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OPENING THOUGHTS
From President Paul Conn

The Questions Other Presidents Ask

When I am with college presidents from other institutions, there are two questions I am frequently asked.

The first question has to do with our enrollment growth over the past two decades. “What accounts for Lee’s growth?” Fellow presidents wonder what has produced the sustained rise in enrollment that has taken us from 1000 students in the mid-1980’s to more than 4000 students today.

The second question is about money. “How can Lee keep its tuition so low, and still get the job done?” Presidents from other institutions want to know how we can stretch the tuition dollar so far. Somehow, year after year, our tuition is among the lowest of any private university in the country, and fellow presidents wonder what we are doing at Lee to deliver a quality product with tuition revenue which is so relatively low.

Interestingly enough, these two questions have pretty much the same answer. As different as the questions seem to be, I answer both with a similar explanation: the extraordinary willingness and ability of our faculty and staff to perform far above and beyond their various job descriptions.

All across the campus, in all kinds of ways, the people at Lee do the extra things, go the second mile, at a level beyond the level that anyone might reasonably expect of them. They were “multi-tasking” before it became a buzz word. Everywhere I look around Lee, I see professors, administrators, staff members in every department who are doing more than that one thing they are being paid to do.

In the Lee University professional family, going “above and beyond the call of duty” is part of the culture. It is the kind of team spirit that creates a remarkable level of productivity. No president could require it or even expect it of a faculty and staff. It certainly is not something that comes from any sort of clever management paradigm. It is not something that can be generated top-down.

The result is that the payroll dollar—and that means the tuition dollar—goes further at Lee than almost anywhere I know. People see something that needs to be done and do it. Students’ needs get met because so many people are involved in the process. It is a student-centered, problem-solving employee culture. Faculty don’t have an attitude that their job is only to teach classes while student life specialists meet the students’ other needs. Staff members don’t operate in compartmentalized pockets defined by the deadly phrase, “it’s not my job.”

How have we enjoyed such a sustained pattern of enrollment growth? Because at Lee, hundreds of employees contribute to student satisfaction in more than one role.

How are we able to operate with such a relatively low level of tuition revenue? Because the professionals at Lee, faculty and otherwise, willingly and cheerfully complete not just the jobs they are “paid to do”, but many other jobs as well—not because they are assigned to do it, but because the job is there to be done, and they just do it.

That makes all the difference.
WITH THE DEDICATION and ribbon-cutting of the new two-story Leonard Center, Lee students, faculty, and staff have entered a new level of quality and efficiency in two vital areas of service on campus.

While the building carries one name, its function is multifaceted. Not only will it be the first permanent home for the service learning program at Lee, it will be a significant upgrade of facilities for the health services function. It will also impact the academic and social aspect with the addition of classrooms and additional space for students to hold club meetings.

The October 4 ribbon-cutting was a small ceremony preceded by a brunch where friends gathered to celebrate the occasion. Several speakers including President Conn, former board chairman John Nichols, philanthropist and businessman John Gregory and the building’s honoree and namesake Bill Leonard, took the opportunity to congratulate and thank the many individuals who made the Leonard Center possible.

The following pages are a pictorial and written contrast of “the old and the new,” and showcase God’s goodness to Lee University.

Leonard Center Dedication Signals New Era of Service

The Leonard Center at Lee University was officially introduced into the Lee culture just four years ago with “Deke Day” in August 2003. The center is the clearing house for all service-learning activity on campus. President Conn has stated that, “This program expresses Lee’s philosophy that no Christian experience is complete or ultimately fulfilling without serving others. Even though the centerpiece of the student experience will be actual hands-on experience in benevolent agencies, the academic part of this is critical. We want to teach students that we cannot serve Jesus Christ well without also serving others, especially the disadvantaged and needy in our world.”

Four major goals govern the service-learning program at Lee:

- Understand the Biblical mandate for service;
- Recognize that service to others is part of God’s purpose for them and that it flows from His design of their uniqueness;
- Have insight into appropriate service—its source, its meaning, and its impact on both the performer and the recipient; and
- Understand how they can use their vocation to serve God and others.

A gift from the Lazarus Foundation of Bristol, Tenn., funds this program, placing students in service-learning venues in local, regional, national, and international partnerships.
Since the inception of the Leonard Center at Lee, there has been a need for a permanent home. However, the final housing of the program was secondary to the foundational development of the program. Since 2003, the Leonard Center has developed into a nationally recognizable academic-based service-learning program. In 2006, the center received the President’s National Education Community Service award in two areas: General Community Service and Hurricane Relief Service.

From the first office below Simmons Hall, a short pass through the back side of the student life house and now into the spacious new complex on Parker Street, the Leonard Center has matured into a fully functioning service-learning program. There are three main areas of the building: offices, classrooms and meeting spaces and an industrially equipped food bank.

Staff of the Leonard Center are housed in the same commons area which provides continuity in the fulfillment of the mission. The lobby provides a warm atmosphere for guests to explore service opportunities or grab a cup of coffee, soup or ice cold water along their journey. There is also a large workroom for interns to develop their skills in service to others, project planning, vision catching, etc. The upstairs features several spacious public-use areas, including three multimedia-equipped meeting rooms/classrooms, student lounge, and conference room. Several student groups are scheduling their meetings at the Leonard Center, something not possible previously. Classes, including Biblical and Theological Foundations for Benevolence, now meet at the Center.
When the Leonard Center assumed oversight of the Lee University Food Bank in 2004, it became an instant outreach opportunity to serve both the Lee community and neighbors in need. The previous location of the food bank was in the basement of Sharp Hall in a small 144-square-foot custodial closet. There were a few shelves and two small refrigerators. The new food bank consists of a large storage room and an industrial-rated food distribution area. Currently the food bank provides a service to need-based students (that are not on a meal plan) as well as the hub for Crossover Ministries, a student-led food distribution ministry which reaches out to the East Cleveland community.

The food bank distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, and a variety of nonperishable items on a daily basis. Expansion of the food bank will include mass distribution of food boxes to those in need on a regular monthly basis.

With the opening of the new Leonard Center, Lee University is able to serve students better in the following areas:

- **Student Recruitment** - The Leonard Center recruits student volunteers and places them in particular fields of service. With over 200 community partnerships locally, regionally and internationally, the Leonard Center receives requests for student volunteers on a weekly basis. Those opportunities are updated and posted on the Leonard Center Web page for students to review.

- **More Professional Atmosphere** - The new Leonard Center building offers a more professional atmosphere and validates the impression that the service-learning component is an enduring part of the Lee University campus.

- **The Mission of the Leonard Center** – “The purpose of the Leonard Center is to prepare students for citizenship as Christians in the world through reflective community interactions and teach commitment to ideals of service, benevolence, civic virtue, and social justice.”

“The move into the new Leonard Center building has had a considerable impact,” said Hallie Fann, Leonard Center intern and a Poiema Scholar. “As both a student of Lee, and a student worker in the Leonard Center, I have been able to observe and be part of the transformation. From the small office space in the back of the little house in Alumni Park, to a brand new building, the move has impacted the Leonard Center’s visibility and service to Lee’s students. The new workspace has given the other interns and me plenty of room to get our jobs accomplished efficiently. I have experienced firsthand the impact of generous giving in order to make the Leonard Center possible.”—William Lamb, director, Leonard Center

**HEALTH CLINIC: NEW AND GREATLY IMPROVED**

The Lee University Health Clinic (LUHC) has gradually evolved from a single dormitory room during the late 1950s to a fully furnished walk-in medical facility offering students the best of functionality and state-of-the-art medical equipment. Since its inception, the LUHC has been located in a dormitory room, the Administration Building, and two houses located on Church Street, now the pedestrian mall. The most recent location was a small, 1,100 square-foot two-story house. The newly dedicated Leonard Center building offers the clinic space that triples this previous location, allowing for better comfort and more accessibility to students in need of health services.

What began with one part-time practical nurse who referred students off-campus to physicians, has now become a full-time office with three physicians, four registered nurses, a clinic director, three front-office personnel, and three student workers.

During peak flow times such as registration, travel clearance weeks and flu season, three additional registered nurses are needed to offer their expertise and assistance.

In 1966, Mrs. Urline Steele began her 15-year tenure as director of Health Services and in the fall semester of 1967 began the first “official” system for charts and medical record keeping. In the new health clinic, an upstairs storage room is filled with hundreds of charts which must be kept for the required number of years. This
nurses, front-office staff, and director. A spacious waiting room includes a private restroom and flat-screen television monitor. Two other restrooms are available in the back office, near the two-leveled circular nurses’ station. Full computer access is throughout the clinic, with provision for the future possibility of complete electronic charting in each exam room.

Vice President for Student Life Dr. Walt Mauldin stated, “This new facility provides our staff the most up-to-date equipment in health care for our students. This has been our goal, and I am thrilled to see this day arrive.”

