OPENING THOUGHTS
FROM PRESIDENT PAUL CONN

Our Losses Remind Us...

As we enter the Christmas season, we are all especially aware of how much family means to us. It is a particularly sad time to say goodbye to people whom God has called away. The Lee University family has experienced multiple losses in recent weeks, and the holiday season is a little emptier without the people who have shared our journey. Still, our losses remind us of what we have. We miss those who are gone because they so enriched our lives when they were with us.

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But these losses do remind us of what we have in one another. It is impossible to mourn without also being reminded of how richly our lives are filled with other people — friends, colleagues, brothers and sisters, children and parents. We often speak of the alumni of this university as the "Lee family." It includes thousands of people all around the globe. Each of our lives was shaped by some people who studied with us, taught us, worked alongside us, shared a dorm room, a chapel service, a meal or a class. They are all God’s gifts to us. When we lose one of the family — whether a teacher, a trustee, a staff member, or a fellow alumni — we all lose something valuable, because we were so richly blessed by knowing them at all.

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Classes and Clubs
If your class at Lee ended in a 9, you had a reunion this year. The classes of ’99, ’89, ’79 ’69 and ’59 were highlighted with gatherings on Friday night, but sprinkled throughout the weekend were reunions for all the social service clubs. Delta Zeta Tau celebrated the most milestone of years (45), but the rest celebrated as well. A first this year was a reunion for Gateway Peer Leaders.

Gatherings and Games
Former athletes can’t seem to come together without a pick-up game for old time sake. Several Lee teams welcomed their former players for reunions including tennis and golf. Past Lee Flames and Lady Flames showed off what they still had while friends, family and classmates cheered them on. Exhibition games over the weekend included rugby, baseball, softball and the now traditional DZT vs. Sigma touch football game.

Collegiate Competition
Homecoming is not complete without the signature Homecoming basketball game, but through the years other sports have scheduled regular season home games during Homecoming weekend. This year there was Lady Flames basketball, soccer and volleyball and two opponents for men’s basketball.

MORE THAN JUST REUNIONS
Homecoming 2009 offered something for all alumni from every era.
2009 Homecoming Queen
Jill Singerman is escorted
by Blake Joiner

Stephanie Taylor ’84 (left), who is currently undergoing
 treatment for breast cancer, was honorary coach for the
Volley for the Cure event

International Barbershop
Champions Four Voices regrouped for a mini-concert at
the President’s Circle luncheon

Symphony and Singers
The spotlight musical ensemble this year was the Symphonic
Band as they gathered for their 20 year reunion. Former and
current members of the Band broke out their clarinets and cel-
llos for a spectacular musical showcase that also featured the
vocal ensembles on Saturday evening.

Tours and Traditions
There was no shortage of
variety at Homecoming ‘09. You could run an ear-
ly morning 5K race with
about 175 others. Many
took advantage of guided
tours of a campus that
changes yearly. Exhibits
were on display along
what used to be Church
Street. There were two
showings of a well-known
play produced by and
starring Lee students. A
queen was crowned at
halftime of the basketball
game. Gourmet meals
were served in the dining
hall and at the President’s
Circle luncheon. Whether
it was a first-time occur-
rence or a long-standing
Homecoming tradition,
the events of Homecom-
ing 2009
at Lee
University will be
memories for a
lifetime.

Thanks for coming home.

YELTON AWARDED
HONORARY ALUMNUS

Every year at Homecoming an individual is honored
to become one of Lee University’s own. Over the course
of Lee history, friends, faculty, staff and admirers have be-
come passionate about the message and vision of Lee Uni-
versity. Over the last two decades, some of those admirers
and contributors have become honorary alumni.
The award is announced alongside the Distinguished
Alumni Award which this year was given to Andrea Orr Hud-
son ’84 (see feature this issue). This year, for the first time,
the two awards recognized active coaches on the Lee staff.
Matthew Yelton, coach of the national champion Lady
Flames soccer team, became the latest honoree at the
President’s Circle luncheon on November 7. In presenting
the award, President Paul Conn said, “Matt Yelton is the
kind of coach presidents dream of. We recruited him away
from his alma mater King College eight years ago and in
that time he has tabulated an 82% winning record on the
way to the first NAIA National Championship in the his-
tory of Lee University athletics. It is not just his coaching
success, but the quality of players he recruits. He is the
coach’s coach.”

“In the eight years that I have been blessed to be a
part of the Lee campus, I can honestly say that this is a
place unlike any other,” Yelton stated. “I don’t know of any
other institution in the NAIA that supports women’s soc-
ccer the way we are supported, and I don’t just mean in a
fiscal sense, I mean that in a physical sense. Our athletic
director, vice presidents, and president can all be found
many times throughout the year cheering on our team—
that is not something that happens at most institutions.”

“I am deeply honored by this,” Yelton continued. “God
has called me to this community.”

• Won 200th career match on October 13.
• Although only coached for 12 years,
Yelton is already one of the Top 10
winningest soccer coaches in the NAIA
148-29-4 record at lee 82.7%
• Since joining the ssAC in 2004, Yelton’s
teams have a 58-0-1 conference record
• 6 time ssAC Coach of the Year
• 4 time Region Coach of the Year
• 2008 ssAC Female Sports Coach of
the Year
• 2008 Brine-NAIA Women’s soccer
National Coach of the Year
• 2008 NAIA National Champions
• Eight members of 2008 National
Championship team NAIA Scholar Athletes
• 24 shutdowns last two seasons
BLENDING ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

Andrea Hudson is honored with the 2009 Distinguished Alumna Award

RESUMÉ:

- 19 seasons at Lee
- Longest-tenured coach currently on staff
- Entire collegiate coaching career has been at Lee
- 600th career match won on September 26, 2009
- One of only seven NAIA volleyball coaches with 600 or more wins
- 662-221 overall record 73.4% (as of Homecoming 2009)
- 13 conference championships (3 TVAC, 7 TranSouth and 3 SSAC)
- Six NAIA Region titles
- 30 or more matches won eight times and 40 or more four times
- Led seven teams to the NAIA National Tournament, the most by any Lee coach
- Entered 2004 National Tournament as the #2 ranked team
- 15 players named NAIA All-Americans
- 27 Lady Flames named NAIA Scholar Athletes
- Conference Coach of Year multiple times
- Region Coach of Year multiple times

Andrea instructs her team at the Volley for the Cure match against UAH on November 6, 2009

To keep him on as my assistant, I had to marry him. Hudson smiled as she told the audience when accepting the award.

