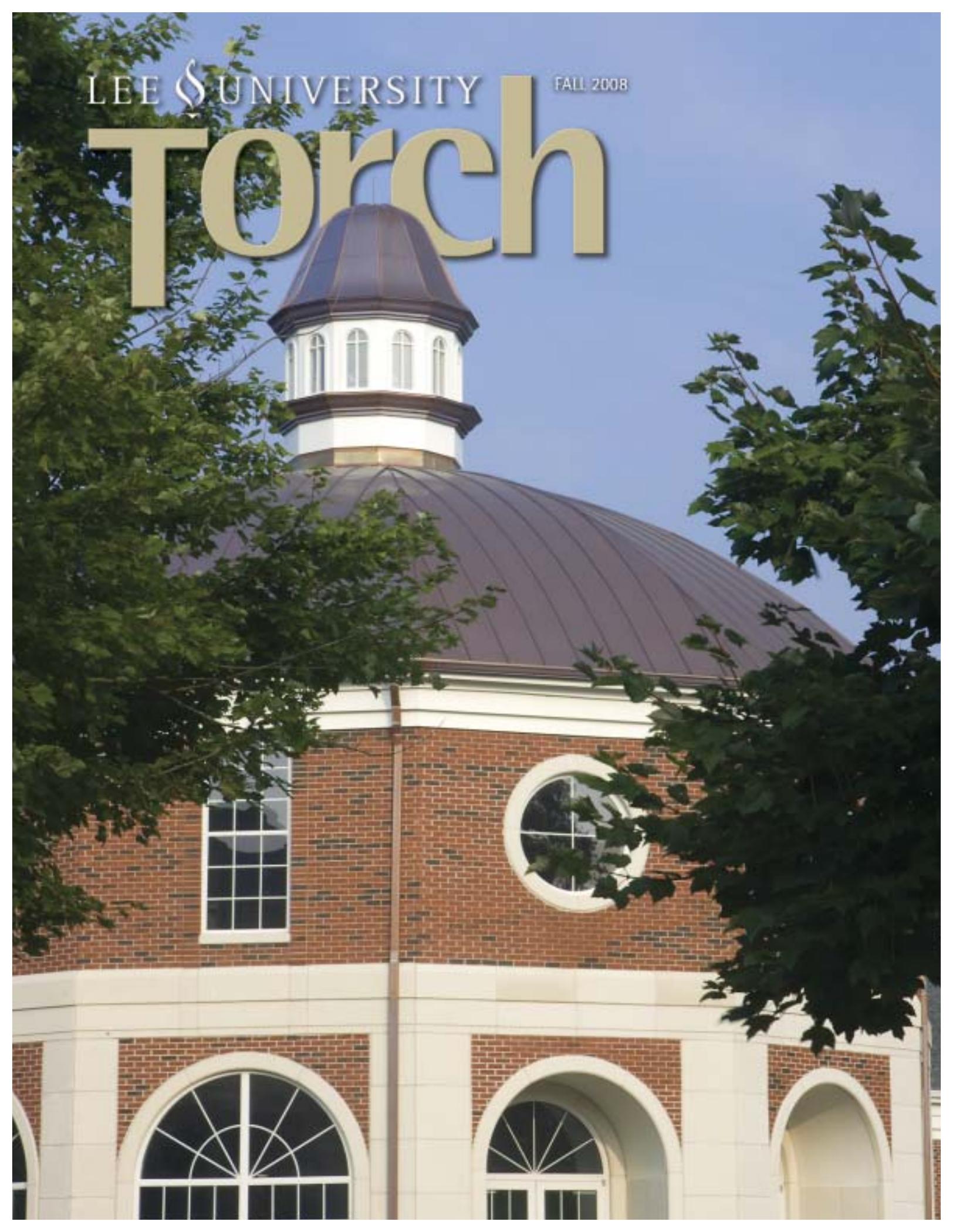


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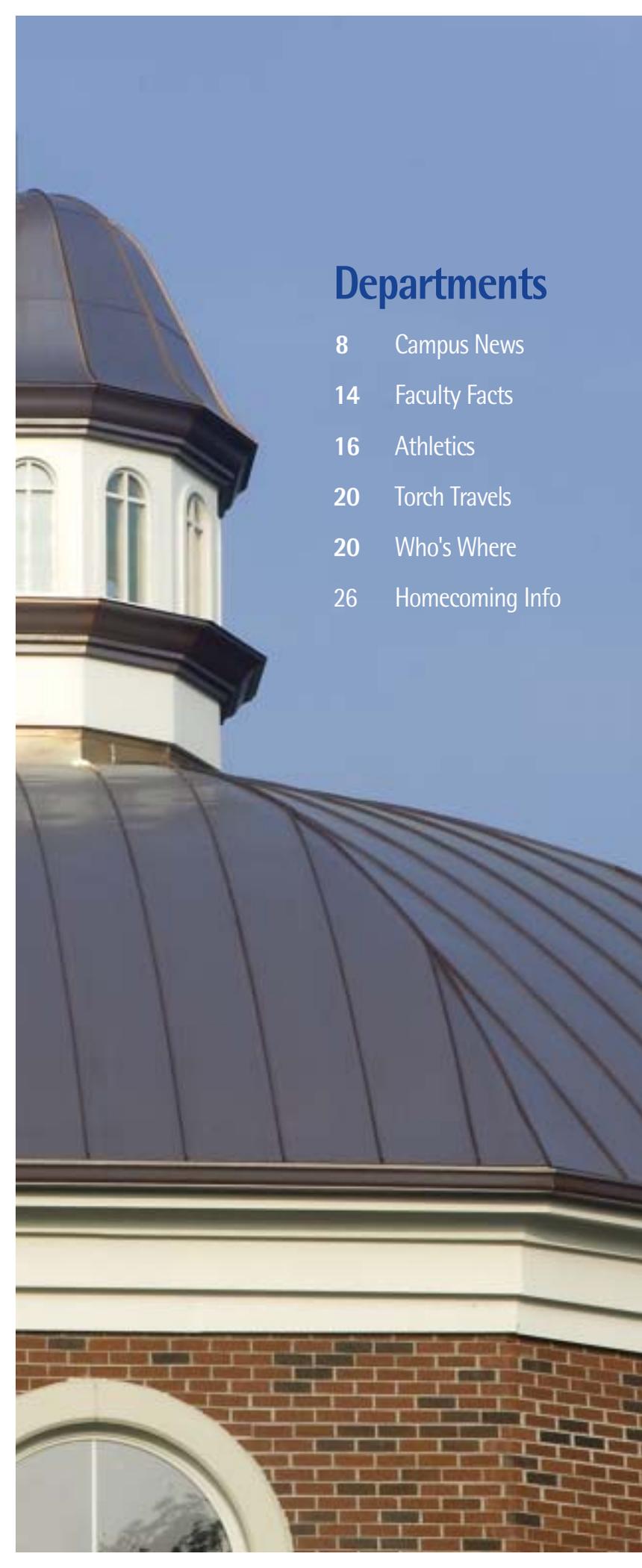
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## Kicking Dirt

I've been kicking dirt a lot this summer.

"Kicking dirt" is an expression we use to mean, basically, visiting a construction site. At Lee University, we have built lots of new buildings in recent years, so I have spent much of my time as president kicking dirt. It's one of the most interesting parts of my job.

This summer, we are in two major construction projects on campus. We are building a new academic building for the School of Religion, on one end of our campus, and one for the Department of Natural Sciences and Math, a few blocks away. The two buildings will include more than 100,000 square feet of academic space, so there is lots of dirt to be kicked.

These two new buildings are something of a symbol of our whole university. One new building is a place where ministers will be trained and the Bible will be taught. It will be "home" for our students who are preparing for pastoral studies, theology, missions, and other ministries. The other new building will be "home" for our science majors, who will go on to careers in medicine, research science, and various health care professions.

Scripture and science. At Lee, these things go together. Preachers and pre-med. Future youth pastors and future microbiologists. The laboratory and the mission field. Here at Lee, we believe God calls young people to both, and it is our job to get students prepared for whichever challenging future awaits them.

Lee is not a Bible college, nor is it a research university. I personally respect both types of institutions. My own education came from both types. My undergraduate college experience—way back in the 1960's—was at a Bible college. I was a theology major, and I had many intellectually challenging teachers and courses and generally got a very good four-year college education. I believe Bible colleges still have an important role to play in higher education, and I hope those that remain thrive and attract the right students to their campuses.

But after I graduated, I felt that the Lord was drawing me toward studying psychology, so I went on to Emory University to earn M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the graduate school of arts and sciences there. It was secular to the core, and although it offered a striking contrast, in almost every way, to my Bible college experience, it definitely prepared me for my destiny and calling in the Kingdom of God. So I have a personal appreciation for both Bible colleges and secular research universities.

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# School of Religion Building Dedication Set for Homecoming

**T**HE FINISHING TOUCHES are being added to a \$5-million School of Religion building at Lee University. Carpet has been laid and fixtures are being installed awaiting the arrival of furniture for the classrooms, faculty offices and lecture hall. The facility is scheduled to open for classes in October with a dedication the following month during Homecoming weekend, November 7-8.

As construction on the School of Religion is finishing, a new science and math building has just begun. The two projects are part of the university's current capital campaign, "Press Toward the Mark," a five-year, \$25-million thrust to add these and other buildings

and improve the campus infrastructure. Other improvements taking place this summer include a second wave of underground fiber optic cable, and updating computer software and programs. Also this summer, a third section of Brinsfield Row student apartments have been completed.

The School of Religion building, which faces the intersection of Parker and 8th St., will include classroom space for 620 students and offices for 32 faculty members, according to Lee officials. As of September 1, the exterior had been completed, a large new parking lot was nearing completion and landscaping was underway. In addition, utility and phone crews were scrambling

to place all utilities underground. With every major building project, Lee has worked with local crews to make this happen and the result is a campus free of unsightly telephone wires and poles. On the inside, detailed workmanship is taking place as the building's interior will feature lots of woodwork, particularly in the second floor library and reading room.

The two-story structure continues the red-brick, neo-Georgian design that has been the architectural theme of new construction on the Lee campus in recent years.

"This new building will provide a home for our School of Religion," said President Conn, "and we expect it to be



A view of the north side of the building shows the main entrance to the left and the lecture hall to the right.