This historical snapshot back into time is not intended to present the past in an unfavorable light, but rather is a comparison to promote a healthy pride in how far the university has come in the offering of health services to the students. The mission of the Lee University Health Clinic has been unchanging. That is, to provide health services and instruction to students in an effort to maintain their physical, mental, and spiritual wellness. The services that have always and continue to be provided include health maintenance and education as well as illness prevention offered by a licensed, caring professional staff. In the words of the song we frequently sing in conjunction with the commencement celebration, “To God be the glory, great things He hath done!”—Twyla Daugherty Green, RN, BSN, director of Health Services
The Campus Choir was the highlight musical group as they celebrated 50 years of ministry, the oldest continuing musical organization on campus. A reunion choir, directed by the choir’s new director, Jimmy Phillips, was the highlight of the Music Festival.
A Queen Is Crowned

Lee University senior Meghan Smith (center) was crowned 2007 Homecoming Queen during halftime of the annual homecoming basketball game. Meghan is the daughter of Allen Smith and Denise Crenshaw-Smith of Claxton, Tenn. She is a senior majoring in psychology. Meghan was escorted by Paul Anderson of Manchester, Tenn. and crowned by 2006 Queen Rosie Holsinger.
Lee University has named Reverend Joe Novenson of Lookout Mountain (Tenn.) Presbyterian Church as the 2007 Honorary Alumnus of the Year as part of Homecoming festivities. For the last eight years, Rev. Novenson (pictured at left with Alumni Director Anita Rayl), has been one of the most popular and frequent visitors to the Lee chapel pulpit, bringing a diverse background in ministry which Lee students have come to love and appreciate.

The Newest Alum
Top Honors for Dorman

Dr. Steven M. Dorman ’79 was recognized with Lee University’s top alumni honor when he was named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year during Homecoming. Since graduation, Dorman has made remarkable contributions to the field of health education. He is an internationally recognized scholar who has devoted much of his life to health education at the local, state, national, and international levels and is presently serving as dean of the College of Health and Human Performance at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla.
At the halfway point of the five-year, $25 million Press Toward the Mark campaign, Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn, has announced construction of a new academic building which will become the new home for the School of Religion. Slated for a fall 2008 completion, the two-story structure will occupy the southwest corner of Parker and 8th Streets behind Conn Center. Features of the new building will include a two-level open lobby and study area, lecture hall, preaching lab, computer center, seminar room, six classrooms and 34 offices for the faculty and staff of the School of Religion, which includes two departments: Theology and Bible and Christian Ministries.

The project will bring together Lee’s oldest academic program, religious studies, a mainstay since the institution was founded as Bible Training School in 1918. The SOR currently shares space in the Vest Building with the Department of Language Arts, as it has since 1988 when the Vest Building was remodeled following the completion of a new library across campus. The School of Religion was created when Lee became a university 10 years ago. Currently, the School of Religion convenes in nine classrooms in five buildings, and offices for the 25 faculty and staff of the School of Religion, which includes two departments: Theology and Bible and Christian Ministries.

“We still require an 18-hour religion minor of every student who graduates from Lee,” Conn said. “With the realization of a School of Religion building, virtually every student enrolled at Lee will have easier and better access to classes and faculty in an academic area that touches every student regardless of major.”

Dr. Terry Cross, dean of the School of Religion said, “For the university, which takes seriously its commitment to the Christian faith and education of students therein, the building will serve as a physical testament to this commitment. The School of Religion faculty are extremely excited to move into this next phase of Lee’s journey and are very grateful to those who are helping Lee University actualize the dream of a new School of Religion building.”
Lee University recently received a $393,000 grant, which will be distributed over the next two years from the Tennessee Department of Education Math Science Partnership Division as an extension of Lee’s current Improving Numeracy and Algebraic Thinking (INAT) grant directed by Dr. Steven Lay. This new component, directed by associate professor of physics and chemistry Dr. Johnny Evans, will be called Improving Pre-Physics and Math (IPPM).

The grant will fund professional development opportunities for 20 ninth grade science teachers in 2008 and 2009 during two two-week summer institutes on Lee’s campus. The focus of the institute will be to improve the skills of physical science and pre-physics teachers by teaching them how to develop more effective demonstrations and hands-on activities.

“Our plan is to teach the participants the components of a good demonstration and model effective teaching strategies while we are teaching a physics content review,” said Evans. “By helping teachers develop new labs or demonstrations they will be able to communicate complex concepts more effectively to their students.”

This institute is the fulfillment of seven years of research by Evans in developing effective teaching tools for physics and chemistry. Evans feels that a major problem with current teaching strategies is that teachers do not have large budgets to purchase expensive equipment and demonstration kits.

“We hope that teachers will return to the classroom with the skills and equipment necessary for improving their use of hands-on activities and demonstrations in science class, particularly pre-physics,” said Evans. “In addition, we hope that the institute is refreshing and renews their passion to impact the lives of their students. Science education is my passion and this grant allows me to share that passion with 40 excellent teachers in southeast Tennessee.”

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President Paul Conn made a historic presentation to the faculty during their November meeting when he introduced the first publication of Lee University Press.

An academic press with the Lee nameplate and an emphasis on promoting faculty and other research has been the dream of President Conn since he referenced the venture in his inauguration speech more than two decades ago. The creation of LU Press will be a joint venture with Pathway Press who will produce and carry the books in its local bookstore and on its Web site.

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An unprecedented event in the history of land acquisition for Lee University took place when Lee bought the campus of neighboring Mayfield Elementary School at public auction on November 1. The spirited 25-minute event included at least four bidders, most notable of which included Lee president Dr. Paul Conn.

The auction was held to liquidate the 79-year-old Cleveland City School-owned campus. Mayfield is one of the oldest continuing schools in Cleveland with classes first meeting in 1928. Located on Magnolia Ave, since its opening, Mayfield had long been a target of criticism from local citizens and Cleveland City School board members as an outdated and inadequate learning facility compared with other city elementary schools. Three years ago, the school board voted to build a new school rather than renovate.

On behalf of Lee University, President Conn, who attended 2nd through 8th grades at Mayfield, proposed the winning bid of $850,000—its appraised value—for the 3.1 acre-campus. Members of the auction committee were greatly impressed with Lee’s proposal, which was well above the second bid of $750,000.

With the grand opening of a new Mayfield campus four blocks north on October 8, the school board voted to auction the former property, building, and its contents.

President Conn (left) is congratulated by Director of Cleveland City Schools Dr. Rick Denning and Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland after the Mayfield School auction.
One week after acquiring the Mayfield School property, Lee University made arrangements to donate all of the playground equipment to the Cleveland Boys and Girls Club. Attending the presentation were (l-r) Bobby Greene, chief of volunteer services for the Boys and Girls Club; Mayor Tom Rowland; City Councilman George Poe; Steve Hixson, Boys and Girls Club board; Tom Grant, director of Public Works; Jerome Hammond, assistant VP for university relations at Lee; Charles Sutton, director of the Cleveland B&G Club; Brian Beck, city engineer; and Daniel Burrell, unit director for the B&G Club.

of the Cleveland City School Board were elated that Lee had the winning bid.

“The purchase of the Mayfield property by Lee University was a great conclusion to a process that has been in the works for a number of years,” stated School Board Chairman Bill Brown. “The City of Cleveland and the school board wanted to keep Mayfield School in close proximity to Lee University so that the relationship that had been developed over the years could continue. With the purchase of the old Mayfield property, Lee will be able to use it to enhance the programs and the campus. I can’t think of a better win/win situation for both of our institutions.”

The land had been contiguous to Lee’s campus since 1994 when Atkins-Ellis Hall was constructed and the DeVos College of Education four years later. Both buildings back up to the Mayfield campus with Magnolia Ave. as the dividing line. Acquisition of the property was deemed a priority when it became available.

“We are in a major transition as far as developing our campus is concerned,” Conn told the Cleveland Daily Banner following the auction. “We’re doing lots of things and we just have to see how it (the acquisition of Mayfield) fits into all of that. But we felt we couldn’t afford not to take advantage of this opportunity.”

The old Mayfield School contains 46,000 square feet of classroom and office space and includes a full cafeteria and gymnasium. Talk of what could be implemented on the site has been diverse among faculty, staff and students. Due to its proximity to the College of Education there has been discussion of a lab school. Other possibilities include classroom space for disciplines in need of such space, an employee day care, art studios, a theatre practice and performance venue, expansion of intramural sports options and much needed storage space.

“We have so many disciplines scrounging for space, even old Mayfield School looks attractive,” President Conn shared with the faculty. “Mayfield is an important part of this community and neighborhood. We are trying to figure out how to develop it in a way that best enhances those elements and meets our needs at the same time.”

Lee Ranked Among America’s Top 100 ‘Best College Buys’

Lee University’s reputation as a great value for the tuition dollar was recently justified as it was ranked among six schools from Tennessee in the 12th annual America’s 100 Best College Buys published by Institutional Research and Evaluation, Inc.

“We are very pleased to be included again on this prestigious list,” said Lee Vice President Gary Ray. “This recognition is particularly important to prospective students who rely on college rankings in their selection process.”

The survey ranks schools which provide “the very highest quality education at the lowest cost” according to Institutional Research and Evaluation. The cost is based upon the “cost of attendance” which includes tuition, fees, room and board. The survey also takes into account the average SAT/ACT scores the average GPA based on a 4.0 scale of freshmen entering the previous year.

The company compiled its report from a survey of 1,468 U.S. colleges and universities. Of the institutions surveyed, 1,152 schools responded.

