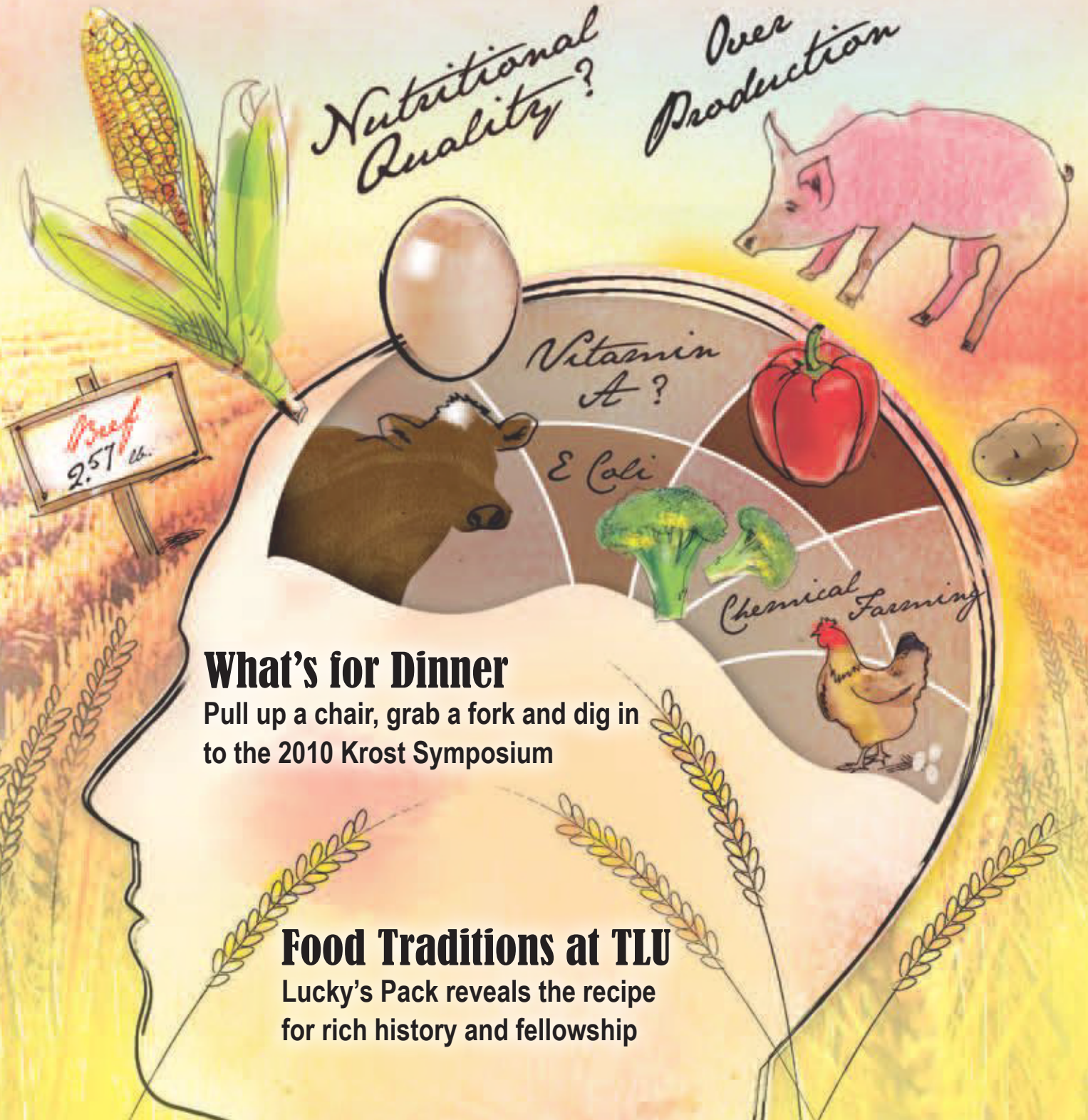


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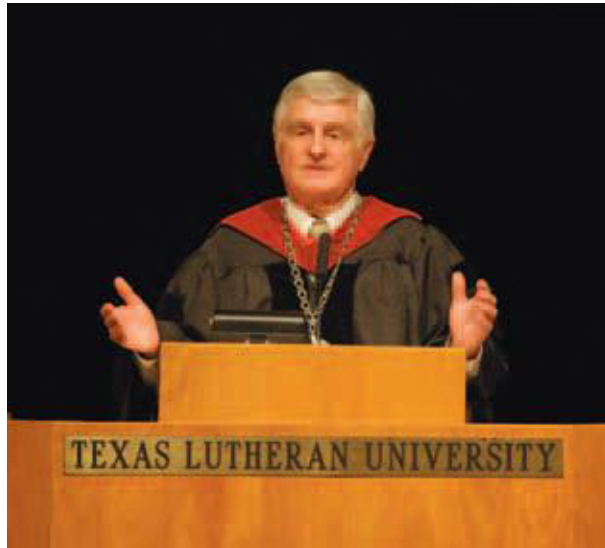
“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” –John F. Kennedy

Change is a part of the academic experience. We watch our students change and evolve from timid freshmen, unsure of their future, to confident, well-rounded graduates who have had the opportunity to learn from different experiences and people and who are ready to embark on their own future—a future that started at TLU.

TLU itself is changing. We have spent several months creating our strategic plan, “Boldly Investing in Lives of Purpose,” which will serve as a road map for the change that will occur on and off campus over the next several years. In October, we will seek board approval for the campus Master Plan that includes the construction of infrastructure improvements and new facilities. We are improving the integration of the General Education program, as well as promoting experiential learning, collaboration, and community in the classroom. We are also working on a new web site that we hope will attract and engage prospective students, current students, parents, alumni, donors, and friends of TLU.

TLU’s leadership has changed. In May, President Ann Svennungsen announced her decision to resign from TLU. I had the privilege of assembling and working with a dedicated group of individuals who assisted in the recruiting and interviewing of several candidates for the interim president position. In July, we invited three outstanding candidates to our campus to meet with members of the Board of Regents, faculty and staff for a full day of interviews and forums. By July 19, we were pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Vogel as interim president for TLU.

Dr. Vogel has a rich history of serving Lutheran universities during times of change. He served as president of his alma mater, Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, from 1980 until his retirement in 1998. Since retirement, he has served as interim



Dr. Robert Vogel, 2010-2011 interim president, speaks to the TLU community at Opening Convocation. Photo by Drew C. Engelke.

president at three other Lutheran colleges—Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa; Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa; and Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, where he is currently a member of the college’s Board of Directors. He also conducted the most recent presidential search for Finlandia University in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

After graduating from Wartburg College and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dr. Vogel served as a pastor in Golden and Denver, Colorado, then joined the staff of the American Lutheran Church. From 1973 to 1980, he was assistant to David Preus, president of the American Lutheran Church. Dr. Vogel also has an

interesting tie to TLU—his great uncle, Dr. William Kraushaar, was TLU president from 1929 to 1954.

Dr. Vogel has hit the ground running and is working with the Board of Regents and the President’s Cabinet to identify the top priorities for the 2010-2011 academic year. I am confident that Dr. Vogel will provide the stability, direction, and vision needed to keep us moving forward as we begin a formal search for our next president.

This year will be a challenging year for everyone at TLU. It will be full of new people, new experiences, and more change. During this time, we ask for your support and engagement as we look forward to a successful and enriching year for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, friends, and families.

Robin A. Melvin
Chair, Board of Regents

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What's for DINNER

By: Travis E. Poling

Getting food from the farm to the table is more efficient in speed and volume than in any time in history. Pests present few problems and cheap food, whether picked or processed, has become the norm. But that system is beginning to show cracks that are already driving up the cost of food, leading the nation to obesity and endangering the safety of serving up supper.



Paul Roberts, author of *The End of Food* and *The End of Oil*, is the 2010 Krost Symposium featured speaker.

Paul Roberts says the system isn't sustainable, that reforms and back-to-basics initiatives are needed to survive. Roberts, author of the book *The End of Food*, will discuss this plight at Texas Lutheran University's annual Krost Symposium this November.

A nationally recognized journalist, Roberts explores how the natural world, politics and economics come together in complex systems. The 2008 publication of *The End of Food* followed his book on petroleum *The End of Oil*, a topic he is following up on for his third book.

Roberts frequently guests on radio and television programs and his writing

has appeared in numerous publications including *Rolling Stone*, *Slate*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek*.

"At the time the book came out, food prices were spiking," Roberts says. There were tomato and spinach contamination problems, climate issues and storms doing major damage to Midwest corn crops. The nation noticed. "Anytime you have a big price spike in things like food or energy, you get more interest," Roberts says.

It took decades to create the current system. First, family farms went by the wayside and became part of large agricultural concerns. Then there was

"The cost is not only that of consumers paying more in the grocery aisle or in restaurants, but in returning to a time of a greater hunger and malnutrition than what we face today."

a consolidation of food processors that began in the 1970s, which gave them a large amount of control on food pricing and what form it took. And finally, major food chains like Walmart, Safeway and Costco took control, forcing even more efficiency down the supply chain to an already lean business.

This made food cheap, readily available no matter the season and brought an abundance of choices to consumers.

Making the food sector behave like any other consumer good—with profits, supply and demand, and job creation—was part of its success, but Roberts theorizes that is ultimately leading to its downfall.

"The underlying product—the thing we eat—has never quite conformed to rigors of the modern industrial world," Roberts writes. "Physically, food is so unsuited to mass production that we've had to reengineer our plants and livestock to make them more readily harvested and processed." Those methods have led to chemical run-off, too many calories and labor inequalities, he contends.

Roberts found that the volume of food products coming through the system was so great that inspectors could only check a very small percentage, so it came as little surprise when food recalls on everything from lettuce to beef became a regular item in the news.

As the sustainability of the system comes into question, it presents both opportunities and costs.

The cost is not only that of consumers paying more in the grocery aisle or in

FIXING OUR FOOD

restaurants, but in returning to a time of a greater hunger and malnutrition than what we face today, Roberts explains. If the world goes to a more sustainable method with safety checks in place, the incidence of hunger also could increase.

As it is, food impoverished nations, like many in Africa, benefit from the surplus that comes from the food wealth of nations like the United States. If that dwindles, the importance of those countries producing their own food becomes even more important. But Roberts describes far greater hurdles to jump, including political instability, finding banks to loan money to small farmers, adverse weather conditions and an AIDS crisis that weakens the labor force.

The benefits to the pendulum swinging away from the current food culture, at least in America, are that more people are understanding and perhaps even producing what they eat.

“There’s sort of an interest in becoming a producer again and having more involvement in their food,” Roberts says.

He has seen it in the community garden movement, in growing interest in cooking classes and in farmers markets that emphasize local, seasonal foods.

“We’ve seen community-based groups where people have decided to change some part of the status quo. Communities have tons of resources, but they haven’t had to use them for so many years.”

Roberts points out, while there is a movement to bring meal preparation back into the household, the conditions that brought about the need for fast food still exist. That includes single-parent homes, two working spouses and busy lives shuttling children from one activity to another.

Roberts puts it bluntly, “People don’t live the way they ought to be living.” ■

Travis E. Poling '90 is a New Braunfels-based freelance journalist specializing in beer and business. He is the author of the 2009 book *Beer Across Texas: A Guide to the Brews and Brewmasters of the Lone Star State*, with bylines in *San Antonio Business Journal* and *San Antonio Express-News*.



Learn more about Paul Roberts and Krost Symposium at tlu.edu/krost.