Heavy equipment prepares the surface for a new parking lot behind the School of Religion.

one of the busiest and more important buildings on our campus.” According to Conn, in addition to classroom and office space, the new structure will include the large reading/library room and a student computer center. The most prominent of the nine classrooms



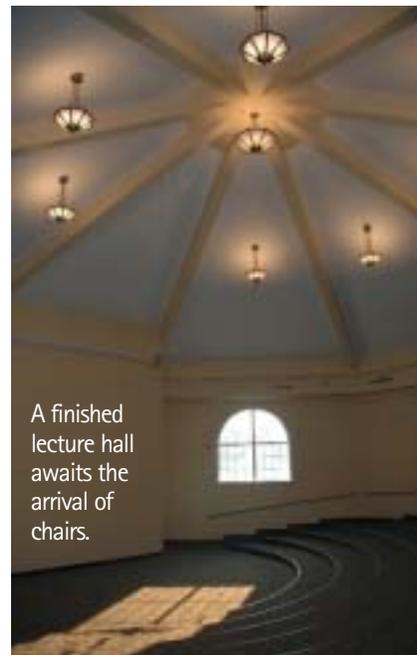
Workers paint the entrance lobby



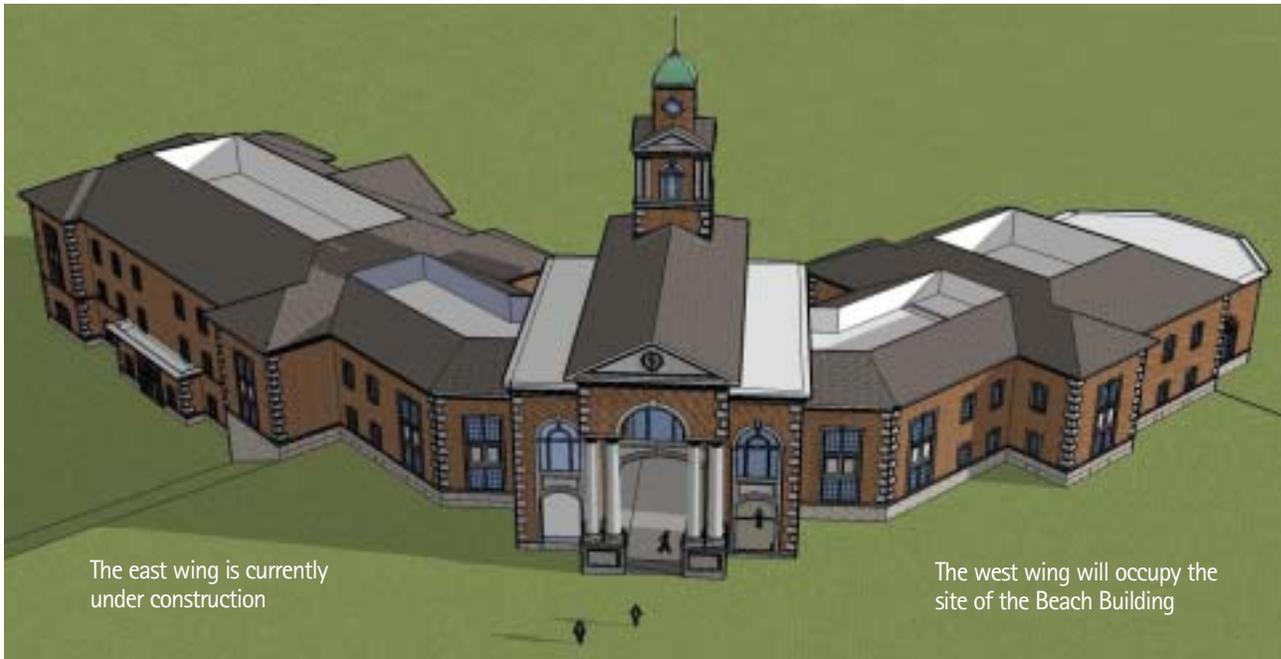
will be a 200-seat lecture hall. The lecture hall, along with all other teaching spaces, will be “technology enhanced classrooms,” sharing a quarter-million-dollar technology proposal for the building which has been developed by the university staff.

The front of the building features a 12-sided entrance hall. It will double as a student/faculty lounge and library and is capped by a circular dome and cupola similar to earlier campus structures.

The November dedication will involve anyone who has been a part of the religion emphasis at Lee, particularly anyone who has majored in religious studies, from Bible Training School to the students of today. Make plans to join us for Homecoming on November 7 and 8. 🍷



A finished lecture hall awaits the arrival of chairs.



The east wing is currently under construction

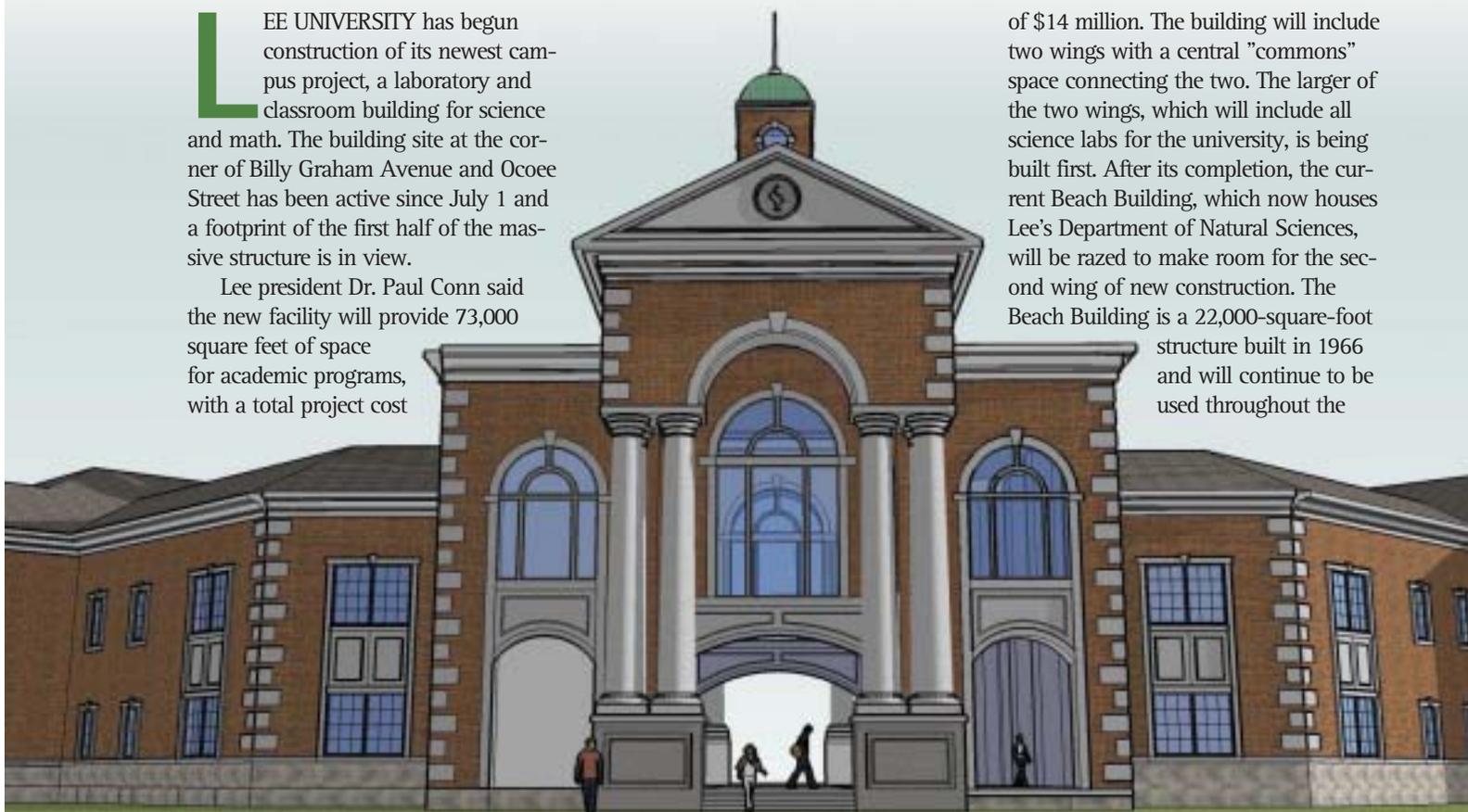
The west wing will occupy the site of the Beach Building

## New Science and Math Building Is Largest Project Ever

**L**EE UNIVERSITY has begun construction of its newest campus project, a laboratory and classroom building for science and math. The building site at the corner of Billy Graham Avenue and Ocoee Street has been active since July 1 and a footprint of the first half of the massive structure is in view.

Lee president Dr. Paul Conn said the new facility will provide 73,000 square feet of space for academic programs, with a total project cost

of \$14 million. The building will include two wings with a central "commons" space connecting the two. The larger of the two wings, which will include all science labs for the university, is being built first. After its completion, the current Beach Building, which now houses Lee's Department of Natural Sciences, will be razed to make room for the second wing of new construction. The Beach Building is a 22,000-square-foot structure built in 1966 and will continue to be used throughout the



2008-09 school year, albeit with some access limited due to the close proximity of the construction.

The schedule calls for the first wing, which runs east to west, to be occupied in time for the fall 2009 semester. The first of the three levels of the east wing is clearly underway and will contain classrooms, faculty offices and storage. The main level will contain more classrooms and laboratories, followed by classrooms and offices on the third level. The slope of the site allows for three floors on the east side with two levels in the north-south wing.

"We are thrilled to be finally beginning this wonderful project," Conn said. "It will triple our academic space for science and math, and give us all-new facilities for this important academic area. It will also provide a beautiful new structure on the northwest boundary of our campus and will upgrade and beautify our Ocoee Street frontage."

Thirteen classrooms of various sizes, 10 laboratories, and two computer labs will create total seat space for 640 students, plus a 150-seat lecture hall. The central commons area will feature a massive student lounge of 5,000 square feet, plus reading rooms. The building will provide 30 faculty offices. The labs will serve 200 students in chemistry, organic chemistry, molecular cell biology, microbiology, dissection, general biology, and physical science.

The new science/math building is the "capstone project" of the university's "Press Toward the Mark" capital funds campaign, Conn said. The campaign began in 2005 with a goal of raising \$25 million for various campus needs. Conn said the fund-raising for the science building itself was launched in late 2006 at the university's Celebration 2006 festivities. "We are having a wonderful response to this effort to upgrade our science and math programs," Conn said. "Cleveland and Bradley County leaders in business and industry are supporting it very generously, as well as many out-of-town donors." 🌱

## Construction Is Underway...



Blocks outline hallways and rooms of the first level as workmen start on the first exterior walls of the building. Hughes Hall is visible behind.



Due to construction, the outside entrance to Brown Auditorium has now been permanently blocked.



A northern view of the construction. Crews work at the site of the former health services building.



## 50 Years Later: Purpose of 'Alumnus' and 'Torch' Remain the Same

Dr. Donald S. Aultman '54, former Lee vice president and current chancellor for the Church of God Division of Education, remembers the day he attended a meeting in the old auditorium on Lee's campus back in 1958.

"To my surprise, I walked out as president of the Lee College Alumni Association," he recalled. "The vision of the Alumni Board led to the development and implementation of five important initiatives. Among them was

an amendment to the constitution authorizing state alumni chapters; the establishment of the Avis Swiger Student Loan Fund; a movie to promote Lee College called *Decision for Destiny*; establishment of an Alumnus of the Year award and an alumni communication called the *Lee Alumnus*." The Alumni Board of that day saw all the initiatives of their agenda come to pass, the first being the inaugural issue of

Lee Alumnus, forerunner of *Torch* in May 1958.

Although through the years the publication was sporadic, this year marks the 50th anniversary since the idea was conceived and launched. It has taken several forms and sizes and was revived several times, but it was in the fall of 1984 that a firm commitment to keep the *Alumnus* a quarterly 16-page magazine was made.

