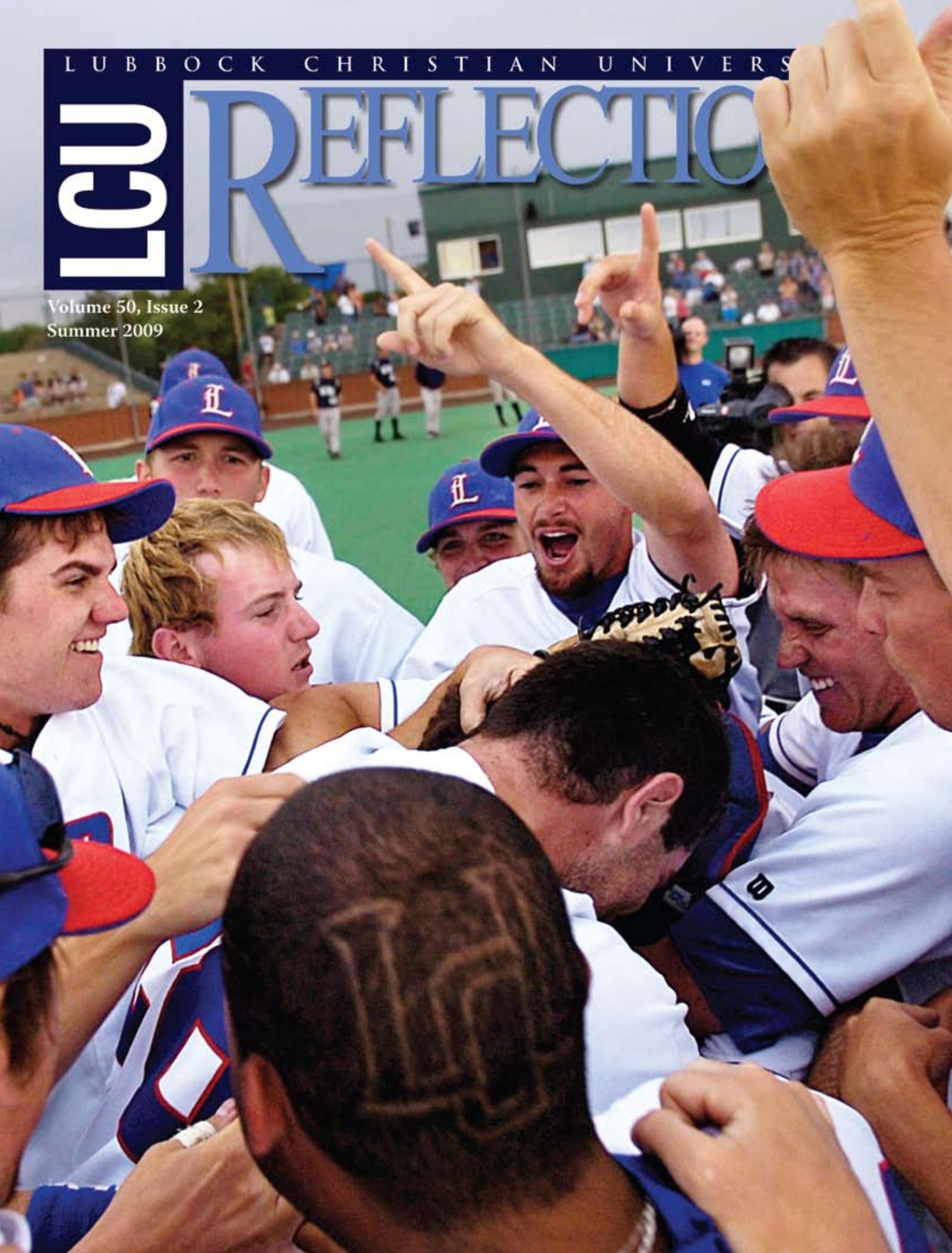


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*Front Cover: The Chaps celebrate their victory over Wayland Baptist that sent them to the World Series in Lewiston, ID.*

*Back Cover: The Center for Academic Achievement.*

The academic year of 2008-2009 is one to remember. It was a year where economics captured most of the headlines and attention. Higher education all over America seemed to feel and experience many economic woes. For Lubbock Christian University, it was the same. Many will remember the year as one of streamlining the budget.

Yet, I will remember 2008-2009 as one of our best. Perhaps it is true that really good things come from difficulties. This year has been one of the most creative and energized I have ever experienced. All of our people, especially faculty, made heroic efforts to enhance course offerings, degree plans, graduate programs and overall student related business. It has been amazing to see the wonderful things that have taken place.

Already you have seen the cover of this magazine – another national championship baseball team! In a year like I have just described, our athletic teams have brought major boosts and encouragement to all of us. Golf, women's basketball, women's volleyball, women's softball, and baseball all had national tournament experiences.

Do you realize most colleges and universities never have a national championship? Currently, only a few have repeat national championships. For LCU baseball, it is a repeat. Larry Hays led us to a championship in baseball in 1983. Now, Nathan Blackwood has done it again in 2009. What a blessing athletics have been to LCU.

I am thankful for the year of 2008-2009. I will always believe that God's timing is perfect and that He used this year to make Lubbock Christian University better than ever and I'm very excited about the blessings God has in store for this coming year. As always, I am thankful to all of you for allowing God to use you in this grand, important work of Christian higher education.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Ken Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

L. Ken Jones  
President



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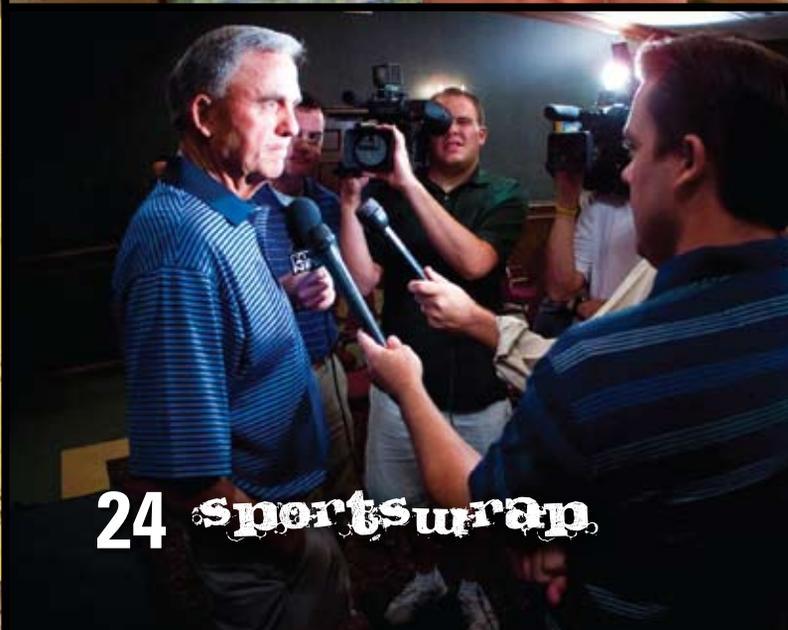
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# NATIONAL CHAMPS

*nice guys don't always finish last*

**W**e've all heard it before ... "Nice guys finish last!" What Leo Durocher, the former big league baseball manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants and Chicago Cubs, once said was actually ... "The nice guys are all over there. In seventh place." Through the years that quote has been shortened and turned somewhat iconic to the phrase ... "Nice guys finish last."

One thing that Durocher failed to understand at that time, though, is that there are plenty of nice guys hanging around in the game of baseball. Lucky for Lubbock Christian University that one of those nice guys is Chaparral head coach **Nathan Blackwood ('95)** ... and his team in 2009 did anything but finish in last place, bringing home the 2009 NAIA National Championship.

When talking about Coach Blackwood and his '09 national title squad perhaps the quote from American industrialist and founder of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Harvey S. Firestone said it best when he said ... "You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself."

Arguably the 2009 Lubbock Christian University Chaparrals were merely a mirror image of their head coach – solid, always-improving, never unnerved, resilient to adversity and, above all, absorbed with the goal at hand!

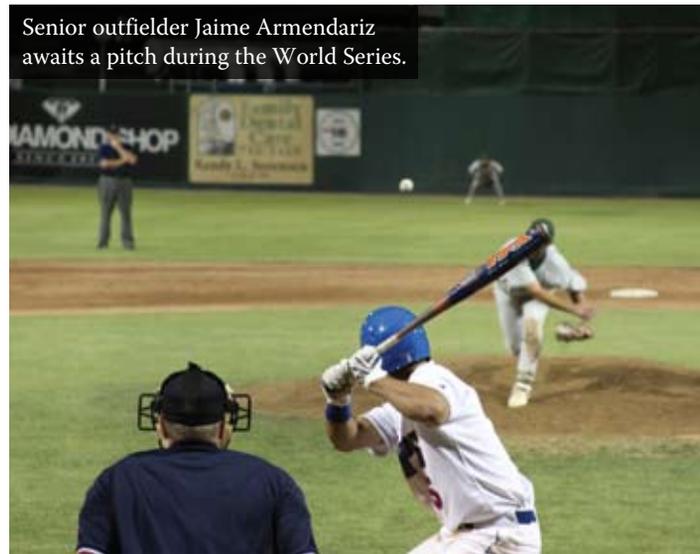
"You're great representatives of this city and your university, and we so much appreciate you," Lubbock Mayor Pro Tem Jim Gilbreath told the Chaps at a welcome-home reception held on campus. "We were here last year



Senior pitcher Jakob Cunningham is lifted in the air by teammates after winning the national title.



Head coach Nathan Blackwood, senior Tanner Rindels and the Chaps managed to win back-to-back games over Point Loma in order to win the championship.



Senior outfielder Jaime Armendariz awaits a pitch during the World Series.

for the Lady Chaps' (national championship), and now you guys. This is getting to be a habit and we love it."

In the 43-year history of baseball at Lubbock Christian University, there has only been one season in which the Chaps won less than 30 games and only one season in which they went under .500. The program has always had a rich tradition in winning, and that fact was pinpointed this season, as the Chaparrals claimed their second NAIA National Championship and the first since their memorable 1983 season.

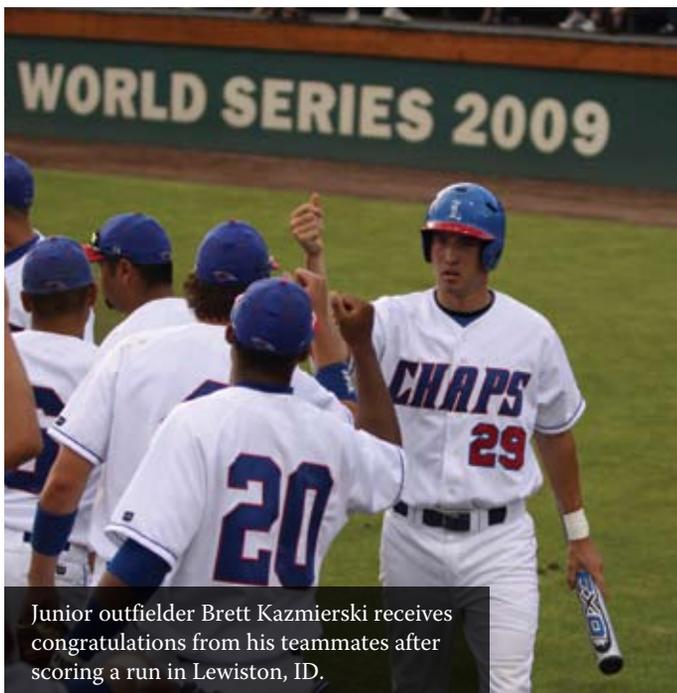
"It means a lot," said Blackwood, who was a 10-year-old in the crowd the last time LCU won in 1983. "There are a lot of great players that have come through this program. That's one of the things we've talked about, just trying to honor all the good teams that we've had and all the great coaches. This is great for (this team, these guys), but it's also special for LCU baseball and the history of LCU baseball."

This season's Chaps included a roster that was full of offensive power, pitching depth, and determination from players that wanted to redeem themselves from missing out on the NAIA World Series in 2008 after posting a 53-4 record. LCU broke a team record with 34 games in which they scored 10 or more runs. They pounded out 132 home runs on the season and had seven games in which they hit five or more home runs in a game.

Despite the offense and a 20-1 record to start the season, the Chaps had to battle through some adversity. Late in the season, they had a 16-game win streak end with an 18-8 loss to Rogers State



Coach Blackwood gets doused after a Chap victory over Wayland Baptist securing their spot in the World Series.



Junior outfielder Brett Kazmierski receives congratulations from his teammates after scoring a run in Lewiston, ID.

at home, which was the most runs allowed at home since 1995. They followed that game with a 10-5 loss at Wayland Baptist, ending a nine-game win streak in Plainview.

