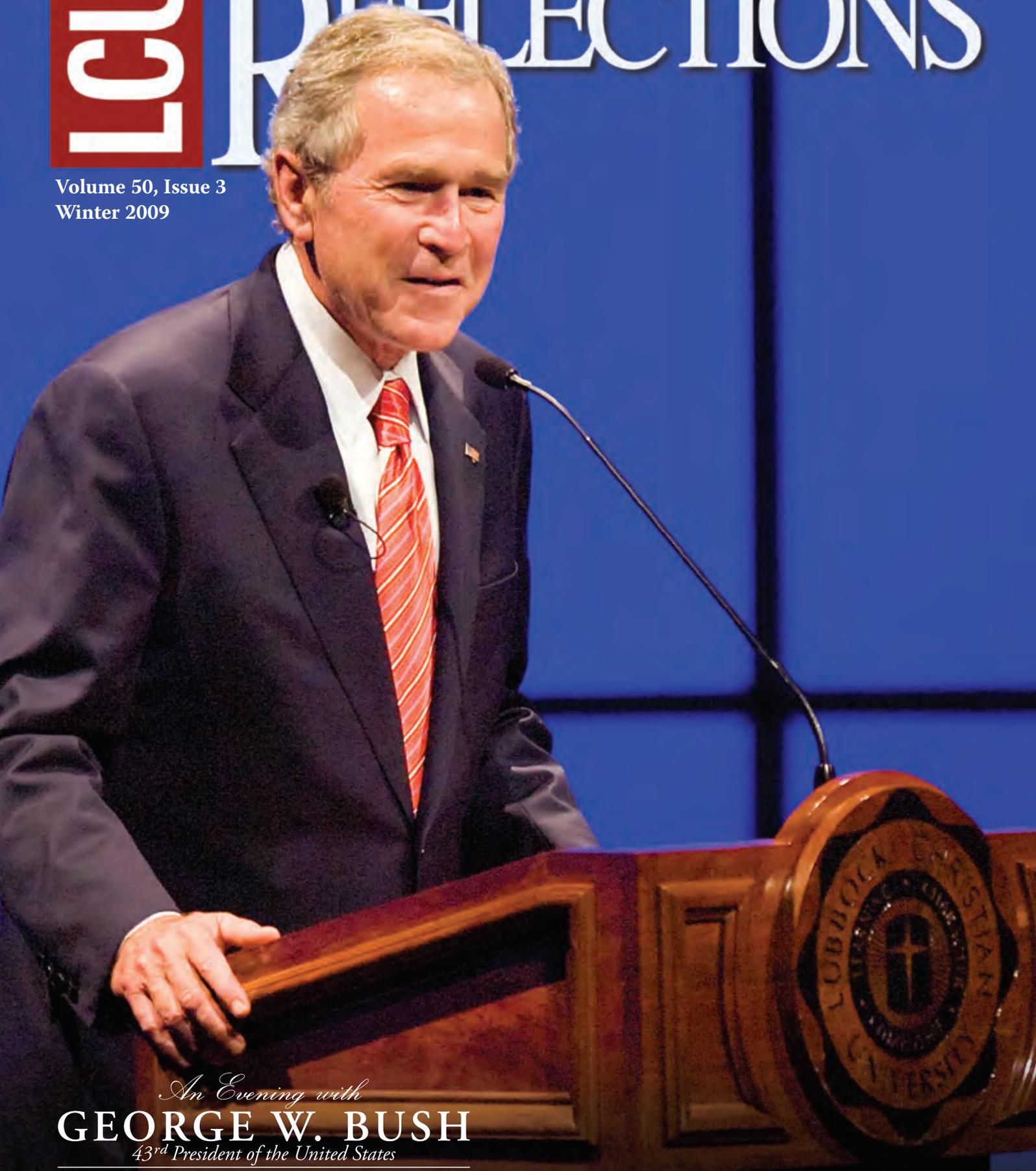


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# REFLECTIONS

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*An Evening with*

**GEORGE W. BUSH**

*43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States*

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# From the President



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*Front Cover: Former President George W. Bush addresses the crowd at the LCU benefit dinner in September.*

*Back Cover: The south end of the LCU campus area featuring the front of the CDC at night.*

2009 was an interesting year for all of higher education. Most institutions have been forced to curtail spending, cut budgets, and be very creative in all matters that relate to enrollment. Yes, the same is true here at Lubbock Christian University. But, even in difficult and uncertain times, we continue to be blessed. This issue of Reflections will highlight some of our many blessings.

Having President Bush to be with us at the end of September was a special and wonderful blessing. He was a delightful speaker and helped us present to our guests a great evening. I am certain you will enjoy the pictures and stories of the event.

Maybe the most important part of this issue of Reflections is the focus on Dr. Gary Estep and Dr. Don Williams. The university is always changing. It must if it is to stay competitive in the world of higher education. Transition of leaders, though difficult and sometimes sad, is necessary and part of an ever-changing environment. Both of these men are campus icons, greatly loved and respected.

As always, as a Christian institution, we remain optimistic, grateful for our blessings and certain that God is working for our good.

May you be blessed as you read this issue of Reflections.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Ken Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a blurred background of a red brick building.

L. Ken Jones  
President



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- 11 Spring semester night classes begin
- 12 Spring semester classes begin

### February

- 18-20 Homecoming and Master Follies
- 22 Chap Day

### March

- 15-19 Spring Break, campus closed

### April

- 2 Easter holiday, campus closed
- 5 Chap Day
- 26 Chap Day

### May

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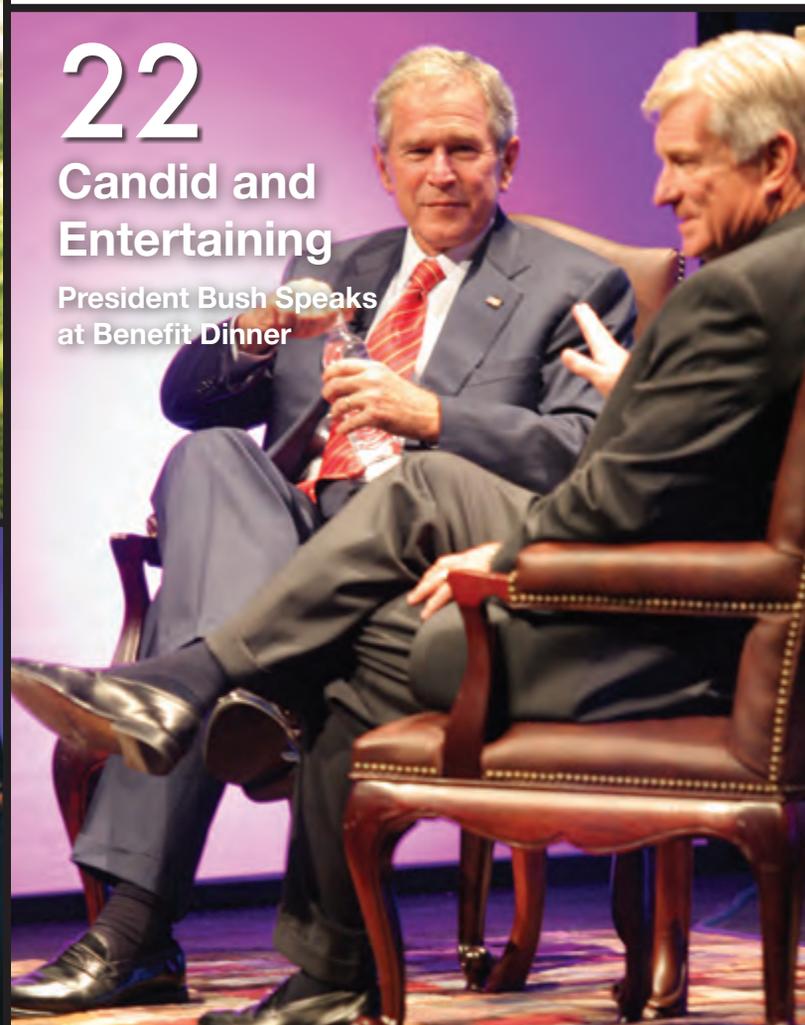
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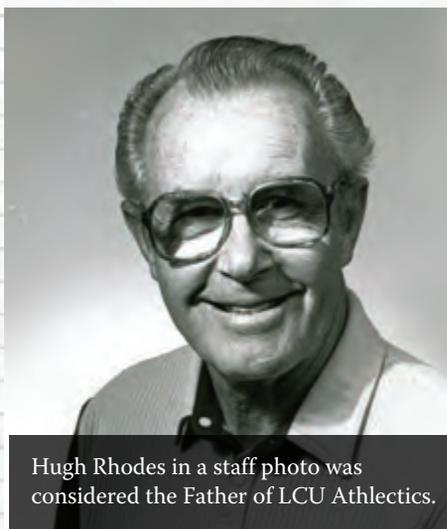




# LEGENDARY RHODES

## *Remembered*

On every college and university campus in the country there are certain individuals that are considered “institutions” at those respective places of higher education. Lubbock Christian University is no different and the passing of Hugh Rhodes in 2009 certainly means that one of the true “institutions” of the LCU family has moved on to another, much more elite campus.



Hugh Rhodes in a staff photo was considered the Father of LCU Athletics.

“It’s impossible to recount all of the great things that Hugh Rhodes has done for Lubbock Christian University,” said LCU softball coach Larry Hays. “His contributions to our university and to our community will always be remembered and we wouldn’t be where we are today without him.”

Mr. Rhodes, considered by many the “father of LCU Athletics,” died on February 25, 2009, at the age of 93. Hugh Harvey Rhodes, the youngest of Horatio and Mary Lucy’s eight children, was born in Frederick, Oklahoma, on December 1, 1915, where he lived until he went away to college. Working for his expenses, he received a Bachelor’s Degree from Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, in 1940. Later he received a Master’s degree from George Peabody College in Nashville Tennessee, by working more than four part-time jobs at one time. He then returned to his alma mater, Harding College, to teach in the department of physical education for the next 13 years. While in Arkansas, Hugh preached



A very young Hugh Rhodes with one of his many basketball teams. Notice the wood floor that was a bowling alley in a previous life.

for scores of small churches, holding as many as five revival meetings in one summer. Where he found the greatest need for preaching was in the small churches of rural Arkansas where the churches could not afford to pay a preacher. Mr. Rhodes would agree to 50 cents for preaching each Sunday and then he would pay 25 cents to the friend who drove him out to the country church.

These churches began to flourish, not so much from Hugh's preaching skills, but from his own testimony, the Holy Spirit's direction in his study of the scriptures. Often during seasons of good weather, there may be numerous revivals in the area. Hugh's appreciation of God's grace and the message of salvation and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit gave a tone to his messages that drew crowds from the neighboring towns and left the more widely publicized circuit preachers to wonder, "What is that young preacher saying that is making our crowds grow smaller and smaller each night?" "It's the Gospel," Mr. Rhodes would say.

During this time, Hugh and his remarkable wife Norma

Ruth (Moser), whom he married on December 15, 1944 had three equally remarkable boys and in 1957 they packed up everything they owned and moved to West Texas, settling in the middle of a cotton field, so unbelievably vast and flat.

After moving to Lubbock, Hugh continued to preach the gospel; for two years in Morton; later for a year and a half in Seminole and for one year in Dickens. As part of the original faculty of Lubbock Christian College in 1957, Hugh's entire focus was to be an influence for Christ in the lives of every college student with whom he came in contact. The Bible studies in the Rhodes home and the late night baptisms remind many of Paul and Silas, and the jailer and his family at Philippi. Wherever Hugh Rhodes lived and whomever he came in contact with; his delight was in spreading the gospel.

Hugh's youngest son Charles Henry (Charlie), passed away in 1963, and 40 years later in June of 2003, Hugh's faithful and protective wife, Norma Ruth, passed away. Seeing the patience, love and protection that Hugh and Norma



Coach Rhodes with members of the track team.

**“I don’t see how anyone could ever have anything bad to say about Hugh Rhodes.”**

*John* ('69) continue to carry on the Hugh Rhodes legacy to this day.

Ruth provided for each other over the 59 years of their marriage shows us all how a marriage based on God’s design will bless many lives. Sons *Harvey* ('67) and

“As an eight year old, I was beginning to get a glimpse of what having a Godly father was all about,” said John Rhodes in reflection of growing up in his father’s household. “Throughout Dad’s life, I would only see his faith in God, his Father, and Jesus, his Savior, continue to grow, as Dad, confident in trusting God’s direction, would step into many challenging situations.”

As one of the founding fathers of Lubbock Christian University, his love for the school and his devotion to the success that it has experienced through 50-plus years never wavered.

“You can’t think of Lubbock Christian University, especially its athletic program, without thinking of Hugh Rhodes,” said Hays. “His contributions to the university were too many to document.”