Krost Symposium:
What's for Dinner: Global, Regional and Local
November 3-4, 2010

Wednesday, Nov. 3
10 a.m. Chapel with Lucas Land '01
7:30 p.m. Paul Roberts lecture, Jackson Auditorium
8:30 p.m. Q&A with Paul Roberts
9 p.m. Book signing, Jackson Auditorium lobby

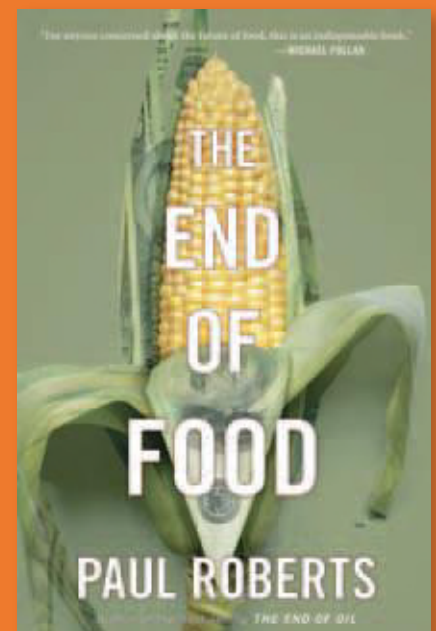
Thursday, Nov. 4
9:30 a.m. Chef John Besh lecture, Jackson Auditorium
10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion, Jackson Auditorium

Supplemental Films: 7 p.m. ASC Conference Rooms A & B
Sept. 15 *Super Size Me*
Oct. 27 *Babette's Feast*
Nov. 10 *Food, Inc.*

In *The End of Food*, Paul Roberts paints an alarming portrait of how our food is grown or raised, processed, packaged, distributed, prepared and consumed. But the author also sees some hope for our food future.

The transformation of the food system has indeed been driven and shaped by one of the most powerful and brutally efficient of all human forces—the market. But that system is still very much a work in progress, a product of billions upon billions of human decisions. And if many of those decisions are made in places and contexts far beyond our control, many more are made much closer—in our regions, in our communities, and in our kitchens. For thousands of years, food has mirrored society. It provided the substance and ideas that brought forth civilization, as well as the mechanisms by which civilization now seems to be taking itself apart. At the start of the twenty-first century, we are closer to that precipice than we have ever been, yet perhaps more capable, ultimately, of stepping away. Hunger has always been an invitation to make a better world, and it remains so.

Excerpt from *The End of Food*, Paul Roberts (Houghton Mifflin, 2008)



GROWING A MOVEMENT

By Travis E. Poling

Community gardens catch on with volunteer help.

Thanks to local group Siempre Sustainable Network of Seguin and TLU's own Jon and Sandra Moline Center for Servant Leadership, seven community gardens have now taken root all over the city to show people where their food comes from and to encourage fresh and healthy eating.

"The students love this," says Tim Barr, director of the center and a 1999 graduate of TLU. Among the volunteers are students with scholarships through the Presidential Award for Leadership and Service (PALS) who work in the community garden as part of their community service requirements, but many keep going after their hours are fulfilled.

A dedicated day of TLU service to the community called Day of the Dogs unites students and Siempre volunteers to build new gardens, although the involvement continues throughout the year to include Helping Others Together (HOT) Dawg Day of Service events.

Hundreds of Seguin residents can now go pick a pepper or taste a tomato practically out of their back yards due to TLU students working alongside resident volunteers.



(Above) Members of Kappa Pi Gamma help prepare the foundation for a brick path to the Mosaic Community Garden during the Day of the Dogs in February.

(Right) Students harvest radishes at the Sample Society community garden during the final meeting of a student-led discussion series about the right to food organized by the Center for Servant Leadership with help from the Lutheran World Federation.





The non-profit My Father's Farm brings in a tractor for tilling the rows and sets the drip lines, while busy hands pitch in with shovels, rakes, seeds, compost and mulch.

"It goes from a blank slate to having rows and trees planted in a day," Barr boasts. Community garden building also was incorporated into a course all freshmen take to introduce them broadly to liberal arts and sciences.

PALS students tell Barr that they learn teamwork, enjoy the sense of community and feel rewarded when they realize how much difference they make as they harvest vegetables and hand them to appreciative people from all walks of life.

The food is made available to anyone in the community who wants it. Others are dedicated to specific communities like the one at Eden Place, a residence for the elderly, explains Marvel Maddox, co-founder of Siempre Sustainable. The residents at Eden Place dedicated one whole plot of their community garden for donation to the Christian Cupboard, which receives surplus from all the gardens.

Maddox says some students help throughout the year and they get occasional help from probationers doing community service, but they still need more help with routine weeding and harvesting to maintain the gardens.

"It was our hope to motivate families to put in home gardens."

LOCAL BOUNTY

Fresh and local is the mantra of the sustainable food movement. And there's no better place to bring your own tote bag for a little shopping than the farmers market.

The number of farmers markets in the nation has nearly doubled in the last decade to 5,274 in 2009, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Year-round markets feature leafy greens and other cold weather crops in winter, while summer is a potpourri of color and tastes, especially in regions with longer growing seasons.

You've got to have tomatoes, says Bobby Balch, a Seguin-area grower whose father turned fallow family land into a melon-growing enterprise a decade ago.

While vine-ripe tomatoes are always a draw, farmers and the tastes of the customer have diversified well beyond the basics. Herbs, fresh meat, artisan cheeses, baked goods and fresh cut flowers now grace tables alongside red potatoes, corn, beans and squash.

Seguin Farmers and Artisans Market

Mondays, 3-6 p.m., TLU Campus
Contact: 210-387-0635

Guadalupe Valley Gardeners Market

Wednesday, 3-6 p.m., 510 E. Court St.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 100 E. Donegan St.
Contact: 830-303-4507

Cibolo Farmers Market

Tuesday and Friday, 2-6 p.m., Cibolo Multi-Event Center
Contact: 830-832-6431

For the San Antonio area, go to:

www.mysanantonio.com/life/food/Farmers_Market

For a national search try the USDA:

apps.ams.usda.gov/FarmersMarkets





(Above left) Professor Tim Kent's First-year Experience 134 students participated in a service-learning project last November at the Mosaic Community Garden labyrinth on Court Street across from TLU. (Above right) During HOT Dawg Day of Service last August, a group of tenacious women positioned huge railroad ties to create raised gardening beds at the Mosaic Community Garden.

"It was our hope to motivate families to put in home gardens," Maddox says. He's not sure if that concept has really taken root yet, but he still has hope. A child whose family was receiving food at the Christian Cupboard saw the fresh vegetables and asked "can I have a plant to take home?" Maddox says that's the kind of thinking the group hopes to inspire.

The benefits go beyond providing food for those who can't afford it. According to the American Community Garden Association (ACGA), "community gardening improves people's quality of life by providing a catalyst for neighborhood and community development, stimulating social interaction, encouraging self reliance, beautifying neighborhoods, producing nutritious food, reducing family food budgets, conserving resources and creating opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education."

ACGA estimates about 18,000 community gardens in the U.S., but garden organizers have to self-report, so the figure is likely much higher. A search of the database at the ACGA's communitygarden.org listed none of the seven locations in Seguin and only a handful in the whole San Antonio area. Maddox says Siempre and similar organizations across the country want to see more people embrace those principles. "At some point we hope some sort of critical mass will be reached." ■

By Travis E. Poling

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"What's for Dinner: Global, Regional and Local"

Film Recommendations

- Babette's Feast*** (1987) Dir. Gabriel Axel
- The Cook, the Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover*** (1989) Dir. Peter Greenaway
- Delicatessen*** (1991)
Dir. Marc Caro, Jean-Pierre Jeunet
- Eat, Drink, Man, Woman*** (1994) Dir. Ang Lee
- Eating Raoul*** (1982) Dir. Paul Bartel
- Fast Food Nation*** (2006) Dir. Richard Linklater
- Food, Inc.*** (2008) Dir. Robert Kenner
- Like Water for Chocolate*** (1992) Dir. Alfonso Arau
- Super Size Me*** (2004) Dir. Morgan Spurlock
- Soylent Green*** (1973) Dir. Richard Fleischer

Book Recommendations

- In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto***
by Michael Pollan
- The End of Food***
by Paul Roberts
- Chilies to Chocolate: Food the Americas Gave the World***
ed. by Nelson Foster, Linda S. Cordell
- The Ethics of What We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter***
by Peter Singer

SPIRIT LIVES HERE

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FRIDAY, OCT. 1

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Homecoming Registration
Alumni Student Center

11 a.m. Golf Tournament
Starcke Park Golf Course, 12:30 p.m. Tee Off

11 a.m. Golden Group Brunch
Timmerman Room, Hein Dining Hall

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. 1960 Class Reunion
Tschoepe Hall, Dunne Conference Center

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Golden Group Reception
Tschoepe Hall, Dunne Conference Center

5 p.m. Bulldog Revue
Jackson Auditorium

6 p.m. TLU Salutes
Commons, Hein

7 p.m. Alumnite
The Oak



SATURDAY, OCT. 2

8 a.m. Bulldog Fun Run
Gym

10 a.m. Chapel
Chapel of the Abiding Presence

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Faculty Mixer
Dunne Conference Center

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Reunion Lunch
Live music by The Harleys and TLU Band!
Chapel/Library Lawn

11 a.m. Golf Cart Parade
SGA and student organizations

12 p.m. Soccer Reunion at Reunion Lunch
Chapel Lawn

2 p.m. TLU Football Reunion
Jackson Park

2 p.m. Alumni Soccer Game
Soccer Fields

2 p.m. The Lady Bulldog Athletic Reunion
Fritz House

2 p.m. Class of 1959 Reunion
Tschoepe Hall, Rm 102

2 p.m. & 3 p.m. TLU Faculty Lectures
"Why Learn a Second Language?"
Prof. Anna Maria Gonzalez and Alumni
"Studying the Bible Through Performance"
Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones
Dunne Conference Center

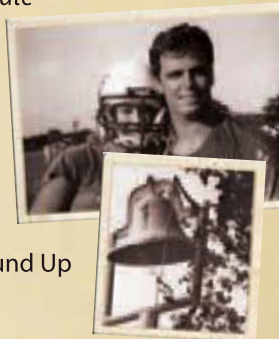
3:30 p.m. Psychology Reunion - Psyesta
Matador Stadium Tailgate

4 p.m. Tailgate
Matador Stadium

5 p.m. Football Game
Matador Stadium

6:30 p.m. GAYLA
Fritz House

9 p.m. All Reunion Round Up
The Ticket



In addition to the special anniversary events and activities open to all that are listed in this brochure, several alumni and student organizations are hosting gatherings for their members and friends during Homecoming Weekend. For a complete schedule, visit www.tlu.edu/homecoming.



The problem of childhood obesity is not new, but society has only recently awakened to the fact that modern life, cheap food and poverty are setting up the nation's children for early death or chronic disease.

FIGHTING BACK

Childhood obesity could meet its match in community programs

Dr. William Squires has been pondering the problem for decades—he wrote his first monograph on the issue 30 years ago—and is putting his theories to work.

“You take bad genetics and put it in a toxic environment and you get an epidemic that’s costing us \$10 billion a year,” says Squires, biology and kinesiology professor at Texas Lutheran University. “Part of the problem is that we’ve removed the built environment that encourages activity.”

A third of students are obese by the third grade in Texas, according to Dr. Fernando Guerra, director of health for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. About two thirds of overweight children are destined to become overweight adults unless the trend is reversed.

High-crime areas, income, a lack of sidewalks and streetlights in some neighborhoods, and a busy lifestyle encourage less outdoor activity and feeding kids fast food instead of a balanced meal. About 11 percent of the U.S. population is considered to have food insecurity, a term used to describe the ability to obtain food, explains Lisa Pino, deputy administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The paradox that hunger and childhood obesity coexist makes the task of ending food insecurity particularly daunting. Part of the problem lies in so-called food deserts. In areas where food insecurity is high, inexpensive fast food is more readily obtained than healthful foods.