"That initial four-page edition of the *Alumnus* bore no editorial resemblance to the *Torch* we see today," Aultman stated, "but it was a beginning." A front-page article introducing the purpose of *Alumnus* in that first issue stated, "...the *Lee Alumnus* is scheduled to be published quarterly...it will contain, in addition to news of the major activities at Lee College, all the information that can be obtained and edited concerning former BTS and Lee College students." The first issue proclaimed May 22, 1958, as "the day set aside for the greatest reunion of Lee College alumni since the Church of God school was founded in 1918, forty years ago." The planned Alumni Day carried the theme, *Forty Years Forward*. Other news in the inaugural issue announced the formation of a "Record Club," a report on a successful trip by the Touring Choir and updates from various state alumni chapters. And like today, an entire section was devoted to "Where Are They?" announcing weddings, births and progress in the lives of Lee alumni.

"Those of us who had the privilege to serve the Alumni Association so long ago, are honored that the *Lee Alumnus* is, in a sense, a parent to *Torch*," Aultman concluded. "*Torch* is by far the best of the three college publications I receive—an excellent magazine which I always read with great interest." ❖



# Montreat President Addresses Summer Graduates

Lee University welcomed Dr. Dan Struble, president of Montreat College in North Carolina, to address the graduates at the July 26, 2008, commencement ceremony.

A total of 191 students received diplomas at one of the three annual graduation ceremonies conducted at Lee. Of the figure there were 114 undergraduate and 77 masters degrees awarded.

Struble came to Montreat College from his position as vice president for Principal Gifts at the United States Naval Academy Foundation in Annapolis, MD. Dr. Struble established and designed the organizational structure and process for what became the US Naval Academy Foundation, including co-designing the \$175-

million campaign for the foundation. He has taught at the University of

Southern California, Los Angeles and at Occidental College. 📍



Lee graduate Ashley Hall and her fiancée, Daniel, pose for pictures as fellow graduates stream out of Lee University's Conn Center, where summer graduation exercises have just concluded. INSET: Commencement speaker Dr. Dan Struble

## Lee Ranked Again in Top Tier

By WHITNEY HEMPHILL

For the sixth consecutive year, Lee University has earned a top-tier ranking on *U.S. News and World Report's* 2009 edition of America's Best Colleges. Additionally, the school has been ranked 12th in the region among its institutional type on a new Great Schools, Great Prices list compiled by the publication. The magazine was made available to the public on Tuesday, August 26, 2008.

*U.S. News* ranks schools in one of four "tiers" by region and institutional type. Lee was ranked among America's best master's universities in the south along with schools like MTSU, Tennessee Tech, Lipscomb, Belmont, Appalachian State, the Citadel. The category ranked 572 schools in four regions which provide a full-range of undergraduate and master's programs.

The Great Schools, Great Prices list relates the institutions' academic quality

as indicated by its 2009 *U.S. News* ranking to the 2007-2008 academic year net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid. Only schools ranked in or near the top half of their categories are included. Schools on this list include Loyola University, Brenau University and Queens University of Charlotte. 📍



Lee freshmen Desyree Williams and Hank Thacker pose with "Best Colleges" issue

## Twenty-One Years of Record Enrollments

Along with another enrollment record, Lee University welcomed the largest freshman class in its history to campus this fall.

Officially, 848 freshmen registered in this fourth consecutive year the freshman class has grown, according to Gary Ray, vice president for administration. Ray also announced an official total enrollment of 4,147 students, up from the previous record from last year of 4,086.

The 4,147 figure does not include hundreds of additional students who take online and correspondence courses at various external locations through Lee's Center for Adult and Professional Studies.

Final enrollment statistics reveal that Lee's student body is 57% female and 43% male with students from all 50 states and 49 countries.



# Student Leadership Council Turns 10

By MELISSA FRANKLIN

Ten years ago the face of student leadership at Lee University underwent a major change. In 1998, members of the Student Government Association (SGA) along with the students on the Campus Activities Board and on 'The House' Steering Committee, voted to merge all three organizations into a new organization called the Student Leadership Council (SLC).

The organization is founded on the principles of servant leadership and student involvement. In the process of

cane Katrina hit the Gulf Region in 2005, a group of 15 SLC members were the first students to take a school-sponsored relief trip to the area. They also served as student leaders alongside faculty and staff members on the 20 additional relief trips that followed, using their experiences to enrich student learning on the trips.

The SLC provides local service opportunities on a regular basis as well. During the 2007-08 school year, 1,007 served with 65 local organizations as part of four Service Saturdays. In addition, 208 students took overnight ser-

vice trips to five cities as part of the Urban Outreach program. These trips have been eye-opening experiences for students to confront poverty and homelessness in Atlanta, Nashville, Knoxville, Birmingham, and Chattanooga.

Sloane Tait, current member of the SLC, reflects on her service experience in the organization, "The experience has developed my ability to be a servant and also learn from it in a reflective and thoughtful manner. I hope what I have learned from the SLC will help me be more reflective in life and faith and help me understand why I do the things I do."

The organization also offers opportunities for student from across campus to develop their leadership skills. At the beginning of every academic year, SLC holds a two-day Student Leadership Development Conference, where President Conn and guest speakers address common issues in leadership. There were 117 current students from various campus leadership roles at the 2008 conference. This past spring the SLC instituted a one-day leadership development experience called Focus to help kick off the spring semester.

The organization also assists in the start-up of new clubs and sponsors of co-sponsors approximately 65 campus-wide events each year, especially on Friday nights. The aim of these endeavors is for students to become more engaged in the life of the campus. Members also work with high-profile events, such as Homecoming, Lee Day, Great Strides, and New Student Orientation. The members of the SLC consider it an honor to serve the campus in the many ways that they do and have gained valuable experiences that continue to impact them as they continue on their life journeys.



The SLC has been a vital part of staging and promoting the 65 Roses Run at Lee.

living out the organization's mandate "to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8) and striving to fulfill its mission based on holistically developing students, the members of the SLC have retooled the organization to grow with the campus since its inception.

Today the organization is composed of six separate student-led committees (Community Support, Public Relations, Social Service, Special Events, Student Development, and Student Involvement) that work with other offices and organizations on campus to facilitate service learning, leadership development, and student involvement, while enriching the students' Lee experiences.

The SLC has been instrumental in planning, sponsoring, and leading campus service projects. When Hurri-

# Alumni Reception Attracts Hundreds

One of the more popular gatherings for Lee alumni is the Thursday night reception of at the biennial Church of God General Assembly. This year the event was held on August 7 at the beautiful new Grand Hyatt in downtown San Antonio, Texas. Lots of food and fellowship was had by all!



## Additions Complete Brinsfield Row

A third 8-unit section of Brinsfield Row opened for students this semester along with a renovated house that takes the housing complex three blocks on Magnolia Ave.

The initial building of Brinsfield Row, Lee's first venture into on-campus, fully furnished student townhouse apartments, was a 16-unit (64-bed) structure completed in 2003. In subsequent years, an 8-unit (32 beds) was

built, followed by a matching 8-unit this fall. Each townhouse is home to four students and includes a full



kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and two baths.

In addition to the newest building, a former single family home was acquired by Lee and renovated to accommodate eight additional students. The three Brinsfield Row buildings combined with the house bring the total number of students who have the Magnolia Ave. address to 136; approximately the same numbers housed in other dormitories such as Atkins Ellis Hall and Nora Chambers. ♣



## DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

# English and Modern Foreign Languages: New Directions in the Commitment to Excellence

By DR. JEAN ELEDGE, Chair

Who doesn't remember writing a research paper for a freshman English class or trying to conjugate a verb of an unknown language as part of an encounter with a required foreign language? While these memories may linger fondly, prompting warm feelings of connection with the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages (for many years known as Language Arts), they are quite deceptive in communicating what is happening in the department today—how things have changed and continue to change as we are building on the past, but finding new directions to better serve our students...with excellence.

New directions in excellence in an academic department can only be uncovered and attained by quali-

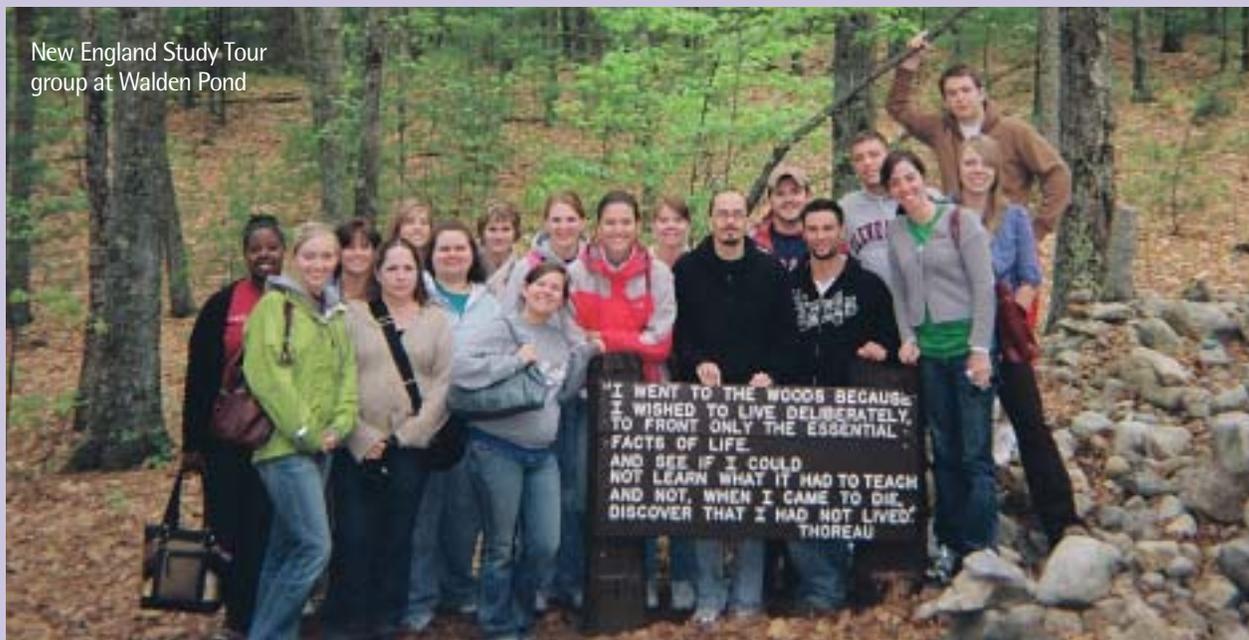
fied faculty of energy, initiative, creativity and commitment—commitment to students, to the mission of Lee University, to teaching and to their discipline specialties. That we have in this department of 24 ranked English and foreign language faculty representing diverse educational and cultural backgrounds. While focusing primarily on their teaching and students, they maintain an impressive list of scholarly research and publications, including books, articles and poetry. It is their vision for excellence in this department, however, that has led us in some “new directions”—updated, re-envisioned curricular enhancements and innovative opportunities for our students both in and out of the classroom.