The Field House (Rhodes Perrin Field House) on the LCU campus brought a rich history to the Lubbock Christian University campus and Rhodes spearheaded the idea of it being moved to Lubbock. It was moved from Los Alamos where the structure, formerly used to construct atomic weapons during the Manhattan Project, gave the fledgling college’s sports teams a home.

Rhodes came to the campus early before it was a college

campus. For that matter, before it was much of anything. As he describes it, “before anything was out here but a cotton patch.”

As with several other buildings built on the growing campus, the Field House was purchased from the federal government. It cost the university \$1,780 in 1959 dollars. Even for that price then, “it was a gift,” Rhodes said. So he and about 17 students went to Los Alamos, armed with torque wrenches, to break down the structure into transportable pieces with each one numbered.

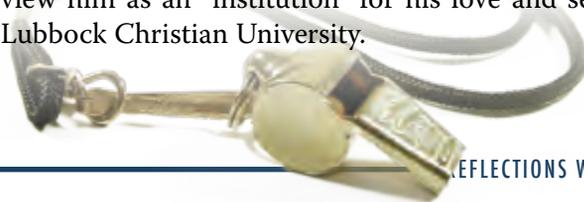
Now the facility is being updated to improve campus life, something that Hugh Rhodes did throughout his service to LCU.

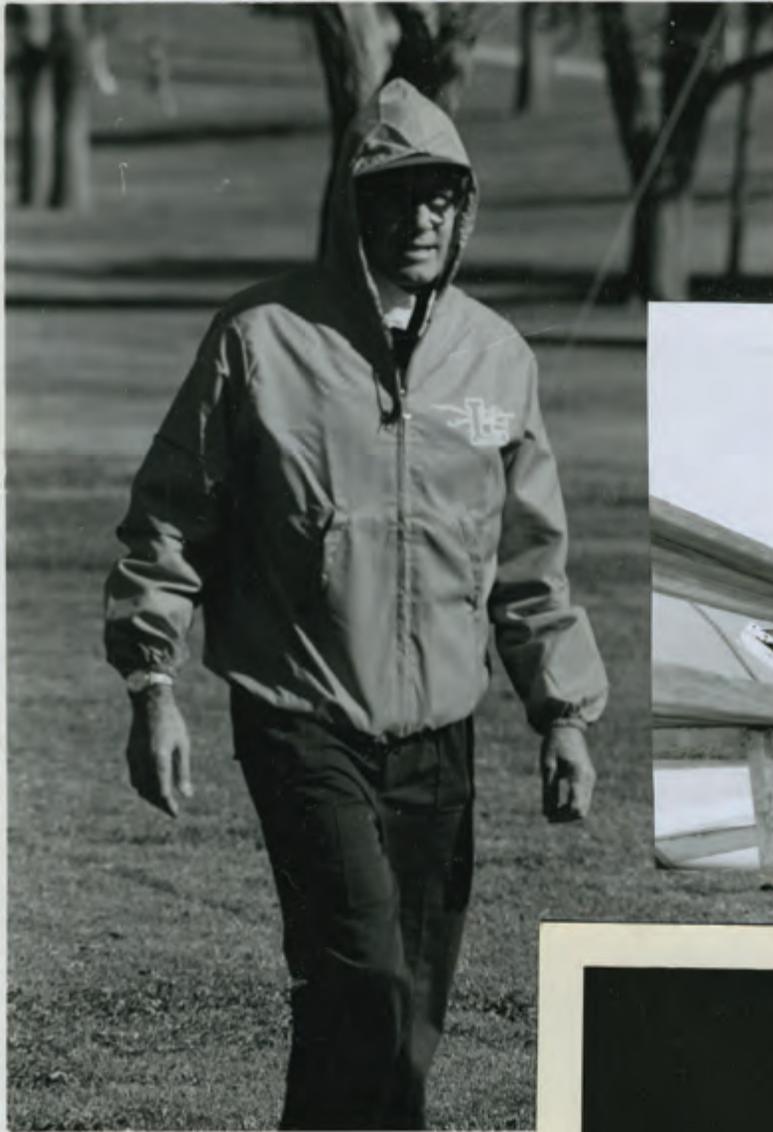


“I don’t see how anyone could ever have anything bad to say about Hugh Rhodes,” said current Chaparral men’s basketball coach John Copeland. “He was a man of the highest moral character that you could ever find and his love and compassion for everyone he came across was incredible. He loved LCU and even when he had to put up with lots of young coaches early on he never, ever lost his enthusiasm for making this place the best it could be.”

Coach Rhodes will certainly be missed on the Lubbock Christian University campus, but his contributions and his legacy will be a part of the fabric for which the coming years will be much, much brighter.

The first-ever inductee into the LCU Hall of Honor, Rhodes will undoubtedly be remembered because of the building that bears his family name on campus ... but those that knew the man behind the name will always view him as an “institution” for his love and service to Lubbock Christian University.





LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
Faculty/Staff

Name  
Hugh Rhodes  
Social Security No.

Position  
HPE

Date  
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MASTER FOLLIES TICKETS GO ON SALE JAN. 6, 2010 AT 10:00 AM  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.LCU.EDU OR BY CALLING 1.800.933.7601

# LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY Homecoming 2010

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
- 11:00 AM HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN CORONATION  
MCDONALD MOODY AUDITORIUM
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI EVENT  
BOZEMAN ROOM  
All nursing alumni and community partners are invited to this event.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**
- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM THE CHAP STORE OPEN  
CAMPUS BOOKSTORE
- 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM ALUMNI ART EXHIBIT  
CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
Enjoy a selection of works from various LCU alumni artists.
- 4:00 PM QUEEN'S TEA  
PRESIDENT'S HOME  
Reunion year queens and the courts along with the 2010 Homecoming Court will enjoy a tea at the President's Home hosted by LCU First Lady, Suzie Jones.
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION  
CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
Meet the artists that have works on display for the Alumni Art Exhibit.
- 6:30 PM CLASS REUNION RECEPTIONS  
BAKER CONFERENCE CENTER  
LCC/LCU classes of 1960\*, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 will meet to reminisce about their college years. Even if you are not a member of these classes, everyone is invited to drop by and see old friends. Go to [www.lcualumni.com](http://www.lcualumni.com) to register for the event.  
\*1960 class reunion will be in the Arnett House.
- 7:30 PM MASTER FOLLIES 2010 - "THE GREATEST SHOW"  
MCDONALD MOODY AUDITORIUM  
This event is one of the longest standing traditions at LCU and is for the whole family. Social clubs along with hosts and hostesses perform an array of entertainment.

VISIT [WWW.LCU.EDU](http://WWW.LCU.EDU) FOR MORE INFORMATION

# FEB 18-20, 2010



8:30 AM

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

### SOCIAL CLUB BREAKFASTS

ALPHA CHI – LCU CAFETERIA  
CD – KATIE ROGERS PARLOR  
KAPPA – LCU CAFETERIA  
KOINONIA – CDC FOYER  
LOA & KYODAI – GREEN LAWN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SUB T – GOLDEN CORRAL AT 5117 S LOOP 289 & SLIDE RD. (TREAT YOURSELF)  
ZETA/AEX ALUMNI – STUDENT UNION BUILDING

Join current club members and alumni for breakfast in various locations on campus and around town.  
RSVP at [www.lcu alumni.com](http://www.lcu alumni.com).



9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### ALUMNI ART EXHIBIT

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
Enjoy a selection of works from various LCU alumni artists.

10:15 AM

### ALUMNI CHAPEL

MCDONALD MOODY AUDITORIUM  
A special time of worship led by alumni. Also see the 2010 Homecoming Court.



11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### THE CHAP STORE OPEN CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

12:00 PM

### "BIBLE 101" FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ARNETT HOUSE

At this luncheon (for a nominal charge), learn how the Lord is working through the Bible Department and hear about the opportunity to become a charter member of the Friends of the Bible Department. RSVP appreciated at [www.lcu alumni.com](http://www.lcu alumni.com)



12:00 PM

### AGGIE REUNION LUNCH COOK AGRICULTURE BUILDING

The Aggie Club will be providing their legendary barbeque for all previous Aggies, Aggie Belles and Ag Alumni. RSVP appreciated at [www.lcu alumni.com](http://www.lcu alumni.com).

1:00 PM

### CHAPARRAL BASEBALL GAME HAYS FIELD

Come see the National Champion Chaparral baseball team take on UT-Brownsville.



3:00 PM

### MEN'S CHAPARRAL BASKETBALL GAME RIP GRIFFIN CENTER

Enjoy seeing the Chap basketball team take on Mid-America Christian University.

3:00 PM

### MASTER FOLLIES 2010 - "THE GREATEST SHOW" MCDONALD MOODY AUDITORIUM

5:00 PM

### SPRING BREAK CAMPAIGNS AND MISSION GROUPS REUNION

If you were a part of a Spring Break Campaign or a Mission Trip, this is your reunion! Instead of departmental receptions this year, department heads and faculty from across campus will be in attendance at this event. Desserts and coffee served.

5:30 PM

### BEST FRIENDS CONCERT STUDENT UNION BUILDING (SUB)

Since 1983, the Best Friends singing ensemble has been ministering to churches and representing LCU. Everyone is welcome to stop by and listen.

7:30 PM

### MASTER FOLLIES 2010 - "THE GREATEST SHOW" MCDONALD MOODY AUDITORIUM





## Cutrera's Passion for Leadership

When a person is able to use his passions and his skills to make a living, it makes work seem like play. That is exactly what **James Cutrera ('94)** is getting to do at Spirit Ranch. In his role with Spirit Ranch in Lubbock, Cutrera is one of the founders of the "leadership and team development center" located just north of the city in a beautiful location known as Escondido Canyon where it is surrounded by 100 year old elm trees, green meadows and running water in the Black Water Draw. Work and personal stresses fall away by the waterside as peacocks and other wildlife leisurely make their way across the meadow to the river. All-in-all a very peaceful and relaxing atmosphere where corporations, businesses, teams and individuals can go to build more trust, confidence and sense of purpose for their respective teams "West Texas Style."

"Everyone always said to me 'James, do you plan on playing for the rest of your life?'" Cutrera reflects with a laugh. "I really have always thought 'why not?' and out

here (Spirit Ranch) that's what I'm doing. My degree is in education and kinesiology, so I felt certain I was going to coach, but ended up doing youth and family ministry for a number of years. I still consider what I do to be youth and family ministry out here, mainly for adults. We give grownups the opportunity to be kids again and find out what's most important. So when I think about what I'm doing, it's something that I just feel I was meant to do. I get to coach people to learn and grow and, well, play."

One doesn't have to be around James Cutrera for a long period of time to realize that his passion for helping others and his passion for God are non-wavering and full throttle ahead. His confidence and his demeanor lend themselves to making one feel comfortable from the very first words out of his mouth.

"What I love most about James Cutrera is that the James I knew during his college days is the same James I know now," said **Dr. Steve German ('79)**, Dean of LCU's B.



LCU students use teamwork to negotiate one of the many “team-building” exercises at Spirit Ranch.

Ward Lane College of Professional Studies and a former mentor to Cutrera in his days as a student at the university. “James has always loved people more than himself, has always looked out for others’ best interests. I think these qualities -- consistent over a lifetime -- are why James is such an effective, influential presence for others in his work at Spirit Ranch. James has been, and is, just an extremely good -- in a Godly way -- person!”

Life has not always been easy for Cutrera. He is somewhat torn when asked about his life as a young man. At the age of four his family moved from New Jersey to Texas and soon after experienced the pain of divorce. Difficulty arose again when his mother, Gerry Kay, passed away after a nine-year battle with ovarian cancer. But it was during those gaps since about the age of 10 that he was influenced by “lots of Godly men” in his life. Dr. German is one of those men and Spirit Ranch cofounder David Miller, the former mayor of Lubbock, is another.

“The impact James has had on our guests at Spirit Ranch is immeasurable regardless of whether they are corporate executives, educators, athletic teams, students,

homemakers or truck drivers,” Miller says of Cutrera. “His authenticity and creativity is only surpassed by his love for every single person that comes to the Ranch. It is not merely coincidence that the mission of LCU is ‘changing lives,’ but that our objective at Spirit Ranch is to ‘create life changing experiences.’ James is not afraid of challenging error in a straight-forward manner, but always follows up with a gentle and refreshing dose of truth. It is true that James is in love with what he does at Spirit Ranch because he is in love with Jesus and all our guests.”

That love and the passion, as well as compassion, that James displays on an everyday basis can be traced, in large amount, to his faith and the path which has been made possible through God and James’ own life choices.

