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“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

Dear Friends of Concordia,

The theme of this academic year at Concordia University Texas, “Transformation,” is a very powerful idea. As we strive to accomplish our mission of developing Christian leaders, God’s word acts to transform our minds. We seek His guidance first as we lead Concordia towards the future.

Here are a few highlights of the past year - new programs, new faculty and staff, new results from the transformation committees, and continued increases in enrollment. All of this is possible because of the continued blessing by God of the dedicated work of the faculty and staff.

First, God is transforming the University. The nursing program is in full swing. With seven new faculty members and full enrollment, it is a new and exciting dimension for Concordia. In addition to the nursing program, the MBA program was approved by our accreditors with no recommendations and has a waiting list for enrollment. These programs offer faith-based education, academic excellence, and a way to give back and to serve the community.

Second, God is transforming the way we learn. We are looking at every aspect of the curriculum to understand how we intentionally implement Concordia’s mission of developing Christian leaders. Through all of this we are focusing on student learning and success.

Third, God is transforming our walk with Him. Our spiritual life transformation committee has surveyed the entire campus to understand

faculty and staff views on our spiritual life today and how we can work to improve it in the future. This committee is comprised of faculty, staff and students, all challenging the way students and faculty interact as the body of Christ in this place.

Fourth, God is transforming our minds. Part of our transformation entails connecting members of our campus community to people who exemplify Christian leadership. We were blessed to have world-renowned speaker and lecturer, Dr. Tony Campolo, deliver a message to our Concordia community. In his speech entitled “Beyond Acts of Kindness”, Dr. Campolo talked about how to serve others and how to do so with excellence. We also heard from the President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-fil-A Inc., Dan Cathy. Cathy spoke about customer service, the importance of a good name, and Christian leadership.

Lastly, God is transforming us. Through these experiences, students are learning more and more what it means to be a Christian leader.

May God bless you richly as He is blessing us during this Christmas season.

Yours in Christ,

Thomas E. Cedel, Ph.D.



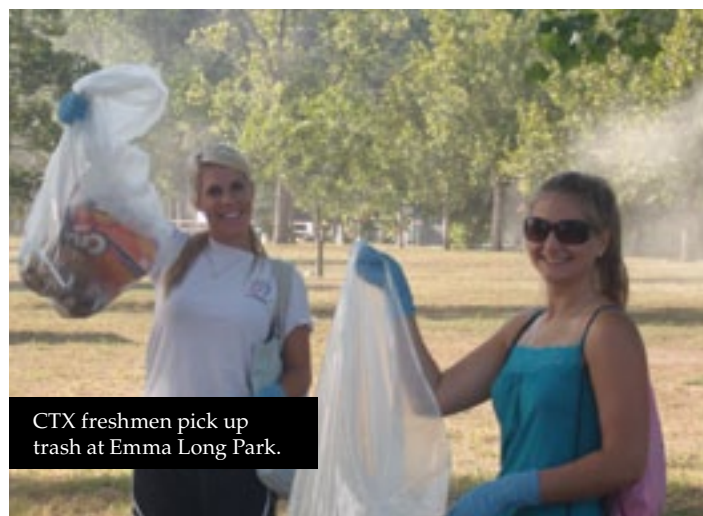
Week of Welcome Service Event



CTX freshmen pose for a picture after a morning of cleaning Emma Long Park.

CTX Students Clean Up Nearby Park

Early in the morning on Monday August 23rd, Concordia's freshmen class set out to serve the Austin community by revitalizing and cleaning Emma Long Park. Along with their Life & Leadership instructors and student Service-Learning leaders, over 200 freshmen took part in this incredible service opportunity. Students and volunteers worked and completed the needed maintenance in about three hours, saving the city of Austin over six-thousand dollars in labor costs. After work, students and volunteers ate lunch provided and donated by Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q. This event was part of the Week of Welcome, which allows freshmen and transfer students to be introduced to and experience the CTX mission of Developing Christian Leaders.



CTX freshmen pick up trash at Emma Long Park.

Family Weekend 2010

Family Weekend 2010 was a success. Every year Student Activities hosts Family Weekend. This is a time for parents to reconnect with their children who are students at Concordia University Texas. "Our goal is to provide families with opportunities to grow and understand their child's life as a college student," Caitlin Coke, Student Life and Events Coordinator, said.

Family Weekend was held September 24th-27th. During the weekend, there were many opportunities for parents to get a better understanding of their students' overall experience at Concordia University Texas. Families had special opportunities to attend

chapel, classes, tours, a student recital, a special breakfast with the Deans, seminars, Band and Casino Night, and many other opportunities. "I really enjoyed the time I got to spend with my family. It was awesome for them to come up to Austin and see what my life is like here," Courtney Potter, CTX freshmen, said. "Our favorite thing was playing blackjack at poker night."





Concordia's new performance-quality piano arrived on August 13, 2010.

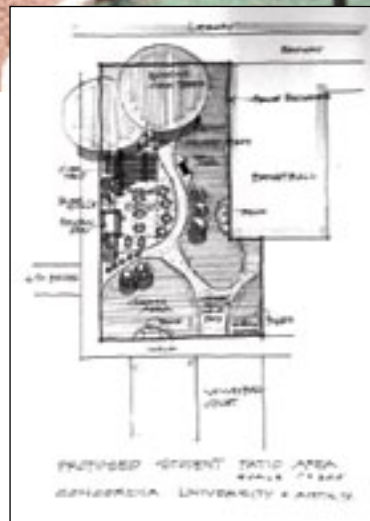
New Addition to the CTX Chapel

In August Concordia University Texas received a Yamaha C6 "Conservatory Collection" grand piano. Concordia purchased the piano locally from Strait Music with funds donated to the University. "It's 6'11" long, and is a professional-quality piano used around the world for performance, recording, and teaching," Joshua Chai, Director of Choral Activities at Concordia University Texas said. All of the pianos that Concordia has used in the past have been rented. The dedication recital took place September 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Building A auditorium.



The Backyard Project

Main Picture: The Backyard Project in-progress
Below: Plan drawings of the Backyard Project



Spring of 2009 began an initiative carried out by Concordia's Leadership and Business class. The Backyard Project was introduced in response to the question "Can leadership be taught?" Assistant Professor Lynette Gillis, challenged the students of Leadership and Business 3310 sought to become leaders by giving them real life opportunities to improve the campus. Students must coordinate and work together to do fund raising, landscaping, obtain

appropriate permits from the City of Austin and receive approvals from the University. Students also establish a chain of command, elect a project manager, and other positions. Currently, a retaining wall has been built, ground leveled, and grass seeded. Successive classes will further develop and improve this area of campus and "learn to experience and exhibit leadership," said Gillis.

Connecting with Our Lutheran Brothers and Sisters in Australia

by: Dr. Ann Schwartz



Dr. Debra Allen, Julian Anczewski ('09), Rachael Kelly (CTX student), Ashley Ramos ('10), Heather Hunnicutt (CTX student), Dr. Ann Schwartz, Natalie Powell ('10), and Tatiana Moreno (CTX student)

During a recent international study course to Australia, we encountered many wonderful people who shared their expertise with us regarding the experiences of Indigenous children in their society. One dynamic and extremely gracious individual whom we met along the way was Pastor Bryce Clark, who leads St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Aboriginal Lutheran Fellowship in Ferryden Park, a suburb of the city of Adelaide, located in south Australia. Due to the hospitality of Pastor Clark and his wife Judy, we were able to stay at the church for almost a week. Pastor Clark arranged numerous opportunities for us to visit agencies, museums, and visit with congregational members. He also was a great resource himself, having spent several decades ministering with Aboriginal people. We worshipped with the St. Paul's community and gathered after the service for an amazing kangaroo tail barbecue with church members.

“We also had the opportunity to ... learn more about the Wendish migration to Australia that occurred around the same time Wends arrived in Central Texas.”

