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# Godspell: Theater department presents the gospel story through song, dance

By Natalie Fee News Editor

The LCCS production of Godspell ran from March 26-28 at 7:30 pm in the Earl C. Hargrove Chapel.

This high-energy musical creatively presents events from the book of Matthew. The playwright intended the show's characters to be like clowns, and the result is a fun, imaginative production that even skeptics can appreciate.

Featured in the show were local middle school students, who participate in Lincoln Christian Church's Living Stones drama ministry.

The cast of Godspell strikes a pose at the end of "God Save the People."

Lex Reed(09), Brandon Davis(10), Scarlett Lee(11), Allison Jackson(11) and Allison Campbell(10) listen in suprise and confusion to "Turn Back O, Man."

Photos by Natalie Fee



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# Roman Jail Bail Have friends 'arrested,' raise money for year-end celebration

By Jonathan Butcher

Look out for Roman soldiers on campus!

From 10:30 to 5:00 today, you can arrest your friends and support the end of the year party. The Roman Jail Bail is an event designed for fun and fund raising.

During the day, Roman soldiers will oversee a jail set up next to the warehouse or in the warehouse, depending on weather. If there is someone you have been itching to get some time with, simply pay one of the soldiers \$3, and with your help, they will track this person down and incarcerate them for 10 minutes and one \$1 a minute after that.

You can taunt them, harass them, and otherwise torment them. A list of participating professors is available at the jail.

At the soldier's discretion, prisoners will be released based on performances of song and dance or other sources of amusement. The soldiers are not allowed to take prisoners out of classes and are not allowed to make people late for class. All profits are going to fund the end of the year party, similar to Lama's Big Give.

So, grab a few dollars, track down your nemesis and get a few potshots in while they are behind bars.

Ben Paulsen wins

# 'LCC Sings Out'

Last night, the social life committee sponsored an American Idol-style talent show called "LCC Sings Out". Students "auditioned" for Simon (Isaac Gaff), Randy (LC Sutton) and Paula (Deanne Mott).

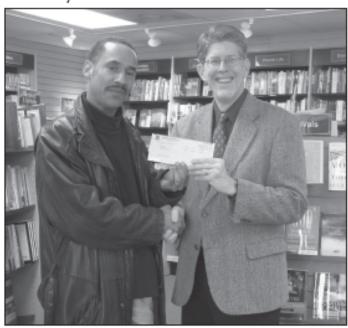
As with any good American Idol show, there were some people who just didn't quite make the cut.

Humorous video clips of these "bad auditions" were interspersed throughout the competition.

Just as in the real American Idol, audience members texted in their votes for the winner.

Competitors included:
Charity Stratford (11)
Julie Browning (11)
Katie Rowlinson (12)
Andrew Beal (10)
Thomas Hagan (10)
Ben Paulsen (12)
Jonna Stine (12)
Caleb Payne (10) and his band
Krystine Schauntz (12)
Brent Paisley (10)

## Seminary student wins \$500 in contest



Guy Williams, a student of Lincoln Christian Seminary, won \$500 for his creative name suggestion in a recent contest of the National Association of College Stores (NACS).

Randy Storm, Manager of the LCCS Bookstore, awarded Williams with the check for use in the bookstore. For more information, visit money4textbooks.com

(Photo by Natalie Fee).



## Lincoln Christian College and Seminary

# New high school music camp planned for summer 2009

Allison Campbell Feature Editor

As any student or faculty member involved in LCC's Chorale will tell you, performing programs that help retell the Gospel message are a great blessing. This is exactly the thought that sparked the creation of LiveMix.

"LiveMix is a new experience in creative storytelling through music, drama and worship being offered to high school students this summer, June 19-28," says Jeff Colleen, Worship Ministry Dept.

He and other worship ministry staff have been diligently planning this year's summer music camp for the length of his sabbatical.

High school students ranging from

rising freshman to newly graduated seniors can participate in a unique experience closely resembling that of Chorale tour or Christmas in the Chapel.

Students will live on campus for the first five days of the camp, where they will rehearse a specially written multimedia program of music and storytelling. They will also receive individual instruction and spend time learning how to worship God with their entire lives, not just on stage.

After the rehearsal stage has ended, the tour will begin. As yet, a tour schedule has not been determined.