In addition to coaching, Andrea has been instrumental in establishing quality programs that have benefited students, the university and the community. She has organized overseas missions trips and is the driving force behind the highly successful "Volley for the Cure" benefiting breast cancer research. The event has raised thousands of dollars over the past three years in partnership with the Mary Ellen Locher Foundation of Chattanooga. Andrea is also a member of the Lee faculty.

This experience (being a coach at Lee) has been so rewarding to me because now I am a part of recruiting students to come to Lee. I have had players from all over the country and from six different countries that are now Lee alums. My greatest reward is watching them graduate and seeing so many of them go on to graduate school. Academics is why they are here, so my priority is make sure they get their education and achieve it at the highest level possible. Volleyball is the icing on the cake and hopefully what makes this experience more fun for them.

Upon presenting the award, President Conn spoke fondly of the early days of the Lee volleyball program and Hudson’s contribution to its success.

"The dream of every college president is that your alums come back and win championships at their alma mater," Conn said. Andrea makes us proud that Lee University produced such a great coach. Before she came, a Lee University team had never been to a national tournament, but she got us there with the women’s volleyball team. She is now our longest serving coach and one of only two who is a Lee alum. She is a great coach and we are proud to call her one of our own."
A SPIRITUAL FOCAL POINT

President Conn announces construction of a chapel on campus as the 'capstone' project of the Press Toward the Mark Campaign.

By Cameron Fisher

With the five year, $30 million Press Toward the Mark capital campaign entering its final stage, an additional project has been added to the aggressive agenda of new buildings and programs already completed or underway on campus. During Homecoming weekend, President Paul Conn formally announced what is being billed as the capstone project of the campaign. A small chapel will be built on the corner of Ocoee and 11th Streets, the primary gateway to the inner campus.

When people come to our campus for their first visit, many times I have been asked, Where is your chapel? Conn told the President’s Circle luncheon gathering at Homecoming. We have always conducted chapel on our campus; we have held hundreds of chapel services in Conn Center and Dixon Center and in the old auditorium years ago, but we have never built a facility specifically as a house of worship. I have been to numerous secular colleges and universities where the most photographed or most central edifice on campus is a beautiful, traditional chapel, set aside as a place to go for quiet moments with God.

Conn emphasized that the building itself will be small in size and very traditional in design. Unanimously approved by Lee’s Board of Directors at their last meeting, the chapel will be reserved for student groups and organizations which have traditionally held formal inductions, prayer meetings or cell group gatherings wherever there was an available space, such as a classroom, dorm lobby or other spontaneous gathering place. It may be available on a limited basis to outside groups and individuals, and will be an ideal setting for weddings attracting up to 300 guests. While there are spaces dedicated as chapels on campus, such as in some dormitories or on the third floor of the Pentecostal Resource Center (library), there has never been built a free-standing structure for this express purpose or one of this attractive size.

We need this on our campus, Conn continued. It will become the spiritual focal point for our students. This chapel will be built as God’s house and as a symbol of the centrality of Christ on our campus to us and the community. That’s the vision we have.

With the chapel rendering from above reveals an area on the north side which will accommodate companion gatherings to events in the chapel. The structure will be placed diagonally on the corner of 11th and Ocoee Streets, across 11th Street from Walker Memorial Building and west of the Dixon Center.
The laughter of children is priceless. It is a well-known sound, but not one typically associated with a college campus.

Walk into the Early Learning Center at Lee and you will find 46 very happy children. Many are playing outside or being held by the, Lee students who work there. The small tables and chairs are the perfect size for the children who regularly sit at them. The rooms are decorated with bright colors and pictures, and hand-painted artwork hangs in the hallways. Down the hall, the gymnasium echoes with the sound of the little feet. For Alicia Klepper, coordinator of childcare at Lee University, it is a well-known sound, but an issue.

"We didn’t have any outside play area that was designated for us," Klepper said.

In September 2008, when the Early Learning Center moved into what was the former Mayfield School, now known as Mayfield Annex, they quickly began to take advantage of their new space. Three classrooms were designated for their use: one for infants and toddlers, one for two and three year olds and one for four and five year olds. They were also given a fenced-in area rather quickly so the children would be able to play outside during their time at the center. In September of this year, the Early Learning Center moved into the space needed to grow.

The vision for a childcare program became a reality in 2003 when Lauren Murray was hired to conduct a childcare feasibility study at Lee. She discovered that there was a great need for childcare among full-time employees at the university, and in 2004, the first on-campus childcare program was instituted. It was similar in structure to a mother-s-morning-out program and provided services from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program was limited by the lack of space in Lower Simmons, two rooms on the bottom level of Simmons Hall. The rooms were adequate, but did not provide the space needed to grow.

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"We're also able to provide more personal. Other than the logistical benefits provided by the extra space, the Early Learning Center has found that the new location allows them to better serve the children whom they care for. Additional classrooms have allowed them to put the children into groups that are better suited to their ages. We’re also able to make it more age-appropriate…It’s made much more peaceful classrooms and, I think, far more enriching," Klepper said.

On a daily basis, the center is run on what Klepper likes to call "structured, yet flexible, daily routines." Joy Lewis, assistant coordinator of childcare, is a Lee graduate with a degree in education. She regularly meets with the student workers at the center to go over and prepare lesson plans for the children. While no field trips are taken, the children are sometimes taken on nature walks and other trips around Lee’s campus.

The Early Learning Center also provides free childcare for various other needs on campus such as concerts, departmental events, Sunday night chapel services as well as times when local schools are closed and the university is not. Dr. Andrew Lee, associate professor of English at Lee, occasionally utilizes the center during times like these.

"My boys love getting to spend time with other faculty children…They really like the staff and the fun activities they have planned," Lee said.

Several faculty members bring more than one child to the center, and it allows these parents to be more involved in the lives of their children. Having their children at the same location where they work makes it easy for faculty members to have lunch with their children or stop by for a quick visit during the day.

Klepper also added that the center has deepened the dynamics of other relationships as well. For education majors, working at the center provides immediate implementation of the things they are learning and greatly enriches their classroom experience. Lee students who work in the center are also able to develop unique relationships with the professors who bring their children to the center. Some have even gone on to become personal babysitters or nannies for professors.

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The childcare center was able to utilize various campus facilities such as the Deacon Jones Dining Hall, the DeVos Recreation Center and Alumni Park, but the tight space in Lower Simmons remained an issue.