A recently released government study called HEALTHY determined that among 4,600 middle school students, changes in physical education and health classes along with healthier cafeteria food reduced obesity rates against students already at risk for diabetes. The three-year program by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases provided money to buy P.E. equipment, implement curriculum



changes, and provide healthier choices in vending machines and cafeteria lines.

Squires is tackling the problem in Seguin as chair of the Seguin Independent School District's Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), and other communities are already looking to use its project as a model.

"We have to build back the environment that promotes physical activity and better eating," advocates Squires. That means walking trails at all school campuses and finding creative ways to get children to use them.

It takes about an hour each day of vigorous physical activity to maintain weight and 90 minutes to lose weight. But sedentary lifestyles at home and being dropped off at school by a bus or parents make it hard to find time to get little legs and hearts pumping.

With grants from Chartwells Food Service, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Guadalupe Regional Medical Foundation and Seguin Chamber of Commerce, walking trails were established around all seven Seguin ISD elementary school campuses.

The next step is integrating the trails into curriculums. The Coordinated Approach to Children's Health program, or CATCH, exercises the mind and the body simultaneously by teaching students how to practice times tables while walking the trail. A grant proposal has been submitted to the National Science Foundation to teach geography, science and math through various walking trail activities geared toward the state's standardized testing, which begins in third grade.

On the TLU campus, members of the biology department, including physician and biology professor Dr. Alan Lievens and his plant biology students, have proposed a walking trail with signage identifying various species of trees.

The Safe Routes to School program in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation is working on walking and biking areas and additional streetlights to encourage walking to school. Squires wants to see the city of Seguin develop an in-town loop for just that purpose.

They are also developing the Walking Bus concept that would have adult team leaders taking children in groups from a "bus stop" and walk them to school.

Squires believes all these efforts combined should get activity back up to the necessary 90 minutes a day. Add in nutrition education and access to healthier foods through school programs, community gardens and other efforts, and there is a fighting chance to reverse the obesity epidemic.

"What this program is trying to do is go back to the future," Squires says. "We want to be able to show what we're doing in Seguin and duplicate it in other Texas towns." ■

By Travis E. Poling



(Above) Dr. William Squires, TLU biology and kinesiology professor, advocates outdoor activities to combat childhood obesity.

(Above right) Playground equipment promotes physical activity during the school day at the Outdoor Learning Center.

Photos by Drew C. Engelke

"We have to build back the environment that promotes physical activity and better eating."

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INSIDER'S LOOK AT FOOD TRENDS

Since Al Silva '79 became chief operating officer and general manager of Labatt Food Service nearly 30 years ago, he has witnessed the emergence of a world food market, luxury items in military mess halls and the banning of deep fryers in school cafeterias.

Silva, a secondary education major, found his niche when he joined San Antonio-based Labatt Food in 1981.

It's all about keeping the customer satisfied and keeping up with the trends in the food service world.

Labatt distributes food and food service products to about 80 percent of Texas school cafeterias and snack bars. And while items are changing in the name of healthy eating, Silva is somewhat of a contrarian in his thinking about the overall trend.

"You have to be careful not to go too far." In the end, kids do need nutrition. They need protein and they need fat," Silva says. Where the system goes wrong is when children leave the school, says the 8-year veteran of the Alamo Heights Independent School District school board. "The problem is the 3,000 calorie dinners at home."

"The cheapest meal, if you're poor, is fast food, especially if the family is three people or more," says Silva.

There have been major changes in military food over the years, too. The military, as the old adage goes, runs

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on its stomach. The lifeless rations and the oft-lampooned unidentifiable food in the mess hall became a thing of the past with an all-volunteer military.

Retention increased when the Department of Defense decided to upgrade its food offerings. Now military members can find the comforts of home on their plates, with items such as steak, crab, shrimp and ice cream.

Many of the recruits are still teenagers and craving the same things as college-bound students. Good college food programs feed the students well and those that don't see lower retention rates, Silva says. But active military personnel, unlike school children, need 3,000 calories after a grueling day of training or being in the field.

Even field menus, using boil-in-the-bag rations and other technologies, provide "a rainbow of selection and quality," contends Silva. Steak and ice cream are among the 24 field menus offered by Labatt.

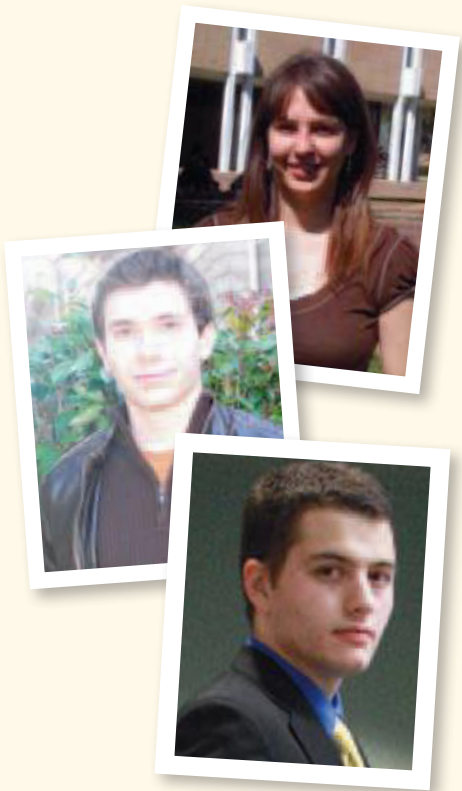
It's all part of a global food economy that gives us anything we want anytime of the year from any part of the world. "The world farm can get to any consumer," Silva says. If beef is unavailable from Argentina to sell in the U.S., beef from another market will step in to fill the void. A bad crop in one country merely shifts the buyer's attention to another part of the globe to complete the order.

Silva points out that money itself is not affluence, but rather what money can buy. "The world market made us affluent with speed of delivery and efficiency." Still, Silva marvels at the fast changes in the food business. "At the speed of change, if you've got to think about it, you're too late." ■

By Travis E. Poling



BULLDOG BEAT



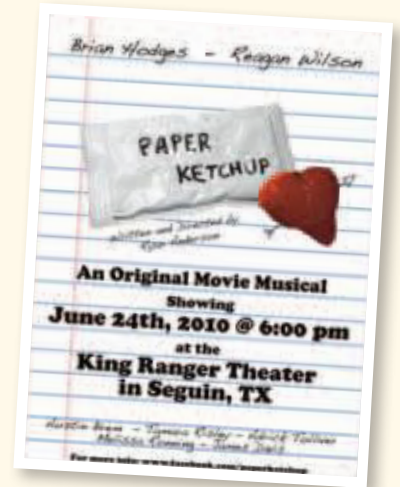
TLU students (top) **Talitha Muehlbrad** and (middle) **Curtis Lee** win the National Council of Alpha Chis Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship for 2010. Muehlbrad, Lee and fellow TLU student (bottom) **Getoar Mjeku** also take top honors at the 2010 Super-Regional Convention of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society for Colleges and Universities in Little Rock, Ark.

TLU offers post-baccalaureate teacher certification program designed for adults in transition who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than education. Participants can match their academic background with one of 20 areas of certification.

Seguin residents **Lloyd Tate** and **Reverend Kathryn Edwards** donate their collection of nearly 600 rock minerals to TLU. The Evelyn Fiedler Streng Mineral Collection spans over 47 years and some 100 localities and is given in honor of **Dr. Evelyn Fiedler Streng**, professor emerita of science, who taught at the Seguin campus from 1946 to 1988.



(Left to right) Lloyd Tate, Dr. Evelyn Fiedler Streng and Rev. Kathryn Edwards at the ribbon-cutting for the Evelyn Fiedler Streng Mineral Collection.
(Right) Mineral samples from the collection.



Paper Ketchup, an original movie musical produced and directed by alumnus **Ryan Anderson 10** as a part of a senior capstone project at TLU, screens at King Ranger Theater. All who participated in the making of the film are recent graduates or part of the TLU community.

Photos by Dustin Wyatt



March 2010

TLU Dramatic Media department presents ***Almost, Maine.***



March 2010

“Africa: From Bloodshed to Hope symposium highlights visiting scholar Jean-Marie Ngendahayo and ethnic conflict expert Dr. Ren Lemarchand.



April 2010

TLU celebrates Earth Day with a **Kite Flying Festival.**



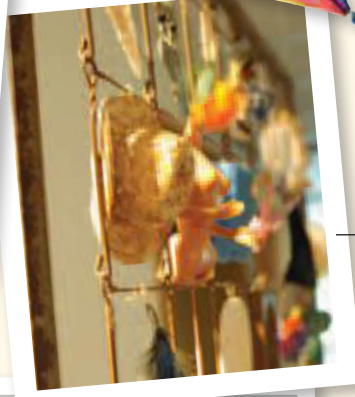
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Latin American Folk Dance Recital kicks up cultural spice.



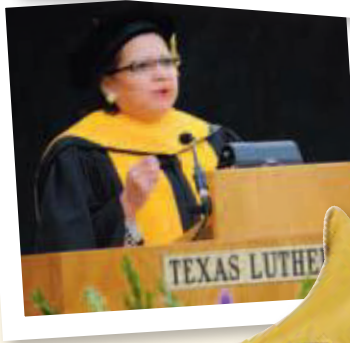
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Students display their creativity at the **Student Art Exhibit.**



May 2010

Texas Secretary of State Esperanza Hope Andrade speaks at **TLU Commencement.**



July 2010

Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) offers classes for AP and Pre-AP teachers and administrators.



July 2010

Middle and high school band students learn from the best at **TLU's Summer Music Academy.**



July 2010

Mid-Texas Symphony/TLU Community Music School helps students find a voice at the **Vocal Arts Camp.**



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Dr. Bill Russell of the department of theology, philosophy and classical languages accepted a year-long position at the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research at St. John's University, where he will revise *Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings* and write a book-length interpretation of Luther's life and work.



Students Carrie Strowd, Eve Yanta, Darren Bunte, Sarah Flores, Brendan Kirkpatrick-McKee visited the St. Vitus Cathedral at Prague Castle in Prague, Czech Republic during their studies abroad this summer.

Students Kari Teigen, Brenlyn Vatthauer, Kylee McPherson, Jeremy Drollinger, Jisella Ibarra and Prof. Brenci Patino traveled to Honduras on the Veterinary/Public Health Mission Trip.



Dr. Powell (right) and two physics majors, junior Caleb Bahr (left) and sophomore Hans Amende (center), traveled to McDonald Observatory near Fort Davis in west Texas to research suspected variable stars.



Biology professor Dr. Mark Gustafson and chemistry professor Dr. Santiago Toledo led students on a hike through the Amazon rainforest for their course called Tropical Ecology in Ecuador.

Dr. Rebecca Kosary, assistant history professor, had two peer-reviewed book chapters accepted for publication.

Dr. Robert Jonas attended the 110th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in San Diego.

Student Victoria Hoppes planned and executed High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School as part of her youth ministry internship at St. John Lutheran Church in Marion, Texas.



Business major Kyla Schmidt and psychology major Amanda Gilley spent the entire month of June abroad in Leiden, Netherlands studying art and taking classes in drawing, photography and graphic design.



TLU athletic training students (from left to right) Liz Chapman, Julie Goza, Hailey Love and Andrew Cage traveled to Philadelphia for the National Athletic Trainers Association symposium.

Dramatic media professor Terry Price's article "Redefining Network: Entertainment and a Changing Concept of How Content is Produced and Delivered" will be published in the April 2011 issue of *Theatre Topics*.