LiveMix is geared toward kids who have a heart for and enjoy singing in choirs, leading worship, or participating in musicals and dramas. As with any program of this kind, there is a registration fee. Live Mix costs \$300, and the Alumni Association is giving scholarships worth half of that cost to children of alumni.

For more information, see Alex Dayvolt (09) for a brochure or click on the link at the LCCS homepage.

Know any kids who would be interested in LiveMix? Think your home church would be a great venue for the program? Want to help by hosting in the dorms, in rehearsals or with recreational activities? Send names and contact information to Alex Dayvolt at acdayvolt@lccs.edu.

# Coming in April, changes to be made to student cabinet

By Danny Allen Reporter

As Spring semester draws near to the end, it's time to elect a new student cabinet.

There is one new thing about the election this year: students will only be voting for the president. It will then be up to the president to select who he or she wants in the rest of the student cabinet.

The thought behind this new policy is to gather campus focus towards one campaign. Hopefully, this will help students to care more about the elections. In the past, some elections have only included one candidate for some of the positions.

Current President Andrew Beal (10) said that the primary goal of this procedure is to "increase the effectiveness of the student cabinet."

Although voting won't happen until April, applications for offices will be available this week in the Student Development office. As of yet, the student body has been fairly unresponsive towards the need for a new student government. Deadlines for applying for student cabinet have been extended until Friday.

However, if the disinterest continues, the student cabinet and the RAs are currently considering whether or not they ought to dissolve the committee.

This causes a problem because the student cabinet is the students' voice to the administration. The cabinet also organizes Focus, the chapel offering, and all of the fun events like the Halloween party, fall ball, and even part of Alumnapalooza which will be in May.

President Beal is encouraging all students to channel their passions into leadership on this campus. More leaders are needed if the cabinet is going to continue.

Interested students must turn in petitions by this Friday, April 3. The following positions are open:

Student Body President: sets goals for the student body and leads Student Cabinet.

Community Life Chair: serves as a link between student body and the community, including student involvement with mission agencies, church campaigns, offering, and service projects.

Social Life Chair: sets up events for students to meet new friends and have fun.

Academic Life Chair: links students and the Academic and Associate Deans of the college.

Spiritual Life Chair: aids the spiritual growth of the student body through Focus and other events.





CurrentEvents Mike Plezia

## State

Good news for the people of Pontiac, Illinois, as Governor Pat Quinn announced that he will not be going forward with former Governor Blagojevich's plan to close the state prison in that town.

According to the Chicago Tribune this move will save around 600 local jobs, which will, in essence, save the local economy in that area.

Former Governor Rod Blagojevich had planned on closing the prison in Pontiac and transferring the majority of its inmates to the newer Thompson Correctional Facility.

He was unable to follow through with plans, however, due to his January 30 impeachment.

This is only one of several of Rod Blagojevich's decisions that Governor Quinn is now reviewing. Other decisions being reviewed include the closing of several state parks as well as the possible move of a major Department of Transportation office.

## 'Mr. Books' wins Aspen Award from National Association of College Stores

By Megan Livingston Editor-in-Chief

Last week, Randy Storm, manager of Mr. Books, won the Aspen Award from the National Association of College Stores (NACS).



This annual award exists to "to recognize a collegiate retailer who has made consistent contributions to the professional development of others," according to NACS.

For his support of NACS and by contributing his time and energy to the association, Mr. Storm will have his name on a personalized brick, which will be in Oberlin, OH, NACS Headquarters.

One of his nominators described him as "an inspiring facilitator with a wonderful ability to capture—and to keep—the attention of a group. He is a mentor to many and is a truly caring individual who guides people in the right direction without much fanfare."

## Local

Follow up: In our last issue we reported on the mayoral race in Lincoln. On February 24, there was a republican primary race held for Mayor as well as three aldermanic posts.

The winner was Keith Snyder, with 1646 votes, or over 70% of the votes. On April 4 Mr. Snyder will run unopposed for Lincoln's top leadership position.

### Nation

President Obama is becoming quite controversial of late.

His promises of major health care reform and the controversial decision involving AIG are two of the hottest topics gracing the headlines this month.

On March 19, Congress voted overwhelmingly to tax bonuses received by AIG executives.

The bonuses were allegedly paid using economic stimulus funds paid to the insurance giant to help bail them out of the recent economic recession. Clearly there is a danger of other companies trying to do the same.

According to the Washington Post, those executives will be forced to pay a special 90% income tax on those bonuses. The message from congress seems to be that in this time of economic instability, there is no room for corporate greed and money hoarding.