To be considered for inclusion in the list of 100, an institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor’s degrees and full residential facilities. It also must have had an entering freshman class in fall 2006 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average, and an out-of-state attendance cost in 2007-08 not exceeding the national average by more than 10 percent. The other schools ranked in Tennessee were: Belmont University, Tennessee Tech University, Union University, UT-Knoxville and UT-Martin.
Lee University’s status in the higher education community was recently bumped to a higher category in the prestigious annual college rankings of *US News & World Report*.

In the 2008 rankings, Lee is for the first time classified in the “Masters University” category, where it earned a spot on the list of “Top Schools” in the South. The *U.S. News* definition of “Masters Universities” includes schools which “provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs, but offer few, if any, doctoral programs.” The magazine reviewed 574 universities nationwide in this classification before choosing those which earned its “Top Schools” ranking in 2008.

The new classification puts Lee in a category which includes other nearby universities such as University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Middle Tennessee State University. In previous years, Lee had been classified among “Baccalaureate Colleges,” where it had also been awarded a top-tier ranking for the past four years. *US News* explained in its August 20 edition that it puts institutions in higher categories after they are upgraded by the Carnegie Classification system, which Lee achieved last year.

“Every college and university president understands that these rankings are quite imperfect,” said Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn, “but they have become very powerful in shaping the public perception of our schools, so we all pay close attention.” Conn said he is “very pleased and gratified” by Lee’s new status. He described the move up from college to university status as a “major shift” in the public recognition of Lee’s growing size and the diversity of its academic programs, as well as the number of graduate students and degrees.

Lee Ranks ‘Top Tier’ in New Category

Lee freshman Caroline Farish with the magazine.

Global Perspective

HONDURAS

Lee University students are teaming up with missionaries Curt and Cheryl Humphries in an effort to educate the deaf population of Honduras. It is estimated that there are over 70,000 deaf individuals living in the country.

The deaf population in Honduras is excluded from public education because of a lack of special education programs for deaf children. Completely isolated from the hearing world, these young people have no way to communicate with their families. Many children have not been taught how to speak, read, or learn their own names. Until recently, there has been no Honduran sign language.

Over the past year, six classes within the Lee University Helen DeVos College of Education have been working with the multimedia design class to create a sight recognition program in both Spanish and sign language. Around 60 students worked on creating a curriculum using materials on a portable ring to teach deaf children to read.

The students are fulfilling both graduate-level courses and service-learning requirements which are now a fundamental part of Lee University’s curriculum.

According to Cheryl Humphries, the work by both students and faculty has proven invaluable.

Another Enrollment Record: 4,086

On-campus student enrollment for the fall semester was once again a record-breaker as 4,086 students signed up for classes. Vice President for Administration Gary Ray stated that the figure represents a 2 percent increase over the fall of 2006 and represents record growth for the past two decades.

When the student head count topped 4,000 last year for the first time, the milestone sparked discussion of what is the optimal size for Lee University.

“There are a lot of variables to consider with each level of growth,” Ray explained. “We need to seriously evaluate where continued growth will take us and if it will continue to fit the overall mission and vision for Lee’s future.”

We have reached another institutional enrollment goal and it’s the right time to carefully plan the best direction for the future. This discussion has been initiated by President Conn and the Board of Directors. Each new period of growth for Lee has required carefully planning and important resources.”

“I am grateful for the terrific work of the admissions and recruitment team, headed up by Phil Cook.”

“This is a great place to be in our history,” Ray continued. “This optimum size question will be a top-shelf discussion over the next several months among the university’s leadership.”

Lee freshman Caroline Farish with the magazine.
“Our boat was great, and the people and staff were amazing. There were 11 dives including two night dives,” said junior health science major Rachel Jones. “We saw every type of fish you can imagine; small sharks, eels, large sea turtles, sting rays, and manta rays. Scuba diving was definitely the best part of the trip.” —Elizabeth Hamilton

KENYA

Six Lee students traveled to the east African nation of Kenya during the summer along with Campbellsville University. The trip was led by Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president of Academic Affairs at Lee.

A study abroad grant from the Berger Foundation in conjunction with the Appalachian College Association was awarded to Campbellsville in Kentucky. Lee was invited by Campbellsville to participate. The purpose of the trip was to become familiar with the landscape and animal life of Kenya. They also learned about the culture of Kenyans outside of major cities.

Students participating were Josh Foggin, Keli Fulk, Pam Klena, Liz Conn, Ann Cisney, and Johnna Ephrussi.

During the trip, the group went on numerous African safaris to see the various terrains and habitats throughout the country. They visited a tea and coffee plantation as well as the tribes and reservations of the Masai Mara and the Samburu. In addition, the group spent a day observing in a Kenyan school.

“It was a wonderful trip,” Dirksen said. “These were dream students to travel with, and we saw amazing things. All of them had a real interest in Africa, and they had done their own reading and preparation beforehand. They learned a lot about the things that mattered to them, and they learned it in the most natural way.” —ReAnna Laney

HOLY LAND

Earlier this year, Dr. Jerome Boone, accompanied by 28 students and 10 alumni and friends, headed to Israel for a 10-day tour of the major sites associated with the life and ministry of Jesus.

The tour started in Nazareth at the Church of the Annunciation, which celebrates the incarnation of God in Jesus of Nazareth. Also visited was the traditional site of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor and Caesarea on the Mediterranean Coast. The group traced the steps of Jesus around the Sea of Galilee, including Capernaum, the hillside where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, and a ride on the Sea of Galilee. There was a stop at the traditional site of Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River. Several took the occasion to be baptized in the Jordan as well. One of the highlights was the baptism of three generations in the Enoch family: J.B. (grandfather), Tim (son) and Adam, (grandson and student at Lee). The group walked the “way of the cross” (Via Dolorosa), prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, visiting the tomb that testified of Jesus’ resurrection and sharing communion in the garden.

“The impact of the trip was overwhelming,” Boone stated. “What better way to learn about the life and ministry of Jesus than in the classroom of Israel?”

AUSTRALIA

Dr. Michael Freake, assistant professor of biology at Lee University, took 11 students to Australia this past summer to get an overview of Australian wildlife and ecosystems.

Dr. Freake and the students spent four days in Sydney experiencing the culture and visiting wildlife parks. Sophomore and Bible/theology studies major Gwen Holtzclaw said, “Getting to pet a koala and play with kangaroos at the Featherdale Wildlife Park was one of the highlights while we were there.”

The group then flew into Alice Springs and spent three days in the outback driving to Uluru, Kings Canyon and Olgas. “The students learned a lot about arid and semi-arid ecosystems,” said Freake, “Our guide also gave us a lot of background about aboriginal cultures and how they survived in such harsh conditions.”

During the trip, the students were given the opportunity to scuba dive in the Great Barrier Reef.

“Australia”

Kenya

Jordan River baptism
Your memories of the Lee University Music Department facilities may go back to the original music building where there were two classrooms, and in its final years you could hear bees swarming in the walls! For more recent vocal majors who attended Lee in the mid-90s, you spent class, rehearsal, and practice time in the spacious and well-equipped Cutsinger Music Building and presented your senior recital in the Dixon Center.

When Lee College became Lee University in 1997, the Music Department became the School of Music, and shortly thereafter the Instrumental and Vocal Departments were established. Because of the continuous growth in student population and in number of faculty members, the School of Music’s facilities have expanded.

**Facilities**

Since August 2004, the Department of Vocal Music has occupied the south wing of the DeVos Humanities Center. The centerpiece of the new facility is the Squires Recital Hall. This 175-seat recital hall is acoustically engineered and equipped with video and audio capabilities, as well as full theater lighting control. As a part of the Squires Recital Series, Lee University and the greater Cleveland community enjoy the performances of guest artists as well as student and faculty recitals in the exceptional hall.

The second and third floors of the DeVos Humanities Center house five office/teaching studies and 10 practice rooms. There is also a music education-dedicated classroom and a full-service choral archive on the first floor of the building.

**Faculty**

Within the past five years, several full-time faculty members have joined the department. Dr. Bill Green teaches conducting, choral literature and rehearsal techniques, and conducts the Lee University Chorale and Choral Union. In addition to his duties at Lee, Dr. Green is Artistic Director/Conductor of the Chattanooga Choral Arts.

Dr. Martha Boutwell, mezzo-soprano, teaches applied voice and is the new director of The Ladies of Lee. Dr. Ron Brendel, tenor, teaches applied voice and is the Graduate Discipline Coordinator for Performance Studies in the new Master of Music—Performance degree program. Dr. Brad Moffett is the Graduate Discipline Coordinator of the Master of Church and Sacred Music degree program, now in its 11th year. He also directs the Lee Singers.

Assistant Professor of Vocal Music Dr. Andrea Dismukes performs while accompanied by music faculty member Dr. Gloria Chien

Dr. Jim Burns teaches undergraduate and graduate church music courses in addition to applied lessons. Vocal literature instructor and voice teacher Tony Deaton received the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award. LuAnn Holden, department chair, teaches undergraduate music education courses and supervises student teachers. In addition to her work at Lee, Mrs. Holden is the Artistic Director of the Chattanooga Girls Choir.
Many of our voice majors are also receiving excellent instruction from adjunct faculty member Cheryl Brendel and Artist-in-Residence Sung Sook Lee. Because any Lee University student may study voice as an elective, there is a great demand for lessons. The school highly values the work of part-time vocal instructors—Delores Beery-Norwood, Brett Hyberger, Cynthia Johnson, and Maureen McCaffrey.