Guitar instructor Tony Morris and flutist Renata Green served as Cultural Envoys to Paraguay for Ruta Mangoreana/On the Barrios Trail, a performance tour in May.

Biology majors Rogers Brown and Nicole Switzer spent the summer with Drs. Alan Lievens and Mark Gustafson working on a survey of the plants at the Weston Ranch near New Braunfels.



Instructional technologist Rodrick Shao attended Course Technology Forums at Cowboys Stadium.

Accounting professor Melanie Thompson attended the Western Region meeting of the American Accounting Association (AAA) in Portland, Oregon where she was a panelist for State Board of Accountancy Requirements for Ethics Education.



Senior Onyekachukwu Mac Nwosu traveled to Dallas to participate in the Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) in preparation for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

Senior physics and math major Talitha Muehlbrad spent her summer doing radio astronomy research at the MIT Haystack Observatory through a 10-week research experience for undergraduate program with seven other students from around the country.



Drs. Justin Dubas and Annette Citzler of the business/economics department attended the Southwestern Social Science Association meetings in Houston.

TLU librarian Martha Rinn attended a biannual meeting of the TexShare Advisory Board in Austin.

Dr. Shawn Hilbert's paper "Exploring temporal and rate limits of laser-induced electron emission," appeared in the *Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics* yearly highlights.

Accounting professor Sally Cook traveled to Washington, D.C. earlier this month for a meeting at the American Institute of CPAs, where she reviewed questions for the CPA exam.

The Lutheran magazine's Easter issue included an article by Carolyn Schneider, associate professor of theology, titled "I Am a Christian," which connects with the theme of her upcoming book by the same title.

Molding students' careers



Photo by Terry Price

Junior chemistry major Hannah Reeves listens to sage advice from Southern Clays Bob Briell 76.

The chemistry labs were spotless, except for a pair of pink-stained gloves. Beakers and test tubes were on display for the July 22 presentation to representatives from Southern Clay Products, a Gonzales-based specialty chemical company that has provided financial support for the chemistry department's summer research program for the past 10 years.

This summer, eight chemistry majors analyzed mercury content in anti-aging creams, studied enzymes that control cell growth and tested catalysts for making foams. The only real qualification to do research is “an interest in science and the ability to learn as you go,” says Dr. William Davis, chemistry department chair and associate professor. “They earn more here than at a regular summer job and they advance their education and get to see the crossover from different disciplines of chemistry.”

The students choose their own projects and conduct them independently under the guidance of advisors like assistant professors Drs. Santiago Toledo and Mitchell White. Junior chemistry major, Hannah

Reeves, whose project is solely funded by Southern Clay, was inspired by a *Chicago Tribune* article exploring the damaging effect anti-aging creams with mercury can have on the kidneys. Like most projects, Reeves' required trial and error, which stained gloves and equipment hot pink in the process.

One of the many benefits of the program is the opportunity for students to practice presenting their research to field professionals like Bob Briell, research and development manager, and Ryan Dennis, technical service manager, from Southern Clay. As a 1976 TLU chemistry graduate, Briell imparts some great advice to the student researchers: know how to solve problems, sell what the market

“The only real qualification to do research is an interest in science and the ability to learn as you go.”



needs and be able to recognize business applications, but keep your passion for research.

The students also write papers on their findings, which they have the opportunity to present at national and regional meetings of the American Chemical Society and undergraduate research symposia throughout Texas.

The greatest success story is exemplified in TLU's Dr. Toledo. As a 2004 TLU graduate, Toledo has earned his doctorate from the University of Washington and specializes in bioinorganic chemistry.

The collaboration grants TLU students with financial means for career-developing research, while providing Southern Clay with continuing research support. “Many students have gone on to graduate school in chemistry, careers in the chemical industry, public schools and the medical profession,” says Dr. John McClusky, chemistry professor and associate provost at TLU.

“The financial support we receive from Southern Clay is an integral part of our chemistry summer research program,” says Davis. “We would have a difficult time sustaining it without their generous support.” ■

Family legacy lives on in endowed scholarship

Herman Billnitzer '40 is one of seven brothers and sisters, all of whom attended Texas Lutheran University. He grew up in Marion and played football at TLU, finishing the then two-year college in 1940.

World War II found Billnitzer serving as a U.S. Marine combat medic in front line action in Guadalcanal, New Britain and finally occupied Japan. By war's end, all four brothers had fought in overseas combat zones.

Billnitzer settled in Kerrville where he wed Joyce, a registered nurse. There, he forged a career with the school district teaching science, coaching and directing its audio/visual program. Now retired, he remains as busy as ever volunteering at San Lucas Lutheran Church in Eagle Pass, at Kerrville's Lutheran Chrysalis Camp, and at his own congregation, Zion Lutheran Church in Kerrville. Herman's sister, Rosie Hunt, lives in Seguin, and an amazing number of his relatives from the Billnitzer, Sagebiel, Hunt and Harrison families have also attended TLU.



Herman Billnitzer today.

His love of TLU is exemplified by a half century of generous giving including creating an endowment, the Rev. Harold Billnitzer Pre-Theology Scholarship, honoring the memory of his beloved brother.

"It strengthened my Christian background," Billnitzer comments about his continuing support for TLU. "And many friends I made were lifelong." He fondly remembers favorite professors, including Drs. William Kraushaar and Hugo Gibson and coach George Kieffer.

If you would like to contribute to the Rev. Harold Billnitzer Pre-Theology Scholarship, or start an endowed scholarship in memoriam, contact the TLU development office at 830-372-8030. ■

By Charles Vestal, TLU Development Officer



The Billnitzer Family, Christmas Day 1945. (clockwise from top left): Paul, Mary (Sagebiel), Carl, Herman, Rosie (Hunt), Ted, Martin, Clara, Ladislaus, Anna (Harrison), Ruth (Taylor) and Harold.

Front Row fundraiser scores

The 2010 Front Row fundraising event for Texas Lutheran University's 14 NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletics teams raised \$133,000. Former Dallas Cowboys legends Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman joined CBS sportscaster and TLU alumnus Verne Lundquist in Dallas, Texas to talk sports.

Nearly one-third of TLU students participate in athletics, making Front Row an integral development opportunity on and off the field. Check the TLU web site for the latest information on 2011 Front Row. ■



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Record Breaking Hit

TLU outfielder Ryan Nokelby collects hit No. 268 to set the American Southwest Conference record for career hits.

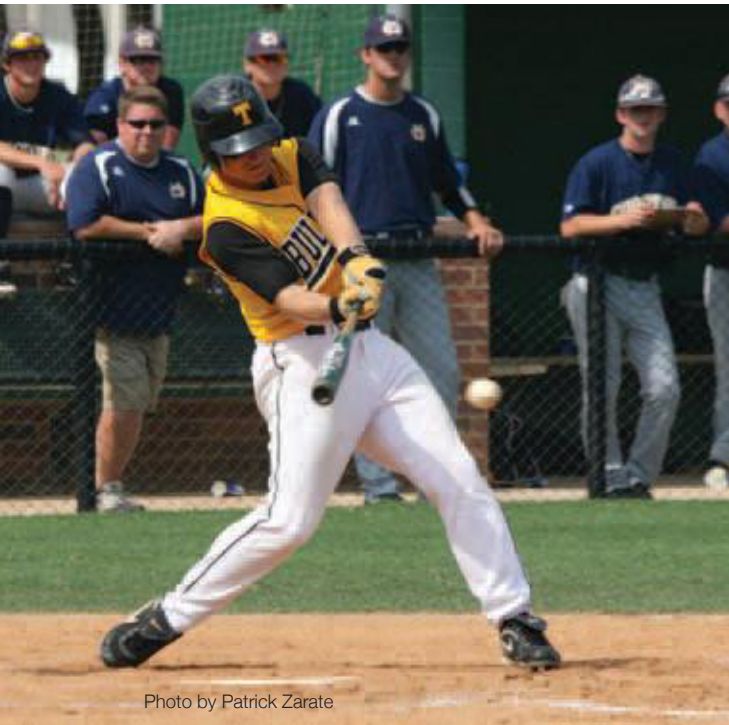


Photo by Patrick Zarate

Baseball

The Bulldogs, under third-year head coach Greg Burnett, concluded the 2010 season with a 32-13 overall record and a mark of 15-6 in the ASC West Division. TLU won the 2010 American Southwest Conference West Division Championship. TLU has won (or shared) eight of the last 10 ASC West titles.

Senior outfielder Ryan Nokelby was one of four senior student-athletes from spring sports in the American Southwest Conference to earn a 2009-10 Spring NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship worth \$7,500.

Nokelby has the American Southwest Conference career hits record (270) to his name, and he holds TLU records for four-year career average (.388), career runs scored (186), at-bats in single season (202 in 2007), and at-bats in a single game (7 in 2008).

Nokelby also ranks in the TLU career top-five for at-bats, doubles, total bases, and walks.

Nokelby was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Third Team and to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District First Team.

Sophomore right-hander Brad Orosey was named a Second Team All-American on the 2010 American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-America Team for NCAA Division. D3baseball.com also named Orosey a 2010 Third Team All-American.

As TLU's No. 1 starter for the entire year, Orosey posted a 10-1 record with a 3.15 ERA. He struck out 104 batters in 97.0 innings, and he walked only 21. Orosey was named the 2010 American Southwest Conference West Division Pitcher of the Year, and he was named to the 2010 ASC West Division First Team.

Women's Track & Field

The 2010 TLU women's track and field team produced a national champion (Briana Aiken), three All-Americans (Ligia Bolivar and Aiken twice), a conference team title, and a conference team sportsmanship award.

Aiken, a freshman, jumped a George Finnie Stadium record 19 feet, 3-1/2 inches on May 27 to win the long jump at the NCAA Division III Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Two days later, she finished eighth in the triple jump to earn another All-America honor.

Bolivar, another Bulldog freshman, finished in a tie for eighth in the pole vault and earned NCAA DIII All-America honors. Bolivar set a new school record in the pole vault with a clearance of 12-2 3/4.

Seven TLU student-athletes Aiken, Bolivar, Sahara Bragner, Devin Evans, Julie Udoessien, Shyra Walker, and Destiney Jones competed at the national championships.

On April 24, the Bulldogs won the second American Southwest Conference Women's Track & Field Championship in school history with a slim 4.5-point win over McMurry University.

TLU won the 4x400 meter relay, the final event of the day, by .05 of a second to clinch the team victory. The Bulldogs entered the 4x400 with a 2.5-point lead and needed to finish no more than one place behind McMurry.

Tennis

Michael Hunt is the new head coach for women's and men's tennis at Texas Lutheran. Hunt, a native of Lake Jackson, Texas and the former head women's tennis coach at Sam Houston State University, came to TLU from Western Illinois University, an NCAA Division I university in Macomb, Ill. Hunt was the head coach for women's and men's tennis at Western Illinois.

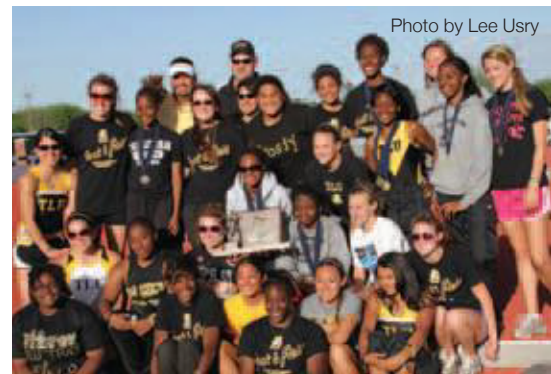


Photo by Lee Usry

The TLU Women's Track & Field Team celebrates its 2010 American Southwest Conference Championship.