President Obama is also fighting for federally funded universal health care. All through his campaign for the White House, Obama had been talking about major health care reforms and universal health care.

According to CNN, on March 17 President Obama promised to cut devastating health care costs which could cause many to lose their homes. He has vowed to lower the typical family's costs by at least \$2,500.00.

The President has already signed laws which will protect the insurance of many full time workers as well as state Medicare programs.



He is apparently also attempting to find a way for the U.S. to provide universal health care to all citizens, whether they have insurance or not.

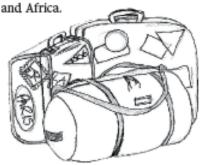
This month, President Obama made a guest appearance on Jay Leno's Tonight Show, becoming the first US president to appear on a late night talk show during his presidency. Mr. Obama discussed the AIG bonuses, tax policies and changes that need to be made in Washington (Photo courtesy of www.newsday.com).

# The world according to Jiryis: Luggage and holding on

## **Guest**Column

Jiryis Shaheen

There is something really intriguing about luggage. It comes in so many different sizes, colors and shapes. There is an infinite possibility of suitcases to match every personality. For the past five years I have used a duffel bag that has served me well. It has an array of colors: maroon, green, blue, tan, and peach. It also has many patterns and shapes, it's very awkward. It looks like a mix of South America



Throughout the years, my duffel bag has acquired some holes, tears and broken zippers. To this day it carries the wounds of the past. I have to admit, I haven't taken very good care of it, yet it still gets me going from one location to another (It's kind of weird when you look at your luggage, and you feel a type of connection). It feels as if it has been with me all this time, when other bags have come and gone.

My duffel bag has been like a loyal companion, experiencing the same travels I have. There is going to be a time, however, when I get a new duffel bag. I will not be able to allow the wounds of the past to affect my travels and life. Maybe yours is getting pretty old, and starting to affect how you live your life. We all carry our own type of duffel bag, suitcase, or backpack.

We can't keep storing our past and problems in a bag.

What if we all got new duffel bags?

Better yet, what if we unpacked our luggage – let go of our emotional baggage – and instead of carrying around this heavy load, we just presented each new piece of luggage in light of the Lord? In all honesty we can't keep storing our past and problems in a bag. Holding on to emotional baggage eats away at your own life and prevents you from healing or moving on. Such baggage can even hurt the ones that get close enough to unzip our history.

My new duffel bag is going to be awesome, because in the world according to Jiryis, our duffel bags are lighter than air.

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# Looking back: reflections from Week of E 09, Part I

### Monastic Retreat

By Jonathan Butcher

My experience at the Monastery of the Holy Cross was a (mostly) restful experience, filled with lots of reading, singing, and praying. Arriving slightly late on Tuesday, the monks immediately welcomed us in for lunch, which was delicious. Who knew monks could cook so well?

Their hospitality was a blessing. The times spent in prayer or silence allowed me to reflect on many things in my life. It was a memorable retreat that I won't soon forget.



San Angelo, Texas

By William Pang

We (fourteen of us, including Mr. and Mrs.
Windham) traveled down to San Angelo,
Texas for our Week of E. It certainly was a
life changing experience for all of us. The
ministry we experienced and participated
is called "The House of Faith." It has
ministered to thousands of at-risk children
in San Angelo for about fifteen years.

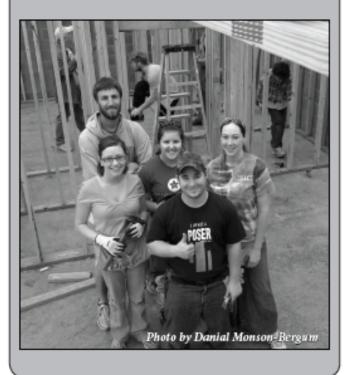
Throughout the week, we got to help
in different "backyard Bible clubs" where
children come and learn about God and his
words. It is our honor to walk with these
brothers and sisters who are passionate
about the Lord and our next generation.
We saw hope in these children's eyes.
Moreover, we are greatly blessed by these
brothers and sisters down in Texas as well
as their examples of living a prayerful life.

### Knoxville, TN

By Becky Sobkoviak

I led the trip to Knoxville, TN to work with Habitat for Humanity. We spent the week on a work site building some walls and floors for two new houses. Even though I came down with strep throat the first day there, the team went on and worked really hard.

