Celebrating Success
Dedication of the new Science and Math Complex, the largest project of the Press Toward the Mark campaign, was the featured event of Celebration 2010. Read all about it.

Homecoming Turns 50
Lee University Homecoming has been around for 50 years, and it is still the biggest highlight of the year. Find out who captured the coveted Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Safety in Numbers
As the Lee campus has exploded in growth over the years, so has the level and expertise of watching over the campus. Read the latest about Lee’s safety staff.

Enrollment Tops Out at Record 4,377
For the 25th straight year, the record has risen again in student population.

More Buildings Underway
Even though the largest capital campaign just closed, the building continues. Read details of a new chapel and dormitory now under construction.

Graduate Series Continues
A series on the variety of master’s level programs offered at Lee continues with a focus on Lee’s first graduate program, Church Music.

OPENING THOUGHTS
From President Paul Conn

“A Prayer for God’s House”

Over the past twenty years at Lee, we have built “homes” for almost everything, it seems. We have just completed a “home” for science and math, and before that, a home for religious studies. A few years earlier, we built a home for the humanities, and for athletics. We have built a home for music, and for teacher education. And we have certainly built lots of literal homes for students — almost a dozen dorms of all sizes and types. We have built a home for student activities and one for service learning.

But never before have we built a home for worship. A “house of God.” The new building going up at the corner of Ocoee and Eleventh Streets is totally different from anything we have ever built. It will look different — grey stone rather than red bricks — and it will have a different purpose, from anything else on campus. It will have the traditional look of an old-fashioned church building, even though it will not house an actual congregation. We intend it to be a sacred space on a busy campus, a place where students and faculty and all others who come here, can always go for personal and corporate moments with God.

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September 24, 2010, was more than just another date in the list of ten “Celebration” events of the last two decades at Lee University. Indeed, Celebration 2010 marked the conclusion of a highly successful capital campaign that raised $9 million over its goal; and yes, C2010 provided a venue to cut the ribbon on the new crown-jewel building of the Lee campus, the Science and Math Complex; and, yes, C2010 brought together friends and alumni who made it all possible, to recognize and honor them.

But the truly significant impact of Celebration 2010 was intrinsic. Even more than past Celebrations, this one vividly demonstrated that Lee University was not just a nice, run-of-the-mill Christian college, comfortable with the occasional new building and a reach of influence within a certain circle. Goals set five years ago at the start of the Press Toward the Mark campaign represented a step further than the Lee norm, with aspirations beyond just buildings. In the last five years of the campaign, while the eventual $34 million was being quietly raised, other things were happening.

Freshman ACT scores were rising even higher. National awards were announced. New academic programs were introduced. Community influence flourished. Enrollment records were being set.

The bottom line: Lee University has come into its own. While still evolving with a future that is even brighter than its past, Lee is now included in collegiate conversations of significance which take place everyday across the nation. Lee is respected beyond its traditional circles of influence, raising the eyebrows of institutional academia in both the public and private sector. With honors and recognitions of the recent past, Lee is now viewed as a pace-setter in several areas.

All of this culminated over a few hours in a couple of days in September on the Lee campus. There were a lot of fancy food for students and guests, seminars of interest, more than 50 alumni representatives and a speech by President Conn (see feature this issue.)

Most important, however, it was a time when Lee University recognized that our help comes from above: the donations given and the progress accomplished are the result of God’s continual guidance and favor. And that was worth celebrating...

By Cameron Fisher
NEW BUILDING, NEW NAMES

Celebration 2010 unveiled names, which will become iconic for future generations.

Walter Memorial, Conn Center, Simmons, Cross, and Tharp Halls are all names synonymous with thousands of Lee alumni. The new Science and Math Complex—as it will be known—received several designations during Celebration as wings and rooms were named in honor of deserving individuals.

**LOIS UNDERWOOD BEACH CLASSROOM BUILDING**

The west wing of the complex, which was completed earlier this year, will honor the individual from the former science building—Dr. Lois Beach. On the opposite page [Medlin], remove the reference to the left just call it the east wing. So it should read, “The east wing of the complex...”

Dr. Beach has been honored in many different ways by the school in which she has invested so richly. She has been voted “Teacher of the Year” by students, given the “Excellence in Teaching Award” by faculty peers, awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Board of Directors, and been the honoree of an endowed scholarship established by science alumni.

In 1988, Lee’s science building, which had been nameless since its construction 22 years earlier, was named in her honor.

Dr. Beach’s most enduring legacy will not be in buildings or awards, but in the lives of her students. She has poured herself into thousands of them, and they are fiercely loyal to her vision of Christ-centered excellence in the natural sciences. Many of them are still in touch with her; among them are numerous successful Lee alumni, many of whom returned for Celebration 2010.

The two-level Beach Classroom Building contains two floors of classrooms, faculty offices, administrative suite, 100-seat lecture hall and Jazzman’s Café.

**MEDLIN LABORATORY BUILDING**

The east wing of the complex is named for Don and Carolyn Medlin for whom the completion of Lee’s new Science and Math Complex is a “dream come true.”

Don Medlin was a leader on the Lee University Board of Directors from 1982 until his death in 2005. Paul Conn called him ‘...the absolutely ideal board member.’

He chaired the Standing Committee on Personnel and Curriculum for many years, and the majority of current faculty and administrators now working at Lee were originally hired under his first supervision.

Don and Carolyn were Lee alums (1959), and all four of their children — Don Allison, Byron, Cherrie Kirby, and Clark—also graduated from Lee. Cherrie was a science major, and her father often expressed a special commitment to a new science building because of her positive experience in that department.

Don and Carolyn’s grandson, Taylor, is now a Lee freshman.

After his college days at Lee, Medlin returned to his hometown of Caruthersville, Missouri, to build an agribusiness conglomerate, which includes a thriving farm implement business and a large farming operation in four states.

The Medlins have “given back” to their alma mater in a lifetime of consistency and generosity. In the five major capital funds drives since 1987, they have made significant contributions in each campaign. Don and Carolyn Medlin will always be known for their talent in business, their gracious way of creating and enjoying warm friendships, and their commitment and generosity to the work of the kingdom of God.

The three-story Medlin Laboratory Building contains two spacious lobbies, classrooms, faculty offices, ten laboratories, storage rooms, stock rooms, tech rooms, and a receiving dock.

**EARL M. TAPELEY BIOLOGY LABORATORY**

Dr. Earl M. Tapley was an important early leader in the development of Lee University. He was Lee’s first vice president, and the only person ever to serve as interim president (1952). He led the academic program of the institution during its transition from a small institute named Bible Training School (BTS) in Sevierville, Tennessee, through its establishment on the current campus as Lee College.

Tapley was chairman of the Board of Directors (1946–1945), and served as vice president and dean (1946–1952) with three presidents. He left Lee in 1953 to begin a distinguished career in college administration at the University of Chattanooga and the University of Evansville.

He retired as dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Evansville in 1979. In recent years, Dr. Tapley and his late wife, Ruby, have renewed their commitment to the work of Lee University.

In recognition and appreciation of his critical leadership in the formative years of Lee, the Earl M. Tapley Biology Laboratory has been named in his honor.

**PENNY MAULDIN CHEMISTRY LABORATORY**

Dr. Penny Mauldin was a professor of chemistry at Lee whose twenty-year career (1990–2009) was remarkable for its impact on the leadership of the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Herself an alumna of Lee (1977), she continued her education with master’s and doctoral degrees in chemistry, and was recruited to the Lee faculty by her mentor, Dr. Lois Beach.

Dr. Mauldin was a teacher whose style combined the nurturing and demanding qualities which produced high-achieving, deeply committed students who were also her friends. She led the department in two productive tenures as chair.

During her later years on the chemistry faculty, Dr. Mauldin helped design and plan the construction of the Science and Math Complex. The building was part of her vision which was fulfilled only a few months after her death in December 2009. The Penny Mauldin Chemistry Laboratory is named in her memory.
DeVOSES HONORED BY A GRATEFUL CAMPUS

Lee’s largest benefactors share their benevolence and humble spirit.