The program has seen numerous changes in a very short period of time. The program has drastically changed in structure and format since Lee acquired the former Mayfield Elementary School property in the fall of 2007. These changes, however, have come as a result of the success of the program since its inception.

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Lee Landscape Gets Student Discount

By Cameron Fisher

A stroll through the Lee campus at nearly any time of the year evokes oos and ahhs for its impeccable grounds. Prospective students with their parents who visit Lee have been sold from their first impressions of a campus that displays obvious dedication to caring for God’s creation within its borders. Alumni returning to their alma mater swell with pride for the meticulously manicured lawns and flower beds of amazing color. This commitment to landscape perfection stems from an administrative promise of it happen, as well as a grounds staff determined to keep the level of excellence above the bar.

“We realize the administrative promise of it happen, as well as a grounds staff determined to keep the level of excellence above the bar,” Conine stated. “And we are getting a quality work ethic.”

Conine gives credit for the landscape success to Larry Berry, Lee’s director of physical plant. Berry’s arrival in 2006 to head the maintenance and grounds operations of the university stepped up an exemplary program to an even higher level. Referring to the change of the landscape maintenance plan from vendors to students, Berry stated, “We are able to provide 80 hours per week of care to the landscape beds. This is double the amount of man hours that were being provided by all three of our previous landscape vendors combined. This combination of our full-time staff with the part-time student labor has allowed us to give the landscape areas the much needed proper attention.”

Lee’s program gained national attention when it was featured in a recent issue of Turf magazine, a publication for turf care professionals. In its opening paragraph the article states, “Lee University is a 105-acre jewel tucked in the middle of a residential area. The Turf feature focused primarily on the 50 acres of lawn that Lee maintains in athletic fields and general use. Berry, an award-winning landscape and lawn professional, said in the feature, “One of the reasons I chose to come here (to Lee) is the very high standard the university already had for the first impression of our campus appearance as a recruiting tool and has given our department the resources to make some positive changes that further enhance the curb appeal. The article showcased the campus through photos of lush athletic fields, manicured buildings and sidewalks surrounded by beds of fresh landscape.”

Lee’s commitment to curb appeal was further enhanced when earlier this year a landscaping department was formed within the Physical Plant structure, separating landscape from turfgrass and general grounds functions. In addition, the summer student workers program completed its fourth successful year.

This program continues to bring great value to the Physical Plant Department. Berry stated, “We have generated a tremendous savings in our operational costs while at the same time helping students with housing and income needs during the summer. With these students we are now developing to a level of becoming even more detailed in the work we are doing.”

Who are the largest job providers in Bradley County, Tenn.? The Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce recently posted figures on their Web site which has included manufacturers in the past, but the list now includes government and public services as well.

Whirlpool Corp. leads the list as Bradley County’s largest employer. In year’s past the top spot has been held by Magic Chef, Hardwick and Maytag, all of which are predecessors to Whirlpool. Local government occupies four of the top 20 spots. Bradley County Schools ranked fourth on the list; Cleveland City Schools was sixth, Bradley County government, including law enforcement and corrections, was seventh and Cleveland city government landed at 15th.

The new list is featured on the first page at www.clevelandchamber.com. More information is available by clicking on the “economic development” section at the top of the web page.
NEW FOUNTAIN UP AND RUNNING

The men and alumni of the social service organization Alpha Gamma Chi have waited patiently for a replacement for a fountain plaza which once occupied the front entrance of the Paul Dana Walker Arena. The plaza had to be removed in 2005 to make way for the expansion of Walker Arena. Nearly 20 years ago, Chi undertook a project to raise funds and build the “eternal flame” plaza which was dedicated to Dr. Donald Bowdle and his late wife, Nancy. Bowdle was one of the founding sponsors of Alpha Gamma Chi in 1963. The original plaza included a fountain and flame, as well as a plaque honoring the Bowdles and brick pavers with names of donors to the project.

Good things come to those who wait. A “new and improved” fountain and flame plaza was unveiled during Homecoming November 6-7. Located a few yards north of the original site, the plaza is the new crossroads between the Devos Recreation Center, Walker Arena and the primary east-west pedestrian thoroughfare to the central campus. Nearly twice its original size, the plaza incorporates multiple seating areas, a flowing fountain and a stack stone central tower topped with an eternal flame.

Two former Chi presidents have been instrumental in the re-build. Cole Strong has served as construction liaison from President Conn’s office, while Josh Sheets is manager of the construction company which oversaw the project.

Officials said, “Presenting chamber music in a museum setting has long been a cherished tradition at prestigious institutions like the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. In launching this Museum of Art in New York and the Isabella Stewart, the Hunter’s renowned collection of American art together for inspiring evenings of artistic expression.”

The first concert took place on October 29, in the lobby of the Hunter Museum. Four subsequent performances are scheduled approximately every other month throughout the fall, winter and spring. The performances are planned approximately every other month throughout the year. Their shared artistry ensures dynamic musical dialogues and breathtaking performances.

The second production was You Can’t Take It With You by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. This Pulitzer Prize winning comedy introduces you to the lovably eccentric Sycamore family and will leave you with an appreciation for their zest for living and their slightly off-kilter view of the world. The show debuted during Homecoming November 6-7 and concluded with two shows the following weekend. The production was staged in the Dixon Center.

The third production on the theatre department’s calendar is The Glass Menagerie by the two-time Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Tennessee Williams. The classic drama centers on an aging Southern belle Amanda Wingfield and her struggles to marry off her frail, withdrawn daughter while keeping her restless dreamer son from leaving home. The show will be held in the Edna Minor Conn Theatre February 28-27 and March 5-6 at 7:30 p.m. and February 28 and March 7 at 2:00 p.m.

The final show in Lee University’s theatre season will be The Last Night of Ballyhoo by Pulitzer Prize winning author Alfred Uhry, playwright of Driving Miss Daisy. This Tony Award winner for Best Play is set in Atlanta in 1939. Gone With the Wind is about to have its world premiere, while Hitler is invading Poland. But the subject of interest to Atlanta’s elite is Ballyhoo, the social event of the season. The production will take place April 9-10 and 16-17 at 7:00 p.m. and April 11 and 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dixon Center Auditorium.

For more information on the 2009-2010 theatre season or for ticket information please call (423) 614-8343.
Lee University's Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC) continues to garner praise and recognition for a program which teaches children with autism. It also continues to receive grants from several sources to sustain it. In late October, LUDIC officials received word that a grant from several sources to sustain it. In late October, LUDIC officials received word that a grant from several sources to sustain it. In late October, LUDIC officials received word that a grant from several sources to sustain it. In late October, LUDIC officials received word that a grant from several sources to sustain it.