We spent one day lost in the mountains and spent an evening visiting Gatlinburg. On the way home we were able to visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. I am very proud of the students and their hard work through frustrations and cold weather. Hopefully these families will cherish their new homes.



## Nottingham, UK

By Professor Scott Jones

This year's trip to Nottingham included some new activities. I had the opportunity to preach at a local church called St. Giles. At this service, Adam Miller(09) and Amanda Tennant(09) sang "God



of this City" to help introduce the church's missions month.

The main part of the trip is to help in the Religious Education classes at a local secondary school. For the upper-level classes, our students discussed the relationship of science and Christianity. The team also helped with other classes, such as Geography and Physical Science

After school, we helped with a youth club, featuring two local bands (one from a local church). With over 100 youth in attendance, we charged a small entry fee to raise money for hunger in Africa. The night featured karaoke, making sun catchers, card games and having fun with a cornstarch and water mixture.

## Medina Fez, Morocco

By K. C. Leonard

Despite the many hours of jet lag, I was still awakened by the adhan (Islamic call to prayer) at 5 each morning in Medina Fez, Morocco. It was not just the volume of the 80+ mosques in the Medina that woke me up, it was the fact that this powerful noise symbolized the immense devotion of hundreds of thousands of people to a false god.

This is just one aspect of the drastically different culture we experienced in Morocco. Our team got to learn how to speak some Moroccan Arabic and experience the hospitality of staying with Moroccan Muslims. Also, our team got to meet with at least five Christian entrepreneurs and see how their lives are making an impact in Morocco. Thanks to the joint efforts of LCC, CIY, and everyone on the trip, this was the first trip of its kind to be taken by college students.

## Lincoln Area Nursing Homes

By Allison Campbell

The Lincoln Area Nursing Home trip was surprisingly enjoyable. Eight students travelled to nine different nursing homes where they presented musical selections and humorous skits based on biblical stories.

The elderly residents of the homes were very excited to have company and in many cases told stories that astounded the students. Some memorable patients include a woman named Gladys who was bent on escaping the nursing home and hitchhiking her way back to her own home as well as an enthusiastic woman named Phyllis and an elderly gentleman who insisted on being called "Charlie Brown."



# Inside LCCS: Weekly podcast offers an 'insider's guide'

By Megan Livingston Editor-in-Chief

Everyone loves a good story, and LCCS has no shortage of them. In fact, its stories are told every week—online at www.insidelccs.com.

The idea for a podcast about the school got started when Michael Gowin, Business Dept., taught a class on the use of media in organizations. In the class, they discussed the use of podcasts and blogs for companies to interact with their customers. The question then arose, how could LCCS better use technology to get in touch with students and prospective students?

It's all about telling stories and allowing people to tell their stories

Professor Michael Gowin

The podcasts launched last summer, beginning with a two-part interview

with J.K. Jones, Bible and Theology dept. Gradually, this idea grew into a weekly program which features faculty and students from both the college and the seminary.

According to Mr. Gowin, the main purpose of the podcasts is storytelling.

"It's all about telling stories and allowing people to tell their stories," he said.

Another purpose is to show the caliber of the faculty and students at LCCS.

"We've got some highly qualified people here who care, and who do what they do because of the love for the kingdom and love for the people in it."

Seeing this perspective helps not only prospective students get a good look at the school, but it also helps current students. Mr. Gowin explained how sometimes students only get a limited glimpse into the lives and personalities of their professors, but these podcasts offer a more personalized look.

"You get to see the heart that these folks have...who this person is, what they're working on, their interests and insights," he said.

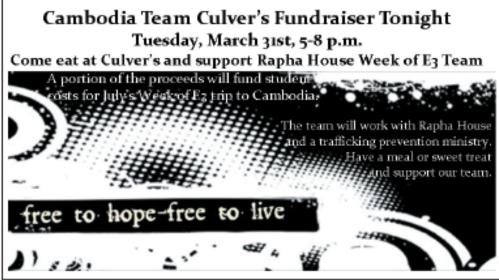
Something that Mr. Gowin asks the people he interviews is what they are currently reading, which supports one of the schools values of being a life-long learner.

In the future, Mr. Gowin would like to see more students involved in the production side of Inside LCCS. Currently, Bethany Dragon(10) does sound editing, but he would like to see students helping to choose guests and possibly conducting interviews. He added that this could be a good opportunity for a communications major to gain valuable experience.