Lutherans have a significant presence in the Adelaide area. During our time there, we toured the Australian Lutheran College (ALC), and afterwards, the staff and students treated us to a luncheon. The students at ALC are all preparing to serve in the Lutheran Church of

Australia as pastors, youth workers, and teachers. We also had the opportunity to visit the Lutheran Archives, where we viewed records from some of the Lutheran missions and learned more about the Wendish migration to Australia that occurred around the same time Wends arrived

in Central Texas. Concordia University Texas was founded as a high school in 1926 by Texas Wendish settlers.



Returning to the Other Side of the World

by: Julian Anczewski ('09)

I came to Concordia University Texas in 2007 after transferring from Kilgore College. While at Concordia, I participated in a wide range of activities including classroom discussions, volunteer opportunities, Behavioral Sciences Club events, and the Isaiah 49 Child Welfare Internship with Lutheran Social Services of the South. I feel that these opportunities have given me a greater understanding of human behavior and relationships and will allow me to form a successful career in serving the people around me.

Since my graduation in December 2009, I accompanied two Concordia University Texas professors, three Concordia students, and two recent Concordia graduates on a trip to my homeland of Australia. The purpose of the trip was to provide Behavioral Sciences students

with exposure to the history, culture, and current social issues of the First Australians, Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander peoples. We learned about child welfare policies and practices affecting indigenous children and youth-specifically, the issue of the Stolen Generations. The forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families was official government policy in Australia from 1909 until 1969; however, the practice had begun in the earliest days of European settlement, when children were used as guides, servants, and farm laborers. Almost every Aboriginal family has been affected in some way by the policies of child removal. Taking children from their families was one of the most devastating practices since white settlement and has had profound repercussions for all Aboriginal people today.

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We were able to explore these issues through an itinerary with visits to Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide, and Melbourne, where we met with individuals who are engaged in Aboriginal affairs. They were willing to share their knowledge and often painful personal experiences. These people included employees of the government, non-profit organizations, and agencies working with Aboriginal

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adolescents as well as members of the Stolen Generations and the Aboriginal Lutheran Fellowship.

One of the important milestones in the relations between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians that was a significant focus of our study, was the national apology to the stolen generations in 2008 by, then, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. The apology addressed the former government policy of forcibly removing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. In talking to the government employees, I was pleased to learn about new policies and programs that followed the apology, which have been introduced

to close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians and to improve indigenous health, education, and employment outcomes.

The trip was a great learning experience for all and gave us the opportunity to study child welfare and race relations issues from an utterly different perspective. Personally, the trip was powerful because it allowed me to gain insights about the types of programs I will be involved in professionally, assisting adolescents with behavioral problems and working with at-risk youth.



The Australian Lutheran College



A staff member at Reconciliation Australia explains the many Aboriginal tribal groups.



Front Row: Heather Hunnicutt, Rachael Kelly, Dr. Ann Schwartz
Middle Row: Natalie Powell, Dr. Debra Allen
Back Row: Tatiana Moreno, Ashley Ramos, Julian Anczewski



Natalie Coco cooked kangaroo tail at the barbecue with members of the church at Ferryden Park.

Meet a CTX Student

by: Kacie Krause



When I was in sixth grade, a special-needs kindergartner at my school told me she wanted to be just like me. I had never realized how much impact a single person could have on another's life. That one experience convinced me that I wanted to be a teacher, but I had never thought about being a teacher at a Lutheran school. When people started to ask me where I wanted to go to college, I said that I did not know. However, at the start of my freshman year of high school, a couple of faculty members from Concordia University Texas came to my church to recruit high school students. My friends and I listened to their presentation on the University and its majors, including those in the Lutheran ministry. Teaching in a Lutheran school could be an option for us, they said.

After the presentation, my friends continued their conversations about starting high school, but my thoughts remained on the recruiters' words about Concordia and serving the Lord as a called church worker. I do not remember specifics of the presentation, but I do recall feeling a compulsion to learn more about this Lutheran university and the opportunities it provided me to be a teacher at a Lutheran school. I could not explain the feeling then, but I now realize it was the Holy Spirit beginning His work in me, showing me who God wants me to be.

In high school, my friends began considering public universities and careers in medicine

or business. I considered the same options, but I realized none of those career paths were what I wanted. I enjoyed being with children and learning more about my loving God, and I began to realize teaching was more than something I wanted for myself.

I want to be an English teacher, but I need to be able to share God's love with my students. I see myself as successfully obtaining my wants and my needs as a Lutheran teacher. I also look forward to incorporating the amazing works of God into the opportunities He has granted to us through language and the written word. I want to challenge the students, but I also need to challenge myself. As a Lutheran teacher, I know God will allow the students and me to grow together in our knowledge of the world and, more importantly, of Him.

When people ask me what I want to do with a teaching degree, I let them know of my need to serve others, to serve my God. I am amazed by how quickly I am arriving at this goal. I remember starting my first year at CTX on the old campus: nervous, apprehensive, and uncertain about my place in the Concordia community. Three and a half years later, I am two semesters away from student teaching and my first call to a Lutheran school.

My experiences at Concordia have made me a stronger person in ways I cannot fully explain in words. I see the Lord's presence every day in the beautiful campus and think

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of the magnitude of His love for me. I meet new people on a regular basis, creating friendships I will treasure through the rest of my life. Professors have challenged me to reach intellectual heights I never imagined reaching; they have given me the opportunity to think about what I believe and gain a better understanding of my great need for a Savior. Concordia University Texas has provided me with a safe community where I can explore the world and the plans God has for me. Though I cannot describe the tremendous growth I have experienced while at CTX, I know that I have been transformed. The Spirit has worked in me to find a place on campus as student, Admissions student worker, advising consultant, and more, and I know the person graduating from Concordia in 2012 will find a place as another confident Christian leader in the world.



Empowered by True Inspiration

by: Natalie Powell ('10)

Juan encouraged, “anything is possible,” as I struggled to make a key-chain out of eight different strings. Juan was one of the many teenage boys and girls who were living at the Bokenkamp Children’s Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. Many of the children, aged 13 to 17, had traveled on foot, jumped on top of moving trains, and gone without water, food, and shelter in order to find a better life in America. After all Juan had been through, he was encouraging me to keep going. How could I not be truly inspired by his determination?

The Isaiah 49 Program at Concordia University Texas creates opportunities for students to learn and serve in the child welfare system. This past June, students from across the Concordia University System had the privilege to attend the 2nd annual Summer Institute sponsored by the Isaiah 49 Program and to reflect on the institute’s theme - “Serving Immigrant and Refugee Children.” Some of the

institute attendees also participated in a service mission experience in Corpus Christi, prior to the start of the institute.

At any time, Bokenkamp Children’s Center can house up to 70 unaccompanied refugee children from Central and South America. The center provides the children with food, clothing, housing, education, spiritual guidance, and job training. During the recent pre-institute trip, despite some challenges posed by language differences, the children and students were able to get to know one another through games, songs, and meals. Ashley Ramos, a recent CTX graduate, felt “inspired by the children, because they were faced with adult problems and decisions, but were so full of joy.” She saw their ‘enthusiasm’ after she and other students played a rousing game of basketball with the children on the last day at Bokenkamp. Julian Anczewski, another CTX participant, was “excited to become

emerged in the world [of the children], because we were able to eat the same meals and join in on their daily activities.”

After returning from Corpus Christi, students participated in the three-day Summer Institute held on the Concordia University Texas campus. The institute activities not only provided students with information

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about issues close to the border, but they also exposed participants to things occurring in many different societies as they learned how children become refugees and may end up in contact with the child welfare system.

The institute keynote speaker, Dr. Rowena Fong of the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin, highlighted the struggles of refugees from Africa. She spoke about the confusion and displacement a refugee child may feel when he or she enters the U.S. and about the importance of cultural competence in social work practice with refugee children and families. Watching the compelling documentary about the Lost Boys of Sudan, *God Grew Tired of Us*, brought to life many of the issues covered by Dr. Fong. In addition, Dr. Fong addressed the issue of child

trafficking and the different forms it takes around the world and even within Austin, Texas.