The Chaps had the resiliency to get back on track from

the losses and played their best baseball when they needed to the most. They held the No. 1 spot in the national rankings for the final seven NAIA Top-25 Polls and won their final two games of the Wayland Baptist series to qualify for the NAIA National Championships and serve as one of nine hosts for the NAIA National Championship Opening Round Series. The Chaps received 18-runs in the eighth-inning to shatter a program single-inning record for runs, and Ross Blondin hit for the cycle, as LCU opened the tournament with a 28-2 win over William Jewell. It was an explosive way to enter the tournament, but the Chaps would end up needing a 16-5 victory over Wayland Baptist in the tournament final to achieve their eighth trip to the NAIA World Series and their first since 2006.

LCU opened the Avista NAIA World Series in Lewiston, ID with a resounding 11-0 win over Lee University, defeated Berry College 11-5 and then the Chaps met defeat by losing a heartbreaking 2-1 decision to Point Loma Nazarene. That loss, though, apparently served as a wake-up call of sorts as the Chaps came back to defeat arch-rival Oklahoma City University 14-4 in an elimination game to set up the re-match against Point Loma.

Rene Garcia took the mound against the Sea Lions and



Chaparral seniors who were instrumental in bringing a World Series title back to Lubbock pose in front of the City Bank Clubhouse on the LCU campus: (l-r) Tanner Rindels, Will Stramp, Jaime Armendariz, Jakob Cunningham, Tyler Johnson, Shane Karnbach, Rob Learned, Charlie Aceto and Armando Dominguez.

pitched a complete game, not allowing an earned run in the game, and the Chaps connected with home runs from Blondin, Armando Dominguez and Will Stramp to defeat Point Loma 5-1 and force a “winner-take-the-title” championship game.

“Rene was just phenomenal and really put us on his back in that game, no doubt about it,” said Chap reliever Jakob Cunningham of his pitching staff mate. “We needed someone to give us a lift and he was the right guy to get it done. It was huge for us that he came out and pitched the way he did.”

The championship game presented a see-saw ride of emotions as the two teams traded surges throughout the

early innings. The Chaps scored five runs in the bottom of the first for a 5-0 lead, but the Sea Lions came back to tie the game 5-5 with a four-run third inning. A three-run home run in the bottom of the inning by Stramp provided the Chaps an 8-5 lead and they used a great relief outing from Shane Karnbach to separate themselves from a Point Loma squad looking for their first national title. Leading 11-8 heading into the ninth inning, the Chaps went with Cunningham for the save, the win and the title. It was fitting that the Chaps had a Lubbock native on the mound, as Cunningham struck out a pair of batters in the ninth inning, including Kaohi Downing for the third out to begin the celebration.

“We weren’t going to lose,” said Chap catcher Tyler Johnson, a senior from Crowley who hit three home runs in Lewiston, told reporters. “That’s the thing: We weren’t nervous at all during the World Series. I think we were more nervous in the regional, playing Wayland (Baptist).

“Once we got to the World Series, we felt like we were the best team there and **Zach Barnard** (’06), our conditioning coach, what he put us through was so awful in the fall and part of the spring that, mentally and physically, there was nothing that could be thrown at us during the World Series that was going to get us down.”

The Chaps closed the season with a 52-8 record and have a combined 105-12 (89.7%) mark over the past two seasons. The leadership of the coaching staff, the resiliency of the entire squad and the willingness to sacrifice some of the pleasures of everyday life in order to meet their goal was realized with the final out of the World Series.

Or, to finish with another famous quote ... “Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness.”

That is from Napoleon Hill, an American author who died in 1970. He, too, we assume, was a nice guy who didn’t finish last.



“Celebrating ... Chap style!”



Fans cheer on the Chaps at a “watch party” in the SUB during the championship game.





Oklahoma City University centerfielder Sammy Lee was injured in an outfield collision and was hospitalized with a broken leg that resulted in surgery. The Stars may be the Chaps Sooner Athletic Conference rivals, and the two programs have had some epic battles over the years, but those battles have resulted in off-the-field respect between competitors. Several LCU players and families made an effort to visit Lee in the hospital, and the team signed a get well card for him. Here is a copy of the letter received from the Lee family:

Our son Sammy Lee broke his leg at the NAIA World Series last week and several members of the Chaps baseball team gave us a card for his speedy recovery... It was very thoughtful of the team and they were the only team to send best wishes. You obviously have a great group of young men on your team. Congratulations on your championship win. Thank you in advance for all your help. Sammy is doing well and is expected to recover from the tib/fib fracture. The ortho. surgeon in Lewiston did a great job on Sammy's leg.

Thanks!

Greg & Donelle Lee

For more stories like the one about Sammy and the Chaps championship character, visit [www.lcuchaps.com](http://www.lcuchaps.com) and go to the baseball archives.



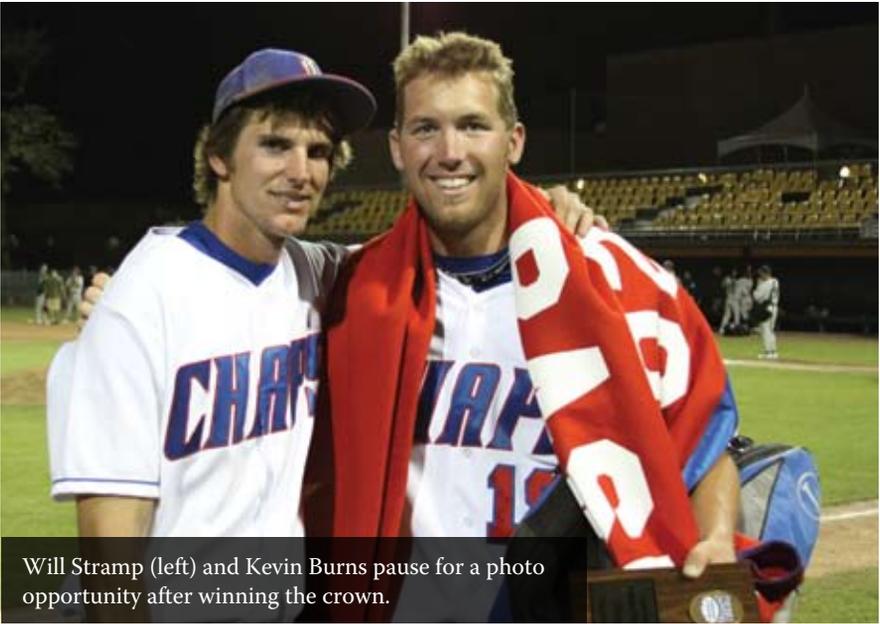
U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-TX 19th District) makes a presentation to the National Champion Chaps in a ceremony at the City Bank Clubhouse.

**WORLD SERIES QUICK FACTS**

- LCU assistant coach **Bob Fannin ('85)** is the only individual to be a part of both of LCU's NAIA titles. Fannin played in the 1983 NAIA World Series for the Chaps and is the batting coach for the current Chaps squad.
- Both the 1983 and 2009 NAIA World Series' ended on strikeouts by Lubbock Christian pitchers, and both pitchers were Lubbock natives. Rick Dillman received the save in 1983 and was a product of Monterey. Jakob Cunningham, who is a product of Lubbock Cooper, received the save this season.
- Only five teams have won the NAIA national title by defeating the same team twice to close out the title, and two of the occasions (1983, 2009) have been completed by the Chaps.
- Will Stramp received the NAIA World Series Most Valuable Player honor. He batted .429 (12/28) with 3 home runs, 9 runs and 10 runs-batted-in. He is the second Chap player to receive the award. David Bulls received the honor in 1983.
- LCU was honored with five players earning All-Tournament at the World Series. They were Cunningham, Armando Dominguez, Rene Garcia, Tyler Johnson and Stramp.
- Armando Dominguez led the World Se-

ries with four home runs and the Chaps blasted 14 in the tournament to lead all teams.

- Rene Garcia pitched 15 innings without allowing an earned run, the fourth most innings without allowing an earned run in World Series history.
- LCU set an NAIA World Series record (for six-games played) for fielding with a .986 fielding percentage.
- Lubbock Christian University is the first NAIA program to have softball and baseball national titles in back-to-back years.



Will Stramp (left) and Kevin Burns pause for a photo opportunity after winning the crown.



A young Chap fan seeks autographs from a couple of her heroes.



Head coach Nathan Blackwood is congratulated by his wife, Kim (Lindsey, '96), and their children, Brennan and Lindsey, following the final victory of the season in the national championship game.



Senior Jakob Cunningham autographs a shirt for longtime LCU faculty member E. Don "Doc" Williams at the welcome home reception on campus.



Head coach Nathan Blackwood signs autographs for LCU fans that turned out for the welcome home reception in honor of the 2009 World Series Champions.



Koinonia takes first place for men's clubs as they perform on stage with a full band as Koinonia's Golden Marching Band.

# M A S T E R FOLLIES 2009 WOW!!!

Editorial by Kelly Robinson, Duster sponsor

Master Follies 2009 was yet another vivid illustration of the overwhelmingly obvious talent that exists on the campus of Lubbock Christian University. From the basic structure of the show and all of its implements that were brought about by an amazing committee to the panel of judges that were asked to pick the winners, the '09 Follies production was first-class. The idea and theme of "Master Follies HD" was conceived and carried through in a manner that certainly created a masterful concept that was prevalent throughout the show.

Accolades are obviously to be extended to the performers, both the clubs and the hosts/hostesses, for the jobs they did, collectively and individually, as well as all those behind-the-scenes people. When you're talking about a show of this magnitude there has to be a creative group that is second-to-none and we are lucky to have that at LCU.

The Master Follies Band was tremendous, but those



The crowd can feel the pain of "Road Kill," as Christliche Damen performs their winning show.

of you that are in attendance on an annual basis know that. Christina McKinney, **Eddie Wimberley ('88)**, **Byron Rogers ('88)**, Tony Parnell, Brent Wheeler, John Kennedy, Rick Driscoll, Bob Johnson and Jacky Howard certainly know how to bring a “mature” and very, very talented array of musicianship together. Their contribution to the overall show is without peer.

It's certainly not hard to see why Master Follies 2009 was a resounding success with all the hard work that goes into it by many across campus. With that in mind I have a few thoughts regarding the overall Follies experience of 2009.

First, a review of the performances by the Hosts and Hostesses:

**FAVORITE GROUP SONG:** I'm going to cheat and separate this into two categories just so I can brag about more than one number. The first “favorite” is in the “with instrumental accompaniment” category. Being a teenage “rocker” from the 70's there was no way I wouldn't pick “Carry On My Wayward Son.” The old Kansas tune was a tremendous way to get things started for Follies '09 and the cast did an outstanding job to excite everyone right off the bat. The other category I had a favorite in is “a cappella.” I've been going around for the last two days singing (well, what I do really isn't called ‘singing’ per se) that old Eurythmics tune, “Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This).” WOW!!! That's the best way I can describe that song and the way it was presented at Follies. The addition of the outstanding vocal percussion (beat boxing if you like) by Ty Walton simply added to what was an amazing rendition of that 80's hit. Annie Lennox would have been very, very proud!

**FAVORITE SOLO PERFORMANCE:** If I closed my eyes I really and truly

could have been convinced that Etta James was in the Moody on Friday and Saturday belting out her Grammy Hall of Fame hit “At Last.” James, who was inducted into the hallowed hall for musicians in 1999 for her rendition of that great song, certainly could have been there with the way the version during Follies was beautifully presented by Carley Burch. Needless to say the audience was amazed and mystified by the beauty of her voice, but the stage presence with such style and class also added to what, I believe, was a flawless performance. The hair on my arms was standing at full attention throughout Carley's performance and we can now add her to the list of past performers of “At Last” that includes such notables as Nat King Cole, Doris Day, Martina McBride, Celine Dion, Stevie Nicks and Stevie Wonder, among others ... she's that good!

**MOST ENTERTAINING HOST/HOSTESS:** I'm getting up in years, so actually understanding all the words during the song was a little difficult, but the fun and enthusiasm with which Chris Jarvis performed “The Remedy (I Won't Worry)” was unparalleled. Chris is an amazing performer and his stage presence was difficult to ignore. The kid had fun and because he was having fun, the rest of us were able to join in. It was truly a “toe tapping” experience.

**HOSTS/HOSTESSES OVERALL:** I've said on numerous occasions that it's simply amazing the amount of talent that exists among our student body. We are so blessed to have excellent musical expertise among our faculty and the hosts/hostesses for Follies made up of Amanda Bauer, Carley Burch, Lauren Mooney, Karson Nance, Keegan Peck and Chris Jarvis were outstanding throughout the show. Each of these performers had an opportunity to display their many, many talents and none of them disappointed. It truly was a night to remember thanks to this group.