Professor Michael Gowin, Business Dept., prepares an interview for Inside LCCS. Podcasts are posted every Monday at www. insidelccs.com (Photo courtesy of Michael Gowin).

Overall, Mr. Gowin is concerned about producing a "quality face for [LCCS]."



## Local college campus splits over crucial theological issue

SatireColumn Rebeccah Campbell

In a shocking turn of events, Lincoln Christian College has found its campus caught in the middle of a bitter dispute of confectionary proportions.

Dr. Brian Messner, Professor of History and Interdisciplinary Studies and connoisseur of bakery delights, began a campaign against fellow faculty member Dr. Clay Ham, Professor of New Testament and professional pastry pontificator. The two men found themselves at an impasse on Thursday, following a confrontation in the Lincoln Christian College cafeteria.

Though many details are currently unclear, a rough timeline has been established. Witnesses say around 12:00 pm the pair met at the dessert counter and began some friendly chit chat about the choice of sweets awaiting consumption with Messner's strong support of pie as the superior dessert, Ham supporting cake. In a period of a few minutes, the conversation took a more serious turn. There have been unsubstantiated reports of a brief scuffle ending with Messner promising Ham, "this is not over yet."

Shortly after this incident, both Messner and Ham began amassing support for their factions. Within hours, Messner rallied nearly half of the faculty to his cause and began showing anti-cake propaganda slides on projectors campus-wide.

There were also reports of Ham asking his supporters to reflect on the effects of cake in their lives.

Professor of Music Jim Allison said, "We haven't faced an issue this important and this controversial

# What each student needs to ask themselves is What Would Jesus Eat?

since we picked the color scheme for the chapel!"

The two camps have divided the loyalties of the students. While some are drawn to the sugary goodness of their conscience, others have backed their favorite teacher. In order to make themselves distinct, Messner's pie fanatics have begun calling themselves Lincoln Christian University, while the cake eaters cling to the identity of Lincoln Christian College.

"It's kind of confusing, having two schools on one campus," said Sylvia Flowers(13). "But with a theological issue this important, I can understand why they would want to separate."

Despite this ever widening divide, a precious few students and faculty have remained decidedly neutral on the issue.

"I really don't have a preference one way or another," said Justin Brooks(10). "I really have too many allergies to eat either one."

In response to the debate and subsequent splitting of the school, the administration released this statement:

"What each student needs to ask themselves is What Would Jesus Eat?"



# Why watch the *Watchmen*?

Highly anticipated graphic novel film intruiging but not family-friendly



"The Watchmen may watch over us, but who watches the Watchmen?"

Apparently, a lot of people do as this long-awaited movie breaks its way onto the silver screen.

One of the most celebrated graphic novels of all time, Watchmen, has finally been released in theaters. While I'm not sure about the rest of the country, I know here on campus many were abuzz with excitement. The midnight showing at the Galaxy Theatre in Springfield was packed to capacity with excited fans, some of whom even dressed like the characters.

Watchmen is set in a universe much like ours. There is one difference that sets it apart completely: Dr. Manhattan.

When Dr. Jon Osterman (Billy Crudup) is disintegrated during a lab experiment, no one expects him to survive, let alone rebuild his body and come back as a bald, blue guy with the powers of a god. Yet this is what happens.

As a result, with the help of Dr. Manhattan as Jon is now called, (a reference to the Manhattan Project that led to the creation of the nuclear bomb) we win the Vietnam War, the

Cold War is still in full swing, Nixon is in his fifth tyrannical term, and superheroes are more than in the comics.

The main story takes place in 1985. It begins with the death of the Comedian (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), a retired superhero who had been working for the government. This is years after Nixon has placed a ban on superheroes, so they are all retired and doing what they can to live normal lives.

Well, that is, all but Dr. Manhattan who now works for the government and Rorschach (Jackie Earle Haley), a sociopathic vigilante with an everchanging inkblot mask. It is actually Rorschach who narrates the story beginning with his investigation into the Comedian's death.

He soon suspects a conspiracy to get rid of all costumed heroes once and for all. Rorschach then sets out to warn Night Owl (Patrick Wilson), Silk Spectre (Malin Akerman) and Dr. Manhattan, who are now living

together; Ozymandias (Matthew Goode), wealthy now a businessman; that they may be the next to be hit.

