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## Northwest Nazarene College Should Be Saved

No one denies or doubts that the financial situation of Northwest Nazarene College is a serious matter. The outcome of this situation is to be definitely determined soon. I am informed that November is the time limit for the struggle to raise the necessary funds to save the school. Thus it may soon be known whether the school can or cannot be paid out of debt, or rather will or will not be paid out of debt.



Rev. R. T. Williams  
General Superintendent  
Church of the Nazarene

Northwest Nazarene College is a splendid school and has served God and the cause of Christ well. Missionaries and preachers are spreading the gospel of the Son of God around the world, who have received their training in this institution. This school should continue. It will be a tragedy to let it fail.

Information comes that the campaign is within only a few thousand dollars of complete victory, but without these few thousand, the whole effort will have been in vain, for the trustees have stated to the public that unless the entire amount is subscribed, all that has been paid will be returned to the donors. This presents a very sad situation unless the victory becomes complete.

The school can be saved. It must be saved. The people have the money with which to pay the debt if all will do their very best in the closing days of this Out-of-Debt Campaign. Those who have paid can pay some more, those who subscribed but have not paid their subscriptions, can arrange to pay them immediately some way, and those who have not promised anything definite, but have waited to see the final outcome, can now show their interest and passion for this grand institution.

This is no time to debate and find fault. This is a time to help a cause in its death struggles. God will bless the people and reward them for their self sacrifice and faithful service in a great and worthy cause.

Within the next few weeks, there are three things that every friend of the school should do. First, he should pray, pray, pray. If necessary he should be willing to fast and pray. Prayer counts in a fight like this. God lives and does answer prayer. Second, every one should boost and encourage himself and others to give till it hurts. God will ease the pain and make up for the sacrifice. He helps us when we are in need. May we not help Him when His cause is in need? Third, we should not only boost and encourage, but give, give and keep on giving till the work is accomplished. Pray, boost, give. This will win the victory.

Yours to save Northwest Nazarene College  
to God and the salvation of a lost world.

October 2, 1928

R. T. Williams

## THE NAZARENE MESSENGER

RUSSELL V. DELONG ..... Editor  
 President of Northwest Nazarene College

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### Exceeded Anticipations

During the summer the mail from prospective students was unusually large. The Male Quartet covered the entire zone in the interest of new students. The indications seemed to point to a large enrollment.

Registration Day was September 25, 1928. So great was the throng that desired to register that it was necessary to turn a great number away and devote a second day to registration. The increase over the previous year for the same day was 71 per cent.

The dormitories are full. The Dining Hall shows an increase of about 100 per cent in patrons over last year. The Chapel is simply crowded to the utmost.

The problem facing us is, just how to arrange the Chapel so that every student may have a seat. The enrollment has exceeded our fondest anticipations.

What does all this mean? It means just this--God does not want Northwest Nazarene College to close but rather He is trying to show us that the future hold tremendous things for us if we will arise and wipe out this monster of debt.

A little less than \$12,000.00 more in cash will wipe out \$85,000.00 of debt. Let us finish the job.

R. V. D.

### Faculty-Student Reception

The annual reception for new students and faculty members was held in the Dining Hall Friday evening, October 5. About 350 attended this reception. Bert. rand Peterson, President of the Student-Body made a fine address of welcome and introduced the members of the Faculty to the students. President DeLong

spoke briefly on the history of Northwest Nazarene College revealing the fact that 104 had graduated from the College of Liberal Arts of whom 47 per cent were engaged in Christian work and 34 per cent in educational work. At the conclusion of his address a census was taken which showed that 21 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, South Africa, and four Canadian provinces were represented in the student-body. Also it revealed that 12 different denominations were represented. Therefore Northwest Nazarene College draws from Texas and Oklahoma to Alaska and South Africa west. Also although the school is denominational it is not sectarian. The remaining part of the program included musical numbers, readings, and games. The evening closed with refreshments.

### Opening of the College Year

For eleven years now we have watched the incoming of students at the fall openings. There have been times when the enrollment has increased in numbers and times when it has decreased. Like all other things in life it has fluctuated, and accordingly it has always been with some trepidation that we have waited each time for registration day to come.

With these feelings of questioning and wonder we again waited for the opening day this year, but there are often times in life when the Lord is better to us than our fears, and this was one of those times. Always before in the college department we have been able to enroll all who were on hand the first day, and moreover also often had time to spare, but this time we had to turn a great number of students away from the doors when five o'clock came and give another day to registration. Never in the history of the institution has there been as heavy a registration in the college departments, and never has there been as heavy a total in the upper departments. For all this we give God thanks and praise, and we believe that He is thus indicating to us that he is pleased with us and desires to bless us more, if we will only prepare the way for Him to do so.

Olive M. Winchester



### Special Prayer--Wednesday, October 24

Just a few more days and the Out-of-Debt Campaign will close and the die will be cast. November 1 will determine whether we succeed or fail in the effort to pay our honest debts and save the institution. What is done must be done quickly as it is going to take the real cash by November 1. Let those who have unpaid pledges please pay them at once and those who have paid lift again.

Will every pastor on the Educational Zone make WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 24 a special prayer night for the success of the Campaign. If you do not do your best we are going to fail and oh, what a calamity, what a tragedy!

Friends of Christian education, please, please help us over the top.

Yours for victory,  
 J. C. HENSON, Agent

## Let's Wipe the Debt Out

*Dr. Jos. N. Speakes*

Unquestionably the vital thing in this educational zone right now is to wipe out the college debt. And we are so near the goal that it would be tragic indeed to fail. We would lose the school and still owe the debt. It would be such a staggering blow that we would not get over it in a generation. Everything that concerns us and our work as a church demands that we pay out now—our reputation for honesty, our integrity as Christian people, our future success, God's glory and the souls that we are to win.