“This is who God created me to be. It was His way to guide my heart, and really a broken heart because of lots of occurrences, including losing my mom,” says James in a reflective tone. “You know, attending Vacation Bible School was what brought me to the church years ago and that was just an outreach that reached out to me in a small country church in Stephenville, Texas. And it was

another Vacation Bible School teaching experience at our little church in Anson (his former hometown) where, for me, it all started to click. When I started to look back over my life that just showed me that God was just setting the pattern for me to learn to give back and, quite honestly, I got it. So, when I had the opportunity to give back to someone else and watch the light turn on for them about who God is and God's love, well that was the motivator in what got me going and makes me want to keep going. So, out of a desire in my own heart, through working in admissions (as a student at LCU), being in youth and family ministry and even working at United Supermarkets for awhile, there was a desire that was created to fill a void in my own heart."

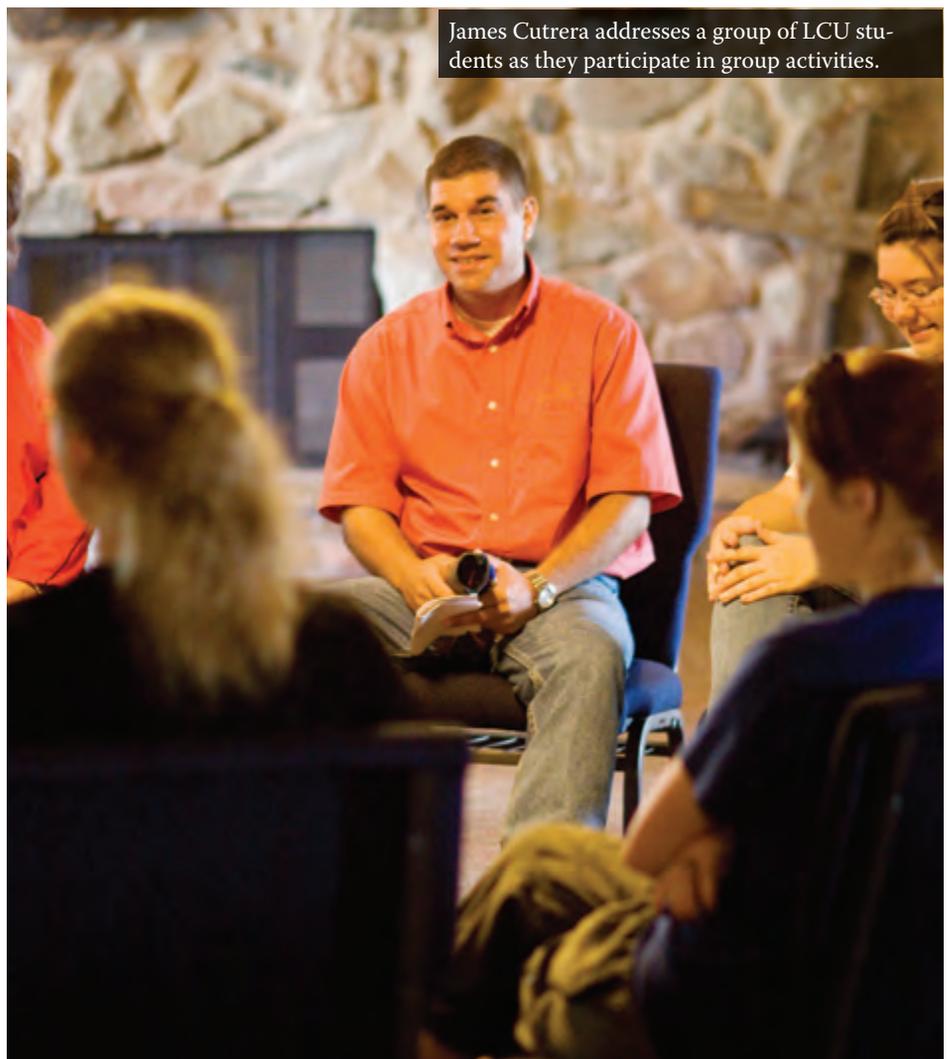
It was that gentle, caring heart that led him to meet Miller and ultimately to the development of Spirit Ranch. Cutrera worked part-time at the South Plains Mall back in 2001 after leaving youth and family ministry. He worked at Lighthouse Candles for an owner by the name of Dela Esqueda for almost a year. He was initially hired for just two hours a week, but eventually became a manager of the store. It was a God-thing in which a meeting between Ms. Esqueda and Mr. Miller eventually led to Spirit Ranch.

"Dela said she heard my heart and she told me she knew that she needed to create a place for me," said Cutrera when recalling why he was hired by Ms. Esqueda. "During that time I would call it more of a wrestling match, but it was probably more of rest. I started finding out and getting my own heart back just from resting, thinking that the world was my oyster and I could have done anything - I worked in the mall. God gave me the desire during that time and He told me 'here's what I want you to create.' One day on a chance meeting as Dela met David (at what was the County Line Restaurant and is now Spirit Ranch) she told him that 'whatever God has been saying to you, He's been saying to my friend, James, for the last four-or-five years.' David basically told her that Spirit Ranch hasn't even been started yet, but she told him 'trust me, whatever God's been saying to you, He's been saying it to James, too.' And, it was true ... it's just a place for men and women to come and rest and get their

heart's back. Since that time Spirit Ranch has become a place for wellness and for healing for members of our community."

At Spirit Ranch team building exercises are put into customized programs complete with facilitation, physical elements and instruction. The philosophy of the facility is that everyone is on a team. The people you live, work and play with are all teammates in life. Some teams have a leader, coach, commander, or boss who has been appointed to lead the group, while other teams are simply a group of people with a high degree of independence who must work things out on their own, but as a team.

"The experience of what the Holy Spirit does in this place for corporations, for individuals, no matter where they are in their journey, is unbelievable," says Cutrera proudly. "We pray for them long before they come and we love them while they are here. When they leave at the end of the day, they immediately say that something is different and it's because we pray for them before they come, we love them with the love of the Lord while they are here and that makes all the difference. When guests initially



James Cutrera addresses a group of LCU students as they participate in group activities.



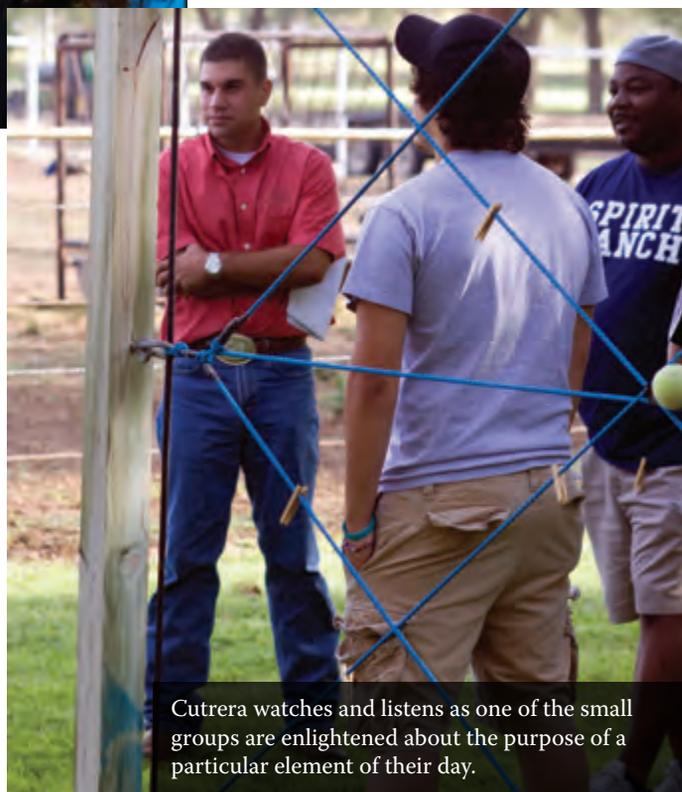
Sarah Anderson anticipates being caught by her peers as she is set to make the “trust fall.”

arrive at Spirit Ranch, often we know that no matter what we say, their hearts are not ready to receive a message for change - because of what life brings - they're tired, they're broken hearted. Here's a place where they can come and receive rest. During my own difficult times in my life I wanted a place like this for my own heart and being able to create this, in partnership with some of the very best people in the whole world who form a small, yet lean and mean team who all love the Lord makes all the difference in the world.”

He credits much of that base of understanding and love for people on his background at LCU. As a freshman, Cutrera's best friend, **Greg Gillham ('92)**, encouraged him and believed in him enough to get involved in leadership on campus. During his LCU days Cutrera was involved with Student Senate, Koinonia social club, a former drama ministry known as Kings Heirs and he

developed relationships with folks like Dr. German and many, many others that have influenced his life ever since.

“I've always been proud to be a graduate of LCU and any opportunity I get to promote the university I definitely want to,” Cutrera says emphatically. “They've made it easier for me by continuing to grow and they've aligned themselves with other entities to promote the Kingdom of God selflessly. Again, I think of the people who have given their lives for 30-40 years to work there because they believe in the university and they believe in what it stands for. LCU has gained a good name, not only for the education that is provided to its students, but because of who they are as a mainstay in this community. It's a campus full of loving people, of growing people, of people who help to change lives. When you meet a Lubbock Christian University graduate you typically find a person who has a good foundation and who understands the importance of a faith-based relationship with God. It hasn't changed much during my time. Maybe the face of LCU changes as God reveals Himself to us more and more. We're



Cutrera watches and listens as one of the small groups are enlightened about the purpose of a particular element of their day.



growing in Him and I'm glad that Lubbock Christian University is willing to grow in that way, especially for this community as it powers on to reach people in meeting those needs."

Coincidentally, reaching people and meeting their needs is what enables James Cutrera to continue to grow. It's readily apparent in his faith, in his service and in his love for both his work and play. It just so happens that his work is his play and his devotion to service is because of his faith and he puts both on display each and every day at Spirit Ranch.

To date, over 200 Lubbock Christian University students, from the freshman class to the Graduate Leadership Program and many LCU Faculty, have participated in the Spirit Ranch Experience. For more information about the programs at Spirit Ranch, please visit [www.spiritranch.us](http://www.spiritranch.us) or call 806-762-6201.





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# London/Paris New York City

Excursions is a direct destination trip for LCU alumni and friends of all ages that is a combination of group sight-seeing and time to explore and tour on your own. We do a lot of walking and use the public transit systems to get around the cities.

## Summer 2010 trips:

London/Paris - June 2010

New York City - July 2010

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.



Some of the Excursions group on the Boston trip this past summer.



University Tours is predominately senior travelers and allows for a trip that provides door to door touring on a chartered bus. If you are interested in participating in one of the below trips, contact Billie Shuttlesworth, University Tours Director, at [billie.shuttlesworth@lcu.edu](mailto:billie.shuttlesworth@lcu.edu) or 806-720-7216.

Nashville, Pigeon Forge – April 2010

Mt. Rushmore – June 2010

Alaska Cruise – August 2010

Philadelphia, Niagara Falls,  
Amish Country – October 2010

Branson, MO – November 2010

# DEDICATION • LOYALTY • SERVICE

## *Williams and Estep Honored*

**L**ongtime Lubbock Christian University faculty/administrative members Dr. E. Don “Doc” Williams and Dr. Gary Estep were honored with a celebratory dinner on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Church of Christ’s Family Life Center. Both Dr. Williams and Dr. Estep relinquished their duties as dean’s at the beginning of the current school year, although each is still serving the university in other capacities.

On a night full of memories, heartfelt comments and deserving moments honoring the two men, laughter also consumed much of the evening.

“Several people have asked me what I will be doing now,” Dr. Estep reported during his remarks. “In fact, one faculty member asked ‘are you going to be doing less than you were before?’ Of course, I went on to say ... ‘YES!’ They responded by saying, ‘that’s not possible.’”

Dr. Susan Blassingame replaced Dr. Williams as Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education, while **Dr. Steve German ('79)** as Dean of the B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies has filled Dr. Estep’s shoes.

As advice to their replacements Dr. Estep relayed a story of how Dr. Williams and he managed their years of success as Deans. “Doc Williams and I have been working on a particular project and the question that was raised was ‘how do you survive as a dean?’ We studied this question very closely and spent approximately a minute and a half, used our critical thinking skills and our conclusion was that you move offices frequently. We tried to figure how many times we had moved and we gave up after deciding that we had moved at least six times during the last 15 years. The reason that is important – and we’ve explained this to Dr. Blassingame and Dr. German – is that if you move frequently, then the faculty cannot find you.”



LCU honored the achievements and service to the university by Dr. Williams and Dr. Estep with the dinner, which served as an opportunity for alumni, family and friends to participate in formally recognizing and thanking each of them for their years of service as deans. It was also a chance to wish them well as they transition into new roles at LCU.