Anyone who has visited the Lee campus in the last 20 years cannot help but see the results of the generosity of a couple, who, over the course of those 20 years, have helped transform Lee University.

A gift from Richard and Helen DeVos was the foundation for the Press Toward the Mark Campaign and provided the primary investment in the Science and Math Complex.

The DeVoses, originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, now make their home in Florida. They are among America’s leading philanthropists, and are patrons of the arts, health care, education, and religious enterprises.

The DeVos commitment to Lee University began in 1988, when they provided the funds to build a new tennis center as part of President Paul Conn’s first capital campaign, the Carry the Torch campaign. From that beginning, they have become Lee’s leading benefactors, stating recently that “We appreciate the commitment of Lee University to provide an academic program that is socially stimulating and spiritually dynamic for your students.”

Richard DeVos is owner of the NBA franchise Orlando Magic, among many other business interests. Although he and his family decline to discuss the size of their personal fortune, he is listed each year in national rankings of the world’s wealthiest men, and Forbes magazine estimated in a 2010 article that he is America’s 42nd richest citizen with a net worth estimated to be $4.5 billion.

DeVos was cofounder of Amway Corporation. He and his partner began the business in 1959 and built it into one of America’s largest privately held companies. Although he has been retired from active leadership in the company for many years, his son Doug DeVos serves as president of Amway, and the DeVos and Van Andel families still own the company and direct its annual retail operations of over eight billion dollars.

Helen DeVos was an elementary schoolteacher as a young woman; her continuing interest in teacher education was recognized by Lee University in 1998 with the naming of the Helen DeVos College of Education in her honor.

DeVos Day

Tuesday, September 21, the DeVoses were special guests on the Lee campus where they met with faculty and staff, interacted with students, and Rich DeVos was the featured speaker during chapel. Lee students jammed the Conn Center to hear from the man who has so generously supported their university. Special seats on stage accommodated several hundred more students. DeVos was introduced by President Conn and received a standing ovation as he approached the podium. His message of benevolence and positive influence resonated with the student body who sat captivated through his address.

The DeVoses were then hosted at a luncheon for community leaders who had also supported the Press Toward the Mark campaign, as well as the education, science and math faculty, and Lee students from the DeVoses’ hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich. The luncheon was held on the second level of the commons in the new Science and Math Complex, which boasts a beautiful view of the center of campus.

President Conn introduced his long-time friend as the one who, “taught me how to dream big,” and “how to lead without apologizing for your faith.”

“We support a lot of things,” DeVos stated in his comments, referring to the DeVos Foundation. “Some are good and some are great...Lee is one of those great things.” DeVos then quoted several passages from his latest book, Ten Powerful Phrases for Positive People and gave complimentary copies to all guests.

The DeVoses finished their day with a personalized tour of the complex led by President and Mrs. Conn.

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Raymond Conn: Sculptor of Lee University

Few individuals have shaped a college campus as profoundly as has Ray Conn who transformed the physical landscape of Lee University.

Mr. Conn and his wife, Joan, are alumni of Lee who are also among its biggest donors. As part of the Celebration 2010 events, the Lee University Board of Directors chose to honor Conn’s impact as the visionary developer of Lee’s physical campus during the past two decades.

As a student at Lee (class of 1970), Conn was a sociology major who was a member of Alpha Gamma Chi and Lee Singers. After graduation from the University of Tennessee, he worked his way up through the construction industry to become president and owner of C & S Construction, Inc. and TriCon, Inc., commercial contractors, specializing in midsize institutional and commercial construction, operating from offices first in Cincinnati, then in Cleveland, Tennessee.

In 1987, Conn was asked to serve as a pro bono advisor to the Lee Construction Surveillance Committee. In 1989, the Lee Board of Directors selected him to build his first of many Lee projects, Davis-Sharp Hall, which was dedicated at Celebration ‘90. This project was done under a unique management-and-accountability plan in which Conn answers directly to the board’s construction committee, rather than to his brother, President Paul Conn, with consulting and oversight from a third party, Neuhoff Taylor Architects, P.C., a Chattanooga architectural firm.

The Lee University Board Construction Committee is chaired by H. Bernard Dixon, a Cleveland businessman, and cochaired by Cecil Brown, a veteran Atlanta-area commercial contractor. These two men have served on the committee since 1987.

Over a span of twenty years and more than a dozen major projects using this same approach, Conn has provided the creative energy and construction management for Lee’s vastly expanded campus品味。Typically working on a design-build basis, TriCon, Inc. has partnered with several local architects, including Cope Associates, Inc. (Knoxville), who designed the Science and Math Complex; Community Tectonics, Inc. (Oak Ridge, Tenn.) on the Humanities Center; Rardin and Carroll, with the School of Religion Building; Downtown Design Studio, [Leonard Center project]; and others, including ArCon, Inc., which is TriCon’s in-house design operation.

What began as a single dormitory project in the 1980s has become Ray Conn’s gift to Lee of a lifetime of creative effort and vision. He has dramatically reshaped a campus which has grown from 22 acres to 120 acres, serving thousands of students and staff, with a continuity of style and a level of quality that is even more remarkable alongside Conn’s gift for cost containment and on-time delivery.

The Board of Directors, in expressing its gratitude for the role Ray Conn has played in the development of the Lee campus, has directed that a mural capturing his work be developed to be a permanent fixture in the Science and Math Complex, and that he be recognized during the Celebration 2010 events with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the Lee University Board of Directors should recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication to the University; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Raymond Conn, president of TriCon, Inc., is one such outstanding person who has contributed to the growth of Lee University as evidenced by his commitment to excellence of design and construction of twenty major projects on our campus during the past twenty years; and
WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Conn’s amazingly strong work ethic and professional and personal integrity, said projects were built on a reasonable cost basis to the University and delivered on a timely basis as well; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Conn has provided faculty and students the opportunity for input as to their specific needs in each building, and has always achieved positive results in meeting those needs; and
WHEREAS, he has engaged the best subcontractors, craftsman, consultants, and designers to ensure that each facility was built with structural integrity and excellent workmanship; and
WHEREAS, the visionary body of work which Mr. Conn has produced, in partnership with his brother Paul, has created a campus of great beauty and functionality; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Conn and his wife Joan play a active and vital role in the welfare of Lee University’s campus life as evidenced by a consistent pattern of their generous giving through the years; and
WHEREAS, we desire to honor Mr. Conn with a permanent memorial as a means of expressing our appreciation for the unique and invaluable contribution of both his time and talents; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, this 23rd day of September 2010, that the Lee University Board of Directors authorize construction of a mural on a designated wall of the Science and Math Complex that will be a visual and historical record of Mr. Conn’s work so that present and future faculty, students, and visitors may see and appreciate the unprecedented impact he has made on the Lee University campus.

SIGNED,
M. Darrell Rice, Chairman

Raymond Conn Résumé

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Cherie Kirby

Jeff Rodgers
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Carol McCullough
Bob Rodgers
Bob Burris
What a wonderful morning for a celebration! What terrific music! And what a gorgeous new building is sitting right over there right now just waiting for us to arrive and cut the ribbon! No question about it — Here at Lee, things are good. The sun is shining, the Lord is blessing, the givers are giving and the students are studying — it’s just a tremendous time of good news and good feelings!

But outside of Lee, not so good. Outside our lovely Lee bubble, there’s lots of bad news in 2010. The economy is still in the tank, the ozone layer is still being depleted; Afghanistan is looking a lot like Vietnam; the political climate is becoming more and more polarized, and the doomsayers are saying more doom than ever.

There’s no question that the world has lots of bad news. But here’s the good news—in a world full of problems, college students can be the solutions. Hundreds of college students are in the audience this morning. If you’ve ever doubted the power of one, you haven’t been paying attention to campus at Lee; the evidence is all around us. And the evidence is all around you. Problems, college students can be the solutions. Hundreds of college students are in the audience this morning. If you’ve ever doubted the power of one, you haven’t been paying attention to campus at Lee; the evidence is all around us. And the evidence is all around you.