Other institute speakers shared their expertise and experiences with the participants. In his message, *Our Contemporary Posada*, Dr. Carl Trovall, a CTX professor of religion, explored theological insights regarding how to serve those who are immigrants and refugees. Chioma Jennifer Egwuagu, a CTX student, also spoke about the trafficking of women and children, especially how to stop sex slavery and trafficking through advocacy. A panel of family service workers from Lutheran Social Services discussed their experiences working with immigrant and refugee children and answered questions from attendees.

After several days of service, fellowship, and worship together, it was difficult for institute participants to say goodbye; however, everyone returned home with a better understanding of the many problems facing immigrant and refugee children and having had opportunities during the institute to make a difference, even in small ways, by writing letters to government officials, making care packages, and creating cards with encouraging words and inspirational Bible passages. More importantly, students reflected on how to be part of larger solutions that empower individuals and communities through possible future vocations working with children.

 **isaiah 49**
Preparing for Service in Child Welfare

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

Isaiah 49:15-16a



Isaiah 49 Summer Institute participants enjoy a dinner at The Oasis on Lake Travis.

CTX Students Warren Sanders (center) and Drew Kasper (far right) with new friends at Holy Trinity Institute in Brazil



Face to Face with God

by: Warren Sanders

As Americans, we live in a culture that believes in making a life out of nothing. We are a nation of immigrants given a home; none of our ancestors belonged here. Some came from Britain, when Britain would not give them religious freedom. Some came from Ireland when famine ravished their country leaving them with nothing. After this, America became a country of outcasts: African, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Hispanic, Italian, Mexican, Norwegian, Puerto Rican and more. All came here because they wanted to make something of themselves. We came here alone, as orphans in our own new country. But America has a weakness; it is our memory. Once we had made something of ourselves, we

were quick to forget our humble beginnings. Maybe this is why, for certain reasons I cannot quite grasp, this mission trip to Holy Trinity Institute, a small Lutheran orphanage in Brazil has felt so much like home. Maybe, though, it is because in that orphanage, you could feel the presence of the Lord.

We were in a cramped, dingy bus as we turned onto the old dirt road that led to the orphanage. No one knew what to expect. We made our way to the front of the orphanage. Out of the windows of the bus, we could see the stairs leading to the entrance and a flimsy rectangle of white cloth slightly blowing in the wind. They had made a welcome banner for

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us. The doors shot open, and before we could literally stand up, little hands shot into the bus to welcome us. Tiny excited eyes looked at us. None of us knew what to expect in the next few days.

After a short time of settling in, painting was the first order of business. We moved the beds, put plastic on the floors, sanded the walls, filled in the cracks, painted the walls and painted the ceiling. It was back-breaking, neck-bending work. In addition, with only one window for air, yet four walls and a ceiling oozing paint fumes, it was easy to get nauseated. After every day ended, there was a dinner followed by an evening service. At dinner, the kids would ask us if they could sit by us, and if we said yes, they would hold on tight and not let anybody else get their spot. It was sweet and adorable. Sitting next to two



CTX student Joli Bula (left) with Holy Trinity Institute children while watching soccer



Holy Trinity Institute children play soccer.

kids one night, I began to wonder about what they were probably thinking. Each one would keep looking up at me, smiling each time. I wrapped an arm around both of them, and we listened to the message.

At the end of the trip when it was time to say goodbye, some said they would not let us go. One child playfully stole my passport and said that now I would have to stay here forever. (Not that that would be such a bad thing.) Each of them with their unique personalities had an impact on us.

Most tried to give us toys at the end. These were not just any toys but their own possessions, sometimes even their favorite and only toys. The fact that they would give even their most prized possessions to us out of friendship and love is a lesson that many adults need today. Selflessness is important in our walk with the Lord. Selflessness says that even when you have painted for seven hours straight that you still give your all to the kids at the end of the day. That, like Jesus, we don't walk the wide road that benefits only us. Instead, we walk narrow roads that benefit others. The narrow roads might be tough; it might be painful at times, but it is the attitude we need to carry each and every day no matter where we are.



CTX students Joli Bula (far left), Warren Sanders (center) and Drew Kasper (far right) with Holy Trinity Institute children and the welcome sign all the children signed.

As we headed back up the dirt road leaving the orphanage behind, I thought that I was not going home but instead, that the bus was taking me away from home. I began to think of Matthew 25:34-40. Jesus teaches that even when we give comfort to the least of His children, it is as we were doing it to Him. Then I realized that each of the children I had met represented what this verse had meant: painting their rooms and playing soccer with them. Eating dinner with them, walking upstairs for the

message with a child attached to both arms. Sitting in silence listening to the message while little eyes curiously look at us. These were the ones of which Jesus spoke, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers and sisters of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."

At that point I realized why I had felt at home. Every time I had looked into those affectionate, adoring little eyes, I had been looking into the face of God.


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CTX Campus Pastor Bruce Pepper, Pastor Tealmo (Holy Trinity Institute), Warren Sanders, Ryan Austin, Joli Bula, Filipe Prieto and Brittany Scheel take a picture after playing soccer with the children of Holy Trinity Institute.

Agents of Change

A Night with Dr. Tony Campolo
by: Dr. Ann Schwartz



Dr. Tony Campolo addresses the more than 500 people who came to hear him speak for Service-Learning Week.

Renowned speaker and author, Dr. Tony Campolo, raised the question, “how do we train people to be agents of transformation?” Dr. Campolo spoke at Concordia University Texas to kick off the fourth annual Service-Learning Week, focused on the theme, Beyond Acts of Kindness. Transformation is central to Concordia University Texas’ mission of developing Christian leaders. Concordia seeks to equip men and women to transform communities by seeking out leadership opportunities and empowering people for Christ.

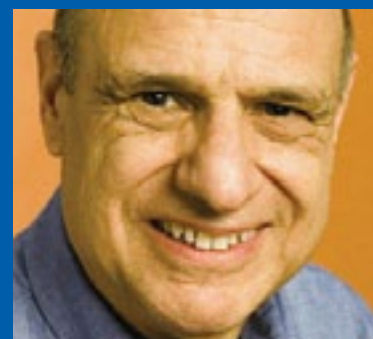
Speaking to a crowd of more than 500 gathered in the field house, Dr. Campolo, who calls himself the “Positive Prophet of Red Letter Christianity” - a reference to his commitment to live out the things that Jesus taught - exhorted listeners to consider how to serve others well. He remarked that significant and life-changing service entails recognition of the true dignity of others, seeing them not as those who need rescuing but as sacred persons who should be respected. Too often, Dr. Campolo remarked, well-meaning Christians do things for others rather than with them; the result is disempowerment and little, sustained positive change. Dr. Campolo further challenged the Church today to be more than “an excellent ambulance driver” but instead, to speak to oppression with authority derived from its sacrificial love shown in response to the Gospel.



Dr. Tony Campolo talks with CTX Students.

“Speak to oppression with authority derived from its sacrificial love shown in response to the Gospel.”

Dr. Campolo’s talk was given as the Robert C. Greene Endowed Lecture in Service-Learning. Mr. Greene served as President and CEO of Lutheran Social Services of the South for 16 years and as interim president of Concordia from 2001 to 2002. In recognition of Mr. Greene’s many years of service on behalf of God’s poor, sick, disadvantaged and troubled, the university established the annual lectureship in his name.



