PRESS TOWARD the MARK
Campaign Completed
Now Concluding: Press Toward the Mark
What started as a $25 million goal five years ago grew to nearly $35 million thanks to the generosity of donors who caught the vision of a better Lee University. Read a recap of the campaign and how it has changed your alma mater.

A Transaction of Historic Significance
With the stroke of a pen, Lee adds 6.5 acres and 90,000 square feet of space to the campus with the purchase of the downtown First Baptist Church campus.

Another Busy Summer
Landscaping, building, tile and carpeting were just some of the projects that kept construction crews busy all summer and into the first weeks of the semester.

Freshman Faculty
It was one of the largest groups in recent history as Lee welcomed 19 new members to the faculty ranks in August.

“In Line” with Student Interests
In the latest installment of the club sports series, learn how a group of guys resurrected a team and took first place in regional in-line hockey.

Opening Thoughts
From President Paul Conn

“Come on Home”
We are still deep in the “dog days” of late summer here on the Lee University campus. Hot, humid weather is still the order of the day. But as we prepare to send out this issue of Torch, my mind fast-forwards to a cool, beautiful (I hope!) weekend in early November, when multitudes of our alumni flood our campus in Homecoming Weekend.

I want you to be one of them!

Homecoming hasn’t changed much since you were a student here. We still start things off with lots of Friday evening activities, including special dinners for class reunions. We have a big end-of-season volleyball game which draws a lively crowd and is an easy way to meet people.

Then on Saturday, reunion breakfasts and a chance to tour the newest buildings on campus. Chances are, there are new things here since you visited last. The new Science and Math Complex is worth a trip, and if you haven’t looked inside the School of Religion building, or the Leonard Center/Health Clinic, you should take a peek.

On Saturday night, this year we will revisit the tradition of a Music Festival which takes a nostalgic look at our musical heritage at Lee down through the decades. This will be a fast-paced hour of “music you remember” from your years as a Lee student – whenever that might have been! It’s a great way to wrap up the weekend.

Wonderful things are happening at Lee, and we want you to visit us at Homecoming! If you are one of those alumni who hasn’t been back for a few years, please make November 5-6 on your calendar and make this the year. Come on home!
Celebration 2010 will tie a ribbon on Lee's most successful capital campaign ever.

Four years ago, amid the pageantry of Celebration 2006, the Lee Board of Directors officially launched an ambitious new program of campus development called the Press Toward the Mark Campaign. The goal: $25 million. The plan: To design, build, and pay for a set of capital projects, chief of which would be a new academic home for Lee's science and math programs. When the campaign was announced to the public on that autumn day in September 2006, the work had quietly been underway for over a year, and the target date for completion of the entire campaign was set for September 2010.

When the campus family and hundreds of guests gather on September 24 for Celebration 2010, the event will provide a ceremonial conclusion to Lee's most successful campaign ever, with over $34 million raised and every project built, dedicated, and put into operation on a growing campus.

The original Press Toward the Mark agenda included these projects:

- An enlarged and improved Paul Dana Walker Arena
- A new health clinic and home for the Leonard Center
- Two million dollars in new gifts for endowed scholarships
- An all-new platform for the campus computer operations
- The purchase of a dozen pieces of property on the campus boundary
- A new home for the School of Religion
- A new home for the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

As the campaign ends, all those seven original projects are successfully completed, and along the way, two new projects were added: the purchase of Mayfield Elementary School and the construction of a student housing cluster which adds 150 beds to Lee's dormitory life in the form of on-campus townhouse apartments.

Hundreds of donors made Press Toward the Mark a huge success. Many gave through the Annual Alumni Fund, and many science/math alumni stepped up to direct their giving toward the building they have awaited for many years. Foundations and corporations provided millions of dollars; local business leaders in the Cleveland community participated in a special local campaign for the science building; and numerous Church of God groups steered their giving toward the School of Religion building. Major gifts at the million-dollar level came from several significant contributors, led by Richard and Helen DeVos, who in this as in earlier campaigns were Lee's leading benefactors.

The following pages profile the projects of the Press Toward the Mark campaign, and answers the question, "How did we ever get along before?"
Lee University Athletic Director Larry Carpenter is never lost for words when asked about the massive renovation Paul Dana Walker Arena project that took place in 2005.

To most people, the biggest improvement was the additional 500 seats, and turning the 1960-1970 exterior appearance into another attractive building that matches the other buildings on campus. "To those who use Walker Arena on a daily basis, those were only two of many improvements," pointed out Carpenter.

"Basketball games were always a struggle, trying to provide dressing rooms for the visiting teams and officials. Renovating allowed us to redo the floor, giving it a totally new look. We were also able to install two state-of-the-art scoreboards."

"Office space was an on-going challenge," he added. "We created extra offices for our coaches and staff. We had no room in the lobby to showcase the accomplishments of former and present student athletes. The additions to the arena made it more fan friendly and has given our coaches and athletes a facility of which they can be proud. This directly aids in their recruitment efforts. We feel Walker Arena is now an excellent venue for basketball and volleyball. We are proud to invite teams to our campus."

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Lee’s Leonard Center has been preparing students for civic engagement, social justice and benevolence since 2003 through meaningful service and reflection, a tradition that has been underpinning the Lee mission since its inception in 1918. Leonard Center program goals include (1) understanding the biblical mandate of service, (2) recognizing that service to others is part of God’s purpose for humanity, (3) having insight on service and its impact on both the giver and the recipient, and (4) understanding how one’s vocation can be used in service to God and others. These four goals provide a baseline for Lee’s commitment to serve its neighbors next door and around the world.

In July 2010, the Leonard Center received national recognition among 900 colleges and universities as a 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll award recipient. An award achieved only because of the support of Lee faculty, students, and community partners. With over 66,000 volunteer hours performed by Lee students in 2009 alone, yielding an economic impact of $1,340,550 in-kind volunteer labor, the goal of sharing a cup of water in Jesus’ name remains a passion for Lee community members.

Community partners are essential to the future of service-learning at Lee, because they provide opportunities for students to test the theories learned in the classroom with practical application on the street. Last semester, Lee University Honor Students and Kairos Scholars served one to two hours per week to tutor second graders in Leslie Melton’s class. “I was delighted by the progress the students made and noted that state testing showed that all the students made a year’s gain academically,” Melton said. “Working with the Leonard Center has been a wonderful way for us to expand some of our programs that we want to provide for students and parents because we know that the Leonard Center will support us and be able to facilitate with volunteers,” said Kellye Bender, principal of Arnold Elementary School, Cleveland, Tenn.

Before the Leonard Center building, Lee’s food bank was housed in a small custodial closet in Sharp-Davis Hall. Today, the food bank serves as the hub for collection and redistribution of 170 thousand pounds of food (in 2009) going to students in need, as well as hundreds of community residents. Sheila Scurlock, director of New Life Community Kitchen, comments that “we could not do what we are doing in the community without the help of Lee University.”

Lee’s commitment of providing opportunities for students to impact those beyond themselves is reciprocated by the Lee University Health Clinic staff that exists to serve the Lee community. A major aspect of the Clinic’s service to the students is in providing health clearance for all Global Perspectives trips each semester, helping to empower Lee students toward Global service and citizenship. Beth Thompson, Director of Global Perspectives, says, “the partnership between the health clinic and the Global Perspectives office provides our students with affordable and efficient care to ensure that the students’ health needs are met before they travel abroad to meet the needs of those they are serving. The health care staff cleared approximately 900 students serving in 31 different trips for the 2009/2010 school year.”

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In the fall of 1965, students arriving at Lee College were treated to a welcome sight: the brand new Lois Underwood Beach Science Building, a 22,000 square foot facility with three labs, six classrooms (including a large lecture hall), and 17 offices for the math and science faculty. In 1965, the enrollment at Lee College was 500 students. The new building arrived just in time to provide critical infrastructure for the college’s transition to an accredited four-year liberal arts institution. Over the next 40 years, the Beach Building would shoulder a historically strenuous workload. Perhaps no one who sat in those first classes in the late 1960s had any idea that this small college in a small town in southeast Tennessee would grow up to be what it is today. But the original science building, like the stalwart science professor after whom it was named, met newer and greater demands every year.