Lee is a sophomore from Florence, Ala., majoring in advertising, communications or marketing. Byrd is a sophomore from Florence, Ala., majoring in telecommunications. Byrd said she was surprised because she did not expect to be chosen out of all the students who applied from other universities. Dr. Michael Laney, chair of the Communications Department, said “We are delighted that Noel has received this scholarship. Noel has learned that she is a winner of the Most Promising Minority Student Scholarship.” The national scholarship is provided by the American Advertising Federation's Multicultural Center on Multiculturalism and the Home Depot. Fourteen $5,000 scholarships are awarded each year to deserving minority students majoring in advertising, communications or marketing.

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LUDIC staff member Ty Crumley assists a student.

Lee Takes Top Honors for Strengths Program

The Gallup Organization has selected Lee University as the first-ever recipient of the Clifton Compass Award, a national recognition of Lee's strengths-based philosophy and programming. Gallup’s vice president for Education Practice, Mark Pogue, presented the award.

“We are delighted to win this award because it is the first of its kind, and we were in competition with some other schools that are amazing,” said Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president for academic affairs. These are schools we can’t normally rate ourselves against, and the fact that we were chosen from all the colleges and universities in the country that have strengths programs is incredible. Other finalists included Texas Tech, Azusa Pacific University, and the Community College System of the State University of New York.

According to Dirksen, “At the point of a strengths-based approach is that we focus on the gifts students, faculty and staff bring to the educational process, not what we need them to do better. We help people identify their strengths and sponsor workshops on how to use and build on them.

The Clifton Compass Award is designed to honor institutions that best implement a strengths-based approach across campus. In order to qualify a college or university must first take the Gallup StrengthsFinder survey and the survey is also available to staff. The University’s Center for Calling and Career provides Strengths Vocational Advisors to assist students in determining where their strengths might lead them in the selection of a major and a career.

While the strengths initiative started in the freshman seminar classes, the administration of the university has continued to support the notion that we become a strengths-based campus, according to Suzanne Hamidi Holt, director of First Year Programs. Dr. Debby White, director of Lee University’s Center for Calling and Career said, “We want to talk strengths with our students and our employees, and we’ve been using the Gallup StrengthsFinder assessment to get the conversation going for over seven years. The strengths perspective fits our mission and our theology, so we plan to continue to encourage students and employees to seek to understand God’s design and intentions for their life of service.”

Lee University recently acquired a bronze casting of a sculpture by contemporary American artist Jane DeDecker. This work of art will be a wonderful addition to the religious identity of the School of Religion building here at Lee, stated President Con. The work is titled “Prayer” and has been placed on the northern side of the School of Religion.

Jane DeDecker’s work can be found in public settings across the U.S. Conn said, “Her style is rather distinctive, it’s non-literal, but clearly representational, and strikes a wonderful balance for public spaces at a campus such as ours. DeDecker is also the sculptor of the piece titled A World to Teach, which has been a popular feature on the plaza in front of the Helen DeVos College of Education since placed there in 1999.”
LEE GRADUATE PROGRAMS: REDEFINING THE ACADEMIC LANDSCAPE

Lee’s graduate programs experienced a record-breaking enrollment for fall 2009. Enrollment specialists all over the country found it difficult to predict how the economy would affect fall enrollment numbers, but Lee celebrated at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

“We found that many folks who were unemployed decided to return to school. This, along with a renewed emphasis on branding, target marketing, and personal attention helped to solidify our numbers for fall,” said Vicki Glasscock, director of graduate enrollment. “The deans and directors of our graduate programs worked with students to determine their specific needs as well as the needs of the marketplace. They revised programs to fit those needs. Lee’s graduate counseling programs doubled their enrollment by expanding their Mental Health Counseling program to include a service/non-profit track.”

Dr. Trevor Milliron, director of graduate studies in counseling observed that, “In addition to offering clinical training that leads to licensure, we expanded the program to include training in the area of non-profit work. This approach is particularly appealing to graduate students who dream of serving in nontraditional settings, serving the underserved in international settings, taking counseling out of the therapy room and into the lives of those who need it most through advocacy, outreach, and prevention programs. Lee is one of the premiere universities in the world which offers this type of service-minded focus on counseling.”

The Helen DeVos College of Education continues to serve as the flagship program for graduate studies at Lee with almost 200 students. The new Ed.S. degree and new course offerings at National Board Certification for teachers have expanded Lee’s market and hold great potential for continued growth. The first Ed.S. degrees were awarded earlier this year.

The School of Religion continues to attract graduate students in Biblical and Theological Studies as well as in Youth and Family Ministries. Dr. Bob Bayles, director of the graduate program in youth and family ministries noted that, “One of the recent trends we’ve noticed among our graduates is the growing number of people who are finding ways to do ministry outside of a ‘church’ setting. Several have gone to work for government agencies working with at-risk families, others are ministering in halfway houses to both adolescent girls and boys who have encountered problems with the law and school systems. Others are working in para-church settings. We are very glad ministry among our students represents a broad-based approach (church, para-church, secular settings).”

The School of Music experienced a 10% increase in enrollment with its graduate programs in church music, music education and music performance.

For additional information regarding Lee’s graduate programs, call 1-800-LEE-9930 ext. 8059, or email the Office of Graduate Enrollment at gradstudies@leeuniversity.edu.
FACULTY FACTS

‘GENTLE SPIRIT’
BROWNLee LEAVES PROmINENT LEGACY

Assistant Professor of Music at Lee University Michael Brownlee, died on November 2, 2009 following complications from a series of strokes a week earlier. He was 60 and had been a member of the Lee faculty for more than 30 years. He was married to Gloria Stone Brownlee, also a member of the Lee faculty, and they were parents of two grown children, Chet and Gigi, and granddaughter Kaelyn.

Brownlee’s funeral took place at Westmore Church of God, where his talents and influence…he had a gift for getting students ready for the spotlight. He was the musician who made other musicians the star. Michael had a spirit of gratitude and he expressed it; that spirit lives on in each of us.