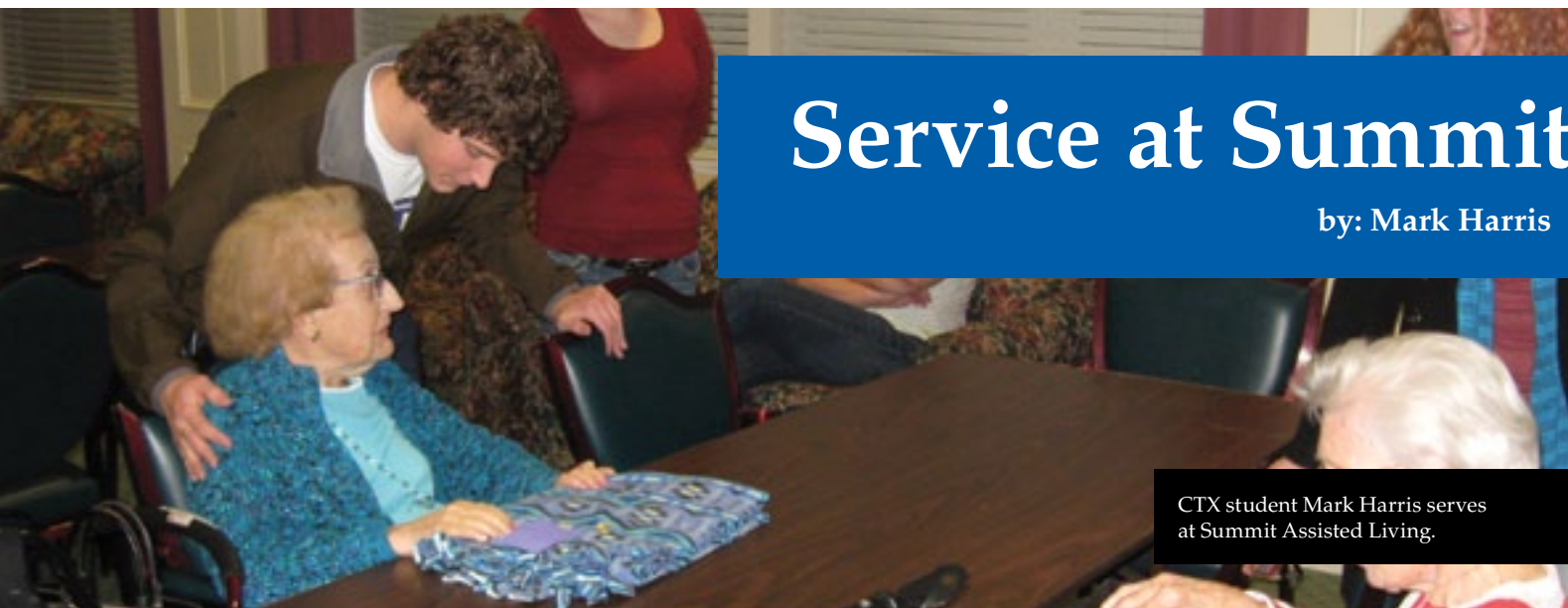
Dr. Tony Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University. For ten years he was on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. Dr. Campolo is married to Peggy. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Dr. Tony Campolo talks with a CTX class.

Service at Summit

by: Mark Harris



CTX student Mark Harris serves at Summit Assisted Living.

Service-Learning week was wonderful. Hundreds of people were blessed by participating in events including the presentation by Dr. Tony Campolo and several service opportunities. One of the ongoing partnerships of the Concordia Service-Learning program is with Summit Assisted Living, an institution that provides personalized assisted living for seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia. On Tuesday of Service-Learning Week, over 20 student-volunteers spent their evening with the residents. Some played blackjack and Scrabble; others walked the halls while singing and visiting with seniors in their rooms.

This partnership of service between Summit and Concordia is all about relationships. Since the weekly visits began a few years ago, several Concordia students have grown very close with the residents. Many residents become adoptive-like grandparents, and both parties receive great joy from their interactions with each other.

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Personally, I have been building relationships with the residents of Summit for over two years. Some of them now feel like family to me. While many have conditions that prohibit them from remembering past occurrences, nearly all of them remember my name or at least are able to recognize my face. Through a persistent commitment, volunteers (including me) have developed very deep connections with the residents and share strong emotional and spiritual bonds.

Recently, I have been afforded the opportunity

to pray with some of the seniors on a weekly basis; this has been the greatest joy of my entire volunteering experience so far. By God's grace, I have been used as an instrument for the advancement of His Kingdom into a place where loneliness is far too abundant and love is far too rare. I am thankful for all of the volunteers who care so deeply about the residents of Summit and give of their time and of themselves each week that they visit. I know that all of the residents are very thankful as well. Please keep this ministry of service through relationship in your prayers.



CTX student Brittany Scheel serves at Summit Assisted Living.



Service-learning encourages students to take an active role in their education through stimulating reflection, enhancing course content, and reinforcing some valuable life skills such as responsibility, professionalism, problem-solving, and empathy.

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Sound Beginnings

Concordia University Texas' Music Program looks to the future

Professor Joshua Chai
Director of Choral Activities

“The past year we saw the size of our major more than triple.”

The music program at Concordia University Texas is vibrant and growing. The past year we saw the size of our major more than triple. A new music technology lab has been created for digital notation and production. A new academic major in music has been approved with three distinct specializations. We have acquired new travelling equipment for our contemporary worship ensembles. We completed a choral tour to Germany including performances in Berlin, Leipzig, and Wittenberg. The choir performed two substantial choral works with orchestra: W.A. Mozart's Requiem and J.S. Bach's cantata Jesu, der du meine Seele ... and those are just the highlights.

We continue to provide recitals and concerts for our community, inviting some of the best musicians in Austin to perform for us and teach. We began offering lessons to students of a variety of ages through the Concordia Community Music Academy (CCMA). Our



Concordia Community Music Academy Faculty

students are regularly performing, leading, and serving in our churches and communities throughout central Texas.

Our students now specialize in musical performance, theory/composition, or music ministry. In addition, students desiring to go into music education may take an education major with the EC-12 All Level Music specialization, which will lead them to professional accreditation as a music instructor.

We're not done yet. This last performance of the season included the debut performance of a joint community and student ensemble, the Concordia Symphony Orchestra, which collaborated with our student University Choir and our community Concordia Singers to perform *Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria* as well as other works for chamber orchestra on December 5th.

The spring semester will include the monumental *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn, a dramatic work of vocation and divine power. With professional orchestra and soloists, our choral ensembles will present this incredible composition on April 17, 2011.

Make sure to save the date for *miX '11*: music, media and the arts in the community life of worship. This is our inter-disciplinary festival in worship arts that invites performers,



A performance of W.A. Mozart's Requiem

theologians, and artists from around the country to submit works to our festival, hear excellent speakers on worship, and be refreshed and challenged in their calling.

More information is available at <http://www.concordia.edu/music>. We value your prayers and support and look forward to your presence at our events.





Dean's Message

College of Science

Dr. Michael Moyer

The phrase, "dynamic equilibrium," typically associated with chemistry, sums up my thoughts for this year. Dynamic refers to change, just as in chemical reactions, and certainly here at Concordia, things are constantly changing. At the same time, while individual parts are changing, overall a reaction, or an institution, can be at equilibrium, a steady state. In other words, things are both changing and not changing at the same time.

We see this here at Concordia in all areas, but of course, I look through a College of Science filter. There are more changes than I have room to list. The Nursing program received initial approval, and the first group of 21 students

began their studies this fall. The program is amazing, and is already serving as a model for future programs. The Concordia Preserve is providing opportunities for our students, and the Environmental Science Program is undergoing a huge transformation. The full-time faculty count in the College has recently expanded by seven, and by this time next year, we will have added an additional eight faculty members. We strive to improve upon each year. Judging by the success of our graduates, we have been doing well, but we are still getting better.

Yet, much remains the same. We watch a new group of students develop, grow, and mature. What does not change is our commitment

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to providing an excellent education and developing Christian leaders. Even better, we know that God does not change, nor does His love diminish. Each day brings new joys and challenges. Still, God remains in charge; dynamic equilibrium remains.



save the date [spring 2011]

february 19, 2011

valentine's day choral concert

march 5, 2011

miX festival

music, media, and the arts in the community life of worship

april 3, 2011

ben and i play for peace

A concert performed by: Benjamin Wendegar, classical guitarist and 13-year-old philanthropist, Kim Perlak (guitar) and the Concordia-TX Instrumental Performance Faculty

april 17, 2011

felix mendelssohn's *elijah*

a masterwork for chorus and orchestra

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Faith & Science

Science & Faith

by: Pete Mueller

The view from an isolated volcano on the Galapagos Islands

When Professor Larry “Doc” Meissner asked me to join a group from Concordia University Texas traveling to the Galapagos Islands in June 2010, my eyes immediately lit up. His vivid description of an adventure in which we would hold “the Bible in one hand and Charles Darwin’s writings (on evolution) in the other” intrigued me. A week in Ecuador sounded like an opportunity that would not come around again anytime soon. And what better way to visit the Galapagos

“what better way to visit the Galapagos Islands than with a scientist and Christian leader”

Islands than with a scientist and Christian leader of Doc’s caliber? I said yes.