I’ve given up trying to develop a clear prediction of what the Lee University of the future will look like. I can barely even imagine it.

But when I recall our first Celebration 22 years ago, that Lee College is even more impossible for me to imagine. Students, can you imagine a Lee University without a theatre program or a wind ensemble, with no soccer teams or volleyball, a Lee with no Ped Mall, no Dixon Center, no apartment buildings? Can you imagine a Lee without any graduate students, or anybody from Nigeria? Can anyone envision a Lee with no Student Union, no Rec Center? A Lee with no service learning program, no international studies trips, no political science major, or communications major? A Lee with no trolley, even?

Well no, you can’t imagine that, and neither can I. It’s absolutely unthinkable! And yet, when we walk up that long sidewalk, a few minutes from now, to that magnificent new science complex, we realize that for today’s freshmen, that building will have always existed, and for next year’s freshmen, they will be unable to imagine Lee without it. This breathtaking new landscape will soon be a settled reality, and that reminds us that today’s wildest hope, today’s impossible vision, can be the thing we will celebrate in a few years.

When I think back twenty-five years, I can barely remember that school called Lee. So when I look forward twenty-five years, I realize that unimaginable things are part of God’s plan for us.

Who will lead that version of Lee? Who will shape it? The answer is in God’s hands, but not just in God’s hands, the answer is sitting in these seats, these students, these alumni. I won’t be president twenty-five years from now, but one of you students, or faculty, or alumni, one of you listening to me today, may very well be.

Ray Conn won’t be designing and building the campus of 2030, and David Holinger won’t be conducting the wind ensemble, but will one of you? Who will teach the classes, dream the dreams, create the vision? You can. You will. You must. God has already placed inside you the seeds of a future Lee University, and now it’s up to you to meet that challenge. We have lost some key people in these last few years: here on campus — Goff, Schimmels, Rahamut, Penny Mauldin, Deacon Jones, and Don Medlin, John Nichols, and Cecil Knight — here in the community, giants like Bobby Taylor and Ralph Buckner, Sr. But that’s the natural course of life. Great people emerge and do great things, and then they are gone. And the question is always the same: Who will take their place in the years to come? Who will carry the dream forward? The answer is: God will use someone, and that person can be you. He will lead you, if you will follow.

In the last 25 years, Lee has moved through three stages — we have gone from a focus on survival, to success, to significance. Twenty-five years ago, the question was, Will we survive, as a college? Our previous president, Dr. Lamar Vest, warned us that we were less than three years away from closing the doors. So we went to work. And we proved that we were too tough to just roll over and die. And then we turned from the question of survival to the question of success. How fast could we grow, how much could we build; could we become so good that the general public would recognize us for our excellence? And the answer to that question, over the past two decades has been emphatically answered, YES!

Lee became a model for institutional success in virtually every area. So, now, here we are in 2010 — twenty-plus years into this exciting period of dynamic growth, and the question is no longer will we survive, it’s not even will we succeed as a top-tier University; the question is this: Will what we do be truly significant? Will it matter? Will it transform lives? Will it touch the world?

The world doesn’t need just one more commonplace university. The world, for that matter, doesn’t need just one more graduate, just one more accountant, or doctor, or business owner, or lawyer. But the world is in desperate need of men and women who can do all those things, and do them superbly, but
who understands that the point of it all is to serve others in Jesus name. The world needs people who will confidently say, I am a doctor, I am a scientist, I am a judge, or a teacher, or I am a CEO, or public official — but most of all, someone who can simultaneously say, I am a servant of the most high God, and He created me to do good works. I was born to be God’s hands in this broken world.

Lee University is a place with a unique culture and a unique power in the lives of its graduates. On this campus, a university was born that combines the power of intellectual life with the urges of the heart, in a way that transcends the normal college experience. This is our institutional DNA. We have seen miraculous things happen here. We’ve been on the other good campuses, we’ve studied there, we’ve worked there, and we respect those institutions, but we believe that there is something at Lee University that is truly unparalleled.

We understand the magic in this place. We understand its potential, and we find the challenge of building a truly great Christian campus so compelling, that it unlocks in us vast surges of energy and sacrifice, and drives us constantly forward. So many of you here share with me this unfolding dream. And to those of you who are younger, who have so much more to give, let me assure you that this school will receive and reward your commitment. Lee University has been built, brick by brick, inch by inch, prayer by prayer, by the collective work and passion of thousands of men and women, and you are the recipients of this great inheritance from them. Embrace this birthright. Lee University needs you, and it will fully use and multiply your sweat and blood and sacrifice.

The task of a college is to send graduates out. It’s not what comes in the door as freshmen that defines Lee University: but what goes out the door as graduates. Every fall we bring in a thousand new students. From every state in America and 58 foreign countries, they come pouring in here. We call them freshmen, and we love to see them arrive. In fact, some of you are part of this year’s freshman class. But our goal is not to gather students in, but to send them out. And when we send you out, as graduates, a few years later, we pray — please God — we pray that you leave with more than a college degree, more than a diploma to hang on the wall. We pray that we send you out as women and men who bring justice, and love, and light to the world.

We want our students to leave here knowing that excellence is worth the price, that faith is the only worldview that makes sense, and that service to others is ultimately the only worthy goal of one’s life. As we celebrate with you this morning, we recognize that this job is not over, not by a long shot. God is not nearly finished with us yet. So for those of you who helped us get here, please, for God’s sake, don’t put your checkbooks away! And for you on the faculty and staff, please don’t just yet for a hobby to fill your spare time. And for you alumni who are just now ready to turn your loving attention to your alma mater, please do! We have new mountains for you to climb.

The future of Lee University lies before us. The possibilities are infinite. The potential is breathtaking. All the work, the sweat, the building of an infrastructure, the recruiting of a first-rate faculty, the gradual change in public perception, the creation of an army of alumni, all that hard work has just now put us in a position to reach for a future we never even dared to dream.

I can’t possibly express how grateful I am to all of you for all you have done to get us where we are. But I urge you, I implore you, please understand that we need you even more in the years ahead. We need your goodwill; we need your money; we need your prayers. But mostly, we need you to stay with us on this amazing journey.

You remember the story in the Old Testament of Samuel and Eli. Samuel was a young boy, who, in the middle of the night, heard the call of God. He thought it was the voice of his mentor Eli. And Eli told him, “No, it is not my voice you hear, it is the voice of God, and when he calls, you must answer, ‘Here am I, Lord!’” At its best, Lee is a place where students ask, “What does it mean, this passion I have to explore, to achieve, this love I feel for science or history or theatre? God will call them to the business world, or to health care; to the elementary school classroom, or to the television studio. He called Don Medlin to be a farmer. He called Rich DeVos and Forrest Preston to be businessmen. He called Lois Beach to be a science teacher, Kelli Mondi to be a physician, and he called Jeff Black to be a lawyer. But he sends all of them — and all of you — to be shafts of light in a dark world, to be agents of love and grace. He calls all of us to get outside of ourselves, that to live for Christ is to live for others.

Celebration 2010 is a time to celebrate the past, what we have been; and the future, what we can become. But what about this present moment, what do we do with it? We can do nothing about the past, and we can’t really see the future, but this present moment, 11:40 a.m. on Friday, September 24, 2010 — this moment belongs right now to us, and what we do with it can be powerful and life-changing.

This present moment is the time to hear God ask “Whom shall I send?” And to answer “Here I am!” It’s a moment in time to take stock of what really matters, time to ask ourselves: What will I do? What sacrifice will I make? What will I give? It’s a time to say, “Yes!” to the voice of God in my life.

And to those of you who teach the classes, and give the money, who pay the bills, to keep this dream alive, I must ask, What is it? What sacrifice will I make? What will I give? It’s a time to say, “Yes!” to the voice of God in my life.

And to all of you — recipients of this great inheritance of work and passion of thousands of faculty and staff, please don’t look just simultaneously say, “I am a servant of the most high God, and He created me to do good works. I was born to be God’s hands in this broken world.”

