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To Our Grand and Noble Enterprise

It is great to be back home. Following graduation from law school at Texas Tech, professional opportunities took me and my family to Corpus Christi and then to Malibu, California. I've been blessed beyond measure with opportunities that I did not seek or expect. After twenty years at Pepperdine, I am thrilled to return to my alma mater (and my hometown) and to join with LCU's faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends in this grand and noble enterprise. We are in the business of changing lives. I can't imagine anything more important or fulfilling.

Throughout its 55 year history, LCU has been deftly guided by outstanding leaders who placed their trust in God and who believed that the unseen, eternal things matter more than that which is seen and is temporary. We are indebted to the faithful stewardship of F.W. Mattox, Joe Hacker, Harvie Pruitt, Steve Lemley, and Ken Jones. For the last 19 years, Dr. Jones has embodied servant leadership as president and now chancellor of the university. He presided over a period of great growth in enrollment, facilities, and programs, and a deepening of the university's sense of mission. I'm deeply grateful that Ken Jones will continue to serve as Chancellor of the university. This is very good news indeed and you can read more about Dr. Jones and his transformative leadership in this issue.

I'm returning to this special place (and leaving behind the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Monica Mountains!) because of how deeply I believe in LCU's mission and her future. We have the right mission—the passionate pursuit of the intellectual growth and spiritual formation of our students—at the very time that our world stands in desperate need of committed and engaged citizens who bring wisdom and discernment to their communities, churches, and families. It will take all of us working together through God's good grace to achieve our lofty goals. I look forward to partnering with you in our life-changing work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. T. Perrin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

L. Timothy Perrin, JD
President

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For Such a Time as This

President Perrin's friends, colleagues and peers contemplate the road that has prepared LCU's sixth president.

Tim Perrin's first real job was washing dishes in the LCU Cafeteria when he was a teenager, working for well-known cafeteria manger, J.O. Bell. Effective June 1, 2012, Perrin returned to his roots, this time as the sixth president of Lubbock Christian University. He was appointed to the presidency by the LCU Board of Trustees in January 2012 after a nation-wide search.

The Perrin name is well known among a broad base of LCU alumni and friends, and Tim Perrin's ties with the university are long and deep. His parents, Les and Elaine Perrin, served as long-time, legendary faculty members. Over the years, numerous students wrote English papers for Elaine Perrin, a stickler for accuracy, while others feared the famed "Les Perrin History Test" or played Hearts with Mr. Perrin in the SUB.

Perrin and his four siblings grew up across the street from the very young college, and they all graduated from LCU: **Doug Perrin ('74)**, **Emily Perrin Rider ('75)**, **David Perrin ('80)**, **Tim Perrin ('84)**, and **Mark Perrin ('95)**.

Tim was a varsity basketball player and a campus leader, serving as student body president during his senior year. He also holds the distinction of being a member of the famous (or infamous, depending on your perspective) Chap Brigade, a men's school-spirit organization. While he made numerous friends across various sectors of the university, some of his closest college





President Perrin addressed an audience during the press conference announcing his appointment as LCU's sixth president.

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understood the system and game plan as well as any player I ever had. He was great in the clutch and made about 90% of his free throws with the game on the line.” Coach Copeland continued, “Tim is a very humble leader with a servant attitude, as displayed on the basketball court when I was coaching him. He will take a challenge and do all within his power to achieve the goal.”

On the subject of basketball, President Perrin states, “I learned so much from the four years I spent playing basketball under the guidance of John Copeland. For the first time in my life I found myself in a supporting role—we had far more talented basketball players than me—and I learned about sacrifice and teamwork.”

friends were fellow “brigaders.” He spent many hours with his childhood friend and classmate, **Kevin Rhodes** ('84), and others, crafting the storied Chap Brigade Chapel Announcements, which were meant to call attention to the upcoming campus events, usually with a hint of boyish impertinence.

Yet even his peers sensed something special about Perrin. Rhodes commented: “Tim was

always destined for great things. You could tell early on while we attended LCS, LCHS, and, of course, LCU. He was always the ‘total package’, exhibiting exceptional abilities, aptitudes, personality traits, character and, ultimately, spiritual gifts. Looking back, God was preparing Tim to lead this institution all along.”

John Copeland was Perrin’s basketball coach. He recalls, “Tim was a team player who

Perrin reflects that beyond his relationship with his Savior, his most important relationship began at LCU. “My time at LCU was a time of getting to know and falling in love with **Lucy Leard** ('86). It has been almost 30 years since we first started dating, and I give thanks every day for Lucy and for the strength and encouragement I draw from our relationship.” Not since Steve and Emily Lemley has there been an LCU President



President Perrin and First Lady Lucy Perrin work as a team on an upcoming project.

and First Lady who were alumni of the University. The Perrins have three children: Hannah, who recently graduated from Pepperdine; Sam, who just completed his freshman year at Pepperdine; and Will, who will be a sophomore in high school this fall.

Perrin gives much credit to LCU for who he is today. “I have been fundamentally shaped and

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formed by the Lubbock Christian community in ways that I can see and understand, and no doubt in many others that I cannot see or understand,” states Perrin. “While a student at LCU I grew in my faith; I fell in love with my wife, Lucy; I confirmed my sense of calling to pursue a career in law; I witnessed in members of the faculty and staff the centrality of personal integrity to a life of purpose; and I came to more fully understand that knowledge is not an end to itself, but that it calls us to lives of service. Because of LCU I was prepared for a life of service in the Kingdom and for that I remain grateful.”

President Perrin believes he was well equipped by LCU for success after graduation. He attended Texas Tech University School of Law (1984-87) and graduated cum laude and with membership in the Order of the Coif, an honorary scholastic society. “It was my first time to experience a public educational environment. I didn’t know how I would do, but it turned out, I had nothing to worry about. I loved my time at Texas Tech and received an excellent legal education.”

Perrin’s deep respect and profound gratitude to LCU fueled his desire to return to his alma mater as the sixth president. “I have been fortunate to know many of those who invested so heavily in LCU, including each of the school’s five presidents. I’ve witnessed their leadership, known their families, and been blessed by their faithful service to the University.”

His desire to invest himself fully in setting a course for the future of LCU is what brings him back to Lubbock after twenty years in California, where he served most recently as the Vice-Dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law.

“At Pepperdine I learned valuable lessons about the nature of leadership within Christian higher education. First and foremost, I have learned that people come first, before programs or policies,” Perrin says. He adds, “A corollary to this first principle is that ‘it is all about the students.’”



President Perrin signs an LCU flag that flew over campus on his first day as president.

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president. Congratulations to both LCU and Tim on this important appointment.”

Lubbock Christian University is poised for the very capable leadership of President Tim Perrin. In Esther 4:14b Mordecai asks the question of Esther, “And who knows but that you have come to this position for such a time as this?” Alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and current students would say that Tim Perrin is well prepared and well equipped, and he is the just the right person to lead LCU “for such a time as this.”

“Second, I have learned that the nature of leadership is fundamentally about service, not power or authority or control. Jesus serves as a perfect example of servant leadership—sacrificial, selfless, and submissive to the will of His Father. With God’s grace, I would aspire to such leadership.”

David Davenport, former President of Pepperdine University and current Research Fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, offered this congratulatory comment on Perrin’s appointment: “Tim Perrin is an outstanding choice to lead Lubbock Christian University in the years ahead. He is a committed Christian leader and family man, an excellent scholar and teacher, and has the experience and energy to be a great college

Inauguration Highlights

Faith and Learning: The Enduring Idea of a Christian University

Wednesday, September 26

2:30 pm Honors Convocation
Guest Lecturer, Dr. Robert Benne, Roanoke College

4:00 pm Panel Discussion
Dr. Robert Benne, Roanoke College
Dr. Allison Garrett, Abilene Christian University
Dr. Doug Henry, Baylor University
Dr. Richard Hughes, Messiah College

Thursday, September 27

9:30 am Continental Breakfast and Delegate Registration
11:45 am Luncheon for Visiting Delegates
2:00 pm Investiture Convocation
Inaugural Address by Dr. Gerald Turner, President of Southern Methodist University
7:00 pm Inaugural Celebration Dinner

For more information and a detailed schedule, visit www.LCU.edu/inauguration

THE HAPPY CONNECTION

Small Town USA has Large LCU Impact

by Guest Writer,

Rickey Harman, Ph.D.

Dr. Rickey Harman served LCU as a math instructor and a development officer, and then as the superintendent of Lubbock Christian School for a number of years. This story contains his reflection and memories of the close association that his home town has had with Lubbock Christian University and Lubbock Christian School, which as of January 2009 are operating independently. The full story can be found at www.LCU.edu/happy.

During the past 54 years, Lubbock Christian University has had the support of every city and town in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. From 1957 to 2011, this region has sent students to LCU. A number of board members and professors have come from many of these communities, and a large majority of the financial support that has sustained the college for over 50 years has come from loving Christians in this area. Every large and small community in this region has had and continues to have a large stake in the success of Lubbock Christian University.

Of course, the city that has had the largest impact through the years is the city of Lubbock. All of the original college trustees who were the founders of the college lived in Lubbock. In fact, financial support from many Lubbock businesses and individuals has been a “difference maker” during many years of the college’s existence. Certainly, the largest number of students attending LCU through the years has come from the local Lubbock area. However, one small community 85 miles north of



Lubbock has (for its size) probably done as much or more to support LCU than any other community in this region. That small community is Happy, Texas – the “town without a frown.” The city proper had 750 residents back during the 1950s and 1960s, with approximately that many more within the school district living out in the country. Happy, like most small towns that are not close to major cities, has seen the population steadily decline over the past several decades.

One of the bright spots from this decline in population was that LCC was able to secure a great person to run the college print shop from about 1966 to 1978. Cecil Wesley had been owner and editor of *The Happy Herald* [the local newspaper] for many years, and he was one of the first to see what was happening in Happy. Dr. Mattox convinced Cecil and his wife, June, to move to Lubbock and operate the LCC print shop. The print shop was in three different locations on campus during Cecil’s tenure, but he was able to print nearly everything for the college during those years. The college was very fortunate to get such an experienced printer during these early years, as he could turn out professional materials working on a shoe-string budget. One of the Wesleys’ daughters, Billie Wesley Silvey, lives in Malibu, CA, and she has continued in this heritage, writing numerous articles for Christian publications, including Bible school materials especially for women.



Rickey Harman

The Happy connection began back in 1957, with several families, including the Harmans, Nichols, and Moudys, coming to Lubbock for the ground-breaking for the college and then a year or so later for the dedication of the F.W. Mattox Administration Building. Dr. F.W. Mattox had a cousin living in Happy – R. T. Moudy, Sr. He was a farmer out east

of town, but also a jack-of-all-trades. He had a small Ford tractor with a ditch digging rig on the rear, and he had dug several miles of ditches in the Happy area for friends needing to lay sewer and water lines. He took his rig to Lubbock and dug most of the early ditches on the LCC campus to lay sewer and water lines as the



Gary Don Bowe ('61)

college began to bring in Army barracks to get that first year of school underway in 1957.

In 1959, Happy sent its first student to LCC—**Gary Don Bowe ('61)**. Gary had been a very good athlete at Happy High School, and he attended LCC on a track scholarship. He was one of the

first Happyites to fall in love with the college. As soon as he completed his Master’s Degree at Texas Tech University in 1965, he came back to the college to teach in the P.E. Department, where he remained for forty years until his retirement. He gained early fame as the boys’ basketball coach at Lubbock Christian High School, where his teams were able to play with and usually beat any size of school in the area. He has received many awards during the years, including being named as an outstanding alumnus of LCU.

Read more about the numerous individuals from Happy, Texas who are associated with and contributed to the rich history of Lubbock Christian University at www.LCU.edu/happy

Some of the names mentioned in the full story:

- Gary Don Bowe ('61)**
- Bula (Moudy) Anderson**
- Vernon & Mary Harman**
- Rickey Harman**
- Eddie ('66) and Beth Moudy**
- Forrest and Jo Whitlow**
- Warren and Denise (Whitlow) McNeill ('82)**
- Janet (Moudy) Plaster ('74)**
- Neil Bryan**
- Diane (Johnson) Qubty**
- Charles and Sarah Cox**
- Doug Lawyer**
- Terry Looney ('72)**
- Rick ('82) and Carolyn (Moudy, '83) Bloodworth**



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TO IMPACT
THE LIVES OF CHILDREN
AND THIS SCHOLARSHIP
WILL HELP ME DO THAT.”**

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Greece & Santorini - October 2012*

Barcelona & the South of France - March 2013*

New York City - summer 2013

Germany & Austria or Switzerland - summer 2013*

***Trips led by LCU Faculty members.**

If you are interested in any of the Excursions travel destinations, please contact Kelli Childre, Excursions Director, at kelli.childre@LCU.edu or 806-720-7802.



University Tours involves predominately senior travelers and allows for a trip that typically provides door-to-door touring on a chartered bus.

Washington D.C. - September 2012

Fall Foliage Tour - October 2012

Pigeon Forge, Memphis & Nashville, Tennessee;
Asheville, North Carolina

Branson, Missouri Christmas Tour - November 2012

If you are interested in participating, contact Billie Shuttlesworth, University Tours Director, at billie.shuttlesworth@LCU.edu or 806-720-7216.



top right: A group of University Tours travelers in front of the U.S. capitol building. **bottom right:** On the Excursions trip 2010 to NYC a part of the group enjoyed a Yankees game while others continued sight seeing and shopping. **middle right:** University Tours in Canada.



Blur

a worship experience



BLUR PROVIDES A CLEAR PICTURE

When used as a verb, the word “blur” means to “alter, change, or modify” or to “cause change; make different; cause a transformation.” Those definitions would certainly apply to the newest ministry on the Lubbock Christian University campus that began in the 2011-12 academic year.