“I think it was a really important night from the stance of you’ve got two men that were recognized for their entire teaching career at LCU” said **Dr. John Epperson** (’73). “They’ve benefited so many students academically, professionally, and especially morally and spiritually. When you’ve got someone who has been effective for that long you can just imagine how many students, how many staffers, how many kids, how many lives, really, they’ve had an impact on. That adds so much stability to a school and hopefully that also shows the type of people that we have teaching here now. For the young people that are coming to LCU now, hopefully they can see through these two outstanding men the example of what it takes to dedicate yourself to a place like this.”

Dr. Williams, a 1962 graduate of LCC, began teaching at LCU in 1969 after completing his Masters degree at Texas Tech. He completed his Ph.D. at Texas Tech in 1980. In 1982 he became Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education. After the change to university status in 1987 he began his tenure as Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education.

“I’ve been blessed with a great family,” Dr. Williams explained in his comments to the audience. “I should tell you this. (Tonight) is my 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it’s special because we got married here at Sunset at about this same time of the evening. And, I told Phyllis I was taking her to a very special dinner, so thanks for helping me with this. Until Warren (McNeill) let the cat out of the bag I really had her going.”

His work as a faculty member received recognition on campus as he received the F.W. Mattox Teaching Award in 1976, the L.R. Wilson Teaching Award in 2003-04. He also received state recognition as he received the Texas Educational Theatre Award as outstanding college/university teacher in Texas in 1994. For his work as a director in theatre he received an award for directing from the American College Theatre Festival in 2003. For the past three years Dr. Williams has worked with the “Texas” production in Palo Duro Canyon. He serves as an assistant director to **David Yirak** (’78), the director of “Texas” and one of Dr. Williams’ theatre students from the 70’s. Dr. Williams also served as Chair of the National Conference of Academic Deans in 1989.

“This summer at the ‘Texas’ show we had a cast sit-down and we had every one in the group tell about their goals,” recalled ‘Doc.’ “As I listened to that group of young people tell Dave and I what their goals were, all of a sudden it hit me. I realized that kind of like the Israelites when they were in Egypt - I’m not sure they saw their multiplication of all their people as the fulfillment of God’s promise because they were slaves and



Dr Estep laughs with retired LCU professor, Dr David Smith.

yet, at that point, they were growing. And, as I sat there and listened to those kids talk about their goals I thought, you know, I’ve been thinking about this for years and they are telling me what their goals are and I’ve lived every one of them. I’ve been so blessed.”

Those in attendance were equally blessed to have served with Dr. Williams and Dr. Estep and one of those was a former boss and LCU President, Dr. Harve Pruitt.

“I’ve known them both a long time and (the recognition dinner) was A-number one, it was just wonderful,” said Dr. Pruitt. “The greatest thing we can have at LCU is dedicated, long-time serving faculty. (Describing their legacy) is kind of hard to do. I’ve been more closely associated with Doc because we’ve both been in communication, but Gary had a great influence on my son, Brian, who is a doctor. I’ve known many others who have such a high appreciation for the work that Gary has done with the pre-med program. Of course, Don with the drama, the speech and everything else has just had a wonderful impact on the lives of thousands.”

Dr. Estep joined the faculty of LCU in 1971 as Associate Professor in the Department of Biology. He has served as Department Chair, Division Chair and as a full-time professor. In 1988 he became the Dean of the B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies and served in that role until July.

“I’d like to express thanks to my family, to the faculty, to all of our friends and former students,” Dr. Estep said, while pausing frequently due to the emotions of the situation. “I especially want to thank the individuals that have served as department chairs in the Lane College of Professional Studies. Those individuals have made a significant impact on the development of that college.”

He serves as one of the university's Health Professions Advisors and is a member of the Texas Association of Health Professions Advisors. He considers student advising as one of the most important areas of service. As the chairman of the LCU Health Professions Committee he is responsible for writing recommendations for students that are applying to enter medical, dental, physical therapy and other health professions schools. He is always available for current and prospective students to discuss their career goals in the health professions.

"I will continue teaching, in fact, this fall I have a very interesting situation," said Dr. Estep. "I have a class for freshman and I have a graduate class in Nursing. As long as I don't get mixed up as to which class I'm teaching we'll be okay. I'll continue to advise students, continue to do evaluations of students applying to professional school and we will be working on at least two projects related to development. One project is going to be the remodeling and renovation of the Cook Research Facility and after we've completed that we will be looking at the development of a new science building."

Dr. Estep's contributions to the university have been far-reaching and it doesn't stop with just his service. As pointed out by a longtime Lubbock educator, the Estep family has played a large role in education on the South Plains through the years.

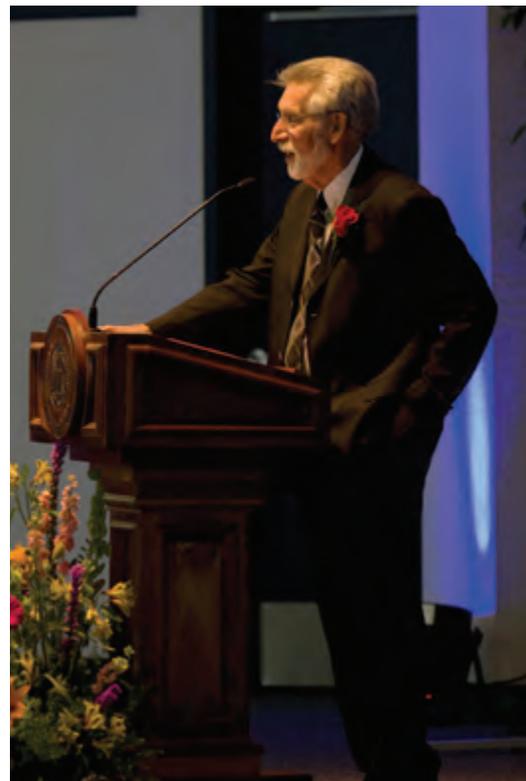
"Of course, I've known both (Don and Gary) for a long, long time," said former Lubbock Independent School District Superintendent E.C. Leslie, whose son was an All-American baseball player for the Chaps in the 80's. "Gary, particularly, holds a very special place in our lives because of **Tim (Leslie '80**, now a local dentist). For him to get through on time, with the way they played ball back then, Gary Estep was the one that made it possible for him to do that. You really can't put into words what Gary has meant to students over the years.



A life-long friendship has been shared by the Esteps and the Williams

Of course, his wife (Pat) taught for us at Maedgen Elementary School for a long time, so that whole family has a great passion for education in the city of Lubbock."

The two men shared many of their most fond memories during their turns at the podium and the emotional attachment they have with the university was readily apparent. At the end of the evening LCU President, Dr. Jones, had a special gift for each of them that included an all-expenses paid trip to New York City.



"I want to make sure you all understand that this is not a retirement party, but this is simply a time to honor these two great men for all that they have done for Lubbock Christian University for all these many years," said Dr. Jones in recognition of the honorees. "When the decision was made for them to step away from their role as dean they asked 'what do you want us to do?' My comment was 'do whatever you want to do.' That's really what I want them to do. Teach your favorite class. Do your medical advising. Direct your plays ... and help us to remind alumni about what they've received because of you. I hope that's what they continue to do because we hope they will be working for Lubbock Christian University for many, many years to come and do so as long as they want to."

Judging by the attendance and praises that were heaped on the pair at the dinner event, it's certainly not a stretch to believe their impact on LCU is nowhere near complete.

"Students that have challenged me and I look out (over the audience) and see so many of you guys, who were so great to work with," Dr. Williams said in closing. "You challenged me to lift the level of competition and it was great. I'm so proud of you and I found this statement: 'as long as you continue to be amazed you can delay growing old.' LCU and I, as I see it, have matured together. I came here in 1960 and I wanted so much to come back and share the spirit that exists here. I've been so blessed to be a part of it and I realize how richly my life has been blessed because of it."

The blessings these two men have provided LCU through the years remain abundantly clear to all who have been fortunate enough to cross their respective paths.

# Leadership

## RENEWAL CONFERENCE

## February 5, 2010

The Leadership Center is pleased to announce that **Dan J. Sanders** ('81), **CEO of United Supermarkets**, will be the exclusive speaker for the Lubbock Christian University Leadership Renewal Conference on February 5, 2010. Sanders, a 1981 graduate of LCU, is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Built to Serve* and *Equipped to Lead*. He is also a former Air Force U-2 reconnaissance pilot and a highly decorated officer.

The Leadership Renewal Conference is from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Baker Conference Center where Sanders will make three presentations.

Dan has graciously donated 500 of his books to be given away at the conference. The conference registration fee is \$25 and participants may register and pay online at [www.lcu.edu/leadership2010](http://www.lcu.edu/leadership2010). Lubbock Christian University faculty, staff and current students will be admitted free but will need to register online.

The Leadership Center appreciates the generosity of United Supermarkets for being the sole corporate sponsor for this event.



## FEBRUARY 5, 2010

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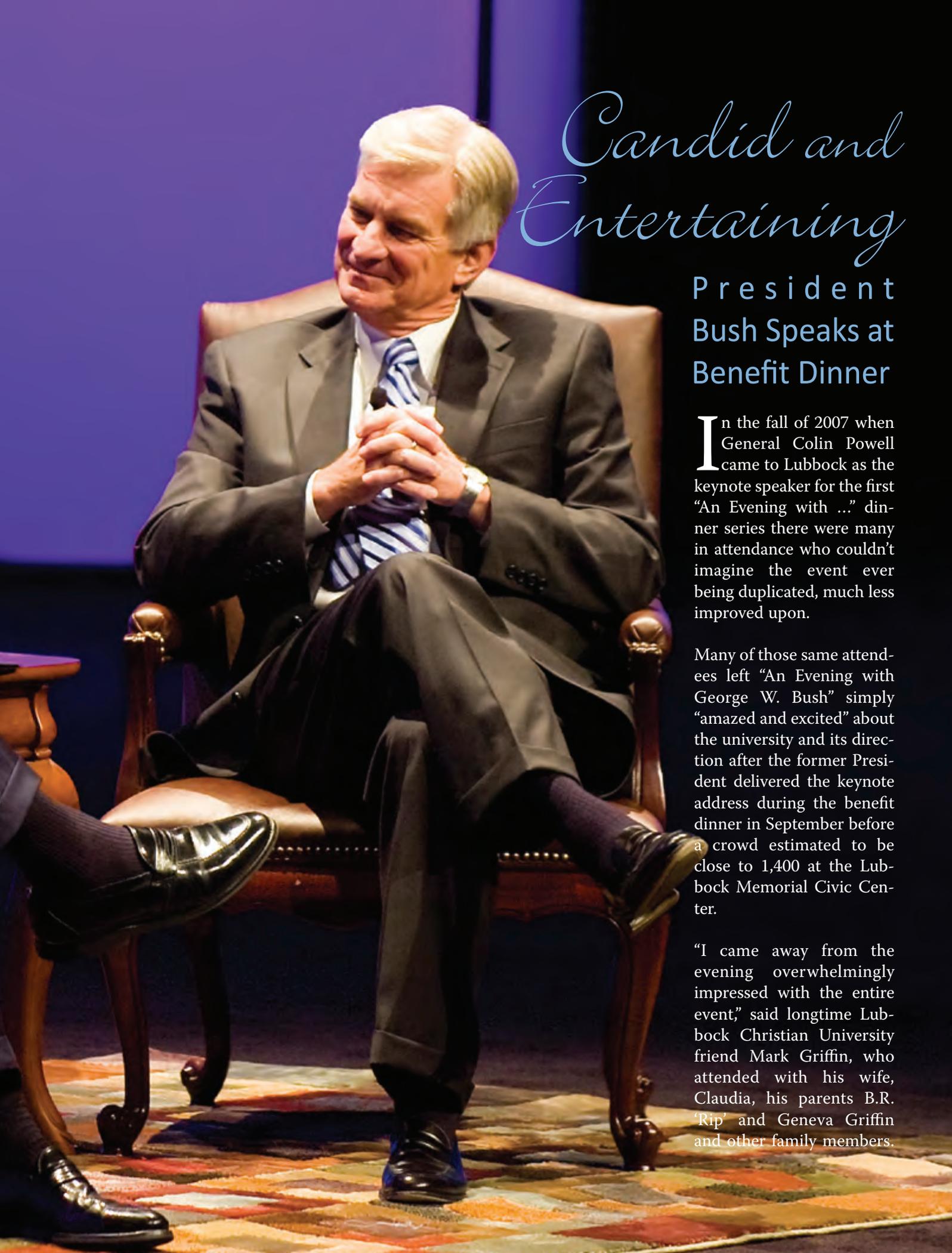
## BAKER CONFERENCE CENTER

## \$25 REGISTRATION FEE

*Featuring Dan Sanders CEO, United Supermarkets Author of Equipped to Lead and Built to Serve*







# Candid and Entertaining

## President Bush Speaks at Benefit Dinner

**I**n the fall of 2007 when General Colin Powell came to Lubbock as the keynote speaker for the first “An Evening with ...” dinner series there were many in attendance who couldn’t imagine the event ever being duplicated, much less improved upon.