** WE DEDICATE THE LEE UNIVERSITY SCIENCE AND MATH COMPLEX**
* In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

** WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING**
* In honor of Don and Carolyn Medlin, and in appreciation for their commitment to the kingdom of God and their love for Lee University.

** WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING**
* In honor of Lois Underwood Beach, for her passion for teaching the sciences, and in recognition of her half-century of investment in the lives of Lee students.

** WE DEDICATE THIS BUILDING**
* With deep appreciation for the many friends who have generously and joyfully given their resources to make this day possible.

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**SIXTY-TWO REPRESENT ALUMNI AT CELEBRATION 2010**

A tradition at every Celebration has been the invitation to one alumnus or alumna to represent their BTS, Lee College, or Lee University classmates. To symbolize the continuity of the Lee University family through the years, the sixty-two outstanding alumni from the classes of 1948 through 2010 marched with the faculty and board in the September 24 ceremony.

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**REMEMBERING CELEBRATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS**

Since 1988, Lee has been staging celebration events to honor God and the ones who have blessed the university. Although not called a “celebration” in 1988, the event (Seventy and Soaring) marked Lee’s 70th birthday, and also started a trend which continues, because the reasons to celebrate haven’t either.

Intertwined with the celebration events were capital campaigns of various sizes and lengths. Some celebrations closed campaigns, but others launched them.

The following is an overview of the events, the campaigns and the projects that have defined more than two decades of progress:


Projects Celebrated: Vest Building/old library renovation, Sharp Pedestrian Mall, DeVos Tennis Center, Alumni Amphitheatre, Pressley Maintenance Building, Nora Chambers first floor
Projects Celebrated:
- Curtsinger Music Building
- Livingston Hall apartments
- Deacon Jones Dining Hall
- B.L. Hicks Hall apartments

Projects Celebrated:
- Helen DeVos College of Education
- Centenary Building, East-West Pedestrian Mall

Projects Celebrated:
- Dixon Center, Watkins Building

Projects Celebrated:
- Paul Conn Student Union
- Storms Hall apartments, Keeble Hall apartments

Projects Celebrated:
- Humanities Center, Parker Street renovation, Brinsfield Row

Projects Celebrated:
- Twenty years of progress, launch of Press Toward the Mark campaign

Projects Celebrated:
- Paul Dana Walker Arena reconstruction, Leonard Center and Health Clinic, computer infrastructure overhaul, endowed scholarship drive, School of Religion, property acquisition (Mayfield School), student townhomes, Science and Math Complex.

Capital Campaigns
- Carry the Torch: 1987–1988, Campaign Total: $2 million
- Parker St. Corridor: 2002–2004, Campaign Total: $10 million
- Press Toward the Mark: 2005–2010, Campaign Total: $34 million
The first weekend in November at Lee University is all about reunions and milestone celebrations, but this year the entire weekend was a golden anniversary.

It has been five decades since an event was established at Lee to specifically welcome alumni back “home.” Fifty years of class reunions, club get-togethers, music festivals, and homecoming queens.

At the first Homecoming, Lee was a very different place. There was no Lee Singers or Ladies of Lee. Missing was Upsilon Xi and Alpha Gamma Chi. Sigma and DZT were not in existence. The Flames were not the Flames.

No one had ever heard of women’s volleyball as an intercollegiate sport. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was in its first year. And the earliest class reunions were not even golden.

A lot has changed in the 50 years of Lee Homecomings. A lot of traditions have been established and a lot more decadal reunions are possible. But even this year there was room for new traditions and new reunions. There was the first tailgate party that pumped up the Flames before their match with Bluefield. The Chorale had their first reunion, celebrating ten years of existence. And the graduates of 2000 had their first ten-year reunion.

The worn-out phrase, “the more things change, the more they stay the same,” is comfortably appropriate for Homecoming 2010. So peruse the next few pages for some highlights of Homecoming weekend and reminisce about your favorite memories. And if you weren’t here this year, make plans for November 2011 and make some new memories and cultivate old friendships.

Volley for a Cure Raises OVER $25,000

A wildly “pink” event has become a kickoff event for Homecoming as the Lee volleyball team spearheads a communitywide fund-raiser to raise awareness for breast cancer.

This year’s Volley for a Cure efforts brought in over $25,000, with all proceeds donated to the Mary Ellen Locher Foundation in Chattanooga, an organization granting scholarships to college students with a parent affected by breast cancer. Over the past four years, the event has raised more than $69,000. The events kicked off on Thursday afternoon with a Survivor Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Barbara Dooley, cancer survivor and wife of former University of Georgia head football coach, Vince Dooley. Friday’s events included a high school showcase game, followed by a pink party where attendees enjoyed pink cotton candy, cupcakes, cookies, and face painting in the Walker Arena lobby. A silent auction included sports memorabilia such as an autographed football from Alabama football coach Nick Saban and an autographed basketball from Tennessee basketball coach Bruce Pearl. The night culminated in a match between Lee and Southern Wesleyan University where Walker Arena was filled with students, alumni, and community supporters who cheered the Lady Flames to complete an undefeated season.

Junior Arlene Ferreira sets up for a slam at the Volley for a Cure win against Southern Wesleyan University.

SHUMAKER Crowned Homecoming Queen

One of the long-standing traditions of Homecoming is the annual crowning of the queen. This year the honor was awarded to Alyssa Shumaker, daughter of Matt and Jackie Shumaker. From Westerville, Ohio, Alyssa is a political science major and is active in Zeta Chi Lambda, Acting on Aids, Alpha Chi, and is a Kairos Scholar. She was escorted by David Sterns of Franklin, Tennessee.

Other members of senior class court were Noel Byrd of Florence, Alabama, Victoria Castro from Orange, California, and Rebecca Sanchez from Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The junior class was represented by Ellie Morse and Molly Robinson. Sophomore representatives were Hannah Riddle and Janie Evans, while the freshmen were represented by Madeline MacDonald and Forrest Wilson.

Homecoming Queen Alyssa Shumaker escorted by David Sterns.
The two highest awards of Homecoming weekend, the annual Distinguished Alumnus and Honorary Alumnus, were presented to Marcus Lamb and Tom Rowland respectively. Lamb is president and CEO of Daystar Television Network and was recognized during the Music Festival on Saturday evening. Originally from Cordele, Ga., Lamb began preaching as an evangelist in 1973 at the age of 15, before enrolling at Lee. After graduation from Lee in 1980, Lamb founded Word of God Fellowship. In 1982, after marrying Joni Trammel, Lamb began to travel the country ministering. In 1985, he built WMCF-TV45 in Montgomery, Alabama, which was the first Christian radio station in the state. The Lambs later moved to Dallas to build another radio station, KMPX-TV29. Lamb began Daystar in 1997, which owns and operates TV stations across the nation. Daystar is now the second largest Christian television network in America. The Lambs host a daily program called “Celebration,” which is broadcast live via satellite around the world. A gifted preacher and teacher of Scripture, Lamb continues to minister at churches across the country.

Cleveland, Tennessee mayor, the Honorable Tom Rowland, was named Honorary Alumnus at the President’s Circle luncheon on Saturday afternoon. Rowland is currently serving his fifth term as Cleveland’s mayor and, at 18 years of service, is the longest serving mayor in the history of Cleveland as marked in the Congressional Records of the 110th Congress. Along with his duties as mayor, Rowland serves on two standing committees of the United States Conference of Mayors: the Police and Social Justice Committee and the Commission on Arts and Recreation. He is a past president of the East Tennessee Mayors Association. Rowland is co-founder of Cleveland 100, an organization that assists surviving family members of officers, firemen, and emergency personnel killed in the line of duty. In conjunction with this, he headed a project to build Tennessee’s first memorial to fallen police, fire and rescue personnel. It was dedicated in May 2000.

In 2004, Mayor Rowland was selected as Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League, and in 2009 was named as Tennessee’s Community Leader of the Year.