Lee University’s choral ensembles have provided life-changing experiences for thousands of students. The various choirs continue to impact students’ lives in their spiritual, musical, social, and intellectual development. In addition to the previously mentioned directorships of the full-time faculty, various ensembles are ably led by directors who have additional responsibilities outside the Vocal Department. Danny Murray, Lee University Director of Church Relations, continues to direct Voices of Lee. Campus Choir is conducted by Jimmy Phillips, and Rodney Gipson directs the Evangelistic Singers.

Student Achievement
Lee University’s involvement and participation in the National Association of the Teachers of Singing Mid-South Regional Auditions has greatly increased over the past several years. Last year, the Department of Vocal Music sent its largest contingent of faculty and students in our history. Within the various categories, Lee University was represented with two first-place winners, two second place, and one third place winner. Our students are auditioning alongside singers from many well-known and respected universities in the mid-south region and they are comparing quite favorably!

Degree Programs & Student Enrollment
During this fall 2007 semester, 126 students are seeking vocal music degrees. The Bachelor of Music Education degree continues to be the most widely selected plan of study with 52 majors. Thirty-nine (39) students are seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree with an emphasis in either applied voice or church music. The curriculum of the Bachelor of Science in Music degree with business emphasis includes selected courses from the Business and Communications Departments. Twenty-eight students have declared this major. In 2003 Lee University School of Music was approved by our national accreditors, the National Association of Schools of Music to offer The Bachelor of Music in Performance degree. There are currently seven students majoring in Vocal Performance.

Lee now offers three masters degree programs in music. The Master of Church Music continues to equip the present-day church musician to be an effective worship leader and Minister of Music. The Master of Music in Music Education and the Master of Music in Performance degrees were approved and first offered in 2005 and 2006, respectively.

Call to Service
Lee University instills within its students the awareness that our gifts—musical, intellectual, spiritual—are blessings from God. We are called to develop and refine these gifts to use in His service. “For we are God’s workmanship created in Jesus Christ to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10, NIV). Whether we are called to serve as a minister of music in a church, to teach music to children in elementary school, to direct a high school choral program, to work in sound production, or to sing on an opera stage, we are mandated to do it skillfully and with excellence.

Alumni Contact
If you majored in music or participated in any of the ensembles, the School of Music would like to stay in touch and keep you informed of Lee University musical events. Please e-mail music@leeuniversity.edu to let us know how you are, what you are doing, and where you are located. We look forward to hearing from you.

Participation in mass choirs by vocal music majors is part of the Lee vocal experience.
SMITH ELECTED TO NMSA BOARD

Dr. Ashley Smith, director of Teacher Education and Field Experiences at Lee, has been elected to the prestigious National Middle School Association (NMSA) Board of Trustees for a three-year term which began in September.

Smith has a long record of service in middle-level education. Most recently he served as the co-chair for the Tennessee Local Committee for the NMSA Annual Conference in 2006.

Prior to coming to Lee in his current position, Smith served the local Cleveland City School System for over 30 years, most notably as principal of Cleveland Middle School for over 17 years, during which he was honored with the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools (TAMS) Principal of the Year in 1994 and by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals as Principal of the Year in 2002. He is a past president of TAMS, conference chair and board member.

As a member of the NMSA Board of Trustees, Smith will be actively involved in implementing the mission of the association. On being notified of his election, Smith stated, “I am very pleased that the South Region NMSA members placed their confidence in me to represent them in these demanding times. NMSA believes that successful middle-level schools provide an education that is relevant, challenging, integrative and exploratory. I strongly support that position and will actively promote that position at the national, state, and local levels.”

BROWNING ELECTED TO STATE BOARDS

Dr. Pamela Browning, chair of the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education Department, was recently elected treasurer for Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (TACTE) and president-elect for the Tennessee Association of Independent Colleges of Teacher Education (TAILACTE).

TACTE is an organization comprising 40 institutions, public and private, in the state of Tennessee. Each of the 40 institutions has a teacher education program. TAILACTE consists of the independent institutions with teacher education programs and includes a membership of 31 of the 40 TACTE institutions.

Browning has been teaching at Lee since 1989. Her area of specialty is kindergarten/primary education. She is a past recipient of the Lee Excellence in Teaching Award (1992) and the Excellence in Advising Award (2002).

“I am honored to serve both organizations,” Browning said. “I look forward to making a contribution to teacher education in the state of Tennessee.”

Silverman Earns Doctorate, Honored by Gallup

Lee University Assistant Professor of Public Relations Dr. Patty Silverman had a busy summer as she received her doctorate and was honored by the Gallup Organization’s Higher Education Division with the Implementation Award 2007.

The Gallup award recognizes outstanding usage of the StrengthsQuest program developed by Gallup to help students, professionals, and others understand their strengths and achieve their potential. Silverman incorporates the text into her Communications Internship class at Lee.

Because Lee University is a strength-based campus, all of its incoming freshmen are introduced to strengths their first semester with discussions about how to apply their strengths in academics. Silverman felt it was important to introduce the older students to the application of their strengths as they begin to plan their future careers. She found that this accomplishes several important goals, including reintroducing them to their strengths and allowing them to focus differently on how they can use their strengths as they move into the workforce.

For her doctoral dissertation, Dr. Silverman submitted “Persuasion Strategies, Motivational Factors and Obstacles: Influences in the Evolutional Transition from Public Relations Practitioner to Professor.” The topic was inspired by her own professional journey which included 20 years experience including public relations director and spokesperson for the founder and chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), Pat Robertson.

“I wanted to look at the reasons that professionals made the move from the practice to the classroom and examine messages, motivations and obstacles during this transition process,” Silverman said. To obtain her research she conducted interviews with public relations faculty from 10 states.
Green Conducts at Yale Festival

This summer Dr. William Green, assistant professor of music, was invited to participate as a choral conducting fellow in the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival sponsored by the Yale School of Music. The festival is dedicated to the training and development of professional musicians of the highest caliber. The admissions process is highly competitive, and the Norfolk programs are among the most selective summer music offerings in the world.

The focus of this portion of the festival was choral conducting and chamber choral technique. Twenty-four singers were selected to participate by audition and included singers from all over the world. Eight conductors were included in this ensemble, each having the opportunity to work with Simon Carrington, professor of choral conducting at Yale University in preparing the ensemble for the Festival’s closing concert.

The selections of music included pieces from various periods of music and provided opportunity for conducting voices and instruments in various combinations. For the final concert each of the conductors were assigned specific pieces and Dr. Green conducted the Handel Organ Concerto in G minor with the full orchestra as well as a selection from the choral song cycle “There is Sweet Music Here” by Canadian composer, Stephen Chatman.

Rehearsal Room Named in Honor of Horton

President Paul Conn recently announced that the instrumental rehearsal area on the main floor of the Curtisinger Music Building would be named the David Horton Rehearsal Room.

Dr. David Horton was a veteran of the music faculty at Lee when he passed away unexpectedly in May 2006. At the time of his death he was on summer tour in the Bahamas with Campus Choir, an ensemble he directed for over 25 years.

In making the announcement, President Conn noted that, “Even though he (Horton) was better known in more recent years for his choral conducting, Dr. Horton was a superb French horn player and came to Lee as director of the band program. David made a huge impact on Lee University and the lives of thousands of students during his many years at Lee.” Conn said the Board of Directors approved the naming of the rehearsal room as a way of reminding School of Music students and faculty, and others who visit the building, of the tremendous contribution made by Horton.

Upon dedicating the bronze marker which now adorns the entrance to the room, Conn stated, “We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for David’s work among us and a continuing dedication to the calling he shared with all of us here at Lee.”

Virginia Horton admires the new plaque placed in honor of her husband at the instrumental rehearsal room.
Women's Soccer Season Highlighted by Many ‘Firsts’

The 2007-08 Lee women’s soccer team has accomplished so many firsts it would be hard to list them all. They were ranked the nation’s No.1 NAIA program for six consecutive weeks and were top-seeded heading into the national tournament at Daytona Beach, Fla. Coach Matt Yelton’s teams have won five straight regular season conference titles and have claimed six straight conference tournament championships. They have gone five years without a conference loss and recently claimed their third straight region crown. Add wins against Lindsey Wilson and Martin Methodist colleges (last two NAIA national champs) and you can see why the pollsters view this program as the nation’s best. Since taking over the Lee program in 2002, Yelton has directed his teams to a remarkable 110-24-3 record.

The Lady Flames are paced by All-American forward Janaina Novaes. She has won four straight SSAC Player of the Year honors and three consecutive Region XIII Player of the Year awards. The captain of the Lee team has scored 35 goals this season. During her brilliant career she has 116 career scores and currently ranks sixth on the NAIA all-time scoring chart.

Freshman Candice Shelton was selected as the SSAC Newcomer of the Year. Sophomore Jenna Achten, Kristina Chase, and junior Tiffany Cox were voted first team all-conference and first team all-region. Tiffany Cox has been a standout all season and had two huge goals against Lindsey Wilson, a win that helped propel the Lady Flames to the nation’s No.1 position.