The student population exploded over those four decades, with more than 4,200 students today. It became apparent some time ago that the demands of the science and mathematics programs at Lee University had greatly outstripped the capacity of the original facility. Many classes met in other buildings and about half the faculty had offices in other parts of campus. With the launching of Press Toward the Mark, the most ambitious capital campaign in the history of the university, the way opened for an exciting new home for Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

The $14 million structure was planned in two stages, with the construction of what was initially called the “lab wing” first. In fact, the first wing, whose front parallels the newly named Billy Graham Ave., offers a great deal more than just new science labs. It provides computer labs as well (the original building did not). It also has enough classrooms to accommodate all the classes for the department and enough office space to bring all the department’s faculty members into one building.

The second phase includes administrative suites, a hundred-seat lecture hall, and several more classrooms, not to mention a coffee shop and an additional computer lab.

The centerpiece between the two wings will probably be in immediate contention as the university’s signature icon—a tower with a beautifully arched breezeway and a second-floor common area with high ceilings, massive windows, and enough space to convert into a large student lounge area or even an exhibition hall.

The heavily used original building came down in the spring of last year to make room for the new wing. But the foundation of the new building was scarcely in place before the announcement of its name declared that the original would not be forgotten—the Lois Underwood Beach building lives on as the wing that now stands on the same real estate as its predecessor. The first phase has been named the Don and Carolyn Medlin Wing in honor of the long-time member of the Lee University Board of Directors whose vision for a new science building provided part of the inspiration for the capital campaign that made the building a reality.

A new chemistry lab has been named in honor of Dr. Penny Mauldin, the twenty-year veteran of the chemistry faculty who also served as department chair of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Though she lost her battle with cancer last year before she was able to set foot in the new building, Dr. Mauldin is remembered as one of the principal architects of a program responsible for graduating many of Lee University’s best and brightest. Another lab is named for Dr. Earl Tapley, a former vice-president of Lee College devoted to the idea of liberal arts education. The transition from the old to the new is not without nostalgia. As the original Beach Building came down, retired professor Robert O’Bannon said he hated to see it go. After a year in the new Medlin Wing, Chemistry Professor Eddie Brown, who was a science major at Lee College and not only had classes in the Beach Building, but taught in it for many years observed, “The old building was what it was. When I was a student in the seventies, it was still sort of new. Later, we did the best job with what we had. I heard someone say the other day they actually missed the old building.” Asked if he felt the same, he said, “I’m loving the new one.”

Dr. Paul DeLaLuz, current chair of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, is grateful for the well-equipped new facilities. “We can do so much more now that we always wanted to do,” he said. “It’s terrific for the students. But you know, as important as the buildings are, what really makes the difference is the relationship between students and faculty members, like Lois Beach and Penny Mauldin who were willing to go the extra mile. That’s what has always made this department special.”

J. Matthew Melton, Ph.D. is dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Lee University.

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*Size of former Beach Building: 22,000 Spaces*

**NEW SCIENCE/MATH COMPLEX:**

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Press Toward the Mark

One of the major objectives in the Press Toward the Mark campaign was to increase the endowed scholarship fund by $2,000,000. The following is an interview with Vice President for University Relations Jerome Hammond who talked about the Lee University endowment and why this goal was so vital to the future of Lee.

Torch: How is this piece of the campaign going?

Hammond: Very well. When we started, I have to say, we were a little concerned about how Lee Hammond looks over scholarship documents.

The easiest and most accurate answer is, “How is this piece of the campaign going?”


T: That’s why scholarships were a part of this campaign.

H: Has there been a typical donor or gift?

T: Exactly. During this campaign when donors sat down to sign the scholarship provisions, it was usually a joyful emotional experience. That circle, as you say, is at the heart of the whole Lee experience.

H: Final question: Are you going to reach the goal?

T: To answer that question, I have to go back to the beginning. When the campaign started, Lee was running an old mainframe system called Champlain. That system was originally created by a group of developers at Champlain College in Vermont specifically for small colleges. Needless to say, Lee quickly outgrew the basic functionality of Champlain and had spent years adding to, customizing, and tweaking every ounce of productivity out of the system. Lee needed a system with recruitment tools, online communication aids, detailed admissions data, a full-featured advising and student information system, alumni data, as well as the traditional accounting and reporting packages. Colleague from Datatel was chosen, a product widely used in higher education.

Colleague contains modules that help manage every conceivable area of the university and is integrated into every department in some way. The older mainframe was replaced with $250,000 worth of high-speed servers and data storage units necessary to run a system this complex.

The actual project to convert from one system to another was a massive undertaking involving teams from every office and spanning over two and a half years. All departments needed to gain a better understanding of how students, faculty, and administrators would interact with Colleague. Conversion of institutional data to the new system is still in progress and will be for at least another year.

What is really important about this overhaul is that it provides a platform that Lee can build upon. Administrators now have access to data for management decisions that were not previously available. New ways of looking at engaging students online are becoming everyday conversations, and the ability to provide services 24/7 is a reality. The new Colleague system has expanded to an online portal for students, faculty, and even parents. It will soon include integration with the Course Management System that faculty use in the classroom and mobile applications for smartphones.

Jayson VanHook, vice president for information systems explained, “the old Champlain system limited our ability to serve the institution’s computing needs in a comprehensive manner, while Colleague provides Lee with an integrated, Web-based computing system that positions us better to serve our students, faculty, and alumni for years to come.”

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COLLEAGUE VS.

Champlain

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Retrieving information from the system was limited.

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Since the completion of the School of Religion building in 2008, a number of people have described this event as the SOR getting a “home.” While this moniker sounded rather strange at the time, it has proved to be very accurate. For two years now, the faculty, staff, and students of the SOR have lived, worked, studied, and enjoyed the new building. It has become “home” to over 400 SOR majors and over 25 full-time faculty and 10 part-time faculty.

A frequent refrain that one hears among us is this: “How did we ever teach and administer our SOR program before getting this building?” Indeed, how did we do it? The School of Religion teaches the major section of the religion minor to all university students. In the past, we were scattered over the various places on campus where a classroom was open. When I came to teach in 1997, my very first class that I taught was Christian Ethics—in the School of Music building! The SOR faculty has become experts in dragging around their teaching props and notes. We have landed in the science building, the education building, and elsewhere. There were no complaints—that was just what we did. Before we moved into the new building in 2008, we were scattered over three different buildings on campus, teaching in the Humanities, Vest, and Walker Buildings. Our offices were just as scattered. If students were looking for any of their religion professors, it became a game of “Where’s Waldo?”

In fall 2008, the SOR taught a total of 3,673 student enrollments across three buildings and in ten classrooms. We could teach 596 students at one time period with this arrangement, but had to “borrow” space where we could find it. Two of these classrooms could seat 60 students each, but were “loaned” to us from the Humanities Building. When we moved into the new building in late September 2008, the SOR had a capacity of teaching 585 students at one time in our building alone.

Eventually, we have been able to absorb the highest demand hours within our building. In fall 2009, the SOR taught a total of 4,036 student enrollments—most of which were housed in the SOR building. In other words, we have increased our capacity to teach students within our own space.

Yet, this is not the greatest feature of having a new building. Now we have about 30,000 square feet in one place. Students have warmed to the friendly and open atmosphere of the common spaces, especially the Charlotte Commons Area at the entrance. Non-majors find their professors easily tucked away in their office suites in one building. SOR majors have a sense of common identity that could only come from having a single location to study and learn together. The Dixon Reading Room upstairs offers classic library space with high ceilings and wooden panels, creating a special place for reading, writing, and thinking. Books from former general overseers, Lee presidents (especially Charles W. Conn), and other leading ministers in the Church of God, line the wooden shelves. People who enter grasp the idea that we take ministerial preparation seriously within this university. The life of the mind is an important training ground for those who would engage in any type of ministry today.