Amanda Bauer and the hosts sing “Carry On My Wayward Son.”



Kappa Phi Kappa represents construction workers trying to beat a deadline.



Playing a game of “Clue” with Zeta Gamma as they wowed the crowd with a black light and white gloves.



Keegan Peck singing with class, “I've Got the World on a String.”



Chris Jarvis enthusiastically sings "The Remedy."

And, now on to the clubs and their shows:

**BEST OVERALL VIDEO INTRODUCTION:** I came up with a tie in this category ... both Zeta Gamma and Alpha Chi Delta got my attention with their video introductions. Zeta's creative approach to introducing us



Carley Burch beautifully singing Grammy Hall of Fame hit, "At Last."



Kyodai made the crowd laugh as they performed a satire of "High School Musical."

to the "murder scene" with our very own *DusterToday* editor, Lauren Sportsman, serving as the television anchor was a brilliant touch and really set the stage for their production of "Get a Clue." The lads from Alpha Chi ("The Time of the Kahuna") totally nailed it when they convinced us that they needed to "surf" their troubles away – yes, even in Lubbock, Texas. I thought both were creative, funny and, more importantly, good avenues for which to introduce their respective shows.

**BEST COSTUMES:** Again, I couldn't come up with one, so I picked both the ladies of Christliche Damen and the guys from Koinonia. The makeup and the costuming combined to give us plenty of attractive "road kill" from the CD production of "Can't Beat an 18-Wheeler." Their efforts to sell their show through their look certainly proved to be a winner in my book. "The Band" (Koinonia) looked tremendous in their uniforms and their spectacular show certainly did great justice to the outstanding costuming.

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY MALE CLUB:** I'm no different than everyone else that saw the shows – Koinonia was by far the class of the competition. From their outstanding costumes to their cohesive movements, the men of Koinonia "killed it" throughout their performance. The addition of the musical instruments at the end really brought the house down, but they already had me in their corner by then. As I've previously said I have

only been to a handful of Follies through the years. However, as I was exiting the building Saturday night I heard numerous others comment that the Koinonia show was the best they had ever seen. It's an argument that is for the ages, but they certainly devoured the competition in this go around.

**BEST PERFORMANCE BY FEMALE CLUB:** While all four were very unique in their shows it was the costuming and storyline that came to life for me by Christliche Damen that set them apart from the other women's groups. The idea that so much time and effort was spent on makeup and costumes made it all the more impressive that the club's musical delivery and their choreography was so well done. The CD's introductory video was funny in its own right and the entire body of their work certainly makes it more important than ever for me to watch the road carefully for "critters of the night."

**BEST VISUAL EFFECT:** The use of the black light/white gloves by Zeta Gamma was the most impressive visual aspect of any of the eight shows, at least to me. I thought the "green eyes" of CD's was another visual that drew plenty of laughter.

**FUNNIEST SHOW:** As usual the lads from Sub-T 16 didn't disappoint anyone with their show and its fill of laughter inducing moments. These guys seemingly go out of their way to come up with shows that "tickle the funny bone" and the 2009 show was no different. I tip my hat to them and their efforts to bring a jovial and, somewhat off-key, approach to Follies each and every year.



LOA gets pumped as the "Bench Warmers," prepare for the win.



Sub-T brings life to the stage with their carefree attitudes.



Lauren Mooney performs Diane Warren's "Some Hearts"



Karson Nance puts his own twist on an immortal Beatles' song.

**MASTER FOLLIES  
OFFICIAL WINNERS:**

- People's Choice:** Koinonia
- Spirit of Follies:** Zeta Gamma
- Special Effects:** Koinonia

**Women's Clubs**

- 1st Place – Christliche Damen
- 2nd Place – Zeta Gamma

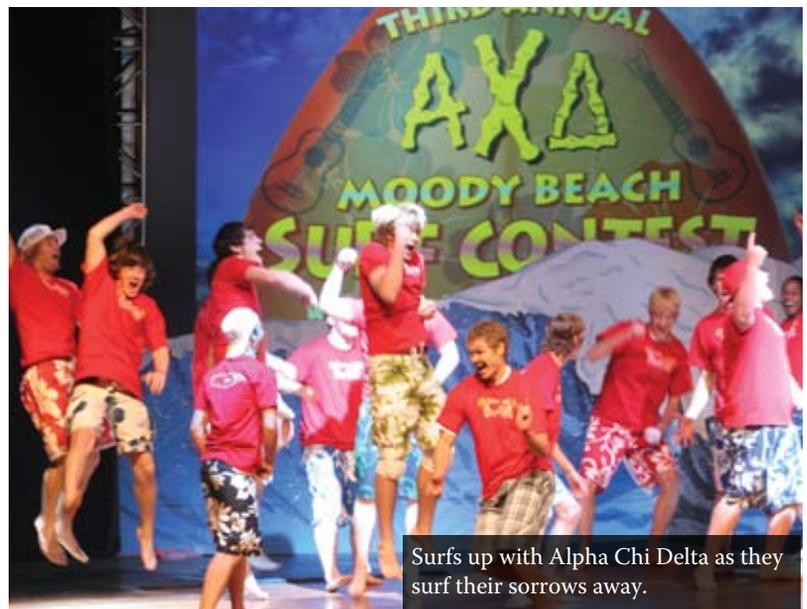
**Men's Clubs**

- 1st Place – Koinonia
- 2nd Place – Alpha Chi Delta

## 2010 Master Follies/ Homecoming Weekend is set for February 18-20

The reunion years are '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00 and '05.

We provide the place and food for class reunions. We just need your help in rounding up class members to attend.



Surfs up with Alpha Chi Delta as they surf their sorrows away.

Willing to help?

Contact: [kehley.merrill@lcu.edu](mailto:kehley.merrill@lcu.edu)



*True Blue Events*

*True Blue* is a series of events kicked off in the spring that connect alumni, prospective students and friends who share a love and passion for LCU. Alumni in various locations and regions are helping to host *True Blue* dinners, receptions or parties in conjunction with the LCU Admissions Office, creating a great atmosphere of fun and networking. In the past several months, we have held *True Blue* events in Dallas/Fort Worth, Midland and *True Blue* Triple Play in Lubbock.

If you would like a *True Blue* event in your area, contact Kehley Merrill at 806-720-7218 or [Kehley.merrill@lcu.edu](mailto:Kehley.merrill@lcu.edu).

*Join us in Honoring*  
**Drs. Estep and Williams**



*August 25th, 2009*

July 1st marked the official day of transition for Drs. Williams and Estep, where they stepped down as Academic Deans of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education and the Lane College of Professional Studies, respectively. LCU has planned and set aside a time to honor these two men who have been loyal and faithful to this university. This dinner is an opportunity for alumni, family and friends to participate in formally honoring them and their years of service as Deans and wish them well as they transition into new roles at LCU.

The dinner will be August 25th, 2009. Tickets are **\$20 per person and an RSVP is required**. To RSVP or if you have any questions, contact Kehley Merrill at 806.720.7218 or [Kehley.merrill@lcu.edu](mailto:Kehley.merrill@lcu.edu)



# 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Pine Springs has impacted the lives of many throughout the years and it has reached its 50th year! Now it is time to celebrate. There will be a day of celebration on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Pine Springs. If you or someone you know has been or are currently affiliated with Pine Springs, share this information with them and plan on being at Pine Springs this weekend.

The weekend activities will include: games, food, chapel and lots of fellowship with other Pine Springs friends. Lodging will be available for those who wish to spend the weekend at camp. Meals will be provided for Friday evening, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast for those guests providing an RSVP.

For more details or to RSVP, contact Carla Shelton at 806-470-5615 or [jcshelton@door.net](mailto:jcshelton@door.net)

## SCHEDULE

### Friday, September 18, 2009

- 1:00 pm Registration Open
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 ish Campfire Devo and S'mores

### Saturday, September 19, 2009

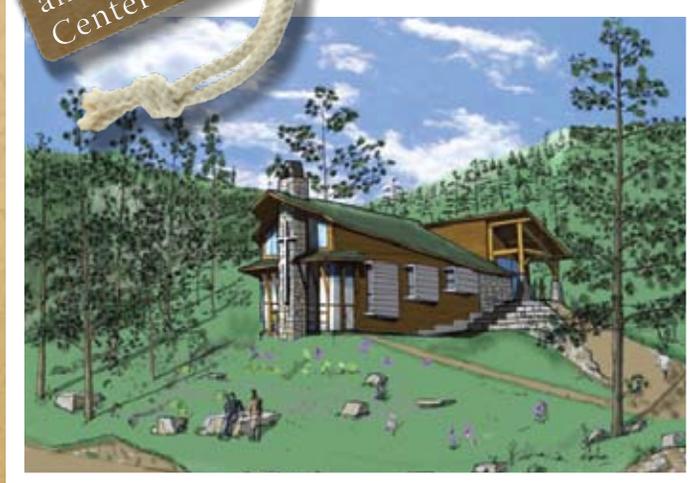
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 10:00 am Registration Open
- 11:30am-1:00 pm Celebration Lunch
- 1:30pm-3:00 pm Presentation: Dr. L. Ken Jones & John King
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 ish Campfire Devo and S'mores

### Sunday, September 20, 2009

- 8:00 am Breakfast

## RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 9

Families are invited and welcome to spend the weekend at the camp. We need to have everyone RSVP for each family member present for the lunch and if they plan to spend the night. Contact Carla Shelton at 806-470-5615 or email [jcshelton@door.net](mailto:jcshelton@door.net) to RSVP.



# VALUE

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an LCU experience

*"Price is what you pay. Value is what you get." -- Mr. Warren Buffett, one of the world's richest men.*

*Lubbock Christian University prides itself on offering a solid value for the money when it comes to education and the needs of its student body. The stories below are of real people, those who have attended and are graduates of the university, their families and their lives that have each been touched in some way by the "value" they've derived from their association with Lubbock Christian University.*

## **TOM and CHERISE (BROTHERS) BASYE ('83)**

**T**om and Cherise Basye have been married for 28 years and they have three children: Austin, a 2008 graduate of Abilene Christian University; Jatawn, a junior at Lubbock Christian University; and Danae, a sophomore at Amarillo San Jacinto Christian Academy.

Tom, who graduated with a Business Administration degree from LCU in 1983, then received a BS in Pharmacy from the University of Texas in 1985 before earning a doctorate from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in 1995. He completed residency training in Emergency Medicine at Wake Forest University/Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1998. After "it took a while for me to figure out what I wanted to be when I grew up," Tom has been a partner with Amarillo Emergency Physicians for the last 11 years. He currently is employed by Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo where he serves as an Emergency Physician and he also enjoys going on medical missions to

Guyana and Ecuador.

Cherise (Brothers) received her BS in Secondary Education from LCU in 1983. She taught freshman and sophomore English in Pflugerville, TX for two years before becoming a stay-at-home mother of three (her favorite job).

The Basye's believe that their education at Lubbock Christian University afforded them plenty of "value" as it pertains to their lives they now lead.

"I found that my degree from LCU was a valuable commodity when applying to Pharmacy School and Medical School. The classes, the professors and the Christian environment were instrumental in helping us prepare for the future - in our careers, in our family and in our church. All things considered, the most valuable



The Basye family poses for a photo at Austin and Erin's wedding: (l-r) Jatawn, Tom, Erin, Austin, Cherise and Danae.



Dr. Tom Basye cares for an infant while on a recent mission in Ecuador.

reward that I personally received during my years at LCU was in finding the love of my life. Cherise has been my support and inspiration. Without her I would have never been able to achieve or accomplish all that I have been (able to)."

And they believe enough in the university that their daughter, Jatawn, is currently pursuing her degree in Early Childhood Education at LCU. That knowledge of a warm and welcome home for a loved one is comforting to no end.

"Tom often recommends Christian universities to others," said Cherise of her husband's continual stewardship. "He has always felt that LCU provided several academic advantages over larger universities - 1) small class size - the teacher/student ratio provides a better learning environment, and 2) the personal relationships that are created with the professors are invaluable. These men and women are concerned about your academic and spiritual well-being."

**AMANDA HALE ('98)**

Amanda Hale studied Humanities as an undergraduate at Lubbock Christian University and she also participated in the study abroad program in Germany through Texas Tech University. She received a degree in Humanities with an emphasis in foreign languages from LCU and then went on to attain an MBA with a concentration in marketing from Texas Christian University.