“This has been a very special team to work with,” said Yelton. “They have bought into the idea of team and putting individual goals second to team goals. They are the closest knit team I have ever coached, and I believe a great portion of our success on the field is due to how much they respect each other off the field.”

Yelton pointed out that the success of this year’s team is something his staff has continually built upon since his first season at Lee. “We have gradually gotten just a little bit better each year. The support that Lee has given us to get to this point with our program has been outstanding and a big key to our success.”

(The Lady Flames finished their season at the NAIA national tournament. See the full report next issue.)
Men’s Soccer Reaches Region Finals

Another successful men’s soccer season ended in the NAIA Region XIII final for Coach Henry Moyo and his talented group of Lee University Flames. Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) rival Auburn University Montgomery ended Lee’s dream of a third straight trip to the national tournament by handing the Flames a heartbreaking 4-3 loss.

Said coach Moyo, “I guess I’m most disappointed for our seniors because we were unable to win a conference or region title this season. I wanted this group to go to another national tournament because I know we have one of the NAIA’s best teams.”

Moyo had nothing but praise for seniors Stanley Nyazamba, Ricardo Pierre-Louis, Joseph Connor, Nick Odeny, Aldo Heredia and Sveinung Eriksen. “This senior class has taken our program to a higher level, both on the playing field and in the classroom. Our soccer program is known across the nation now. We could not say those things four years ago. We have won a region tournament and gone to two nationals. We have produced scholar athletes, but I still hate to see it end this way.”

The Flames finished the 2007 campaign with a 16-5-3 record. Over the past three years they have registered 53 victories against just 13 defeats. Most of the defeats were against NAIA Top 25 opponents. This past season they reached their highest ranking ever (No. 4) shortly before All-American Pierre-Louis was injured.

“Our seniors have laid the groundwork for this program,” said Moyo. “It will be up to our younger players to continue the tradition they have established.”

Lady Flames Face Tough Schedule

The preseason NAIA poll ranked Lee’s women as the nation’s third best basketball program. One look at the roster for 2007-08 tells you exactly what the pollsters were thinking when they placed the high mark on the shoulders of Coach Marty Rowe’s club.

Not many coaches in the college basketball ranks can say they have 12 returning players. Rowe says having the quality players “is really nice,” especially after watching his Lady Flames go 29-4 last season and claim the Southern States Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament titles.

“Hopefully having all the veteran players returning allows us to progress much quicker in the early going and add some new things earlier than we normally would,” said Rowe. The 2007-08 group got off to a fast start with a 4-0 record before falling to NCAA neighbor, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

There’s no question in Rowe’s mind that anytime you talk about the SSAC race you have to start with Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) and Berry College. “They are both quality programs with tremendous coaches.”

The Lady Flames will face the toughest non-conference schedule in the university’s history. Lee will challenge NAIA powerhouses, Union University, Freed-Hardeman, defending national champion Lambuth University in early December. They will then travel to the University of the Cumberlands and challenge powerhouse Vanguard (Calif.) in Hawaii.

“This is a strong non-conference schedule and it is definitely by design,” said Rowe. “We think we have one of the best teams in the country and we need to find our weaknesses early and address them. We want to be ready to play in March and the only way to do that is to challenge ourselves with the toughest schedule possible.”

Rowe feels like his team left a lot on the table last year. The season-ending defeat to Brescia University in the first round of the NAIA National Tournament left the 12 returning players with a bad taste in their mouths. “I think our team is determined to have a terrific year,” he pointed out. “I’m telling our fans to hang on tight. It should be a fun ride this year.”

Odeny, Aldo Heredia and Sveinung Eriksen. “This senior class has taken our program to a higher level, both on the playing field and in the classroom. Our soccer program is known across the nation now. We could not say those things four years ago. We have won a region tournament and gone to two nationals. We have produced scholar athletes, but I still hate to see it end this way.”
Coach Tommy Brown enters his third season as head of the Lee men’s basketball program. In just two campaigns he has directed the Flames to back-to-back appearances in the NAIA National Tournament, claimed a Southern States Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championship and posted records of 24-10 and 22-10.

“We are a much different team than the first two clubs I had at Lee,” said Brown. “We will be a team blessed with excellent guard play; a good-shooting team that has several versatile players who can play multi-positions. We’ll have a much higher basketball IQ than in the past. We should be hard to guard and have several players capable of making plays.”

In the first three games, Lee defeated their opponents by a whopping average of 35 points per game. Brown has used his entire bench in all three wins and has started all three victories with different lineups. “It is going to be that way for the first five or six games,” he stressed. “We are looking for the right combinations. We have to be able to rebound. We’ll probably be playing with a small lineup at times and we’ll have to step up and really work hard on defense.”

The overall schedule and SSAC slate will not be easy. Faulkner University finished in the top four of the NAIA National Tournament last March and has most of its squad returning. “I think Faulkner will be ranked in the NAIA’s Top 5 in preseason,” said Brown. “AUM (Auburn Montgomery) has its frontline returning and Southern Poly always has great athletes. I also expect Southern Wesleyan to be much improved.” Lee will find out early about Faulkner and AUM. They entertain both of the Alabama-based teams in early December.

The Flames will also travel to face NCAA Division I opponent East Carolina and journey to West Virginia to challenge powerful NAIA foe Mountain State again.

Brown also welcomes former Tennessee Temple assistant coach Josh Templeton to his staff. “Josh brings a lot to the table and I feel fortunate to have him. He’s one of the brightest young coaches in this part of the country and will handle player development and our new junior varsity program.”
Cross-Country Women Claim First Region Title

The Lee women’s cross country team earned a first in early November when the group of runners became the school’s first ever NAIA Cross-Country Region XIII champs.

First year coach Don Jayroe said before the Lady Flames ran their first race of the season that he believed these young ladies had a chance to win the region and become the first Lee cross-country team to make the NAIA national race. The Lady Flames had a combined score of 40 and easily outpointed second place and reigning region champs, Berry College (61).

“Right now I honestly believe I’m the happiest college cross-country coach in the world,” said Jayroe. “Everyone ran their fastest and best. It was hands down our best race of the year. This team is the real deal. We are a very talented group that stepped up. We were just awesome in the region. We were the class of the field.”

Both the Southern States Athletic Conference and Region XIII crowns were earned at the single event and the Lady Flames carted away both. The SSAC title was another first in Lee’s cross-country history.

Sophomore Anne Houghton won individual conference and region honors. Lee’s outstanding leader finished with a run of 18:48. Lee had two runners in the top five as Anna Hrushka placed fifth with a time of 20:03.

However, it was solid efforts by Erin Wasserfall, Amber Kienlen and Kristen Cretton that also helped spark the Lady Flames to the championships. Wasserfall placed ninth (20:27). Kienlen was 12th (20:39) and Cretton was right behind in 13th with a time of 20:40. “Those top five (the ones that counted in the points) did exactly what they were supposed to do,” noted Jayroe.

The Lady Flames traveled as a team to Kenosha, Wis. on Saturday, Nov. 17 and took part in the 28th Annual Women’s Cross-Country Championship. Houghton has been there before, but this time she was joined by her teammates.

Lee men’s freshman runner Chad Dean also earned a trip to Wisconsin. He placed fifth in the NAIA Region XIII Cross Country competition. “Like our women, we had several runners finish with their personal best times,” said Jayroe. “Caleb (Morgan) and Adam (Haney) ran the closest to Chad (Dean) they have all season. We ran a huge race against top-flight competition. I’m so proud of our guys. They have done everything I asked. Chad was so pumped up and ready to run in this race.”

Shorter College dominated the men’s team and individual competition in the Region and Southern States Athletic Conference cross-country event. The Hawks claimed the top four places in winning over second-place Berry and third-place Lee University. Xavier-Louisiana and Spring Hill (Ala.) rounded out the top five in the 10-team event.

First-Year Coach Named ‘Coach of the Year’

It hasn’t taken Lee Cross Country Coach Don Jayroe long to establish himself in the Southern States Athletic Conference and NAIA Region XIII. After his Lady Flames claimed the region crown on Saturday (Nov. 3), Lee’s first-year coach was named Region XIII and SSAC Coach of the Year. He directed the Lady Flames to their first-ever SSAC and Region XIII championships.

After serving in the North Carolina Public School System for 24 years, Jayroe retired. He has been active in the running arena since his high school days when he ran to a second-place finish in the mile in the state track and field championships. He has gone on to coach nine individual high school state champions in track and cross-country. The former captain of the East Carolina University cross-country and track teams was the North Carolina State Collegiate Cross-country Champion, and was a sixth-place finisher in the NCAA Division I Regional Cross-country Championships. He says that he has had a desire to coach in college since graduating from East Carolina.

Jayroe was the president of the North Carolina Track Club, and also the North Carolina Chairman of Long Distance Running. During the 70’s Jayroe and his post-college teammates won four national championships on the road.
Volleyball Team Claims Fourth Championship

For the fourth straight year, the Lee University volleyball team claimed the Southern States Athletic Conference regular-season championship. Coach Andrea Hudson also directed her Lady Flames to their 16 season of 20 or more victories.

Junior Tina Questel was named the SSAC Player of the Year and also earned a spot on the SSAC All-Tournament squad. Senior Katie Thornton was the SSAC Setter of the Year and junior Christeena Bertinetti was selected as the conference Libero of the Year. The threesome joined sophomore Milica Krsmanovic on the SSAC All-Conference team, while Thornton, Bertinetti, Krsmanovic, Rebekah Eble, Vedrana Krsmanovic and Gorana Maric were named SSAC Academic Scholars.