Brownlee was a graduate of Lee and held a masters degree from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. He was an assistant professor of music and keyboard coordinator at Lee. He was a member of the Oocee Music Teachers Association (O. M. T. A.) where he held several offices and was named O.M.T.A. Teacher of the Year. He was also the auditions and recital coordinator, and an adjudicator for the association. He served as adjudicator for the Tennessee Governors Honors and Tennessee Music Teachers Association. Michael was a Nationally Certified Piano Teacher through the Music Teachers National Association (M. T. N. A.). He was in Who’s Who in America Teachers, a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers and a Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honors Society member. At Lee he was a sponsor for Alpha Chi Honor Society and a founding member of the Summer Music Camp Committee and Piano Competition Committee at Lee. Michael was also a charter member of the Westmore Church of God and was principle pianist at the church.

WILSON RECEIVES PH.D.

Mava Wilson, assistant professor of computer information systems (CIS) at Lee, received her doctorate in computer education and technology and education. The former Mava Horton, Wilson joined the business faculty at Lee in August of 2000.

Wilson earned the doctorate from Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She also earned her master’s from NSU and received her bachelor’s degree in administrative systems from Radford University in Radford, Va.

Before coming to Lee, Wilson was a CIS instructor at Cleveland State Community College as well as an assistant professor of computer information systems technology at Wytheville Community College in Virginia for many years.

JO ATTENDS SALZBURG GLOBAL SEMINAR

Lee University political science professor Dr. Jung In Jo recently attended the Salzburg Global Seminar in Salzburg, Austria. (left in photo above) after being awarded a fellowship of the Andrew W. Mellon foundation by Appalachian College Association.

Jo was one of more than 50 fellows from 20 different countries who attended this distinguished academic venture. Since 1947, the Salzburg Global Seminar has convened scholars and decision makers committed to making a difference in the world to inspire innovative thinking and to pioneer strategies for change. The seminar was structured around lectures and discussions by leading experts on Confronting Protectionism: How Business and Governments Can Build Support for Open Markets. Particular emphasis was placed on generating cutting-edge ideas and on developing proposals for action on critical challenges confronting trade and investment protectionism and formulating solutions to make a case for open trade and liberalization.

Newsweek magazine has said, "There are hundreds of seminars in the prestige-conscious firmament of academe, but few can rival the eminence of the Salzburg.” Other members of Lee’s faculty who have attended recent Salzburg Seminars include Dr. Gary Plogarz, Dr. Karen Mundy, Dr. Stephen Swindle, Dr. Matthew Melton, Dr. Jayson VanHook, and Dr. Phoebe Gray.

WINTER 2009
What started out to be a dunk contest in Lee University’s Annual Tip-Off evening, turned out to be a slam that has been aired across the United States and around the world.

Lee Flame Larriques Cunningham, a 6-foot-4 transfer from Roane State Community College, rammed home what had to be a triple-10 when he went flying through the air from beyond the free-throw line and jammed the basketball into the bottom of the net. Cunningham created a reaction from the students and fans that lasted for several minutes and continues to have the Lee campus and basketball lovers from all over buzzing with excitement.

Jeff Salyer, Lee’s assistant director of video production and producer of Inside Lee Basketball recorded the dunk and sent it to several different outlets. It has been viewed by thousands around the globe and is helping put Lee and Cunningham on the worldwide basketball map.

By mid-November there were well over 135,000 hits on the dunk. The main sites are dimemag.com (Dime Magazine about NBA basketball), a Polish basketball site zawszepierwsze.blogspot.pl, through Facebook friends sharing with others, www.collegefanz.com (ESPN founder’s site), bolapresa.tumblr.com a Spanish basketball site, www.hawkeyelounge.com an Iowa University fan forum, and most recently CNNSI.com.

The Flames are picked to win the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) and were ranked 13th in the preseason NAIA national poll. However, Coach Tommy Brown’s club was upset by arch-rival Tennessee Temple in the season opener on Nov. 2, 114-109 in double overtime. They bounced back to defeat Carver College and were extremely impressive in 87-66 victory over Bluefield College on Homecoming afternoon.

Volleyball Claims SSAC Championship Again

It has been another special season for Lee University volleyball. Coach Andrea Hudson, who has posted one of the NAIA’s best coaching records, picked up her 600th victory on September 28 against Faulkner University. Her Lady Flames have won at least 30 matches 13 of her 19 seasons at Lee.

However, the annual Valley for the Cure match has become more important to coaches Andrea and Kevin Hudson than all the victories. Each year volunteers join in as Lee hosts a volleyball match dedicated to raising money for the Mary Ellen Locher Scholarship Fund for breast cancer research. A huge crowd decked out in pink turned out to witness the Lady Flames defeat the University of Alabama-Huntsville and it is estimated that over $10,000 was raised once again for the tremendous cause.

Once again Lee captured the regular-season championship of the SSAC. The Lady Flames finished conference play unbeaten and were ranked 21st nationally by the NAIA headed into regionals.

While the Krnmanovic sisters have played an important role for Hudson team, several sophomores and three juniors have also been deeply involved in the success.

Lee hosted and won the SSAC tournament on November 13-14, and hosted the opening round of the NAIA National Tournament.

Former Flame is ‘Rising Star’

Former Lee University baseball standout Lance Zawadzki (2007) was selected to play in the Rising Stars Game on Saturday, November 7 and was televised on the MLB Network and on MLB.com.

Zawadzki, who is a rising star in the San Diego Padres organization and played Double-A ball in San Antonio, Texas, this past season, is among a select group playing in the Arizona Fall League.

The roster for the Rising Stars Game was loaded with first round draft picks and a large group of predicted future major leaguers. Scouting and minor-league directors of every major-league organization selected the players for the showcase. Each major-team organization was represented by at least one player.

The nation has the opportunity to see a sampling of the array of talent that is on display in the Arizona Fall League, six days a week for six weeks, Cobb said. We were proud to showcase some of the top prospects in baseball to a national viewing audience for the first time in the Rising Star Game.

Zawadzki had been invited to take part in the Padres spring training camp which begins in late February.
FOUR INDUCED INTO HALL OF FAME


Bob Rice was a member of the Lee golf team that qualified for the NAIA National Tournament in 1982. Under the leadership of Coach Stanley Butler, he teamed with Craig Lee, Gary Higginbotham, Andy Higginbotham, Stan Sherlin and Lynn Johnson to place 14th in the NAIA national and in the same year also won the NCAA District 3 title.

Rice has won many, many more tournaments over the years in the Chattanooga area and around the state. He walked away with Lee’s Stanley Butler Invitational too many times to count and also several Tennessee Golf Association events.