Professors are in the four corners of the building, with about six profs to a suite. Offices for the department chairs and the dean allow easy access to administrative personnel and excellent opportunity for interaction among administrators, staff, and students. In a word, the new SOR building is a space that nurtures community—something absolutely essential for a sector that has been entrusted with the task of preparing ministers and workers for the kingdom of God. The School of Religion at Lee University has a home—and we welcome you to come and visit it.

Terry L. Cross, Ph.D. is dean of the School of Religion at Lee University
A continual demand for on-campus housing adds to campaign goal.

A “last minute add-on” to Press Toward the Mark came as a result of a student population, which has continued to grow over the course of the five years of the campaign. An ever-increasing enrollment and demand for more on-campus, townhouse-style living necessitated the acquisition of 11 parcels of land between Maple Street and Magnolia Ave. earlier this year. The land is adjacent to Brinsfield Row, the popular student housing area which features three side-by-side townhouse complexes built in 2003 and 2004. This summer three more “Brinsfield Row” style town-home halls were constructed as the final chapter of Press Toward the Mark. The two which are part of Brinsfield Row are identical: each has eight units for a total of 64 new beds. The townhouses all have two bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, full kitchen, dining area and living room.

But that’s not all. While construction began on the two, 32-bed units in early spring, a third was added to the slate approximately a month later. On the other side of campus, a third unit opened at the corner of 8th and Trunk streets, across from the soccer field. The floor plan is identical, but has 11 units instead of eight and a different design on the front which incorporates columns to match well with neighboring Livingston Hall. The working title for the townhouse unit is Livingston East.

Each of these new additions to the Lee University campus comes with its own brand new parking lots as well, a coveted commodity on a sprawling campus. As if two new 32-bed and one 44-bed townhouse units weren’t enough; they weren’t. These three projects added 108 new beds, but more were, and are, still needed. To fill the gap this fall, approximately 40 more beds were found in various forms close or contiguous to campus. At the corner of Church and 18th Streets, a former house was purchased and converted into four apartments: 16 more beds. In addition, another apartment unit, which was previously privately owned on 8th Street, has now been added to the total campus housing picture.

With an enrollment of over 4,000 and just under 2,000 beds, the need for quality, on-campus housing is an on-going need. Lee officials—and the residents of the newest 108-bed spaces – are grateful for the generosity of the individuals who have made them possible… and thank in advance those who will be a part of the next wave of housing additions on Lee University campus.

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Looking north, four of the five Brinsfield Row townhome units are shown. To the northwest in the distance is O’Bannon-Bowdle Hall. The two newest units, the unit in the top middle and the one not shown contain bed spaces for 32, while the largest of the Brinsfield units, to the left, sleeps 64. In between the two new units is space to build more housing as the need arises. A converted house on the north end next to one of the new units accommodates eight students bringing the total number of students accommodated in the Brinsfield “square” of housing to 200. 
Lee Makes Prestigious Lists Again

U.S. News & World Report

Lee University is one of the best colleges in the Southeast according to the nationally known education services company, The Princeton Review. Lee is one of 133 institutions the list recommends in its “Best in the Southeast” section of its website feature, “2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region,” posted on PrincetonReview.com. The Southeast region includes 12 states.

Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s Senior VP for Publishing, said, “We’re pleased to recommend Lee University to users of our site as one of the best schools to earn their undergraduate degree. We chose it and the other terrific institutions we name as ‘regional best’ colleges mainly for their excellent academic programs.”

From several hundred schools in each region, The Princeton Review formed their list based on institutional data collected directly from the schools, visits to schools over the years, and the opinions of their staff, plus college counselors and advisors’ recommendations.

“We’re pleased to once again be chosen by Princeton Review this year,” said Lee Vice President for Enrollment Phil Cook. “While we strive to offer a top-notch education in a Christ-centered environment, it is important to use external indicators like this to check our work. More students each year are finding out first-hand about the kind of excellence built into a Lee education...and we’re glad to continue getting high marks from Princeton Review.”

The Princeton Review also takes into account what students at the schools reported to us about their campus experiences on a student survey. Students rated their own schools on several issues – from the accessibility of their professors to quality of the campus food – and answer questions about themselves, their fellow students, and their campus life.

According to the Review, students at Lee say that professors are "inspirational" and "get to know you by name," while the administration is "helpful, approachable and very involved."

The Princeton Review has been a pioneer and leader in helping students achieve their higher education goals for more than 28 years and leader in helping students achieve their higher education goals for more than 28 years and leader in helping students achieve their higher education goals for more than 28 years. The magazine describes America’s "Up and Coming" institutions, one of only 68 schools nationwide who display the 2011 guide of US News Best Colleges.

Lee University has once again been ranked in the "top tier" category in the 2011 "Best Colleges" edition of USNews and World Report. The rankings were announced the last week of August.

Even better news for Lee was the schools listing as one of America’s “Up and Coming” institutions, one of only 68 schools of all types and sizes in the country. The magazine describes this list as “institutions which have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, or campus facilities.” This is Lee’s second time to win this honor.

Other colleges on the “up and coming” list include such schools as Wake Forest, Emory, Belmont, and Pepperdine Universities.

Lee also landed a spot on a new ranking called “A Strong Commitment to Teaching”. These are institutions which college presidents and deans across the South regard as “doing the best job of educating undergraduates. Lee tied for 6th place, with the Citadel and James Madison University, among Southern institutions on this list.

Over 1,900 colleges and universities nationwide are part of the USN&WR rankings, which have become a popular feature of college life each autumn. In the rankings, Lee is considered a "regional university", a category which includes 572 universities which provide master’s programs as well as a full range of undergraduate majors.

Lee was also ranked #14 in the South in a category called great schools, Great Prices, which lists colleges which it says offers students “the most significant values among colleges that are above average academically.”

Phil Cook, vice president for enrollment at Lee, called the positive rankings "another sign that Lee University has made its way to the top of colleges and universities in the South.” He said Lee officials are "particularly proud to be recognized for being leaders in our attention to teaching, and very happy that we are regarded as a rising star in higher education in this region."

Princeton Review

Lee purchases adjacent First Baptist Church property.

A good friendship and three years of discussions culminated on June 13, 2010, when Pastor Allan Lockerman of Cleveland’s First Baptist Church announced to his congregation that the historic downtown property had been sold to their neighbors, Lee University. The $5 million pricetag was approved unanimously by the Lee University Board of Directors two days earlier.

The 6.5 acres of property is located between the blocks of Ocoee, Central, and Parker Streets. It includes a 35,000-square-foot former retail space at the corner of Ocoee and Central, which at one time housed the downtown location of Woolworth’s and JC Penney. There is a two- and three-level educational complex which is attached to the church sanctuary, capable of seating up to 1,100. The church features a beautifully traditional colonnaded entrance and architecture which blends well with the Lee campus.

The transaction also includes 13 contiguous parcels consisting of lots which the church uses for overflow parking, older homes used for activities, and even a sand volleyball court. The deal also brings with it a former downtown bank branch complete with drive-thru capabilities. The acquisition of the First Baptist property adds 90,000 square feet to the campus—more than the recently completed science and math complex. Lee President Dr. Paul Conn spoke of the possibilities for the property by stating, "It’s so obvious how many things we could do there," he said. "It would be a [great] place to locate communication classes. The large spaces would be excellent for broadcasting studios and set storage."

He also said the building could provide more room for music. The educational wing of the property contains several choir rehearsal rooms where music groups could rehearse without any renovation to the space. Conn stated that if the university decides to begin an art major, the building also could be used for art classes. A large parking lot will help relieve on-campus parking. The lot has already been used for years by Lee staff as additional parking.