The highlight of the season came on Nov. 2 during Homecoming weekend. The stands in Paul Dana Walker Arena were "packed with pink" as Lee University and Berry College played their conference volleyball match to raise money for the Mary Ellen Locher Foundation in Chattanooga which works to raise breast cancer awareness.

"As of right now we have raised about $17,000," said Lee Coach Andrea Hudson. "We far exceeded our goal of $10,000."

"It was great to see the community get behind this cause," said Hudson. To show their support, spectators wore pink t-shirts with “Volley For The Cure” printed on the front. The shirts were sold for a donation at the university and in the Cleveland community for weeks prior to the event.

During the game, the Mary Ellen Locher Foundation awarded a scholarship to Gretchen Higdon, a student and volleyball player from nearby Ooltewah High School. Higdon’s mother is a two-time survivor of breast cancer. The foundation awards annual scholarships to children whose parents were lost to or are survivors of breast cancer.

Lee’s only senior, Katie Thornton, is greeted by cheerleaders and fans before Lee’s Homecoming match with Berry College. Labeled “Volley For The Cure,” Lee joined with Berry and community supporters to raise over $17,000 for the Mary Ellen Locher Foundation.

Golf Warms Up for Spring

Lee golf coach Jack Souther has taken his Flames to NAIA National Championship play for the past three years. However, he admits that his 2007-08 team has some work to do before they reach that level for the fourth straight time.

“We are capable,” said Souther. “We were not as consistent as I would have liked during the fall season. We have a mixture of young and veteran golfers. I’m hoping when we open spring play, we’ll be putting better scores on the board.”

The Flames won titles at Covenant College, and tournaments sponsored by Tennessee Wesleyan and the University of the Cumberlands.

Souther said he realizes that Berry has a great squad and Shorter College is not far behind. The coach knows that the University of Mobile is also ranked high. “If we start playing our best golf in the spring, we’ve got a chance to be as good as any of those people,” said the coach. "I saw signs of that type of play in the final tournament of the year at the Coosa Golf and Country Club (tournament sponsored by Berry). I hope we can take that final 18 holes and carry it into the spring."

Josh Lawson displays the hardware he claimed after winning medalist honors during the University of the Cumberlands Fall Invitational. He also carries a 4.0 GPA in the classroom.
Four new members were inducted into the Lee University Athletic Hall of Fame during the annual Hall of Fame Banquet on November 2. The four were also introduced during halftime men's basketball Homecoming game.

The new inductees into the 2007 Lee University Athletic Hall of Fame are:

**SHANNON MEYER-SHELTON**  
(Women’s Softball, 1997-2000)  
- Played in 202 consecutive games over her four-year career  
- Career batting average of .305  
- Scored 108 runs and collected 92 RBI (both Lee’s 9th best all-time)  
- Posted 183 hits (Lee’s 8th best)  
- Two-time NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete  
- Player of the year in All-TranSouth Conference: 1997, 1998, 2000  
- Member of NAIA Mid-South Region Champions, 1998  
- Key member of NAIA National Tournament Team, 1998

**DANNY MOORE**  
(Men’s Basketball, 1972-1976)  
- 11th on Lee’s all-time scoring list with 1,474 points on teams loaded with scorers  
- 8th on Lee’s all-time rebounding list (8.4 per game)  
- Named to the 1973 NCCAA All-National Tournament Team  
- Named the MVP of the 1973 NCCAA District 5 Playoffs  
- Two-Time member of the SCAC All-Tournament Team  
- Played guard/forward for Hall of Fame Coaches Dale Hughes and Earl Rowan  
- Was a catcher and mainstay for Lee’s baseball team for four years

**DR. DAVID ALTOPP**  
(Baseball Coach, 1996-2006)  
- Hired to reinstate Lee baseball in 1996 and posted a 357-238 record in 10 seasons  
- Led Lee to first NAIA National Tournament appearance in 2005  
- Led teams to three consecutive conference titles (2003-2005)  
- Directed teams to six consecutive NAIA Region Tournament appearances (2001-2006)  
- Led teams to Region Titles in 2003 and 2005  
- His Lee teams finished ranked inside the NAIA Top 25 for five consecutive years (2002-2006), including a No. 6 ranking in 2005.  
- Member of the NAIA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame  
- Served as president of the American Baseball Coaches Association (one of only four NAIA coaches to hold that honor) and served as president of the NAIA Baseball Coaches Assn.  
- Coached NAIA All-Star team during international tournament in Czech Republic

**EARL ROWAN**  
(Distinguished Service, 1975-1982)  
- Coach Rowan wore many hats during his time at Lee. He began his coaching career as an assistant under Dale Hughes. When Hughes resigned to accept the principal’s post at Bradley Central High School, Rowan was promoted to head basketball coach and served as athletic director from 1978-1982.  
- He was Lee’s first baseball coach (1975-1978) and the first cross-country coach  
- He returned to the baseball coaching ranks in 1982 and the Vikings won the NCCAA District 5 Playoffs  
- As one of the nation’s youngest head basketball coaches, he posted an overall record of 123-96  
- Directed Lee to three 20-win seasons  
- His clubs won four NCCAA District 5 Championships  
- His Vikings placed third in the NCCAA National Tournament three times  
- His club had one second-place finish in the NCCAA National Tournament  
- He was the NCCAA District 5 Coach of the Year three times.

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Louis Morgan '98 donned his Italian clothes for this picture with Torch near the place of prayer of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy.

A recent reunion of Lee classmates near Atlanta included a group read of Torch. The group included (l-r) Carold Shelnutt, Michael Barton '69, Tom Griffis '72, Lynn Armstrong --, Tony Weaver '72 and Lynn Griffis '72.

Dr. Milton Riley ’76, professor in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Dept. at Lee, went to Bartolome Island in the Galapagos Archipelago, where he attempted to read Torch standing on the bow of the tour boat with the Pinnacle rock in the background, the most photographed structure in Galapagos.

A highlight of a “girls day in Paris” was a photo with Torch in front of the famous Arc de Triomphe. From left were Bridgett Baggett, Kay Free ’57, Pat Carroll ’58, Lee students Ashley Carroll, Morgan St. John and Wendi Carroll.


Jeff ’87 and Beth Sargent join Bob ’80 and Kim Fisher ’85 in perusing Torch while enjoying a majestic view of the Alps from Hitler’s Eagles Nest near Salzburg, Austria.

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. Send prints to the Lee University Alumni Office, 1120 North Ocoee Street, Cleveland, TN 37311, ATTN: Torch Travels. High resolution digital photos can be e-mailed to torch@leeuniversity.edu.

Jennie Lopez ’98 (second from right) made sure Torch was part of her recent visit to Rockefeller Center with her husband, Manuel, sister Carmen and brother-in-law William Cruz.
1950–1979
Glen Douglas '55 married Jewell Sharpe in 1958 and they have four children and 10 grandchildren. Glen worked for Unisys in Minneapolis/St. Paul for 28 years and retired in 1996. He and Jewell enjoy short-term missions trips, including two to the Bahamas and one to Thailand. Glen says, “I would love to hear from some of my classmates from the classes of 1953-1955.”

Mickey Jett '80 is an Army chaplain, married to Nanette and they have five children. Mickey is currently deployed to Iraq, but will return before Christmas 2007.

David Daniels ‘81, of Robertsville, AL, is pastoring at the Foley Church of God in Foley, AL. His wife, Anna, teaches 4th grade at Gulf Shores Elementary School. They have two daughters and the Daniels celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2007.

Susan Andrews Miller ’82 lives in Ringgold, GA with her husband and three of her six children.

Robert Clay ’56 and Jeanette Anne Trimmell Vance ’56 recently celebrated their 50th anniversary of marriage and ministry. They served the Church of God in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and South Carolina. The Vances are retired and live in Spartanburg, SC.

Francis Carter ’59 has been married 43 years to Becky Jones Carter. They have three children and three grandchildren. Residents of High Point, NC, Francis will be retiring from G.E. Healthcare with 32 years next year and “has plans travel and cruise the world.”

Linda Riffe Sierkierski ’61 lives in Princeton, WV and has a daughter and three grandchildren. Linda was married for 39+ years to Dell who passed away on November 2, 2006. Linda keeps active through her involvement as president of the seniors group and singing regularly at her local church.

Bonnie Lambert Townsend ’62 passed away on September 5, 2007, at a hospital in her hometown of Cleveland, TN. She was well-known for her benevolence including opening her home to single mothers and widows, playing and teaching piano and service to the New Hope Pregnancy Center. She is survived by her husband Grady ’62, two children and 10 grandchildren.

Judith Felton Payne ’72 has been married to Doug Payne for 35 years and they have two children, Ben, a graduate of Lee and Tiffany, a sophomore and two grandchildren. The family lives in Cleveland, TN and Judy has taught school since graduation. She is presently teaching at Varnell Elementary in Whitfield Co., GA. She has accumulated awards including Who’s Who in American Teachers, and Who’s Who in American Education Teacher of the year 2006-07. Judith says, “Teaching is my ministry. I owe my foundation to Lee!”