Many of those same attendees left “An Evening with George W. Bush” simply “amazed and excited” about the university and its direction after the former President delivered the keynote address during the benefit dinner in September before a crowd estimated to be close to 1,400 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

“I came away from the evening overwhelmingly impressed with the entire event,” said longtime Lubbock Christian University friend Mark Griffin, who attended with his wife, Claudia, his parents B.R. ‘Rip’ and Geneva Griffin and other family members.



LCU Baseball Coach, **Nathan Blackwood** ('95), works with student athletes before the dinner begins.

“It was absolutely a first-class, highly professional event and LCU and its many, many alumni and supporters should be extremely proud.”

The evening began with a dinner crowd of approximately 900 being served by Lubbock Christian University athletes in the banquet hall. The former president accompanied LCU President, Dr. L. Ken Jones and his wife, Suzie, into the dinner portion of the evening where they were able to enjoy their meal while sitting with Randy and Susan Andrews, title sponsors of the event. Master of Ceremonies, Morris Wilkes, CEO of the Wilkes Company



Rolando Diaz, internationally renowned visual artist, creates an original artwork while guests look on.



and a longtime friend and associate of President Bush, welcomed the crowd before introducing the President. **Sam Beard ('68)**, a member of the LCU Board of Trustees, offered the invocation followed by the vocal ensemble, *Legacy*, performing the National Anthem. *Legacy* is a contemporary Christian all-male a capella group. Members are **Marty Baker ('06)**, **Josh Wheeler ('07)**, **Clint Dickerson ('06)**, **Jake Lierman ('05)**, and Michael Thompson.

“What a great event that Lubbock Christian University could bring an individual of the stature of President Bush and give him the appropriate atmosphere to tell us how he really felt about his days in the White House,” said Dr. Ronald J. Kendall, Institute Director of the Texas Tech University Institute



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of Environmental and Human Health. “We in the audience had a rare opportunity to hear from a two-term president, his philosophy, his values, strategy and decision making, and the ups and downs that come with a position like that. I compliment LCU for a job extremely well done.”

After the conclusion of dinner the assembled crowd moved to the Civic Center Theatre where they were joined by other ticketed patrons to hear President Bush first give a keynote address and then join Dr. Jones for a casual question and answer session. One of the most moving portions of the evening was the prayer led by Dr. Jones on behalf of President Bush, followed by the beautiful benediction of “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” sung by the LCU Praise Choir under the direction of Dr. Philip Camp.

The President gave a very free-flowing, humorous and, at times, light-hearted speech, but throughout the entire address his focus on leadership, faith and freedom remained obvious. He left no doubt that he shares with LCU some of the same principles and philosophies of life. His delivery was one that kept the entire audience tuned in to hear every word and he often told stories that illustrated the many attributes that helped him withstand eight solid years as the leader of the world’s greatest country.

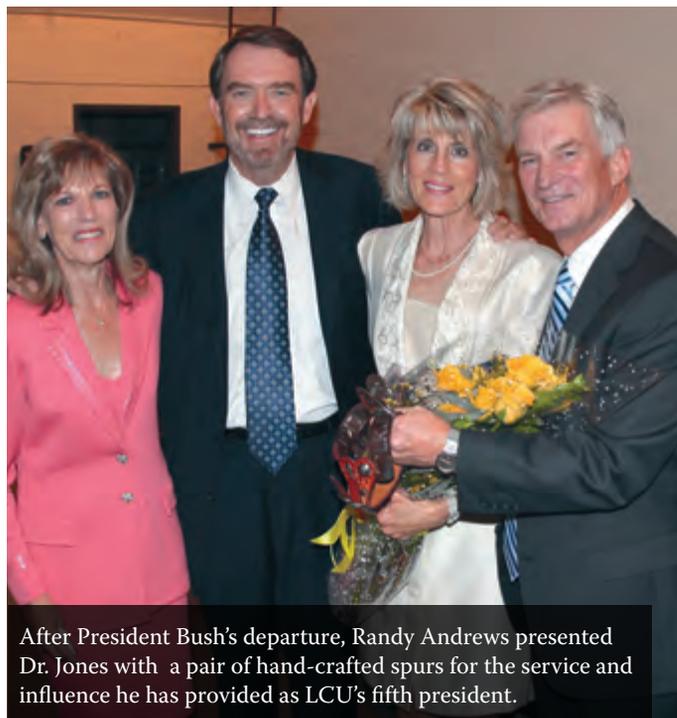
“(My wife, Krista) and I agreed that LCU nailed the event from start to finish,” said Matt Bumstead, Co-President of United Supermarkets in a post-dinner letter to Dr. Jones. “We believed the whole evening to be a magnificent reflection on the character and quality of the university. The choral benediction, incidentally, was a breathtaking moment. BRAVO!”



Randy Andrews, Title Sponsor, presents a gift of hand-crafted spurs to President Bush.



John and Margaret (Laird) Shipley ('84) and Todd Curtis ('89) checking in at the registration table. John had just returned from his 3rd tour in Iraq.



After President Bush's departure, Randy Andrews presented Dr. Jones with a pair of hand-crafted spurs for the service and influence he has provided as LCU's fifth president.



At the conclusion of the question and answer session with Dr. Jones, Mr. Randy Andrews of title sponsor GRACO Real Estate Development, Inc. presented President Bush with a handmade set of spurs as a memento of the occasion.

For the patrons who were able to be part of the evening there were many, many fond memories that will no doubt linger in their minds for years to come. To say that the night was a success might actually be a

tremendous understating of the actual feelings that most in attendance took away.

"It was a night that we will remember for a long, long time," said **Dr. Craig Horton** ('95), who attended with his wife, Kenni. "LCU managed to bring a first-class event to our city and the entire evening was spectacular and full of professionalism. Needless to say I believe everyone that was able to be in attendance will be proud to say they were there."

# sports wrap



Coach Jennifer Lawrence led the Lady Chaps to the regular season and post-season tournament titles in the Sooner Athletic Conference.

## VOLLEYBALL

The No. 20 Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaparrals advanced to Sioux City, Iowa, which serves as the final site of the 30th Annual NAIA Volleyball National Championship as they defeated University of St. Thomas (Texas) 3-0 (25-16, 25-23, 25-18) in opening round play of the National Championship at Rip Griffin Center.

St. Thomas has their season end at 23-11, and the loss marks the second consecutive season the Lady Celts have lost in opening round play. They made their first appearance in program history last season and lost 3-0 at Point Loma Nazarene University (Calif.). LCU claims their second consecutive opening round victory and they head to Iowa with a 27-5 record on the season. Playing amidst their seventh national championship appearance, the Lady Chaps are now 12-16 all-time in national championship play and 5-2 under head coach Jennifer Lawrence.

Lubbock Christian University had its Sooner Athletic Conference regular season championship rewarded with a dominating presence in the SAC Postseason Awards, including Most Valuable Player Elissa Loynes. Loynes, a junior middle blocker from

Kemah, was also named Preseason All-Americans in third Hitter of the Year. Teammates Courtney Yonke (Libero of the Year) and Jordan Goings (Setter of the Year), as well as Coach of the Year Jennifer Lawrence gave LCU five of the superlative awards from the SAC.

The Lady Chaps saw Loynes, Yonke and Goings joined on the All-SAC first-team by Kelsey Odell. Garnering second-team honors for

the Lady Chaps was freshman Bailey Jones

Loynes averaged 3.54 kills per set with a .385 attack percentage. She also averaged .73 blocks per set. She ranks 12th in the NAIA in hitting percentage at .385. Yonke, a senior from Lubbock, averaged 5.71 digs and carried a .984 receiving percentage. Goings, a sophomore from Aledo, averaged 11.53 assists per game and had a .251 attack percentage. She ranks second in the NAIA with an average of 11.5 assists per set.

The Lady Chaps were 13-1 in the SAC under Coach Lawrence.

## BASEBALL RANKED AT TOP

Defending national champion Lubbock Christian University claims the No. 1 ranking in the 2010 NAIA Baseball Coaches' Preseason Top 25 Poll, announced by the NAIA in early November. The Chaps, who finished last year with a 52-8 record and its second World Series title, gathered 23 of the possible 24 first-place votes and 684 total points.

LCU holds the top spot for the eighth straight poll, dating back to the second Top 25 poll last year (March 17). The Chaps heads into the season with two

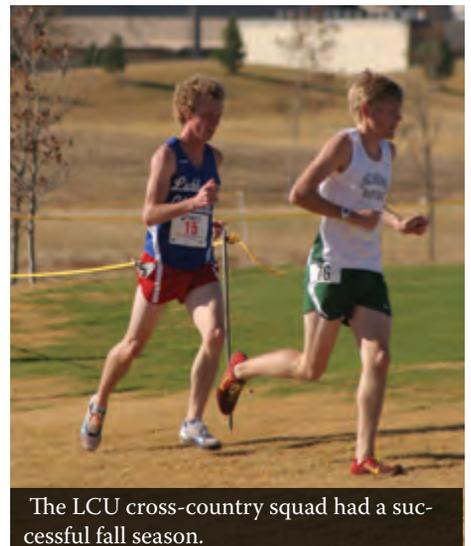
Preseason All-Americans in third baseman Ross Blondin and pitcher R.L. Eisenbach.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Malone (Ohio) won its third consecutive title, earning 44 team points at the 2009 NAIA Men's Cross Country National Championships, from the Fort Vancouver Historical Site in November. The Malone Pioneers defeated second-place Concordia (Neb.) by 122 points. Lubbock Christian University was well represented in the race with a pair of freshmen finishing in the top-50. Basil Melek finished 30th and Izzie Miranda finished 48th among the field of 323 runners.

Melek completed the 8k event in a time of 25:49. He finished sixth among freshman in the event. Miranda finished 17 seconds behind Melek with a time of 26:06. Melek finished second and Miranda finished fourth among Sooner Athletic Conference based runners competing in the race.

Malone wins its fourth title overall in the 53rd year of the event. The Malone Pioneers are tied for the third-most team championships behind Adams State (Colo.) (12), Lubbock Christian (Texas) (8) and matches the four of Emporia



The LCU cross-country squad had a successful fall season.

# CHAPARRAL

State (Kan.), Fort Hays State (Kan.) and Life (Ga.).

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oklahoma Baptist University covered the cross country course at Chaparral Ridge Golf Course with a team time of 1:37.49 to claim the Sooner Athletic Conference Women's Cross Country title in November. Host Lubbock Christian University finished third in the race.

OBU finished with 46 points to hold off Oklahoma Christian with 61 and Lubbock Christian with 71. Wayland Baptist was fourth with 84, followed by Southern Nazarene at 128, Oklahoma City at 180, Northwestern Oklahoma State at 181 and Mid-America Christian at 182.

Brittani Sigle, Melissa Zepeda and Valerie Calderon of Lubbock Christian University each earned All-Sooner Athletic Conference honors.

The Lady Chaps unfortunately did not have any national qualifiers. Sigle was their top finisher with a time of 19:26, finishing in seventh. She missed going

to nationals by .11 of a second. Zepeda finished in 13th with a time of 19:47, with Calderon finishing right behind her with a time of 19:56. Just missing out on All-SAC honors was Kirsti Whipple, who finished in 16th with a time of 20:06. Also competing for LCU was Dani Timmerman (21:16 23rd), Capri Chapa (21:28, 26th), Tasha Overbo (21:29, 27th), Amanda Lopez (21:32, 28th) and Allix Hardin (24:34, 45th).

## MEN'S GOLF

The Lubbock Christian University men's golf team completed their fall season with a seventh place finish at the Tangle Ridge Shootout hosted by Northwood University in late October.

Weather conditions improved on the tournament's final day, after rainy and windy cold conditions prevailed during the opening round and the scores showed for much of the nine-team field. LCU carded a team total of 297 following an opening round of 313 for a 610 total. They finished a stroke back of UT-Brownsville and three strokes back of Texas Wesleyan.

Individually, Michael Milliken led the Chaps and finished in a share of 15th place. He shot a two-round 151 with a team-best opening round 77 followed by a team co-leading 74. His second round 74 matched teammates Trevor Turnbow and Jake Mahan for the best round score for the Chaps. Turnbow opened with a 78 to finish tied for 17th and a stroke back of Milliken (152). Mahan finished tied for 23rd after opening with an 80 for a 154 total. Landon Waters shot a 156 (81-75) to finish tied for 28th. Blake

deBruyn rounded out the team scoring with a 159 (78-81) to finish tied for 35th.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Freshman Sinae Montoya recorded a six-over-par (+6) for a second place individual finish, leading the Lubbock Christian University women's golf team to a third place finish at the Oklahoma City Star Classic hosted by Oklahoma City University on the par-71 6,122-foot Lincoln Park Golf Course. The tourney was held in mid-October.