The building also will house a large commercial kitchen and adjacent dining area, can seat up to 350. There are more than 30 classrooms which could accommodate any discipline in need of classroom space. A children’s ministry and educational area has “kid-sized” facilities, perfect for a day care and pre-school.

The deal between the two campuses has been discussed around town since First Baptist began a multi-million dollar construction project two years ago to relocate their facilities on a site approximately four miles north of the city. Several alternatives have been proposed for the sale of the property, but when the announcement was made, everyone knew this was the best-case scenario. An editorial in the Cleveland Daily Banner called it, "a transaction of historic significance," and a "win-win-win" for all involved.

While Lee University took immediate possession of most of the parcels, the buildings and sanctuary were not turned over until September. As part of the agreement, First Baptist will continue to operate their administrative offices from their current location in the former retail building for up to two years until the church builds office space on their new campus.

“Lee University and First Baptist Church been wonderful neighbors. It is very fitting the two organizations were able to make a deal to continue the work of the kingdom of God.”

In an email to the faculty and staff the day of the announcement, Conn said, "Our decision to buy the First Baptist property is an expression of our confidence in the Lord’s plans for our future. The opportunities which it will create are exciting to consider."
This view from the sky shows the dramatic impact the First Baptist Church transaction will have on Lee’s campus. Red lines represent property acquired. Blue lines show Lee’s property. The only change to the acquired properties by the fall semester was the razing of a house and the addition of parking at the corner of Parker and 6th Street. Preliminary plans for the parcel south of Central Ave. (bottom middle) is for a satellite maintenance facility.

Aerial photography courtesy of John Miles

A large dining area can seat up to 350 and has a commercial kitchen.

The property includes a preschool building (left) and the educational building, all connected to the sanctuary (right).

A former bank branch is now part of the Lee campus.

With the church spire to the right, the corner of Ocoee and Central Streets is the new southern border of the Lee campus. A portion of the 35,000 square foot commercial building (shown) will continue to be used for two years by First Baptist for office space.

An aerobics class is conducted in the space known as The Backyard.
Lee Students \textbf{IMPLEMENT BUSINESS PLANS} in Cambodian Villages

Four business plans developed by Lee students are at the heart of a comprehensive project seeking to create a sustainable village model in Cambodia.

The Lee Department of Business and the benevolent agency People for Care and Learning (PCL) joined hands on the venture, which took place earlier this summer.

This project started to take shape when the chair of the Department of Business Dr. Dewayne Thompson and Assistant Professor of Business Guy DeLoach traveled in December 2009 to Cambodia with PCL. The organization has been offering classes to village children and is a major presence in Cambodia. The trip included a visit to the Tonle Sap Lake, a floating village of about 1 million ostracized Vietnamese people who have been banished from the mainland and forced to live in abject poverty. Seeing this and other societal problems closely, Thompson and DeLoach decided that something had to be done to break the cycle of poverty, and the idea of a sustainable village model was conceived.

“When we returned, we decided to offer a course consistent with our experiential learning model but with a purpose to alleviate the suffering of a few,” said Thompson. “We 13 students are involved in developing four business plans that we hope can be implemented to break the cycle and create the sustainable village.”

The student group traveled to Cambodia where they began the process of implementing the business models and assisting with other benevolent projects.

Katie Rowcliffe, Blake Kernea, and Jacob Brown are working on a soy production project to provide a nutritional meal for the Tonle Sap children. These students also have plans of soymilk production including “okara,” a soymilk byproduct, in some of the local food to provide an effective source of protein for children.

Kayla Smith, Ginny Stewart, and Justin McComber developed a business plan to produce solar energy to power refrigeration for the barge and to create other revenue-producing enterprises.

Integrated farming is the project being developed by Morgan Adams, Andrea Mouser, and Jared Houghton. This is a green initiative that includes building fisheries, pig farms, and other agricultural plans designed to provide a source of income for families.

Cait Kooistra, Kristine Tuck, Lauren Thompson, and Alan Ponce worked on a microenterprise and microfinance project. They hope to loan money for personal needs and to create business opportunities.

“An alumna, Bilguun Boldbaatar, is an advisor to the team,” said Thompson. “BB is from Mongolia and has tacit insight.”

The project has a clear vision in incorporating locals and tapping into the local resources and partners, as the goal is to make life better for Cambodians’ families, including those on the Tonle Sap Lake.

“The goal is to change lives by showing the people of Cambodia the love of Christ manifested by, quite literally, teaching them to fish,” Thompson said.

Lee Students and Cambodians worked together to install solar panels on the People for Care & Learning (PCL) barge on the Tonle Sap Lake.
Dirksen Challenges Graduates at Summer Commencement

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“Many of you have been in my class, and many others have been in my office with one request or another,” Dirksen noted to the graduates. “For some of you, I know the struggles you have been through with financial, health, and personal problems, and I am so proud of you for overcoming it all, no matter how long it has taken, to cross this stage today. You are my heroes. But even if I have never met you, I know a lot about you, because I have been deeply involved in the development and implementation of your curriculum... in this last speech you will ever hear as a Lee University student, I want to draw your attention to the finished product— to the big picture we had in mind for you as you worked your way through our maze—and to the hopes we have for you as you emerge from all this as brand new graduates.”

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“You (graduates) have been a gift to us, and we thank God for bringing you into our lives. As you have performed all the tasks we have set before you, we have been encouraged by your energy and renewed by your openness and trust. We have enjoyed your humor and admired your earnest hard work and taken pleasure in your company... now we will give you your diplomas and send you out into a world that desperately needs your intelligence, your energy, and your very good hearts. We will miss you, our spiritual sons and daughters, and we pray that God will bless you as you do his work in the world.”

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Bowdle RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR Award

Forty-eight-year veteran faculty member Dr. Donald N. Bowdle recently received the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Educator Award from the Church of God Division of Education. Since 1976, the Church of God has bestowed the Distinguished Educators Award to recipients who have made a unique contribution to education in the Church of God. The award is presented biennially at the Church of God Educators Seminar, held in conjunction with the General Assembly of the Church.

This year the event took place July 26 at the Hilton hotel in Orlando, Florida.

In 1996, the award was expanded to two recipients, one to represent a faculty educator and the other designated as a leadership administration award. Recipient of the administrative award was former Lee University vice president Dr. Donald S. Sultman. Dr. Bowdle has spent a virtual lifetime teaching generations of students enrolled at Lee. For the last 48 years he has been a member of the faculty at Lee teaching religion studies in a wide variety of emphases. He arrived at Lee in 1962 with a B.A. in Biblical and history education and from Lee; M.A. and Ph.D. in New Testament text and theology from Bob Jones University, and a Th.M. in ancient and medieval studies from Princeton Theological Seminary. He later earned a Th.D. in American Christianity from Union Theological Seminary in 1970 and in the 1980s he was awarded two postdoctoral fellowships—one from Yale University and another from the University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Bowdle’s gift of his life to Lee University is unprecedented. He has served as a full-time faculty member longer than anyone in the history of Lee. Over the course of his career, he has served three times as the chairperson of various religion department structures, such as Bible and Christian Ministries and dean of the Division of Religion. He has been recognized for his excellence with two awards at Lee, including the first Excellence in Scholarship Award in 1986 and the highly coveted Excellence in Teaching Award in 1973. In 2003, he was honored with the naming of a three-story Lee dormitory, in his name and in 2004, he was given the highest faculty rank of Distinguished Professor. He is only the second faculty member at Lee to ever receive the recognition.

Communications Group

During the period of May 15 - June 2010, a group of 16 telecommunication and communication majors from Lee spent 19 days in a cross-cultural experience in Costa Rica. This was the first time the Communication and the Arts Department had hosted a trip to Central America. The purpose of the trip was to expose telecommunication and journalism-emphasis students to the breadth of Spanish language electronic media in Central America as well as the United States.