Roger LeCroy ’75 recently retired from the Oconee County School District after 31 years of teaching music/health/P.E. He continues to work as a part-time music minister at Calvary Church of God in Westminster, SC. His wife, Carolyn Sue Kelley ’75 will retire in June. The LeCroys have three children, including Leah who graduated from Lee in ’04 and ’06.

Jan Goff Meeks ’79 lives in Frostproof, FL, where she is a third grade teacher at Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary. She attends New Harvest Worship Center and volunteers with many different organizations in the community. She is married to Ronnie and they have one daughter, Emilyn, a sophomore at Lee University.

1980–1989
Voorhis Establishes Scholarship Program
Dr. George D. Voorhis ’51, and his wife, Margaret, have established the Voorhis Educational Program, Inc. to assist students in pursuing higher education. Voorhis retired from the Lee University Charlotte Center as a professor emeritus in 2002 after 45 years in education. Since retiring, Voorhis has written four books, many of which have been sold and shipped to such countries as Nigeria, Ghana, Nairobi and Kenya for mission schools there. In addition, Voorhis has donated over 5,000 of his books to the educational fund where 100 percent of the profit goes to the education program.

Voorhis feels he owes a great debt to Lee University. It was where he learned about the Word of God from some of the “giants of the faith” on the Lee faculty, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and was called to preach. He sums up his feelings by saying, “With the background I received there as a student, how could I not love Lee University?”

The Vances

▲ Robert Clay ’56 and Jeanette Anne Trimmell Vance ’56 recently celebrated their 50th anniversary of marriage and ministry. They served the Church of God in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and South Carolina. The Vances are retired and live in Spartanburg, SC.

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The family lives in Cleveland, TN and Judy has taught school since graduation. She is presently teaching at Varnell Elementary in Whitfield Co., GA. She has accumulated awards including Who’s Who in American Teachers, and Who’s Who in American Education Teacher of the year 2006-07. Judith says, “Teaching is my ministry. I owe my foundation to Lee!”

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1980–1989
Mickey Jett ’80 is an Army chaplain, married to Nanette and they have five children. Mickey is currently deployed to Iraq, but will return before Christmas 2007.

David Daniels ’81, of Robertsville, AL, is pastoring at the Foley Church of God in Foley, AL. His wife, Anna, teaches 4th grade at Gulf Shores Elementary School. They have two daughters and the Daniels celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2007.

Susan Andrews Miller ’82 lives in Ringgold, GA with her husband and three of her six children.

David ’82 and Debbie Timmerman Sulcer ’82 are living in Manchester, MD, where David has been pastor of the Westminster Church of God in Westminster, MD for 13 years. They have three grown children and two grandchildren, the latest of whom was born July 1, 2007.
Duane Dansby ’84 lives in Zebulon, GA, where he serves as the church pianist at Griffin Harvest Temple Church of God. He is the accounting manager at a regional transportation company based in Atlanta and recently passed the prestigious ABA Accredited Business Accountant examination in June 2007. He is married to Rene and his daughter, Eren, began attending Lee this fall.

Bill ’85 and Sandi Eubanks ’88 live in Cleveland, TN where Bill is an elementary school counselor and Sandi is a nurse administrator in Dalton, GA. They have been married for 40 years, have two grown sons and two grandchildren.

David Hanley ’86 and his wife, Rhonda, live in Sale Creek, TN, near Chattanooga where David is an educator in the Hamilton County Department of Education. The family loves to travel, go hiking and camping, and “pretty much anything else that allows us time to spend together.”

Larry ’89 and Pam Hays serve as the state directors of evangelism and home missions for the Church of God and live in Jackson, MS. They have three granddaughters.

Robin Mays Miller ’89 is living in Charleston, WV where she is a seven year cancer survivor and previously worked as a doctor’s office manager. She would love to hear from former classmates at 307 32nd St. W, Charleston, WV 25312.

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1990–1999

Todd Chambley ’92 was promoted to senior vice president of operations for Aon Consulting Worldwide in September. In this new role, Todd is responsible for consulting with clients on nonqualified plan design, implementation and administration as well as managing the Executive Benefits division within the practice. He has been with Aon 13 years. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Joy Lagana Chambley ’02 and their two children.

Eric McCarn ’95 married Claudia Calderon on October 27, 2007 at a ceremony at the Belmont Mansion in Nashville, TN. Eric has been employed by Hospital Corporation of America for 12 years and is an administrator in the Information Systems Dept. Claudia, a native of Colombia, is employed at Vanderbilt University. ▼

Charlene Garrett ’96 lives in Harrismith, South Africa and works for a ministry called Thrive Africa. She is the human resources and outreach director. Charlene says, “If you have a heart for Africa, we are always in need of more staff, long-term and short-term.” She invites alumni to visit the Web site at www.thriveafrica.org.

Núñez Is Associate Conductor for Prestigious New York Chorus

Elizabeth Núñez ’02, took her training at Lee’s School of Music and has nurtured her conducting talent, earning her a recent appointment as associate conductor for the award-winning Young People’s Chorus of New York City where she directs the Junior and Intermezzo choruses and serves as vocal coach. Mrs. Núñez is also the director of YPC Partner and Satellite School programs, working with New York City public schools to bring a choral experience to over 700 children throughout the city. Along with her conducting, Elizabeth continues to sing professionally and recently made her Metropolitan Opera House debut, singing the soprano solo in Mendelssohn’s “A Mid-Summer Night’s Dream.” She has also appeared in New York’s Lincoln Center and Boston’s Jordan Hall, and maintains an active voice studio. When she was a student at Lee, Elizabeth served as assistant conductor of the Children’s Chorale and student conductor of both the Chorale and Choral Union.

“Through my experiences in many of the choral ensembles at Lee, I found that I had a real passion for choral conducting; not only for the beautiful musical product created, but also for the sense of community one feels when they are a part of a chorus,” Elizabeth stated of her Lee experience. “I am able to teach children to be peacemakers, to respect and care for each other despite color or socio-economic status. God has called me to show His peace and love in this setting, and when I see it reflected in my students, I feel deeply blessed.”
Scott ’96, and Rachel Goble Lawry ’96 recently moved to Montgomery, AL to accept the pastorate at Grace at Bell Road Church (www.discovergrace.org). Rachel is a part-time therapist and full-time mom of two daughters.

Sarah Lane Bumps ’97 is a full-time M.D. student at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA.

Darla Betzer ’98 is branch manager for Manpower, a recruiting and staffing firm. She is mother of two children and recently relocated from Chattanooga, TN back to her home town of Ft. Myers, FL.

Bradley Pass ’98 is pastoring in Nova Scotia, Canada with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He and his wife, Laurie, have three children. Brad says, “We have great memories of our times spent and friends made at Lee.”

Tiffany Re Zrodlowski ’98 lives in Beacon, NY with her husband, Jason, and their new addition, daughter Audrey Grace, born on March 11, 2007. Tiffany is on maternity leave from her occupation as a first grade teacher.

Mark LaMagna ’99 started his third year teaching for the New York City Schools at Health Opportunities High School. This year he is teaching Social Studies to seniors. Mark and his wife Julie Ruff LaMagna ’00 celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on November 17. They have one daughter and the family resides in Yonkers, NY. The LaMagnas would like to stay in touch with their friends. Their e-mail address is mlamagna@netzero.com.

Gratziela Hacman ’01 has been teaching mathematics at Hallandale High School for the past five years. She has taken leave this year to continue her educational endeavors of a masters of business administration, enrolling at Nova Southeastern University. Gratziela has also visited her native country of Romania for the first time this past summer, where she had the privilege of recording her debut album, “Now That I Know.” Visit www.myspace.com/gratzielahacman for sample tracks. Gratziela would love to hear from friends at Lee. She can be reached at www.gratzioluisus@yahoo.com.

Jonathan Payne ’01 lives in Louisville, KY and married to Elizabeth Diane Payen and they have a six-year-old son. Jonathan is senior vice president and director of Retail Banking/Mortgage Co. with First Capital Bank of Kentucky. The family attends Solid Rock Church of God.

Matthew Smollar ’01, of Lindale, GA, is enrolled at Reinhardt College while serving full time for nearly three years at the Milford Church of God.

Kovie Barger ’02 and Kelli (Holser) Barger ’04 reside in the Columbus, OH area.

Lee Alum Finds Support Amidst Loss

I graduated from Lee in 1994 and moved to Atlanta to pursue my graduate studies in education. God blessed me with my husband, Dr. Gary Davison, and we were married in 2001. We tried to have children and had several miscarriages before God blessed us with a beautiful daughter-Grace. Again, God blessed us with another child, William Clay, in March of this year.

Little did we know that Will’s life would be cut so short. God promised us a son but he did not say how long we were to have him. He was born on March 1, 2007, and passed away of SIDS on July 25, 2007.

As a Lee alumna, I am always amazed at the contacts and the people that God places in our paths. Immediately we were contacted by our Lee friends who prayed with us and visited with us. We felt like we were given so much that we had to give back. We started the Will Davison Memorial Scholarship Fund to help students who would be entering the helping field.

We don’t fully understand God’s plan but we know that he has one for us. We want Will’s memory to live on and to support SIDS research so that others do not have to go through the same thing we did. Our site is www.willdavisonmemorial.com.