Rice turned professional in 1991 and was named the head pro at the Springbrook Golf and Country Club. In 1992 he captured the Pro-Assistant championship at the Springbrook Golf and Country Club. In 1992 he captured the Pro-Assistant championship at the Springbrook Golf and Country Club. In 1992 he captured the Pro-Assistant championship at the Springbrook Golf and Country Club.

Emily Brown Stone
Women’s Tennis, 1976-1978

Emily Brown signed with the Lady Flames and played No. 1 singles and doubles for coach Kay McDaniel for three years. She was a member of the 1997 and 1998 Lee teams named as ITA-NAIA All-America Scholar squads.

Not only did Emily leave her mark on the Lee tennis court, she also was a standout in the classroom. She was a two-time All-TransSouth and All-NAIA Scholar Athlete, graduated magna cum laude with a degree in psychology, Emily also holds a Master of Arts in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling and a Master of Divinity. While a Lee student, Emily served as president of Delta Zeta Tau for two years and earned the Behavioral and Social Sciences Award.

She and her husband Jonathan Stone served as missionaries in the Czech Republic for two years. After returning to Cleveland, she began a children’s tennis clinic and worked with different age groups.

Kevin Young
Baseball, 2000-2003

Young was the starting catcher for the Flames for four seasons and graduated from Lee in 2004 with a degree in business. Not only was he a standout on the baseball diamond, he was the 2003 winner of the Paul Conn Award, which is presented annually to the university’s top student athlete.

Kevin’s career numbers include a .326 batting average, 219 hits, 48 doubles, 58 home runs (career record that still stands), and 194 RBIs (career record that still stands). Other highlights include Team Rookie of the Year, Team MVP, 21 home runs (single-season record that still stands), Team Captain, first team All-TransSouth, NAIA Scholar Athlete, All-Region, second team All-American (Lee’s first All-American in baseball). Kevin also assisted Lee to its first TranSouth Conference Championship in baseball and its first Region Championship and Super Regional appearance.

Cordel (Corky) Whitlock, 1964-1982, Meritorious Award

Corky Whitlock has long been considered one of Tennessee’s top sports broadcasters. In 1984, he began working closely with the Lee College Vikings and former Lee basketball coaches Dale Hughes and Earl Rowan.

Whitlock promoted the Vikings with one or two live broadcasts a year on WBAC radio. Whitlock and Hughes slowly found sponsors to help allow many thrilling broadcasts of Viking games from the early 70’s until 1982.

Whitlock is a member of the Bradley County Sports Hall of Fame and the Bradley Central High School Basketball Hall of Fame and has been one of the leaders of the Bradley County Sports for Youth over 30 years.
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL STARTS STRONG

With all five starters back from the 2008-09 team that finished in the final eight of the NAIA National Tournament, it came as no surprise when the Lee women’s basketball team was once again picked to win the Southern States Athletic Conference title and ranked No. 5 in the NAIA preseason poll.

The young Flames apparently listened to their coach. They hit the road for victories at Southern Wesleyan, No. 4 ranked Southern Polytechnic State University and finally Auburn-Montgomery to move over the .500 mark for the first time this season (9-8-3) and claim the crown.

MEN’S SOCCER SURPRISE ENTRANTS INTO NATIONALS

Coach Henry Moyo’s Lee men’s soccer team went into the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament with a losing record and only a 5th seed in the seven-team event. But the veteran leader of young men enjoyed the last laugh when his Flames whipped the University of Auburn at Montgomery 2-1 and walked away with the tournament championship for the second straight year.

“I told the guys going into the tournament that it was a new season,” said Moyo, who realized his team faced an even bigger challenge when they traveled to No. 1 ranked Lindsey-Wilson College for the opening round of the NAIA National Tournament.

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Moyo said it was an extremely tough regular-season schedule that prepared his Flames for tournament play. “I think playing all those ranked team close, helped make us better,” the coach pointed out.

Senior goalkeeper Luigi Beaulieu was named to the All-SSAC first team. Seniors Curtis Alcide and Chris Hennessey were listed on the second team. Hennessey, who scored the winning goal against AUM, was named the SSAC tournament MVP.

Lee placed five players on the All-SSAC Scholar Athlete team. Hennessey was honored again as were Michael Simmons, Marion Ayala, Drew Henderson and Denaro Jones. Simmons received Lee’s NAIA Champion of Character Award.

WOMEN’S SOCCER CAPTURES SSAC CROWN AGAIN

It has been another superior season for Coach Matt Yelton and his Lee women’s soccer program. The Lady Flames are shooting for a second straight NAIA National Championship after going undefeated in the Southern States Athletic Conference again and grabbing another SSAC tournament crown.

Lee’s only losses this season came at the hands of previously No. 1 ranked California Baptist and Lindsey Wilson, currently No. 1 ahead of the second-ranked Lady Flames.

In a thrilling penalty kick win over Auburn-Montgomery for the SSAC tournament championship, freshman goalkeeper Leah Wilson made three outstanding saves and was named the SSAC Tournament MVP.

Not only did Yelton’s club dominate on the playing field, they again demonstrated outstanding work ethics in the classroom. Senior forward Chris Christensen, who was a first-team NAIA All-American last season, was selected by the SSAC coaches as the conference Player of the Year. She is also a conference and NAIA Scholar Athlete. Her twin sister, Linn, was named the SSAC Defensive Player of the Year. The Lady Flames had seven players garner first team conference awards. Jamie (sophomore) and Jenna (senior) Achten, Marina Lima (senior) Wilson and Kim Conrad (freshman) joined the Christensens on the unit. A pair of Lee defenders, Claire Lanter (freshman) and Kristine Tuck (senior), was named to the second team.

Yelton’s group demonstrated their classroom skills by having seven listed on the All-Academic squad. The Christensen twins were joined by Jamie and Jenna Achten, Tuck, Kristen Carbine (sophomore) and Kelli Lawson (senior). Molly Hoeweler (senior) was selected as the team’s Champion of Character. To qualify for the SSAC academic team, an athlete must be at least a sophomore and carry a 3.2 GPA.

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SPORTS
Charlotte Miller Music ’93, Lorinda Lewis Roberts ’98, Carla Miller Robinson ’86 and Jennifer Belisle Propes ’04 were in San Francisco, CA where they took an English version of Torch into Chinatown.

Religion Professor Jerome Boone and his wife, Sandi, took Torch to Rome, Italy for the conference of the Society of Biblical Literature where a free afternoon found them at the Vatican in front of St. Peter’s Basilica.