Blur became a much-anticipated event on the LCU campus beginning with the first installment of the campus ministry last fall. Blur was an idea that evolved in the spring semester of 2011. LCU graduate **Brandon Baker** ('09) had attended a worship experience at a Christian university in California. After attending that event, Brandon shared his thoughts with his brother, **Bo** ('12), who graduated from LCU in May 2012, about what a worship “experience” could look like at LCU. The brothers knew that the resources to pull this type of event off existed on the LCU campus because they had both attended Encounter as campers

and counselors. They envisioned this as a worship experience that offered the evening worship feel of Encounter. After hashing out some ideas and writing them down on paper, they came up with a concept for what Blur would look like at LCU. After they formalized their concept of this new idea, the Bakers approached Randal Dement, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and scheduled the first meeting. This meeting involved other faculty, staff, and students. In this meeting the group brainstormed ideas for how the school could pull something of this magnitude together. As the group met the ideas and implementation of this event began to fall into place with relative ease.

“We all (planning group) knew that without the help of God this event was going to be impossible,” said Bo Baker. “We spent countless hours in prayer to make sure that we were always making God the center of attention through this



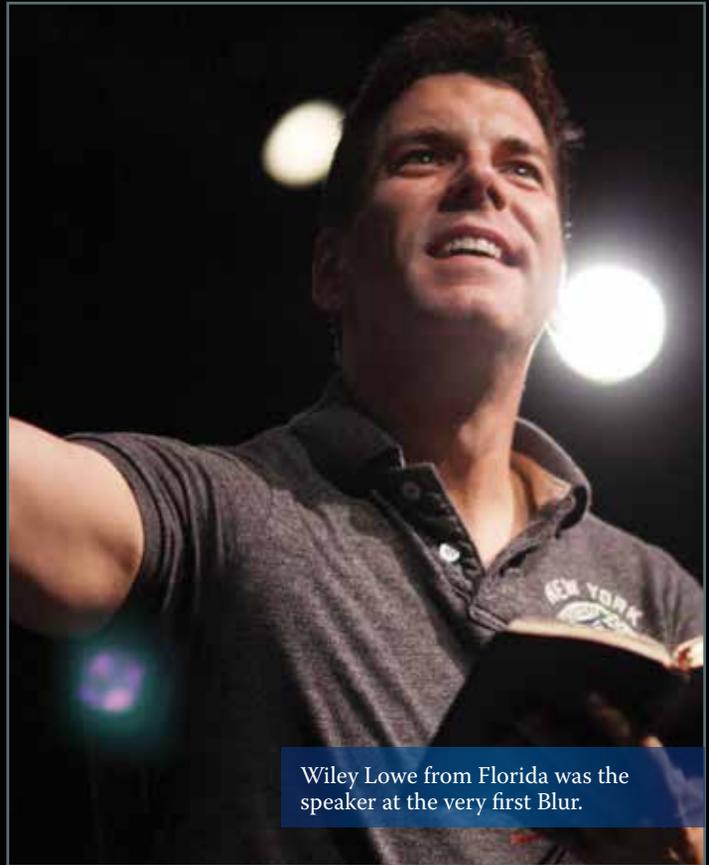
“Over the top and beyond all expectations!”

planning process.” As they imagined this event, they considered that the word “blur” might also bring to mind the indistinct quality of the buildings and cars as we pass them on the highway. One goal for this worship experience was for the audience to allow everything else but God to become an indistinct blur, so that life in His presence could become ever more clear.

The entire process of implementing Blur as a campus ministry took a big initiative of student leaders, key faculty members, the University Relations and Marketing department, all working together. The first Blur took place in the McDonald Moody Auditorium on Thursday, August 25, 2011. Approximately 500 students attended the first event, and that created a great sense of relief and certainly cause for hope. There were three more Blur events throughout the remainder of the academic year, and all of them were extremely successful.

“Over the top and beyond all expectations!” beamed Bo Baker when asked how the first year of Blur was received. “Brandon and I both feel that without the help of everyone involved, and the help of God, Blur would not have been accomplished. Words cannot measure the level of success Blur had this year. We believe not that Blur changed lives, but God’s presence at Blur changed people’s lives.”

Those that helped put the event together were obviously important to the concept, but there were also those that led the actual event. Josh Kasinger



Wiley Lowe from Florida was the speaker at the very first Blur.



David Frazee, ('91 & '94) youth minister at The Hills Church in North Richland Hills, spoke at the Blur held in February.

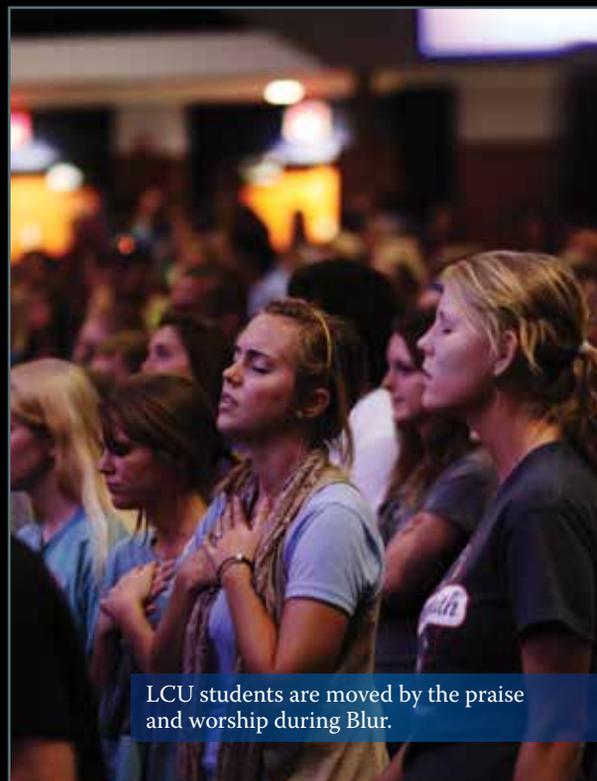
(Worship Minister, Bammel Road Church of Christ, Houston), LCU singing group, Best Friends, and Wiley Lowe (Youth and Family Minister, Holly Hill Church of Christ, Daytona Beach, FL) led the initial Blur worship experience. Other Blur events included appearances by **Rob Duncan** ('97), Teen Minister for Lakewood, CO Church of Christ, as well as by **Dr. David Frazee** ('91 & '94), Director of Student Ministries at The Hills Church of Christ in North Richland Hills, among others.

We are delighted that Blur has successfully brought together LCU alumni, faculty, staff, and students, and we look forward to a very bright future for this life-changing ministry on our campus.

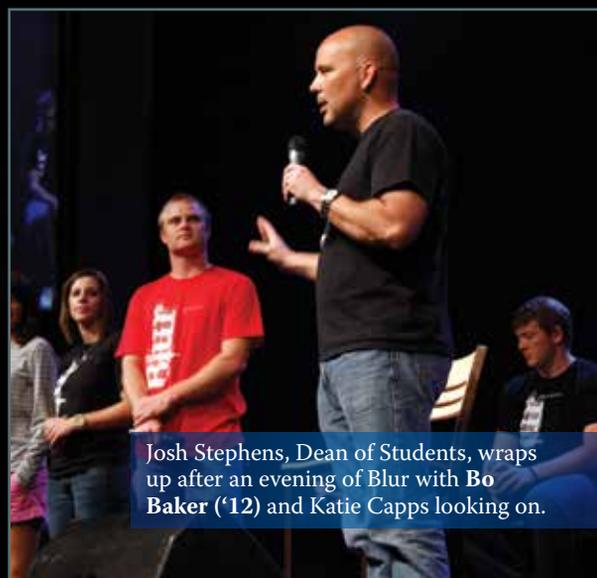
“I envision Blur being an integral part of the LCU experience for years to come,” said Dement of the ministry. “This student-initiated event requires the collaboration of students, faculty and staff for the good of the entire community as we seek to honor God and speak the message of Jesus. It has been a tremendous blessing for our campus and me personally.”

The first Blur of the 2012-13 academic calendar is set for the evening of August 30, 2012 and is open to anyone. The Baker brothers are proud of what has happened with their initial vision for this ministry, and they look forward to what lies ahead.

“We do see Blur becoming a lasting tradition in the LCU identity,” said Brandon Baker. “The ministry of Blur is just another piece of the LCU mission to change lives, not only the lives of students of LCU, but also in the community of Lubbock. This includes old, young, Christian, non-Christian, rich, poor, Texas Tech University, South Plains College, and everyone in between.”



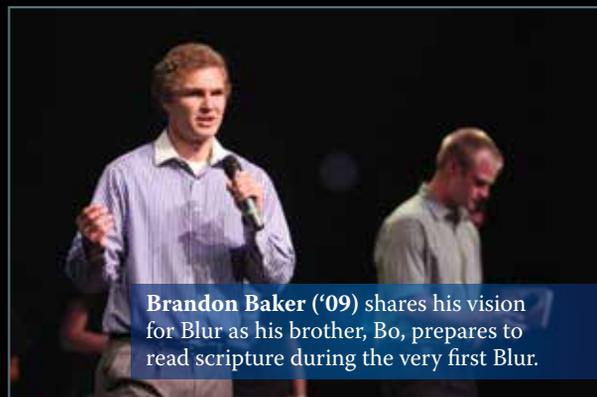
LCU students are moved by the praise and worship during Blur.



Josh Stephens, Dean of Students, wraps up after an evening of Blur with **Bo Baker** ('12) and Katie Capps looking on.



Rob Duncan ('97) presents during the November version of Blur.



Brandon Baker ('09) shares his vision for Blur as his brother, Bo, prepares to read scripture during the very first Blur.

“...we seek to honor God and speak the message of Jesus.”



Josh Kasinger, worship leader at Bammel Road Church of Christ in Houston, and LCU's Best Friends lead worship at Blur.



Meet the

Lubbock Christian University FOUNDATION

by Elizabeth Pruett

For the past several years, a private organization has been working behind the scenes to raise funds for LCU and develop strategic partnerships. We thought it was high time for you to meet this organization and the people involved and to find out more about how it is working with LCU to take the university to the next level.

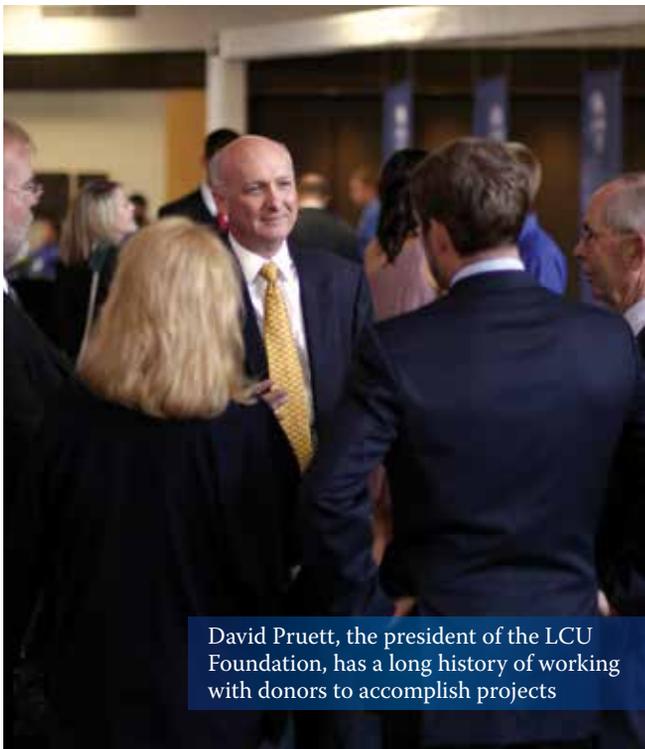
Its Purpose

The Lubbock Christian University Foundation was set up in 2009 to support the work and projects of LCU by uniting donor passions with university goals. Established as a not-for-profit, independent 501(c)(3) organization, the LCU Foundation focuses on strategic initiatives to promote the mission of LCU. Other than the LCU Associates, established in 1958, it is the only other organization certified to receive funds on behalf of LCU.

The LCU Foundation works by recognizing significant projects at LCU and identifying donors who can make those projects a reality. Together, the LCU Foundation and LCU are working to ensure that LCU is able to continue providing an excellent education to students – both spiritually and mentally – and that the university is financially able to grow and develop in key ways.

Its People

Just three years after its formation, the LCU Foundation has already surpassed its original goals. So far, the total amount pledged and given to the Foundation is approaching \$11 million. Although the LCU Foundation team is small, it works closely with the Chancellor's office and University Advancement team, and it has a committed and involved Board of Trustees that is passionate about seeing LCU fulfill its mission and prepare for its exciting future.



“The early success of the Foundation can be traced back to the quality of the board members that have agreed to serve,”

already been used to support a variety of programs at LCU, including the Washington, D.C. Honors Internship Program, student scholarships, and undergraduate research, and the renovation of several areas on LCU’s campus. The Foundation has also helped facilitate key LCU events, both on- and off-campus, such as the W.R. Collier and American State Bank Distinguished Speaker Series, the Dr. Hoffmeier lecture on evidence for the Biblical exodus, and the Dr. John K. Coors talk as part of the Changing Lives: Critical Thinking about Poverty event.

David Pruett, the president of the LCU Foundation, joined LCU in 2009 and began work on forming the Foundation soon after. “The early success of the Foundation can be traced back to the quality of the board members that have agreed to serve,” David asserts. “Their energy, expertise, and commitment to seize opportunities as they become available have made it such an enjoyable experience to be the first president of the LCU Foundation.”

The current LCU Foundation board members are Randy Andrews (Secretary), **Sam Beard ('68)**, **Terry R. Creech ('81)**, **Rick Fletcher ('81)**, **Greg Garrett ('81)**, Kent Gaultney (Treasurer), Mark Griffin, Royce Hunter, Dr. Ken Jones, John King, Mark Lanier, Mike Liner, Craig McDonald, David Pruett (President), **Alan Rhodes ('80)**, **Rhonda Rhodes ('77)**, Eldon Schoolcraft, Al Smith, and C. Ray Tobias.

Its Projects

Funds raised through the LCU Foundation have

In addition, the Foundation is assisting LCU Athletics to transition into NCAA Division II and has developed the growing partnership between LCU’s Nursing Department and Covenant School of Nursing. As the next key step in the nursing partnership, the Foundation has secured \$75,000 per year over three years to help LCU establish a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program.