Michael Hunt

Bill Lehman

In addition to his tennis coaching experiences at Western Illinois and at Sam Houston State, Hunt served as the head women's and men's tennis coach at Eastern Illinois University and as the assistant men's tennis coach at Illinois State University, where he received his master's degree in sports management in 1999.

Hunt has over 12 seasons of collegiate coaching experience. Ten of those years of experience have come at the NCAA Division I level. He has coached 19 all-conference student athletes, 47 Academic All-Conference student-athletes, 11 ITA Scholar-Athletes, and two ITA Scholar-Athlete Teams.

Bill Lehman retired as TLU's head coach for women's and men's tennis following the 2010 spring tennis seasons. Lehman served as the Bulldogs' head coach for nine seasons. Lehman took four teams—two women's squads and two men's squads—to the American Southwest Conference Championship Tournament.

In 2005, Lehman was named the ASC West Division Women's Coach of the Year for leading the Bulldogs to a runner-up finish in the ASC West Division. Lehman then took the Bulldogs to a runner-up finish at the 2005 ASC Championship Tournament. Both finishes are the best finishes TLU squads have earned in conference and in conference tournament action.

Lehman coached a total of four All-ASC players and 23 All-ASC West Division honorees. The Bulldogs also produced 34 Academic All-

Conference selections in the Lehman era. Lehman, a 1960 graduate of TLU, served as the offensive coordinator for the Bulldog football team from 1998 until 2000. Lehman was named the 2000 Greater San Antonio South Texas Area FCA Sponsor of the Year.

Women's Golf

Texas Lutheran women's golfer Angela Aufderhaar claimed the American Southwest Conference's Women's Golf Sportsmanship Athlete of the Year for a second consecutive year.

Aufderhaar also garnered ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District VI First Team recognition for the college division Women's At-Large program and was a candidate for Academic All-America honors.

Aufderhaar was the 2009 ASC Women's Golf runner-up, a 2007 ASC All-Conference First Team honoree, and a 2008 and 2010 ASC All-Conference Second Team award winner. Aufderhaar was a three-time Academic All-ASC selection.

Aufderhaar led TLU to the 2007 ASC Championship (the first and only ASC women's golf title in school history). The Bulldogs played in the 2007 NCAA Division III Championships and finished 19th. ■

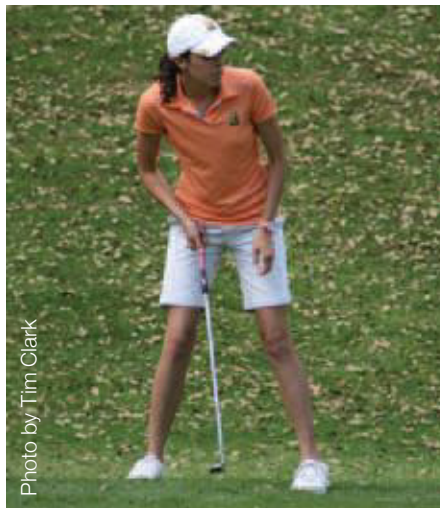


Photo by Tim Clark

Senior golfer Angela Aufderhaar watches a putt during the 2010 ASC Championships.



Lucky Numbers

4.5

Point margin of victory for the TLU women's track and field team in winning the 2010 ASC Championship.

9

Run deficit erased by the TLU baseball team in a 13-10 ASC Divisional Playoff victory over the University of Texas at Dallas.

12-2

Height cleared by freshman pole-vaulter Ligia Bolivar on her way to an 8th-place finish at the NCAA DIII Championships.

19-3

Distance jumped by Briana Aiken to win the national title in the long jump. The freshman won the championship on her sixth and final jump.

20

Wins by sophomore right-hander Brad Orosey in his first two baseball seasons with the Bulldogs.

54

Days from Briana Aiken's first-ever competition in the long jump to her NCAA DIII championship in the event.

270

Career hits by Ryan Nokelby. The senior outfielder holds the American Southwest Conference and TLU career records for hits.

Bulldog freshman makes giant leap for long jump glory

Texas Lutheran University freshman Briana Aiken had never competed in the long jump at any level before the 2010 women's track and field season.

On May 27, less than two months after first practicing for the long jump, she soared to a national championship in the event.

In Berea, Ohio, Aiken jumped a George Finnie Stadium record of 19 feet, 3 1/2 inches and won the long jump at the NCAA Division III Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Aiken, a Pflugerville native who came to TLU as a pole vaulter and 400-meter runner, made the championship final in the long jump with a leap of 18-6 1/4.

Aiken's national championship jump of 19-3 1/2 came on her sixth and final jump of the competition. (The leap of 19-3 1/2 set a new TLU school record.) She was in third place entering her final jump.

"It feels unbelievable," said Aiken, after descending from the medal stand and emerging from some post-race media obligations. "I'm really excited. I didn't even know I had won. Once they told me, I started celebrating."

Aiken entered the national championships with the fifth-best jump in NCAA DIII—a leap of 19-2 on May 20. The jump on May 20 came a week after her first leap of more than 19 feet—a mark of 19-0 3/4 on May 13.

"Going into this national championship meet, I told myself that I was going to try my absolute hardest, whatever that may be," said Aiken. "Whether I finished in last place, or if I finished in first place, I wanted to leave here knowing I did my absolute best."



Photo by Patrick Zarate.

"Going into this national championship meet, I told myself that I was going to try my absolute hardest, whatever that may be."

It's been a wild outdoor track and field ride for Aiken, who literally stumbled into the long jump one afternoon during a TLU practice at Seguin High School.

"One day Briana was walking by some of her teammates doing a jumping workout," recalled Darlene Holland, TLU assistant coach for women's track and field. "We asked her if she wanted to try it, and I remember her jumping so high. I looked over to Coach Patrick Zarate and said, 'She's going to be a jumper.' He nodded and said, 'Yes, she is.'"

Aiken battled an ankle injury for most of the season, and she finished eighth

at the ASC Championships on May 23 with a jump of 17-0 3/4. She then moved onto the national radar with a provisional qualification jump of 19-0 3/4 on May 13 and with an automatic qualification jump of 19-2 on May 20.

She just kept getting better," said Zarate, TLU's head coach for women's track and field. "She had never jumped in her life, and now she is a national champion. It's truly incredible. We're just very happy for her. She did a tremendous job and made the most of her opportunity."

Aiken's honors for the national championship meet did not end with the long jump. Two days later, she added an eighth-place finish in the triple jump to earn a second All-America award. She recorded a personal-best jump of 38 feet, 6 3/4 inches on her sixth and final jump of the competition.

The national championship for Aiken is TLU's first individual title in NCAA Division III in any sport. The national title is the third NCAA DIII championship of any kind in school history, joining the 2007 women's 4x400 meter indoor relay team and the 2008 women's 4x100 outdoor relay team. Aiken's national title also raises the overall national championship number for TLU in all affiliations (NCAA Division III and NAIA) to 10.

In addition to the three NCAA DIII titles in women's track and field, TLU has garnered NAIA-II national titles in football in 1974 and 1975, AIAW-II national titles in women's volleyball in 1975 and 1976, and individual NAIA golf titles in 1967, 1991, and 1999, from John Bohmann, Cameron Beckman, and Elizabeth Hoffmann, respectively. ■

By Tim Clark, TLU Sports Information Director

Celebrating Soccer: Reunion Soccer Match

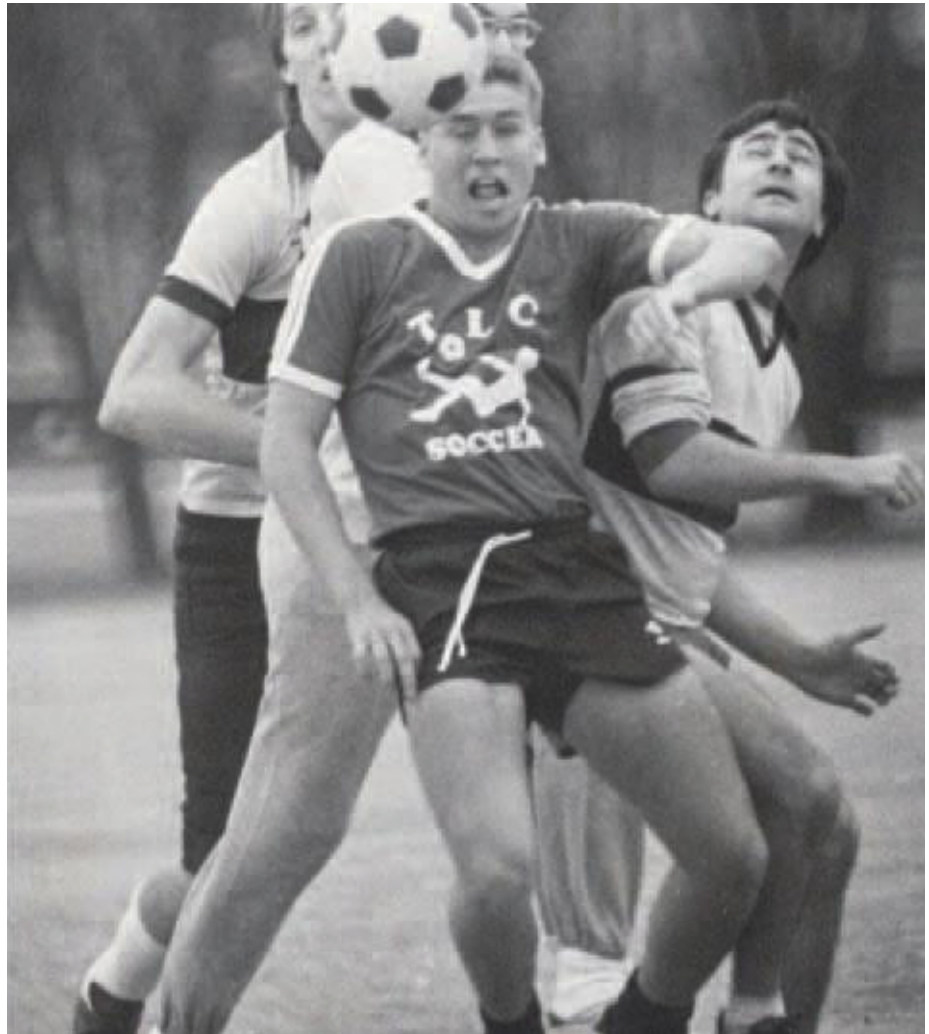
This year soccer alumni will celebrate 25 years of soccer at TLU. Roger Wrobel, the founding father and former head coach, will rally his team (1983-1988 players) to challenge any interested soccer alumni at this year's homecoming on Oct. 2. The 2 p.m. game will follow a picnic lunch on the chapel lawn starting at noon. Videos of early matches will provide ample reminiscing and good times for all. ■



Contact Derrick Collins, events manager, to RSVP: dcollins@tlu.edu.



Then TLC wins runner-up trophy at the Pan American Trinity University Tournament in 1984.



Jay Koger heads the ball during Coach Wrobel's final season. The 1988 TLU soccer team defeats Incarnate Word in a shootout in San Antonio to become the District IV Champions.



On the ball

TLU alumni and former teammates reunite to form an indoor soccer team in San Antonio and win first place in their division. Of the 10 players, eight played soccer at TLU, while the remaining team members are brothers of TLU alumni. We thought putting this team together while the World Cup was on was something we felt we had to do, says Chris Pastrano '00. Now we have the same trophy that Spain took home to their country. ■

(From left to right, top) Jamie Flynt '97, Robert Stefanic '97, Kevin Redd '98, Hunter Winkenhower (attended '97-'98), Chris Colon. (Bottom) Mace Bell, Chris Pastrano '00, Donald Frazier '95. Matthew McLin '99 and Jeffrey Bell '00 were injured during the season and are not pictured.