The English section of the department enthusiastically launched this past year completely redesigned, updated English literature and English Education majors that offer new courses

such as *Contemporary Literature and Composition Theory*. Generating particularly strong interest among students was the implementation of the Writing major that offers courses such as *Autobiography and Spiritual Quest* and *Advanced Playwriting*. The Writers Series, organized and overseen by English faculty, has brought to campus in its first three years authors of note such as Lauren Winner and Silas House. Two off-campus summer study programs organized and led by English faculty offer our students the opportunity to study New England writers and their literature “on site” at venues such as Walden Pond and Emily Dickinson’s house or, in alternate years, to read Southern and African/American literature while touring the landmarks of writers and movements of the South.

The foreign language section of the department has also initiated “new directions” to enhance its programs and

New England Study Tour group at Walden Pond



opportunities for students. With the growing need for students to be introduced to or trained in the critical languages, and through funding assistance of the Asian Studies grant, we added this past year Chinese as a core language option for students. Our *Language and Culture* course options now include Japanese, Arabic, Russian and Chinese for Business, and we are again offering a German minor. The language café, a concept begun three years ago to replace the traditional language laboratory for foreign language classes, is thriving in a quaint, new location adjoining the student life offices. Our foreign language summer study trip options have increased in the last two years, offering students immersion experience possibilities in Chile, China, Germany or France.

Our TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) program is growing, as Lee students majoring in a variety of disciplines elect to add it to their academic preparation as they consider missions work or teaching English as Second Language (ESL) as part of their future plans. Many of our TESOL students serve as tutors in our department-sponsored ESL Community Program that offers no-cost classes twice a week to non-English and limited-English speakers from the local area. Helping to meet an urgent need in the community while providing service and practice opportunities for our TESOL students is proving to be an enriching “direction” for our department.

A report of new and updated programs and initiatives, such as the ones described, can at best only provide information. The indicator of the success of these or any “directions” in our

commitment to excellence, however, is ultimately reflected in students. One only needs to follow the Lee University home page on the web to read consistently of the accomplishments of our

much needed storage and workspace for our faculty. We cannot be more excited about this “bricks and mortar” new direction for our department and what it will mean in our



ESL class

students. They are earning recognition both on campus and off, while at Lee and post-graduation, for their academic performances, for their involvements in service and for their contributions to church and community.

A “new direction” of enormous impact for the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages faculty and students is imminent. With the projected completion of the new School of Religion building in fall 2008, the Vest Building will no longer be the home to both our department and the School of Religion. The spaces vacated by the move of our religion colleagues will allow our entire department faculty to have offices in the Vest Building. Over the next year, the building will be reconfigured for English and foreign language needs, creating additional classrooms, inviting space for interaction and study, and

ongoing commitment to excellence in serving our students.

*Excellence* in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages means more than innovative programs or initiatives—“new directions”—that often get media attention. Far more than just academic, *excellence* encompasses the moral and spiritual development of our students. It means integrating faith with learning in the classroom. *Excellence* means each minute of the extra time spent out of class with students, when those conversations, the exchanges of thoughts and ideas, the encouragement that ultimately may make the difference in an individual life often take place. All of this is *excellence* to this department. It is our permanent “direction,” and it is a fulfillment of our personal callings to be part of it. ☺



# Six Join Lee Faculty for the Fall



Ashe



Boyer



Judkins



Miller



Quagliana



Stone

### DAVID ASHE

Visiting Lecturer in Mathematics  
Ph.D. – Auburn University  
M.S. – University of Northern Colorado  
B.S. – Clemson University

After completing his undergraduate degree, Dr. Ashe joined the U.S. Air Force achieving the rank of captain. After four years as an instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy, he returned to school to further his education. Since completing his doctorate, Dr. Ashe has been on faculty at Auburn University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is a member of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America.

### JO BETH BOYER

Lecturer in Health Science  
M.S. – Texas Tech Health Sciences Center  
B.S. – Hardin-Simmons University

Ms. Boyer has served in an adjunct role at Lee for the past seven years teaching courses in health science and pre-professional concentrations. For the past three years, she has helped lead the Summer of Studies in Medical Missions trip to Guatemala. Her teaching experience includes assignments at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Kennesaw State University.

### BENNETT JUDKINS

Visiting Lecturer in Sociology  
Ph.D., M.A., B.S. – University of Tennessee

Dr. Judkins has held a variety of positions in higher education including administrative appointments as well as classroom teaching. He most recently has served on the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Judkins is currently involved in a research project that is an evaluation of Outward Bound in South Africa. The program is a faith-based initiative focusing on high-risk youth in the poorest areas of South Africa. Dr. Judkins is a member of the American Sociological Association and is a reviewer for *Sociological Inquiry*.

### TIMOTHY MILLER

Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Ph.D. – University of Oklahoma  
M.A. – Trinity International University  
B.A. – Cedarville University

After completion of the Ph.D., Dr. Miller has been Visiting assistant professor of Philosophy at Oklahoma Baptist University. His areas of specialization are metaphysics, philosophy of religion and early modern philosophy. Dr. Miller is a member of the American Philosophical Association and the Society of Christian Philosophers.

### HEATHER LEWIS QUAGLIANA

Assistant Professor of Psychology  
Ph.D., M.A. – Fuller Theological Seminary  
B.A. – Lee University

Dr. Quagliana completed her Ph.D. this summer in clinical psychology. She has taught at Community Christian College and Azusa Pacific University. Dr. Quagliana's clinical work has been focused on children and families.

### MARY RUTH STONE

Associate Professor of Education and Director of Faculty Development  
Ed.D. – University of Alabama  
M.A. – Church of God Theological Seminary  
M.S. – Radford University  
B.A. – University of Arkansas

Dr. Stone is joining the faculty of Lee after serving for the past four years as the International Coordinator of Women's Ministries for the Church of God. She has served in a variety of administrative roles and has classroom teaching experience ranging from first grade to college-level classes. Dr. Stone also worked at Lee College on two occasions during which time she was the director of Teacher Education, director of Academic Advising, Associate Academic Dean and a member of the faculty.

## Former Education Professor Vernon Harmeson Passes Away

A former Lee educator known best by his education students, Dr. **Vernon Harmeson**, died on July 20, 2008, at a health care facility in Cleveland, Tenn. He and his wife, Bonnie, were avid supporters of Lee University and were always involved in the alumni association until his health declined. They were known for their yearly “open house” at Lee University homecoming.

Dr. Harmeson was born in Minot, North Dakota. He graduated from high school at Bible Training School (Lee University) when it was at the Sevierville, Tenn., campus. He furthered his education, receiving a bachelor of science from Northwestern University and his master’s degree from the University of North

Dakota at Grand Forks. He was chosen by the State Department of Education to receive a stipend to attain the Doctorate of Education. Upon



receiving his doctorate degree, he was contacted by Lee University to set up an elementary education department. He joined the Lee

faculty and was instrumental in setting up a media center, which was a precursor to the communication department at Lee.

As was his passion, the family requests that memorials be made to the Lee University Alumni Fund Legacy, Class of 1948. 🍷

## Dirksen Named Chair of CCCU Commission

The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) has appointed Lee University Vice President of Academic Affairs **Dr. Carolyn Dirksen** as chair for its Chief Academic Officers Commission. Dirksen has previously served as vice chair.

The commission is made up of eight chief academic officers from the 101 schools in the CCCU. As the chair, Dirksen will help plan the upcoming conference and the Forum which takes place every four years involving teams from all the CCCU schools.

“I believe in the work of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, so I am very pleased to be involved in their work at this level. They are a strong support for Christ-centered higher education and have been an important reference group for Lee,” said Dirksen. 🍷



## Two New Department Chairs

Lee University professors **Dr. Randy Wood** and **Dr. Ollie Lee** have been appointed chairs of the Department of History and Political Science and the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department respectively.

Wood took his place as department chair after Dr. Murl Dirksen stepped down after 14 years of service. “Dr. Wood has coordinated our humanities program for several years and just completed a sabbatical in which he did research for a book on the family,” said Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president of Academic Affairs. “He is an excellent teacher, scholar and administrator, and we believe he is a perfect fit for this position.”

Dr. Ollie Lee will replace Dr. Robert Graham as chair of the Department of



Behavioral and Social Sciences after Graham accepted a new post at Waynesburg University in Pennsylvania. “Dr. Lee is a veteran

administrator at Lee having served as department chair, associate dean, and vice president for Academic Affairs,” said Dirksen. “We are very fortunate to have someone with Dr. Lee’s experience serving in this position. 🍷

## DeHart Receives NEH Grant

Lee University assistant professor of Political Science **Dr. Paul DeHart** received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to pursue his research on “covenantal realism,” the subject of his next book.

DeHart’s research deals with the concept that governmental authority is legitimate only if it has the people’s consent. He explores the moral obligation inherently present

within authority and concludes that the people’s consent is not enough to



legitimize power, but the government must also exhibit qualities like goodness and justice.

DeHart joined the Lee faculty in 2005 and teaches courses in political philosophy and constitutional law. 🍷



# Gomez Brings Olympic Experience to Lee

Johana Gomez arrived on the Lee University campus on Aug. 30 and Coach Emily Russell can't wait to see the right-handed hurler in game action.

Russell, like millions of others around the world, watched as the Venezuelan toed the rubber for her native country in softball Olympic competition against the United States, Taiwan, Japan and Australia teams.

All totaled, Gomez, who transferred to Lee from Iowa Southeastern Community College, pitched in 13.1 innings during the Beijing, China, action. She was used as the starting pitcher against the multi-talented American squad, and like most other teams, did not fare well. In four Olympic outings, Gomez allowed 12 earned runs and finished with a 6.30 ERA. She gave up 19 hits, struck out five and walked five.

It was the first appearance in

Olympic competition for the Venezuelan team. Gomez was one of three hurlers used by Venezuela and she enjoyed the lead against Japan (gold medal winner) when she was lifted for another pitcher. Venezuela did go on to whip Canada, a club which reached the medal round in the rugged competition.

Gomez joins Venezuelan shortstop Hernandez Ruiz on Russell's squad for the upcoming season. Ruiz was a key member of the Lee's 2008 team and was named all-conference and all-region. "I think the Olympic games were very important experience for Johana," said the Lee coach. "She has challenged the best in the world and now she will get to play the final two years of her college career for Lee. We believe that experience will give her a mental edge as we are going through the season." ❖



Johana Gomez

# Women's Golf Introduced

John Maupin will serve as the new Lee University men's golf head coach and has also been named to direct Lee's first women's golf program.

The announcement was made official by Lee VP of Administration Gary Ray and AD Larry Carpenter. Will Campbell has been selected to serve as an assistant for both the men and women's programs. Maupin and Campbell replace the retiring Jack Souther.

"This is really an exciting day for the Lee University athletic program," said Ray. "We are thrilled to welcome John and Will to lead our golf programs. After enjoying a time of great success under Coach Souther, we are pleased to add two outstanding young coaches who can continue to build on that tradition."

Carpenter added, "Women's golf has the potential to be a Top 20 program in a short period of time, and I have confidence these two coaches will soon have them competing at that level."

Maupin completed his outstanding golfing career at Berry College and is



New coaches Maupin (right) and Campbell

currently working toward a master's degree. At Berry, Maupin was All-SSAC and All-Region XIII.

