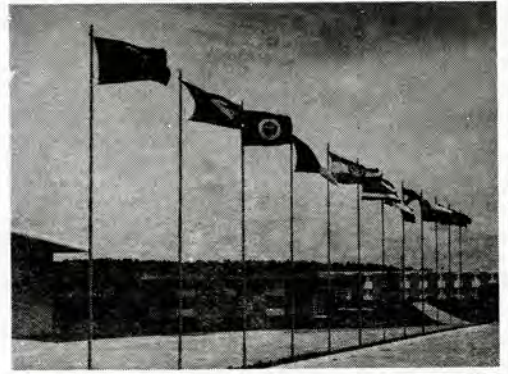
P.S. Ron tells me that they are running 14 ahead of last year in applications. Hallelujah!! Pray for this effort.

(Items for "THE ALERT" should be sent to Neal Hanley, Box 161, Earlham, Iowa 50072.)

THE ALERT

November, 1976

Nebraska Christian College Alumni Newsletter



YOUR A.P.S. *

You might have asked recently (as I have been asked), "How can I help NCC when I'm too far away to even visit the Campus?" It's easy! I haven't been back to Hays, Kansas since I graduated but they send me a letter every month telling me how I can help the College. Here's some things you can do!

1. Be a dues paying member of the Alumni Association. It tells many people how much you care.
2. Pray for the school, the students, faculty & staff. It really does make a difference.
3. Send the high school graduates you know to NCC. You're one of the best student recruiters we have.
4. Support the school financially.
5. Encourage your congregation to support the school financially.
6. Send an encouraging letter to someone at the school.
7. Participate in Alumni Association projects.

The Family of NCC has grown since many of us were students, but that does not mean that individuals are any less important. Each of us has something to contribute; we may not be asked personally, but we are compelled by our love for the Lord and for NCC, to be a participant.

Encouragingly,

Bill Weber

* Alumni President Speaks

ALUMNI MEETING NOTES.....

The Alumni met in the new student cafeteria during the noon hour of the Founders Day activities. All have agreed that the L. E. Morris building is providing well for students of NCC.

Alumni Business.....

Finance Committee: M/M Don Burkum, M/M Dennis Olsen, M/M Alan Weber, M/M Jerry Randolph.

Membership: M/M Doug Porter, M/M Harold Fox, M/M Tom Dye.

Program: M/M Phil Steele, Janice Swick.

Publicity & Promotion: M/M Neal Hanley, Marcia Galloway.

The Alumni Treasury has been moved to Norfolk. HOWEVER, all dues and bills MUST be sent to Don Burkum, Clay Center, Nebraska.

President Bill Weber announced an NCC Award Committee. They will not only select this years awardee, but also draw up a clearly defined criteria for future selection of the "NCC Person". Committee members are: M/M Bill Weber, M/M Bob Chitwood, M/M Frank Zimmerman.

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CAREER DAYS

Gather up your high school juniors and seniors and bring them to CAREER DAYS this Nov. 4-5. Below is the schedule. Please note that the Alumni Meeting will be held in the new Cafeteria Building after the Thursday Evening Service.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 p.m. Registration

8:00 p.m. Evening Service

Alumni Meeting following service in Cafeteria.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. NCC "Variety Hour"

10:30 a.m. Preaching Contest

12:00 noon Lunch (On your own)

1:30 p.m. Talent Contest

5:00 p.m. Banquet

6:30 p.m. Consecration Service

ALUMNI PROJECT... A PLACE TO SIT!

Bleachers...that is what we are talking about. The Alumni Assoc. has accepted the challenge to purchase bleachers for Alumni Hall. These bleachers would have the seating capacity for 325-350 with a cost of approximately \$6500. This makes the cost per seat of approximately \$20.00.

Lowell Burkum is sending out the challenge! He is buying five seats himself and has secured nine others to do likewise. At that rate it wouldn't take long to have the seats paid for... or if every Alumnus bought at least one seat.