As an alumnus who ate many a meal under the auspices of dieticians and food service personnel, I feel as qualified as anyone to write the history of this oft-scorned dining experience of collegiate life.

Food at TLU: Some things **never** change

By Luther Oelke '59
Director of Church Relations Emeritus
and University Archivist



A formal dining occasion in the Home Economics Cottage.

What was it like to be a boarder, as a residential student was then called at the Lutheran Proseminary and College in Brenham, in the late 19th century? I've read enough of pre-refrigeration difficulties of keeping things from spoiling or being attacked by swarms of flies to appreciate the marvels of today's preservation and hygienic methods. Yet from what I can learn, most folks in Texas Lutheran's boarding heritage apparently fared well even in the early days.

My first Texas Lutheran boarding experience wasn't until new Riebe Dining Hall's sparkling expanse in 1956, quite a step up from the crowded Old Main dining room. Fifty years before in Brenham, things were neither sparkling nor expansive as depictions of the modest clapboard boarding facility attest. But photos of the students hardly reveal underfed sufferers. Somehow the kitchen heroines produced enough nourishing food to keep minds sharp and bodies fit. And it didn't hurt that donations of produce from Lutheran farmers, something that continued later in Seguin, helped shape a decent menu.

The kitchen budget in Brenham needed all the help available. Chalk and library books were not the only things in short supply, but lard and flour as well. The move to Seguin in 1912 didn't solve every culinary (or financial) problem, but things were better: a climate less humid, fewer bugs, a brand new facility with modern plumbing and electricity.

Students ate in the Old Main dining room, located on the north side of the first floor, with the kitchen to the east over a storage cellar. Breakfast was, as one student of the 1920s recalled, "hardly worth the walk downstairs" unless you really liked supbread, as syrup poured over bread was called. Sunday noon dinner was another matter, however, as homemade pies joined fried chicken to make the meal of the week.

The erection of the Girls Dormitory, later named Emma Frey Hall in 1928, provided an option for occasional formal dinners in its parlor. Such formal dinners were also held later in the Home Economics Cottage, a wooden converted WWII facility where the legendary Miss Anita Richter taught the "girls" how to be perfect housewives. Regular food service and banquets were held in the confined quarters of Old Main's dining hall until Morisse Gym became the favored venue for large gatherings.

The completion of Memorial Gymnasium in 1950, then Tostengard Activity Center, brought larger and more suitable places for banquets and luncheons. Perhaps the most notable was Senator Lyndon Johnson's appearance as banquet speaker. In 1956 Riebe Dining Hall brought a modern and efficient daily dining operation to TLU and spelled the end of Old Main as the campus hub. Riebe also brought bragging rights when all-you-can-eat Blue Bell ice cream was added as daily fare in the 1980s.

In 1992 Hein Hall opened with its spacious Centennial Commons for daily dining and three other dining areas offering a wide range of dining configurations. A vast array of food choices, cognizant of current health concerns, awaits the Hein diner. The oft-redesigned snack bar in the Alumni Student Center, currently known as Lucky's Kennel, provides a fitting place for casual dining and conversation in the tradition of previous campus snack bars.

Today's spacious and efficient kitchens in Hein and the ASC are as different from Old Main and Brenham as day is from night. Yet some things never change: good food is served despite the predictable grumbling, and good conversation fills the dining areas making them the centers of campus life. ■

“The evening transitions into meaningful conversation because of the gathering aspect.”

Pancakes and Grace

The days of hunters and gatherers are long gone, but a group of Texas Lutheran University men have given new meaning to the concept. Started almost five years ago by a group of freshmen through senior men, the TLU men’s prayer breakfast group gathers at 9 p.m. on odd Mondays for food, fellowship, and service. Breakfast at 9 p.m.? “That’s what makes it unique,” says TLU Campus Pastor Greg Ronning.



The only rule? “Whatever they decide to cook can’t be healthy,” jokes Ronning. He isn’t kidding. The breakfast typically features lots of bacon, eggs, and sausage cooked in the kitchen of the University’s Jon and Sandra Moline Center for Servant Leadership. The center also features an outdoor kitchen—a work in progress—built by the 25-30 men who belong to the TLU men’s prayer breakfast group. “They like to open the garage doors for a camp-like feel,” he explains.

Unlike the hunters and gatherers millions of years ago, the TLU men begin their preparation days before by shopping at the local grocery store. Every member has a role in the ritual with cooking at 9 p.m., “breakfast” served at 10 p.m. and cleanup around 10:30 p.m. “The evening transitions into meaningful conversation because of the gathering aspect,” Ronning says.

Ronning provides the venue and support for the group to gather, but he is quick to point out that each year a new member takes on the informal leadership role for the group. “The senior person usually takes someone under his wing and that person takes the lead for the group the following year,” notes Ronning. “It just happens naturally.”

Service projects, including chapel cleanup, equipment repair, painting, raking and general maintenance work for the center, occur while some men are preparing and cooking the bacon, eggs, and sausage. “Men naturally gather side-by-side for service and food,” he says. “It brings us back to our roots as hunters and gatherers.”

“Bread of Life”

Each academic year Ronning creates a theme for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m. chapel services at TLU’s Chapel of the Abiding Presence. In conjunction with this year’s Krost Symposium, “What’s For Dinner: Global, Regional, and Local,” Ronning’s theme for 2010-2011 is “Bread of Life.”

“We’re going to focus on the issues and the spiritual aspects of food,” says Ronning, “such as where food comes from, who made it, and our relationship with food both good and bad.” ■

Q&A



with Chef Ernest Servantes

By Naomi Urquiza

Chef Ernest Servantes has been serving the TLU community for five years.

He currently lives in New Braunfels with his wife. His hometown is Uvalde, Texas.

He graduated from Texas State University in 1998 and from The Culinary Institute of America in 2002.

His favorite television shows are *BBQ Pitmasters*, *Food Trip with Todd English* and *Lost*.

What is one of your favorite memories at TLU?

My third day here, there was a student that walked over to the ice cream area and started pulling out a whole tub of ice cream and tried to leave with it.

What are some of the students favorite menu items?

What we try to do is bring more of a food court atmosphere. We have things like sushi, Thai food and Greek food. Students seem to like the new creations we've been coming out with that have a healthy and organic style.

What are you doing to get more students in the dining hall?

We've had different events go on here like Mardi Gras, mariachis and different backyard tailgaters that we do outside. I actually have over four new chefs, who bring different cuisines from out-of-state. I understand the students have a meal plan, so every day I want them to either have something fun.

What's happening with Wellness Wednesdays?

Wellness Wednesdays was a really good idea, but we just have to work a few of the bugs out. There are some things that will stay on the menu, like the whole wheat bun. We're the only campus in our area that uses whole-wheat buns, tortillas and wraps. I'm also going to try something new this semester called No Fry Fridays. So even though Wellness Wednesdays went cold turkey, I'm still going to have pizzas, but instead of having something that's fried we'll have something that's baked. Baked fries, baked potatoes. The plan is to have food that student will still like, but nothing that's fried.

How do you accommodate special diets?

For vegetarians we have specific guidelines. I personally take advantage of anyone with a restrictive diet because of allergies, religious or health restrictions, and I will make their meals separate. What I'll do is experiment or get with them and make some really fun meals and I'll even eat a plate of that, too. I don't want anyone to feel left out in my kitchen or my dining hall.

Why did you become a chef?

This whole time I was preparing myself at my grandma's restaurant, when I was a kid and always baking and cooking. I loved to cook for all my friends and backyard parties as well as families. Now I cook all the time. I don't mind, I love and enjoy coming to my job every day and cooking. I mean, how many people can say that they can experiment all day and play with fire? When I was a kid I was always pulling things apart. That's what a chef's job is: making new creations, new recipes and getting to play with fire and knives. There was always that little boy in me who enjoyed that.

What would you consider your greatest accomplishments?

As a chef, it's my job to inspire and educate every single day. We forget this sometimes because of all the things that are expected of us. I believe that my family is my greatest accomplishment. There aren't many people who will support a passion that takes six days of your week away from them and for that I'm very grateful. ■

Commitments



(Left) **Lisa (Humphreys) Driffill '02** married Matthew Driffill on July 4, 2010.



(Right) **Becky Walker '03** and **Lisa (Humphreys) Driffill '02** take a dip in Port Aransas in June 2010 before Driffill takes the plunge at her July wedding.

2000

Jennifer “Jenny” (Baldrige) Heitman '00 married Chris Alan Heitmann of Katy, Texas on April 25, 2010 at Briscoe Manor in Richmond, Texas.

2002

Lisa (Humphreys) Driffill '02 married Matthew Driffill on July 4th, 2010 in the Chapel of the Abiding Presence at Texas Lutheran University. Reception followed at Seekatz Opera House in New Braunfels. Bridesmaids included **Carolyn (Dahse) Wallace '02** and **Kim (Wendel) Chanler '02**. Flower girl was Taylor Elliott, daughter of **Michelle (Dexter) Elliott '02** and **Tom Elliott '02**.

2005

Regan (Harris) Wooldridge '05 and Hugh Wooldridge were married on March 27, 2010 in New Braunfels.

2006

Elizabeth (Hanft) Garrett '06 and **William “Will” Garrett '06** were married on Nov. 7, 2009, at Christ Lutheran Church of Alamo Heights in San Antonio. The wedding party included TLU alumni **John Garrett '06**, **Jessi Boka '05**, and **Justin Seyfarth '07**. The Harleys played at the celebration. The couple resides in Alamo Heights, where they purchased their first home.

Ashley (Rutherford) Taylor '06 married Trevor Taylor Jan. 30. Included in the bridal party were: **Leslie (Sprecher) Doty '04**, **Stephanie (Stephenson) Schwertner '06**, and **Erin (Stockberger) Buchi, attended '01**. The couple resides in Houston.



Dora Guerra '03, **Amy Hartman '03** and **Angie Fuchik King '04** at Amy Hartman's wedding.



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New Pups



Nevie Centeno, daughter of **Pamela (Lyssy) Centeno '02** and Kenny Centeno, at 11 months old.

1996

Kristin (Seidenschwarz) Kneupper '96 and husband Phillip welcomed a new son, Kylar Easton, on Oct. 2, 2009. He was welcomed by his two big brothers, Kouper Shane, 2, and Kayson Dae, 9.

1998

Dehlia (Strong) Wallis '98 and **Michael Wallis '98** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Camdyn Elizabeth. Camdyn was born Oct. 23 and is welcomed by her big brother, Caden. The family resides in San Antonio, where Michael is assistant controller of corporate accounting for H-E-B and Dehlia is an assistant professor at San Antonio College.

Annette "Nette" (Lueker) Werling '98 and **Kevin Werling '00** have a baby girl, Sharyn Jane Werling, born November 12, 2009, and an older son Kalan Lueker Werling, 3. Kevin is an education sales consultant for National Geographic/Hampton Brown.

2000

Dee Ann (Wiley) Sikes '00 and Dale Sikes had a daughter, born March 13, 2009.

2001

Aislinn (Garcia) Rodriguez '01 and husband Richard Rodriguez welcomed daughter Isabel Eisely on April 20, 2008.

2005

David Burbidge '05 and **Amanda (Wood) Burbidge, attended '01**, are pleased to announce the birth of Brinley Reese Burbidge on April 20, 2010.

2008

Mallory (Boenig) Grau '08 and Micha Grau welcomed their first born, Elijah Michael, on May 19, 2010, weighing in at 10 pounds and 11 ounces.

2009

Daniel "Danny" Flink '09 and his wife Cheryl Flink announce the birth of their first child, Thomas Daniel Flink, born on April 11, 2010. He was 10 pounds, 4 ounces and 22 inches long.