Montoya led the classic after the opening round with a 73 and followed with a 75 in final round action. She was edged out in the medalist competition by Wayland Baptist's Charlotte Guilleux, who carded a 73 on the final day for a 147 and a one-stroke victory. Montoya's score led the Lady Chaps squad, which also featured Rachael Dansby in the top-10. Dansby finished tied for tenth with a 156 (77-79). Anna Schopp had the biggest round-to-round improvement for LCU, as she followed an opening round 81 with a 78 to finish tied for 19th with a 159. Kiersten Pack finished two strokes back with a 161 (78-83). Macalee Lane rounded out the LCU squad with a share of 36th with a 171 (86-85). Kelsey Inman (T-19th, 80-79=159) and Alix Arevalo (47th, 99-86=185) competed unattached.

LCU was in second place after a team score of 309 to open play, but they fell a spot after turning in a 315 in the final round for a total score of 624. Savannah College of Art & Design shot a 306 to jump into second with a 622. Oklahoma City University turned in a 614 (306-308) to claim the event title.

The tournament was LCU's final event to participate in for the fall season.



The Chaps look to use their fall experiences as a springboard to the spring campaign.

# News and Events

## New Trustee Named and Honored

In October LCU hosted a reception in San Angelo to honor Don McKee for his recent appointment to the university's board of trustees. Don is co-founder and partner with the accounting firm Reed, McKee, and Co. in San Angelo.



LCU Board of Trustees Chairman, Jerry Harris, Don McKee, and LCU president, Dr. Ken Jones at the San Angelo reception honoring McKee.

He and his wife, Nancy, have been involved in Southgate Church of Christ for years where Don currently serves as an elder. He is also very involved in the community with the Lions Club where he has served as president.

Don's daughters *Monica Elrod ('04)* and *Mandy Wheeler ('06)* attended LCU out of high school and between the two of them were at LCU from 1999-2007. Both daughters met their husbands at LCU, *Jake Elrod ('04)* and *Josh Wheeler ('07)*. Don and Nancy are the proud grandparents of Hunter Griffin Elrod and are excited that Monica is expecting another baby in April.

## Wilson Excellence in Teaching Award Presented

The prestigious L.R. Sr. and Ruth Wilson Excellence in Teaching Award was presented during the spring commencement to Dr. Rod Rogers, Professor Emeritus of Agriculture and Biology, and Paula Gannaway, Associate Librarian. L.R. Wilson was a distinguished proponent of Christian education and a person whose life-long example illustrates the personal and professional mission of changing lives. This award was established by LCU trustee, Dr. Ray Wilson, in honor of his parents L.R. Wilson, Sr. and Ruth

Wilson. Each year the award is presented to two faculty members at spring commencement for their commitment to living out the mission of changing lives through their work in Christian education.

Rod joined the faculty at LCU in 1995 and taught full time until the conclusion of the 2008-09 academic year. During that time Rod taught many different courses in the Natural Sciences Department including biological sciences, environmental sciences and agricultural sciences. In addition to teaching, Rod sponsored and participated in several student organizations and coached the crops judging team. He now teaches on a part-time basis.

Paula has been at LCU since 1975 instructing library skills and assisting people with their information needs. In 1957, her uncle and aunt were among the first faculty, which began her connection with the university. Recently an academic paper she wrote, *Are ethics scriptural? Comparing the librarians' code of ethics with scripture* was published in Christian Librarian journal.

## Graduate Programs Are Expanding

Because of your financial support and prayers, LCU's graduate programs are expanding; 374 graduate students are enrolled this fall in graduate programs in Biblical Studies, Family Life, Counseling, Education, Leadership, and Nursing. An agreement with University of Texas at Arlington allows the Behavioral Sciences Department to offer a Master of Social Work - the only Masters of Social Work offered in the region.

## Special Chapel Honors a Student

A very special chapel ceremony took place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> as

Lubbock Christian University honored LCU student Ramiro Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez became the first member of his family to become a college graduate when he was presented his degree in the special chapel service. He graduated cum laude (3.5 or better GPA) with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies and was recognized by LCU President, Dr. L. Ken Jones.

"I want to congratulate you on your accelerated achievement," Dr. Jones began, "and it is by the authority given to me by the Board of Trustees of Lubbock Christian University, and is as President that I hereby confer upon you the bachelor's degree with all of its rights, privileges and responsibilities."

With that presentation a standing ovation from the packed chapel audience that included his wife, Annikka, and two-year old daughter, Jazmyynn, along with his parents, grandparents, in-laws, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, and a former high school coach, honored Ramiro.

"Overwhelming," Hernandez described the feeling to local media members following the ceremony. "This was really gracious of LCU. They went a really long way to make this a very special occasion for me and my family. They told me about it last week and it was a big shock. It's really amazing to be the first one to graduate out of my family ... it's a big deal."



A special graduation ceremony was held in chapel for student Ramiro Hernandez, who was being deployed to Afganistan just a few days later.

The occasion was special because of the diligent effort that Ramiro has made in finishing his degree requirements as he set to ship out to Afghanistan on the following Monday. He worked diligently to complete his requirements for his degree and in order to send him out right the LCU Education Department wanted to honor him for his efforts and for his service to the United States of America.

“He worked very, very hard to accomplish this and he deserves what has come his way,” said Dr. Jones. “No shortcuts were taken ... he had to do all the work that was required of the degree and the Education faculty helped him succeed. His diligence and hard work to get it done are extremely impressive.”

After graduating from New Deal High School, Ramiro joined the United States Air Force and served proudly for four years. He served on two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, then entered the reserves and began college in hopes of receiving a degree in Education. He transferred to LCU in the fall of 2007 and has worked steadfastly since that time to complete his degree.

“I really crammed a lot into a little bit of time,” he said. “I couldn’t have done it without my wife. Without her I would have quit a long time ago. She just helped me out with everything and we managed to finish it all last night, so all the long hours paid off for sure.”

After finding out this summer that he was being deployed to Afghanistan, he worked with the Education faculty to begin his student teaching early and he has now completed all of his requirements, passed the required certification exams and when he officially received his degree became certified to teach Social Studies.

“We feel like God has blessed us in many, many ways,” Dr. David Boyer, Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Education, told the chapel crowd, “and one of them is the young man

that you see before you today. Guys, (Ramiro) is a high school teacher.”

Mr. Hernandez’s professors described him as “diligent, hard working and conscientious – always turning in quality work.” He completed his student teaching at New Deal High School, not only teaching, but assisting as a coach for the state-ranked Lions football team.

“They are all busy, busy because it’s football season and they are all on top of it,” said Hernandez when asked if any of his New Deal players were able to attend. “They’re really good this year, so I just know they are going to do well.”

Rest assured that based on past performance, Ramiro Hernandez will do well, too.

### **LCU Tabbed as “Military Friendly School”**

Lubbock Christian University officials have been informed by G.I. Jobs magazine that the school has been named a “Military Friendly School” for 2010.

This honor ranks LCU in the top 15 percent of all college, universities and trade schools nationwide. As a “Military Friendly School” the university will be listed in the magazine’s Guide to Military Friendly Schools, which is due to publish later this month. Lubbock Christian University was cited for its interest in recruiting military students and the institution was urged to “continue your already stellar efforts by improving your military-friendliness every year.”

The current policies, efforts and results used to recruit and retain military and veteran students were carefully gleaned and weighted into the rankings by the magazine.

“On behalf of the eight million military members and veterans seeking a school, I thank you for your commitment to educating our nation’s most deserving heroes,” said Rich McCormack, Publisher of G.I. Jobs magazine.

### **LCU’s Reeger Named to Counselor Position**

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education has announced that Lubbock Christian University professor Dana Reeger has been named Counselor of the LCU chapter of the organization. Reeger is an Associate Professor in the LCU Education Department and she is the Coordinator of Campus Involvement.

“We know that the success of a local chapter depends on the commitment and leadership of the faculty counselor and the mentoring this individual provides to the students,” said Faye Snodgrass, Executive Director of the organization. “I am pleased to bring to your attention to (Dana Reeger’s) work as it enhances the strength of your education program and its graduates.”

Kappa Delta Pi has been an influential organization for the past 96 years. Having an involved chapter of Kappa Delta Pi helps the Lubbock Christian University teacher education program with accreditation while enabling teachers from LCU to become the best in their field.

“During these days of increased tuition and demands on time, Kappa Delta Pi takes an even greater significance,” said Snodgrass. “High achieving students need recognition and support and Mrs. Reeger is best able to accomplish this. Thank you for supporting her and Kappa Delta Pi on your campus.”



### **Brewer to head LCU Student Retention Program**

Lubbock Christian University has announced that Mondy Brewer, formerly the school’s Assistant Vice President for Enrollment

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Management, has assumed the title of Assistant Vice President for Student Success. He will now office in the Center for Student Success where he will work full time to ensure student retention.

“It has become increasingly apparent to me that student retention is and will continue to be an integral part of our vision for student success,” said LCU Provost, Dr. Rod Blackwood. “Mondy will work with our dedicated staff members in the Center for Student Success to expand our retention efforts.”

The Center for Student Success performs services that are most closely aligned with Academics and are an increasingly important aspect of retention efforts for the university. Mr. Brewer is currently progressing toward a doctorate with work on his dissertation, which includes gaining cutting edge knowledge on retention.

With the move of Brewer to his new role, LCU Director of Admissions, Mr. Charlie Webb, will continue to spearhead recruiting efforts for the campus.

“I have confidence in both of these teams and in their leaders,” continued Blackwood. “We are all a family where no one labors alone, so we expect continued overlap in these and other critical functions of our enrollment strategy.”

## Lubbock Christian University Receives Green Award

From more than 2,500 nominated projects, Lubbock Christian University's Cardwell Welcome Center and Rhodes Perrin Field House projects have been selected as a Green Building of America Award-winning project and will be featured in the upcoming special Real Estate & Construction Review-Southwest Green Success Stories edition. Each Green Building of America Success Story project is highlighted in a case

study that intertwines the words of the project's owner/developer, consultants, architects and contractors to explain how the teams worked together to design and build one of the region's most important, innovative or unique new or renovated sustainable facilities.

Regional editions, both in print and online, provide inside information about the most referred and qualified firms, team members and products that are being utilized for the most important sustainable projects within a specific area of the country. Combined with in-depth case studies, “how-to” editorial from leading consultants and glossy top-notch photography, each edition is packed with all the essentials and is therefore a “must read” for any owner, architect, consultant or project team member thinking about building green.

The Real Estate & Construction Review has been published by Construction Communications since 1999. Each edition is published annually and features the region's top projects as determined by our editorial board. The publication is read and referenced by leaders within the region's local governments, economic development groups, financial institutions, owners, architects and contractors. Each edition will also be available in flip book format online at [www.constructionreviews.com](http://www.constructionreviews.com). The website, accessed by industry leaders and decision makers throughout the country, combines more than 30,000 links and millions of searches each year.

There will be five regional 2009-2010 Green Success Story editions of the Real Estate & Construction Review including Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, Southwest and Midwest.

## Parent and Family Weekend

Each fall Parent and Family Weekend is a LCU tradition designed for the entire family. It is a chance for parents to discover more about their student's life at the university while also giving family

members the opportunity to explore the campus and everything it has to offer while meeting faculty, administrators, other students and fellow parents.

The weekend is anchored by the fall musical with various other activities planned for all to enjoy. The Broadway musical comedy, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, was this year's production. A delightful romp set in the Manhattan of 1922, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* finds Millie moving to New York City determined to marry a rich bachelor and live happily ever after. Instead, she falls for a poor boy and uncovers a kidnapping and white slavery ring. Based on the movie by Universal Pictures, and the winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical of 2002, *Millie* was fun for the whole family with charming songs like “Not for the Life of Me” and “Forget About the Boy.” The



Tyler Linscomb and Tyler Spoonts perform with *Hard Travelers* during Parent and Family Weekend.

musical was directed by Drs. Laurie Doyle and Don Williams.

Other events of the weekend included a pancake breakfast, Student Sampler where families experience a sample of daily chapel and LCU's talented performing groups such as Praise Choir, Chamber Singers, Forte, *Hard Travelers*, and Best Friends, and the first

performance concert of the new LCU Symphonic Band. A new element to this year's Parent and Family Weekend was a tuition draw for three free hours of paid tuition for spring 2010. LCU baseball hosted their annual alumni baseball game during the weekend and the drawing was held at Hays Field. Families were able to enjoy a lunch of brisket and sausage wraps cooked by the LCU Aggies.

### Collaboration with Lubbock ISD

The Technology Department in the Lubbock Independent School District has started a collaborative program with area universities to train teachers and potential hires for LISD.



Scott Ferenza ('93) helps an LCU student during a technology competency test.