One of the Foundation’s main initiatives in the near future will be the development of the Dr. Ken Jones Center for Leadership Excellence. This center will provide a variety of programs, including seminars, team training, and opportunities to promote leadership at LCU and in the local community.

Great things are happening all across LCU’s campus, and the LCU Foundation is proud to be able to support the exciting programs and projects that are taking place. We are looking forward to continuing to work with LCU to make the university’s dreams a reality.





FOREVER BLUE

Questions voiced by alumni are posed to President Perrin

In January of 2012, Lubbock Christian University named Tim Perrin, member of the LCU Class of 1984, to the role of university president. The alumni response to having one of our own “come home” to lead the university has been overwhelmingly positive, supportive, and full of anticipation. **Tim and Lucy ('86) Perrin** bring to the role of president and first lady a firsthand knowledge of what it means to be an LCU student and alumnus, and their arrival back on campus has created a groundswell of interest among the LCU alumni family.

Matt Paden ('02, '04), Director of University Advancement and Alumni Relations, recently sat down with President Perrin to discuss some questions most often heard from alumni. They wanted to know what his vision is for LCU and what it means for him personally to come back to his *alma mater* and serve in this role.

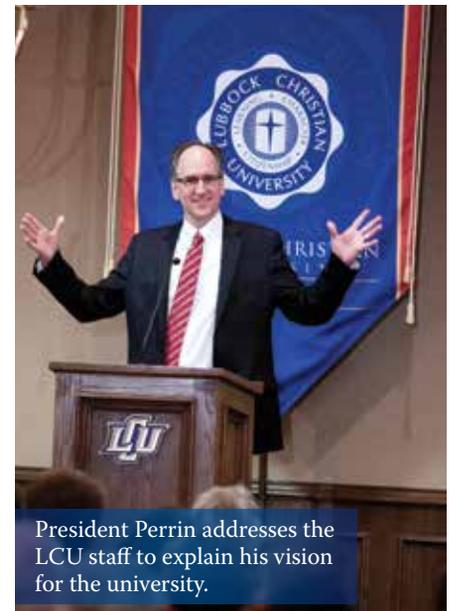
Q - How do you feel being a Lubbock Christian alumnus will benefit you in your new role as the university's president?

RESPONSE: I feel incredibly fortunate to have the chance to return to my alma mater, to return home, and to share in the good work that is happening at LCU. It is a great privilege. As an alumnus, I hope to be able to relate to other alumni in a special and meaningful way, to reflect on our shared experiences and

to draw on our shared love for the University. As an alumnus, I have a deep appreciation and affection for LCU because of what it has meant to me, the way that it shaped and formed my mind, heart, and soul. I know that thousands of LCU alumni have had the same experience. LCU has a great story to tell, and I have had the good fortune of sharing in a good portion of that story.

Q - Can you describe the transformation that has taken place at LCU since you graduated in 1984?

RESPONSE: The changes that have taken place at LCU since 1984 are truly remarkable. Enrollment has doubled; the campus has expanded with the addition of several signature buildings; numerous graduate degrees have been introduced; the nursing program has been added; the faculty has grown in size and is highly qualified and fully engaged in the pursuit of student learning; financial resources have grown, including endowment funds, strengthening the University's financial position; the sports programs have expanded significantly, and LCU has assembled an exceptional group of coaches and student-athletes who consistently compete for conference and national championships; the University's relationship to the Lubbock community has been enhanced; and the sense of mission has been strengthened. In the midst of all of this positive change, I give thanks that the core values have remained the same.



President Perrin addresses the LCU staff to explain his vision for the university.

LCU remains a place that emphasizes character development and takes seriously our responsibility to equip and prepare students for lives of greater service in the Kingdom.

Q - What role can alumni play in helping to impact the future for the university?

RESPONSE: We cannot achieve our lofty goals and fulfill the great promise of LCU without the prayerful support, engagement, and involvement of our alumni. You are our ambassadors! We bask in the glory of your many achievements. We are so grateful for the many ways that so many of our alumni already support the University from providing our students internships, hiring graduates, attending

LCU and alumni events, staying informed about LCU happenings, and making gifts to support and advance our mission. We need and want the participation of every alumnus in the life of the LCU community. Undoubtedly, the most significant impact alumni can have is through their prayers. We covet and greatly appreciate your prayerful support for the life-changing work that is taking place at LCU.

Q - How important is Christian higher education for the future of the church, our families, communities, and country?

RESPONSE: I can't imagine a more important question for higher education than this one. I am joining in the good work that is happening at LCU because I believe that our work is absolutely vital to our nation, communities, and churches. This is why I uprooted my family from Texas twenty years ago and moved to California, and it is why I am returning now to my alma mater. Many years ago, James Monroe wrote: "The question to be asked at the end of an educational step is not 'What has the student learned?,' but 'What has the student become?'" That is the question we are asking at LCU, and that focus is why Christian higher education is so critical for our future.

Q - What are the key priorities you will focus on in the first year of your presidency to help ensure that LCU will have a bright future?

RESPONSE: The LCU faculty, staff, and administration have already engaged in a significant amount of strategic planning. I want to listen to what has already been done and build consensus regarding our key priorities. The highest priority will always be to preserve and strengthen our Christian mission. This is our key distinctive and the very reason for LCU's existence. Every decision must be tested against whether it advances and supports our mission. All priorities flow from this core conviction.

Q - What does it mean to you to be "Forever Blue?"

RESPONSE: Forever Blue is about alumni loyalty, commitment, and engagement. One of the most meaningful memories I have from my time as a student at LCU is Monday night devotionals on the steps of the Moody Auditorium. Each night during my senior year, we closed the devotional with "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." For me this song captures the nature of our enduring connection as members of the LCU family. "Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one; our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear." We are Forever Blue.

It is clear that President Perrin values the role alumni will play in helping to ensure LCU is better tomorrow than it is today. It is imperative for alumni of Lubbock Christian University to stand alongside President Perrin, to be proud

of our heritage, to be excited about what's happening right now, and to be FOREVER BLUE.

If you have any questions for President Perrin concerning the future of LCU or his new role, or ways that alumni and friends of LCU can be involved, please email him at askthepresident@LCU.edu, and he will get back to you as soon as he can.



President Perrin visits with Phil Bryant ('86) after the press conference announcing his appointment as president.

Be on the lookout for events in your area to visit with President and Lucy Perrin.

Visit www.LCUalumni.com



Dr. Philip Camp leads the students and the audience in the university's alma mater after the last performance of Master Follies.

MASTER FOLLIES AND HOMECOMING

A RECAP OF THE EVENTS ON CAMUPS

Homecoming 2012 was well attended, and full of energy and excitement. On Friday night hundreds of alumni and their families started the weekend off by attending the Class Reunion dinner. Following the dinner guests made their way to the Hard Traveler's reunion concert for a great time of good music, fellowship, coffee and desserts.



Saturday morning began early with the traditional social club breakfasts. A large crowd gathered in the McDonald Moody Auditorium for Alumni Chapel, where worship was led by **Kent Mereness ('02)** and a great message was delivered by **Dr. Steve McCleery ('72)**. LCU Chancellor Dr. Ken Jones gave a brief message to the alumni crowd before introducing **Tim Perrin ('84)**, who had been named LCU's sixth president the day before. President Perrin encouraged the alumni in the audience to be excited about the future for LCU and invited them to participate in helping LCU continue to strive for excellence.

There were many guests and reunion classes honored throughout the weekend. A combined 50th reunion involving a number of different activities was held for the classes of 1961 and 1962. A special reception was held to honor the university's first 4 year graduating class (1972) as

they celebrated their 40th reunion. Additional homecoming events were put together to recognize the classes of 1982 and 2002 for their 30th and 10th reunions respectively. Saturday evening several former members of the group, Best Friends, joined together with the current version of the group to perform a song during their concert, and to honor **Warren McNeill ('82)** for his time as Best Friends Director from 1998-2011.

The 2nd annual Alumni Awards dinner was one of the highlights of the weekend. **Linda Gaither ('72)** was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the year, **Dr. Jean Hines ('82)** was presented the F.W. Mattox Award, **Marcelino Banda ('99)** received the K.C. Moser Award, and **Amanda Hale ('98)** was named as the Young Alumnus of the year recipient. **Kimberly Davis Futrell ('93)** was recognized as the 2011 Young Alumnus of the year recipient since she was unable to attend the dinner the previous year because of weather.

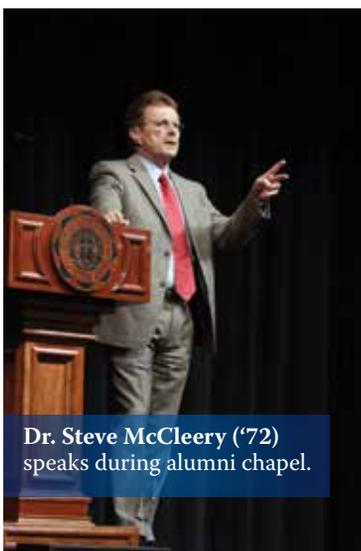
Homecoming and the gathering of alumni is always a fun time for reminiscing, reacquainting, and sharing laughs. For one such story visit www.LCU.EDU/candlelight to read about a Katie Rogers bogus candlelight ceremony story that was shared by **Trudy (Neel) Weiss ('78)**.



Former homecoming queens and court members (far left), LCU Chancellor's wife with Suzie Jones (far right), LCU Chancellor's wife with First Lady Lucy Perrin (far right).



Sarah (White) Carter ('06), Stephanie (DuPont) Rhodes ('04) and Amy (Aduddell) Morris ('01) enjoy visiting at a Best Friends reunion.



Dr. Steve McCleery ('72) speaks during alumni chapel.



James Hobbs ('76) and wife Cindy, along with Mark Davies ('76), Mike Prather ('82), and Gary Moyers ('87) jam during a Hard Travelers Reunion.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUBS

- 1st place** - Kappa Phi Kappa: She's Workin' For Victory
- 2nd place** - Zeta Gamma: Zeta with a Shot of Gamma

MEN'S SOCIAL CLUBS

- 1st place** - Alpha Chi Delta: 27 Men and Not a Single Clue
- 2nd place** - Koinonia: Guards Just Wanna Have Fun

People's Choice Award

Alpha Chi Delta: 27 Men and Not a Single Clue

B. Wayne Hines Special Effects-

Alpha Chi Delta: 27 Men and Not a Single Clue
(named after LCU Master Follies founder, Dr. B. Wayne Hines)

Spirit of Follies

Zeta Gamma: Zeta with a Shot of Gamma
(given to the club exemplifying a good team spirit among themselves and other clubs during the weeks of practice leading up to follies)



Master Follies hosts and hostesses entertain in between club shows.

Mark Calendars for Homecoming 2013

February 7-9, 2013

Reunion years: 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008

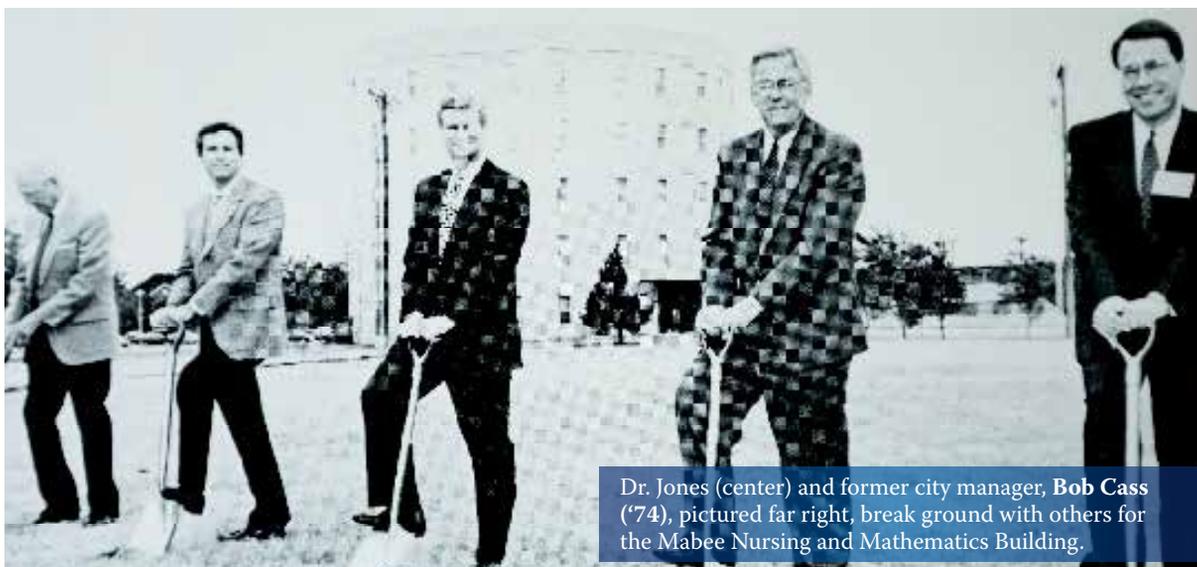
TURNING THE PAGE...OF **LIFE**

Chancellor Ken Jones Reflects on the Past 19 Years and Looks to What the Future Holds

It seems most of my past months have been spent looking backwards—19 years backwards. The 19 years at Lubbock Christian University have been years of tremendous blessings. If one says the University has been blessed, I can say my family and I have been blessed even more.

A close friend, a teacher of leadership, teaches that leadership is as simple as three things—clear direction, right team, and enough resources. The past 19 years at Lubbock Christian have combined three periods of vision. I still remember vividly in late 1993 taking 45 faculty and staff members off campus for a few hours. One statement was, “Close your eyes, open them again and it’s the year 2000. What do you want to see?” Out of that was born a vision. In the year 2000, we were looking ahead to the 50th anniversary in 2007. Finally, in 2008, a third vision was formed and greatly enhanced our campus. My friend is correct in saying there is great power in vision. We have found that at Lubbock Christian.