Ralph Leonard Carroll ’48 passed away October 17, 2009, at his home in Cleveland, TN. He served in the Navy (Seabees) and received the distinguished honor award and several service medals including the Purple Heart. He founded Carroll Printing Company in 1952 and continued to work in the family business up until the day before he passed. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ruth Muncy Carroll, sons Jackie and Scott, grandchild and one great-grandchild.

ATLANTA ALUMNI TAP INTO THE POWER OF FACEBOOK

By Robert Daugherty ’85

In the spring of 2009, several Atlanta alumni posted an event on Facebook to honor the memory of a fellow alumnus, Perry Keyt, who passed away in November 2008. The attendees were all so glad to see each other, some not having seen each other in 25+ years all while living in the same town. Social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook make it easy to have a breadth of friends, perhaps more difficult to have a depth of friends. So the group decided to use the breadth of Facebook’s reach in Atlanta to plan a gathering. Since the 1980s were defined by big hair, big pop groups, and the launch of MTV, the group decided to go big, and plan a “Big 80’s” Lee University event for all Atlanta-area alumni.

Jeff Kallay ’86 spearheaded the Facebook effort. Soon attendees were responding, old photos from the 80s starting appearing on the site, and the buzz began. “It’s all about the infinite viral loop - getting alumni to connect to each others online networks!” comments Kallay. The Alumni office loaned 80s era memorabilia and yearbooks. Bingo cards with lingo only Lee alumni could comprehend were used as a mixer.

In the months leading up to the event, the Facebook was populated with quizzes and polls. Since many of the attendees find it a challenge to commit an entire weekend to attend Homecoming, they enjoyed the chance to spend an evening to reconnect and relive old memories. To view the event, please search for “Lee College (University) Big 80’s Atlanta Alumni Gathering” at www.facebook.com. Stay tuned for details of a bigger, better event in 2010.

Robin Rawlings Lester ’87 and her sons Trey and Luke, were at the Atlantis in the Bahamas where Torch was good reading for Nassau’s finest as well.

Pat Odom Splawn ’74 has been married to William (Bill) Splawn for 36 years and they have two grown children. Pat recently retired from the financial sector and is now working at home and volunteering at church.

Paulette B. Delaney ’81, Ashlie Boren ’05 and Becky Burdashaw ’05 shared their copy of Torch with residents of the Michael Jod Rector Center in India which seeks to rescue daughters of persecuted and martyred Christians.

Donna Hardin Vasquez ’86 and Debbie Hardin Sawyer ’81 read Torch at Mont Saint-Michel in Normandy France on their recent tour through Europe.

Brian Wade ’91, Morgan Wade and Lori Libby ’77 were in Pirana, For- mosa, Argentina to help plant a church when they took a break with Torch in front of the tent where church services were held every night.
On November 11, 2009, Nathan Chapman '00 was recognized with a Country Music Association (CMA) Award for producing Fearless, the CMA Album of the Year by country music phenom Taylor Swift. Chapman accepted the award on national television with Swift, who later that evening captured Female Vocalist and Entertainer of the Year honors. In April of 2009 Chapman received Album of the Year honors from the Academy of Country Music, again accepting the award alongside the 19-year-old Swift who has catapulted to stardom this year.

Lieutenant Commander Karen Firestone Muntean entered the Navy as a Seaman Recruit in 1988. She graduated from Basic Training in Orlando, Fla., and Hospital Corpsman School in Great Lakes, Ill. From 1989 to 1990, she served as a laboratory technician at Mayport Medical Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida. She graduated from Field Medical School, Camp Pendleton, Calif., in 1990 and served with Third Medical Battalion, Third Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan for two years during which time she was chosen to assist with Exercise Team Spirit, Korea. After completing her Active Duty commitment in 1992, she joined the Navy Reserve and served with Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Detachment at Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Chattanooga, Tenn. LCDR Muntean was commissioned as Ensign in July 1997 through the Direct Commissioning Program. Upon completion of the Navy Supply Corps Basic Qualification Course in Athens, Ga., she served as the Supply Department Head for Norfolk Naval Shipyard Detachment 308 at NOSC Chattanooga. She reported to Navy Cargo Handling Battalion TWELVE, in Bessmer, Ala., in 2003 serving as Officer in Charge for two years. Following her OIC tour, she was selected as Battalion Training Officer and mobilized as Training Officer of Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She served as Senior Supply Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWO FOUR in Huntsville, Ala., and was called again to mobilize to Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn., as an Individual Augmentation Placement Officer from 2008 to 2009. She assumed her OIC tour, she was selected as Battalion Training Officer and mobilized as Training Officer of Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She served as Senior Supply Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWO FOUR in Huntsville, Ala., and was called again to mobilize to Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn., as an Individual Augmentation Placement Officer from 2008 to 2009. She assumed command of NOSC Green Bay, Wis., in September 2009 following her transfer to the Full Time Support, Human Resources Community.

LCDR Muntean is qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. Her personal awards include three Navy Commendation Medals, four Navy Achievement Medals, and various other awards and recognition. She holds a bachelors of science in Accounting from Lee University and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee.

Edward Hollowell, a member of the Lee University Board of Directors, died on November 9 in a Raleigh, North Carolina hospital. Hollowell, 75, was an attorney in the Raleigh area for almost forty years.

Hollowell was serving in his twentieth year on the Lee board. He had chaired on some of the board’s most important committees, and played a key role in shaping the university’s development since 1990. His wife, Sunshine, frequently accompanied him to board meetings on the Lee campus, and he had been involved in many events and activities of board spouses.

Hollowell graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1956) as well as the University of North Carolina School of Law (1951). He was a veteran of the United States Army, and retired as a colonel in the Army Reserve Medical Service Corp. During his legal practice, Hollowell specialized in medical law, and held many offices, including president, of the American Academy of Health Care Attorneys.

Honoring his distinguished legal career as well as his leadership on the Lee University Board of Directors, Hollowell was named the “Distinguished Honorary Alumnus” award at Lee during the 2005 Homecoming weekend.

Hollowell’s funeral services were conducted on November 14 at the Cary Church of God, where he was a member for many years. Participants included Dr. Paul Conn, president of Lee, and Dr. Andreas Dismukes, a faculty member in the Department of Vocal Music, along with Pastor Richard Dial of the Cary church and former pastor Doug Allen.

Edward Hollowell, a member of the Lee University Board of Directors...
Dan '86

Dan '86 is a grandfather of four and living in Cleveland, TN. He is area coordinator for Cultural International Education Exchange, a non-profit group that matches families with foreign exchange students.