“This is one of the greatest honors I have received,” Rowland said upon accepting the award. “When we have industrial prospects to our city, we show off by taking them through the Lee campus. I am constantly bragging about Lee and we (the community) appreciate all that you do and represent.”
The Campus Safety office maintains a Campus Emergency Plan — a plan that provides university-wide capability for organized preparation and timely recovery from a major circumstance or disruption constituting an emergency. The plan, along with tabletop exercises and mock emergency drills, is supervised by Campus Safety Director Mew.

With a population of over 4,300 students, more than 1,000 dorm rooms and 120 acres of campus, there are incidents which will inevitably occur, but according to Mew, crime data for Lee University is at an eight-year low. Based on information since 2002, the year 2009 closed out with 51 crimes on campus compared to 137 three years ago.

"The improvement is the result of increased officer presence, increased staff, faculty, and student awareness," Mew stated, "and the continued additions of electronic controlled access systems on campus buildings."

Mew stated that among the thousands of calls for service they receive in a year range from providing student transportation across campus to boosting a vehicle with a dead battery. Incident reports included activity such as theft and vandalism, vehicle collisions, and lost property. Building checks consist of a complete walk-through of a building, ensuring that all exterior and interior doors are secured and the building is free of unauthorized occupants.

One of the long-standing tasks of the Campus Safety office has been the production of student ID cards, a process that has become more streamlined this year.

"We made the transition from annually printing ID cards for students, faculty, and staff to a one-time permanent ID card," Mew said. "This has served students well by eliminating lines in registration, and delivering the cards earlier. This has supported the recruitment process as well." The cards contain a bar code, which identifies the student for campus activities, meal plans, and chapel attendance.

With an enlarged campus and subsequent growth of Campus Safety, space has become cramped in offices located in Lower Simmons, the former location of the campus bookstore and post office prior to construction of the Paul Conn Student Union ten years ago. The 24/7 operation of Campus Safety, as well as the need for easy in-and-out access of vehicles, has restricted options for operational space. In the search for a new headquarters, acquisition of the 6.5 acre First Baptist Church property earlier this year provided choices from several outparcels which came with the purchase. A house at 520 Church Street was recently approved as the new office for Campus Safety.

"This location doubles our former space," Mew stated. "It provides for us to have a conference room, more offices for our staff, and a locker room. Outside we now have garage storage for our golf cart and equipment, such as traffic cones and barriers, a convenient, visible location with parking and handicap accessibility."

Mew summarized the goal of the Campus Safety office by stating, "Our purpose is to serve the students, faculty, staff, and administration through consistent and professional execution of our duties and by upholding the university’s mission."
For the 25th consecutive year, Lee University’s enrollment surged upward, this time with a final count of 4,377 students. Making the announcement was Phil Cook, vice president for enrollment. Fall semester registration ended the first week of September with an increase of 115 full-time students over last year. "This is not only a new record, but it is the 25th year in a row we have had an increase in fall enrollment," Cook said. "It is an increase of 2.6 percent over last year."

Cook said the 2010 enrollment includes an all-time record best freshman class, both in size (853 freshmen) and in ‘a strong move upward in the entering ACT/SAT scores for our freshmen.” He said the new enrollment also set a record for the number of students housed in on-campus dorms, which exceeded 2,000 for the first time.

According to Cook, students at Lee come from 48 of the 50 states (all states except Idaho and Wyoming) and 58 foreign countries. Tennessee, Georgia, and Ohio topped the list of home states, and Nigeria led the international list with 59 students at Lee this semester. “We are thrilled that there is such a strong demand for the Lee University experience, especially in this economy,” Cook said. “We know that students have many options in college choice these days, and it’s exciting to see such a large and very well-prepared class of freshmen and transfers choosing Lee.”

Cook said the total enrollment of 4,377 includes 366 graduate students. “Our policy is to keep grad students below ten percent of our total enrollment, and we are right on target with that.”

On the heels of dedicating the new Science and Math Complex and closing out a $34 million capital campaign, construction on a new chapel is fully underway on the corner of Ocoee and 11th Streets. First announced in the winter 2009 Torch, the chapel will be used for small worship and spiritual activities, including special dedication and Communion services for student groups such as clubs, choirs, and dorms. It is also intended to be a quiet, worshipful place that is open and available to students for prayer and reflection throughout the daytime and evenings. In addition, it will be a suitable venue for weddings for Lee students and alums, and similar events of a private nature with spiritual significance. It will also be available for alternative worship experiences, such as the Ash Wednesday service which now meets in a classroom. It will be great for events that typically attract smaller crowds than are suitable for Conn Center or Dixon Center.

The project has literally been on the drawing board for more than a year as careful consideration has been given to the design. The rendering released last fall has been slightly modified. The main seating area, the nave, is designed for 24 pews at seven persons each, or 168. By using the transept, balcony, and choir for overflow seating, it will be possible on certain occasions to seat as many as 300 people. "We want this building to have an entirely different ‘look’ from the rest of campus,” stated President Conn, “because it has such a unique, one-of-a-kind purpose, a ‘house of God’ which has a look that sets it apart.”

On the other side of campus, the site for a new three-level dormitory has been prepped and the foundation walls are underway. The new housing unit will be the largest in the middle of the six-building Brinsfield Row complex between Maple Street and Magnolia Ave. When completed by next fall, there will be 122 beds plus a two-bedroom resident director apartment. On each floor there will also be two laundry rooms, a full kitchen, and student lounge space.

Construction of both projects will last through next year. Progress will be updated in future issues of Torch.
Four Lee administrators will guide the process of how to best utilize the June 2010 purchase of First Baptist Church of Cleveland as reported in the fall 2010 issue of Torch. Lee University purchased 6.5 acres of property and buildings from First Baptist, which has built a new campus on the north side of the city. The church property is contiguous with Lee and offers multiple opportunities for expansion, relocation, and utilization of buildings already in place. For the time being, the property and buildings are being referred to as the Church Street Annex.

Appointed to serve on the task force are Vice President for Business and Finance Chris Conine, Vice President for University Relations Jerome Hammond, Vice President for Administration Walt Mauldin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Matthew Melton and Administrative Assistant to the President Cole Strong. Mauldin serves as chair of the group, which will analyze the best use of the newly added university’s property, Hammond compared getting the university’s food bank for up to two years at the one-story building on the corner of Central and Church Streets. In addition, another local congregation, Waterville Baptist, will be leasing the sanctuary and 30 classrooms while they build a new church. In deciding the long-term use of the property, Hammond compared getting the best use of the newly added university’s space to a chess game. Each move affects future moves and allows different opportunities.

Additional progress and decisions will be reported in future issues of Torch.


Gary Sharp, has been named chairman of the Lee University Board of Directors. Also, four new members were added this year. Sharp, an entrepreneur formerly from Memphis, has been a long-time supporter of Lee. He, and his wife, Joyce, now live in Cleveland. Sharp succeeds Darrell Rice who earlier this year accepted a position with Children of the World charities.

Robert Daugherty, II is an alumnus of Lee College, graduating summa cum laude in 1985 with a degree in chemistry and mathematics. He was the winner of the F.J. Lee Award during his senior year. After finishing at Lee, he attended Florida State University where he earned an M.S. in applied mathematics. He is currently employed at Symantec in Atlanta, Georgia. He is married to Kim.

Hector Diaz is a veteran of the Lee experience through the eyes of a father. Both his sons attended Lee. He serves as the administrative pastor of Mount Paran Church of God in Atlanta. He is married to Loida.

Mark Harris is a 1986 Lee graduate who is worship pastor and artist in residence at Bay Community Church in Daphne, Alabama. An accomplished musician, Mark was a member of the Christian contemporary group 4Him from 1990-2004, and has earned nine GMA Dove Awards and has 24 #1 songs to his credit. He is married to Jodie.

Dr. Mark Walker is senior pastor at Mount Paran North Church of God in Marietta, Georgia. He is an adjunct professor at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, and is a member of the Church of God Council of Eighteen. He is married to Udella.
Five days before he was elected governor of Tennessee, Bill Haslam, seated right, made a campaign stop at Lee University. The popular Knoxville mayor appeared with Tennessee Senator Bob Corker, seated left, and other elected officials, including U.S. Representative hopeful, Chuck Fleischman, who also was elected on November 2. The reception was held in the great room of the new Science and Math Complex where President Conn introduced the government leaders.