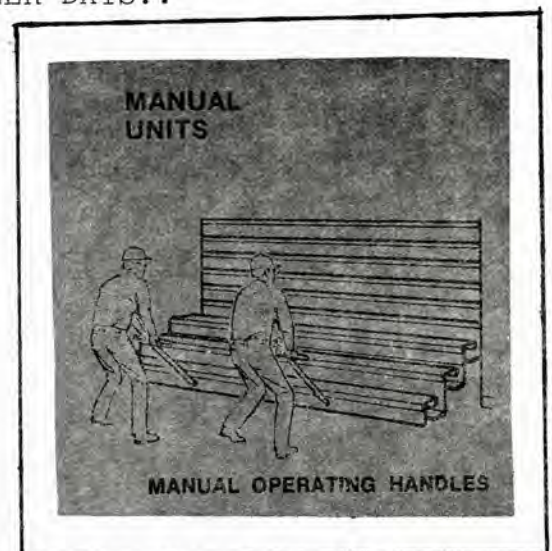
Coach Allen Boelter will give a free season family pass for all ball games to anyone who buys five seats.

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO HAVE THEM FOR CAREER DAYS?

As of September 14th there were 95 seats pledged.

Will you accept the challenge of buying at least one seat? Send your money or pledge to the College, attention Lowell Burkum.

MEET YOU ON THE BLEACHERS DURING CAREER DAYS!!



The seating units are moved to an extended or closed position by a unique pusher linkage and reel system, which positively locks the entire combination of units in either the extended or closed position. Any number of rows can be extended as required.



McCONKEY'S MESSAGE

"1. The primary objective of Nebraska Christian College shall be to recruit and to educate a pulpit ministry."

Page 6 of the college catalog sets this out to be the reason for NCC and the words "pulpit ministry" are in bold print. While some colleges are leaving their first principles, NCC is remaining true to the desire of the founding fathers.

Today we hear much about the fact that we are all ministers, whether in the pulpit or pew. I agree with this but I also notice that if there is not a strong minister in the pulpit, there are fewer and fewer in the pew.

Mr. Brukum and I were talking recently about the appeal that industry, labor, medicine, science, etc., is making on our Christian youth. He said he's not worried about these fields having Christians in them because there are many doing an effectual job of recruiting for these vocations. But, he is worried because churches are not appealing to these same youth to consider the ministry.

As a recruiter, I know I can not offer the benefits that major companies offer. I cannot recruit in the many areas they recruit in. I can only appeal to them on the basis of their devotion to the Lord, need for workers, and satisfaction that comes from a life of service.

(continued in next column)

Alumni, will you join with me and help recruit promising young people in your church environment to consider NCC. Please contact me so I can contact them.



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DUES ARE DUE... yes, it is that time again and dues have not been raised! Be an active and concerned member of the Alumni Association. Send your dues... \$7.50 a couple, \$5.00 if single... to Don Burkum, Clay Center, Nebraska. He is just waiting to hear from you.

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HOW ARE THE TREES?? Well, some have survived! Mr. Norris Haag, a member of Norfolk First Christian Church, has taken it upon himself to see that the trees get some TLC (Tender Loving Care) and the Alumni would like to say a very big Thank You to Norris.



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WHAT IS A DEAN OF STUDENTS ?.....

That is the question I am often asked as I travel to churches on weekends enjoying the opportunity to meet many friends, supporters and alumni of Nebraska Christian College. Generally speaking, such a position is responsible for administering those areas of a student's education outside the classroom. These have been traditionally termed "student personnel services".

These services might include orientation, counseling, health services, student activities, student government, discipline, student employment, student housing, etc. Of course, other members of the faculty and staff might be involved in any or all of these services.

The need for a counseling service has led to the initiation of "Project CARE" (Counseling And Referral Emphasis). This program is designed to provide a ready tool for contacting freshmen early in the year when the problems of adjustment are most intense, and for counseling and referral of all students as special needs arise. We have already experienced positive feedback from this shepherding model, as faculty and staff reach out in a personal, caring way to students. It is hoped that this program will set the trend of attrition toward the positive side, rather than the negative.

Plans are also being formulated to add to curriculum offerings in the pastoral ministries department. As head of the department, Professor Brown is seeking to provide additional resources for the training of the pulpit minister, and I am proud to be a part of that endeavor as well.