LISD is allowing LCU education students to take Technology Competency tests and complete projects while in a teacher prep program so that when they graduate they are already trained for all of the technology tools available in their classrooms. Students have begun testing at the LISD Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center. LCU alumni **Scott Ferenza ('93)** and **Bryce Johnston ('80)** are involved in implementing the collaborative program.

### Judge Guest Speaker on Campus

Judge William Sowder of the 99<sup>th</sup> District Court of Texas was on campus November 12 in the Christian

Development Center auditorium. He gave a presentation on the year he spent on active duty with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps as Senior Legal Advisor to the Military Commission at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice hosted this event.

### Sports Psychology Major Now Offered

Dr. Dean Culpepper is a very diverse human being and, although most on the Lubbock Christian University campus don't realize it, he is also one of the only certified Sports Psychologist's in the state of Texas. After recently being awarded as a Certified Consultant in Sports Psychology from the Association for Applied Sports Psychology, Culpepper can now lead LCU as the university offers students the opportunity to major in sports psychology. "It allows our university to offer something that not even Texas Tech University can offer," said Culpepper, who earned a B.S. degree from Berry College and a M.Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of Houston. "We now have a program that can allow its students to become certified and be placed on the United States Olympic Committee registry."

In order to become certified in the program, Dr. Culpepper had to endure six long years of study. The designation of Certified Consultant by the AASP is only awarded after specialized training and 1200 hours of direct contact with athletes.

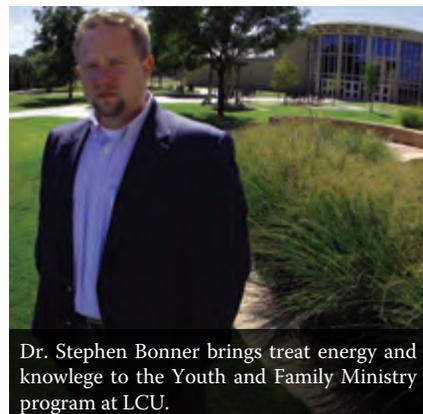
According to the APA, "These professionals - who earn the designation of Certified Consultant, AASP (or CC, AASP) - have met a standard of education and training in the sport sciences and in psychology. They have also undergone an extensive review process. The AASP certification process encourages sport psychology professionals to maintain high standards of professional and ethical conduct, while giving service to others."

Receiving certification helps promote quality control in the field as well as the following benefits:

- Certification helps the public understand the importance of using sport psychology consultants who have the background and training to provide quality services.
- Certification provides a system through which we can recognize consultants with the right type of course work and practicum/internship experiences -- the credentials needed to be a better service provider than consultants without these experiences.
- AASP certification is a prerequisite to being placed on the USOC Registry that allows sport psychology consultants to work with US Olympic athletes and teams.

There are only seven CC, AASP in the state of Texas and the majority are located in research universities with Ph.D. programs in Sport Psychology.

Before coming to Lubbock Christian University, Dr. Culpepper taught at the University of Houston and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. He has collaborated with researchers at the Baylor College of Medicine and Mayo Clinics. His experience as a sport scientist, collegiate coach, teacher, and athlete brings skills and experiences to help athletes and students perform at their optimal level. Dr. Culpepper and his wife, Michele, who works in the Distance Learning Department, have two children.



Dr. Stephen Bonner brings treat energy and knowledge to the Youth and Family Ministry program at LCU.

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## Book Published on Youth Ministry in Rural Areas

Dr. Steven Bonner had his dissertation published by a German Publishing House. Over the last decade and a half, notable authors have concluded mid-adolescents today have largely been left to their own devices to individuate into adulthood. This situation has been called many things but the effects are the same; mid-adolescents feel they are isolated and alone and adults do not understand. Research has shown that mid-adolescents in urban, suburban, and rural contexts feel the weight of systemic abandonment; however, academic insight into each of these three contexts has not been given equal weight. With the rise of the mega-church model and the explosion in past decades of suburbia, much has been written about ministry to adolescents in suburban churches. The popularity of hip hop culture has opened hearts to the possibilities of ministry in the urban centers. The growth and understanding of mid-adolescent ministry in these contexts is notable and worthy of celebration. A disparaging fact remains: little if anything is known of ministry to mid-adolescents in rural contexts. This book presents a ministry response to rural mid-adolescence that is psycho-socially current, culturally relevant, and theologically driven.

Bonner is the Assistant Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at LCU. After serving in full-time ministry for more than ten years, Dr. Bonner now teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Youth and Family Ministry. His Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary is in Youth, Family, and Culture.

## Student Awarded State Scholarship

The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) announced the recipients of the 2009-10 Student Scholarships and Classroom Assistance Grants. This year, TRTF received over 70 student scholarship applications and 80 classroom assistance grant applications. Kelsey

Duncan was honored by the Birdville Area Retired School Personnel as one of the 2009-2010 student scholarship winners. Kelsey, an early childhood major at LCU, is one of ten scholarship recipients from the state of Texas. She is president of LCU's Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society, and also volunteers at Ballanger Head Start and Dunbar Middle School.

## Moser Ministry Conference

The Moser Ministry conference was held in October and focused on the theme "Social Justice: To the Least of These." The keynote speaker was Dr. Shaun Casey from Wesley Theological Seminary. Other speakers were David Langford from Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock, Jim Beck and Dr. Michael Martin from the LCU College of Biblical Studies.

Shaun Casey is Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the National Capital Semester for Seminarians (NCSS) at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Casey served as senior advisor for religious affairs for the Obama campaign and was National Evangelical Coordinator in the 2008 presidential campaign. His research interests include ethics and international affairs, the public implications of religious belief, and the intersection of religion and politics.

He has written on the ethics of the war in Iraq as well the role of religion in American presidential politics. His book, *The Making of a Catholic President: Kennedy vs. Nixon 1960*, was published by Oxford University Press in January 2009.

He is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School with a Master of Divinity Degree and a Doctorate of Theology in Religion and Society. He also earned a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University with a concentration in International Security. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Abilene Christian University. He is a member

of the American Academy of Religion and serves on its Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion.

## Speakers Available Through LCU

Lubbock Christian University has several faculty and staff members that have the gift of speaking and are willing to share that gift with other organizations. Dr. Kathy Crockett recently spoke at the Texas Women's Society of CPAs' CPE Seminar regarding self-leadership and, in particular, being authentic in their leadership. Dr. Crockett heads LCU's Master of Leadership program and is a very popular speaker on the topic of leadership, and is sought after as a speaker at women's retreats.

Dr. Michael Hardin spoke to the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Lubbock group in October about personality traits and how that translates to others you interact with at home and in the office. Dr. Hardin is the Chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department and is also an excellent speaker on the topic of marriage.

There are others across campus willing to speak at churches or seminars on topics such as youth groups and ministry, leadership, college financial aid, and economics. If you know of a group in need of a speaker, please contact Kelli Childre in the Public Relations office at 806-720-7802 or [kelli.childre@lcu.edu](mailto:kelli.childre@lcu.edu).

## New LCU Symphonic Band

As the school year started, so did a new program at LCU – the Symphonic Band. The band is comprised of LCU students ranging from freshmen to seniors. Their first performance of the year was during Parent and Family Weekend in October. One attendee at the performance commented, "(a highlight was) the band concert in mid-afternoon with its beautiful array of new percussion instruments and exceptional





The LCU Symphonic Band on the McDonald Moody stage. It's been twenty-five years since an LCU band has been on campus.

performers under the direction of Andrew Babcock. This is a 'miracle' ensemble, less than two months old rendering a stellar performance."

The Symphonic Band is directed by Andrew Babcock. Babcock, originally from Michigan and a graduate of Abilene Christian University, is working on his Master's Degree in Music Education from Texas Tech University. He has directed several high school band programs and music programs in Texas and Michigan.

# Alumni News

## 1960 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

**Bobby Holcomb**  
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Bobby is married to Tony.

**James Earl Teague**  
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james@jeteague.com

## 1961

**Joe and Iris (Prescott) Godfrey**  
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## 1964

**John Taylor**  
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Hayden, ID 83835  
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## 1965 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

## 1970 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

## 1972

**Peggy (Allman) Lathem**  
4706 Ashville  
Amarillo, TX 79119  
mkl73@sbcglobal.net  
Peggy is married to Marc.

## 1973

**Lynda (Davis) Prulhiere**  
2834 FM 614  
Ovalo, TX 79541  
lynda@shadesofhope.com  
Lynda has been working at Shades of Hope Treatment Center in Buffalo Gap for 8 years. Lynda is married to Jim. They have two kids, four cats and one dog.

## 1974

**Jimmie and SueJan (Robertson) Glenn**  
109 Dunn St  
Kress, TX 79052  
suejanh@gmail.com

## 1975 *Reunion: Homecoming 2009*

## 1976

**Susan (Tabor) Dodson**  
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Edmonds, WA 98026  
suedod@msn.com

**Guenther Emmel**  
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**Randal Fry**  
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Houston, TX 77092  
rifry@att.net

## 1977

**Bob Buckel**  
1255 Jackson Trl  
Azle, TX 76020  
bobuckel@azlenews.net  
Bob is the publisher of the Azle News and the Springtown Epigraph, weekly newspapers northwest of Fort Worth. He and his wife, Krisan, have two daughters: Kara, 25; Katie, 22; and a son, Alex, 16. Krisan is a bilingual K-4 teacher in Azle schools.

## 1978

**Michael and Mickey (Newman, '79) Elrod**  
123 High Meadows Rd  
Red Oak, TX 75154  
mrod55@aircanopy.net  
Michael began his 20th year of preaching at Ovilla Church of Christ. Mickey is an instructional coach for Red Oak ISD.

**Sandy (Shaw) Gwin**  
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Waco, TX 76708  
sgwin@grandecom.net

**Sandra (Johnson) Staggs**  
501 Woodridge Dr  
Conroe, TX 77306  
jellylady47@msn.com  
Sandra is married to Forest and has three children: Stephen, David and Rachel.

## 1979

**Doug Dillard**  
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Oak Leaf, TX 75154  
douglasdillard@sbcglobal.net  
Doug graduated with an MBA with an emphasis on Health Services from Texas Tech University in August 2009. He and his wife, Janet, own DeSoto Family Dentistry. Their son, Aaron, is a 2007 graduate of Abilene Christian University and is currently completing post graduate certification in Conflict Resolution at ACU.

## 1980 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

**Law and Dawn (Woods, '89) Domasig**  
7809 Owen Dr  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180  
itsdlawman@yahoo.com  
Law is currently a Spanish teacher and tennis coach at Wayside Middle School in Saginaw. They have three children: David, a senior at Richland High School; Daniel, a junior at Richland; and Lauren, an 8th grader at North Richland Middle.

**Steven Brigante**  
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**Kent Rhodes**  
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## 1981

**Bob Conn**  
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White Lake, MI 48386  
rconn1315@aol.com  
Bob and his wife, Cindy, have both retired from General Motors after 30+ years. They have two grandchildren and plan on traveling for the next couple of years before settling down.

**Scherry Turner**  
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Tracy, CA 95376  
scherryturner@yahoo.com

## 1982

**Bill McGee**  
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Tabernacle, NJ 08008  
bmcgee@nni.com  
In July 2008, Bill became the fulltime pulpit minister for Tabernacle Church of Christ.

## 1983 *83 Class Challenge pg. 37*

**Keith and Jane (Wilson, '85)**  
Laughery  
601 N Vinton Ave  
Lubbock, TX 79416  
klaughery@gmail.com  
Keith and Jane have recently moved. Their oldest son, Matthew, is a freshman at LCU and a member of Praise Choir, Forte and was in the fall musical.

**J. Tom Washburn**  
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Brownwood, TX 76801  
jtomwashburn@gmail.com  
Tom has recently moved to Brownwood and is the new pulpit minister of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ. Tom is married to Julie.

## 1984

**Janet (Williams) Kennon**  
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Houston, TX 77084  
janet.williams@tic.toshiba.com  
Janet is married to William.

**Richard ('83) and Susan (Whisenant) Maxwell**  
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Humble, TX 77338  
cs2k2@msn.com

**1985 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010***  
**Mary (Roper) Farias**  
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Abilene, TX 79606  
spoiled2brat@hotmail.com

## 1987

**Kenneth Hines**  
4520 Saint Andrews St  
Midland, TX 79707  
khines@sundownisd.com  
Kenneth is the head men's track coach and the assistant football coach for Midland Lee High School. Kenneth is married to Angie.

**Lorna (Kinney) Seilstad**  
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seal4life@cox.net  
Lorna's debut for her new novel, *Making Waves*, comes out in the fall of 2010 from Revell, a division of Baker Publishing. The book is an inspirational historical romance and the first of three books in the Lake Manawa Summers Series. Lorna and her husband, David, have three children: Parker, 17; Caroline, 15; and Emma, 10.