"I hope to bring some new energy and have a good impact on our golf teams," said Maupin. "These young people are at an impressionable stage of their lives. I want to be not only able to help them on the golf course, but in their everyday lives with positive advice."

Campbell graduated from Lee in 1998 and coached basketball and golf before moving to Atlanta. The new Lee assistant returned to Cleveland and was coach golf and teacher at Ocoee Middle School this past year. Campbell will continue his teaching duties at Ocoee Middle, but will give up his coaching duties there. "I'll play whatever role John needs from me. I bring good people skills and a good understanding of young people to the program." ❖

# Women's Basketball Adds New Talent

Very few teams (on any level) across America can boast of a record like Coach Marty Rowe and his Lee University Lady Flames basketball team has accomplished over the past four seasons. Since taking over the Lee post, his talented women have registered 110 wins and lost just 26 times. The Lady Flames have won three straight Southern States Athletic Conference titles and have made four consecutive appearances in the NAIA National Tournaments.

Rowe will expect nothing but excellence again as the Lady Flames prep for their opener against Covenant College on Nov. 1. "We lost some very good players that meant so much to our program," said Rowe. "Any time you try to replace two All-Americans (Jessica Still and Jan Dodson), and five seniors overall, it's scary. But I think this year's team will be up to the challenge. Our seniors last season helped set the bar high and we're hoping to continue to raise that bar with this year's team."

The Lady Flames have added five new players for this season and several of them will need to make key contributions. Valeryia Musina will be counted on to provide an impact at both guard positions. Freshman Kari Jo Harris will need to step up and provide some scoring and toughness at the four position. Rowe says Angela Spann (freshman) can play all the guard spots and he's counting on her to provide quality minutes at different spots.

After missing the entire 2007-08 season with a knee injury, Allison Rader returns. "She is not a new player," said Rowe. "If she can return to form, it will add to our quality depth at the one and two guard

spots. Freshman Kally Eldridge has been the biggest surprise of the summer, and she will challenge for minutes this season."

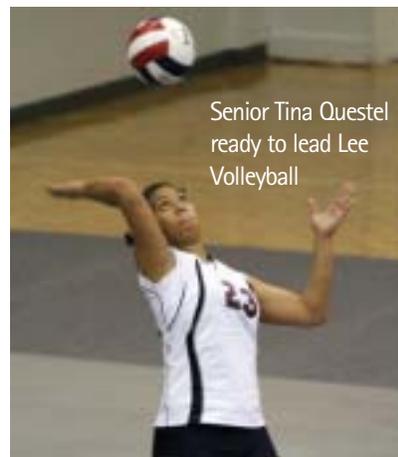
Junior post/forward Katie Nelson is returning from an honorable mention All-American season. "Defenses will be targeting her and she will need to be ready," Rowe stressed. "Brooke McKinnon is coming back from SSAC Freshman of the Year and All-SSAC season. She has a chance to be one of the best guards in the country and I'm looking forward to her leading this team."

According to Rowe, senior Lauren Brett will be relied on much more this season, both in a leadership role and her play on the court. The coach also pointed out that his Lady Flames need his post players, sophomore Jennifer Paul and junior Kayce Addison to develop and refine their games.

When all is said and done, look for the Lady Flames to be pushing for another season with over 25 wins. It has become a standard for Lee women's basketball. 🏀



Coach Rowe will be expecting big things from sophomore guard Brooke McKinnon



Senior Tina Questel ready to lead Lee Volleyball

## Volleyball Rebuilding, Regrouping

It would be safe to say the Lee volleyball team will enter a mixture of rebuilding and regrouping as the Lady Flames enter the 2008 season. Coach Andrea Hudson's unit posted a 23-18 record in 2007 and claimed another Southern States Athletic Conference regular-season championship. However, the Lady Flames failed to win the SSAC and Region XIII tournaments and missed making the trip to the NAIA National Tournament after five consecutive appearances. For a coach who has posted 558 victories in her 17-year career at Lee, it was time to take a step back and regroup.

The 2008 Lady Flames are blessed with seven talented returnees and one of the program's largest groups of incoming freshmen. Hudson lost only one senior from last year's club, but team captain Katie Thornton Huggins will be hard to replace. But Hudson is excited about her new team. "There are several ladies with a lot of potential for playing time this year," she said. "A lot of experience will be on the court this year with so many returning starters. Position wise, our strength will be depth in the setting position as well as the outside hitter spots." 🏐



## Women's Soccer Hopes for Repeat

Coach Matt Yelton will be seeking to direct his Lady Flames to a fifth straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament this season. After being ranked No. 1 nationally for over half of last year's season, the Lady Flames were beaten in the semi-final round by a Martin Methodist team that went on to claim the championship for the second time in three years.

Yelton has regrouped his troops and has them prepared for another deep run in tourney play. The Lady Flames kicked off the pre-season with a trip to Brazil and the coach hopes this experience will help his team's goal of being the first Lee team to win a national NAIA title.

"We lost one of the most dynamic Lee athletes to ever wear the maroon and white," said Yelton. "Janaina Novaes was a player that may go down as the most accomplished athlete



Kristina Chase

in Lee athletic history, so needless to say, when we don't return a player of her ability and stature, there is definitely going to be the appearance of a chink in the armor. The good news, is that other than Jana, we return the heart of our lineup and have 9 of 11 starters returning."

The Lady Flames are adding five players to the squad that should push for playing time right away. Depth of talent should be this year's team's number one asset.

"As a coaching staff," says Yelton, "we are going to strive to make every practice a competitive environment, having the best players push themselves to the front of training, and if we are able to do that, I don't see any reason not to hope for the best this year." ❄️

## Brown Begins Fourth Season With Flames

Coach Tommy Brown will begin his fourth season at Lee and success has been the name of the game since his arrival. His Flames have posted 79 wins against 22 defeats. They have made three straight trips to the NAIA National Tournament and placed in the Final Eight of last year's event.

Coming off huge road wins at Mountain State University and East Carolina (NCAA, Division I) in

2007-08, the Flames will be trying to win a second consecutive Southern States Athletic Conference regular season and tournament title.

However Brown will have to face the new season without four of his major players from the 2007-08 team. For many teams the loss of four superior players would mean a rebuilding year, but Brown has a top guard returning in senior Elmar Kuli-Zade. The Lee staff believes he will be one of

the nation's best. Senior Paco Diaw is also expected to be an All-American candidate. He'll play both guard and forward for the Flames.

Three transfers from NCAA Division I programs could go a long way in helping the team this year. They include senior Nate Minnoy, who started at Purdue as a freshman and at Central Michigan as a junior. Caleb Skogen played at Mercer before transferring to Covenant College. Stephen McClellan comes to Lee from the UT-Chattanooga, and Chris Goodwin is another excellent shooting guard who transferred to Lee from Tennessee State University. Brown is really excited about Josh Nofflet, who made his mark at Hiwassee College.

"If we can stay injury free and this club comes together, we have a chance to be a very good basketball team again this season," said Brown. "We feel our inside game will be stronger and we have recruited three or four players who can really shoot the basketball, but in the end it is defense that wins basketball games against good teams." ❄️



Coach Tommy Brown motivates his team



Lee's Chris Hennessey will be one of the co-captains of the 2008 men's soccer team

defense and serve as co-captain with Beauzile. Sophomore midfielder O'Neal Crawford had plenty of playing time and brought several strong attributes to the game. Others include sophomore midfielder Nick Lowery, Moise Leonce, Kahlin Hawke and junior Jeff Porter."

"We have several new players who have very strong attributes and will likely make immediate impacts to the squad," said Moyo. Moyo mentioned Nick Chase, Trevor Loucks, Jace Moody, Shawn Cleaver, Themba Moyo, Edgar Cordero, Drew Henderson, and two new goalkeepers, Brad Gibson and Chris Mowery.

Moyo said this squad will take the season as it comes. "This is a building year. We would still like to be in the

## Men's Soccer Seeks to Replace Major Players

Coach Henry Moyo will be seeking the answer to a huge question during the opening games of the 2007 season. Who will replace the scoring and assist load carried mainly by first-team NAIA All-Americans Ricardo Pierre-Louis and Stanley Nyazamba over the last three years? Pierre-Louis and Nyazamba combined for 41 of Lee's 75 goals last season and the talented pair accounted for 31 of the club's 76 assists. Four of the Flames' five defeats last season came with Pierre-Louis sidelined with a leg injury. Also lost from last year's unit are veterans Nick Odeny and Jo Connor, both standouts on a Lee club that finished 16-5-3 and just missed making the national tournament.

Stepping up to lead this season will be senior Ivan Heredia, sophomore midfielder Stanley Magwano and senior midfielder Phil Drummond. Moyo expects several newcomers to fit into the scoring mix as well, including forward Mark Behan, forward Nathan Brown, left back Jamey Loucks and defender Carl Boulin.

"Goalkeeper Luidgi Beauzile is the one we will be keeping our eyes on," said Moyo. Beauzile returns after missing the entire 2007 season due to a

shoulder injury. Junior keeper Michael Simmons played the entire 2007 season in the box, gaining valuable experience and will be trying to make sure he keeps the No. 1 goalkeeping spot. Junior Chris Hennessey will anchor the

top four in the conference and make the national tournament, if possible. The NAIA will not have region tournaments in 2008, and Moyo says it is still too early to say what the changes will mean to his squad. ❖

## Former Lee Player Gets Pro Honors

The United Soccer Leagues recently announced that Richmond Kickers midfielder and former Lee soccer player Stanley Nyazamba is the recipient of the USL Second Division Rookie of the Year award.

Nyazamba joined the Kickers upon graduating from Lee last spring. Adding 12 goals and 20 assists his senior year, the 6-foot-1 midfielder finished with 28 goals and 44 points over three seasons, eclipsing the All-Time Assists Leader at Lee University with 60 assists overall. In his first professional season, Nyazamba quickly became one of the Kickers top scorers, tallying eight goals and two assists overall for 18 points. The native of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, garnered USL-2 Team of the Week honors consecutively, notching the game-winning lone

goal over Western Mass and Charlotte on May 17 and May 24, respectively. Good for third on the team in scoring, he also finished in the top 10 in goals and points in the USL-2. ❖



Stanley Nyazamba



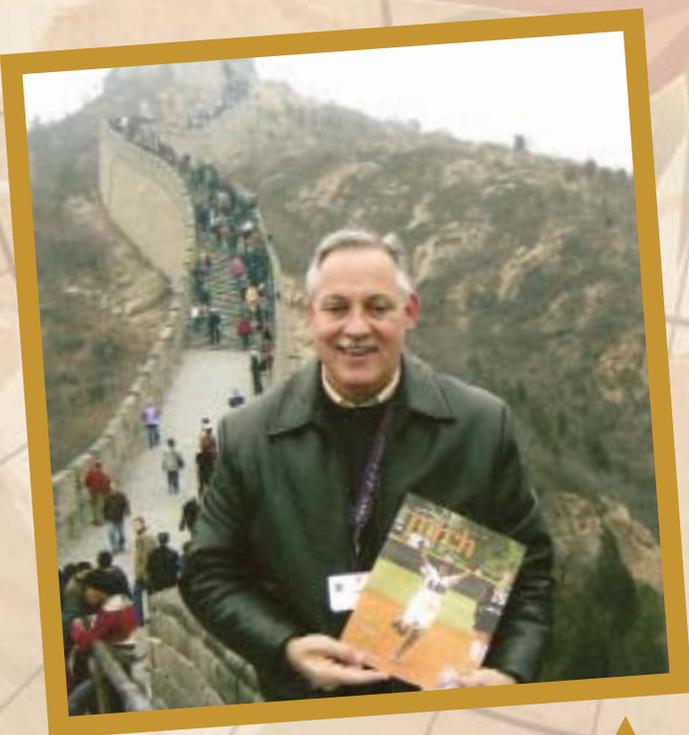
## Torch Travels

**TORCH TRAVELS** – Send us a photo of you and/or a fellow alumnus or alumna reading *Torch* at an exotic or noteworthy destination. Tell us where you were and what was the occasion.