Derrick Marr and Christie DeHart were recently awarded two of the highest honors from Lee University’s Helen DeVos College of Education (HDCOE). Marr received the Gary L. Riggins Graduate Writing Award, and DeHart, the Cliff Schimmels Superior Performance Award. Both students graduated from Lee’s Master of Arts in Teaching program this past summer.

The award is given annually to the graduate student who submits the most excellent thesis. Marr’s thesis was titled, “Beyond the Test: Teaching for Social Formation and Social Justice in a Standards-Based Curriculum.” The Cliff Schimmels Superior Performance Award is presented annually in memory of Dr. Cliff Schimmels, a former professor in the HDCOE. Schimmels passed away in May of 2001 after 10 years at Lee. He was beloved by students and faculty and known for his passion and brilliance in teaching, writing, and cross-cultural education.

Dr. Steven Lay, professor of mathematics at Lee University, has completed a study showing that Prelude to Algebra, a new way of teaching arithmetic concepts to better prepare students for the transition to algebra, significantly raises student test scores.

For the past four years, Lay has been training local middle school teachers how to use Prelude to Algebra in their classes. A three-year Mathematics Science Partnership grant from the Tennessee Department of Education enabled Lay to conduct training institutes each summer and monitor the progress of students who studied with the Prelude-trained teachers.

A total of 227 students, representing seven teachers in four school districts, were monitored for a year after using Prelude in the seventh grade. The percentage of Prelude students who were not proficient on the eighth grade Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) test was less than one-sixth the district average (1.9% vs. 12.7%). The percent of Prelude students who tested at the advanced level was more than twice the district average (71.3% vs. 35.0%).

The results of a parallel study of eighth grade Prelude students were also encouraging. When these students were tested at the end of ninth grade Algebra I, the percentage of Prelude students who were not proficient in Algebra I was less than one-half the district average (2.3% vs. 5.5%). The percentage of Prelude students who tested at the advanced level was nearly 10 points higher than the district average (75.7% vs. 66.3%).

Middle school students were also given a local test that measured their ability on key pre-algebra topics: solving equations and proportions, working with exponents, and recognizing equivalent forms. In each of these categories, the Prelude-trained students scored from 8% to 17% higher than comparable students who had not studied the Prelude materials.

The approach used in Prelude to Algebra was developed by Lay and his father, the late Dr. Clark Lay, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Education at California State University [Fullerton]. It is based on years of research into the kinds of mistakes that students commonly make in algebra and how these mistakes can be avoided by teaching the students to think correctly about arithmetic.

Mathematics coordinator for the Tennessee Department of Education Dr. Scott Eddins stated, “The Prelude instructional approach is helping our middle school teachers define and present mathematics in a way that connects with students and helps them to make sense of abstract concepts. In my opinion, Dr. Lay is a champion for quality mathematics instruction allowing his research to be used by teachers statewide.”
Jones’ Research Published

Professor of Anthropology Dr. Richard Jones has published three articles in two significant academic texts this year.

The first article, titled "A Course in Federation Linguistics," was published last May in Star Trek as Myth: Essays on Symbol and Archetype at the Final Frontier, edited by Matthew Wilhelm Kapell and published by McFarland & Company. The article is an exploration of the myth and reality of languages in the Star Trek universe, which gives an overview of structural linguistic analysis and its application to understanding how languages work.

Two more articles were published in July of this year in 21st Century Anthropology: A Reference Handbook. The two-volume work is a definitive reference handbook for undergraduate students, which explores the most important topics in modern anthropology. The work consists of over 100 essays by well-known anthropologists. The two articles contributed by Jones are titled "Kinship Systems" and "Values in Anthropology." "Kinship Systems" is an overview of anthropological theory and understanding of kinship systems from the middle of the nineteenth century to the present.

Betty Baldree Passes Away

Betty Baldree, who for more than 46 years, was the first voice heard when calling Lee College or Lee University, died peacefully on September 17 at her home in Cleveland. She was 73.

Originally from Seaford, Delaware, Betty moved to Cleveland with her husband, Martin, in 1960 where she took the job as head switchboard operator at the new administration building. For the next 46 years until her retirement last year, she served as "the voice of Lee University," and welcoming thousands of students, parents, and alumni to the campus. Her husband Martin, a former Christian Education professor at Lee, died in 2002.

Upon her retirement, Torch featured Betty and her story in the fall 2009 issue. To read it, visit the Lee University Web site, click on "Alumni and Friends" and the Torch link.

Graduate Programs Series:

Graduate Studies in Music Is Oldest Master’s Program at Lee

The Master of Church Music, in its thirteenth year, is the longest running graduate program at Lee. The degree provides training in worship and worship philosophy. Courses are taught by experienced worship leaders. Modular courses with celebrated guests offer students exposure to “real-world” experiences. Outstanding internship opportunities offer practical hands-on experiences.

The culminating project for this degree involves the planning and implementation of a worship festival or other creative project. Year-round or two-year Thursday only options are available.

The Master of Music in Music Education offers flexible after school scheduling of classes as well as summer-only possibilities. Dr. Linda Thompson, one of the best-known music educators in the country, leads the program. Dr. Thompson recently released the third book in a series she is editing with Mark Campbell of State University of New York at Potsdam. [Issues of Identity in Music Education: Narratives and Practices] The master’s degree in Music Education offers the possibility of add-on certification for those already licensed to teach and the option to add licensure for those who require it. Level I and II Orff Certification training is also available through this program.

The Master of Music in Performance is a 34-semester-hour program designed for students who wish to pursue or who are currently involved in music performance and/or studio instruction. Students are taught by world-renowned faculty who are dedicated to strengthening the students’ skills on the concert stage and increasing their repertoire. Lee offers excellent performing opportunities in beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities. Summer intensive J-Term courses are an option for this residential program.

The Department of Music at Lee is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Teaching Assistantships and competitive scholarships are available for qualified and capable students.

"Whether you are a recent college graduate, a practicing music educator, interested in a music performance career, or a worship leader, the graduate music programs at Lee are designed with you in mind," stated Vicki Glasscock, director of graduate music programs at Lee. "The Lee University School of Music has the faculty, curriculum, facilities, and opportunities to prepare you for your goals as a professional musician."

For additional information, visit the Web site at http://www.leegraduate.com/music or e-mail gradmusic@leeuniversity.edu. To contact by phone, call 423-614-8245.
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The Lee Soccer Field has undergone several major improvements and additions over the past year. Athletic director Larry Carpenter described it as another step in upgrading athletic facilities on the Lee campus. Here are some highlights:

- Dugouts—added approximately 10 feet in length and 4 feet in depth and placed brick around each dugout, which now matches the surrounding buildings.
- Concession Area—a permanent concession area has replaced the trailer that had been used since the construction of the soccer field in 1989.
- Storage Room—a storage room in the concession area includes ice machine, refrigerator, sink, and cabinets. A second storage area added 200 square feet with space for a washer, dryer and secure area for uniforms and equipment.
- Public Restrooms—although the previous soccer house had restrooms, no one other than the athletes used them, mainly because of the location.
- Locker Room—doubled the size of the previous men’s soccer locker room and added a restroom.

Waxing the soccer field on a late fall afternoon, the Lee University women’s soccer team was already assured of its fifth consecutive conference title. The Lady Flames, who had already clinched their third consecutive national championship, were assured of their third straight title in eight years.

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The new multi-purpose soccer facility blends with the adjacent Squires Library and provides much needed concessions, locker rooms, and restrooms for the program.

Women’s Soccer Headed for POSTSEASON Again

The young Lee University women’s soccer express has hit a couple of bumps during the 2010 season, but coach Matt Yelton has to be extremely pleased with a squad that is 17-2-1 and has another Southern States Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament title under its belt.