I am excited about the opportunities afforded me in the ministry here, and I look forward to the year ahead. Please feel welcome to provide input as to what may have helped you in your years at NCC as a student. The communication of alumni with their Alma Mater is vital to the continued effectiveness of our efforts here.

Yours in Christ,

Dick Wamsley

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FROM YOUR COLLEGE PRESIDENT.....

Considering enrollment, this could be a new record year in the history of the College. Looking at finances we could set a new record also. Our six month budget report is in and it shows that our contributions have increased over 13% but expenditures have increased to such an extent that disbursements are exceeding receipts by (\$38,000). A Student Dean is the only personnel we have added. The rest is inflation.

In anticipation of this I wrote all our churches to ask them to increase their regular giving or to begin giving on a regular basis. We raised our tuition also as an effort to balance the budget. If you who are preachers or leaders in the churches will bring our needs to your congregations or Christian friends, encouraging them to increase their support, we may see a change in the next six months to enable us to balance the budget.

Please pray and work with us that this will be our finest year in every respect.

Sincerely in Christ,

H. B. Milliken

(Please clip the coupon to the right and send to the college as soon as possible. Thanks from the Planning Committee.)



ALUMNI ON CAMPUS

Will you be on campus Jan. 13-14? Mrs. Daniels and her cafeteria crew need to know how many will be eating the noon meal on Friday, and at the banquet Friday evening. They will appreciate hearing from you SOON.

ALUMNI ON CAMPUS

YES I/we plan to attend! _____

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____

I/we plan to eat Friday noon at the cafeteria (no charge to Alumni)

YES _____ NO _____

I/we plan to attend the Banquet Friday evening. (no cost to Alumni)

YES _____ NO _____

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 3, 1976

Don Burkum, Treasurer

Balance forward

59.62

RECEIPTS:

Nine (9) Individual 76/77 dues @ 5.00	45.00
Two (2) Individual 76/77 dues @ 5.00 (two years)	20.00
Twenty three (23) couples 76/77 dues \$7.50	172.50
Donation received with dues	2.50
Donation for bleachers: Two @ 50.00	100.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS:

340.00

340.00

399.62

EXPENDITURES:

Norfolk Printing for Alert	21.85
Thr Trophy Shop (Ms. NCC Trophies)	26.80
Norfolk Sporting Goods (Trophy presented to L. Wymore)	17.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

66.15

66.15

BALANCE ON HAND

333.47

(Editors note) Lowell Burkum reports \$1,655.00 received for the bleacher fund which has not gone through the Alumni Treasury)

The finance committee is to promote and raise money for projects.
If you would like to suggest a project - contact the committee.

NEW WAY SINGERS

It is time to encourage any eligible young people ('77 graduates, Juniors and seniors in the fall of '77) to send for New Way Singer Applications. We hope to have a bigger and better than ever program this year - two groups touring at the same time.

Auditions due by	April 1, 1977
Rehearsal week	June 5 - 10
Tour week	June 10- 19

--Lowell Burkum

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Mike ('76) and Brenda Curtice are packed and ready to leave in January for Europe. They will be working with Toronto Christian Mission.

Patti Bertelson ('75) will be leaving sometime around the 1st of July for Taiwan where she will be working with the missionaries presently on the field. Preliminary reports are that Patti will be working primarily in the area of the education of the missionaries children. Be in prayer for her as she prepares to enter this area of service.

A "NOTE" FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Hey there Alumni! We will be on tour with the Enthusiastics or Choir in several areas and we'd like to see you at our concerts.

We thought you might like to see our schedule so you can make your plans now. Maybe we can work out an Alumni "Snack-N- Yak" session in connection with some of the concerts. Drop us a line if it seems feasible.