## 1988

**Deborah (Holt) Niccum**  
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**Cartus Rodgers**  
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## 1990 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

**Debra A. (Hays) Foster**  
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Brenham, TX 77833  
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## 1991

**Bruce and Elaine (Black, '95)**  
Gilstrap  
83 Wind Ridge Ln  
Purvis, MS 39475  
bruce@gilstraps.org  
Bruce completed a Ph.D. in Management at the University of Oklahoma in July 2009. He is now working as an Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS.

## 1995 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

**Shane and Cindy (Johnson, '94)**  
Frith  
6920 Brandywine Loop NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111  
cindyfrith@gmail.com  
Shane is an officer in the Air Force. On May 15, 2009, he was awarded a Bronze Star. They have two sons: Ben, 12 and Jonah, 8 and worship at Netherwood Church of Christ.

**Kimberly (Henton) Robbins**  
101 Honeysuckle St  
Casper, WY 82604  
kim@pkrobbins.com  
Kimberly and her husband, Paul, have recently moved to Casper, WY where Paul is the Associate Pastor at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church.

## 1996

**Iris (Chavez) McDonald**  
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Dumas, TX 79029  
mcdonald3@windstream.net  
Iris is a stockbroker and licensed insurance agent at PrimeVest Financial Services, Inc. Iris is married to Jason. They have 2 children, Trace and Emmalee.

**Bobby Chip ('95) and Amy (Wolverton) Norman**  
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Rhome, TX 76078  
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## 1997

**Micheal and Arlas (Deans) Blackwell**  
11 Century Rd  
Artesia, NM 88210  
arlasblackwell@hotmail.com  
Michael and Arlas have a new daughter, Holly Noelle, born on July 6, 2009 as well as 3-year-old Abigail Jules. Michael is working at Deans Inc. as a field engineer. Arlas is a stay-at-home mom.

**Tara (Johnson) Burns**  
16822 Ivy Wild Ln  
Houston, TX 77095  
tchick27@hotmail.com  
Tara and her husband, Ian, had their first baby, Owen Patrick, on September 26, 2009.

## 1999

**Emily Boulter**  
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**Teena Sharp**  
1020 Raleigh Dr #805  
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parkst@cfbisd.edu  
Teena is a Behavior Specialist for Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. She has two children: Todd, 24 and Chase, 19.

**Erin (Bigger) Quaratino**  
Arvada, CO  
deq723@hotmail.com  
Erin and her husband, Dan, have two children: Ian Paul (born 7/8/07) and Colin Andrew (born 5/17/09).

## 2000 *Reunion: Homecoming 2010*

**Paula Franklin**  
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Phoenix, AZ 85053  
phxmba7@aol.com

## 2001

**Krista Dugan**  
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Cedar Park, TX 78613  
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Krista recently relocated to Austin and is working as the Director of Marketing for a skilled nursing facility.

## 2002

**Shaye (Maddux) Dodson**  
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Frisco, TX 75034  
shayebell@hotmail.com  
Shaye and her husband, Bryan, have recently moved from Houston to Dallas. Bryan works at Microsoft and Shaye is working for AmerisourceBergen.

**Katherine Gould**  
Beijing, China  
katherine.gould@gmail.com  
Katherine recently graduated with her M.A. in Christian Ministry from Abilene Christian University. She is currently serving as a missionary, attempting to learn Mandarin, and loving the people in Beijing, China.

**Jim and Courtney (Blount, '05) Moudy**  
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Lubbock, TX 79416  
jmoudy@hotmail.com  
Jim is currently a Technology Specialist at Region 17 Education Service Center. Jim and Courtney welcomed a son into their family, Aiden James, on August 20, 2009.

## 2003

**J.E. and Megan (Stewart) Bundy**  
1604 Arlington St  
Wichita Falls, TX 76302  
jebundy@gmail.com  
J.E. and Megan had a baby boy  
named Clark Kent Bundy.

**Emily Stewart**  
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## 2004

**Crystal Andrews**  
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Lubbock, TX 79424  
calbkspc@sbcglobal.net  
Crystal graduated with an M.Ed.  
in Education Administration from  
LCU in December 2008. She  
is now the Program Trainer for  
the Head Start/Early Head Start  
program through South Plains  
Community Action Association.

**Nate and Kristin (Smith, '05)  
Bundy**  
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Childress, TX 79201  
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Nate is a youth minister in  
Childress. Kristin stays home  
and takes care of their three  
children: Jaxon, 3; Booklyn, 2;  
and Tatum, 5 months.

**Aaron and Deanna (Wisdom,  
'05) Dawson**  
6803 91st St  
Lubbock, TX 79424  
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Aaron is a Youth Minister at  
Monterey Church of Christ, and  
Deanna is the Counselor for  
Early Childhood Intervention.  
They have a daughter, Emie,  
who is 18 months old.

**Davina (Rodgers) Delagarza**  
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**Stacy (Simpson) Thompson**  
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Stacy married Brad on  
September 12, 2009. They will  
be moving back overseas in  
February 2010.

**2005 Reunion: Homecoming 2010**  
**Noah and Tracee (Beard) Elrod**  
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**Matt Gunter**  
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Matt and his wife, Laci, had a  
baby boy, Owen Matthew, on  
May 21, 2009.

**Adrienne Handley**  
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Adrienne was an OM graduate  
of Cohort 33. She received  
her MBA in 2007 and is now  
working for Midland Community  
Healthcare Services as the  
CFO. Her oldest daughter got  
married on October 17, 2009.

**Roxanne (Sepeda) Faison**  
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Roxanne married Todd Patrick  
Faison on July 12, 2009.

**Jason and Cally (Burk) Gladden**  
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**Jennifer Heatherly**  
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**Stephen and Corey (Lynch, '03)  
McMillan**  
2323 Princess Deanna Ln  
Katy, TX 77493  
stephen.mcmillan@nace.org  
Stephen and Corey got married  
June 7, 2008 and are expecting  
their first child on January 1,  
2010.

**Renee (Gause) Prince**  
3808 River Birch Rd  
Fort Worth, TX 76137  
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Renee recently passed the CPA  
exam and is now practicing with  
a firm in downtown Fort Worth.  
She is married to Caleb.

## 2006

**Zac and Elizabeth (Browning)  
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Rockwall, TX 75087  
elizabethbell22@yahoo.com

**Kevin and Mandi (Martin, '07)  
Cole**  
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**Tobe and Ramsey (Bennett,  
'03) Diaz**  
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Lubbock, TX 79415  
trdiaz@xanadoo.com  
In September 2009 Tobe began  
working for New York Life.  
They had their first child, Slate  
Thomas, on August 22, 2009.

**Missy (Havens) Eidson**  
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Missy is married to William.

**Isaac Garcia**  
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Amarillo, TX 79124  
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Isaac is working as the  
Associate Minister at  
Cornerstone Church of Christ.  
He married Camille on August  
2, 2009.

**Tyler and Dede (Mogavero,  
'03) Looney**  
2625 11th Ave  
Canyon, TX 79015  
dedelooney@yahoo.com  
Tyler is a full time Youth Pastor  
at First United Methodist  
Church and Dede is also  
pursuing a full time ministry  
job at the church. They had a  
daughter born in May 2008.

**Lindsey Mills**  
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[www.lcu alumni.com](http://www.lcu alumni.com)  
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Share your news with us  
- don't forget to include  
recent births, job changes,  
promotions, marriages,  
moves, etc.

## 83 Class Challenge

Alums from the class of 1983 have challenged  
other LCU alumni to make giving back to LCU  
a part of your 2010 budgetary plans.

The money can go towards a department,  
program, or scholarship of your choice, just  
note your wishes in the memo line of your  
check alongside your class year.

If you have any questions please contact the  
University Advancement office at 806-720-  
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This is a class year challenge, so let's see  
which classes will step up to meet the  
challenge set forth by members of the class  
of 1983.

Together we can truly help to make a  
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# Alumni News

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## In Memoriam

■ **Marilyn (Harris) Brookman ('97)**, 59, of Lubbock, passed away October 14, 2009. Marilyn attended the Ralls First Baptist Church. She lived in Lubbock all of her adult life and taught school at Hodges Elementary for many years.

■ **Lori Bufo ('02)**, of Lubbock, passed away August 30, 2009 after her battle with cancer. Lori was born on February 18, 1981. While at LCU, she was a trainer for the men's basketball team, member of Kappa Phi Kappa and an Encounter counselor. Lori is survived by her parents **Harold ('74)** and **Linda (Cook '75) Bufo**; sister, **Cheri (Bufo '00) Liess** and her husband **Jake('00)**; and brother, **Ryan Bufo ('07)** and his wife Ashley of Abernathy.

■ **Thomas "Neil" Burrus II ('79)**, of Lubbock, passed away June 29, 2009 following an accident. While Neil was at LCU, he was a member of Sub-T 16. He was a member of the Lions Club and attended Green Lawn Church of Christ. Neil is survived in death by his wife of 32 years, **Becky (Samples '79)** and his son **Justin ('03)**.

■ **Rebecca Faye (Reynolds) Davis ('92)**, of Austin, passed away June 11, 2009. Becky was a member of Forte and Drama Productions while at LCU.

■ **Judy Marie (Shofner) Foster ('63)**, passed away October 9, 2009, after a six year bout with cancer. While at LCU, Judy was a member of Theta Rho, Delta Psi Omega, President of ICC and named favorite girl in 1963. She was heavily involved at Mountain Avenue Church of Christ.

■ **George Henry Fugitt ('65)**, of Lubbock, passed away on August 7, 2009. He retired from Textron after 35 years of service. After retirement, George spent most of his days at Shadow Hills Golf Course. George is survived by his wife, Doris Fugitt of Lubbock; son, Mark Fugitt and wife Janell of Cimarron, Kansas; daughter, Shanna Fugitt of Lubbock.

■ **Veta Rae Tatum-Hancock**, of Lubbock, passed away September 6, 2009 at the age of 96 after a brief illness. Veta Rae was a member of Broadway Church of Christ for over 75 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Clyde G. Tatum and husband of 11 years, Gene Hancock. Gene Hancock was a former LCU Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

■ **Karen June (Reed) Holwick ('72)**, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, passed away August 20, 2009. While at LCU, Karen was a member of Lamda Omega Alpha and NuPhi. She later earned her nursing degree and worked as an RN. The guest book for Karen can be found at [www.RememberTheirStory.com](http://www.RememberTheirStory.com).

■ **Terry Dean Love ('86)**, of Lubbock, passed away on September 26, 2009. Terry served as a Deacon at South Plains Church of Christ, where he was also a member. He is survived by his wife Connie Love who is a former employee and student of LCU.

■ **Cherolyn Pruitt**, a former LCC employee as well as a great friend, passed away October 25, 2009. Cherolyn is survived by a son, Brad Pruitt and wife Kay of Lubbock; and a son Britton Pruitt and wife **Sharon (Serna, '93)** of Albuquerque, NM.

■ **Luther Ronald Purtell ('59)**, of Dallas, passed away June 4, 2009. Ron was preceded in death by his parents Arnold and Hazel Purtell of Lubbock. Arnold was a trustee for LCU. To view the life tribute or to send condolences to Ron's family visit [www.memorialdesigners.net](http://www.memorialdesigners.net).



Jaycee Hope Sherrard born October 8, 2009 is the daughter of **Bobby ('91)** and **Kristi ('92) Sherrard**.

# I'm a Big Deal at LCU

Let us know about new additions to your family and we'll send you their first official LCU t-shirt. Once you receive the t-shirt, take a picture and submit it to us and we will publish it in the next issue of Reflections.

We will need to know the following information:

Parent's Name

Class Year

Email Address

Mailing Address

Child's Name and birth date

Size (onesie or t-shirt: 6 month, 12 month or 18 month)

Send your information to Kehley Merrill, Alumni Relations Program Coordinator at [kehley.merrill@lcu.edu](mailto:kehley.merrill@lcu.edu) or 806.720.7218.

## Fresh Banana Cake with Creamy Caramel Frosting

1 box yellow cake mix  
Egg, water, and oil as directed on  
cake mix box  
2 bananas, peeled and mashed  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 tsp cinnamon

### Cake

Combine the cake mix with the ingredients listed on the box as directed. Add bananas, brown sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon. Mix well with an electric mixer. Bake in a 9x13 pan at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until done.

### Caramel Frosting

In a saucepan combine butter, milk and brown sugar. Cook over medium heat about 2 minutes or until it comes to a boil. When it starts to boil remove from heat, add vanilla and confectioners' sugar, stirring briskly with a spoon until the mixture has a smooth consistency. Pour over the cake.

### Caramel Frosting

1 stick butter or margarine  
1/4 cup milk  
1 cup brown sugar  
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar  
1 tsp vanilla



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