"My fondest memories of LCU were

in the classroom. I always enjoyed the dialog with my professors and the way in which they challenged me to grow, both spiritually and intellectually," reflected Hale upon her time on the LCU campus. "I also enjoyed interacting with the students from other countries. I believe those interactions opened my mind to other cultures and inspired me to step outside my comfort zone to continue challenging myself. I never would have imagined myself studying in Germany, getting my MBA, working in India, and now residing in NYC, but I'm so thankful for all the experiences I've had and look forward to many more."

Hale has gone on to become a highly successful businesswoman and she is the team leader of the Deloitte U.S. Global Office, a group under the direction of the Deputy CEO. Her group provides operational support - including business planning, financial reporting, and issue resolution - for all of Deloitte's cross-border initiatives. She and her team recently helped launch a new Americas region to enhance Deloitte's ability to serve clients across North and South America. Prior to this role, she led the Deloitte Communications team in India for two years.

"While I believe the quality of my education was top-notch, I truly feel that the value of my education from LCU extended far beyond the subjects I studied," commented Hale, who's mother, Sharon, was a member of the LCU staff for 25 years until 2004. "Not only did I learn how to absorb and integrate new information to constantly expand my knowledge and world view, I learned the importance of keeping God at the center of it all. To me, that was the most important take-away from my time at LCU."

Hale is also involved in other professional activities that keep her among the most active young business leaders in New York City. She is a member of the NYC Financial Women's Association and she serves as a junior board member for Rational Animal, a non-profit organization that produces media campaigns and



Amanda Hale poses outside the Taj Mahal on one of her trips to India in her prior role as the lead for Communications for Deloitte.

special events to raise awareness of and funding for NYC animal shelters and rescue group. Additionally, she enjoys biking around NYC, exploring museums ("the Met is my favorite"), and going to Broadway productions. She is a member of the NY Botanical Garden, one of the largest and most beautiful gardens in the U.S. which was founded by the likes of Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, and J.P. Morgan - "they knew exactly what future New Yorkers would need in order to decompress and recharge!"

Needless to say she has truly reached solid ground following her brief stay at LCU. The foundation, though, for her success can be traced back to that time in her life.

"I would absolutely recommend LCU to anyone who wants a solid foundation upon which they can build their future," she says. "The support I received made a lasting impact on me and gave me the courage to pursue my dreams after I graduated from LCU."



Amanda Hale poses in her New York City office.

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**SHEILA (LUDWIG) DYE ('80)**

In terms of what lures potential students to the Lubbock Christian University campus one would be hard-pressed to come up with more, shall we say, specific reasons than Sheila (Ludwig) Dye can recite.

“Camp Bandina, Terry Peacock, Brenda Collins, Denée Fowler. I wanted to go to college, but my sights were set on San Antonio College when I went to Camp Bandina in the summer of 1975,” reflects Mrs. Dye, who has worked in the Baylor University Health Care System since 1991. “No one in my immediate family had ever gone to college, our family could not afford for me to go to Oklahoma Christian or Harding Christian, and going far away was just not something we discussed. Terry Peacock and Brenda Collins were counselors at Camp Bandina that summer and recruited seniors. I

couldn't afford to go that year, but when I went to visit my friend Denée Fowler at Master Follies, I knew I had to find a way. I saved my money and went to LCC in the Fall of 1976.”

Those specific reasons helped lead her to Lubbock Christian and the benefits have been enormous. It all started with her receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Business Communications, becoming the first woman in LCC history to receive the degree.

Currently she serves as the Vice President, Human Resources for Baylor Health Care System. She has over 60 employees in her area of responsibility providing human resources support and leadership for over 19,000 leaders, employed physicians, and staff employees. Not long after being hired at Baylor, she was promoted to Manager and then to Director. In 1997, Dye moved to Baylor University Medical Center where she provided employee relations support and leadership for over 5,000 employees. By August 1998, she was promoted to Director of Human Resources for the HealthTexas Provider Network, a Baylor affiliate that grew from 35 physician clinic practices to over 100 by the time she transferred to Baylor Health Care System Corporate Human Resources in 2006.

To say that she has had an impressive professional career would be an enormous understating of the facts. But, perhaps more impressive than all of that,

is the family that she has built with her husband, Howard, whom she married in July of 1986. The Dye's have three children, all of whom, along with Howard, encouraged her to go back to school and witnessed her earn her Master of Science in Human Resources and Training degree 22 years after receiving her Bachelor's degree on what she termed “... a proud day.”

The oldest child of the Dye's, daughter Whitney, will graduate from Lubbock Christian University in 2010, a moment that Sheila eagerly anticipates.

**“I will always love Lubbock Christian and count it among one of the greatest blessings in my life.”**

“We will share our future reunions in common. I will return as a 1980 graduate and she will return as a 2010 graduate. Whitney has flourished at LCU and we couldn't be more proud of her,” said Dye. “She wore my Kappa jerseys as a little girl and now she wears her own as a member of Kappa. We share the honor of serving as Kappa Vice President. I am proud of Whitney and her decision to come to Lubbock Christian University. She has flourished and has become a leader . . . all on her own.”

Another daughter, Brittany, will be a sophomore at Millikin University in Decatur, IL and hopes to one day be on Broadway as she “... has the voice and talent I always wanted” according to her mom. Their son, Trey (Howard III), will be a sophomore at Rowlett High School and is a standout baseball player for a Select Rockwall Baseball Tournament Team. “Our hope is that one day he will be able to represent Lubbock Christian University on the baseball field.”

Needless to say Sheila Dye is a diehard when it comes to endorsing her alma mater. She believes that the relationships and the experiences from her time on the



The Dye family: (l-r) Brittany, Sheila, Trey, Whitney and Howard.

LCU campus have been very instrumental in her life, both professionally and as a mother. It's an educational and social experience that she believes in wholeheartedly.

"I believe that Lubbock Christian does change lives. It changed mine. It gave me the foundation on which to build a career and friendships to last a lifetime," a reflective Dye surmises. "Lubbock Christian provided me with an ethical base that I'm not sure I would have gotten any place else. Grants, federally funded loans, and yearbook scholarships were the gifts that helped make my education possible. I will always love Lubbock Christian and count it among one of the greatest blessings in my life."

Perhaps even more than that, though, is the memory of a time that cultivated the senses and still does to this day: "Coming back to (LCU) years later, walking across the campus, and having a flood of emotions come rushing back as if I had never left. I still feel at home every time I come back."

### ZACK and BETH (ATKINSON) RYAN ('02)

Elizabeth "Beth" A. Ryan is a third-year Associate of the law firm of Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin, L.L.P. in Roswell, NM. She practices with the firm's natural resources section, primarily in the area of oil and gas title examination, contract preparation, negotiation, division orders, and litigation. Mrs. Ryan graduated summa cum laude from Lubbock Christian University with a



Beth and Zack pose with their daughter, "Belle," who was born in February.

Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities, emphasis in pre-law, minor in Biblical studies. She is a 2006 cum laude graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law, where she received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence and served as the Executive Student Writing Editor for the Law Review. She has been published professionally a number of times on issues ranging from appellate review of criminal cases to oil and gas topics.

While her professional credentials, affiliations and honors would certainly provide our readers with an impressive amount of information, it's her ties to Lubbock Christian University that are the most special to Mrs. Ryan. She is active as a member of the Young Alumni Advisory Board for LCU and she has a plethora of family ties to the university, including the fact that her husband, Zack, received his degree in Business Administration, emphasis in CIS in December 2002.

Zack returned in 2004 to get his teaching certification and currently serves as a teacher and basketball coach at Roswell Goddard High School. They have numerous family connections to the university and, according to Beth, those connections all help to illustrate the type of atmosphere that can be found on the LCU campus.

"I would recommend LCU to anyone who is looking for several things in a college or post-graduate education," said Ryan of her love for the university. "A Christian atmosphere and education, smaller classes and close relationships with your professors, and a degree that is from a well-respected university in every field (which gives you a great jumping-off point, especially, for post-graduate work)."

And she and Zack both can speak from experience as it relates to both their professional, as well as their personal lives. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Isabelle "Belle," born in February, so their lives definitely have changed over the last several months. That, says Beth, is something she and Zack were prepared for and it has a lot to do with their association through the years with Lubbock Christian University.

"My education at LCU gave me the ability to communicate--to read, research, write, and speak on another level. The ability to communicate is truly going extinct in this country," she surmises. "Finally, and most importantly, LCU gave me a foundation for meeting life's challenges with the perspective of Christ by way of courses, such as Romans and Ethical Christian Living with Dr. Jeff Carrey.

"I had a life-changing spiritual experience during those courses by, as his Word says, allowing my spirit to be



Beth (second from right) joins others in a photo with U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce.

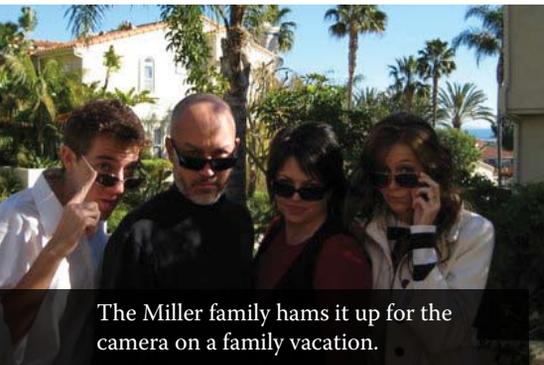
transformed through the renewing of my mind, which is where the battleground of life happens. No one can prepare you for life's hardships, but LCU helped prepare me to survive them with my Savior, Jesus Christ."

The life that the Ryan family now leads is certainly an enviable one to be sure. They've started a family, become successful in their respective fields of endeavor and they are well on the way to a life that is being guided by God. The influence they both received from their time on the LCU campus is obvious and at least partially responsible for the people they have become.

"I would recommend LCU to anyone who not only wants to be a success in their field, but also a success in life," says Beth of her feelings about LCU.



Beth Ryan stands next to a bronze sculpture of a working oil rig. She practices law in the natural resources section of the law firm of which she is an Associate in Roswell, NM.



The Miller family hams it up for the camera on a family vacation.

### KERRY ('80) and PAM (ZAHN) MILLER ('82)

To say that Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Miller have maintained a strong relationship with their alma mater, Lubbock Christian University, through the years would be like saying jelly and peanut butter are good together. The Miller family has long been associated with LCU and that family legacy continued as recently as two years ago as their daughter, Rynn, completed her degree and became the third family member to graduate from the university in 2008.

“We both feel that the LCU experience can put a person on a solid foundation of faith and purpose in all aspects of life,” the Miller’s said jointly. “We’ve seen it in our lives, in the life of our daughter, Rynn, as a recent graduate, and even in the life of our son, Zane, who experienced the school (and more importantly, the people) through multiple years of Encounter. God used and is using the people of LCU in our lives. We will be grateful to Him for that forever.”

Both Kerry and Pam are native Texans. Kerry lived in San Antonio until 6th grade, moved to Ralls for one year, lived in Phoenix, AZ for four years and then moved to Lubbock for his senior year in high school, graduating from Lubbock

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Christian High. His two sisters, Karen Miller Davis and Kim Miller Stern, both graduated from LCU and his dad and stepmom, Ken and Carolyn Miller, live in Lubbock. Pam was born in Littlefield, lived briefly in Slaton, Shallowater, Dimmitt, Plainview and Victoria, then moved to Liberal, KS where she lived from 3rd grade-to-college. Her parents, Dennis and Ruby Zahn, now live in Lubbock.

“Lubbock was the ‘big city’ and LCC was a safe haven for me,” reflects Pam of her time at LCC. “I enjoyed dorm life and the memories (which all came flooding back when we moved Rynn into her room in 2004). Meistersingers was the center of every day for three years, rushing from group lunches in the Lamplighter to the chorus room, where I enjoyed time with fellow chorus members much more than the actual rehearsals! I traveled all over the US and Europe with Meistersingers, but was so engrossed in my friendships that I don’t even remember the places we visited.”

For Kerry the feelings of days gone by at LCC are much the same, but Kerry has two specific memories that he believes were instrumental in the person he’s become.