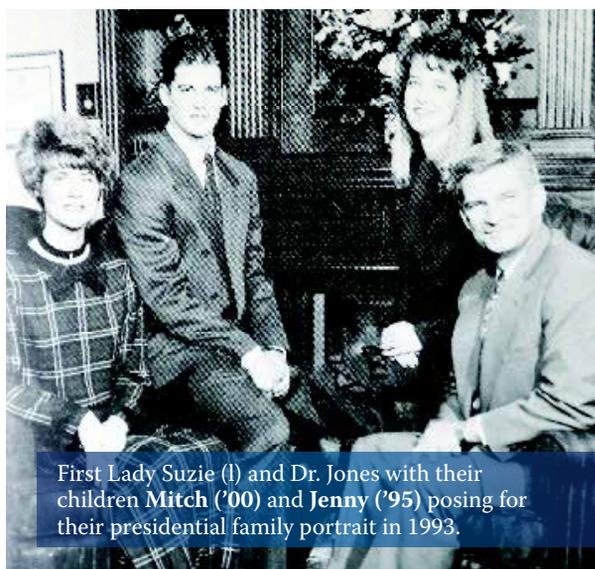
Having enough resources has long been a constant problem for private universities. Such is especially true for young institutions like Lubbock Christian. But, at just the right time, God has brought people forth who made significant



Dr. Jones (center) and former city manager, **Bob Cass** ('74), pictured far right, break ground with others for the Mabee Nursing and Mathematics Building.

differences—Gene and Eileen Hancock, Rip and Geneva Griffin, Lennis and Verdie Baker, Craig and Ann McDonald, Jack and Evonne Cardwell, Ward and Pat Lane, Randy and Susan Andrews, and a host of others. It is always dangerous to make lists such as I have just done, and the most dangerous part of it is that the list never tells the entire story. Undergirding the University since its origin have been thousands of smaller gifts which kept doors opened and allowed Christian education to be delivered by excellent faculty.

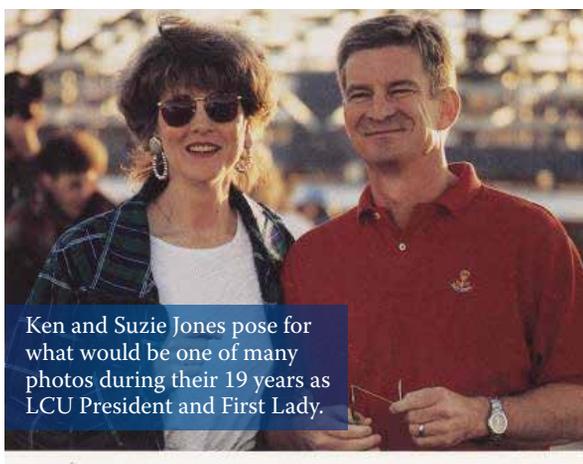
As I look back, maybe the most special ingredient to leadership has been the right team. I have literally watched in amazement how God has brought the right people at just the right time for LCU. Our people have been so talented. They have spoken with one voice. And they have accomplished so much. The people of LCU—faculty, staff, administrators, students—have made such a powerful difference. I am so thankful that God worked directly through so many to help bring LCU to where it is today.



First Lady Suzie (l) and Dr. Jones with their children **Mitch** ('00) and **Jenny** ('95) posing for their presidential family portrait in 1993.

So, looking back I see 19 years of trying to set direction, enjoying the blessing of the right team and seeing God bring resources to us. I and we have been so blessed.

Surely everyone would understand if I say it's really not very healthy to spend too much time looking back. A little might be alright, but life is so much better lived by looking ahead. Personally, Suz and I are excited about "turning the page" and discovering the adventure God places before us. If the past is any indication, our future will be full of God giving blessing and direction. The exact same is true for Lubbock Christian University. God has known and planned for the coming of Tim and Lucy Perrin from 1957 and long before. They are here now for LCU's future. Consequently, LCU is in for a magnificent and blessed future.



Ken and Suzie Jones pose for what would be one of many photos during their 19 years as LCU President and First Lady.



Dr. L. KEN JONES' PRESIDENTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Jones greets General Colin Powell at the first "An Evening with..." dinner in 2007 featuring the former Secretary of State.

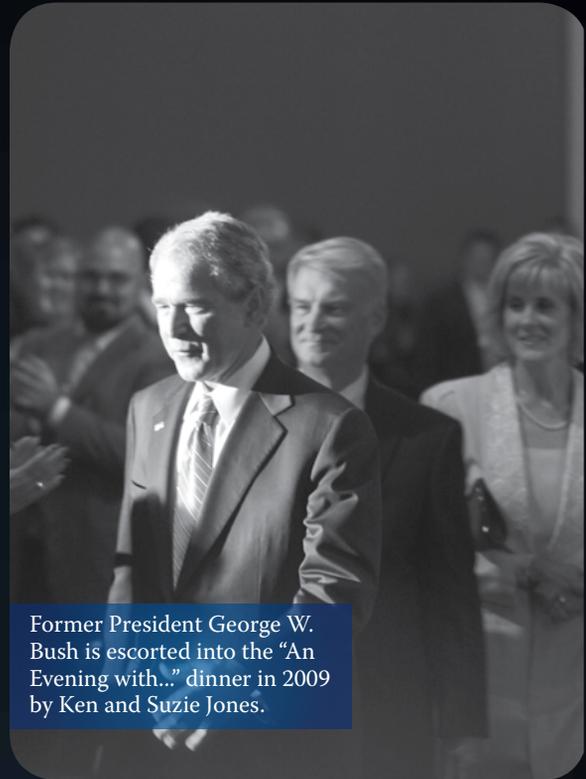
Dr. L. Ken Jones was named LCU's fifth president in June 1993. In January 2011 he was named Chancellor of LCU while still maintaining CEO duties for the university. June 1, 2012 he transitioned transition fully to the Chancellorship, where his primary focus will be working with the LCU Foundation and speaking on leadership to companies, churches and civic groups on LCU's behalf.

- Increase in enrollment with eight consecutive years of record enrollment from 1997-2005 and breaking past the 2000 student mark
- \$18.5 million raised in the Cornerstone 2000 campaign
- \$32.5 million was raised in the Changing Lives Forever campaign that concluded in 2007
- Strength and stability brought through reorganization
- Clear definition of values and mission
- \$6 million added to endowment through successful negotiations and sale of the Wilson Farm to the City of Lubbock
- Sale of 1585 property to enhance LCU's endowment
- Securing gift of Pine Springs Camp; significant growth of Pine Springs Summer Camp and Retreat Center in New Mexico, including a land exchange with the National Forest Service
- Debt restructuring
- Salary increases
- Improvement in health benefits for employees
- Addition of medical clinic with a staff MD on campus
- SACS reaccreditation - 1998 and 2008; 2008 accreditation without any findings
- Specific reaccreditations of Social Work, graduate Bible, education, nursing, and substantive change in Organizational Management
- Significant departmental growth in Biblical Studies, Behavioral Sciences, Education and Kinesiology as well as other departments
- Automation and expansion of University Library
- Fiber optic network across the campus and continued growth of technology
- New phone system
- Growth of TEG from \$330,610 to \$1,784,020
- Establishment of the LCU "An Evening with..." speaker series with three high profile speakers - General Colin Powell, President George W. Bush, and Dr. Condoleezza Rice - being brought to the city of Lubbock
- Establishment of the LCU Foundation
- The university has become a catalyst in Lubbock for green initiatives such as ground source heat pumps and new buildings being LEED certified through the US Green Building Council, with the Cardwell Welcome Center holding the only Platinum ranking for the city of Lubbock



New Programs

- Organizational Management from 0-130 majors and expansion to Midland and Big Spring
- Environmental Science
- Expanded graduate programs
- Center for Character Development
- Distance Learning
- Honors Program
- Washington Internship Program
- Center for Evening Programs
- Exercise Science
- Athletic Training Articulation Agreement with Texas Tech University
- Articulation agreement with Texas Tech University Engineering Program
- Merger between LCU and Covenant School of Nursing
- Family Practitioner Program
- Increased research opportunities for undergraduates
- Establishment and expansion of online offerings
- Expansion of athletic programs



Former President George W. Bush is escorted into the "An Evening with..." dinner in 2009 by Ken and Suzie Jones.

Significant Building And Remodeling Projects

- Initiation of move to NCAA Division II
- Remodeling/renovation of the dorms, Student Affairs offices, Kathryn Lynch Thompson Conference Room, Betty Hancock Parlor, Morrison Center for Distance Learning and Cardwell Lecture Hall, Hays Field, Rhodes Perrin Field House/ Rec Center, Baker Conference Center, Bozeman Room, Allison Music Building, Johnson Recital Hall, Agriculture/Natural Sciences building, IT/Technology offices, McDonald Moody Auditorium
- Construction of the Perrin Fitness Center, Mabee Nursing and Mathematics building, Rip Griffin Center, Ling Center for Academic Achievement, Facilities building, Cardwell Welcome Center, PlainsCapital Softball Park, City Bank Baseball Club House, campus apartment complexes, Sibyl Morrison Addition to the Behavioral Sciences Building, competition soccer fields
- Renovation of Johnson Hall after a fire destroyed the upper west wing
- Significant additional parking
- Re-design of campus mall area with expanded sidewalks, landscape, and seating area
- Continued beautification of campus grounds

Speaking Opportunities

- Leadership seminars/presentations for Lubbock Chamber of Commerce (Leadership Lubbock, Focus Lubbock), Texas Instruments, Covenant Health System
- Frequent speaker in churches
- Keynote speaker for various businesses, civic organizations, church leadership retreats

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GRAPE SALAD

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| 4 c. green grapes | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 4 c. red or purple grapes | 1/2 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese | 1/2 c. brown sugar |
| 1 - 8 oz. carton sour cream | 1 c. chopped pecans/walnuts |

Cream sugar and cream cheese together. Add sour cream and vanilla. Stir in grapes and mix until grapes are coated. Refrigerate until time to serve. When ready, sprinkle brown sugar and pecans on top.

Carolyn (Bradley) Yurcho ('61) - Dallas, TX
 Beverly (Westin) Macha - Levelland, TX
 -Mother to Debbie (Westin) Carpenter ('89)
 and Donna (Westin) Cowdrey ('90)-

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This recipe is one of the many delicious selections compiled in *Treasured Recipes*, the 50th Anniversary edition of the LCU Associates Cookbook, **available for purchase** by calling 806-720-7485 or emailing carol.dahlstrom@LCU.edu.



LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY • FIRST ANNUAL

MODERN PIONEER

FILM FESTIVAL

SUCCESS GREETES FIRST FILM FESTIVAL

Lubbock Christian University held the first annual “LCU Modern Pioneer Film Festival” on the LCU campus in February. Tim Day, Associate Director of Admissions, was in charge of the event and encouraged all students, faculty, and staff to enter the festival. The theme of the festival was The New

Colossus: An American Dream. This theme was based on the poem, “The New Colossus,” by Emma Lazarus, and its attention to life in America provided a backdrop for our discussions of the various films with the student body.

The two-day event featured the submitted student/faculty/staff films, along with a handful of Hollywood movies, which encouraged the overall theme for the festival. Students and staff entered three films and each one was well received by all who watched.

“I am so excited that we are creating a culture of film appreciation on campus,” Day said of the inaugural festival. “I hope that LCU can continue to nurture students to pursue their own passion in film. In addition, I hope that we can grow as a university in seeing films as visual texts for their social and cultural significance as well as the avenue of critical thinking that they provide. I hope we have created a template for us to continue the festival in coming years.”

Josh Stephens (Dean of Students), Paul Norman (Assistant Dean of Students), and Kecia Jackson (Katie Rogers Dorm Supervisor) all submitted the first film. The overall concept for their video was to make it seem as though Paul was being hunted down for taking the job of Assistant Dean of Students away from Kecias’ husband (Landon Jackson). Their film employed some interesting special effects.

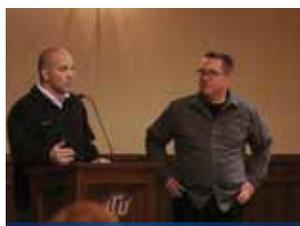
Dr. Fawn Musick’s Rhetorical Design class submitted the second film. Their video showed a comparison of how

immigration is similar to applying for college. It showed the entire process—from applying for entrance into college, getting medical shots, filling out all of the paper work, to finding housing.

Jerrold Shelton and Jordan Parnell submitted the third and final film. Their video took a sneak peek into the lives of the residents of Tent City (a living area for the homeless of Lubbock) as well as into the issue of homelessness. All films received a prize, and those who produced the films were available for questions concerning their projects at the festival.

Hollywood features shown during the festival were all matched under sub-categories of the theme of “The American Dream” with four ideas - Immigration, Self-Made Success, Stardom, and Sports Achievement. The films shown were: The Visitor, 2007 (Immigration); Citizen Kane, 1941 (Self-Made Success); That Thing You Do!, 1996 (Stardom); and Moneyball, 2011 (Sports Achievement). Panel discussions took place following each of the film presentations. Moneyball concluded the film festival with some very special guests on the panel: former MLB players Steve Watkins and Phil Bryant, both former LCU Chap baseball players, who shared their experiences and thoughts on the movie.

Students, guests, and faculty walked away with much more appreciation for films and filmmaking after attending this event. The plan is for LCU to continue to hold the “LCU Modern Pioneer Film Festival,” regularly, offering opportunities for student film projects and for academic presentations on popular films and their cultural value.



Josh Stephens, Dean of Students, and Tim Day, Admissions, addressing the festival crowd.



Phil Bryant ('88) and Steve Watkins ('11) comment at the film festival.



BASEBALL

World Series Out of Reach in 2012

After struggling through a season of ups and downs the 2012 Lubbock Christian University Chaparral baseball squad headed to the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament during the first weekend of May with aspirations of improving their stock as they seek to join the NAIA tournament field. LCU reached that goal by advancing to the tournament championship game.