Having never visited South America, I was struck by the beauty of Quito, the capital city of Ecuador. Straddling the equator and surrounded by the steep green sides of the Andes mountains, Quito is crowded with churches, squares, monuments, and other visible remnants of European colonial culture. Walking the streets, I was convinced I was in Spain or Italy rather than in South America.

“EF Tours” (Education First) teamed us up with two other school groups for the week: one from San Francisco and one from the Washington D.C. area. After a couple of days with our new friends in Quito, we flew to the Galapagos Islands, 1,000 kilometers off the western coast of Ecuador. Our guide, Veronica, shuttled us from plane to bus to boat, then back

to bus again. Over the next several days we became expert island-hoppers, traveling from site to site to observe, first-hand, the incredible diversity of this isolated location. We stood within inches of nesting birds: frigates and blue-footed boobies. We shared space with the trademark Galapagos tortoise. We snorkeled with playful sea lions and penguins in a turquoise bay encircled by a barren volcanic island. We were awed, surprised and amazed as we walked like Adam and Eve through a pristine garden. One of the members of our group remarked, “It’s like being in an elaborately-staged zoo.”

Each evening we prayed, ate, laughed and shared stories. Together, we processed our remarkable days and learned more about ecosystems and sustainability and theories of evolution. Sometimes the discussion began with science and ended up with a sharing of

faith. Other discussions started with a study of Scripture and came back around to a topic of science. By the time that all was said and done, however, it became apparent to each one of us that science and faith are inseparable. Rather than being pressed to choose between the two (science or faith), we instead came to appreciate the gifts of God in both science and faith.

“Now, I pray our Lord to grant that by the blessed Spirit we may always be sensitive to the presence of God wherever we are. His are the beauties of nature, His the sunshine which is bringing in the harvest, His the perfume which loads the air from multitudes of flowers, His the insects which glitter around us like living gems, yet the Creator and Sustainer of all these is far too little perceived.”
Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)



Dr. Meissner and other members of the group with a lobster from the Galapagos Islands



Blue-footed Boobies
(*Sula nebouxi*)



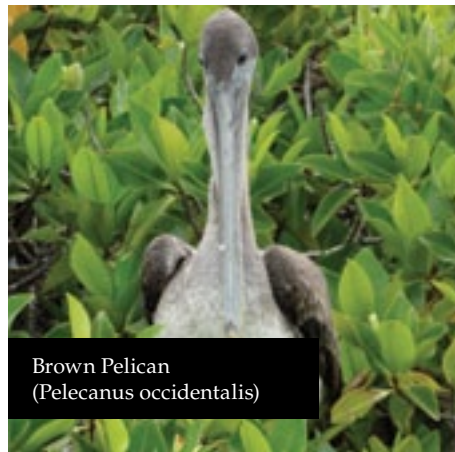
Marine Iguanas
(*Amblyhynchus cristatus*)



Sally Lightfoot Crab
(*Grapsus grapsus*)



Galapagos Tortoise
(*Geochelone* sp.)



Brown Pelican
(*Pelecanus occidentalis*)



Galapagos Sea Lion
(*Zalophus wolfebaeki*)



Excellence in Leadership
G A L L A

2010 Concordia University Texas Excellence in Leadership Gala

by: Brittany Scheel



2010 Excellence in Leadership Gala honored Publisher John Garrett and raised more than \$49,000.

Concordia University Texas celebrated its fourth annual Excellence in Leadership Gala on August 27, 2010 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Chaired by Elizabeth Christian, President of Elizabeth Christian & Associates, the event honored John P. Garrett, an outstanding Christian leader.

Mr. Garrett, the founder and CEO of *Community Impact Newspaper*, is an active and faith-filled member of the community. He has been instrumental in transforming the way information is relayed to the average citizen and business owner of our community. He created a newspaper that is focused on business and development activity at the hyper-local level.

Growing up in north Austin, Mr. Garrett graduated from Pflugerville High School in 1993. He graduated Cum Laude from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Radio and Television. While at Sam Houston, he was awarded the Creager Award which is given to the male student who

contributes the most to overall student life.

Mr. Garrett became the advertising director at the Austin Business Journal in 2002 where he helped turn the struggling publication into one of the top performing business journals in a chain including 41 others. While at the Business Journal, he noticed that a lot of development activity in Round Rock and Pflugerville was going largely unnoticed in the media. He determined that he would create a monthly publication with free distribution to that community, delivered through the mail. In September 2005, *Community Impact Newspaper*

“John Garrett is an amazing Christian leader and a superior model for our students, faculty and staff.”

was launched in Round Rock and Pflugerville. Nearly 450,000 households and businesses in the seven Central Texas markets now receive *Community Impact Newspaper* each month – making it the largest distributed newspaper in Central Texas.

Notable guests in attendance to honor Mr. Garrett included Jerry Kieschnick, the previous President of the LCMS; Jeff Coleman, Mayor of Pflugerville; Tony Budet, the President and CEO of University Federal Credit Union; Bill Miller, one of the Founders/Partners of HillCo Partners LLC; Clint Smith, a Partner of HillCo Partners LLC; Karl Kreft, retired CEO of Bohle Manufacturing; and Dr. Marsha Farney, from the Texas State Board of Education.

The annual gala, which raises money for one of the University’s scholarship funds, has received an overwhelming response – selling out each year since its inception in 2007. This year, over \$49,000 was raised by more than 362 guests in attendance. Past honorees have included Roger T. Staubach, Executive

“Those who know me well understand that anything that I have been able to accomplish has only come to be because of the grace of God.”

Chairman of the Staubach Company and former Dallas Cowboys quarterback; Austin business and community leader Tom Stacy, President of T. Stacy & Associates; and Senator Kirk Watson, a successful attorney, former mayor of Austin, award-winning legislator, and devoted family man.

Mr. Garret shared his thoughts on receiving the 2010 Excellence in Leadership Award: “Those who know me well understand that anything that I have been able to accomplish has only come to be because of the grace of God and the great people He has allowed me to work with at Community Impact Newspaper. Being associated with Concordia University Texas’ commitment to developing Christian leaders is quite an honor.”

After being recognized by Concordia President Dr. Tom Cedel, Rev. Dr. David Kluth, the Vice President of University Services for Concordia, gave a blessing which opened up the dinner portion of the evening where guests dined on a gourmet three-course meal.

Dr. Cedel addressed the gala guests, expressing admiration for Mr. Garrett, concluding with this statement, “John Garrett is an amazing Christian leader and a superior model for our students, faculty and staff.”

The night ended with guests dancing the night away and eventually departing until the next gala in 2011.



John P. Garrett and his wife Jennifer at the 2010 Excellence in Leadership Gala



Concordia University Texas President Tom Cedel addresses the gala attendees.





Coach's Corner

Wes Schevers
Head Coach - Men's Soccer



"In his first season as head coach, he helped the Tornados break the school record for wins in a single-season."

Wes Schevers took over the men's soccer program in May of 2010. In his first season as head coach, he helped the Tornados break the school record for wins in a single season. Coach Schevers has plenty of connections in the high school and club ranks that will help him continue to build the men's soccer program into one that consistently competes for American Southwest Conference Championship play.

Before coming to Concordia, Schevers was

an assistant men's soccer coach at West Texas A&M University, a NCAA Division II member. As a player, he helped achieve three Lone Star Conference Championships, two NCAA Mid-West Regional Championships, two NCAA "Elite Eight" appearances, and finished twice with a NCAA top 10 national ranking. He was also a two time LSC All-Conference Player, was named to the NSCAA All-Midwest Region Team, and was named captain his senior year.