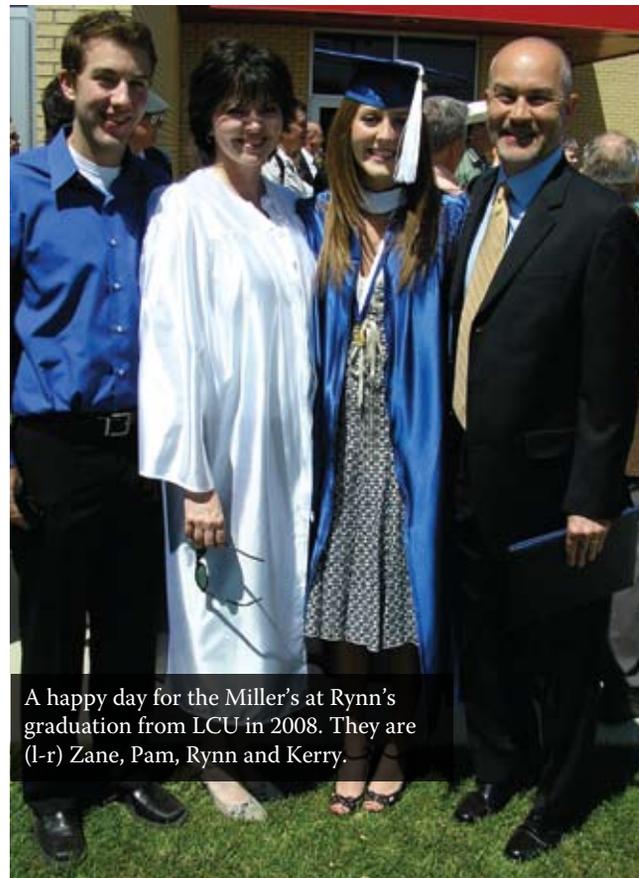
“Serving under Dr. Hinds in A Cappella prepared me for adult life more than any other aspect of school,” he says. “Making decisions with the rest of the officers, staying with families all over the U.S. on tour; leading devotionals, speaking on behalf of the chorus -- priceless, precious memories. Working as a summer camp counselor gave me my first adult-level responsibility. My travel partner Nan (Brown) Smith and I crisscrossed Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado to cover 10 camps in 10 weeks. We experienced new friendships every week and did our best to represent Christ and the college in every situation. Plus, during my first camp that summer I fell for the most beautiful counselor in camp (and married her two years later).”

These days the Millers keep themselves occupied with their professional lives from their home in Malibu, CA. Kerry currently works remotely from home doing contract work for Texas Instruments as an employee communications project manager. Pam is the executive assistant to the associate vice president for public affairs of Pepperdine University in Malibu.

Their background as students and graduates of LCC have spurred them on to successful careers and, like the others we’ve highlighted, they are glowing examples of how their time spent on the Lubbock Christian campus has certainly brought value into their lives in all areas.

“I received a home economics degree and spent the rest of my life using it thoroughly,” said Pam of her LCC experiences. “But, it is hard to separate the value of attending LCC from it being the place God put Kerry and I together and started our 28 years of marriage.”

Invariably the stories of all of those featured are different, but at the same time, they are the same. Their resounding message to all who will listen is consistently clear: Lubbock Christian University offers value to its students in more ways than meet the eye.



A happy day for the Miller’s at Rynn’s graduation from LCU in 2008. They are (l-r) Zane, Pam, Rynn and Kerry.

# UNIVERSITY *Tours*

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



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# Excursions

Lubbock Christian University

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If you would be interested in either of these travel destinations, please contact Kelli Childre, Excursions Director, at [kelli.childre@lcu.edu](mailto:kelli.childre@lcu.edu) or 806-720-7802.



LCU alumni and staff gather in front of Rockefeller Plaza on the 2007 Excursions trip to New York City.

# CHAPARRAL

## Men's Basketball

The Lubbock Christian University men's basketball program had another season come to an end with a Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament loss to the NAIA's top ranked team in the country. Last season it was Oklahoma City University and this season it was Rogers State University.

The Chaps opened their season with a very promising start. They overcame a 22-point deficit to defeat Huston-Tillotson and opened the SAC with an 84-79 win over Wayland Baptist for a 5-0 record. It was their best start since opening the 2000-2001 season 9-0.

Unfortunately, the Chaps would only enjoy two other winning streaks on the season. They closed the regular season dropping five of their last six games to finish tied for eighth place in the SAC standings with an 8-14 record (tied with Ok. City).

LCU was able to sweep Wayland Baptist for the first time since 2004-2005 and they did win three conference road games after winning just one last season. The highlight of the

season was the play of Kenny Hewitt. The 6'7" sophomore from Dallas became the program's 18th NAIA All-American after finishing ranked 18th in the NAIA with a team-best 19.7 points per game average. With Hewitt's outside shooting ability, the Chaps were seventh in the NAIA with an average of 8.7 three-point field goals per game.

Tommy Lane and Douglas Williams were also major offensive contributors for the Chaps. Lane, a Houston native, averaged 10.7 points and Williams, a freshman from Floydada, averaged 10 points an outing. Tyler Hill and Jacob Klockenga were the two lone seniors on the program. Hill ended the season ranking eighth in the NAIA in assist/turnover ratio (2.6).

## Women's Basketball

The Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaps basketball squad managed another hugely successful season as they compiled a 27-7 overall record on the way to their sixth consecutive trip to the NAIA National Championship in Jackson, TN. The Lady Chaps set a school single-season record for wins and they took advantage of having two of the premier players in the NAIA over the last four years leading the way.

Head coach Steve Gomez and the Lady Chaps began the season with a 10-0 record for their best start in program history. Gomez became the school's winningest women's basketball coach in history when he reached his 108th victory to surpass former Lady Chaps coach Dave Carter.

Highlighting the Sooner Athletic Conference season for the Lady Chaps was a victory that ended Oklahoma City University's 19-game Sooner Athletic Conference home winning streak. LCU's victory at OCU was their first since 1997. The Lady Chaps jumped on a nine-game conference win streak and ended conference play with an 18-4 conference mark for a second place finish in the SAC. The Lady Chaps dropped a heartbreaking 62-



Severyn Smith, a junior forward for the Lady Chaps, attempts a shot against USAO at the Rip Griffin Center.



Chap junior forward Benoit Bekono defends an Oklahoma City University opponent.

60 decision to OCU in the SAC tournament that was held at the Rip Griffin Center, but the national tournament was still on the horizon.

They took the sour taste of losing in dramatic fashion to OCU with them to the NAIA National Championship. The Lady Chaps opened the championship facing William Woods (MO), which was the most improved team in the NAIA. The Lady Chaps were able to overcome the tough William Woods squad and received a double-double from senior Jordan Hampton (19 pts., 14 reb.) to win 57-51, advancing LCU to the Sweet 16.

Their next challenge would be another tough one. Next on the list was Point Loma Nazarene University and the season-ending 82-74 loss brought the curtain down on a tremendous season.

Hampton and Sierra Lovorn had their outstanding careers come to an end, but not without even more hardware to show for

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it. Lovorn became the first ever First Team NAIA All-American in program history, while Hampton was honored with Third Team All-American accolades. Each also received Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete recognition.

As a team the Lady Chaps ranked second in the NAIA in free-throw shooting (77.2%). They also ranked in the top-ten in assist/turnover ratio (1.0), ranking seventh in the NAIA. LCU was also noted as ranking 11th in scoring margin (13.5), 12th in shooting percentage (44.6%), 14th in points per game allowed (58.3) and 19th in three-point shooting (34.7%).

## Golf

The 2008-2009 proved to be another productive campaign for the Lubbock Christian University golf programs.

The men's program competed in several tournaments in the fall and spring that were filled with ranked competition. Their best finish came in the fall at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor Fall Invitational in Belton where they finished second.

Individually, Michael Milliken had a third place finish at the Sooner Athletic Conference Championship with a 213 (72-72-69) and the Chaps finished in fifth place. Milliken's solid finish helped him claim All-SAC honors. He is the first LCU men's golfer to receive the honor.

One of the most impressive accomplishments by the men's golf team is what they accomplished off the links. The NAIA awarded the men's golf team with their "Scholar Team" award as the team compiled a GPA of 3.37. Mahan and Trevor Turnbow each received the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete honor. The individual honors were the first received in the men's golf program. Mahan posted a 3.7 GPA in Business Administration. Turnbow claimed a 3.5 GPA in Business Administration.

The women's program completed their season with their third consecutive trip to the NAIA National Championship. Their best finish came at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor Fall Invitational and at the SAC Championship, finishing second in each of the tournaments.

It was another tremendous season for Kelly Rainbolt. She claimed her second tournament title in her LCU career, winning the Bluebonnet Classic in Desoto. Rainbolt won the NAIA's "longest drive" competition at the National Championship in Rapid City, SD. Rainbolt capped the season by claiming NAIA All-Tournament honors at the NAIA National Championship and earning Honorable Mention All-American honors.

Leah Dansby received Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete honor. She produced a 3.84 GPA (on 4.0 scale) majoring in Secondary Education. She is a two-time recipient of the honor. Last season, she became the first women's golfer to claim the honor.

At the NAIA National Championship, the Lady Chaps finished in 11th place, which was their second best finish in program history.



Freshman Rachael Dansby strokes a putt. She was instrumental in helping the Lady Chaps to a successful season on the links in 2008-09.

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## Softball

You know what they say about sequels ... they are never as good as the first one. That could be said about this past season's Lubbock Christian University softball squad after claiming a NAIA National Title in epic form in 2008 during their inaugural season. However, take away a national title, and the body of the storyline was actually better this season for the Lady Chaparrals.

Lubbock Christian jumped out to a 30-0 start to their season, which included flawless tournament appearances in the NFCA Leadoff Classic, Cowtown Classic and Tucson Invitational Games. The Sooner Athletic Conference is one of the premier conferences in softball and it showed early in the conference season. LCU opened conference play 6-3, before rallying to close the conference schedule on a 12-game win streak. The Lady Chaps finished conference play with a 20-4 record to claim their first ever Sooner Athletic Conference regular season title.

The conference title provided the Lady Chaps the top seed in the SAC Conference Tournament in Oklahoma City, but they fell in the tournament opener to Oklahoma Baptist. LCU dropped into the losers' bracket, but rebounded back to the tournament championship game. The championship game(s) were eventually suspended due to weather and Oklahoma City University was declared the tournament winner.

The Lady Chaps received the top at-large bid to the NAIA National Championship in Dacula, Alabama for their second consecutive trip to the Heart of Dixie. LCU advanced out of pool play and into the elite eight double-elimination tournament. It was there that the Lady Chaps ran into trouble and saw their hopes of a repeat come to an end. The high powered offensive squad was held to just seven hits in two games and fell 2-0 to St. Gregory's and 1-0 to Oklahoma City, closing their season with a 54-7 record.

The 2009 squad was loaded with many returning players from the 2008 title winning squad. For the first time in program history, the NAIA honored the Lady Chaps with All-American honors. Five players earned All-American status with four First Team members and one Second Team member. Ginalee Davis, Alyssa Gutierrez, Raquel Hawkins and Honda Rodriguez were First Team recipients and the lone Second Team honoree was Kelly Griego, who was also the team's only All-Tournament Team member. Another individual first for a member of the Lady Chaps softball program was the academic honor received by Lisa Stratton. She received the Daktronics NAIA All-Scholar award.

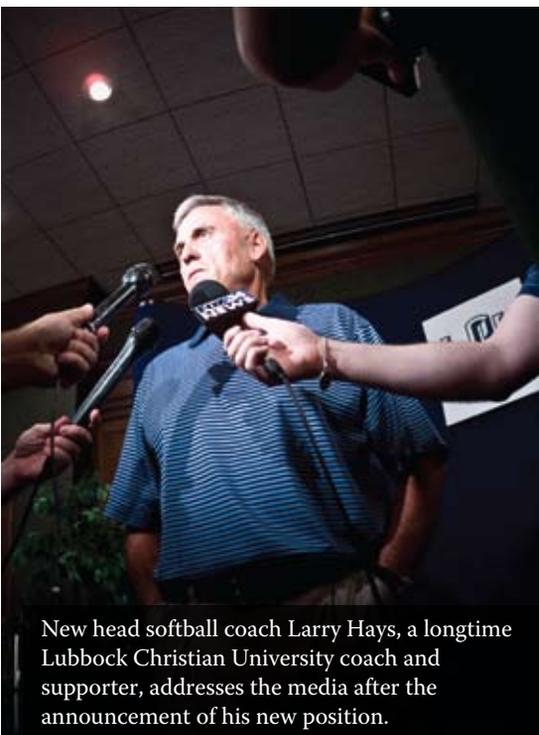
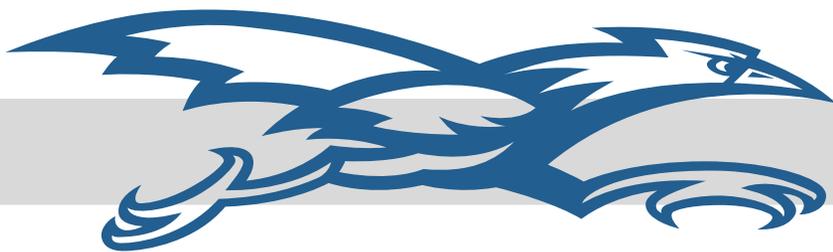
Several other players also achieved conference honors. Jade Espinoza received Second Team All-SAC honors, along with Sabby Hernandez and Amanda Parsons. Parsons and Gutierrez are a few of the starters returning next season. The Lady Chaps must now say "farewell" to Davis, Espinoza, Griego, Hawkins, Hernandez, Rodriguez and Stratton, who have all completed their eligibility.