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▲  
Vanessa Doorasamy '00 shares *Torch* while dog sledding with Iditarod dogs "in training" in Girdwood, Alaska.



▲  
Michael Plumley '77 visited Beijing, China, where he read *Torch* on the Great Wall.

## Who's Where

**Herman Bryant '51** passed away on July 21, 2008. Herman graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics from Lee in 1951, as well as attended Bible Training School in Sevierville when he was just 15 years old. Herman was also a faithful donor to the Lee University Annual Alumni Fund, and he and his wife, Gladys, enjoyed attending Homecoming.

**John Petrucelli '52** passed away on May 12, 2008. Funeral service was held at Living Waters Worship Center in Ocala, FL.

**Ernest T. Elliott '54** died on June 19, 2008. He was 84 and living in Bainbridge, GA, where he was the owner of Elliott Insurance Agency until his retirement. He was a member of Bainbridge Church of God. Survivors include his wife, Yeoma, daughter, brother and granddaughter.

**Bobby Brinkley '59** is retired as an instructor at a technical college and lives in Cleveland, TN.

**John Colbaugh '64** died on July 18, 2008, following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was the pastor of the Lawrenceville Church of God in Lawrenceville, GA,



and had served the Church of God as a former state overseer. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Morgan Colbaugh '64 and their children, Melissa, Johnna and John, Jr.

**Glenda Griffin McGuire '64** is a two-time cancer survivor who is retired and lives in Candler, NC. She has two sons and two grandsons.

**Billy J. O'Neal '65** passed away July 10, 2008, while ministering in New York. At the time of his death he was



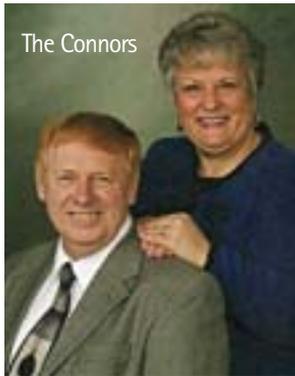
a national evangelist for the Church of God. He had also

served the church as a state youth director and state overseer. He and his wife, Brenda Morgan O'Neal '64, have two children Alisa O'Neal Bolton '85 and BJ O'Neal, Jr.

**Alfred Pratapsingh '70** lives in India where he serves as the superintending pastor of Trinity Full Gospel Church with about 2,000 members and he also oversees 63 churches which have been planted since 1981. Alfred says, "Lee College influenced my areas of leadership in ministry. I attribute the growth and success of my ministry to the Church of God that led me to Christ, trained me and molded me into what I am."

**Jan Watson Holbert Conner '73** was married to Randy Holbert '72 who passed away in 1997. Jan is remarried to Henry and they enjoy traveling together when not living in Calhoun, GA. Jan is a retired social worker who volunteers with the Chamber and Calhoun Pregnancy Center. Jan's youngest son, Isaac Holbert,

is a proud member of the Class of 2008. ▼



**Charles Ford '79** lives in Hazelhurst, GA. In 2002 he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Charles testifies: "It's been an amazing life and continues to be that today. Lee College made a great impact on me...the lessons learned during my time at Lee are among the strongest guiding factors of my life today. God is with me and I know His grace will sustain me even in the most trying of times to come."

**Phillip Messer '79** coordinates a singing group called Breaking Ground. Based in Snellville, GA, Phillip can be contacted at [phillipmessenger@comcast.net](mailto:phillipmessenger@comcast.net). ▼



**Tammy Powers Highfield '81** was in real estate for 23 years and retired to help run a family business. Tammy has two grown sons and one grandson.

**Manuel '82 and Cynthia Lindeman Coronado '82** have five children and two grandchildren. The couple has lived in Texas, New Orleans, Michigan, and now Kansas. Cynthia is a manufacturing engineering planner at the Boeing company in Wichita, KS.

**Detra Spurlock Anderson '84** has been married for 11 years and has two sons and lives in Louisville, KY. Detra would love to hear from any former classmates. Her e-mail address is [detraanderson@hotmail.com](mailto:detraanderson@hotmail.com).

**Lorie McDonald-Tuma '84** holds the Ed.D. degree and is an instructor at Central Michigan University in commercial recreation and tourism.

**Lisa York Bradberry '89** lives in Dacula, GA, with her husband, Tommy, and their daughter. Lisa is a science specialist at Fort Daniel Elementary serving grades 1 through 5. The family attends Hebron Baptist Church.

**Fredda Richmond Johnson '89** is married to Jerry and they live in Plant City, FL. Fredda was recently appointed principal of Randall Middle School. This is her 20th year of teaching in Hillsborough County, the first 13 years teaching physical education and the past six years as assistant principal.

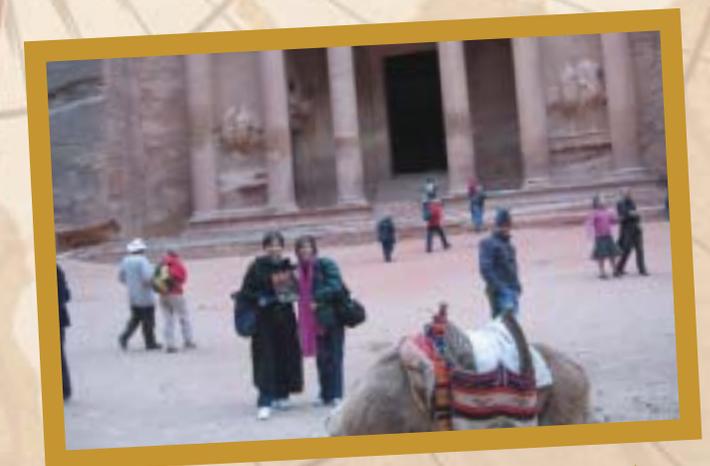
**Jeffrey Kidd '91**, of Oakboro, NC, was commissioned as a chaplain in the US Air Force (North Carolina Air National Guard) in January 2008.



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**Rhonda Elkins Peterson '90** took *Torch* on a missions trip to Haiti where she helped with a Vacation Bible School and building a church.



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**Robert Jenkins '72** displays a copy of *Torch* in World Village in the DMZ between North and South Korea.



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**Anita Shoemaker Hughes '95** (left) and **Denise Shoemaker Hamm '76** read *Torch* in front of "The Treasury" in the famous "Red Rose City" at Petra, Jordan during a recent tour of the Holy Land.

## FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR / Anita Ray

Dear alumni and friends,

Some exciting things are happening at Lee University!

This year Lee University will open a new home for the School of Religion, move forward with construction of a new science building, and expand student scholarships. Investment by loyal alumni and friends like you is a major factor in our success. To continue this great progress at Lee University, will you join us this year by making a gift to the 2008 Annual Alumni Fund?

I invite you to invest in the lives of Lee students by making a gift today. For your convenience, visit our Web site at <https://www.leeuniversity.edu/info/forms/donate.asp> to make a secure online donation. By mail, send gifts to:

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4,147 students join me in saying "thank you for your consideration this year."

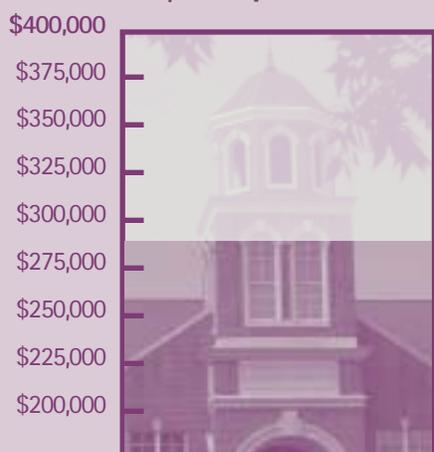
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Director of Alumni Relations

## 2008 Alumni Fund Giving Levels

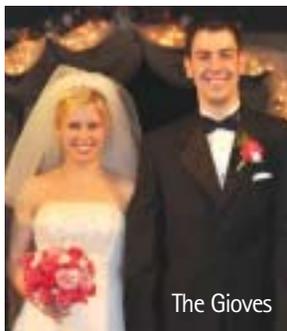
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| • President's Circle Gold     | \$2,000-\$4,999 |
| • President's Circle Platinum | \$5,000         |

2008 Alumni Fund Goal:  
**\$400,000**



2008 Alumni Fund pledges to date:  
**\$288,151**

## Who's Where



The Gioves

▲ **Joseph Giove III '95** married Julie Wagner on April 6, 2008. Joe is a senior program manager in the U.S. Department of Energy and manages two billion-dollar energy initiatives. In the past two years, Joe has given speeches for DOE on every continent except Antarctica. Julie is a program coordinator for a project management firm. They both attend Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, MD.

**Jesus "Jesse" Rodriguez** and his wife, Bethany, live in Wichita, KS, with their son and newborn daughter, Eliana Sion, born February 25, 2008. Jesse has been a youth minister with Youth for Christ for the past three years.

**Phillip Allen '96** married CaSondra Cossey on June 28, 2008, and they live in Cleveland, TN. ▼



The Allens

**Bradley Campbell '96** graduated from the University of Virginia, where he received a Ph.D. in sociology. He is currently an assistant professor at California State University, in Los Angeles, CA.

**Tina Darden '96** married Philip Pogorzala on March 29, 2008. They live in Brandon, FL, and attend Lord at Bell Shoals Baptist Church. Tina has been teaching at a Christian school. ▼



The Pogorzalas

**John Evans '96** is the athletic director at Southeastern High School in Chillicothe, OH.

**Vance '96** and **Kari Massengill '95** are missionaries where Vance is the regional education coordinator for the Church of God in the Mediterranean and Middle East. Their work involves training national pastors and ministers in 24 countries in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

**Dale Whitson '96** and his wife, Laura, have been serving at the Biltmore Church of God in Asheville, NC, for the past nine years. During those years, they have been youth pastor and associate pastors. This past March, Dale was appointed as the senior pastor at Biltmore. Dale and Laura have two sons.

**Jeffrey '97 and Rachel Jackson Evans '96** have been married for 12 years. They live in Harrisonburg, VA, where Jeffrey works for Chrysler Motors as a district manager and Rachel teaches kindergarten at a new elementary school, Smithland Elementary. Both their children will attend the school.