I have never doubted once but what we would win this campaign. I've never been surer of success in anything that I've ever been connected with. The methods adopted inspired confidence from the very beginning of the campaign. New hope was stirred, and the hearts of our long discouraged people won back to the school.

We will keep faith with our donors and our long waiting creditors. Amen.

I want to beg every pastor, every member, and friend of the church to do their very best NOW. The top of the hill is near. We MUST—we WILL make it.

*Joseph N. Speakes*

## Have You Paid Your Pledge?

*Rev. Harold J. Hart*

Dist. Supt. North Dakota District

The work of giving our young people a Christian education is one of the most important jobs of the church. I am seeing more and more that if we wish to save our youth for the church and her holy ministry, we must bring them up through our own institutions of learning, which can put a distinctively Nazarene stamp upon them. In the little city where I am doing this bit of writing there are two different denominations, which came up through two different schools of a holiness stripe, and of a popular name among the holiness ranks. Just last night one of them put on moving pictures instead of preaching the Gospel and the other soft-peddled Old Time Religion. We must

have preachers who can preach the Gospel with no uncertain sound. We must make it possible for our schools to give us this kind of ministry.

Brethren, the need is urgent. Everywhere the churches are calling for a trained and sanctified leadership. Especially does the North Dakota district ask for it. We are mostly dependent upon Northwest Nazarene College to give us this sort of Ministers. Are the folks who love Holiness and the souls of men going to make this possible? The final victory is in sight. The last lap of the grind is upon us. It is not impossible for us to make the goal, if every supporter and friend of the College at Nampa will rally to the final call to arms. What a calamity if we fail. We must not. I AM A SUPPORTER OF N. N. C. ARE YOU? I HAVE PAID MY PLEDGE. HAVE YOU? DO IT TODAY!

*H. J. Hart*

Dist. Supt. of North Dakota District

## A word with the beloved Nazarenes of the Central Northwest District.

As I have not been your superintendent long enough to cover the district and see you personally, I wish to take this opportunity through The Messenger to thank you for your hearty co-operation with Brother Henson and President DeLong, in giving them a fine subscription on the Out-of-Debt Campaign for Northwest Nazarene College.

It was my privilege, together with my assistant Superintendent to visit our College and assist with the services in the opening convention, and I am sure if you could have been there and seen the shining faces and heard the ringing testimonies of the young people who are there to get training for life's service, you would consider it a worth-while proposition. Surely it is God's school and His smile of approval upon it, makes it impossible for us to be disloyal to it.

Our faithful leaders have been giving themselves devotedly to the task of wiping out the debt on this institution and unless we get under the load with them and meet our obligations on pledges before November 1st the undertaking will fail and the school will go out of business.

Beloved, this is a critical period in the history of our school but I have confidence in you as loyal Nazarenes that you will do your very best to keep your promise.

Faithfully yours,  
S. C. Taylor

## The Out-of Debt Campaign

When we think of the campaign, we feel like doing as one of old, erect a memorial and say "Hitherto hath the Lord Helped us" for we truly have much to praise the Lord for in that He has brought us thus far. But on the other hand we need to bear in mind that unless we carry the campaign on to its final conclusion all the help received hitherto will be lost. Surely the Lord will not fail us if we do not fail Him.

In reviewing what people have done, we feel that they have put forth sacrifice to bring us thus far, but we are sure that they will be willing to add a little more rather than see us fail. To fail now would mean that many young people in the Northwest would not have an opportunity to prepare themselves for the work to which God has called them, for many of them would not go the long distances which would be necessary to reach other schools. Others would not receive a training under Christian influences. A little more prayer, a little more faith, a little more giving and we will not fail. Surely as the Lord moves on our hearts, we will respond and rally once more to this need and see the incubus of debt removed from Northwest Nazarene College.

*Olive M. Winchester*



## Approaching the Important Crisis

Life is a series of crises. Character is determined by our attitude toward them. If we meet them successfully we become stronger. If we succumb to them we become weaker.



*Rev. Russell V. DeLong*  
President of Northwest Nazarene College

Not only is individual life a series of crises but there come crises in the history of every institution and business enterprise. If that business is able to go over the top and victoriously meet the crisis ultimate success is assured for that enterprise. But if that business fails to correctly and ably cope with the difficulty it soon passes into bankruptcy and insolvency.

Statisticians reveal to us that approximately 75 per cent of the business enterprises in United States fail. Approximately 25 per cent succeed.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE is not a business enterprise. It is a spiritual enterprise. The work being done is of much greater importance than that of a business. BUT it is necessary that business play a part. Just now the IMPOR-

TANT CRISIS is rapidly approaching. Will NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE be numbered with the 75 per cent of financial failures or with the 25 per cent of successes. The next few weeks will decide.

A little less than \$12,000.00 stands between us and VICTORY.

With \$12,000.00 more in cash a debt of \$85,000.00 can be liquidated.

The FINAL appeal is being made. The die will soon be cast.

REMEMBER-----NOVEMBER-----SUCCESS or FAILURE

You who have subscribed and paid send in a check on this last \$12,000.00 and insure victory.

You who have subscribed and not paid do so at once.

God wants NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE to continue to function by the fact that He has sent the largest student-body the school has ever enrolled. An increase of 71 per cent was made on Registration Day over the same day a year ago. The dormitories are full, the dining room is crowded and the chapel is over-crowded. SHALL WE TURN THIS SPLENDID STUDENT-BODY ASIDE?

Yours for VICTORY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell V. DeLong".

President—Northwest Nazarene College

**Note:** Chapel service Friday, October 5 was marked by God's presence. Nearly 20 souls knelt at the altar and most of them prayed through. Pray that God may give us a gracious revival.