Thank you to all of our Lee friends and family!

Jinger, Gary and Grace Davison
Kovie works for Quest Software in nearby Dublin, while Kelli is working part-time for the textbook publishing company, McGraw-Hill from home while she is a full-time new mom. Kovie and Kelli welcomed their son, Jonathan Kovie Barger, on April 16, 2007.

Brian ’02 and Emily Rau Downing ’02 are living in Baton Rouge, LA, where Brian is the youth and Christian education director for the Church of God in the state.

Tara Puckett Martinez ’02 is teaching school in Lexington, NC in pre-kindergarten through third grade. She married Tommy Martinez on June 23, 2007, and the newlyweds live in Thomasville, NC. They serve as youth leaders at the New Covenant Church of God in Trinity, NC.

Aimee Norton ’02 married Jeremy Mills on April 7, 2007 in Chattanooga, TN, and the couple now live in Lynchburg, VA where Aimee is a reporter for NBC affiliate WSLS in Roanoke.

Chadrick Ard ’04 is married to Andrea and they have two children. Chadrick recently started coaching football at Cordova (AL) High School, but continues to teach at Townley Junior High in the same county.

Jennifer Lambert Boaldin ’04 is married to Nathan Boaldin and they are living in San Antonio, TX. After graduation Jennifer spent two months in Bolivia serving as a volunteer.

Emily Haas ’04 married Jeremy Haas on April 14, 2007. The couple now lives on St. Simons Island, GA, where Emily is the assistant golf buyer for the Sea Island Golf Club on St. Simons.

Megan Thomas ’04 married Daniel Hasley on January 13, 2007. Megan’s husband is a captain in the USAF and a pilot of the KC-135 jet. They live in Byron, GA where Megan enjoys taking care of their home and 75-lb. golden retriever.

Raul Trevino ’04 and Amy Kalem were married on February 24, 2007. Raul is working as music minister at the North Jacksonville Church of God in Jacksonville, FL.

Chase Holsomback ’05 and Sarah Kancherla ’05 were married on July 7, 2007, in Conyers, GA. The newlyweds are now residing in Conyers where Chase serves as the children’s minister at Conyers Church of God and Sarah teaches 6th grade special education at Cousins Middle School.

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DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Contact: Dr. Robert Graham, Chair
ngraham@leeuniversity.edu or 423/614-8125

Psychology/Counseling – The department is seeking candidates with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology, or Counselor Education. The ideal candidate will be licensed or license-eligible in Tennessee as a LPC or Psychologist.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
Contact: Dr. Dewayne Thompson, Chair
dthompson@leeuniversity.edu or 423/614-8160

Business Administration – Applicants should have a Ph.D. or D.B.A. The candidate will be responsible for teaching courses in Business Administration, such as Management, Production Operations Management, Business Statistics, Quantitative Methods, Business Policy, and Business Ethics.

Accounting – Applicants should have a Ph.D. degree or be classified as ABD. Responsibilities may include teaching general accounting courses such as Principles of Accounting, Cost Accounting, and Advanced Auditing.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS
Contact: Dr. Michael Laney, Chair
mlaney@leeuniversity.edu or 423/614-8229

Communication – Specializing in visual communication and graphic design. Applicants should have a terminal degree (PhD or MFA) but candidates with an MA may be considered for non-tenure track. Responsibilities include teaching in the areas of graphic design, web page design, desktop publishing, photography and visual communication theory.

Telecommunications – Specializing in digital media production, new media, media technology, television broadcasting or corporate video. Applicants should have a terminal degree (PhD or MFA) but candidates with a master’s degree may be considered for non-tenure track. Mastery of non-linear editing programs (such as Adobe Premiere) is expected.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
Contact: Dr. Jean Eledge, Chair
jeledge@leeuniversity.edu or 423/614-8210

French/Spanish – Seeking someone committed to excellence in teaching French/Spanish with the integration of faith and learning. A doctorate in French or Spanish with at least 18 graduate hours in the second language is required.

English or English Education – Teaching would include the English methods and freshman composition courses. A doctorate in English or English education is required, and experience in both college and secondary teaching is preferred.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
Contact: Dr. Muri Delakuz, Chair
pdelaluz@leeuniversity.edu or 423/614-8275

Mathematics – The applicant must have a Ph.D. in Mathematics or an Ed.D. in Mathematics education (with an M.S. or M.M. in Mathematics), or a Master’s in Mathematics with teaching experience. Duties will include teaching courses in contemporary math, algebra, and/or mathematics education courses.

Physical Science and Chemistry – The applicant should have a Ph.D. in the field. Duties include teaching courses in Physical Science, Earth and Space Science and Chemistry.

Health Science and Biology – Duties include teaching courses in Health Science that will primarily include Human Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition, and other Health Science or Biology courses. Experience and knowledge of current professions in the health service industry is desirable.

DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
Contact: Dr. Pamela Brown, Chair
pbrowning@leeuniversity.edu or 423/614-8471

Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education – The individuals will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in early childhood and elementary education; supervise students in clinical experiences in school and community-based settings; advise undergraduate and graduate students; maintain involvement in research activities, publication, and professional presentations; and provide service to the education community. Qualified candidates must have earned a doctorate in Early Childhood or Elementary Education or related field with successful full-time teaching experience in PreK-3 or K-6 settings ability to integrate technology in instruction; and active involvement in appropriate professional organizations.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Contact: Dr. Stephen W. Plate, Dean
splate@leeuniversity.edu or 423/614-8240

Orchestra/Opera/Musical Conductor – Responsibilities include conducting and preparing the university orchestra for annual orchestra, opera, and musical productions; maintaining a private studio in higher applied area (preference given to instrumentalists with training and expertise in viola or double bass). Recruitment for the School of Music and the orchestra is a central responsibility of this position. The ideal candidate will be an Evangelical Christian who is an accomplished conductor with a completed doctorate and who is interested in building the existing chamber orchestra into a full symphony orchestra.

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY
Contact: Dr. Rick Moore, Chair
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Historical Theology/History of Christianity – Applicants should hold the Ph.D. in Theology with emphasis in history or the Ph.D. in the History of Christianity with emphasis in theology. Applicants should be able to teach courses in theology, historical theology, and the history of Christianity at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Lecturer in Religion – Seeking applicants to teach a variety of introductory Bible and theology courses within the university’s religion core. Applicants should hold the M.A. in some area of religion, or the M.Div., or Th.M., and have evidence of excellent teaching skills for college-level courses in religion.
Patricia Shaffer Joiner ’05 and her husband purchased a home in Monroe, GA and serve as youth leaders at Cornerstone Fellowship of Monroe. Patricia is working toward a masters in music-vocal performance and she currently teaches private voice and piano lessons.

Sarah (Hockett) McKenney ’05 and her husband Brian, reside on the base of Signal Mountain, TN and enjoy working in the Scenic City. Together they remain involved professionally in theatre.

Rachel Ethun ’06 lives in Cleveland, TN and works at the international offices for Church of God World Missions on the media team.

Megan Pierson Hamner ’06 is married and living in Niceville, FL with her husband and eight-month-old daughter. Megan is in a year of service with AmeriCorps working with ESOL students in the local high school while pursuing a master’s degree in public administration.

Bridgette Vernon Williams ’05 and Jonathan Williams ’05 were married in 2006 and are now living in Gastonia, NC and working in the music and youth departments of the Family Worship Center in Kings Mountain, NC.

Chad Holtz ’06 is pastor at Marrow’s Chapel United Methodist Church in Henderson, NC while working on an M.Div. at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC.

Lisa Oresman ’06 married Kasey Henricks in December 2006, on the same day as her graduation from Lee. The couple now lives in Clarksville, TN, where Lisa is teaching Language Arts at West Creek Middle School.

Jonathan Sawyer ’06 is music pastor at the Oak Park Church of God in Mobile, AL.

Tiffanie Campbell ’07 lives in Chattanooga, TN and is employed by Life Care Centers of America as advertising liaison. She also serves as the public relations director for Young Professionals of Chattanooga and is involved with the local media.

Erskine Mink ’07 recently moved to Knoxville, TN and is an auditor for Crowe Chizek and Company, LLC.

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Occupation ______________________________________________
Brief notes of interest ______________________________________

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• E-mail: 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

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MEMBER COMMENTS:

“What a great idea! Over the last couple of days, I have spent a lot of time reminiscing about my time at Lee. I have already caught up with folks I haven’t seen or talked to in years. Thanks!”

“Greatest thing to happen to Lee alumni since the mug madness.”

“You’re giving people the tools to create their own stories, memories and experiences! Way to go!”

“A great way to find those folks you have lost contact with, it’s going to be a real blessing to many of us.”

“This is going to be BIG in Lee alum history. We can’t wait to re-connect with people who have provided some of the warmest memories of our lifetimes.”

“Excellent! MySpace for Lee alumni.”

“Lee was one of the best experiences of my life. Hopefully this will help us meet up with those old friends and make some new ones.

“I love inCircle. There are tons of people I’d love to hear from, but don’t know how to find them. Come on, old friends, log on!”

SAVE THESE DATES:
- April 25, 2008 • 6:30 p.m. — Country Music Marathon Pasta “Pig-out,” Buca di Beppo Cool Springs, Nashville
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