In 2003, Schevers joined the coaching staff at West Texas A&M University. Between the years

of 2003 and 2007, West Texas A&M University won three LSC Championships, had one NCAA "Sweet 16" appearance, and finished with a NCAA National Ranking of #15.

Schevers moved to Austin in 2008 to become the Director of Coaching for Force FC, a position he held until being named Concordia's new head coach. He currently holds a USSF "A" License. He also earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business-administration management from West Texas A&M University.



*For complete up to the date information and schedules go to:
athletics.concordia.edu*

2010-2011 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12/29/10	Wisconsin-Platteville	Austin	7:30 p.m.
12/31/10	Beloit College	Austin	3:00 p.m.
1/3/11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton	7:30 p.m.
1/6/11	UT-Dallas	Austin	7:30 p.m.
1/8/11	Ozarks	Austin	3:00 p.m.
1/10/11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Austin	7:30 p.m.
1/13/11	Texas Lutheran	Seguin	7:30 p.m.
1/15/11	Schreiner	Kerrville	3:00 p.m.
1/20/11	McMurry	Austin	7:30 p.m.
1/22/11	Hardin-Simmons	Austin	3:00 p.m.
1/27/11	Sul Ross State	Alpine	7:30 p.m.
1/29/11	Howard Payne	Brownwood	3:00 p.m.
2/3/11	Sul Ross State	Austin	7:30 p.m.
2/5/11	Howard Payne	Austin	3:00 p.m.
2/10/11	McMurry Univ	Abilene	7:30 p.m.
2/12/11	Hardin-Simmons	Abilene	3:00 p.m.
2/17/11	Texas Lutheran	Austin	7:30 p.m.
2/19/11	Schreiner	Austin	3:00 p.m.
2/25-27/11	American Southwest Conference Tournament		

2010-2011 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
1/3/2011	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton	5:30 p.m.
1/6/2011	UT-Dallas	Austin	5:30 p.m.
1/8/2011	Ozarks	Austin	1:00 p.m.
1/10/2011	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Austin	5:30 p.m.
1/13/2011	Texas Lutheran	Seguin	5:30 p.m.
1/15/2011	Schreiner	Kerrville	1:00 p.m.
1/20/2011	McMurry	Austin	5:30 p.m.
1/22/2011	Hardin-Simmons	Austin	1:00 p.m.
1/27/2011	Sul Ross State	Alpine	5:30 p.m.
1/29/2011	Howard Payne	Brownwood	1:00 p.m.
2/3/2011	Sul Ross State	Austin	5:30 p.m.
2/5/2011	Howard Payne	Austin	1:00 p.m.
2/10/2011	McMurry	Abilene	5:30 p.m.
2/12/2011	Hardin-Simmons	Abilene	1:00 p.m.
2/17/2011	Texas Lutheran	Austin	5:30 p.m.
2/19/2011	Schreiner	Austin	1:00 p.m.

2011 Men's Golf Schedule

2/27/2011 - 3/2/2011	Schreiner Spring Shootout	Comanche Trace Golf Club	Kerrville
3/6-8/2011	St. Edward's Invitational	Grey Rock Golf Club	Austin
3/13-15/2011	The Concan Intercollegiate Invitational	Concan Country Club	Concan
3/27-29/2011	UT-Dallas Spring Classic	Sherrill Park Golf Club	Richardson
4/3-5/2011	West Region Invitational	Teravista Golf Club	Round Rock
4/17-19/2011	ASC Golf Championships	Ramrock Golf Club	Horseshoe Bay

2011 Women's Golf Schedule

2/27/2011 - 3/1/2011	Schreiner Spring Shootout	Comanche Trace Golf Club	Kerrville
3/13-15/2011	The Concan Intercollegiate Invitational	Concan Country Club	Concan
4/3-5/2011	Southwestern Invitational	Teravista Golf Club	Round Rock
4/10-12/2011	LeTourneau University Spring Classic	Pincrest Country Club	Longview
4/17-19/2011	ASC Golf Championships	Applerock Golf Club	Horseshoe Bay

2011 Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Times
2/13/11	Trinity	San Antonio	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
2/19/11	Trinity	Old Settler's	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
2/26/11	Southwestern	Georgetown	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
3/4/11	Louisiana College	Farmer's Branch	10:00 a.m.
	UT-Tyler	Farmer's Branch	3:00 p.m.
3/5/11	UT-Dallas	Farmer's Branch	10:00 a.m.
	Ozarks	Farmer's Branch	5:30 p.m.
3/8/11	Southwestern	Old Settler's	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
3/11/11	Schreiner	Kerrville	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
3/12/11	Schreiner	Kerrville	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
3/18/11	Sul Ross	Old Settler's	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
3/19/11	Sul Ross	Old Settler's	12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
3/24/11	Texas Lutheran	Seguin	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
3/26/11	Texas Lutheran	Seguin	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
3/31/11	Hardin-Simmons	Old Settlers	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
4/1/11	Hardin-Simmons	Old Settlers	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
4/5/11	UH-Victoria	Old Settlers	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
4/15/11	Howard Payne	Brownwood	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
4/16/11	Howard Payne	Brownwood	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
4/20/11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Old Settler's	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
4/21/11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
4/28-30/11	ASC Conference Championship	Lewisville	TBA

2011 Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/4/11	Southwestern	Austin	6:07 p.m.
2/5/11	Southwestern	Austin	1:19 p.m.
2/10/11	Pacific Lutheran	Phoenix, AZ	2:00 p.m.
2/11/11	Linfield College	Phoenix, AZ	2:00 p.m.
2/12/11	Whitman College	Phoenix, AZ	10:00 a.m.
2/13/11	George Fox	Phoenix, AZ	10:00 a.m.
2/19/11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton	1:00 p.m.
2/25/11	East Texas Baptist	Marshall	6:00 p.m.
2/26/11	East Texas Baptist	Marshall	1:00 p.m.
3/1/11	UT-Dallas	Austin	4:07 p.m.
3/4/11	Ozarks	Austin	7:07 p.m.
3/5/11	Ozarks	Austin	1:19 p.m.
3/8/11	Robert Morris -Chicago	Austin	7:07 p.m.
3/11/11	Howard Payne	Austin	7:07 p.m.
3/12/11	Howard Payne	Austin	1:19 p.m.
3/15/11	St. Edward's	Austin	3:00 p.m.
3/18/11	Sul Ross State	Alpine	7:05 p.m.
3/19/11	Sul Ross State	Alpine	12:05 p.m.
3/25/11	Hardin-Simmons	Austin	7:07 p.m.
3/26/11	Hardin-Simmons	Austin	1:19 p.m.
4/1/11	McMurry	Abilene	7:00 p.m.
4/2/11	McMurry	Abilene	1:00 p.m.
4/8/11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Austin	7:07 p.m.
4/9/11	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Austin	1:19 p.m.
4/12/11	UT-Brownsville	Austin	3:07 p.m.
4/15/11	Schreiner	Kerrville	2:00 p.m.
4/16/11	Schreiner	Kerrville	1:00 p.m.
4/21/11	Texas Lutheran	Seguin	2:00 p.m.
4/22/11	Texas Lutheran	Seguin	12:00 p.m.
4/29/11	ASC Crossover Play-Offs	TBD	7:00 p.m.
4/30/11	ASC Crossover Play-Offs	TBD	1:00 p.m.
5/6-8/11	ASC Tournament	TBD	
5/18-22/11	D III Regionals	TBD	
5/27-31/11	D III National Finals	Appleton, WI	



A Night to Remember



The 2nd Annual
**Concordia University Texas
Athletic Hall of Fame**

January 29, 2011

6:30 p.m.

The Oasis on Lake Travis

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CTX Alumni Association President's Perspective

Norm Stoppenhagen ('61)



Our 2010 Homecoming Weekend offered a wide variety of activities. Those who attended relived memories with schoolmates from former days and made new friendships with fellow alumni.



CTX alumni enjoy food, fun and fellowship at Rudino's.