ENTHUSIASTICS

Saturday	Feb. 12	Litchfield, Minnesota
Sunday a.m.	Feb. 13	Bloomington, Minnesota
Sunday p.m.	Feb, 13	Worthington, Minnesota
Friday	March 11	Grinnell, Iowa
Saturday	March 11	Clarion, Iowa
Sunday a.m.	March 13	Webster City, Iowa
Sunday p.m.	March 13	Morningside, Iowa
Friday	April 22	Wynore, Nebraska
Saturday	April 23	Missouri Valley, Iowa
Sunday a.m.	April 24	Bellevue Calvary Christian, Nebraska
Sunday p.m.	April 24	First Christian Church, Council Bluffs, Ia.

CHOIR TOUR 1977

Friday	March 25	Lexington, Nebraska - First Christian
Saturday	March 26	Scott City, Kansas (Tentative) Community Christian Church
Sunday a.m.	March 27	Cheyenne Wells, Colorado - Christian Church
Sunday p.m.	March 27	Lamar, Colorado - First Christian Church
Monday	March 28	Sunnyside Christian Church, Colorado Springs
Tuesday	March 29	Bear Valley Christian Church, Lakewood, Colo.
Wednesday	March 30	Boulder Valley Christ of Christ, Boulder
Thursday	March 31	Greeley Christian Church, Greeley, Colo.
Friday	April 1	Holyoke First Christian Church, Holyoke
Saturday	April 2	First Christian Church, Beaver City, Nebr.
Sunday a.m.	April 3	Kearney Christian Church, Kearney, Nebr.
Sunday p.m.	April 3	First Christian Church, Norfolk, Nebr.

Twenty-three area churches are served by N.C.C. ministries students who drive more than 4,000 miles each weekend to serve the churches. Fifteen of the students are ministers of their congregations; four are associate ministers, two are student interns and 2 are serving in interim ministries.

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****BIBLE BOWL REMINDER****

March 17 - 18, 1977
NCC Campus

AWARDS - a \$600 cash scholarship, to be used over four years, will be awarded to each member of the winning team.

TROPHIES - will be given to the First, Second & Third place teams.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE -- Your team must be registered in Feb. 15th. Hurry with your registration and more complete information will be sent to you.

Last year, 26 teams from a 6 state area & Gary Coleman, "Mr. Bible Bowl" participated in the NCC Bible Bowl Tournament.

SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS NOW!

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

As we prepare to put this issue of THE ALERT to bed (wow, did you catch that newspaper jargon?) it occurs to us that we need to have more information about our Alumni. The Alert is, after all, an Alumni paper. So Alumni, let us hear from you. We're not necessarily looking for lots of information, just where you are and what you are doing is a good start. We are looking forward to those cards and letters! Send to: Neal Hanley, Box 161, Earlham, Iowa ZIP 50072. *****

KEEP IN MIND

ALUMNI ON CAMPUS DAYS

BIBLE BOWL TOURNAMENT

CHOIR TOUR

PRAY FOR YOUR ALMA MATER, HER STUDENTS
AND HER ALUMNI

NCC ATHLETICS

The NCC cross-country team placed Fourth at Midwest Christian College Conference meet with two individual runners receiving medals. Clark Bates finished fourth and Dave Fresbour tenth for medals. Doug Macht, undefeated in regular season competition, was unable to compete due to a sprained ankle. Others on the team were: Randy Steele, Jon Palmquist, Jeff Bowland, Jerry Nettifee and Larry Roth.

The Parsons Basketball team is now 5 & 1 and is looking forward to a great season! With the new bleachers in Alumni Hall, there should be more interest from spectators who can have a good seat. There are also new mats at each end thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bill Miller.

There has been a good response from local businesses in supporting the Athletic Dept. The "Parsons Pushers", as we call them, made up of approximately 30 businesses, have contributed over \$800 to help cover costs of travel and equipment for the Parsons. With this kind of help it is likely that there will be other sports available to the students of NCC - tennis for boys & girls and golf for the boys.

--Allen Boelter

FLASH.....FLASH.....FLASH.....

At the 1976 National Missionary Convention, Mr. Woodrow Phillips, President of San Jose Bible College, quoted from a PHD dissertation by Dr. Gerald Tiffin in which he said, "Nebraska Christian College has the finest record of any of our institutions of the percentage who start who graduate and go to work..." This message bears repeating!