After clinching a berth in the NAIA National tourney the Chaps were somewhat surprised and a bit chagrined at being placed in the NAIA tourney opening round site hosted by Oklahoma City University. LCU went into the tournament looking

to extend their streak of NAIA World Series berths to four in-a-row, but the Stars of OCU had other plans.

The two bitter rivals from the Sooner Athletic Conference met in the championship tilt of the opening round event and the



Mark Almauger throws a pitch for the Chaps during the 2012 season

OCU squad defeated the Chaps 4-0 to take the automatic berth into the World Series. Ironically the last time that LCU failed to reach the NAIA World Series in Lewiston, ID was in 2008 and that loss came at the hands of Oklahoma City University on their home field just like the 2012 outcome.

The loss in the NAIA opening round finale brought to close a season of ups and downs for the LCU diamond squad. The Chaps finished the 2012 campaign with an overall mark of 35-22. During the season head coach Nathan Blackwood reached a milestone as he recorded his 400th career victory on March 17th to put him second on the all-time wins list at LCU behind Hall of Fame coach Larry Hays, who amassed 695 wins.



Conference Honors for Quartet

Four members of the Lubbock Christian University Chaparrals baseball squad received All-Conference honors, as the Sooner Athletic Conference announced their postseason awards. Senior second baseman Richard Bohlken, senior first baseman Karl Seiter and senior pitcher Tyler Rogers received First Team honors, while junior catcher Jason Fisch received Second Team accolades. Senior Ryan Burnaman also claimed a spot on the Gold Glove Team as a shortstop.

Uvalde Standout Inks with Chaps

Lubbock Christian University baseball head coach Nathan Blackwood has confirmed the signing of Uvalde High School's Chad McElroy.

McElroy, who held his signing announcement in Uvalde, is enjoyed his senior season with Uvalde with a .389 batting average in 18 games. He also has a pair of home runs and 12 runs-batted-in. McElroy has played catcher, outfield and pitcher with UHS this season. His junior season, he batted .347 with seven doubles and 22 RBI to help lead Uvalde into the postseason. He claimed First Team All-District honors. Former LCU standout Steve Cargil, a Uvalde native and friend of the McElroy family, helped line up McElroy and the Chaps. Chad is the son of Vann

McElroy, who was a former gridiron standout for both the Baylor Bears and Los Angeles Raiders at safety.

MEN'S GOLF

Chaps Season Ends after SAC Event

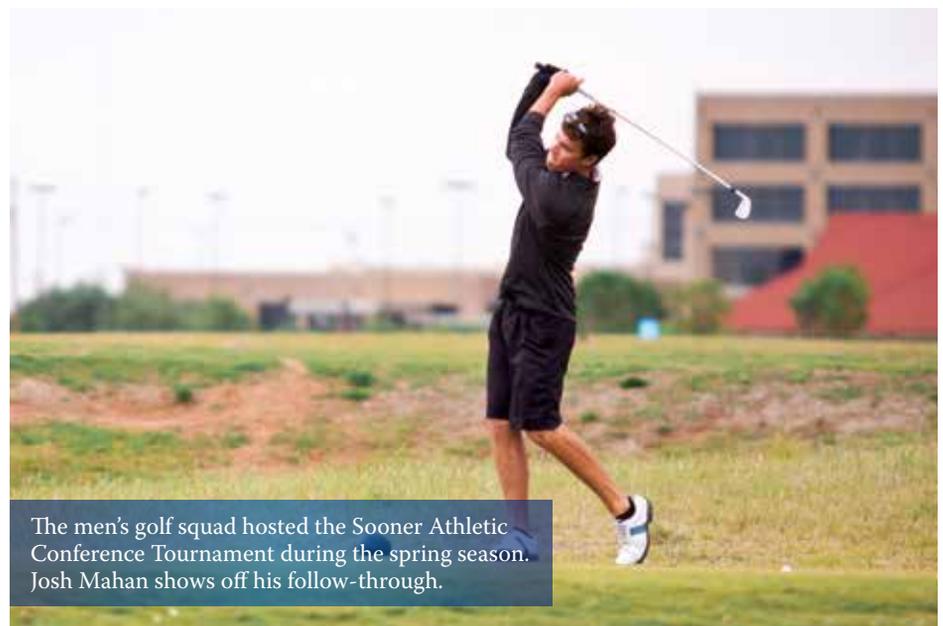
The Sooner Athletic Conference men's golf tournament for 2012 was held in Lubbock at the Rawls Course on the Texas Tech campus. Second-ranked Oklahoma City University had no problem claiming their 15th SAC men's golf title, as they claimed a 29-stroke victory. Host Lubbock Christian University made noise throughout the tournament and moved into second place on several occasions, but those occasions mostly came on the front nine, as LCU had fits on the back nine. The Chaps were very balanced with their individuals. Five strokes separated their best score from their worst score. They finished 10-over par with an

874 team score. Nick Cornu had the biggest improvement of the tournament with a 67 in the final round after carding an 80 in the second round.

With the win, Oklahoma City received the automatic berth into the NAIA Championships, set for May 22-25 at Creekside Golf Club in Salem, Ore. The Chaps did not receive an at-large berth as the NAIA qualifiers were announced on May 10th.

WOMEN'S GOLF: *Top 10 National Finish for Lady Chaps*

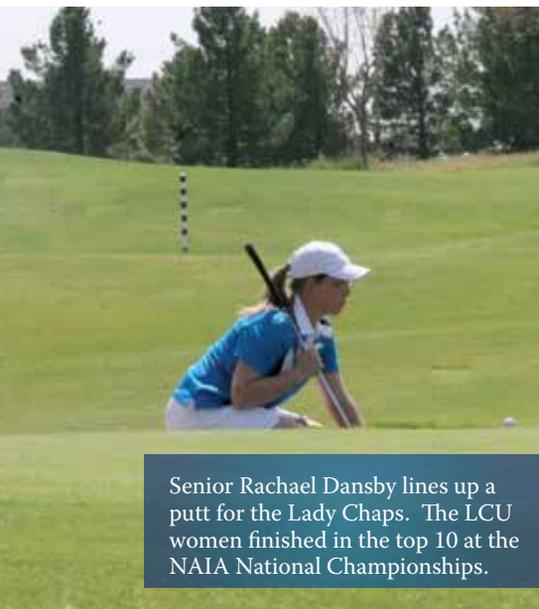
Another outstanding season came to a close for the LCU women's golf squad as they finished seventh in the NAIA Women's Golf National Championship at Link Hills Golf and Country Club in Greeneville, TN. Three Lady Chaparrals finished with sub-80 scores in the fourth and final round of the



The men's golf squad hosted the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament during the spring season. Josh Mahan shows off his follow-through.

tournament and No.7 Lubbock Christian University recorded their third consecutive top-10 finish.

Anna Schopp (75), Rachael Dansby (76) and Shelbye Hill (76) each closed out the tournament with rounds under 80 to help the Lady Chaps finish with a final round team score of 308. The round helped them move from eighth place to seventh place and they leaped No.1 Oklahoma City University by one stroke. The final round also included an 81 from Sinae Montoya and an 85 from Macalee Lane.



Senior Rachael Dansby lines up a putt for the Lady Chaps. The LCU women finished in the top 10 at the NAIA National Championships.

Schopp led the event for LCU with a 16th place finish. She carded a 302 on the par-73 layout at Lake Hills. She was one of three Lady Chaps to finish in the top 50 among individuals, joined by Hill with a 38th place finish (314) and Dansby, who was in a share of 43rd (316). Montoya finished two shots behind Dansby

(316) and Lane tied for 86th with a 339.

The final score for LCU was 1,242 as they managed the third best finish in program history. The Lady Chaps finished fourth last season and they were sixth at the 2008 national tourney.

MEN'S SOCCER

Additions Made to Coaching Staff

Lubbock Christian University men's soccer head coach Kyle Beard has announced additions to his coaching staff, as he welcomed Luke Close as his assistant coach and Chase Walker as his graduate assistant coach.

Close comes to LCU from Harding University where he was serving as a Graduate Assistant Coach for the Searcy, Arkansas based NCAA Div. II school. He played soccer for Harding University before starting his coaching career in club soccer and then returning to Harding as the men and women's graduate assistant coach. Last season, Close worked exclusively with the men's team. Before playing at Harding, Close played high school club soccer in North and South Carolina and lettered two seasons at Lexington (S.C.) High School. He is originally from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, but eventually resided in Lexington, S.C.

Walker played the prior two seasons for the Chaps after



LCU soccer standout Tony Stock handles the ball during the 2011 season.

transferring from Colorado Christian University. He becomes the first Chaps player to move from playing to the coaching ranks. Walker was named Sooner Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player of Week for Oct. 25-31. He had two goals in a 2-1 overtime win over John Brown. His LCU career included three goals in 24 games with 11 shots on goal. Chase Walker graduated from East Texas Christian Academy in 2008 and played all 4 years as a starter on the Varsity team. His freshman year he help lead the team to their first playoff appearance in school history losing to the eventual state champions in the TAPPS State quarterfinals. As a sophomore, the team reached the regional finals before being eliminated

from the playoffs. As a senior, he received First Team All-District and Second Team All-State honors (TAPPS).

LCU made the moves after Odie Guzman left the staff to accept the head coaching position at Harding University. The Chaps completed the past season with a 14-4 record and finishing the season as Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament finalists.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Denning Named as New Head Coach

Lubbock Christian University athletic director Paul Hise announced that Alex Denning has been named the new women's soccer head coach.

"I am very excited to announce that Alex Denning has accepted the position of head women's soccer coach at LCU," said Hise. "Alex was able to build highly competitive programs at the NCAA Division II level with limited scholarships and funding. We are looking forward to seeing the continued improvement of our women's



The men's soccer squad capped an outstanding season by finishing as runner-up at the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament last November.

soccer program under his leadership. The Athletic Department is excited to welcome Alex and his wife Lauren into our family."

Denning comes to LCU after four seasons at the helm of both the men's and women's soccer programs at Arkadelphia, Ark. based Ouachita Baptist University. In the four-year span, he led the men's program to their only two postseason appearances and the women's program to a Great American Conference championship match.

On the women's side, Denning produced a record of 23-33-4. Last season, OBU went 8-9-1 and lost in a shootout to East Central (Okla.) after a 0-0 tie in the conference championship game. He helped the Lady Tigers raise their team GPA from 2.8 to 3.69, which ranked third highest in the nation.

On the men's side, Denning posted a coaching mark of 24-29-4. The 45.6% win percentage is a program best at OBU. The Tigers qualified for the 2010 Gulf South Conference Tournament with an 11-6 record. They carried the GSC Player of the Year on their roster and Denning claimed GSC Coach of the Year accolades. The Tigers also raised their team GPA from 2.34 to 3.45 under the guidance of Denning.



Stacy-Ann Johnson (#18 in pink) was one of the team leaders on the soccer pitch.

Overall while at OBU, Denning coached 17 all-conference players, including a conference player of the year honoree, and 11 all-region players. His teams also received 71 honors of academic recognition to his players.

Denning is a Boston native, who was an Army Brat who eventually called Mesquite, Texas home. He played as a goalkeeper and eventually attended Ouachita Baptist before a pair of knee surgeries ended his collegiate playing career. While focusing on his academics, Denning spent a semester in Quebec and assisted the coaching staff at Bishops University while also playing semi-professionally with Le Vert. He returned to Arkansas and served as a head coach for the Arkansas Olympic Development Program and as an assistant coach at Arkadelphia High School. Alex is married to Lauren, who served as his assistant coach for both programs at the NCAA Div. II OBU program.

He takes over an LCU program that will mark the 2012 season as the third season in program history. Before resigning to pursue other coaching opportunities, Babak Abouzar led LCU to a pair of Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament appearances and to a combined 14-18-4 record over two seasons.

SOFTBALL

Another National Tourney, Regular Season SAC Title

The No. 5-ranked Lubbock Christian University softball squad saw another spectacular season wrap up after the conclusion of pool play action at the NAIA Softball National Championship in Gulf Shores, AL. LCU managed a 2-1 pool play record, winning games over Lindsey Wilson (KY) by a score of 6-2 and over Union (TN) by a margin of 3-2. Their lone pool play loss, though, (5-7 to Indiana Southeast) spelled doom for the Chaps and their hopes of making it into bracket play of the tourney.

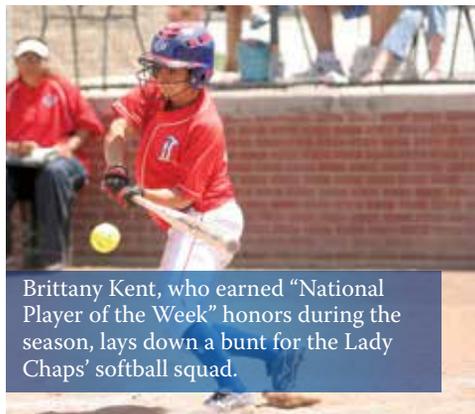
The season ends for the Lady Chaps with an overall record of 56-8 and they won their fourth Sooner Athletic Conference regular season title, while also finishing as runner-up at the SAC tournament. They wrap up their latest appearance in the national tourney boasting an all-time championship record of 18-8.

With the season wrapping up it also marks the end of the career for six LCU seniors. Brittany Kent (OF), Carollin Hall (P), Marissa Coats (C), Andrea Argee (OF) and Loren Phelps (OF) all played their last contest in the national tournament.

Players Receive Notice

The Lubbock Christian University softball program has amassed a great deal of success in each year of its history, beginning with winning the 2008 national title in its first year. Along with that success has come plenty of recognition for individual players and the 2012 season has been no different.

On March 21st, senior outfielder Brittany Kent was named the NAIA "National Player of the Week" after leading the Lady Chaps to a 10-1 record during the Tucson (AZ) Invitational. She became the second Lady Chap in history to be named to the national award, joining current senior Kim Frazier, who was honored in May of 2011. Former LCU pitcher Marissa Gonzalez claimed NAIA "Pitcher of the Week" honors in 2008.



Brittany Kent, who earned "National Player of the Week" honors during the season, lays down a bunt for the Lady Chaps' softball squad.