We specifically targeted Telecommunication majors and Communication majors with an emphasis in journalism, as they would be involved in shooting and editing a mission support video for missionaries Ricardo and Maureen Sanders, who joined us and provided translation services. The video will be used to assist them in their fund-raising efforts. During media visits/lectures, we logged over 20 hours of contact interaction with the staff of mega-giants AM Costa Rica, La Nacion, Radio Monumental, Voz Pop Radio, PCN Radio International, Radio U (radio station of the University of Costa Rica) and the film industry. Highlights included on air performances “live” by three of the students on Voz Pop Radio. Everyone had a meet and greet by the CEO of Ketchum Public Relations Comunicacion Corpovita.

Travels to COSTA RICA

This trip provided an immersion experience in Latin America media as well as a wonderful cross-cultural appreciation of the impact of Spanish language media and the rich cultural contributions of Hispanics/Latinos to the international U.S. telecommunications and electronic media scene. Students also experienced adventure training in the rain forest, and we traversed zip lines and played ultimate frisbee at 12,000 feet atop cloud-forested volcano, Mt. Irazu. To top off the adventure, we endured three major earthquake tremors and monsoon rain conditions!

— Michael Lane

Daffe RELEASES New Book

Dr. Jerald Daffe, Professor of Pastoral Ministries at Lee, has authored Publishing A Naked Church, in the book, Daffe, noting the less than positive spiritual conditions of many local churches, diagnoses the problem, and then offers solutions on ways to return them to a vibrant, kingdom ministering body.

This is Daffe’s fourth book release in the past eight years. It also contributes regularly to denominational publications and is an exposition writer for the Evangelical Sunday School Commentary. Daffe is in his 34th year of teaching at Lee and in his 37th year as a college and university professor.

STUDENT-FACULTY Research Projects PUBLISHED

Lee University students and faculty were rewarded for 18 months of dedicated work and research with the publication of their projects in the ACA – University of North Carolina Asheville Undergraduate Research Symposium E-Journal. The students conducted research under the guidance of several faculty advisors and in aid from the Appalachian Colleges Association (ACA) Mellon Grant.

The university obtained a Mellon Grant in 2008 through the ACA Partnership for Undergraduate Research for student faculty research projects. Dr. Andrew Lee, associate professor of English, Dr. Megan Moe, assistant professor of communication, Stacey Jomay, playwright and English professor, and Dr. John Coats, associate professor of history, submitted proposals for the grant and worked on separate research projects with their students.

“Undergraduate research, conducted under the auspices of a faculty mentor, is invaluable and, in fact, essential in today’s highly competitive atmosphere of higher education,” Lee said English majors Jordan Eisenbach and Labrina Gerhart worked with Lee to conduct research for their papers. Eisenbach explored the character of Lazarus in his paper “Raising the Dead: Lazarus in 20th-Century American Drama.” Gerhart drew from works by American playwrights for her paper, “The Lies that Bind: The Disintegration of the Nuclear Family in 20th-Century American Drama.”

Communication Studies students wrote “Voices and Violence: Relational Investments and Exit for Women in Romantically Physically Abusive Relationships.” Rebecca Krese, Lacey Stokes and Carly Bishop-Chaney conducted original research, under Moe’s guidance, using ten in-depth interviews and analyzing the results. The reviewer for the E-Journal commented that it was “a riveting paper on an important topic” which provided “important insights.”

Lee students Brittany Livingston, Leandra Web, and Linsey Retsofksky worked with Jomay to write a documentary play that took a close look at domestic violence against women. The play, “Voices and Violence: A Series of Documentary Monologues,” was constructed from information gathered in interviews with women. Through the play, they gave the women a voice to speak out and promoted awareness of domestic violence. Coats worked with two history majors who researched topics relating to political Thomas Mann. Senior Barry Childers wrote “Preconceived Notions: How the 1964 Flag Riots in Panama Changed America’s Flawed Policy with Panama” and presented it at the ACA Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Lee University Associate Professor of Music Education Dr. Linda Thompson recently released Issues of Identity in Music Education: Narratives and Practices, the third book in a series she is editing with Mark Campbell of State University of New York at Potsdam.

The volume focuses on the stories of individuals—cooperating teachers and student teachers, undergraduate composers, singers, and nonsingers and instrumental music educators. Individually and collectively, these studies tell stories about the ways that people, places, and spaces in music education shape identity. The book also features essays from prominent educators which explain the various roles and identities held by researchers. Thompson currently serves as the chair for the Society of Music Teacher Educators. His prior academic positions include serving as an assistant professor at the Crane School of Music, SUNY at Potsdam, and the University of Minnesota.
Welcome, NEW Faculty!

Amy Mercer, M.L.S. - Lecturer and Technical Services/Serials Librarian
- M.L.S., B.A. – University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Diette Ward, M.L.I.S. - Lecturer and Instruction/Technical Services Librarian
- M.L.I.S. – University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- B.M.E. – Lee University

Alex Sandoval, M.Ed. - Teacher in Residence (non tenure track)
- M.Ed. – University of Missouri
- B.S. – Lee University

Mary McCampbell, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Humanities
- Ph.D., M.A. – Newcastle University
- M.A. – University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Chad Schrock, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of English
- Ph.D. – The Pennsylvania State University
- M.A. – James Madison University
- M.Div. – Eastern Mennonite Seminary
- B.A. – Pennacola Christian College

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- M.M. – Samford University
- B.A. – Lee College

Debra Mimbs, M.S. - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Ph.D. candidate – University of Alabama
- M.S. – University of Alabama

Ning An, M.A. - Assistant Professor of Music
- M.A., B.M. – New England Conservatory of Music

Daniel Buck, B.A. - Assistant Professor of Theatre
- M.F.A. candidate – Baylor University
- B.A. – Taylor University

Jared Wielfaert, M.A. - Lecturer in Secondary Education and Assessment Coordinator
- M.A., B.A. – University of Toronto

Mary Adams, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Education
- Ph.D., M.A. – University of Sussex
- B.A. – Vanguard University

Mr. Pope comes to Lee from Baylor University where he has been a graduate teaching assistant while working on his doctoral degree.

Alex Johnson, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Humanities
- Ph.D., M.A. – University of Colorado
- B.A. – Colorado Christian University

Dr. Johnson has taught at Baylor, Austin Theological Seminary, the University of Texas, Loyola and the University of Chicago.

Jared Wielfaert, M.A. - Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics
- Ph.D. candidate – University of South Africa
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The rejuvenated inline hockey club was made up of nine players who practiced in the Mayfield Annex (old Mayfield Elementary gymnasium) on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The team became part of the Hockey Chattanooga Adult League, which consisted of seven other teams of varying backgrounds.

"The league is excited to have us back in competition because of the great relationship that we have always had," current Lee student and alternate captain Richard Pante said.

While the Flames began their season on Feb. 11 with a 5-0 loss to an older and more experienced team, this proved to be just a speed bump in their self proclaimed learning season.

"It was nice to finally get out there and play in a game after being limited to just playing in practice," team member Todd Basecu said. "It made me feel like we were an actual team and not just some guys goofing around in the gym."

Although the Flames’ overall inexperience would dominate the season, their 4-8 record was overshadowed by the team’s determination and drive that led them to their 2-1 championship win over a team called Black Ice.

"Several times I think most of us had this season written off as a learning experience," MacQuarrie said. "It says a lot that we managed to put everything together right when it mattered the most."

While the season ended on a celebratory note, the team will have some gaping holes to fill for their next season, as three of the players graduated.

"It won’t be easy to fill these holes, especially in the net, but it will happen," MacQuarrie said. "I think the whole team will be back next year."

E arlier this year, the Lee Flames inline hockey club picked up right where a previous team from four years earlier left off as they went on to become the Hockey Chattanooga 2010 champions.

Despite the success that the previous club had experienced, a general lack of interest and team organization led to the disappearance of the club until a group of Lee students decided that it was time to bring inline hockey back to the university.