Will the reformed newly

Watchmen be able to solve this mystery? More importantly, will they be able to avert nuclear destruction of the planet?

The suspense keeps growing.

I found Watchmen to be a very interesting movie. It had all the bloodpumping action that the fans wanted, and at the same time it was quite thought provoking. It really shed light on the human condition, albeit a very jaded light.

While these may all seem like good things, the movie also had a dark side. It packed as much gore, foul language, and sex as it could into three hours. This may be enough to turn most people away.

In its defense, however, most of this was so that it could keep as close as possible to the graphic novel. Still, we could all do without the five minute sex scene that blared "Hallelujah" in the background.

Bottom line, this is a fairly decent action movie, but I'd leave the family at home.



while Ozymandius (Matthew Goode) monitors the news. (Photos courtesy of www.imdb.com)

## Injury interrupts marathon training: how to handle getting hurt



RunnerInTraining
Allison Campbell

Well, as you know, I have been training for the Springfield Half Marathon on April 4 in our state's capital. For the last two and a half months, I have been adhering to a strict training regimen and really enjoying it!

However, as many athletes will inform you, injury is a very real possibility.

As it stands, I myself was injured in late February.

Unfortunately, I sprained my foot in a very undignified manner during a rehearsal for LCC's production of Godspell. So what do you do when you get hurt? With the help of marathonrookie.com and Runner's Magazine, I learned:

When you are hurt - DO NOT push through if you are running at the time. The moment you feel something pull or pop or tear, STOP. Continuing your workout increases the possibility of injuring yourself further or causing permanent damage.

Take some time off. After you are injured, and have sought some sort of medical advice, take some time off of your regularly scheduled routine. By taking a few days to heal, you ensure that your body will recover more quickly. When you start back up, DO NOT assume that you will be 100%. There is nothing more frustrating than being injured, except for coming back from an injury and realizing that you've lost ground. As upsetting as it can be, after your time off you'll probably only come back about 80% of where you were before – and that is OK.

So as frustrated as I was after spraining my foot, I followed these few rules and now I am back and running!

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# Sports

# The best is yet to come

## Reflections on an exciting season of Preacher basketball

By Ben Paulsen Reporter

Preacher basketball in 08-09 was a great year. School records were broken, personal accomplishments were met, and a legacy was born.

Matthew Searby(09) and Jon Wallace(11) both had personal milestone achievements. Both of these men scored their thousandth point in their careers at LCC in the same game.

As a team, Lincoln achieved much as well. During second semester the Preachers put together an impressive thirteen game winning streak, setting a school record. The Preachers also made it to the national tournament, being only the second team in school history to do so.

Also at nationals, for the first time in school history Lincoln Christian won a game. The Preachers won a nail-biting game over North Central 69-67.

Fans cheer on the Preachers, wearing white shirts to show their support (Photo by Danial Monson-Bergum).

The final accomplishment Lincoln performed this year was starting a tradition. Win streaks, national appearances, and national wins are bright in the future of Lincoln basketball; a legacy of greatness in basketball at Lincoln Christian College.

As a player I can tell you this year was a very exciting and amazing year! The white-out game, the win streak, and going to nationals all combined to form a great season. At nationals, though, the excitement was even higher. Both games were good, but the North Central game was great.

The score had been close the entire game, and very intense. There were a few moments that did give us the edge in the long run, and gave us the eventual win.

One moment that aided to the win was when Mac Ingmire(12) had a

three point play off—a miracle layup that tied the game. From there we did not look back. Some huge defensive stops with only a minute left put us ahead, and we stayed there.

Another huge aspect to the win was the performance by Big Jon Wallace. Jon led in scoring against North Central with 24 points.

The final play of the 2009 season was a memorable one to say the least. One of our captains, Searby, stole the inbounds pass from North Central to give us the win. It was quite the ending to a very good game.

This year was special in more ways than one.



Landon Callahan jumps for a shot (photo by Danial Monson-Bergum).

The team we got to play with, the coaches we got to learn from and the fans that cheered us on all made this a special year.

So to our seniors; we will miss you Kyle and Matt. We thank you for your commitment and determination that took this program is where it is now

To our coaches; thank you for a great year of learning and growing in not just basketball but also our faith.

And to our fans; thank you for your support. You were amazing this year, and we look forward to more years of the Laughlin lunatics packing the gym and cheering on the Preachers.

Lincoln Christian College basketball...the best is yet to come!