The record speaks for itself, since taking over the head job at Lee; Yelton has directed his clubs to nine consecutive conference crowns, eight regular-season titles and back-to-back NAIA national championships. Currently his winning mark at Lee is 174-31-6. His 2010 squad faced several different challenges during the early season and in tournament play. Battling injuries and at times playing with a squad loaded with freshmen and sophomores in the field, the Lady Flames finished the regular season and conference tournament play with 13 straight wins and the ranking of No. 2 nationally by the NAIA.

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Women's Basketball
Gets Quality Recruits

For the first time in Lee women's basketball history, the Lady Flames reached the Final Four of the NAIA National Tournament last March, and coach Marty Rowe hopes to take his 2010-11 club deep into post-season play once again. After losing several key players from last year's squad, Rowe has enjoyed probably his best recruiting year. Freshmen Hollie German, Madison Lee, Karley Miller, and Myriah Iles have already been tested against NCAA Division I opponents like UTC-Chattanooga and Western Kentucky. The experience against the mid-major powers in exhibition games can only help make the younger players better.

Of course, the staff will also be looking for veterans Brooke McKinnon, Angela Spann, Kailly Eldridge, Julia Zimmerman, and Brooke Hamby to provide needed leadership. McKinnon averaged 17 points per game last season. Rachel Lockhart was held out last year, but appears ready to step in and give valuable minutes, while Rowe is hoping to get inside help from transfer Madeleine Doyle.

The overall schedule is loaded with quality opponents and may be Coach Rowe's toughest assignment since taking the Lee coaching assignment six years ago. "It may take us a while to begin playing the way we are capable of," said Rowe, "but this club is getting where we want to be. I was really pleased six years ago. Experience against the mid-major powers in exhibition games can only help give valuable minutes, while Rowe is hoping to get inside help from transfer Madeleine Doyle."

As of November 15, the Lady Flames were 4-0.

Men's Basketball
PICKED to WIN
Expanded SSAC

Matt Stilwell puts up a shot in the Homecoming win over Bluefield

The coaches of the Southern States Athletic Conference are correct, Coach Tommy Brown and his Lee men's basketball team will edge out rival Southern Polytechnic State University for the 2010-11 SSAC title. The SSAC has grown to 14 teams and added East and West Divisions. Belhaven and William Carey (Miss.) join Mobile and Spring Hill (Ala.) and Loyola (La.) as new league members. They will be joined by Auburn-Montgomery and Faulkner in forming the West. Lee, Southern Poly, Shorter, Emmanuel, Brewton-Parker, Southern Wesleyan and new member Truett-McConnell will represent the East side.

The top five teams from each division will square off against each other in the annual SSAC tournament in Rome, Georgia. The regular season's top finisher from the East and the best from the West will receive a first-round tourney bye. "It is going to be something," said Brown, speaking about tourney play. "Belhaven was in the national tournament last year. It is a huge factor. Patrick Shaughnessy is a huge factor. While Brown has All-American Jerel Blocker returning and an extremely athletic and stronger Larriques Cunningham back, along with deadly 3-point shooter Stephen McClellan, he'll be depending on a member of last year's All-SSAC freshman team, Brice Sharp, to handle the important point guard duties. After being ill most of last season, guard Matt Stilwell has stepped in to help in the early going and so has freshman Justin Maxwell. "I think we really surprised Shorter by the way we ran without Victoria," he noted. "Every girl knew what they had to do, and they responded, but it's been that way the entire year."

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Lee Men End Season of Close Calls

The 2010 Lee men's soccer season will go down as one that Coach Henry Moyo and his Flames will never forget. The final 7-11-1 record does not present the picture of an entire season that was filled with disappointment and a ton of injuries to key players.

Five of Lee's defeats came by one score; six of the matches went into overtime, and the Flames were eliminated from the Southern States Athletic Conference tournament by the University of Mobile by a 2-1 score. Lee senior Oneil Crawford was named the team's Musco Lightning Champion of Character award winner. Midfield Mohamed Aden and forward Nathan Brown earned spots on the SSAC All-East Division team. The Flames earned high marks on the academic side. Demarlo Jones, Robby Marcum, Sias Reyncke, and Gilbert Ruiz joined Aden and Brown on the All-SSAC Academic squad.

WOMEN Runners Claim Conference Championship; MEN Place Second

For only the second time in Lee women's cross country history, the Lady Flames have claimed a conference championship. It happened at the annual Southern States Athletic Conference meet in Gulfport, Mississippi. Even without their No. 2 runner (Victoria Yates), Lee still managed to defeat Shorter University and capture the title. Coach Don Jayroe was extremely proud of his entire squad. "I think we really surprised Shorter with the way we ran without Victoria," he noted. "Every girl knew what they had to do, and they responded, but it's been that way the entire year."

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2010 Athletic HALL OF FAME Inductees

Emily Cleveland
(Cross Country 2001–2004)
- NAIA Scholar Athlete during junior and senior seasons
- Conference (TranSouth or SSAC) Scholar three times
- Contributed to Lee’s first cross country team win in school history
- Ten career Top-10 finishes
- Two-time NAIA First Team All-Region
- Three-time All-Conference Runner
- Cross country assistant coach

Courtney Hindman
(Women’s Basketball 2000–2004)
- In 133 games scored 1,526 points (9th on all-time list), had 395 rebounds, 379 assists (4th on all-time list), and 197 steals
- Two-time All-TranSouth
- All-Region 7 (2003–2004)
- NAIA Honorable Mention All-American (2003–04)
- TranSouth All-Freshman Team (2000–2001)
- Named the TranSouth Player of the Week on three different occasions
- Two-time NAIA Scholar Athlete (graduated 3.89 GPA)
- Three-time TranSouth Scholar Athlete
- Currently working as a Special Agent with the U.S. State Department

Phil Cook (Meritorious Award)
- Intramurals referee and announcer as a student
- Resident director of Medlin Hall, Atkins-Ellis Hall and Carroll Courts
- Director of Student Events
- Director and Assistant Director of Admissions
- Assistant Vice President for Enrollment
- Currently Vice President for Enrollment
- Eleven consecutive years of increased enrollment as a leader in admissions
- Moderator for Dixon Center chapel for 12 years
- Emcee of Dorm Wars and Parade of Parade of Favorites
- Twenty consecutive years of announcing Lee athletic events, primarily basketball, but also soccer, volleyball and baseball

Ed “Dizzy” Ford
- Scored 1,078 points in Lee career, fourth member of this group to be inducted into Hall of Fame
- During four seasons, went over the 30-point mark five times.
- The 1966–1967 Vikings were 29-2 and won the SCAC crown. Ford averaged 18 points per game. The team scored over 100 points on 16 different occasions.
- After winning the SCAC title, 1967-1968 team became the first Lee team to win an NCCAA national championship. That club finished with a 30-4 record and scored 100-plus points 15 times.
- The 1968–1969 Vikings were 27-6 and won the SCAC conference crown for the fourth-straight season. Lee placed third in the NCCAA nationals.
- Ford coached high school basketball for 32 years, 25 of those years as a basketball head coach, where he recorded a 298-192 record.
- Directed West Laurens (Dublin) to the Georgia State Basketball Championship in 1980–1981 (23-7) record, and was named the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year for two consecutive years.
- In 1984–1985, coached Southwest DeKalb (Atlanta) to its first state tournament appearance in 50 years.
MEW Named Alumni Director

Mitzi Thornburg Mew ’02 has taken the reins of leading the alumni office at Lee. She replaces Anita Humbleston Ray ’81 who resigned earlier this year. Mitzi’s knowledge of the alumni office and its inner workings comes from experience as a former assistant to the alumni director and other positions held at Lee since she earned her degree in Communications.

Mitzi follows the tradition of past alumni directors including Ray, Kevin Brooks, Walt Mauldin, Jeff Kallay, Ron Gilbert, Veva Rose, Austin Echols, and Gerald Redman.

“I have a lot to live up to,” Mitzi said of the past alumni leaders. “I am very excited about our future in alumni relations. When you realize that half of all Lee alumni have graduated within the past 25 years you begin to understand the real potential of this office. I’m ready to get started.”