The team seemed to end because the original team founders and organizers graduated and no one took up leadership," said Trent Catchpole, member of the 2005-2006 and 2009-2010 championship team and Lee alumnus. It was a bumpy road for the fledgling club, yet they managed to combine their varying hockey backgrounds to adapt to the inline hockey atmosphere.

"We had no idea that there were so many hockey players here at Lee interested in joining the team," Lee alumnus and 2005-2006 team captain Andrew MacQuarrie said. "The team seemed to end because the original team leaders and alternate captain Richard Pante said.

Q. When did you decide that it would be a good idea to bring back the roller hockey club?
A. The day I showed up in my freshman year and was told that the club was no longer together. I tried some then, but it kind of died off. Then, last year after hearing there were at least four or five hockey players here, we knew it was time to give it a shot again.

Q. Where did your interest in hockey originate from?
A. I grew up with hockey. My brothers and I have played for most of our lives. It’s just something that we’ve always known.

Q. How does it feel to be graduating and leaving your young club behind?
A. Bittersweet. Obviously it’s exciting to be moving on to the next stage of my life, but I’ve had a blast this semester and I really wish I could play just one more season with those guys.

Q. What are your plans after graduation?
A. I’ll be attending medical school, though I haven’t decided yet which school. After that my plans are less clear, but I’m open and ready for whatever comes.

Q. What went through your head when the team won the Hockey Chattanooga Championships?
A. Honestly, I just couldn’t stop laughing. It was such a roller coaster season. In every single one of our playoff games, we were pegged as the underdogs. For two of those games, I had shown up having slept less than three hours. The odds just weren’t in our favor, but we won anyway. It was ridiculous, unbelievable, and incredible all at the same time!

Q. What has been your best moment/memory during your time at Lee?
A. Oh wow...Every single time that someone, or something, in someway made me laugh.

Q. Any parting advice you would like to share?
A. Don’t wait until you’re a senior to start a hockey team. Be nice to your parents and brush your teeth!
The Lee University baseball Flames finished their season earlier this year with a 52-13 record and another deep run at the NAIA World Series title, dropping a 4-3 decision to Cumberland University in the finale in Lewiston, Idaho. The Flames have finished second twice and third once over the past three years.

Lee baseball and head coach Mark Brew drew plenty of national attention during the 2010 season. Lee defeated Lubbock Christian, host and No. 1-ranked Lewis-Clark State and Embry-Riddle, but lost to Cumberland twice in the World Series. JJ Costantino and Junior Rodriguez were selected as first-team NAIA All-American, while Scott Swinson was named to the All-Golden Glove squad. Lee’s Tanner Moore broke Kevin Youn’s season homer-run record by blasting 22 round-trippers. Costantino got his name in the record book by breaking Johnny Page’s long-standing stolen-base mark. The speedy Costantino finished the season with 52 steals—six better than the mark held by Page (46) since 1997.

The list of accomplishments must have attracted attention, because in the recent Major League draft, shortstop Jose Cuevas was drafted in the 29th round and signed with the San Francisco Giants. Pitchers Aaron Everett (San Diego Padres), Matt Gilson (Tampa Bay Rays) and Scott Swinson (Boston Red Sox) inked free agent contracts.

In the last issue of Torch, it was reported that former Lee All-American Lance Zawadski has been up and down with the Padres this season and is currently playing for San Diego’s Triple-A squad (Portland Beavers).

The Flames have several other players in professional ball. Left-handed pitcher Jeff Ibarra (2008-2009) is in the San Diego organization and in (Class A) Fort Wayne, Ind. Infielder Ryan Stromi (2008) is currently with the Burlington Bees (Kansas City Midwest Class A affiliate). Brandon Cunniff (2008) was drafted in the 27th round by the Florida Marlins. Aaron Larsen (2008-2009) was selected 34th round Oakland A’s.

Others are trying to reach their goals in professional independent league play. Pitcher Josh Rose (2008-2009) is with the River City Rascals (Frontier League). Infielder Brian Bistagno (2008-2009) is listed with the Tucson Toros (Golden Baseball League). Catcher/pitcher Mike Valdez is also with the Tucson Toros. Veteran infielder Ron Fenwick (2002-2003) is a member of the Coastal Bend Thunder (United League). Lefty Mitch Davidson (2008-2009) signed with Pensacola Pelicans of the American Association of Independent Baseball, but was released due to an injury, and infielder/pitcher Nick Uiley (2006-2007) is with Laredo Broncos of the United League.

Coach Andrea Hudson admits that the 2010 volleyball season “is kind of special.” Not only does this mark her 20th year of directing the Lady Flames, she still has a sparkle in her eyes when talking about the upcoming year.

This comes from a veteran leader who directed the program to her 600th victory in 2009. Hudson ranks among the top NAIA coaches with an amazing 625-223 record. Last season the Lady Flames made history by becoming the first Lee volleyball team to reach the NAIA’s Final Four.

“Every year seems like some new milestone,” Hudson noted. “I am ready to work with a great group of athletes and am excited for the talent that has been placed in mine and Kevin’s (her husband and assistant coach) hands.”

She points out that last season’s great finish could have helped her staff land some quality players. “We really think that has happened in both our transfers and our freshman class. The future of the Lee volleyball program has never looked brighter.”

The list of returning players is impressive. Hudson returned to Brazil and signed a pair of transfers and a freshman. The two transfers were NAIA All-Americans for Texas-Brownsville last year and will make an immediate impact. The freshman class will have big blockers and a great setter as well.

Hudson refuses to look past the regular season and conference tournament to another possible date in the nationals. “We will never get the cart before the horse,” she related. “I think that is why we were successful last year. Our goal is to tackle each hurdle along the way and enjoy the ride. Hopefully at the end, we will have put in the discipline and hard work to achieve our goals.”

Hudson has coached Lee University’s volleyball teams to over 625 wins in her 20-year career.
Jessica Still-Stone and Dodson-Spangler are the latest former Lee University athletes to be named to top coaching positions in Cleveland and Bradley County, Tennessee. The former basketball standouts will be leading the Walker Valley High School program starting this fall when Dodson-Spangler will be the head coach and Still-Stone her top assistant.

Lee University’s athletic teams have enjoyed tremendous success in recent years. It is almost impossible to count the number of those student-athletes who have moved on to high school or college coaching careers. However, area high schools have inserted several ex-Flames into leadership roles over the past year.

“I think we are prepared for the challenge,” said Dodson-Spangler, who is being asked to replace a coaching legend, David Tucker, at Bradley County’s north side school. The scenario is even more interesting because Dodson-Spangler’s husband, Patrick, is as assistant coach at rival Bradley Central on the south end of the county.

Veteran assistant coach Jason Reuter (Lee basketball, 1988-92) has moved up the ranks and has taken over the Bradley Bearettes’ hoop program. He will be assisted by Katie Nelson who recently completed an All-American career for Lee coach Marty Rowe.

Cleveland High School got into the act when Connie Stobert (Lee – 2001-2002) was hired to take over the Cleveland High softball team. Stobert was a standout player for the Lady Flames and later served as an assistant coach. Walker Valley then wasted no time in picking Lauren Hilliard-Limburg (Lee 2003-2006) to head up its softball club. She was already the assistant coach.

On the college front, Cleveland State Community College promoted Katie Rominger-Willingham (Lee – 2002-2005) to head up the Lady Cougars’ softball program. Rominger-Willingham had already been serving as the CSCC assistant.

Several other former Lee student athletes have already settled into key roles in athletics and administration in area schools, including Autumn Willemisen-O’Brien (Lee – 1993-1996) who will begin her second year as principal at Cleveland High School.

A record-setting 57-5 season did not conclude the way Lee softball coach Emily Russell had hoped and dreamed, but the 7-6 loss to Trevecca Nazarene University in the final round of the NAIA National Tournament pool play, should never cast a negative light on the amazing accomplishments of the 2010 squad.