Also leaving the Lady Chaps is Shanon Hays, who has been the head coach of the program since day one. In their two-year program history, the Lady Chaps have gone 114-17 (87.0%), and Hays has claimed a pair of SAC Coach of the Year honors. He also received the 2008 NAIA Coach of the Year honor after claiming the NAIA softball title. Hays leaves to take over the Texas Tech softball program.

Shanon's replacement, though, will be no stranger to Lubbock Christian University athletics as longtime college baseball coach, Larry Hays, Shanon's father, takes over the program. Although Larry Hays is mostly known as the former Texas Tech and Lubbock Christian baseball coach, he is a former professional softball pitcher. He played professional fastpitch softball in Mobile, AL, Montreal and St. Louis. His motivation in returning back to softball stems from the time spent over the past two seasons assisting Shanon. He attended several tournaments last season and developed a bond with the team appearing at the NAIA National Championship the past two seasons.



The Lady Chaps once again proved to be one of the top teams in NAIA softball in the 2009 campaign, advancing to the final eight at the NAIA National Championship Tournament.



New head softball coach Larry Hays, a longtime Lubbock Christian University coach and supporter, addresses the media after the announcement of his new position.

“We certainly don’t begrudge Texas Tech for coming after the person they thought was the very best softball coach in the nation in Shanon Hays,” said Dr. Jones in his introduction of Larry Hays. “I can tell you, though, that today he is almost the very best softball coach in the nation. I can say that in jest and with no offense to Shanon because the person I am about to introduce, along with his wife (Nell), brought Shanon into this world. I suspect he taught Shanon more about coaching than anyone has ever taught Shanon about coaching ... you know I’m talking about Larry Hays.

“Now, watch what I’m saying,” Dr. Jones continued, “... we have (an individual) here that has character maybe better than most of us put together in this room. His coaching career has been success, after success, after success. Here’s the best part ... he loves Lubbock Christian University. So, we believe that today I am announcing that with coach Larry Hays leading and coaching women’s softball at Lubbock Christian University, that we have the best in the nation.”

Lady Chap softball fans can rest assured that despite the changes that will take place heading into next season the same storied results can be expected. It will just be a different Hays leading the way.

**Baseball**

The 2009 Avista NAIA World Series Champion and NAIA title holding Lubbock Christian University Chaparrals received several postseason accolades as they claimed their second national title in program history and completed the honor of labeling LCU as the first NAIA program to claim a softball and baseball national title within a year apart. Here is a list of postseason honors:

**First Team NAIA All-Americans:** Ross Blondin (Sonoma, CA), Will Stramp (Keller)

**Second Team NAIA All-Americans:** R.L. Eisenbach (Newark, OH)

**NAIA World Series All-Tournament Team:** Jacob Cunningham (Lubbock), Armando Dominguez (Presidio), Rene Garcia (Tucson), Tyler Johnson (Fort Worth), Will Stramp (Keller)

**NAIA World Series Most Valuable Player:** Will Stramp (Keller)

**Hank Burbridge Champions of Character Team Award:** Lubbock Christian University

**Daktronics-Scholar Athlete:** Tanner Vickers (Lubbock)

The Chaps were the only team with three All-Americans listed on the combined First and Second Team lists. It is the first time since 1984 (Bob Fannin, Keith Miller and Randy Velarde) that three LCU players received First Team and/or Second Team All-American status (non-Honorable Mentions), and the first time since 1996 (Chris Shuffield and Marcus McCain) that LCU was honored with

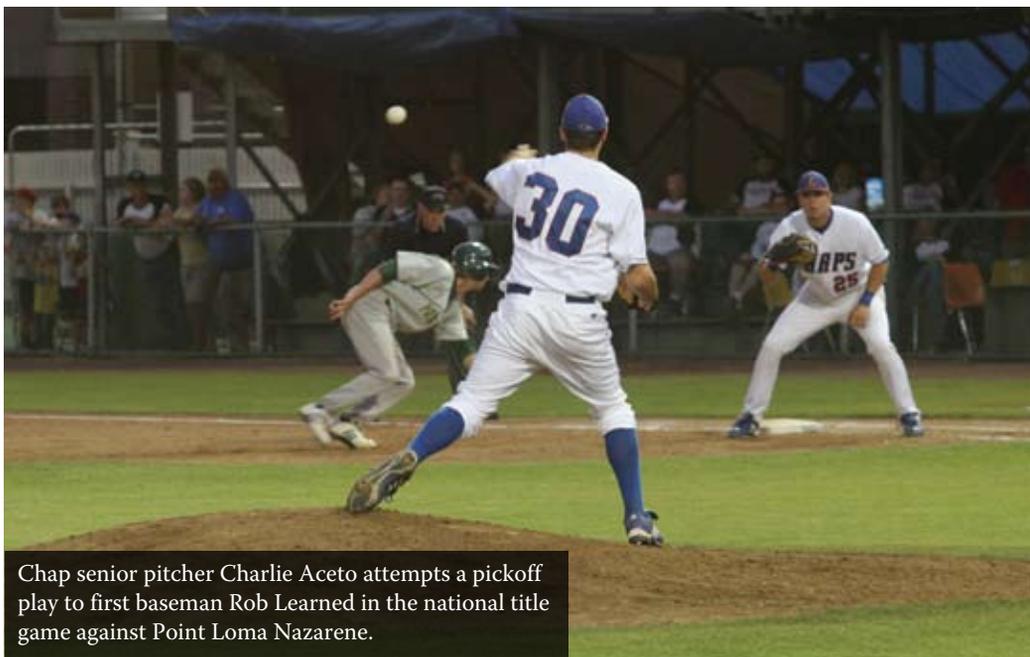
two First Team All-Americans. Seventy-Five (75) players have now received All-American status coming through the LCU program, and the honor is the first for Ross Blondin, R.L. Eisenbach and Will Stramp.

Five players on the World Series All-Tournament Team matches the number the Chaps received when they won the title in 1983. Stramp’s MVP honor at the World Series was the first since David Bulls claimed the honor in 1983.

The Hank Burbridge Champions of Character honor was a first for the Chaps. The award was awarded in conjunction with the Avista NAIA World Series. LCU received the honor for exalting the five core character values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Servant Leadership and Sportsmanship.

Vickers’ Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete honor marks the 28th time an LCU baseball student-athlete has been recognized for his effort in the classroom. The junior majoring in Business Management has produced over a 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). He marks the first baseball Scholar Athlete since Ryan Owen received the honor in 2007.

The Chaps completed their season with a 52-8 record en route to their second NAIA National Title in program history. It was their 13th 50-plus win season and the fourth in the past five seasons.



Chap senior pitcher Charlie Aceto attempts a pickoff play to first baseman Rob Learned in the national title game against Point Loma Nazarene.



Larry Hays speaks to the crowd at Texas Tech's Dan Law Field during a ceremony to retire his jersey by both the Lubbock Christian University and Texas Tech baseball programs.

# LEAVING A LEGACY

## LCU, Texas Tech Retired Longtime Coach's No. 27

BY GEORGE WATSON AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

In 38 years of coaching, Larry Hays' ('64) view of LCU and Texas Tech meeting on the baseball field varied depending on which uniform he was wearing at the time.

Those uniforms - or at least the familiar No. 27 on them - was permanently retired on March 23 in a game pitting the two squads for the first time in 16 years. Before the Chaparrals and Red Raiders met at Dan Law Field, the man who defined collegiate baseball in Lubbock for the past four decades was honored in a pregame ceremony, and his No. 27 was forever taken out of circulation at both universities.

Hays, in his naturally unselfish, attention-deflecting manner, was humble about the ceremony. "You have to appreciate it," said Hays, who announced his retirement in June after a combined 38 years coaching at the two schools. "I really appreciate (Tech head coach) Dan Spencer for doing this ... and for him to schedule a game with Lubbock Christian says a lot about him. I think it is

for the right reasons. You just hate for all this to happen when they've got a game going on. That ought to be the main thing instead of this sideshow."

Hays put both programs on the map and neither has been a sideshow since. From 1971 to 1986 he compiled a record of 695-381 at LCU, winning the 1983 national championship and finishing in the top eight in 1977 and 1980-82. He took over a struggling Tech program to start the 1987 season, and within eight years had the Red Raiders in the NCAA postseason.

By the time he left, he had guided Tech to a Southwest Conference championship, two Big 12 Conference titles and eight straight NCAA playoff appearances. He also produced 36 all-Southwest Conference performers, 18 first-team

**"I've got to get some employment where people just leave me alone."**

all-Big 12 players, 14 consensus all-Americans and six USA Baseball national team selections. He finished his career as the fourth winningest coach in NCAA history with a combined record of 1,509-860-4 and sent 84 players to pro baseball, 17 of whom have made the Major League level.

About a month after the 2008 season ended, Hays announced he was stepping down and turning things over to Spencer, whom he brought into the program last year as assistant head coach, later to become head coach designate. One of the first things Spencer did was what Hays was reluctant to do at Tech, and that is schedule LCU.

Part of that reluctance was because, especially with some of his better teams, he didn't want to do anything to derail the Chaps' progress during a season, and part of it was because with RPI numbers and the NCAA looking at strength of schedule, it didn't help the Red Raiders at all to schedule an NAIA school.

"At Lubbock Christian I thought it was great and I always said it was good for baseball and good for the community," Hays said. "It was a game I looked forward to and I saw all the positives from that standpoint. When I went to Tech I didn't want to do it from day one because of the feelings I have for Lubbock Christian, and I didn't think personally that I could handle that.

"With the RPI the way it is now scheduling is so important and you want to play a team with as



The Chaps and Red Raiders put on an exciting contest before a near-capacity crowd with Tech coming out on top 4-3.

high an RPI as you can. There's just no way for Tech where it's located to have good RPI games at home. You have to know for a fact you're going to win, and Lubbock Christian is too good of a team to fit that idea. That's why I appreciate Dan doing this and appreciate both programs. I'm proud of them both."

In retirement, Hays has managed to stay busy - although at times he finds himself "just piddling." Getting back to his days as a fastpitch softball pitcher, in the spring Hays tossed batting practice for his son **Shanon (Hays, '91)**, who at the time was the head coach of the LCU women's softball team, and he also drove a bus for them as they traveled to a tourna-

ment in Tucson. "Getting in at 2:30 in the morning from Tucson ... I've got to get some employment where people just leave me alone," Hays joked. Shanon Hays just recently accepted the head coaching job for women's softball at Texas Tech after 3 years with LCU.

Hays, who says he went to several Tech games, mostly sitting out of sight down the left-field line, has also been active in fundraising to help renovate Dan Law Field.

This was the first jersey retired for the Chaparral baseball team at LCU. His will be one of just three numbers retired by Tech, joining former shortstop Brooks "Gator" Wallace, the namesake of the College Baseball Foundation's Brooks Wallace Player of the Year award, and former pupil Clint Bryant, the former Monterey standout who played for Hays from 1993 to 1996.

"I don't deserve to be up there with those guys. They did real things," Hays said. "Being up there with those two shows how lucky a guy can get."



Coach Hays visits with reporters on hand for the pre-game festivities in his honor.

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## John Allan Smith Book Signing On Campus

“Clovis had put the arrow exactly where he intended. Without hesitation, he eased out of the cleft of the cliff that he had used to conceal himself and where he had been waiting. He has a story to tell and one that needed to be told, but how could he prove his story was true? If he cannot survive, the truth about killing Vice President Peterson may never be known.” This is only a small excerpt to what is found in *The Assignment Arrow* written by LCU alumnus **John Allan Smith ('86)**. A book signing for was held on the LCU campus in the spring. Smith also spoke in chapel and offered a reflection of his time at LCU and an encouragement to students about their future. A copy of the book can be purchased at [www.jallansmith.com](http://www.jallansmith.com).

## Pruitt Honored At Dinner

On April 3 Sunset International Bible Institute hosted a Benefit and Vision Dinner that honored Dr. Harvie Pruitt. Dr. Pruitt was recognized for his efforts in faithfully serving the Lord in the Lubbock area and throughout the world for many decades. He served as LCU president from 1976-1982 and prior to that served as a faculty member and academic dean. Currently he served on the LCU board of trustees.

## Student Loan Relief Opportunity

With the economy affecting almost everyone, it is certain that some LCU alumni who borrowed funding for their education may now be caught in a pinch by economic difficulties.