You selected board members this past year who worked effectively and efficiently and made my role so much easier. We reluctantly say goodbye to Vice President Priscilla Trevizo '08, Secretary Eileen Godeaux '06, and At-large member Lisa Jahnke '95 with our sincere gratitude for their willing service and hard work. We welcome Lee Zimmerman '94 as our new Vice President, Liz Londonberg Zoch '60 as our new Secretary, and John Goeke '60 as an At-Large member and add them to our returning board members with the anticipation of an exciting year of service to all of you, the alumni of Concordia. Thank you for allowing me to work for you in building an association more responsive to your needs.

Since I retired to Austin in 2006, I have heard alumni who returned for Homecoming Weekend only express what a wonderful time they had and what fun it was to see fellow graduates again. Don't miss the fun next year. The honor classes will be classes who graduated in years ending in 1 and 1986 (the 25 Anniversary Year celebrants).

God's peace and joy to you all.

Norman Stoppenhagen '61

Alumni Board News

2010-2011 Alumni Board

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At-Large Place 7

Jodi Leslie '95



Increased alumni database with over 700 new alumni contacts.

Planned two new events to reach all students at every campus.

The present student body held a tailgate party as part of Homecoming Week on campus.

The Alumni Association awarded three scholarships of \$1,000 each to deserving students. The recipients included one traditional undergraduate student, one ADP student and one graduate student. This is the first year we have awarded a scholarship in each of the categories of our student population.

The Alumni Association welcomed the fall 2009 and spring 2010 graduates into the Association with receptions in their honor and by participating in spring commencement.

The honor of Alumnus of the Year was awarded to Philip Hohle '77 as the 2010 recipient.

"Churches Night at Concordia Basketball" is being promoted to encourage churches in central Texas to bring their families to see the new campus and to encourage their young people to consider Concordia for their college education. Follow us for details at www.concordia.edu.

A new alumni chapter was founded on the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis to serve the alumni in that area.

Our board secretary, Eileen Godeaux '06, updated the Alumni page on the Concordia website so that you can refer to it often for information on alumni activities.



Communication Professor Philip Hohle ('77) and his wife Gwen ('83)

“Professor Hohle has been an integral part of the growing Communications major at CTX.”

2010 Alumnus of the Year

by: Gwen Hohle ('83)

Professor Philip Hohle has worked tirelessly over the years to support and promote Concordia University Texas. He has had an active role in uniting students and alumni for spiritual fellowship and in promoting projects which support the school.

A life-long learner, Professor Hohle did not stop with the Associate of Arts degree from Concordia in 1977. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Radio, Television and Film at the University of Texas in 1979 and a Master of Arts in Communication in 1987 from Texas State University. Upon graduating from UT, he served as an Admissions Officer at Concordia and director of Media Services, helping introduce computer technology and a broadcast television station to the campus. He designed the television facilities and studio complex in the Peter Center.

Professor Hohle has also played a major role in communicating the mission of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Upon moving to St. Louis in 1989, he served on the Board for Communication Services, The Department for Youth Ministry and through his company, Parabolic

Productions, Inc. Since returning to Austin in 2007, Professor Hohle has been an integral part of the growing Communications major at CTX.

Professor Hohle has served, supported and promoted the alumni association over the years. Professor Hohle is the mastermind and executive producer of the Alumni Radio Program. He was the witty master of ceremonies of the reunion rally at Homecoming 2009. He can be found at alumni events socializing with friends but also interviewing alumni for the radio show. Professor Hohle participates and gives back to his Alma mater with his time, treasure and talent. Congratulations to the 2010 Alumnus of the Year, Philip Hohle.



Professor Hohle in the Tornado Radio Studio on the campus of Concordia University Texas.



David Ebert (HS '50)

Looking back at Concordia

David Ebert enrolled in the ninth grade at “Concordia College” in the fall of 1946 when Dr. Studtmann was the President of Concordia. David’s hometown, at that time, was Irving, Texas and his home congregation was Zion Lutheran Church, in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Ebert graduated from the 12th grade in May 1950 with 20 fellow Concordia classmates. Dr. Studtmann retired in 1948, and Dr. Beto became President of the University. Since the junior college at Concordia

was not opened until 1951, Mr. Ebert went on to St. John’s College in Winfield, Kansas, and from there, on to the Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

While he attended Concordia, Mr. Ebert was on the football team for three years. “I remember our first football jerseys were hand-me-downs from a nearby university. We used liquid black shoe polish to paint over the white numbers so our colors could be orange and black,” Ebert said.

Mr. Ebert and his wife Audrey attended Homecoming at Concordia University Texas this past October, 60 years after his graduation from Concordia Lutheran College. The Eberts now reside in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Alumni Notes

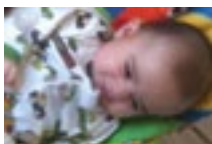
Dr. Rudy Zoch (HS '53, Jr. Col '55) has been retired since 1999. During retirement, he and his wife Genie, have been traveling the world, enjoying their seven grandchildren and doing a lot of volunteer church work. During the last two years, Rudy has gone to Kenya, Africa four times on mission trips, helping conduct vision clinics sponsored by their home church, Trinity Lutheran, in Spring, Texas.



Tim Ristow's ('92) documentary, "Crossing Jordan: The History & Relocation of Concordia University Texas" was recently selected as a recipient of the 2010 Award of

Commendation from the Concordia Historical Institute of St. Louis, Missouri.

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Rochelle and Lee Zimmermann ('94) welcome Mason Lee Zimmerman born June 1, 2010. At 7

pounds 1 ounce and 19 ½ inches, Mason loves to smile and laugh; he likes the Texas Rangers and being with dad. Now five months of age and 15 pounds, 12 ounces, he is a healthy baby full of love.



Deborah Steinpreis Mitchell ('01) and husband Travis welcome their little

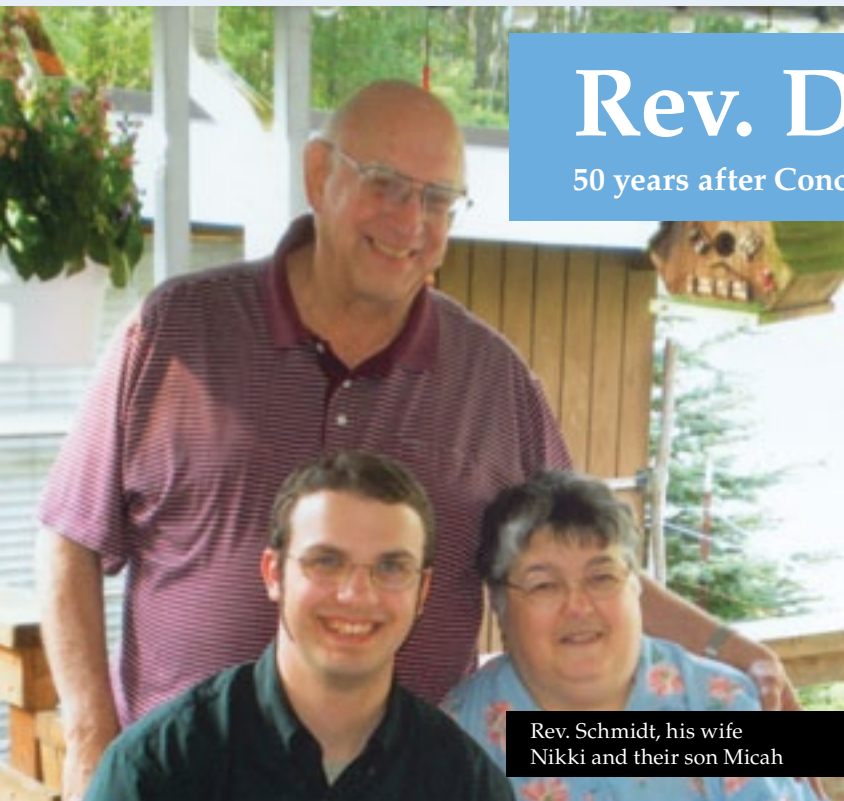
"ladybug", Hadley Kathryn, born Oct 27 at 7 pounds 8 ounces and 21 ¼ inches.