The 57 wins topped the old mark of 55 posted by the Lady Flames in 2006. It is a year that included a SSAC regular-season and tournament championship. It saw Lee climb to its highest softball ranking ever. No. 2. Russell was selected as the SSAC Coach of the Year. Johana Gomez, the dominating right-hander, closed out her senior campaign with a 30-1 record from the circle and posted a remarkable 0.72 earned run average. She had 271 strikeouts on the year and was touched for just three doubles and five home runs by the 586 batters she faced. The Piritu, Venezuela, native became the first Lady Flame hurler to be named NAIA Pitcher of the Year. While Gomez was racking up tremendous pitching numbers, she was just as impressive as a hitter and earned NAIA First-Team All-American honors. Gomez set a new school record by hitting .516. She ripped 18 homers, drove in a record 85 runs, and stroked 21 doubles. Junior infielder Danielle Balough was listed as a second-team All-American. She batted .410 with 11 homers and 59 RBIs.

The Lady Flames placed four players on the All-Conference First Team. Danielle Balough, outfielder Savannah Bell, catcher, and Krista Goodlett and Gomez garnered the honors. Brittanyava Balough, Jenevieve Cena and Hernanz Ruiz were listed on the second team, while Bell, Cena and Charlie Wooden were all-freshmen honorees.

Tabitha Farrow was Lee’s Champion of Character selection. Scholar Athlete awards were passed out to Brittany and Danielle Balough, Caitlin Beshears, Katelyn Grosh, Taylor Horsemman, and Lindsay Shein.

Johana Gomez is greeted by teammates after blasting a home run in Southern States Athletic Conference tournament play.
Over the past two seasons, Lee men’s soccer coach Henry Moyo has watched his Flames start slow, and then finish in high gear, winning the SSAC tournament title and earning a berth in the first round of the NAIA National Tournament.

“I certainly hope we can start strong and keep it going all the way,” said Moyo, who begins his ninth season as the men’s head coach. "Although having said that, we have never really been written off by anyone in the conference or nationally, even with slow starts! That is a testament of the tenacity of the players."

Fortunately, we have almost the entire starting line-up returning,” Moyo said. "Starting at the back, we return Cedric Beauzil, Demaro Jones, Luke Cuthbert, Oniel Crawford, Mohammed Aden, Josh Inglis, Robby Marcum, Nathan Brown, Vance Griffith, Matt Ball, Marlon Ayala and Kwame Boamah."

The addition of new teams to the SSAC has created plenty of headaches and nightmares for Moyo. "Overnight, it has become one of the toughest leagues in the nation," he declared. "It already was a tough conference, but adding ranked teams like Mobile, William Carey, and Belhaven really makes the competition tougher."

The staff decided to go with a tough nonconference schedule again this season. "We believe it will help keep us at the top level of competition," pointed out Moyo. "It is a grueling schedule, but one that should yield dividends at the end. I just hope that the World Cup has stirred enough passion and enthusiasm in my players that they too will be fired up to win big this year!"

Can coach Matt Yelton and his Lee women’s soccer team pull off “The Hat Trick”? Or maybe the Lady Flames would rather say they are going after a “3-Peat”?

Here’s the facts: entering his eighth season at Lee, Yelton has turned the Lee program into a powerhouse. The Lady Flames have claimed back-to-back NAIA national titles. His record at Lee stands at 157-29-5. Yelton capped off a great year by being voted the NAIA National Coach of the Year. Christiane Christensen was selected NAIA Player of the Year and Jamie Achten was labeled the tournament’s Offensive Player of the Year. Marina Lima and Linn Christensen joined Achten and the national all-tournament squad. Later, Chris and Linn Christensen, and Lima were named First-Team All-American.

The Lady Flames have totally dominated conference competition, winning eight league tournament titles, seven regular-season crowns. Lee finished second in the NAIA National Tournament in 2005 and made the Final Four in 2007.

The Lee coach admits he lost some extremely talented players from his 2009 championship team. "Not only were they talented, they were leaders of our team, and had the opportunity of playing together for four years. We not only lost four All-Americans, but one of our team’s captains in Kristine Tuck."

But Yelton always has good news to report. "We also have a very talented group returning," he noted. "We have two-time All-American and our leading goal scorer, Jamie Achten. After missing last season with an injury, three-year starter Sammy Hare is back. Put those together with all-conference players Kim Conrad and Clair Lanter, and All-American goal keeper Leah Wilson, and you can see why I’m excited." Kristi Koudelka was a two-year starter before missing 2009 with an injury, and Darcy Brannen, Lee’s top reserve was outstanding in spring practice.

"I know this is saying a lot, but I do believe this is the best group of players we have ever brought in," suggested Yelton when speaking about his recruiting class. "We have some of the top players in Tennessee joining our 2010 class. ’’ He pointed directly at Chattanooga area player of the year Danielle Ciabattone as leading the way, plus he also added quality players from Ohio, Florida, and North Carolina. The international recruits have captured plenty of attention. Katrine Korsgaard, the captain of the Under-20 Danish National team is the most prominent, “but I believe Ode Fulutidulu (Capetown, South Africa), Benedicto Christensen (Oslo, Norway), and Keyanna Jackson (Toronto, Canada) will be some of the top players in the NAIA this fall," Yelton said.

It comes as no surprise that the Lady Flames were ranked No. 1 in the NAIA preseason poll. Loaded with quality athletes at every position, there is no question this will be the best women’s soccer show in this part of the country.
Bruce P. Hedrick ’51 of Arlington, VA, passed away on May 20, 2010 at his residence. A veteran of the Korean War, Bruce is survived by his wife, Phoebe, and two children.

He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 30, Moose Lodge 769, and a life member of American Society of Military Comptrollers. He retired in 1986, but returned to work with the Department of Defense from 1986 to 1993.

Jim ’65 and Shirley Bridges Forrester ’63 have been married for 46 years after meeting while members of the first group of Lee Singers. They are both former school administrators and have traveled to 40 countries since their retirement.

Paul Chapman ’75 has been married to Victoria for 34 years and they live in Jacksonville, FL. Paul works for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida and recently completed his 24th trip to Central America.

John Chiarra ’77, and his wife, Jeannie Pittman, recently moved to North Carolina to pastor the Roseboro Church of God after over 30 years of ministry in California. They welcomed their first grandchild, Ava, who was born June 10, 2010. John says, “As one of the drummers for our church worship team, I still enjoy playing the drums! I’d love to hear from my Lee University friends!”

Janet Volcano Walker ’76 died earlier this summer after an extended illness. She was a long-time teacher for the Cleveland, TN City School system and was a special education teacher specialist. She served as coordinator of special education teachers for Cleveland City Schools and was a part-time instructor of special education at Lee University. Survivors include a son and daughter, as well as one granddaughter.

Three cousins recently graduated in the May 8, 2010 commencement, whose parents are also Lee alumni. Left to right in the photo are: Josh Belisle - M.A. in teaching (Parents: Sam Belisle ’76, 1976 the late Diane Hamilton Belisle ’76); Hannah Moore - B.A. in History (Parents: Rickie Moore ’76 and Jean Hamilton Moore ’76); Jamie Hamilton - B.A. in Psychology (Parents: Jim Hamilton Jr. ’73 and Brenda Hamilton).

Stephen Ellis ’78 recently retired after nearly 31 years of teaching elementary students at Riverview Elementary School in Titusville, FL. The family has moved to Canisteo, in the upstate western New York area.

Donna Selph Smith ’78 lives in Dora, AL, with her husband, Michael. She has two children and three step children. Donna spent thirty years with the Jefferson County School system teaching in the classroom and serving as a mentor and a teacher for gifted students. A grant writer, Donna was able to secure funds for her school in excess of $200,000. Before retiring, she was named Teacher of the Year for her school, school district, and congressional district before being named the runner-up for Alabama’s State Teacher of the Year. Donna spends her free time with family, writing children’s books, and collecting lithographs. She can be reached at dasteach@hotmail.com.