Income-Based Repayment (IBR) is a new payment option for federal student loans. Starting July 2009, it will help borrowers keep their loan payments affordable with payment caps based on their income and family size. For most eligible borrowers, IBR loan payments will be less than 10 percent of their income - and even smaller for borrowers with low earnings. IBR will also forgive remaining debt, if any,

after 25 years of qualifying payments.

Visit [www.ibrinfo.org/what.vp.html](http://www.ibrinfo.org/what.vp.html), which describes the program in depth and includes scenarios that will give you an indication of whether the program will benefit your particular situation. There is also a video on the site at [www.ibrinfo.org](http://www.ibrinfo.org) called Ditch Your Debt Gremlin that might also be helpful.

## Social Work Program Site Visit

The Social Work degree program at LCU recently defended their self study in an accreditation visit from the Council on Social Work Education. In the exit interview, there were no recommendations, and the reviewer had nothing but praise for the department, the hospitality they displayed, and the established social work program. **Dr. Jill Fuller ('95)** and the entire Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice should be congratulated for a job well done.

## 3rd Annual Scholars Colloquium

On April 16 LCU hosted the third annual Scholars Colloquium. The Scholars Colloquium is an interdisciplinary, campus-wide forum intended to promote and highlight original scholarship. The colloquium is held each spring as an academic conference with breakout presentations. Students, faculty, and staff present and field questions from the audience. Research posters are displayed in the CDC atrium with a session for informal questions.

Guest speaker this year was Dr. Stephen Haynes from Rhodes College presenting “The Bonhoeffer Phenomenon,” which was a powerpoint presentation about the life and influence of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German Christian during Nazi Germany days. Stephen R. Haynes holds a Ph.D. in Religion and Literature from Emory University, the M. Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary, an M. A. from Florida State University, and a B. A. from Vanderbilt University. Professor Haynes has been at Rhodes since 1989 and offers courses on the Holocaust, religion

and racism, and religion and literature. In addition to these subjects, he has research interests in Jewish-Christian relations, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and religion and higher education. Dr. Haynes serves on the regional advisory board for Facing History and Ourselves and on the Church Relations Committee of the US Holocaust Memorial Council. He was ODK Untenured Teacher of the Year at Rhodes in 1993 and SGA Outstanding Faculty Member in 1995. In 1997 he received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Research and in 2001 was awarded the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching. He is also a graduate of Leadership Memphis.

Dr. Kregg Fehr from LCU also presented a session on “Turbines Over Texas: Wind Farm Proliferation in the Lone Star State.”

## Martin Receives Junior Scholar Award

At its annual meeting in March at Dallas, the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (SWCRS) awarded its prestigious Junior Scholar Grant to Dr. Michael Martin, Assistant Professor of New Testament at LCU. The grant program, initiated in 1984, annually provides seed money for an initial project or support for a continuing project pursued by a Junior Scholar who resides in the southwestern region of the United States. Martin's project “examines the structure and content of the canonical Gospels in the light of the rhetorical topic lists of Greco-Roman textbooks of composition and rhetoric.” Martin is completing his fourth year of teaching at LCU, following graduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary and Baylor University. He joins an impressive list of past awardees, including several current university deans and department chairs.

The SWCRS was established in 1974 to encourage, support, and coordinate scholarly activities in the field of religious studies by faculty residing in the Southwest. The commission serves as the umbrella organization for the re-

gional American Academy of Religion, American Schools of Oriental Research, Association for the Scientific Study of Religion, and Society of Biblical Literature. The commission is supported by membership and sponsoring institutions. Approximately 2,000 individuals are members of the commission, with 340 attending the 2009 conference.

## LCU Praise Choir Campaign in Ukraine

By Philip Camp, PhD

Over spring break, thirty-two students from Praise Choir traveled to Eastern Europe to perform concerts sponsored by Eastern European Mission (EEM). The group was accompanied by choir director, Dr. Philip Camp, along with six other sponsors. Sponsors for the group included **Dr. Laurie Doyle ('82)**, **Dr. Don Williams ('62)**, **Dr. Byron Rogers ('81)**, and **Karen Rogers ('82)** from LCU; Connie Burch, parent of Praise Choir President Carley Burch; **Vernon Hise ('84)**, parent of current choir member Lauren Hise; and **Trey Looney ('05)**.

The choir stayed in Donetsk, Ukraine, a major city on the Eastern side of Ukraine near the Russian border, for five days of outreach concert and worship events. The group traveled to Ivano-Frankovsk, on the Western side of Ukraine, for two nights and a full day of touring and performing in concert. The trip ended with a stopover in Amsterdam for a full day of sight-seeing before making the 22 hour trip by plane and bus back to Lubbock in time for classes Monday morning following spring break.

This trip marked the second spring break campaign with the choir to Ukraine. In 2007, the choir made their first visit to Donetsk resulting in overwhelming responses. As a result of that campaign, many received Bibles for the first time in their lives and eventually became Christians. EEM began to be recognized as the "group that sponsored that wonderful choir," and doors began to open for EEM to place Bibles in prisons and in public schools in the area of Donetsk. EEM then

made plans for their "Million Dollar Sunday" fundraising campaign in the fall of 2008 for the purposes of printing Bibles for distribution into the 1188 public schools in the region of Donetsk.

Over the course of this recent campaign, the choir again performed for full houses, receiving standing ovations, and distributing over 1000 Bibles, from children's Bibles to teen and adult Bibles, with requests for more after the supply was gone. As in 2007, CDs of the choir were sold with all of the funds to benefit local orphanages.

The choir's concert in Ivano-Frankovsk ended with gifts presented to them by the Minister of Culture for the region, and hopes by EEM of open doors for wide spread Bible distribution in the region surrounding Ivano-Frankovsk remain high.

Here is a brief listing of some of the highlights from this trip:

- Visiting an orphanage in Donetsk and presenting Children's Bibles
- Singing formal concerts for packed houses and handing out Bibles
- Musical exchange with the Donetsk Music Conservatory Choir
- Singing "Prayer for Ukraine" in Ukrai-

nian, arranged by Dr. Byron Rogers, to teary eyed audiences

- Touring the Svyatogorsk Monastery built in the Chalk Mountain, and the Salt Mine
- Three-course Ukrainian meals, arranged by EEM Staff Nick Plaksin and Natasha Tsvyashchenko
- Hearing very good Ukrainian collegiate choirs, including the well known spiritual, "Ain't Got Time to Die" with a strong Ukrainian accent
- Traveling across Ukraine by plane in three travel groups and meeting interesting people along the way
- Having devotionals with the choir in hotel meeting rooms with the unexpected addition of hotel staff or other hotel guests
- Touring Amsterdam

The following quote is from Natasha Tsvyashchenko, EEM Ukraine Operations Coordinator:

"How shall I begin to tell the story about the whirlwind of joy and encouragement which burst into sluggish and dull life of Ukrainians in the midst of economic crisis and political instability? The minds of people were so far away from spiritual things pondering how to survive in these



LCU Praise Choir performing in the great hall of a theatre in Donetsk, Ukraine.

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Ukrainian children receiving Bibles.

tough times when dozens of thousands of people were laid out from their jobs, many of them had to pay off their loans having no income any more, others were not getting their salaries in full amounts or with significant delays. Yet, the halls were filled with people who with tears on their eyes sang the words of Prayer for Ukraine along with the choir singers. The singers who are so very young themselves may not even comprehend the impact they made on the people they came in contact with but most of them admitted that this trip to Ukraine was a life changing experience for them. Believe me or not, to certain extent this was a life changing experience for most people who heard them. Many people came to hear Americans sing but left reflecting on the words from the Scripture and songs and meditating about their own relations with God.”

As Natasha has reported, a highlight from the concerts was the singing of “Prayer for Ukraine.” The song was brought to the chorus by LCU choir members Brian Durgin, Kendra Harrelson, and Gabe Fisher, who had spent last summer working in Ukraine with one of the youth camps, teaching Bible to the children, sponsored by EEM. Though the song is well known throughout the Ukraine, the students only could find an old copy of sheet music that provided a single melody line and the text in the Ukrainian language using the Cyrillic alphabet. Dr. Byron Rogers was given the daunting task not only of arranging the song for a cappella chorus for the choir, but also of transcribing the language so the choir could read and make attempts

at pronouncing it. The final result was overwhelming as audiences sang along with the choir, many standing in respect to this prayer for their beloved nation as it was sung by the choir.

It was extremely challenging to learn “Prayer for Ukraine” due to the difficulties of singing in Ukrainian. However, it was the choir’s goal to give it their best effort, singing the proper words in their own language, as this prayer was in each of their hearts, not only for Ukraine, but also for the U.S. and every other nation in the world.

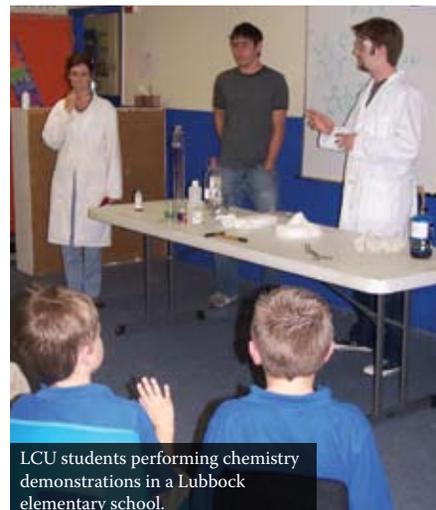
## Betenbough Lectures on Youth and Family Ministry

The Betenbough Lectures on Youth and Family Ministry were held on April 9 on the LCU campus. The guest speaker was Mark Yaconelli, who spoke on the topic of Downtime: Youth, Families, and the Experience of God. He is co-director of the Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project (YMSP), and an Eli Lilly endowed program which is introducing contemplative spirituality to young people throughout the country. He is also an adjunct professor of youth ministries at San Francisco Theological Seminary. He is internationally known for his work in contemplative youth ministry as well guiding youth and families in experiences of God.

Dr. Ethan Brown and Dr. Brandon Fredenburg, both from LCU, lead the breakout sessions “Ministry as Spiritual Direction: Attentiveness and The Care of Souls” and “If We Miss This, We Miss It All.”

## Students Deliver Chemistry Demo In Area Schools

LCU students presented chemistry demonstrations in several elementary schools in Lubbock. Young children are always amazed at the “magic” of chemistry, and the program, instituted by LCU professor Jessica Rogers, benefits the college students by getting classroom teaching experience.



LCU students performing chemistry demonstrations in a Lubbock elementary school.

## Patty Named Fellow

**Dr. Stacy Patty ('79)** has been named as an American Academy of Religion/Luce Foundation Summer Seminar Fellow in a year-long program for theological educators whose focus is religious pluralism and comparative theology. The program is a new initiative of the American Academy of Religion, and he was selected as one of twenty-five persons from a very impressive applicant pool of over 70 applicants.

## Students Visit Austin Capital

In February several students and staff members from LCU traveled to the capital building in Austin. The trip was to lobby for the Texas Equalization Grant in conjunction with ICUT (Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc.). The students that represented LCU all received the grant and they each spoke with representatives from their home district.



LCU students and staff take a picture with Senator Robert Duncan.



Dr. Scott Moore of Baylor University speaking at the Willson-Morris Lectures.

### Willson-Morris Lectures

The annual Willson-Morris Lectures were held on campus March 26-27. Dr. Scott Moore, associate professor of philosophy at Baylor University was the guest speaker for the event. He spoke on "Liberal Democracy and Human Maturity: Hobbes, Kant, and Weber," Based on Moore's new book, *The Limits of Liberal Democracy: Politics and Religion at the End of Modernity* and "Do Smart People Outgrow God? In Defense of the Christian College," Considering the ten strongest objections against a Christian College or University.

Moore is a Fellow with Baylor's Institute for Faith and Learning and also served

as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Notre Dame's Department of Philosophy and the Center for Philosophy of Religion.

### Department Of Nursing Honors Supporters

On Thursday evening of Homecoming and Master Follies weekend, the Department of Nursing hosted an alumni reception where they also recognized strong supporters of the nursing program at LCU. Among those recognized were American State Bank, University Medical Center, Covenant Health System, Mrs. Dixie Barron, and Mrs. Nelda Johnson. American State Bank has taken the lead in supporting area nursing scholarships by establishing an endowed scholarship fund through an initial donation. University Medical Center and Covenant Health System both employ multiple department directors and nurse managers who mentor LCU's BSN and MSN leadership students, as well as recruiting for the program. Mrs. Dixie Barron and her late husband Alton have provided a scholarship at the BSN level for years in memory of their daughter Danna, who was a BSN student at LCU at the time of her death Nov. 11, 1998. Mrs. Nelda Johnson is a very generous lady who has provided scholarships at the graduate level since the program began and is supportive in attending events of the nursing department such as the pinning ceremony.