AlumNotes

1956

Jo Ann (Burriss) Lemmon '56 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater New Braunfels Arts Council on Jan. 24. Lemmon taught in New Braunfels Independent School District elementary schools for 25 years, she was the organist at the United Methodist Church for 24 years and at the Cross Lutheran Church for 15 years.

1961

Don Mischer '61 won the Director's Guild of America 2010 Musical Variety Award for *We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration*.

1963

Frank Arnold '63 was inducted into the 2010 San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame Feb. 12. He was head football coach and athletic director at Judson High School for more than 25 years. During his 41 year career he held positions at six San Antonio schools where he served as teacher, coach, and administrator. The Judson athletic facilities are named the Frank Arnold Athletic Center in his honor. He has been inducted into the Texas Lutheran University Hall of Honor, the Texas High School Athletic Directors Hall of Honor, the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor and the Greater San Antonio Football Coaches Foundation Hall of Fame.

Norval Kneten '63, Ph.D., president of Barton College in Wilson, N.C. was elected to a three year term on the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Board of Directors. Headquartered in Washington, DC, the CIC is an association of more than 600 independent, liberal arts colleges, universities, higher education affiliates and organizations that work together to strengthen college and university leadership, sustain high-quality education, and enhance private higher education's contributions to society. Dr. Kneten and his wife, Susan, live in Fort Worth and Alpine. They have three children and four grandchildren.



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1970

Fred Biery '70 was named chief judge for the Western District of Texas which includes Austin, San Antonio, Del Rio, Alpine, Midland/Odessa and El Paso. The Western District has the largest caseload of the country's 94 federal districts, with 8,000 felony cases and 3,000 civil cases filed each year.

1972

Nancy (Travers) Gagne '72 retired Dec. 31, 2009, from the Broward County School System in South Florida after 35 1/2 years as an elementary and middle school teacher.

1974

Marsha (Robinson) Hansen '74 wrote "Finding God In the Shadows: Stories from the Battlefield of Life" (Augsburg Fortress). The co-author, Peter Huchthausen, wrote K-19 the Widowmaker, which was adapted for film and directed by Oscar Winner, Kathryn Bigelow. Hansen has written other books and is also a publisher. Recently she published *The Courage to Believe: How Human Life May Flourish* by Dr. Roy John Enquist, who once chaired the theology department at TLU.

1978

Deana (Bier) Schepp '78 accepted a new corporate health and safety position with Ineos Nitriles in League City. Of her seven children, Cindy is in the 8th grade, twins Monica and Erica are in college at Texas A&M University and Kevin attends Amarillo College. Brian works for Quorum Business Solutions. Andrew is in the army and deployed to Iraq, and Jennie is working on her Ph.D. in psychology in St. Paul.

1981

Sylvester Vasquez, Jr. '81 has been elected president-elect of the Texas Association of School Boards. He currently serves on the board of Southwest ISD.

1984

Marie "Dale" (Pfeifer) Little '84 owns Business Strategist Group, a firm specializing in the stabilization and growth of small businesses. Little and her husband, Don Little, live in Montclair, Va.



TLU Alumni get together in Austin at Opal Divines for some good old fun and laughs! From left to right: **John Emken '88, Courtney Menkse Emken '89, Gabby Emken, Dave Huffman '88, Lori Bruns Shaffer '88, Dwayne Brzozowski '89, Mike Kirkendall '88, John Traeger '88, Steve Short '88.**

Janis Turk '84 authored the new book *Frommer's San Antonio & Austin Day by Day*. She won the first-place Best of GoNomad Travel 2009 award for her piece on Macao. Turk's article on the San Antonio River Walk Museum Reach will be published in the next issue of AAA magazine *Texas Journeys*.

1985

Verna Eschenfelder '85 has completed her second year as assistant professor of occupational therapy at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa.

Mary (Huffman) Sylvester '85 completed a Ph.D. in organizational behavior and management from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn. in December 2009. Her dissertation is entitled *Transformational Leadership Behaviors of Frontline Sales Professionals: An Investigation into the Impact of Resilience and Key Demographics*. Two months later, she accepted a position with pharmaceutical company Beohringer Ingelheim as associate director for the Clinical Science Consultant Group.

1986

Janette (Johnson) Fletchall '86 teaches first grade at Adams Elementary School in Fergus Falls, Minn. She and her husband have three children: Haley, 14; Hunter, 13; and Hope, 6. Raising three children keeps them busy and they love to travel when they can get away.

1988

Nancy Anderson '88, Ph.D., was promoted to professor in the department of reading at Texas Woman's University in Denton. Anderson's book for novice literacy teachers, *Linking Assessment to Reading Comprehension Instruction*, was published by Prentice Hall in the fall 2008. She specializes in language, literacy and professional learning at national and international conferences for literacy leaders, most recently in Australia, Canada and Chicago. Anderson was selected as the first faculty member from Texas Woman's University to serve as a visiting faculty member at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England for the fall 2008 semester. While in England, she collaborated with literacy educators at the University of London and worked in primary schools in the U.K.

1989

Dr. Wayland "Heath" Dillard '89 opened a new internal medicine practice in Carthage, Mo.



TLU communications majors put their degrees to good use covering the river reopening in New Braunfels this summer. From left to right: **JT Street '03** from Fox 29 San Antonio, **Ryan Loyd '02** from KEYE-TV Austin, **Noah Westerfield '02** from KGNB Radio New Braunfels and (not pictured) **Collin Corrington '03**.

1994

Shannon (Brugger) Grabardewitz '94, husband Clark and family moved from Georgetown to Boerne during the summer. Grabardewitz is a mortgage processor. Their oldest, Brock, keeps them busy with sixth grade band, football and baseball. Their second grade twin girls just plain keep them busy.

1996

Kendall Ray Prinz '96 received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Tuba Performance on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Prinz is currently employed as a band director in Taylor, Texas where he enjoys life with his wife **Lynn (Miller) Prinz '95** and his children Aaron and Elizabeth.

1998

Jereme Matthews '98 and **Courtney (Erickson) Matthews '99** continue to teach at Steele High School in SCUCISD. Jereme earned his master's in educational administration from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in 2009. They have two children, Payton, 6, and Colter, 2.

2000

Mark Durfee '00 graduated from Tarleton State University with a Master of Educational Administration degree and passed the school principal exam.

2001

Leroy Alloway '01 has been selected to be a member of the Rotary International Group Study Exchange program between South Texas and Metro Manila, Philippines. He has also been promoted to director of community development for the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority.

2002

Melissa (Bakken) Trainer '02 has accepted a position as the accounting manager at Vertex Business Services in Richardson.



International alumni from Japan gathered for a reunion dinner in December. (Clockwise from left) **Junichiro "Jun" Tai**; **Keiko Urakami**; **Yu "Urase" Mimoto**; **Satoko Fukuma**, attended '98-'00; **Tomohiko "Tomo" Takeda '03**; international education director Charla Bailey; **Koko Hasegawa '05**; **Eriko Matsumoto**, attended '05-'06; Dr. Sachiko Kasahara (mother of **Mikiko Kasahara**, attended '00-'02).

2003

Justin Krueger '03 received a master's in education on May 15, 2010 from Sul Ross State University with a major in school administration.

Diana (Tovar) Weeks '03 completed her Master of Business Administration in Management degree with honors from Our Lady of the Lake University in December 2009.

2004

Rev. Rachel (Ziese) Haceker '04 was officially installed as the new pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Decatur, Ill. on Jan. 31. Rachel graduated from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Conn. in 2007.



Gamma Alumnae gather to celebrate the wedding of **Amy Hartman '03**. (From left to right, top row) **Niki Magel '04**, **Lisa Linneville '03**, **Holly Lakota Hicks '03**, **Angie Fuchik King '04**; (bottom row) **Patsy Villarreal '03**, **Dora Guerra '03**, **Jessie Trofe '03**.

2005

Barbara Castro '05 has been promoted to assistant director of records and registration for support services at Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

Toni Hoelscher '05, after leaving TLU, went to graduate school at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. She finished her master's of science in information studies with a certificate in museum studies in December 2006. Hoelscher then found employment as a young adult librarian in Kingwood, Texas, later as branch manager at a public library in New Caney, Texas. In April of 2009 she began work at the Art Institute of Houston-North before being promoted to director of library services at the Art Institute of San Antonio in March 2010.

In Memoriam



Lauren (Dow) Wegner '03 was ordained a Lutheran pastor on July 7, 2010 in Austin. (From left to right) **Miriam (Malinski) Seely '04**, **Paige Bauerkemper '05**, **Abigail Sanchez '04**, **Lauren (Dow) Wegner '03**, **Patricia (Muras) Houser '03**, **Rebecca (Ashdown) Alvarado '04**. Wegner serves as associate pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh, N.C.

2006

Keli Rabon '06 and Jim O'Donnell of WREG-TV in Memphis, Tenn. took a first place award given by the Tennessee Associated Press for best investigative reporting.

2007

J. Anthony Guillory '07 is a doctoral student in the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Ashley Severson '07 is a coach and sponsor of the varsity cheerleaders at Uvalde High School.

2008

Elizabeth "Liz" Cubriel '08 has joined the Title V staff at The Victoria College as the department's academic advisor. Previously, she worked at VC as the college connection advisor and as a college generalist in College Central.



International alumni from Macedonia and Norway reunited in Washington, D.C. in April with their families. (From left to right) **Brendan McKinley**, **Biljana "Bibi" (Veljanovska) McKinley '03**, **Eva McKinley**, **Marina "Mimi" Veljanovska '04**, **Marianne Skjelbred**, **Christian Skjelbred '02**, **Tommy Skjelbred**.

2009

Kyle Palmer '09 is the graduate assistant for Texas A&M University baseball while he is pursuing a master's in educational technology.

Carl W. Pfullmann '09 recently had two watercolor paintings selected in the San Antonio Art League and Museum's 80th Annual Artists Exhibition. Pfullmann's paintings are two of the eighty total chosen out of almost 400 entries. His painting, *Drive Me Rite*, received the Contributor Award IV, one of only 16 winners. Pfullmann is currently in the management program at Tetco in San Antonio and paints in his spare time.

1931

Alle Mae (Bertelsen) Tyler '31 passed away April 11 at the age of 96. She was a teacher and worked with her husband farming and operating their own trucking and plumbing businesses.

1933

Louise Wendel Straube '33 died March 7 in Yorktown. She taught at Weldon, Gohlke and Yorktown schools, retiring after 22 years of service. She was the docent coordinator for the Yorktown Museum for more than 25 years.

1934

Olive (Sells) Wren '34 of Port Lavaca, passed away June 9, 2009.

1935

Pastor Alfred Doerfler '35 of Seguin died Feb. 12 at the age of 95. He served congregations at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kingsville, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mason, Christ Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, Faith Lutheran Church in Bellair, and St. John's Lutheran Church in Denhawken.

Martha "Marcie" (Probst) Reue '35 passed away June 28. She was a teacher at Robert E. Lee Elementary School in Rosenberg for many years. She loved to work in her yard. She was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where she served as organist for many years, participated in the Ladies Aid Society and Women of the ELCA, taught Sunday school, worked for the annual church barbecue, and was a member of the Cover Girls Quilting Group.

1937

Rowena (Armke) Voges '37 died in El Paso on Jan. 8 at the age of 91. She was a teacher at Highland Park Lutheran School.

1939

Pauline (Galloway) Grote '39 of Bella Vista, Ark. died Dec. 21, 2009 at the age of 93.

1941

Gilbert “Gil” Gordon ’41 of Corpus Christi passed away Jan. 5. He was a WWII veteran and a retired maintenance foreman with the Texas Highway Department.