Mickey Jett ’80 is married to Nannett and they have five children. In July, Mickey redeployed back to the United States after serving as an active duty Army chaplain, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as the ISAF Joint Command Chaplain. He is now stationed at Fort Rucker, AL as Deputy Installation Chaplain.

John ’80 and Virginia (Faye) Taylor ’85 live in Kannapolis, NC where John is beginning his 17th year as associate pastor of the Kannapolis (West A Street) Church of God. Virginia Faye recently retired as seminary librarian of New Life Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. The Taylors recently visited Land’s End in Cornwall, England, while visiting their son and daughter-in-law at Cambridge University.

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1990s

Andrea McCay ’90 is employed by the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation as manager of decision support. She is responsible for a team that designs, develops, and maintains data warehouse, executive dashboards, and productivity applications for physicians, administrators and clinical staff of the University of Alabama Health System.

Lisa Griffith/Sheppard
Materna ’91 lives in LaFollette, TN on Norris Lake. She has three children and attends Park West Church of God in Knoxville. Lisa invites friends to check out her website at www.acimaterna.com or the www.peninsula.us.

Deborah Youngblood ‘83 and her husband, John, have a son attending Lee. Deborah is vice president of Revenue Cycle for Catholic Healthcare Partners in Cincinnati and John is a stay-at-home Dad. John says, “I am still trying to decide what I want to be when I grow up!”

Tom Robertson ’87 recently authored the book, Sleeping Saints, a work which explains America’s place in Biblical prophecy according to Revelation 12:14. Sleeping Saints details the adverse effects of the decline in Christian values and complacency toward sin in America and how the age of political correctness has lulled Christians into a deep sleep. Sleeping Saints can be purchased at Lulu.com.

Lori Funderburk ’94 married Steve Wegman on July 12, 2010, and now resides in Fairfield, OH with her two children and two step children. Lori is a biology teacher at Lakota East Freshman School in West Chester, OH. She is on Facebook, InCircle, and blogs at http://whatlovehasdoneforlori.blogspot.com.

Joseph Giove III ’95 is senior program manager for the Office of Fossil Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Craig Smith ’95 is currently serving as director of public affairs and media relations for Web Ops of Atlanta, GA. Craig also serves the military as the state PAO for the Georgia National Guard after serving nine years on active duty as an Infantry Officer (Army Ranger).

Dawn Atkins York ’95 is married to Andrew who is an aviator for Netjets Aviation Inc., while Dawn has worked for Bath and Body Works for six years. They attend Christ Temple International and now reside in Fairfield, OH with her two children and two step children. Lori is a biology teacher at Lakota East Freshman School in West Chester, OH. She is on Facebook, InCircle, and blogs at http://whatlovehasdoneforlori.blogspot.com.

KeLee’ Gregory ’96 lives in Jacksonville, FL after 12 years of international and home missionary work teaching special education. KeLee says, “My prayers and love go out to my many Ladies of Lee family and friends of my Lee days.”

William Shannon Greer ’97 and his wife Kristia Utterback Greer ’97 are living in Chattanooga, TN where they have planted River Church. They have three daughters and welcomed their son, Jayden Isaac, on July 12, 2010.

Kevin ’97 and Jennifer Palesch Howell ’00 were married on October 3, 2009 and currently live in South Carolina. Kevin is the pastor of Oasis Church and also serves as the program director for United Ministries. Jennifer works as a camp counselor. Jennifer says, “We thank God everyday for the amazing blessings in our lives that we know we do not deserve.”

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## 2000s

### Daniel Grace '03 and Natalie Ashburn Grace '03

Living in Chapel Hill, N.C., Daniel recently graduated medical school from Mercer University and is completing his residency in ophthalmology at the University of North Carolina. Natalie enjoys teaching high school science classes and is working at City of Medicine Academy. They will celebrate their five-year wedding anniversary this year.

### Kristi Atha-Rader '99

Was crowned Mrs. West Virginia, United States 2010, and represented West Virginia in the Mrs. United States Pageant in July. Kristi lives in Fayetteville, WV, where she lives with her husband Kris and their daughter. Kristi is CEO at Rainelle Medical Center.

### Heather Simpson '99

Is living and working in Argentina as an English professor. She has two children.

### Heather Jowers Stodghill '99

Is married to Jamey and is stepmom of three children. Heather has been teaching 6th-grade math for two years at Coffee Middle School. The Stodghills live in Douglas, GA.

### John Brose '04

And his wife, Courtney, announce the birth of their son, Rader Jackson, on December 8, 2009. The Broses live in Cleveland, TN, where John is employed with the Cleveland City School system.

### Adam Clagg '04

Is executive pastor of Covenant Church in Chattanooga, TN. He is also editor for AccessBibleStudies.com and teaches online for Grand Canyon University. He recently wrote an article for Bible Study magazine. Adam also serves as youth chairman for Youth Leadership Chattanooga and treasurer of the Tennessee International Missions Board.

### Michael J. Willis '05

Is an assistant manager/loan officer at Wilson Bank & Trust in Nashville, TN.

### Michael Baker '06

Is married to Jenna Baker and they have two sons. Michael is currently serving in the U.S. Army in the military intelligence field stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, with a deployment to Afghanistan scheduled for November.

### Kristen Broadhead '06

Of Portsmouth, OH, received a doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine on June 5, 2010. This summer, Dr. Broadhead began a pediatrics residency at T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital in Chattanooga, TN. As a D.O. Dr. Broadhead joins one of the fastest growing segments of health care professionals in the United States.

### Christopher Camp '06

Graduated from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in May 2010. He is now an orthopaedic surgery resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He and his wife, Erica McCaleb, are expecting their first child.

### Alycia Workman '06

Was one of 135 who graduated May 16, 2010, from the University of Akron School of Law with a Juris Doctorate degree.

### Kristen Guilbert ’07

Married Erich Goodlett in June 2007. The couple recently moved to Columbus, OH with their employer, Thirty-One Gifts. Kristen is currently seeking a Master’s degree in mental health counseling.

### T-Ran Gilbert ’07

Recently found himself in Mongolia and China where he was leading music with Mission Mongolia and traveling with Torch.

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### Shawn Scott ’07

Completed a master of theological studies (MTS) degree at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology in 2009. After working for 10 months with the Emory Annual Fund, Shawn was recently promoted to assistant director of regional volunteer programs at the Emory Alumni Association.

### Grant Fisher '08

Married Nichole Riley at a ceremony in Cleveland, TN on July 10, 2010. They live in Cleveland where they recently purchased their first home. Grant is a graphic designer, while Nichole is completing her final year at Lee.

### Hope Manley '08

Is participating in the World Race, an 11-month missions trip going to 11 countries. Along the way, she is assisting with helping girls out of human trafficking, working in orphanages, teaching English, and sharing the gospel.

### Sheerlina Mohammed '08

Recently completed an M.B.A. at Bryan College in Dayton, TN and has moved back to Trinidad.

### Glenn Williams ’97

Is president of Bell performance, a 17-employee fuel additive company in Longwood, FL. The company is in nearly 30 countries, and last year 40 percent of its revenue came from exports.

### Emilie Rice Denson '98

And her husband, Randy, live in Knoxville, TN. They are proud to welcome their second child, Joshua Randal, born March 25, 2010. They also have a three-year-old daughter.

### Chris Hemphill '98

Received the M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from Shorter College. Chris and his wife, Crystal, are both employed by Georgia Baptist Children’s Home, where they work with teens who are recovering from addictions or were rescued from the streets. Ministry groups and other volunteers are encouraged to contact Chris at CHemphill@gbchfm.org for service learning opportunities.

### April Durand '99

Of Mahomet, IL, welcomed the birth of her son, Maxwell Theodore Fay, on January 22, 2010.

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