**Karrie Wessel Miller '97**, and her husband, Justin, recently accepted international placement positions with Oasis India. Karrie will be the director of an after-care center for women and girls, while Justin will manage a fair trade factory associated with the center. They will move to Punganur, India, in January 2009 following a three-month training course. Carrie says, "Individuals can join us on our journey by checking out our blog at [www.karrie-miller.blogspot.com](http://www.karrie-miller.blogspot.com)."

**Deana Wetherington Walker '97** is married to Trent and they live in Raleigh, NC, with their two children.

**Matthew '98 and Donna Riggins Farmer '01** were married in 2001 on the Lee University campus, attended Rhema Bible Training Center and graduated in 2006, becoming associate pastors at Cleveland (TN) Christian Fellowship. The Farmers just welcomed their first-born son, Eric David, born March 10, 2008.

**John '98 and Robin Northcutt Terry '99** reside in Norman, OK, where they have been for the last eight years. They have three children.

John is a police officer and Robin is an accountant.

**Melanie Carter-Arias '99** lives in Benton, TN, with her husband, John, and their two children. Melanie would love to hear from old friends at [mels2babe@yahoo.com](mailto:mels2babe@yahoo.com).

**Michaela Rose Barno '00** lives in Ft. Benning, GA, with her husband who is a



dentist and captain in the Army. Michaela has a masters in linguistics and teaches at the local state university.

**Sarah Clark Hayward '00** lives in Chattanooga, TN, where she taught fifth grade for four years and is now a full-time mom to her son, Benjamin Luke, born December 18, 2007.

**Karena Zentner Karabensh '00** is living in Felton, CA, where she is enrolled in school to become a nurse. Karena says: "I am excited about the journey that God has me on and cannot wait to be a nurse and use it for His glory!"

## Starnes Covers Life With Fox News

When Pope Benedict made his historic journey to the United States, Lee alum **Todd Starnes '94** was there. When Senator Barack Obama won the Iowa Caucus, Todd Starnes was there. And when the 500-year flood submerged parts of the nation's heartland, Todd Starnes was there.

His journalism career has taken him from Lee University, where he served as editor of the *Lee Collegian*, to assignments across the world as a network correspondent for Fox News Radio. Todd's work is heard on hundreds of radio stations around the nation and he's also made appearances on Fox News Channel. He also writes a daily blog at [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com) and hosts a biweekly religion podcast called, "Fox on Faith."

Since January, he's been Fox News Radio's primary political reporter, covering the 2008 presidential race. He's interviewed nearly every Republican and Democratic presidential candidate. "It's been such an honor to travel across the country and talk not only to the candidates, but the voters," Starnes said. "I've been given a front row seat to American history—and I must say, it's the best seat in the house." He served as the primary floor reporter during the 2008 Democratic National Convention and will be traveling with the Obama campaign through the presidential election.

"Living and working in New York City has been an amazing ride and I can honestly say I would not be where I am without the academic and spiritual education I received at Lee University," he said. "I learned to be excellence-driven at Lee thanks in large measure to the leadership of Dr. Conn and a wonderful team of professors and staff," he said, fondly recalling Dr. Matthew Melton, Dr.

Michael Laney, Carlanna Gill, Stephanie Taylor, and Mary Beth Wickes. "I discovered that it was possible to reach for your dreams without compromising your faith in Christ."

In 2006, Todd was awarded one of broadcast journalism's top prizes, the Edward R. Murrow Award. He was also the recipient of the Associated Press Mark Twain Award for Storytelling.

Aside from political stories, Todd also covers pop-culture news. He's reported from Elvis Week, driven a pace car at the Daytona 500 and covered the World Barbecue Championships in Memphis.

"The highlight of my career may have been interviewing a team called, 'No Pig Left Behind.' They were school teachers and couldn't afford to grill ribs—so they barbecued bologna." And then there was the day he spent with the rap star 50-Cent, who taught Todd how to "pimp his ride."

Three years ago, Todd nearly lost his life. He discovered that his aortic valve was failing and without a transplant, he would die. Surgeons successfully removed Todd's aortic valve and replaced it with a mechanical device and soon he was on the road to recovery. He then underwent a tremendous weight loss campaign (from 300 pounds to 150) and eventually ran the 2007 New York City Marathon, taking more than six hours to cover the 26.2 mile course.

Todd lives in New York City and works at Fox News Channel's headquarters in midtown Manhattan. He worships at The Journey Church near Madison Square Garden. He's also a member of the New York Road Runners and Metropolitan Museum of Art. You can reach him at [todd.starnes@foxnews.com](mailto:todd.starnes@foxnews.com).

## Kicking Dirt *—Continued from page 3*

But Lee University is neither of those. It is a Christ-centered, Spirit-led liberal arts university, and that is a type of institution that offers a powerful and unusual kind of educational experience. I believe for many young people, it is the perfect environment for the college years. At Lee, we try to make Jesus Christ the central core of everything we do, and we try to maintain the vibrant openness to the Holy Spirit which is part of our Pentecostal tradition. That's what we mean by "Christ-centered and Spirit-led."

At such a place, it is impossible for the ministerial students and the science majors—or their professors—to avoid one another. Nor can those who study art, or political science, or business management, or any of dozens of other fields we offer at Lee. Each student must live, study, think, and explore their academic majors in a manner which recognizes the many different ways that other people make sense of God's Kingdom. At a place like this, it's hard to withdraw into the bubble of one's own intellectual life, or one's specific calling. None of us can ignore the questions our neighbors are asking or the challenges which our different intellectual traditions offer.

That makes a true Christian liberal arts university an exciting place. My opinion—and I recognize it is only an opinion—is that it is the best possible place to prepare young people for vocational ministry as well as for careers in the secular world.

So here at Lee University, we are "kicking dirt" with all our hearts!

We are building state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms for the sciences, and at the same time constructing a terrific new building dedicated to the study of scripture and the training of ministers. When we finish, we know Jesus Christ will be Lord in both buildings, and the Holy Spirit will move on students' hearts on both ends of campus—and everywhere in between. —Paul Conn

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Cole Strong, project liaison for construction, speaks with crane operator Jake Waddel as he digs footers for the new science building.

## Who's Where

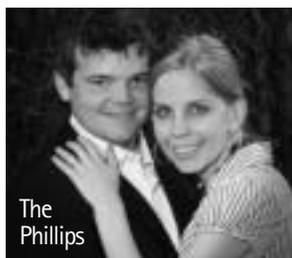
**Lisa Burdett Lang '00** and her husband, Brian, are living in Lexington, SC, where they serve as the youth pastors at the House of Praise in West Columbia, SC. They have a daughter and son and Lisa works as a preschool teacher.

**Beth McLendon '01** and Wesley Wiley were married in October 2007 and reside in Waco, TX. Beth works with a foster care agency and they are lifegroup leaders at their local church.

**Adam Clagg '02** serves as executive pastor at Covenant Church in Soddy Daisy, TN. He received an Ed.S. in educational leadership from Liberty University where he is also a doctoral candidate.

**Sarah Fletcher '02** married Alexander Colonna on May 31, 2008. They live in Winston-Salem, NC, where Sarah completed an internal medicine residency at Wake Forest University in June.

**Beverly Weaver '02** is teaching P.E. and health and coaching basketball and volleyball at White Plains High School in Jacksonville, AL.



▲ **Christopher Phillips '03** and Amanda Goldsberry were married last October. Christopher is the music director at Christ Church in Nashville, TN. He also does

studio work as a pianist, producer, and orchestrator. Since graduating from Lee, he has been nominated for two Dove Awards.

**Shannon Boyer Brown '03** and her husband, Andy, recently bought their first home where they live, just south of Columbus, OH. Shannon is Human Resources coordinator at the Heinzerling Foundation, a residential facility for people with mental retardation/developmental disabilities.

**Christopher Lawson '03** is living in Greensboro, NC, where he is married to Corrie and they have a daughter. Christopher is working in the Moses Cone Health System in the Computer Operations Department.

**Donice Brannen Brown '04** is a licensed professional counselor and mental health service provider with the state of Tennessee. She is employed with Youth Counseling Services in Cleveland, TN. She is married to Dr. Raymond Brown.

**Glen M. Byers 'M04**, a beloved husband and father, B.S., B.A., D.D.S., M.D., J.D., M.Ed., passed away on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at his family residence in Cleveland, TN. Born April 22, 1937, his passion for education began at the University of Michigan where he earned his degree in dentistry. He then graduated from Wayne State University with a medical degree, later specializing in otolaryngology. In 1987 he earned his law degree at the

# WHEN WERE YOU AT LEE?

WHO'S WHERE is for twenty-somethings with fresh jobs and new babies, but it's also for those with established careers and empty nests! Whenever you were a student, we want to hear from you!

Nashville School of Law. In 2004 he attended Lee University with his granddaughter, Lauren Brett, and earned his masters in education. His wife of 45 years, Pat, four children and 11 grandchildren survive him.

**Randi Williams Denson '04** lives in Beloit, WI, where she is married and is a teacher.

**Karis Hess '04** lives in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico where she is involved in social justice and humanitarian aid work. Karis says, "I would love to hear from anyone from back in the day!" Her e-mail address is [KarisAHess@gmail.com](mailto:KarisAHess@gmail.com).

**Joshua Nave '04** graduated from LSU with a masters degree in Hispanic Studies in 2007 and moved to Clarksdale, MS, where he is an instructor of Spanish at Coahoma Community College.

**Laura Singletary '04** was recently awarded a full fellowship to the University of Georgia to pursue a doctorate in mathematics. She was one of only five students from across the nation to receive this award.

**Amiee McCoy '05** married **Andrew Debo '05** and they live in Seneca, SC, where Amiee teaches 6th grade math. They are involved in their local church helping with the worship team and children's department.

**Elizabeth Mendoza '05** completed two years on the mission field in Caracas, Venezuela, with Network International Christian

Schools. She taught kindergarten at Academia Cristiana Internacional de Caracas.

**Nathaniel Sawyer '05** lives in Nashville, TN, where he is engaged and works as a youth/community director for Blake'Ville Student Ministry.

**Jennifer Berry '06** graduated from the University of Kentucky in May with a masters in health administration. She moved to Chicago in June to begin an administrative fellowship at the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital.

**Richane Johnson '06** is a 7th grade science teacher at Crest Middle School in Shelby, NC.

**David Decker '07** was recently hired to teach history and cultural studies at Normal Park Museum Magnet in Chattanooga, TN. His wife, **Catherine '08**, was hired at the Montessori School as a part-time teacher, and is continuing her education at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

**Nicholas Helton '07** is working at WCPO, an affiliate with ABC television and located in Cincinnati, OH.

**Matthew '07** and **Jennifer Belisle Propes '04** have relocated to Omaha, NE, where they are planting a church. Matthew is also serving as the regional youth and Christian education director for the Church of God in the Midlands (Iowa/Nebraska) region. Jennifer is serving as the regional girls clubs coordinator. For more information, visit [www.midlandscog.com](http://www.midlandscog.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Last Year at Lee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family (spouse, children, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Brief notes of interest \_\_\_\_\_

## THREE WAYS TO SEND US YOUR UPDATE

- **Lee's Web Site:** [www.leeuniversity.edu](http://www.leeuniversity.edu). Follow the links to "Alumni and Friends" and click on "Who's Where Update."
- **E-mail:** [torch@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:torch@leeuniversity.edu). Please include all the information requested above
- **Mail:** Send this completed form to the Lee University Alumni Office, P.O. Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320-3450

High resolution digital photos can be e-mailed via the Web site link, to [torch@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:torch@leeuniversity.edu), or mailed to the above address.