Ken Weiss ('02) owns and manages Forever Video Productions and FVPSports.com. Starting November 2010, they will be providing broadcast coverage of Concordia athletics with both men's and women's basketball home and away games. The broadcasts are primarily for the web with future plans to partner with local restaurants to have Concordia sports played on their televisions. Weiss said, "It's an honor and a privilege to be able to give something back to the University."



Bobby Walston ('03) announces the birth of Cadence Anne Walston on June 9, 2010. She was

7 pounds 13 ounces and 19 ½ inches long at Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth, TX. Mom and baby were very healthy, and big sister Maddie was very excited to welcome little "Cady" to the family.



Rev. David Schmidt ('60)

50 years after Concordia

David Schmidt graduated from Concordia in 1960. He then continued onto Concordia Senior College, graduating in 1962, followed by his graduation from Concordia Seminary in 1966.

He received his first call to Mt. Calvary Lutheran church in Fullerton, Nebraska. Rev. Schmidt received a call in 1972 from St. Matthew Lutheran church in Washougal, Washington. There he met the love of his life, Nikki Jacobs. They were married April 10, 1983.

After their marriage, the Schmidts moved to Nampa, Idaho where Rev. Schmidt served at Zion Lutheran church. Their son Micah was born in 1988. He is now a Concordia University Texas graduate('10) and is in his first year of seminary training in St. Louis.

In 1995, Rev. Schmidt received a call to Zion Lutheran church in Tacoma, Washington. He served there until his retirement in 2009.

Rev. Schmidt, his wife Nikki and their son Micah



Brandy Ramm ('06) is engaged to Brandon Simmons. They are planning a wedding for March

2011. Brandy is currently serving as the Director of Children's Ministry at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, Texas.



Tima Attafi ('06, '08) and Ryan Brown ('06) married on 10/10/10 at Riverbend Church in

front of family and friends. They were pleased to have their beloved professor, Dr. Susan Stayton, in attendance. They have purchased their first home and will reside in Georgetown, TX.

John Boozer ('07) and Clint Smith ('07) joined forces in October 2009 to start a new business called I Am Human, LLC. Clint began by hand-printing batches of t-shirts on his kitchen counter, and from there the idea of I Am Human, LLC was born. While at Concordia, John was a kinesiology major and Clint was a business major. Both played for the CTX baseball team from 2003-2007.



Keri von Holdt-Vasek ('09) and Jon-Michael Vasek ('08) welcomed a baby boy,

Noah James Vasek, on July 16, 2010.



Lindsay Kelm ('09) and Jesse Gumtow ('09) were engaged on July 17, 2010. The happy couple will leap into life

together on January 22, 2011 in Austin, TX.

Lora Bothell ('10) of Sartartia Middle School was named 2010-2011 Fort Bend ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. Bothell received her Master of Education in Educational Administration from Concordia.



Andrew Chapin ('10) and Lauren Martin were engaged on October 30, 2010. They will be getting

married on July 23, 2011 in Dallas, then moving to Baltimore, MD. Lauren will be graduating from Concordia this coming Spring.



Deanna Schaekel ('10) is working in Orlando, Florida as a face character performer

for Walt Disney World.



Ruth and Jason Von Der Lage welcomed their first son, Luke Daniel on October 28. He is a

healthy 8 pounds 4 ounces and 21 3/4 inches long.



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Wayne Xander Quick ('60)

50 years after Concordia

Wayne Xander Quick is a member of the 1960 graduating class of Concordia and a 1962 graduate of Concordia River Forest. Mr. Quick taught in a Lutheran elementary school for two years in Houston before relocating to Dallas to begin a successful life-long career in credit and customer relations. He worked for various financial corporations and Braniff Airlines throughout his professional career. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Richardson, Texas and are very active members at Trinity Fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Quick are co-chairs of their church's senior

group. They are also very active participants at the Richardson Senior Citizens Center. Their son, Victor Quick, is a graduate of Concordia-Moorhead and is the sports director at KOTA-TV in Rapid City, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Quick enjoy traveling to Rapid City to visit Victor and view the beauty of God's creation in that part of our great country.

Correction: In the Spring 2010 edition of the Alumni Notes it was stated A. Dean Kelm was a graduate of Concordia in '58. Rev. A. Dean Kelm graduated from Concordia High School in 1956 and the college in 1958. He married alumna Loretta Brown-Kelm '58 and worked in the preaching ministry of LCMS for about 40 years.

65 Years Together

Rev. Harold ('38) and Della Heckmann

Sixty-five years ago, Harold and Della Heckmann began life together on July 26, 1945 in Riesel, Texas. A few days later they headed out for Idaho, where twin parishes in Parma and Homedale, Idaho,

awaited. Between 1945 and 2010 they had six children, fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. After serving seven more parishes, Rev. and Mrs. Heckmann now reside in Houston, TX.



Della and Rev. Harold Heckmann '38 celebrated 65 years together, July 26, 2010.



Miss Texas USA 2011 Ana Christina Rodriguez and Miss Texas USA runners-up

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CTX Alumna Named Miss Texas USA 2011

Ana Christina Rodriguez ('09) was crowned Miss Texas USA 2011

Concordia University Texas 2009 graduate and Austin resident, Ana Christina Rodriguez, was crowned Miss Texas USA 2011 on September 5.

During her time at Concordia University Texas, Rodriguez, who is currently a pre-school teacher in Austin, played volleyball and was named Concordia University Texas’ Communication Student of the Year in 2009.

“We are so proud of Ana,” Dr. Tom Cedel, President of Concordia University Texas, said. “She is an extremely gifted student, athlete and leader, and she will represent both the state of Texas and our university well.”

Rodriguez has overcome multiple challenges in her life, one of the hardest being when she lost her mother to ovarian cancer in 2004.

“Everything happens for a reason,” Rodriguez said. “Everything in my life has had a special purpose, from the decisions I’ve made about life and how I’ve lived it, to things I’ve had absolutely no control over. These experiences have shaped who I’ve become, tested my faith, and have motivated me to better my relationship with God. I’m a young woman who is determined to succeed, and Concordia supported me 100 percent.”

When asked about her experience at Concordia University Texas, Rodriguez said that the atmosphere is positive, the people are amazing and the education is worth it.

“Concordia’s mission is to develop Christian leaders, and it is something the University truly lives up to,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez has a special interest in helping underprivileged children to obtain the resources and attention they need in order to get a good start in life. She will compete in the Miss USA 2011 pageant this spring.

Homecoming 2010

by: Amy Huth

The class of 1960 receives their medallions.



We were blessed with perfect weather and good attendance during Homecoming Weekend 2010. Alumni from all over the nation came back to reconnect with their Concordia friends and family. Thanks to all who were able to be a part of this tradition and if you were unable to attend this year, here is an overview of Homecoming 2010.

The kick-off event was hosted by the Alumni Association and catered by Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q. President and Mrs. Cedel, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered in the student center to enjoy food and great company. It was a joy to partner with Professor David Kroft and the art department to showcase the art of Sylvia Betts in a private exhibition and reception.

The class of 1960 celebrated its fiftieth reunion. Class leaders, John Goeke '60 and Liz Londonberg Zoch '60 assisted in calling their classmates and encouraging them to come celebrate together. At the Reunion Rally, President Cedel presented the members of the class of 1960 in attendance with medallions honoring this milestone.

Concordia faculty led Alumni University and brilliantly shared their expertise with alumni on subjects of health care, human resources, ethics, biology, and music. The students hosted a tailgate before the alumni basketball game. Hamburgers and hotdogs were on the grill as cheerleaders and students welcomed alumni to their tailgate for pregame fun. The alumni

basketball game was a thrilling game. What an exciting way to close the day on campus. Worship Sunday morning was the perfect ending to our time of fellowship. Norm Stoppenhagen '61 served as the liturgist while campus pastor, Bruce Pepper, delivered the message. Music Director Joshua Chai and the students led worship.



CTX Alumni enjoy a dinner catered by Rudy's.

Houston, we had a party!

Thank you Houston alumni and other alumni who attended the LCMS conference for coming to the party at the Home Plate Bar and Grill.





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