The LCU Department of Nursing unveiled a purpose statement for their department while recognizing community supporters of the program.

The Department of Nursing, as well as LCU as a whole, is so appreciative of community and individual partners that help in the university continuing to accomplish the mission of helping students succeed and changing lives.



The Bible department hosts its graduates to a congratulatory free lunch.

### Recognizing Graduating Seniors

To witness a student completing their degree program and preparing to graduate is a proud moment for many across the LCU campus. Through a student's time in completing their degree, the interface with many faculty and staff across campus, and because faculty take such an active role in their students lives they want to do more than signing their final paperwork and submitting those final grades. Several departments across campus have started traditions in sending the graduates from their departments out into the world. The Department of Business has a blessing where faculty members from the department sign a Bible that is presented to each student and they bring the group together and share a few final words of advice and encouragement, then close with a prayer of blessing for the graduates. Other departments host a time of fellowship and food. The Department of Biblical Studies hosted a cookout for their graduates in the spring and the Department of Education hosted a reception for their graduates and families.

## Employee Awards: 2009 Five Years

Caren Fullerton  
Michael Hardin  
LaNell Harrison  
Kenneth Hawley  
Paul Hise  
Wilbur Jones  
Jennifer Lawrence  
Bonnie Martin  
Deborah Sanchez  
Brian Starr  
James Wallace  
Terri Warren  
Roy Worley

## Ten Years

Tim Byars  
Larry Christian  
Randal Dement  
Kregg Fehr  
Tim Felty  
Richard Gomez  
Brenda Lowe  
Nancy Martin  
Ronna Privett  
Karen Rogers  
Robert Smith  
Mark Sneed

## Fifteen Years

Jim Foster  
Michelle Kraft  
Warren McNeill  
Keith Owen

## Twenty Years

Donna Harman  
David Joyner  
Barbara Rogers

## Thirty Years

Iona Baldrige  
David Peebles  
Mary Perez

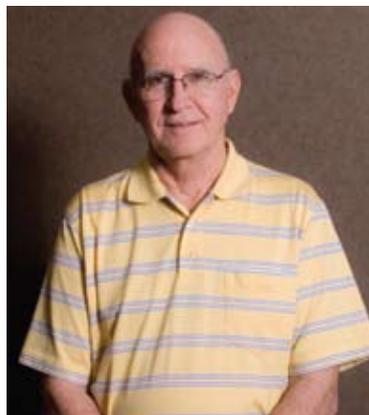
## Thirty-Five Years

Linda Cash

## Forty Years

Don Williams

## Rod Rogers Retires



Before coming to Lubbock Christian University, Dr. Rod Rogers had a very successful career in the plant genetics area of the agriculture industry. From this experience, he brought new excitement and energy to the LCU Natural Science Department. His vision, knowledge, and analytical mind enabled him to lead a process of evaluation and revision of the agriculture programs that continued through his entire tenure at LCU. His concern for students and their preparation for future careers were always evident in the way he interacted with them both in and out of the classroom.

Rod had an obvious love of people and for God that was reflected in the way he treated everyone he touched. His tender heart, compassionate spirit, and deep concern for his students grew out of that love as he set high expectations for his students, and they responded positively.

As chair of Natural Science for many years, Rod performed his administrative duties in the same energetic, professional, and caring way that he approached all areas of his life. It was obvious that Rod's first priorities were the classroom and the students in his classes. Rod's positive presence on the LCU campus will be missed because of his compassionate heart along with his wisdom, experience, and energy.

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## 1960 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

## 1962

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Earl has published a new book, *American History for Everyone: A Narrative of the United States History*. The book covers the history of the nation from the arrival of humans in Alaska to the opening of the twenty-first century. Earl has taught American history at the college level for over thirty years.

## 1966

**Penney F. and Joyce Ann (Foster '67) Nichols**

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Penney and Ann have recently moved to Odessa from Phoenix, AZ. Penney is the new pulpit minister for Sixth & Jackson Church of Christ in Odessa.

## 1967

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## 1968

**Robert Joe Lee**  
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Robert retired on December 31, 2008, after 31 years of service to the New Jersey Judiciary. While there, he created the state's program for providing access to courts for persons with limited English proficiency. New Jersey became a national and international leader in the field of court interpreting through his efforts. In retirement he looks forward to writing and publishing, as well as spending more time with his family, his baritone horn and fishing.

## 1969

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## 1970 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

## 1972

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Rocky and his wife, Myra, recently moved from Norman, OK to Richmond, near Houston. Rocky is a Risk Specialist for Chevron Pipeline Company. Myra teaches flute privately in the Fort Bend County school system.

## 1975 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

## 1976

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Debby is married to Mike.

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Monica and her husband Greg have recently moved to Whitney.

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## Greg Fleming

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## 1980 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

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**Steven Obenhaus**  
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Steven has been selected as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Scholars Fellow and will be working through the Department of Energy on Capitol Hill in a representative's office and on staff with a congressional subcommittee working on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) educational legislation.

## 1981

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## 1982

**Pam (Zahn) and Kerry ('80) Miller**  
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Pam and Kerry are living in Malibu, California where Pam works for the AVP of Public Affairs at Pepperdine University. Kerry works for Texas Instruments in communications from his home office, traveling to Dallas a few times a year. Their 23 year old daughter, Rynn ('08) graduated from LCU and recently returned from living and working in London. Zane is a 20 year old sophomore at Pepperdine and is living in Buenos Aires, Argentina in the school's study abroad program this year.

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In November 2008, Bryan was elected President of the Texas Society of Plastic Surgeons. He is also currently President of Dallas Society of Plastic Surgeons as well as Chairman of the Plastic Surgery Department at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. Bryan, his wife Amy and 5 children worship at the Prestoncrest Church of Christ.

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**Beth Dennis**  
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Beth is married to Gary. Beth was chosen as Region 8 Teacher of the Year and a finalist for state Teacher of the Year for 2009. She teaches 5th grade science and social studies for Paris ISD.

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## 1997

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# In Memoriam

■ **Evelyn Marianne Boyd ('78)**, of Wolfforth, lost a long battle with colon cancer on January 14, 2009. She taught and coached at Smyer High School, O.L. Slaton Jr. High, and Frenship High School before retiring in 2008.

■ **Mitzi (Ledgerwood) Brown ('83)** of Lubbock won the victory January 22, 2009 after losing the battle to cancer. Mitzi devoted her life to caring for her children and attending their events while selling Mary Kay cosmetics. A long time member of Sunset Church of Christ, Mitzi loved working with the Children's Ministry and Youth Group. She is survived by her husband Bob, who is a current LCU employee; teenage children, Taylor and Michaela; parents, Ron and Alpha Ledgerwood; and brother, **Kip Ledgerwood ('98)**.

■ **Edgar E. Bryant**, former instructor in the Industrial Tech classes in the early years of LCU, passed away recently at the age of 95. He was living in Mingus at the time of his death.

■ **Clifford "Cliff" Brooks Carroll ('66)** died Feb. 23, 2009. He attended LCU on a full music scholarship. Cliff was a gifted violinist and gifted artist. He lived the majority of his adult life in Amarillo, where he worked as a licensed cosmetologist/hairstylist.

■ Nelda Hawley passed away on March 31, 2009. Nelda and her husband **Roger Hawley** were active with LCU for many years beginning in 1976 while Roger served as a faculty member. They loved the school and its people and had many precious memories from their time at LCU. Roger passed away last year. They are survived by five children, **Scott ('85)**, Dave, Steve, Cecelya Keller and Sandy Massey.

■ **Bill Leftwich** passed away on April 27, 2009. He worked at LCU from 1967-1979 in marketing and advertising, and was the Duster sponsor.

■ Rheba Berryhill Mattox passed away on June 10 at the age of 96 in Searcy, Ark. She was preceded in death by her first husband, M.E. "Pinky" Berryhill, and her second husband, **Dr. F.W. Mattox**. In 1989, Rheba married F.W. Mattox, a former schoolmate at Harding and longtime family friend, who had earlier lost his first wife to Alzheimer's. They enjoyed 12 wonderful years together traveling, gardening and entertaining family, friends and neighbors before his death in 2001. Dr. Mattox served as LCU President from 1956-1974.

■ **Juanelle (Moore) Mayes ('59)** passed away January 26, 2009. Juanelle was loyal to LCU and served several times as a reunion coordinator for homecoming gatherings. She and her husband, **Leslie ('59)**, were part of the first A Cappella Chorus at LCU.

■ **Mark J. Morgan ('81)** passed away on March 9, 2009. He attended LCU on a baseball scholarship. He is survived by his son, **Chad Morgan ('03)** who also played baseball for LCU.

■ **Judy (Saunders) Organ ('74)** passed away on March 9, 2009. She was serving as office manager for LCU Facilities at the time of her death. She had been with the university for 11 years and had also worked in the Student Affairs office. Survivors include her husband, Joe Organ; a daughter and son-in-law, **Jeana (Organ, '99)** and Mark Culbert, of Shallowater; her mother, Laverne Saunders, of Lubbock; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Loyd and **Janice (Saunders, '66)** Wright, of Flower Mound, **Jim ('68)** and **Joyce (Saunders, '68) Foster**, of Lubbock. Judy will always be remembered for her smile, laughter and love of people.

■ **Richard Puckett ('61)** of Lubbock, passed away on June 30, 2008. Survivors include his wife, Marie Tinlin; daughter and son-in-law, **Kim ('89)** and **Travis Bryant ('91)** of Houston; sons, Lance Puckett of Arlington, Chad and Nicole Puckett of Mansfield, Todd Tinlin of Dallas and Tim Tinlin of Amarillo. He is also survived by four sisters, **Cecilla Jones ('98)** and **Rosalee Hardwick ('67)** both of Lubbock, **Molly Keener ('72)** of San Antonio and Debbie Miller of Montgomery, AL.

■ **Dorotha "Dot" Reat**, of Lubbock, passed from this life on Monday, March 16, 2009. She worked for

LCU at different times for a total of 23 years until her retirement in 1994. She worked in the print shop, mail room, post office, and in the development office. Dot is survived by her son and his wife, **Larry ('67)** and **Kay (Hines, '66) Reat**; two daughters and their husbands, **Sandy (Faye, '69)** and **Terry Cash ('86)**, and **Bonnie ('82)** and Stan Wells, all of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

■ **Lieutenant Colonel Emmett Weems Rogers ('86)** passed away on April 26, 2009 in Fort Hood. He came to LCU on a football scholarship and played only one year due to a knee injury. The following year he joined the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant after graduating from LCU with a liberal arts degree. He had a career in the military and served the US in many nations as well as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

■ **Ron Stowe ('85)**, age 49, passed away in June from complications of swine flu. He was living in Pflugerville and was a sales and service manager for Wells Fargo. He and his wife, Lauren (Wagnon) would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this summer. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by their four children, Ali, 20, Aaron, 16, Victoria, 15, and Nathan, 11. If you wish to give money, Broadway Church of Christ has an account open and is accepting donations on his family's behalf. In the memo line put Ron Stowe. Direct questions to 806-763-0464. Broadway Church of Christ 1924 Broadway Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

■ **Nathalee (Britton) Taylor ('61)** passed away May 16, 2009. While at LCU she was active in Rodeo Club, Metah Moe, Drama Prod, the Duster, El Explorador yearbook staff as well as being named Yearbook Queen. Nathalee was 67 years old and lived in Lubbock at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, William Marcy, and two sons, Bret Courtney and Clay Courtney.



### Honey Glazed Lime Basil Chicken

- ¼ cup of honey
- 4 to 5 sprigs of fresh basil
- ¼ cup of lime juice (I use Nellie and Joe's Famous Key Lime Juice)
- 2 table spoons of extra virgin olive oil (for glaze)
- 4 to 6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Drizzle bottle of olive oil for chicken on grill

Glaze: Wash and place the fresh basil, stems and all into a food processor, and pour in the other ingredients. Grate in the processor until the basil is thoroughly chopped, but not minced too finely. If you do not have a food processor you can achieve the same result by finely chopping the basil on a cutting board and mixing in the liquid ingredients.

Place the chicken breasts on a heated grill and, lightly salt (I use garlic salt), and drizzle both sides of each piece with a little olive oil. Sear the meat until it is 2/3 of the way cooked. Liberally brush the glaze mixture over the chicken until it is a light golden brown color. Save a little of the glaze mixture to pour over the chicken just before serving.

A couple of years back I began experimenting by growing fresh herbs in my backyard for culinary use. This is a very simple but outstandingly delicious recipe I came up with one day while experimenting with fresh basil.

*Kevin Griffith ('87)  
Memphis, Tennessee*



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