Pitcher Sarah Mendez (#7) get set to tag out an opposing base runner. Mendez was a first-team All-America selection in 2012.

LCU players garnered the Sooner Athletic Conference "Player of the Week" accolade five different times in the regular season, led by All-America first baseman Frazier, who received the honor three times. Fellow seniors Kent and Andrea Argee were named "POY" one time during the season. In addition to those honors, pitcher Sarah Mendez claimed "Pitcher of the Week" honors two times.

Also, there were nine Lady Chaps earning spots on the All-Sooner Athletic Conference squad, including both the Player of the Year (senior Kim Frazier) and Newcomer of the Year (junior Sarah Mendez). First-team choices from LCU were Frazier (1B), McKenzie Clemmons (2B), Andrea Argee (OF) and Kent (OF). Lady Chaps earning second-team All-SAC were Latianna Eltsosie (3B), Amanda Longorio (P) and Stephanie Rendon (SS). Honorable-Mention honors went to Marissa Coats (C) and Maddie Johnson (OF). Eltsosie was also named to the league's Gold Glove squad.

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Student Overcomes Adversity to Graduate

For all Lubbock Christian University students who received their degrees in an official capacity during commencement exercises in December, the occasion was certainly a special one. For one student in particular, though, that day seemingly would never get here for reasons that not many experience.

Zack Steward received his degree in Visual Communications during the ceremonies that took place in the Rip Griffin Center. His journey, though, has been nothing short of amazing, beginning with being diagnosed with Duchene's Muscular Dystrophy as a seven-year old boy.

Steward was a healthy baby boy, born with no complications. But, when he began having issues with falling a lot and having to walk on his tiptoes, his family knew something was drastically wrong. After originally thinking that he had suffered a sports injury, a trip to Dallas and the Scottish Rite Clinic confirmed the diagnosis that would change his life.

By the time Zack was in fifth grade, he could no longer walk. His struggles weren't restricted to physical battles, but he also had to endure days of dealing with peers who did not at all understand and, at times, even could be, as Zach says, "hateful" toward him. Not only were those personal obstacles



Zack Steward ('11)

difficult for he and his family, but he also had to manage the fact that many schools wouldn't accommodate his specific needs.

Through it all, though, Zack persevered and followed his dream of becoming a professional in graphic design. As he's gotten older, though, the demands and the circumstances haven't been any easier.

"There are struggles," Zack says, "... things like the ability to do simple things – get things out of the pantry, fridge and filing cabinet – and opening doors. My surroundings have to be constantly changed to accommodate me, and fatigue and muscle pain come along easily."

His college journey wasn't any easier. He had to get up five hours before his first class of the day in order to make the transfer from bed to his wheelchair, get dressed, get his hair done, and do the simple (for most of us) daily hygiene tasks that are necessary. Additionally, he found it hard to keep up with his class work because of the constant soreness of overworked muscles. Toss in two-to-three hours of physical therapy a day and going to a chiropractor one time a week, and Zack's days were full.

At LCU, "... (I've) enjoyed the professors, who have all been very accommodating and personable. The classmates here have been more understanding and accepting – no bullying anymore."

While Zack is excited about moving on to the next phase of his life, the simple fact is it won't get much easier for him. He is constantly battling the deterioration of his muscle function in his arms, legs and neck. His range of motion is limited to movement of his elbows and parts of his arms, although limited, and wrists. It's a struggle on a daily basis, but his demeanor and his work ethic never seem to change.

"I've had the opportunity to visit with Zack a little during the fall semester as he's been in my class," said Kelly Robinson, who teaches ECA 1300 at LCU. "What I've been amazed by is his work ethic and his willingness to get the

job done, no matter what it takes. He is a breath of fresh air anytime you get the chance to see him."

Zack will continue to take pride in what he's accomplished. That, however, will never take the place of the pride he experiences on a daily basis – the pride in knowing that he has overcome obstacles in his life that most of us would see as insurmountable.

LCU Intern Visits Chomsky

Honors student Diana Eid completed an internship in the spring in Washington DC. One of her many highlights during her internship was meeting world renowned scholar and human rights advocate Noam Chomsky. Diana was asked to accompany her supervisor to



Diana Eid with renowned scholar and human rights advocate Noam Chomsky.

visit personally with Chomsky at his MIT office in Boston.

Noam Chomsky is an American linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, historian, and activist. He is an Institute Professor and Professor (Emeritus) in the Department of Linguistics & Philosophy at MIT, where he has worked for over 50 years. Chomsky has been described as the "father of modern linguistics" and a major figure of analytic philosophy. His work has influenced fields such as computer science, mathematics, and psychology.

"That an LCU student would be so prominently placed in Washington speaks well for her, her faculty and family, and LCU as a whole," said Dr. Stacy Patty, LCU's Director of the University Honors Program. "We have

had many good experiences with our interns already, but this particular placement moves us – and our program – to another level.”

While interning Eid worked with the Sindhi Institute’s political action committee, which speaks for the concerns of the Sindhi people who are located in Pakistan. Later in the semester, Diana had the opportunity to accompany her supervisor to Geneva for a meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Diana is a math major from Uganda. She speaks Arabic, Swahili, French, and English.

The Washington DC internship program is under the leadership of Dr. Patty.

Department of Nursing Completes Accreditation Visit

In early February the Lubbock Christian University Department of Nursing hosted a site review for continuing accreditation of its Master of Science in Nursing program. The visiting committee led by Linda Godley, PhD, RN (Dean of Cora S. Balmat School of Nursing at Alcorn State University in Natchez, MS) met with the department for the end-of-visit report. She reported to them that the Master of Nursing program received all “met the standard” marks for every standard that was investigated and the group also received additional praise for the enthusiasm shown by every student, alumni and many others regarding the Nursing Department in general and the nursing graduate program specifically.

“It is a joy to see how much a group of professionals like this have been able to accomplish in the last few years,” said Dr. Steve German, former Dean of the Lane College of Professional Studies, “The nursing program is a model of entrepreneurship, innovation and teamwork.”

Exodus from Egypt Lecture

Lubbock Christian University and the Lanier Theological Library of Houston featured noted Egyptologist, Dr. James Hoffmeier, on campus in March. He spoke on the biblical accounts of the Exodus and wilderness journey in light



Mark Lanier poses questions to Dr. James Hoffmeier during the Exodus from Egypt event.

of recent archaeological and geological work in North Sinai. Sharing new data from the North Sinai Archaeological Project, which he directed, Dr. Hoffmeier presented a compelling portrait of the route of the Exodus and the location of the Re(e)d Sea.

Admission to this event was free, and the original venue location was changed on campus because of the overwhelming response. The lecture was held in the McDonald Moody Auditorium, instead of the Baker Conference Center, with over 1,000 people attending.

Hoffmeier teaches Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern History and Archaeology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL. Hoffmeier lived in Egypt from birth until the age of sixteen and later went to Wheaton College to earn his Bachelor of Arts. He completed both his Master’s and Doctorate degrees at the University of Toronto.

The Lanier Theological Library was founded and opened by Mark and Becky Lanier of Houston and has recently launched the library’s speaker series with notable Biblical scholars. Mark Lanier studied Biblical Languages at Lipscomb University and earned his law degree from Texas Tech University. In 1990, Lanier started his own firm, which now employs 65 lawyers in four different cities. In addition to practicing law, Lanier writes about the Bible and teaches a weekly Biblical class with over 700 class members at Champions Forest Baptist Church. Lanier also serves on LCU’s Foundation Board.

Spring Theatre Production Benefit for Hope Lodge

This spring the Lubbock Christian University Theatre presented WIT by Margaret Edson. All of the proceeds from the Saturday, March 3, evening performance were donated to Lubbock’s Hope Lodge of the American Cancer Society.

The story line is about Vivian Bearing, Ph.D., a renowned professor of English who has spent years studying and teaching the brilliant and difficult metaphysical sonnets of John Donne, being diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer. Her approach to the study of Donne is aggressively probing, intensely rational. But during the course of her illness – and her stint as a prize patient in an experimental chemotherapy program at a major teaching hospital, Vivian comes to reassess her life and her work with a profundity and humor that are transformative both for her and the audience.

In her extraordinary first play, Margaret Edson has created a work that is as intellectually challenging as it is emotionally immediate. “[A] brutally human and beautifully layered new play...you feel both enlightened and, in a strange way, enormously comforted.” –



Student Renee Rhodes plays the role of the nurse that assists cancer patient Vivian Bearing, played by Dr. Laurie Doyle, in the spring drama production WIT.

NY Times. “A dazzling and humane new play that you will remember till your dying day.” –NY Magazine. Edson won the 1999 Pulitzer Prize and the Lucille Lortel Award for Best Play.

Dr. Laurie Doyle, Chair of Communication/Fine Arts Department, played the character of Bearing and

delivered a powerful and amazing performance. Directed by LCU's Dr. Don Williams, this play served as LCU's entry in the Christian University Theatre Festival, hosted by Wayland Baptist University. The production was produced in collaboration between the LCU Theatre and the LCU Nursing Department.

Financial Peace Speaker on Campus

Rachel Ramsey Cruze, daughter of national radio host Dave Ramsey, spoke in chapel April 12 and presented at a financial skills rally later in the evening. Rachel is passionate about speaking the message of financial stewardship to high school and college students. The Jerry Gray Foundation brought her to Lubbock and Student Affairs hosted her to campus. Rachel's father, Dave Ramsey, is well known for his program, Financial Peace University, which focuses on tactics to live a debt-free life.

iPads for Reading Skills

Technology is ever changing the way the world operates and thereby changing the way education takes place in classrooms across the country. A group of education methods students from Lubbock Christian University have started working with third graders at Lubbock ISD's Harwell Elementary School on a reading project combined with technology.

The LCU students are tutoring for reading skills, but not in a very traditional manner. iPads obtained through a grant from LCU Professor, Dr. Holly Bullard, are being implemented for the instruction of the Harwell Elementary children. The education major students are working with one-to-two elementary kids a couple of times a week and putting into practice skills learned in their Practical Applications of Reading course.

LCU alumni, **Verna (Jetton) Smith ('99)**, is over-seeing the tutoring the LCU students are administering and plans to report back to us on the progress that both the LCU and third grade students make throughout the semester.

As the university continually evolves and is looking to enhance its position in the technology world, many more academic departments and classes have taken on iPad pilot courses through the Provost Technology Fellows program. After successful ventures in the fall that involved classes taught by Dr. Keith Rogers (Digital Moviemaking/Video Production), Dr. Carroll Carole (Honors Latin I) and Professor Karen Randolph (Web Design – online), four new pilot proposals for the spring have been accepted.

Classes taught by Dr. Kathy Crockett (Leadership), Dr. Jeana Culbert (Social Welfare Policy), Dr. Holly Bullard (Practical Applications to Reading – see story above) and Professor Karen Randolph (Web Design – lab) are currently in progress. Also, the LCU Admissions office has a program in place for the spring semester as they also use the iPad for recruiting purposes.

“The very brief overview of the current data collected (on the pilot program) would demonstrate that this program, up to this point, appears to be an overall positive experience for the students and the professors involved,” said LCU Provost, Dr. Rod Blackwood.

Out of the Darkness

Out of the Darkness is a program each spring addressing issues and topics regarding college students. The campus events of the week consist of speakers, forums, discussions, artistic expression, and physical activities that promote positive life choices as people of God. Out of the Darkness provides a safe place for students to discuss difficult topics in today's cultural climate and is a joint collaboration between the Counseling Center and Student Affairs.

LCU Serves the Lubbock Community

Lubbock Christian University students, faculty, staff, and alumni joined together on Saturday afternoon, March 24 for Collide, a day of service within the Lubbock community. This is an annual event each spring facilitated through the Interclub Council office on campus to unite campus social clubs, student organizations, and individuals

under the goal of showing Christ to the community. LCU had around four hundred people involved this year and hopes Collide will provide the opportunity for many to serve.

“Collide is an annual service project designed to give each participant an opportunity to work with others in the LCU family,” said Interclub Council president, Jennifer Anderson, “Our goal is to support one another and to encourage service within the Lubbock community.”

In the past five years, Collide has been made up of a number of service projects throughout the Lubbock community, including serving the homeless at Carpenter's Church, volunteering at area nursing homes, preparing food for Angel Food Ministries, and working



Jared McDougal and Chase Smith, along with many other students, serve during Collide.

at the South Plains Food Bank Farm and Habitat for Humanity. The focus of this spring's service day was solely on Tent City and was opened to alumni for participation.

“So many LCU alumni are service-oriented and already committed to volunteering their time to a wide range of good works and causes,” says Matt Paden, Director of Alumni Relations for LCU, “we wanted to give our students and alumni an opportunity to work side by side during LCU's designated day of service to promote community involvement as a lifelong practice.”

Tent City is a compound made up of warehouses located at 1701 Avenue A in Lubbock for homeless and those in need

of shelter. It would not be in existence if not for Link Ministries.

Jordan Meuse, a social club chaplain chairing Collide 2012 said, "Tent City has been battered and bruised, and the work that Link Ministries is doing deserves a hand. They are not only clothing and feeding the homeless, but giving them their humanity back. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus says, 'The poor, orphans, homeless...' these are the people we want to build relationships with, and the focus of Collide 2012 is to help the homeless get back on their feet and press on."

LCU Board Chairman Named Texas A&M Distinguished Texan in Agriculture

Long-time LCU board of trustee chairman Jerry Harris was named a 2012 Texas A&M University System Distinguished Texan in Agriculture.

The award recognizes and honors agricultural leaders in Texas who demonstrate outstanding leadership and provide significant contributions to Texas agriculture, said Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences, Texas A&M University System.

"LCU has been and continues to be very blessed to have the leadership of Jerry Harris on our board," said Dr. Ken Jones, Chancellor of LCU, "Jerry has a love for agriculture, but he also has a servant heart for Christian higher education which is evident by the years he has served our university and worked to further our mission."

Harris lives in Lamesa and is a Dawson County native whose business interests include farming, ginning, warehousing, merchandising, and equipment leasing. Through the years, he has achieved many high-ranking leadership positions in agriculture-related associations and within his community.