John Harbin '81

John Harbin '81 has been a pastor with the Church of God in South Carolina for 27 years. He is currently pastor of the Walterboro Church of God and has been for the past 12 years. He and his wife, Irene, have two sons who are both deployed in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict.

Paul Muresan '82

Paul Muresan '82 lives in Yorba Linda, CA, where he is enrolled at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in the D.Min. program. Paul is an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Westminster and involved in missions to Romania.

Glen R. Gattenby '83

Glen R. Gattenby '83 is pastoring the Madisonville Church of God in Madisonville, TN, and is married to Lonnie (Coile) Gattenby.

Dan 86 and Lisa Dailey

Dan 86 and Lisa Dailey Durham '86 live in Bartow, FL, where Dan is an assistant principal at Bartow High School and Lisa is a seventh-grade reading teacher at Bartow Middle School. Their oldest daughter Danielle is a sophomore at Lee. They also have a daughter who is a high school senior.

Dennis Stewart '86

Dennis Stewart '86 is married to Kimberly and they live in Chickamauga, GA. Dennis owns a shelving business and recently completed classes to be certified to teach Special Education. After being told they could never have children, the Stewarts call their five-year-old daughter their miracle child.

Robin Rawlings Center '87

Robin Rawlings Center '87 is a middle school guidance counselor in central Florida, and currently working on her doctoral studies in teacher leadership. Robin would love to hear from classmates via e-mail at robin565@bellsouth.net.

Robert Vigo '89

Robert Vigo '89 holds a masters degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and an MBA from Wilmington University. He and his wife, Genevi, and their two children live in Simpsonville, SC. Roberto is director of technology and business development at CeramTec in Laurens, SC.

Vrenda Branigan '95

Vrenda Branigan '95 lives in Hope Mills, NC, with her new husband, Sean, who she married on September 19, 2009. Vrenda is a government worker with the Social Security Administration.

Drew and Stacy Simpson-Brown '99

Drew and Stacy Simpson-Brown '99 welcomed their second son, Grant Prescott Brown, on September 3, 2009. The Brown family resides in Woodstock, GA.

Douglas Grace '03

Douglas Grace '03, his wife Michelle and their daughter, are now living in Key West, FL, where they moved after Douglas’ return from deployment. Together, they are now serving with the United States Coast Guard there in Key West.

Adam 03 and Tiffani Moore Swalley '01

Adam 03 and Tiffani Moore Swalley '01 live in Chicago where Tiffani is a professional theatre director and actor and Adam is pursuing a Master's in Divinity from Moody Bible Institute. The Swalleys were married in Knoxville, TN, on January 3, 2009.

Jamie 00 and Darlena Buttram Watson '99

Jamie graduated from Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL, on August 8, 2009, with a Ph.D. in Philosophy. He is an assistant professor of Philosophy at Young Harris College. Jamie has contributed articles to The Quarterly Review of Biology, The Office & Philosophy, Johnny Cash & Philosophy, and Transformers & Philosophy. Darlena has started a company, Trinity Bookkeeping Service, providing services to churches and other non-profit companies.

Debbie Hopkins McAlonis '03

Debbie Hopkins McAlonis '03 lives in suburban Philadelphia with her husband, Edward, where she is a training manager at LRP Publications. She earned an M.A. in Communication Studies from Eastern Michigan University in 2006, and was an adjunct instructor of technology, speech and interpersonal communication. Debbie also competes in international distance and Half Ironman triathlons, and ran her first marathon in 2007.

Melanie Jones Tolar '03

Melanie Jones Tolar '03 is living in her home town of Charlotte, NC, with her husband, David, and two children. Melanie works in accounting at Overhead Door and attends Grace Covenant in Cornelius, NC.

Andrew Block '04

Andrew Block '04 is working as a special education teacher in St. Louis, IL.

Richane Johnson '07

Richane Johnson '07 married Patrick Robbins on July 25, 2009, and the newlyweds live in Hartsville, SC. Richane teaches 7th and 8th grade science at Spaulding Middle School in Lamar, SC. They attend Hartsville Community Fellowship.

Tiffani Moore '03

Tiffani Moore '03 recently won the 2009 Nebi Andrew Glenn Prize for a paper submitted to the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society National Paper Prize Competition. The $350 prize was awarded for her paper titled “Educational Reform, Football and the Public Sphere in Nineteenth-Century England.” He is pursuing a master of arts degree in history at the University of Tennessee.

Beth Lee '06

Beth Lee '06 recently graduated with an MPA degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and is now attending law school.

We want to hear from you!

Along with your update, don’t forget to include your contact information and the last year you attended Lee or BTS. If you have a photo to go along with your entry, digital photos e-mailed in high resolution is the best option; however, you may also mail your photos.

Who’s Where

We hope to hear from the students who are in the picture above. Please let us know if you have any updates to share.

Write us at Lee University Alumni Office, 1120 N. Ocoee Street, Cleveland, TN, 37312.

Go to www.leeuniversity.edu/alumni and click on the "Who’s Where Update" link and fill out the form.

Send an e-mail to torch@leeuniversity.edu

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Or write us at Lee University Alumni Office, 1120 N. Ocoee Street, Cleveland, TN 37312.
Dear Alumni,

If you ask our alumni why they haven’t made a gift to Lee University this year many of them would say “It’s because I haven’t been asked.” So I thought I would take a moment to ask. Will you make a gift right now to the 2009 Annual Alumni Fund?

Think about your time on campus. You had an amazing experience and made some great memories with incredible friends. You discovered who you are. That’s the same experience that we want to preserve for the next generation.

When you make your gift, you provide scholarships, strengthen the quality of our academics, and increase the value of your degree. It’s really not the dollar amount that matters, it’s that you give. So will you make a gift right now to Lee University’s 2009 Annual Alumni Fund?

For your convenience visit our website at http://alumni.leeuniversity.edu/ to make a secure online donation.

Or mail contributions to:
Lee University
Alumni Relations
P.O. Box 3450
Cleveland, TN 37320-3450

Thank you for your support and have a blessed Christmas season!

Avita Ray ‘81
Director of Alumni Relations

2009 Alumni Fund Goal:
$415,000

2009 Alumni Fund pledges to date (11/23):
$366,773

2009 Alumni Fund contributions to date (11/23):
$312,820

BREAKING NEWS:
Voices of Lee to appear on NBC’s “The Sing-Off”
Premiering, Monday, Dec. 14 at 8:00 p.m.
Complete coverage in the Spring 2010 Torch!