# Homecoming 2008 SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Drama production – Trojan Women	Dixon Center	7:30 p.m.
Flames Basketball Game (vs. Temple)	Walker Arena	8:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Frontline (prospective students)	Humanities Center	8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Homecoming Registration	Student Union Lobby	1:00–6:00 p.m.
Flames Alumni Baseball Game	Olympic Field	2:00 p.m.
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet	Centenary Room	5:00 p.m.
Young Alumni Torch Society Reception	Student Union 3rd Floor	6:00 p.m.
Lady Flames Soccer – SSAC 1st Round	Lee University Soccer Field	6:00 p.m.
Evening Class Reunions		
Legacy Reunion 1918 – 1965 (Featuring the Class of 1958)	Theological Seminary	6:00 p.m.
1968 Reunion	Leonard Center 2nd Floor	6:00 p.m.
1978 Reunion	DeVos Recreation Center	6:00 p.m.
1988 Reunion	President's Dining Room	7:00 p.m.
1998 Reunion	Mayfield School Annex Gym	7:00 p.m.
Student Leadership Council Reunion	Mayfield School Annex Library	7:00 p.m.
Lady Flames Volley for a Cure	Walker Arena	7:00 p.m.
Drama Production – Trojan Women	Dixon Center	7:30 p.m.
Lee Singers 45th Anniversary	North Cleveland Church of God	8:00 p.m.
DZT Alumni Association Reception	Humanities Center	8:00 p.m.
Epsilon Lambda Phi 20th Anniversary	Museum Center (off campus)	8:00 p.m.
Flames and Lady Flames Soccer Reunion	Centenary Room	9:00 p.m.
ATX vs. Upsilon Football Game	Jack Souther Field	10:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Homecoming 5K Fun Run	Student Union	8:00 a.m.
Club Reunion Breakfasts	Various locations	9:00 a.m.
Alpha Gamma Chi 45th Anniversary	Centenary Room	9:00 a.m.
Alumni Service Project	Various Locations and Times	Starting at 9:00 a.m.
Homecoming Registration	Student Union lobby	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Campus Tours	Admissions Booth/Pedestrian Mall	10:00 a.m.
Student Organization Exhibits	Pedestrian Mall	10:00 a.m.
Gourmet Brunch	Deacon Jones Dining Hall	10:30 a.m.
President's Circle Luncheon	DeVos Recreation Center	11:30 a.m.
Flames and Lady Flames Basketball	Walker Arena	(W) 12:00 p.m. (M) 2:15 p.m.
Drama production – Trojan Women	Dixon Center	2:00 p.m.
1999 Cambridge Reunion	Leonard Center 2nd Floor	4:00 p.m.
DZT vs. Sigma Softball Game	Jack Souther Field	4:00 p.m.
Flames Soccer – SSAC 1st Round	Lee University Soccer Field	7:00 p.m.
Music Festival featuring EVS	Conn Center	7:00 p.m.
Drama production – <i>Trojan Women</i>	Dixon Center	7:30 p.m.
Alumni and Friends Dessert "Mixer"	Alumni Park	9:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

EVS 40th Anniversary Concert	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	3:00 p.m.
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## WHAT'S NEW for Homecoming 2008?

### ALUMNI SERVICE PROJECT

- Join current students in a variety of local service projects that will take place throughout the day on Saturday, November 7th
- Contact the Leonard Center for more information ([service@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:service@leeuniversity.edu)).

### YOUNG ALUMNI TORCH SOCIETY NETWORKING RECEPTION

- For alumni who graduated in the last 7 years
- Friday, November 7th, 6:00 p.m.  
Paul Conn Student Union 3rd floor.
- Complimentary for Torch Society members who have given a gift (of any amount) to the Alumni Fund for two consecutive years.
- Torch Society members also receive an exclusive pass to all Homecoming events.
- Contact Chad Grisham for more information ([cgrisham@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:cgrisham@leeuniversity.edu)).

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REUNION

- For all former members of the Student Leadership Council
- Friday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayfield Annex Library
- Contact Mike Hayes for more information ([mhayes@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:mhayes@leeuniversity.edu)).

### 1999 CAMBRIDGE TRIP REUNION

- The 1999 study abroad group that spent the semester in Cambridge will reunite
- Saturday, November 8th at 4:00 p.m., the Leonard Center, 2nd floor
- Contact Michaela Barno for more information ([michabarno@gmail.com](mailto:michabarno@gmail.com)).

### SOCCER REUNION

- For all Flames and Lady Flames soccer players and coaches
- November 7, 9:00 p.m., Centenary Room
- Contact Larry Carpenter for more information ([lcarpenter@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:lcarpenter@leeuniversity.edu)).

### DRAMA PRODUCTION

- Euripides' *Trojan Women*, tells the tale of the women of Troy after the Trojan War
- Performances on November 6, 7, and 8 at 7:30 p.m., and November 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dixon Center.
- Complimentary Dessert "Mixer" in Alumni Park after the Saturday performance

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

- An evening of vocal and instrumental music. The Evangelistic Singers celebrate a 40-year musical legacy of worship. The mass reunion choir will be featured.
- Sat., November 8, 7:00 p.m., Conn Center.
- Contact Rodney Gipson about EVS anniversary events ([rgipson@clevelandschools.org](mailto:rgipson@clevelandschools.org)).
- Complimentary Dessert "Mixer" in Alumni Park after the Festival



## HOME COMING 2008 Lodging Information

Hotel	Address	Phone	Rate
America's Best Inn Et Suites (across from Cracker Barrel)	2655 Westside Dr.	423.472.3281	\$55.99 + tax 2-3 guests \$57.99 + tax 4 or more complimentary breakfast
Baymont Inn	107 Interstate Dr.	423.339.1000	\$65 king or 2 doubles / will give 10% discount
Candlewycke Manor B Et B	500 Davis Lane	423.339.3232	www.candlewyckemanor.com 10% off regular price
Classic Suites	179 Bernham Dr.	423.339.4900	\$69.99 suite
Quality Inn	153 James Asbury Dr.	423.478.5265	\$55.96 1 -2 guests / \$62.96 3 or more
Days Inn	2550 Georgetown Rd	423.476.2112	\$59.99 + tax 1-4 guests
Douglas Inn	2600 Westside Dr.	423.559.5579	\$59.99 double Et king/ \$54.99 king/\$92.99 suite
Exclusive Quarters	210 James Asbury Dr.	423.479.1333	\$49.95 + tax 2-4 guests
Fairfield Inn Et Suites	2815 Westside Dr.	423.664.2501	\$94.00 + tax standard king/double

Hotel	Address	Phone	Rate
Hampton Inn	185 James Asbury Dr.	423.559.1001	\$79.00 + tax
Heritage Inn	1631 Guthrie Dr.	423.478.1183	\$32.00 1-2 guests / \$35.00 3-4 guests
Holiday Inn Mountain View	Interstate 75 - Exit 25	423.472.1504	\$64.95 2 doubles or king / \$74.95 executive rooms
Howard Johnson	2595 Georgetown Rd	423.476.8511	\$50.36 + tax king / \$59.36 + tax 2-bed 10% discount for Lee
Jameson Inn	354 Paul Huff Pkwy	423.614.5583	\$74.99 + tax
Knights Inn	2421 Georgetown Rd	423.478.1137	\$36.95 single / \$40.95 double
Ramada Limited	156 James Asbury Dr.	423.472.5566	\$54.96 + tax 1-4 guests
Royal Inn	135 James Asbury Dr.	423.472.5850	\$49.95 + tax 2 doubles continental breakfast
Super 8	165 Bernham Dr.	423.476.5555	\$58.49 + tax king/ \$62.99 + tax 2 doubles continental breakfast Et waffles
Wingate Inn	110 Interstate Dr.	423.478.1212	\$84.00 + tax king or 2 queens mention Lee rate

## HOME COMING REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class year \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for tag \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for tag \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse a Lee grad? \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check enclosed (Please make check payable to Lee University)

Credit Card:  Mastercard  Visa  Discover  Amex

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### By Mail

Return this Reservation Form and Payment to:  
Lee University Alumni Relations  
P.O. Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320-3450

#### Online

Visit <http://alumni.leeuniversity.edu>

#### By Phone

1-800-LEE-9930, Option 6

Advanced  
reservations  
should be  
received by  
**OCTOBER 24,  
2008**

### INDICATE EVENTS ATTENDING

Event	Price	Quantity
ATX 45th Anniversary	\$20	_____
1999 Cambridge Reunion	\$20	_____
Class Reunions		
Legacy ('18 - '65)	\$15	_____
1968	\$15	_____
1978	\$15	_____
1988	\$15	_____
1998	\$15	_____
Drama	\$10 Adults	_____
	\$5 Students	_____
Epsilon 20th Anniversary	Complimentary	_____
Gourmet Brunch	\$6 Adults	_____
	\$3 Students	_____
	Under 6 free	_____
Homecoming 5K	\$10 Alumni	_____
	Students free	_____
Homecoming Basketball games	\$10 Adults	_____
	\$5 Students	_____
	Under 6 free	_____
Lee Singers 45th Anniversary	Complimentary	_____
Music Festival	\$10 Adults	_____
	\$5 Students	_____
Soccer Reunion	\$15	_____
Student Leadership Reunion	Complimentary	_____
Temple Basketball game	\$6 Adults	_____
	\$3 Students	_____
	Under 6 free	_____
Torch Society Reception	Complimentary	_____
Volleyball Match	Complimentary	_____
TOTAL	\$	_____

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## SPECIAL HOMECOMING FRONTLINE!

This Frontline Alumni Family Event is for alumni and their children who would like to attend this Homecoming weekend "special edition" prospective student preview day. Register for the November 7, 2008 Frontline on the Lee website: <http://www.leeuniversity.edu/events/frontline/>

Mark your calendar...  
**NOVEMBER 7-8**

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### THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Classes!

- Legacy Reunion (1918-1965) featuring the class of 1958
- Class reunions for the classes of 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998

#### Organizations!

- Evangelistic Singers 40th Anniversary
- Lee Singers 45th Anniversary
- Alpha Gamma Chi 45th Anniversary
- Epsilon Lambda Phi 20th Anniversary
- Student Leadership Council 10th Anniversary
- Reunion for 1999 Cambridge group
- Delta Zeta Tau Alumni Association kick-off event

#### Athletic Groups!

- Flames Soccer Reunion
- Lady Flames Soccer Reunion
- Alumni Baseball Game

#### Events!

- School of Religion new building dedication
- Flames & Lady Flames basketball
- Lady Flames volleyball
- President's Circle Luncheon
- Young Alumni Torch Society networking reception
- Music Festival
- Volley for a Cure
- 5K Fun Run

Visit [alumni.leeuniversity.edu](http://alumni.leeuniversity.edu) or call  
toll-free 1-800-LEE-9930 (option 6) for more information