He has served on the LCU Board of Trustees since 1989 and served as chairman since 1998. Among his many other contributions, Harris spent 16 years as chair of the Texas State Committee of the U.S. Department of

Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in order to ensure consistent, equitable delivery of the agency's farm program across all of Texas agriculture. Other honors Harris has received include the Distinguished Service Award from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, Man of the Year Award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, and the Gerald W. Thomas Award from Texas Tech University.

LCU Students make National Presentations

The National Conferences on Undergraduate Research says in its mission statement that its goal is to promote undergraduate research scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of higher education. Established in 1987, NCUR gathered for 2012 at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah March 29-31.

When that assembly of some of the top college students in the country took place, 10 Lubbock Christian University students among the 3,500 that were chosen to present abstracts. Those students presented the findings of their research in various areas of study.

"For the past two years, we have sponsored undergraduate researchers at NCUR. Students have an opportunity to present posters or papers and view similar work done by students in every discipline," said Dr. Julie Marshall, Associate Professor of Chemistry, who also supervises the undergraduate research program in the Biochemical Research Lab. "Each year the number of students and disciplines

represented has grown. This year, students from humanities, exercise science, natural science and other disciplines traveled to Utah to present research. It is our (the university's) intent to promote undergraduate research and opportunities for students to present their work both at home through our own Scholar's Colloquium held in the spring of each year, as well as national meetings. Through research, our undergraduate students are able to think critically as they design their projects and carry out experiments/investigations. It is also extremely valuable to gather data, write the results, and present that information to an audience of peers and faculty. The ability to critically examine issues relative to one's discipline and defend ideas coherently is the hallmark of the type of student LCU strives to develop."

The LCU students chosen to present at the 2012 NCUR, their research topic and their faculty mentors were:

- Shawna Becker and Angel Vega, The Effects of Moderate Exercise on Mood State Depression (with faculty mentor Dean Culpepper, PhD)
- Taylor Daugherty, Patterns and Trends: A Correlational Analysis of Texas School Demographic Factors and Academic Success in Science (with faculty mentor Cathy Box, PhD)
- Caitlin Kender, Fan Attendance Determinants at a Small Christian College (with faculty mentor Dean Culpepper, PhD)
- Samantha Lack, Faithful Harry and the Reformation: Evaluating Events Leading to Henry VIII's Excommunication (with faculty mentor Keith Owen, PhD)
- Courtney Tyler, The Kenyan Spirit: An Exploration through Photographs (with faculty mentor Michelle Kraft, PhD)
- Kristen Vander-Plas, Homicidal Heirs: A Comparative Analysis of Mordred, Son of King Arthur, and Absalom, Son of King David (with faculty mentor Carole Carroll, PhD)
- Sara McBride and Joshua Thomas (named Outstanding



Undergraduate Research of the Year by the LCU Council on Undergraduate Research), Influence of Low Temperature on Patterns of Coliform Bacteria Abundance from Field and Laboratory Samples (with faculty mentors Lucy Porter, MS and Bart Durham, PhD)

- Nolan Rutherford (was awarded a scholarship this year based on his undergraduate research from the Lubbock Chapter for Achievement Awards for College Scientists), Evaluation of Microbiological Methods for Enumerating Fecal Coliforms in Playa Lakes (with faculty mentors Lucy Porter, MS and Bart Durham, PhD)

Lubbock Christian University and Wayland Baptist University Choirs in Combined Performance

The Chamber Singers and Praise Choir from Lubbock Christian University participated with Wayland Baptist University's Wayland Singers and International Choir to again offer a combined concert in the McDonald Moody Auditorium on the LCU campus on April 12.

The group performed Handel's Four Coronation Anthems for Choir and Orchestra. Directing the pieces was

Dr. Philip Camp, LCU choral director, and Dr. Scott Herrington, professor of music and director of choral activities at Wayland.

Admission to the performance was free and open to the public. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts and in part through a grant from the City of Lubbock as recommended by Civic Lubbock, Inc.

In 2008, the choirs came together for the first time to perform Mozart's Vespers. "As both LCU and Wayland share many things in common in our general sizes and religious affiliations, this partnership has seen a tremendous outcome," said Camp, "This is always a great opportunity for the students not only to perform a major work with a full orchestra, but also to benefit from seeing what the other school is doing within its program."

LCU's Annual Scholar's Colloquium

Lubbock Christian University's Scholars' Colloquium is an interdisciplinary, campus-wide forum intended to promote and highlight original scholarship. The colloquium is held each spring as an academic conference with breakout presentations. Students, faculty, and

staff present and field questions from the audience. Research posters are displayed with a session for informal questions.

LCU Student Sharlan Proper was one of the participants in the 2012 event that began on April 18 and continued through April 20. She joined other students as well as staff members who submitted proposals for approval by faculty members. Those submissions may include research papers, pilot projects, dissertation abstracts, posters, senior/capstone projects and performance/recitals.

"When I was considering the return to school after a 30 year break, Dr. Fawn Musick took me to a technical writer's conference in San Francisco to see



Khalil E. Jahshan, Executive Director of Pepperdine University Seaver College's Washington, DC internship Program, was the keynote speaker for this year Scholar's Colloquium.



Choirs from LCU and Wayland Baptist University perform in the McDonald Moody Auditorium on campus for a combined concert.

what Tech Com was all about," said Proper, who also serves as a student worker in the office of Public Relations and Marketing for LCU. "For three days, I was immersed in the subject that I was considering as a major. Dr. Musick presented her research on the first day: 'How Classroom Design and Decor Encourages 'at risk' Students to Engage in Collegiate Learning.' The next morning she moderated a panel of scholars and later we listened to an argument for allowing technologically enabled athletes to compete in the 'able-bodied' Olympics. At the completion of each panel, the audience was allowed to participate in the conversation. I was not only fascinated, I was hooked."

Mrs. Proper points out that the Lubbock Christian University Scholars' Colloquium is very much the same

caliber of scholarly discourse, and it progresses in a similar fashion to the 4C's conference in San Francisco. The LCU Scholars' Colloquium is a celebration of both acquired knowledge and new research from across the campus and from every discipline. Students and faculty present individually and in concert with each other.

The range of subjects is as varied as is the LCU campus population, ranging from "The Influence of Low Temperature on Patterns of Coliform Bacteria Abundance from Field and Laboratory Samples" (Joshua Thomas and Sara McBride) to "Pulp Tradition: An Evolution of the Graphic Novel" (Kenneth Mahan). Proper presented her research on copyright in the digital age. The audience has the opportunity to participate in the conversation with each scholar, and the wisdom that the campus shares associated with their knowledge on a specific subject is astonishing.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for Lubbock Christian University to share, not only with the community, but with each other the amazing knowledge that is this university," said Proper proudly. "I am truly honored to be participating with the scholars in this colloquium, and I am glad to take the name of Lubbock Christian University as my brand when I graduate."

Each year a keynote speaker highlights the presentations during the Colloquium, and the 2012 guest speaker was Khalil E. Jahshan, Executive Director of Pepperdine University Seaver College's Washington, DC Internship Program. Jahshan spoke on "The Arab Spring: Facts, Myths, and Challenges to U.S. Policy."

The Scholars' Colloquium committee is co-chaired by Dr. Andy Laughlin and Dr. Stacy Patty. Other committee members are Dr. Cathy Box, Randal Dement, Dr. Kregg Fehr, Dr. Cindy Ford, Paula Gannaway, Dr. Jesse Long and Dr. Michael Martin.



Vocal major, Devon Langford, performs with the band during the "Movie and Game Night" concert.

Band, Digital Arts Department Concert

Fans of Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean and The Wizard of Oz, just to name a few, were at the McDonald Moody Auditorium on campus April 19 as the LCU Symphonic Band joined forces with the LCU Digital Media Arts Department to bring "Movie and Game Night" to the stage. Admission to the concert was free and open to the public.

"The LCU Symphonic Band joined forces with our digital media students to produce a type of concert that has never been attempted on campus," said LCU Director of Bands, Andrew Babcock. "The band performed music from some of the most popular video games and movie soundtracks of all time. In addition to what you would expect hear, original source video edited by DMA (Digital Media Arts) students was shown, adding an exciting visual component. The combined elements synced live to match all the drama, action, love, and adventure you'd expect to see in full-length features and created a concert environment you have to hear and see to believe. The audience was not disappointed!"



A programming logic class at LCU conducted a project to show the improbability of "accidentally creating" the proteins necessary for life.

Among the films that had musical arrangements featured were Pirates of the Caribbean: At the World's End, Superman, themes from The Wizard of Oz and Star Trek. Also, video game music from Halo, Kingdom Hearts and Civilization IV were performed.

By the Numbers: A Fascinating Class Project

Joe Marshall recently gave his students a new task and a fascinating one at that; Mr. Marshall, an Instructor of Business in the Business Administration Department, and his Programming Logic class conducted a class project that was unlike anything done at LCU before. When asked about the project, Marshall said, "I was fascinated by an article from AI Cornell that pointed out the improbability of 'accidentally creating' the proteins necessary for life." When reflecting on how the idea for the project came about, he said, "the more I thought about it, the more I considered how it might be modeled. It would involve many of the fundamentals taught in the Programming Logic course – looping, string manipulation, random number generation, etc. From there, I'm afraid it morphed into an autocratic decision on my part, 'This is what we're going to do, class.'"

This project gained the attention of such LCU luminaries as Dr. Rod Blackwood (University Provost), Dr. Steve German (former Dean, B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies), and Mr. Robert Smith (Director, Technology Services), and it wasn't long before it became obvious that Mr. Marshall and the

members of his class were excited to be able to share the findings of their project with those of us in attendance. "If there was any apprehension, I didn't hear about it," said Marshall of the students and their interest in the project. "The term 'computer models' is kicked around a lot, and I think the students were excited about getting some firsthand exposure to modeling."

The project itself, conceptually, was to model the accidental construction of protein chains as described in the article written by Al Cornell that Mr. Marshall previously alluded to. Each student was assigned different pieces, and they were placed on teams to assemble their pieces. The biggest question presented in Cornell's article was, "what are the chances of accidentally producing just the ingredients of life?" Cornell considers the probabilities of evolution producing just the proteins of the simplest known free-living organism (Does God Exist; Nov./Dec. 2009, www.doesgodexist.com), mycoplasma genitalium, which has 470 proteins. These 470 proteins are made up of 347 amino acids, on average, that are intricately strung together. There are 20 different amino acids to choose from to assemble each particular protein chain. To construct a specific protein we must assemble the amino acids in a precise sequence. The chance of accidentally choosing the right amino acid to attach next is 1/20. To assemble a series of 347 amino acids in the protein chain is approximately equal to one chance in 10,451, and this probability only considers producing ONE protein.

Scientists don't yet know how many of the 470 proteins are absolutely necessary for mycoplasma genitalium's existence. If all 470 are required, the chance of accidentally assembling each particular chain is one in 20,163,090 – astronomical to those of us that are purely laypersons.

These numbers are beyond our imagination. Remember, Cornell is only considering the simplest free-living organism. He has NOT considered ingredients other than the proteins; NOT considered the assembly equipment for putting the parts

together; NOT considered producing a mechanism to pass on the blueprints and assembly system to mycoplasma genitalium's offspring. Doesn't the complexity of life point to intelligence way beyond our imagination?

While this project was certainly beneficial from a standpoint of giving the students in Joe Marshall's class an in-depth and intricate body of work to be proud of, the deeper meaning and result probably has even more significance. "If this project changed the perceptions of any of my classmates, I would not know," said Programming Logic student, Alan Runkles. "But, it seems to me that it would give people who don't share in Christian beliefs something to think about. The most revealing aspect of our findings is that it made me realize how special we are to be here on Earth living life, and I thank God for every day he gives us." No one can sum up the entire project better than Mr. Marshall himself. "I don't ask all students if they consider themselves believers or doubters," he says. "But, after some of my 'faith statements' in class during the semester, body language and verbal comments give me a pretty good idea of how the students are leaning. After the class saw the first demonstration of the model, I was shocked at the response from all the students, but some in particular. It was one of those rare moments for a teacher!"

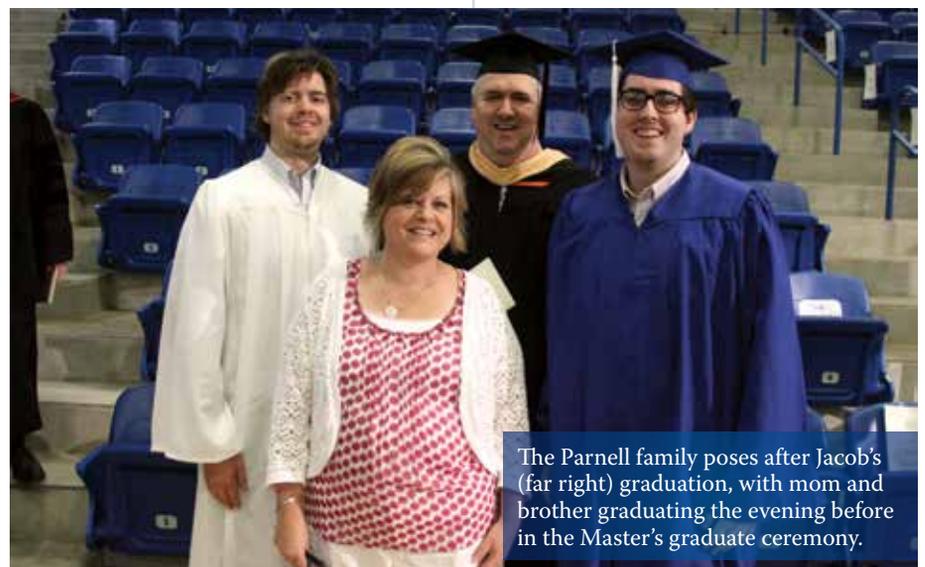
When taking all the science, math and computer lessons to be learned out of the equation, there is no question as to what the most revealing aspect of this project ultimately was and, again, Mr. Marshall explains it best.