Arthur Sloma ’41 of Carthage died April 11 at the age of 88. He served in the Army Air Corps before working in quality control for Joy Manufacturing Company. He enjoyed bowling, golf and being outdoors.

Dorthea (Hassinger) Umbach ’41 a former home economics teacher who became a professional potter, died Feb. 24 at Edenton Retirement Community in Frederick, Md., at the age of 87.

1943

Herman “Tex” Mansur ’43 of San Antonio died Feb. 8 at the age of 86. He was a missionary and established the Banz mission station in the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea. He then served Lutheran Social Services in Minneapolis, Minn. as a pastoral counselor.

Helen (Miller) Blomquist Vest ’43 of Garland passed away Jan. 14, 2009. Her teaching career spanned more than 30 years.

Velma (Eggen) White ’43 of Norse died March 5 at the age of 85. She enjoyed sports of all kinds and was an avid basketball player. She worked as a dental assistant.

1945

Doris (Hey) Zuehl ’45 of Seguin passed away July 5 at the age of 84.

1947

Robert Lee “Bob” Borchers ’47 of Fredericksburg, passed away on Feb. 7 at the age of 82. He operated the Pepsi and 7UP distributorship. He also worked in furniture refinishing and antique cars. He and his wife, Fran, restored and ran the Weirich family homestead and operated Weirich Farm B&B.

Albert L. Fisher ’47 died June 4 in Nacogdoches at the age of 84. He retired as Manager of the Technical Gas Training Center in 1987. Albert was an amateur

radio operator and was a lifetime member of the Nacogdoches Noon-Breakfast Lions Club.

Floyd Landgraf ’47 of Austin passed away Jan. 9, 2009.

1950

Calvin Bruns ’50 of Goliad died March 19. He served in the U.S. Army, was a teacher, rancher, real estate and insurance salesman, and high school football referee.

Billy Ray Hardcastle ’50, a retired rancher and electrician, died July 20, 2009 in Glen Rose at the age of 78.

1951

Lorine (Kneten) Pries ’51 of Rosenberg died April 17 at the age of 81. She was a retired teacher and counselor. She was an avid bridge player, and active member of the Optimist Club, the Fort Bend County Retired Teachers Association and a volunteer at the Rosenberg Railroad Museum.

Marvin Sievers ’51 of Yorktown passed away Jan. 19. He worked for Heldt Bros. Trucks of Victoria for 37 years and was a rancher.

1952

Marilyn (Geisweidt) Riggle ’52 of Fredericksburg died Dec. 24, 2009 at the age of 78.

1957

Rev. James Neffendorf ’57 of Seguin passed away on Jan. 31, at the age of 87. He served in the Pacific with the U.S. Army during WWII. He graduated from Texas Lutheran College, followed by graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. As a pastor he served the Hondo, Floresville, Edna, Jourdan, and San Antonio communities for many years along with radio ministry for over 37 years. While serving as a minister, he also managed and owned the Saddle Shop in Seguin.

Hermine (Engeling) Stoll ’57 passed away Dec. 16, 2009. During her professional lifetime she managed the family finances for the farm operation,

was a receptionist for several employers and served as a substitute teacher for the Taylor ISD.

1958



Pastor William F. Lange, Jr. ’58 passed away on June 2 at the age of 74. His first call as a pastor was to two small churches serving the communities of Doss and Cherry Springs in Gillespie County. In 1966, he became the founding pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin.

1959

Nelson Mueller ’59 passed away March 20. He retired from Alcoa, taught defensive driving, was a volunteer for the Rockdale Fire Department and was a master gardener.

1960

Gene Dippel ’60 died Dec. 29, 2009. He was a teacher, and manager of corporate systems for Westinghouse Broadcasting before accepting a job at California State University, Fullerton, where he served as the associate vice president of information and telecommunications services for 30 years.

Harriett (Stark) Rohne ’60 died March 12. She was very active in church as a Sunday school teacher. She retired from the IRS.

1961

Thomas “Tommy” Bodine ’61 passed away on Dec. 30, 2009 at the age of 74. He worked at the Welfare Department and for the Texas State Commission for the Blind, finding employment for the handicapped. He also built homes for the under-privileged. He was active in the San Marcos Food Bank, CASA, the Salvation Army and the Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

Daniel “Dan” Heideke ’61 of Seguin passed away June 4. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and served as an air craft mechanic for the FAA in Oklahoma and later at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. After a total of 43 years in civil service he retired as a postal carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Seguin.

Rev. Paul Arthur Horn ’61 died May 22. He served in the U.S. Navy and Trinity Seminary in Columbus, OH graduating in 1965. Horn served Grace Lutheran Church in Corapolis, Pa.; Christ Lutheran in Bowling Green, OH; St. John Lutheran in Dundee, Mich., and Faith Lutheran in Windham, ME. He was also in clown ministry and held several church services in pantomime. He retired from parish ministry in 1989 and became an academic advisor and teacher in religion at St. Joseph’s College in Standish, ME. He retired in 2004.

Allen Schivelbein ’61 passed away June 18 at the age of 73. He worked as an oil and gas accountant for more than 20 years.

1966

Kenneth Bubert ’66 of McGregor passed away on Jan. 2 in Waco at the age of 65.

Frederick Zies ’66 passed away on Dec. 28, 2009. He worked for the U.S. Air Force Audit Agency as a CPA and auditor.

1967

Gail Culver ’67 of New Braunfels died Jan. 12.

Ron Trull ’67 of Bastrop died Feb. 22.

He served in the United States Air Force then worked for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission as an advocate for disabled Texans for more than 35 years.

1971

Karen Olson ’71 of Universal City died Feb. 20 at the age of 60. Karen retired after 36 years of teaching English and speech at Randolph Middle School where she also coordinated UIL activities and the National Junior Honor Society. She served St. John’s Lutheran Church in San Antonio by designing and crafting banners for church and as a member of the handbell choir.

1972

Col. Steven Earl Cady ’72 passed away June 20 in San Antonio at the age of 64.

Voris “Kirk” Kirkland ’72, a resident of Orange Beach, Ala., died Jan. 23. He was 77. He retired as a senior master sergeant from the the Air Force after 20 years of service. After receiving his master’s degree in hospital administration he worked in the health care industry for eight years. In 1981 he opened Kirk Kirkland’s Barbecue with his family.

Rev. William McGinnis ’72 of Manchester, N.H. died Jan. 1, 2009 at the age of 83.

1973

Warren France ’73 of Evansville, Ind. died July 4, 2009 at the age of 80. He retired from the United States Air Force after 29 years, worked at Hansen Manufacturing in Princeton for 10 years as personnel manager. He was a member of Oakland City American Legion Post No. 256 and Northwoods Church in Evansville.

1979

James Robert “Jim Bob” Helduser ’79 of College Station passed away Feb 26, at the age of 52. Helduser began his football coaching career at Rice University, where he coached from 1979 to 1984. He spent the next 11 seasons at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, where he coached almost every position before assuming head coaching responsibilities from 1992 to 1996. Other collegiate coaching jobs included Texas Christian University (1998 to 2000), the University of Alabama (2001 to 2002), and Texas A&M University (2003 to 2007). High school coaching jobs included Alief-Elsik High School, Lake Travis High School and Bryan High School, where he retired after the 2009 football season.

1980

Roy Folks ’80 of New Braunfels passed away Feb. 20.

Marc McCarthy ’80 of Bloomington passed away April 7 at the age of 53. He taught and coached in the Bloomington School District for 24 years before taking a position as the athletic coordinator for Travis Middle School in Port Lavaca.

1981

Master Sgt. Jack Bartholomew ’81 died on Dec. 19, 2009 in Austin at the age of 81. He served his country for 22 years in the Air Force. He served another 15 years in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard before his retirement.

Sandra “Sandy” (Bier) Oakley ’81 passed away May 27. She taught school in the Nixon-Smilely School District for 20 years. She loved art, especially drawing.

1987

Kiana (Rohlack) Lock ’87 passed away June 21, 2009 in Dallas. She was a teacher and a coach.

DÉJÀ VU?

Do you recognize the ski sweater? Perhaps the lacey drapes bring back the intoxicating smell of a meal offering the comforts of home.

If you recognize any of the faces in the crowd, or know where this photograph was taken, share your memories with us.



Last issue

The original predecessor to Lucky's Kennel. Known as The Kennel when it was located in the gym. Dan Biles identified the era the photo was taken as the 1950s because of the young woman's two-tone saddle shoes. The under-a-dollar prices also give away the decade.



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Exhibit: "Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books"

Sept. 2-24
Annetta Kraushaar Gallery

Mid-Texas Symphony Concert

Sept. 12 at 4 p.m.
Jackson Auditorium

Film: *Super Size Me*

Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.
Alumni Student Center

Concert: Fandango en la Plaza

Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.
Alumni Plaza

"An Original Defense of Judicial Power"

with Matthew Brogdon
Sept. 17 at 1 p.m.
Dunne Conference Center, Tschoepe

"Quien es mi vecino?"

Who is my Neighbor?"
with Pastor Kerry Nelson
Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.
Dunne Conference Center, Tschoepe

Alumni & Friends Family Night

Sept. 23 at 6 p.m.
Freddie's Place in Austin

Concert: Ecos de Puerto Rico

Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m.
Jackson Auditorium

2010 TLU Homecoming

Oct. 1-2
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Photographer Harry Benson

Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.
Jackson Auditorium

"Talk the Last King of Texas: Charles IV of Spain and His Time"

with Prof. Francisco Marcos-Marin
Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Wupperman Little Theater

TLU Band Concert

Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Jackson Auditorium

Film: *Babette's Feast*

Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.
Alumni Student Center

Dramatic Media Production: *The Adding Machine*

Oct. 28-31
Jackson Auditorium

Krost Symposium

Nov. 3-4
TLU Campus

Alumni & Friends Gathering *Cirque de la Symphonie*

Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.
Bass Concert Hall, Dallas/Ft. Worth

Film: *Food, Inc.*

Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.
Alumni Student Center

TLU Band Concert

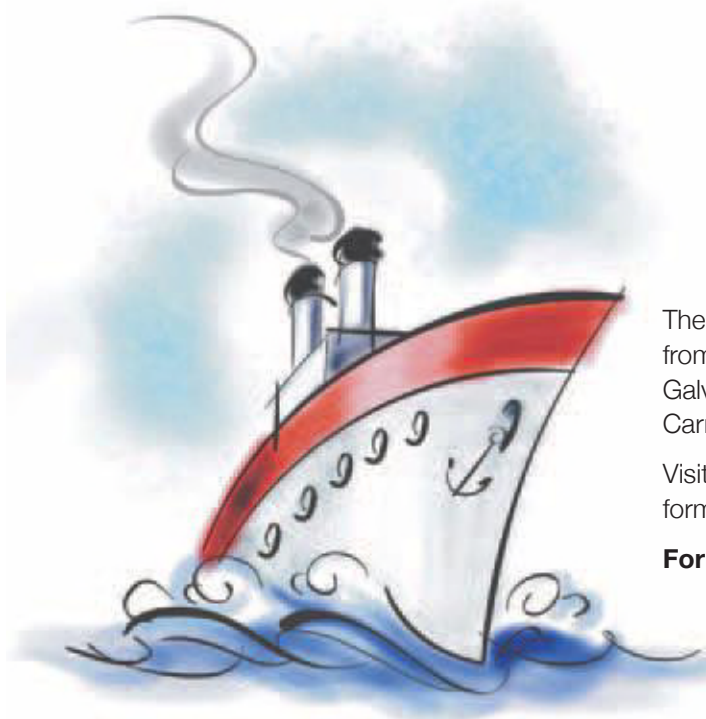
Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Jackson Auditorium

Christmas Vespers

Dec. 3-5
Jackson Auditorium



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