Mew began her duties on September 6 and is joined in the alumni office by Adam Lowe ’03, director of the Annual Alumni Fund, and Jammie Moss ’08, office manager. Alumni Relations falls under the auspices of the Office of University Relations led by Vice President Jerome Hammond.

1940s – 1960s

Sheldon Upthegrove (BTS) ’47 and his wife Pat have been married for 59 years and they have five children, 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. They have lived in West Palm Beach, Florida for 50 years. Sheldon is still in the ministry at 82 years old. Check out their Web site at www.csupthegrove.com.

Barbara Gaynell “Gail” Pyeatt ’49, a resident of Cleveland, Tennessee, died on October 30, 2010. A graduate of BTS High School in Sevierville, Tennessee, she received an A.A. degree from Lee College and a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Gail served as secretary to the president of Lee College for five years and was a legal secretary before beginning a career teaching school. She taught for 26 years in the business department of Cleveland High School before retiring in 1992. She also taught part time at Lee. Gail was a charter member of Westmore Church of God. She is survived by her husband, Dudley, and son Dudley III.

Garold ’50 and his wife Joyce Swilley Boatwright ’53 live in Zelwood, Florida where Garold is retired and on staff at the West Oaks Church of God. The couple recently celebrated 60 years of marriage and were joined by their three children; all Lee alumni. Left to right: Garold, Karyn Boatwright ’79, Joyce, Robert Boatwright ’77 and Dawn Boatwright Carlson ’75.

Drina “Dee” Simmons Beeman ’57 lives in Canal Fulton, Ohio with her husband of 52 years, Thomas. Dee would love to hear from her friends from Lee between 1955-1957. Her address is 2030 Redwing Dr., Canal Fulton, OH 44614. Her phone number is 330-854-6162.

Thomas McGraw ’59 is retired from owning a business and now enjoys singing baritone in an all male Southern Gospel quartet called “BornAgainQT.” The quartet’s Web site is BornAgainQT.com.

Elaine Ward ’62, 99M, has taught at the Davao Bible College in the southern region of the Philippines for the past 11 years. She took Torch to the church which was built in memory of her husband, a Church of God pastor for 32 years.
Lee H. Jacobs '69 is retired and lives in Zellwood, FL.

1970s

Connie Smith Gordon '70 is a former minister of music and has been teaching for 20 years at a Christian school and serving as guidance counselor. She is married to Bill Gordon and they have two grown children, three stepchildren, ten grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. Connie says, “Of all the successes that I have been blessed with in my life, seeing my children serving the Lord is the best reward.”

Willa Lynn Smith ‘72, Elaine Kirkpatrick ‘76, and Bedford Smith ‘68 take Torch to Machu Picchu, Peru in June 2010.

Karl ‘76 and Karetha Stanley Stearns ‘76 live in Ohio where Karl works as an electronic technician and Karetha is a candidate for her master’s degree in Christian school administration. They recently took Torch to the Ohio Historical Society Museum where they are standing in front of a vehicle similar to what Karl drove while serving in the army in Germany during the Vietnam era.

Jerry Frick ’79 is living in Houston, Texas, with his wife, Valentina. He has taught in several foreign countries over the years including Bolivia, Venezuela, Kuwait, and Russia. Currently, he is an AP biology instructor and compiling research for a Ph.D.

1980s

Anita Owens Rich ’80 (left) and her daughter, Anna Rich '11 recently traveled on a medical missions trip with Samaritan’s Purse/The Children’s Heart Project to Kurdistan, Iraq. Baby Mohammed was a patient and had successful surgery to correct a congenital heart defect. Anita says, “Maybe he’ll be a student a Lee one day!” He was holding on tight to my favorite Torch magazine with Dr. O’Bannon.”

1990s

Jeffrey Russell ’92, of Villa Rica, Georgia, is finishing a degree in education at West Georgia College. Jeffrey says, “I am daily growing stronger and wiser in the Lord and truly treasure my time at Lee.”

Denise Lott Medawar ’84 lives in Germantown, Tennessee, with her husband, Jason. She is stepmom to a son, who is serving the Marines in Afghanistan. Denise just completed her twenty-fifth year of employment with W.M. Barr Co., of Memphis, as director of sales, forecasting and planning.

Bill Eubanks ‘85 displays Torch at an orphanage in Haiti where he and a group of seven others from North Carolina made the trip for the purpose of working on an orphanage. Now retired from teaching elementary school, Bill and his wife of 43 years enjoy leisure days at the beaches of North Carolina.

John Gordy ’83 is living in Louisville, Kentucky where he is a Ph.D. candidate at Southern Seminary. He is a retired U.S. Navy chaplain.

Jessica Beran Juarez ’94 is living in Hurst, Texas with her husband, Marco. Jessica is a stay-at-home, homeschooling mom. The Juarez’s have three biological sons and recently adopted four girls from foster care. Jessica is a court-appointed special advocate in the family court and involved in several adoption organizations and awareness campaigns in the area, including National Adoption Day. Jessica and Marco recently launched an orphan ministry at their church, Wellspring Church, which supports the needs and emotional healing of foster/adopted children and their families.
Christina Morris ‘01 is currently in graduate school earning a Master’s degree in Education at the University of Georgia. She recently returned from a study abroad in Costa Rica where she studied language and culture and participated in hosting an English camp. Christina resides in Watkinsville, Georgia and teaches elementary Spanish at Prince Avenue Christian School.

Ashley Gower Everett ‘03 married Robert Earl Everett on November 15, 2008. The Everetts live in Kinston, North Carolina, and welcomed their new son, Isaac Earl Everett, on November 15, 2008. Ashley is now a stay-at-home mom and wife.

Vanessa Doorasamy ‘00 took Torch on the USNS Mercy where she spent six months doing medical missions in conjunction with the U.S. Navy and Project Hope in Southeast Asia (Singapore, Indonesia and Australia) this past summer.

Marques ‘04 and Hallie Swaett Dyer ‘04,08M were married on October 28, 2006 and currently live in Harrison, Tennessee. Marques is a fuel purchaser with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Hallie is a stay-at-home mom to their son. Hallie received her master’s in elementary education from Lee in 2008.

Courtney Hindman Glass ’04 and her husband live in Miami, Florida where Courtney works as a special agent for the Diplomatic Security Service in the U.S. Department of State. They are preparing for their first overseas assignment with the U.S. Department of State next year.

Anna Gregson Panagi ‘04 has completed the M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction and is in her fourth year teaching ninth grade English in Apex, North Carolina. Her husband, Andrew, is a deployed soldier in the U.S. Army.

April Auger ‘05 is director of programs at the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Bethany Boatsman Murphy ‘05 is married to John Murphy. They have a new son born earlier this year, Tristan Michael. Bethany works in human resources for the Nisqually Indian Tribe in Olympia, Washington.

Brad McLaughlin ‘06 is working at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in Web development for the Division of Student Affairs. Brad is engaged with plans to be married next June. Brad says, “Long live Hughes Hall.”

Miles Huff ‘07 is employed as the treatment coordinator for Camcolt Care Centers, Inc., and is a guest lecturer for the Lee University Center for Calling & Career. Miles lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Hannah Hyder ’08 shared Torch with Puerto Rican youth pastors at Teen Talent tryouts this past summer.

Alex Sturgill ‘08 lives in Cleveland, Tennessee where he is employed by the Church of God International Offices in communications.

Rob Etsminger ‘09 lives in Atlanta, Georgia where he recently joined the public relations team at Jackson Spalding, one of the largest independent marketing communications firms in the Southeast, with offices in Atlanta and Athens, Georgia, and Dallas. He provides support for the Chick-fil-A, Mueller Water, North Fulton CID and Georgia Meth campaign accounts.

Christopher ‘10 and Shannon ‘08, 03M Lumley recently moved to Ames, Iowa to begin a new ministry. Chris is working for Cyride, the Iowa State University transit system. Shannon is a seventh-grade science teacher at Boone Middle School. Christopher says, “We plan to allow God to use us in Ames and Boone, Iowa, to reach new people for Christ.”

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