"Since this was all about science, math and computers, asking to take that aspect out of the equation is tough," Marshall explained. "In a nutshell, simple accidents are easy to create, but wanting the slightest bit of complexity takes you into God's territory. You don't have to be stupid to be a Christian."

Spring Commencement 2012: A Family Affair

There are certain aspects of the ritual of commencement ceremonies that go unnoticed each and every time such an event comes along. The behind-the-scenes happenings that engulf that particular weekend of each semester are nothing new to those who work and facilitate graduation exercises at Lubbock Christian University. Spring commencement this year was different and exciting for some unusual reasons.

For the first time ever there were separate commencement ceremonies for graduate students and those who were receiving undergraduate degrees. The ceremony for those receiving a graduate degree took place on Friday evening (May 4) in the Baker Conference Center, while those receiving undergraduate



The Parnell family poses after Jacob's (far right) graduation, with mom and brother graduating the evening before in the Master's graduate ceremony.

degrees were honored Saturday (May 5) in the Rip Griffin Center. Dr. L. Ken Jones, Chancellor of LCU, brought the commencement address at both ceremonies.

Another somewhat out of the ordinary aspect of the graduation ceremonies this weekend was the special “family affair” theme to the occasion. Two separate families, with long-standing affiliations with Lubbock Christian University, saw parents and their children walking the commencement stage as members of the spring 2012 graduation class.

Sharlan Proper and her daughter Christina Proper Plank both graduated with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Humanities. Christina’s emphasis is Theatre, and Sharlan studied with an emphasis in Technical Communication.



Sharlan Proper and daughter, Christina Plank, graduate together during the Spring Commencement.

“When I realized Christina and I were slated to graduate in the same class, I approached her and said I’d stall my graduation until summer so that we could celebrate her in May 2012 with no distractions,” recalls Sharlan. “Christina said, ‘If you’re not graduating with me, then I’m not walking.’ I don’t know that I’ve ever felt SO loved and SO accepted. I don’t often tear up, but she got me.”

They weren’t alone, however, as the Parnell family saw not only mom (Shelley) walk the stage to receive her Master’s degree, but her two sons, Jordan (Master’s degree) and Jacob (Bachelor’s degree) also received diplomas.

Shelley Parnell is the Early Recruitment Counselor and International Student Advisor in the Lubbock Christian University Admissions Department. She and her husband, Tony, an Associate Professor of Social Work and the Director of Field Education in the Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice, have worked at LCU for nearly 20 years.

“It’s incredible when I stop and truly consider what’s taking place,” said a proud and reflective Tony Parnell. “Would you believe that we did not plan it this way? I’ve been involved in nearly 40 graduation ceremonies during my tenure at LCU. Those on Friday and Saturday will no doubt rank as my all time favorites! My family and I are blessed beyond measure to be a part of LCU. My sons have basically grown up here; Shelley and I have worked here for nearly 20 years; so, to see them work diligently, humbly, and faithfully on their educational endeavors just makes sense, when it happens at the Life Changing University. What a blessing!”

Shelley’s smile was bright as she reflected on the most fulfilling aspect of she and her sons graduating together.

“We did it together! We have supported each other, held each other accountable, rejoiced with each other, and even cried together,” Shelley says proudly. “It has made us stronger. Our family has always shared a unique closeness because we do not have family that lives near. We have only had each other. We have always depended on each other for encouragement, so I think it is very cool that we could all experience this event as a family.”

“It is unclear what God has in store for us, but whatever it is, I pray that He will be glorified in all we do,” Shelley succinctly says. “I pray that we can live our life so that LCU is reflected in a positive light wherever we go and whatever we do. We will always be ambassadors for the Life Changing University. I am excited to see the amazing plans He has in store for us. Each of us is ready for the next chapter, so let the adventure begin!”

Patty Participates in White House Briefing Event

One of Lubbock Christian University’s own, Dr. Stacy Patty, was honored on May 11 as a participant in a special White House Briefing concerning faith-based partnerships.

“It was an honor to be in the Executive Office Building of the White House and to hear about our government’s concern to help with the issues of justice and cooperation at the local level,” Dr. Patty stated. “I appreciate the efforts of the White House to invite religious organizations to share in government funded local and regional projects for the common good.”

The invitation to the briefing was extended to about 150 religion scholars from around the country. The briefing was sponsored by the White House Office on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, which works to develop partnerships between government and non-profit organizations. The office provides staff liaisons for key U.S. departments, including Homeland Security and Health and Human Services, in order to promote cooperative interdepartmental and interagency efforts for the common good.

When asked about this opportunity, Dr. Patty said, “The invitation for an LCU faculty member to participate in this briefing highlights the extent of (our university’s) programming in Washington, including our recently expanded LCU In Washington Internship Program. LCU is becoming a university leader in developing networks for student experiential learning at all levels of Washington governmental, corporate, and nonprofit activity.”

Dr. Stacy Patty came to LCU in 1992 with degrees from Harding Graduate School, Union Theological Seminary, and Baylor University. He has served on the American Academy of Religion board of directors, and he continues to serve as Executive Secretary of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies. Patty, currently Director of the University Honors Program, teaches Philosophy and Religious Studies.

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1995

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John and Dena have a new son, John David JD Schimmel, born April 28, 2011.

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Tyson and Crystal are the proud parents of son, Tripp Robert Lindekugel, born June 11, 2011.

2000

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After Matthew graduated from LCU with a degree in Criminal Justice in 2004, he joined the Army and began a career as a Special Agent in the US Army Criminal Investigation Division/Command (CID), equivalent to the FBI and NCIS. CID investigates felony level serious sensitive

crimes and provides security to the top Department of Defense (DOD) officials all over the world. After four years of investigations, he is now serving on the protective detail and counter surveillance team for the Secretary of Defense, as well as several other top DOD officials. This June, he will transition out of the Army and into a Federal investigator career. Matthew and his wife, Jennifer, have a five year old son, Cayden, and a newborn son, Declan.

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Abraham James Crawford, son of Jim ('02) and Tarryn (Roark, '01) Crawford of Pocasset, Oklahoma.



Emerson McCall Cross, daughter of Brady and Candice (Moczygemba, '09) Cross of Lubbock, Texas.



Levi Royal and Benjamin Calin Blevins, sons of Link ('02) and Monica (Witcher, '03) Blevins of Lubbock, Texas.



William Michael Dawson, son of Aaron ('04) and Deanna (Wisdom, '05) Dawson of Lubbock, Texas.



Malcolm Joseph Drumright, son of Joey and Erin (Stewart, '98) Drumright of Lubbock, Texas.



Billy Hill, son of Ben and Courtney (Snodgrass) Hill ('10) of Lubbock. Dr. Gary Estep, professor at LCU, is the proud great grandfather.



Truett Alan Huggins, son of Chris ('04) and Samantha (Tabner, '04) Huggins of Plano, Texas.



Holden Noe Melendez, son of Noe ('05) and Jill Melendez of Lubbock, Texas.



Allison Brooke Phillips, daughter of Dana ('06) and Katy (Bowers, '06) Phillips of Hereford, Texas.



Claire Amelia Pittman, daughter of Matt ('04) and Ashley (Blair, '04) Pittman of Pasadena, California.



John David ("JD") Schimmel, son of John and Dena (Ford, '01) Schimmel of Lake St. Louis, Missouri.



Jack Elton Schroeder, son of Greg and Jennifer (Reinsch, '09) Schroeder of Wylie, Texas.



Bella Rayne Setliff, daughter of Benjamin ('08) and Tory Setliff of Lubbock, Texas.

In Memoriam

- **Casey Lane Burran ('12)** passed away December 15, 2011. He was a current student pursuing a degree in sociology. Casey is survived by his parents, Ronny and Gale Burran of Brownfield, Texas; a sister, Cara Simmons and her husband Cody; paternal grandmother, Sammie Burran; maternal grandparents, Cletus and Joy Floyd, his nephew, Addyson; and two nieces, Lily and Brooklyn.
- **Mike Casey**, husband of **Mindy (Wilson, '01)** died April 22, 2012 of a heart attack. Mindy's family includes sister, **Misty Wilson ('05)**, brother, **David ('08)**, parents, **David ('80)** and **Michele (Roper, '79) Wilson**.
- **Kyle Degge ('81)** went home to be with the Lord March 15, 2012, following a battle with cancer. As a student, Kyle was active in Meistersingers, Koinonia, the LCC band, and Student Senate. Kyle is survived by his wife of over 30 years, Mollie Cox Degge; daughter Whitney and husband Eddie Caballero; daughter Jennie and husband Caleb Courtney; son David and wife Abby; grandchildren Isabella, Reese, Aubrie and Ellie; father, Douglas; brother Olin and his wife Anita; and sisters Mary Leslie Wilhoit and her husband Dennis, and Sara Snyder and her husband, David. Memorials in Kyle's name may be given to Camp Blue Haven in Las Vegas, NM.
- **Candace Goucher ('10)** passed away unexpectedly November 9, 2011. She attended LCU from August 2006-December 2007. She was a founding member of women's social group, Zeta Gama. She is survived by her parents, Bryan and Cindy Goucher.
- **John Michael "JM" Graham ('08)** of Farmington, New Mexico, passed away February 18, 2012, following a car accident.
- Sherry Kyle passed away December 5, 2011. Sherry served as an LCU Security Officer beginning in 2006, and transitioned into the role of Switchboard Operator in 2010. Survivors include Sherry's husband, Harold, along with children and grandchildren.
- **Don Maxey ('02)** passed away unexpectedly February 15, 2012. He is survived by his wife, **Paula (Hall, '07)**, daughter, **Kayla (Maxey) Wimberley ('07)**; Kayla's husband, Isaac; and granddaughter, Sawyer.
- **Katy McNeill** (former employee) passed away January 21, 2012, after experiencing health issues. She is fondly remembered as "the voice of LCC" when she acted as switchboard operator from 1981-1997. She is survived by husband, Gene; daughters, Rebecca McNeill, Rachel Swartwood, and Martha Parish, son David, and granddaughter, **Alexis (Parish) Hatfield ('01)**.
- **Raul Rene "Ronnie" Garcia ('86)** of Brownsville, Texas, passed away on May 20, 2011. Survivors include his wife, Josefina T. Garcia, his daughter, Evanna Isabel and his mother, Isabel.
- **Eloy Loya ('82)** went home to be with the Lord on December 16, 2011. Eloy graduated from Lubbock Christian High School and was involved in Koinonia and A Cappella as a LCU student. Eloy was preceded in death by his father; a daughter, Megan, and sister, Hilda Chapa. Survivors include his wife, Julie Marie; his children, Ashley and Chad Loya, Brandon and Amanda White; his mother, Lucia Loya; one sister, Lydia Naranjo; and one granddaughter, Megan.
- **Joe B. Phillips**, (former member of LCU's Board of Trustees) passed away January 24, 2012. Joe is survived by his wife and friend of 63 years, Frances Phillips; his children, Richard and wife Colleen of Carrollton; **Drew ('76)** and wife Connie of Allen; **JoAnn ('81)** of Lubbock; and Jeff and wife Beth of Cambridge, England; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren with one more due in June.
- **Linda Gayle (Poindexter) Phipps ('63)** went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2012. Linda attended Monterey High School and attended Lubbock Christian College in 1963. She was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa and was part of the Duster staff. She is survived by her two daughters, Tammy Fintel and husband, Larry, and daughter Tracy Griffin and husband, Chris; four grandchildren, Levi Fintel, Ryan Fintel, Macy Griffin and Chris Griffin; a sister, Tisha Eade and brother-in-law, Ronnie Eade.
- **Jeffery Ray ('79)** passed away suddenly from a heart attack on November 30, 2011. He had returned to LCU to complete his degree in Family Studies. Those left to cherish his memories are his wife, Katherine; a daughter, Ashley Diane Ray of Lubbock; his mother, Joyce Ray Brown; and a sister, Evanan Church of Sugarland.
- **Larry Roberts**, previous LCU Vice President of Development, passed away April 20, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Lee Roberts; daughter Julie (Clay) Ferguson; sons Rob Roberts and Brian Roberts; grandchildren Austin Roberts, Ethan Roberts and Adrienne Ferguson; sisters Edy Bavousett and Betty Gwen Mayard.
- **Cherry (Dent) Ryan ('77)** passed away unexpectedly April 29, 2012. As an LCC student, Cherry was active member of Christliche Damen social club, Aggie Belles, A Cappella Chorus, the LCC Orchestra, the Alpha Chi Honor Society, and Who's Who. Cherry is survived by husband, James Ryan; mother, **Agnes (Bozeman) Dent ('68)**, LCU Trustee; sisters, **Cathy Bonds ('78)**, **Connie Fulbright ('81)**, **Fawn Musick ('81)**; brother, **Joe ('73)**. Cherry was the mother of eight children, including **Cerise (Eaton) Powers ('98)**, **Sam Eaton ('00)**, Seth Eaton, Shaw Eaton, and Manny, Crystal, Brenna and James Ryan.
- **Sharon (Boren) Washburn ('75)** went to be with her Lord on October 18, 2011, after a courageous, hard-fought battle with breast cancer. Sharon is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, **Mike Washburn ('77)**, daughters, Randi Freeby and husband, Eric, of Fort Worth and Taylor Johnson and husband, Tyrel, of San Diego, CA; parents, Maxie and Fran Boren; brothers, Max Boren and Tim Boren; sister, Susan Green and their families; grandsons, Cason and Braden Freeby; and granddaughter, Paisley Johnson.
- **Bobby Wayne Woods ('79)** passed away February 7, 2012, at the age of 82 years. He taught mathematics and physics in St. Louis, MO; York College, York, NE; Monterey High School in Lubbock and LCU. Survivors include his wife, Jimmie; three sons, Jeffrey Woods of Plainfield, NJ, **Dr. Gregory Woods ('87)** of York, NE, and Jeff Smith of Burleson, TX; three daughters, Janice Maxey, Shirley Summers and Kathy Boerner, all of Lubbock; one brother, Larris Woods of Quilin, MO; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



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