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ON THE COVER

Work crews steady the copper cupola which was lowered into place this summer on the new science and math complex.

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Betty's Final Farewell

For 46 years Betty Baldree has been matriarch of the Lee University switchboard. On September 1 she passed the receiver to a new generation.

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In the newly-released college rankings issue of U.S. News and World Report, Lee University moved up and was placed in a prestigious new category as well.

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Everybody Has a Heart

If it's true that every living body has a beating heart, what is the "heart" of the student body at Lee University?

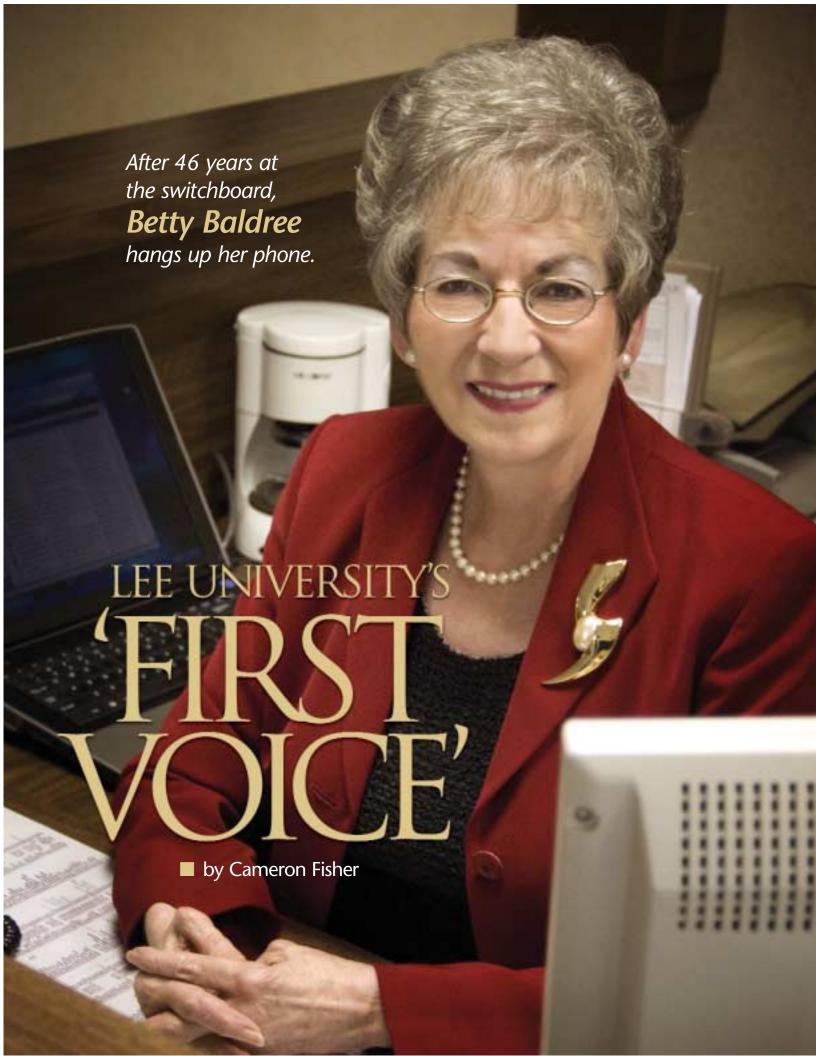
No question about it: the heart of our life here is our chapel services. Twice at week, every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:40, everything pretty much stops around here as we gather in Conn Center and Dixon Center to worship. There are other chapel experiences—UChurch on Sunday nights, small groups in each dorm— but those regular midweek chapel periods are the times when we all focus on worshipping together.

I can honestly say that one of the things that has changed least at Lee during the past forty years is our chapel services. In many ways, we are still doing it pretty much the same way we did when I was a student in the 1960's. We have some music—they call it "praise and worship" today; we called it "congregational singing" back then—and hear a preacher bring the Word. Sometimes there is a choir or a soloist on the program. The service lasts about 45-50 minutes, and is dropped right in the middle of the class schedule. Students are expected to attend 70% of these, which usually means about 6 or 7 each month. Twice a year, we have a series of night services which we call "convocation."

In other words, it's one of those cases at Lee of "the more things change, the more they stay the same." Some of the superficial aspects of a typical Lee chapel are rather different: our musical guest last week was a group called "Superchick," for example; I sure can't imagine that happening in the 1960's! And the preachers, especially the younger ones, don't wear a coat and tie very often these days. And attendance is checked by scanning barcodes on the students' ID cards, unlike the old days when we had assigned seats and those watch-dog student workers checked our names off on a clipboard.

But the really important stuff remains the same. Chapel is the one activity on the Lee campus that draws all of us together at the same place in the same time. In a certain sense, it is the social and cultural glue that holds us all together. And in a much more important way, it is the time and place when we hear from God together. I am amazed at how consistently and profoundly this happens on a week-by-week, year-by-year basis. Already this year, with a thousand new students still getting their bags unpacked, literally and figuratively, I can see the student body and the faculty/staff come together in chapel, and in that miraculous, spiritual way we all recognize, God meets us there. There is nothing else guite like it, and there is no substitute for it. It is still the heart of Lee University.

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HEN NEWLYWEDS Martin and
Betty Baldree moved to Cleveland
in 1960, it was not Lee College
that brought them here. Recruited
from Milford, Delaware, where he
was an assistant pastor, Martin Baldree accepted a position to work in the Church of God Youth and Christian Education Department. The next year he began
teaching part-time at Lee before joining the religion
department full-time in 1962 for a long and prestigious career on the Christian Education faculty.

While Martin was busy with his career, Betty was making her own mark on Lee history. Before relocating to Cleveland, Betty worked four years as an operator for the Diamond State Telephone Company in Seaford, Delaware. That early job experience would play to her advantage as she was hired to be the switchboard operator of a brand new telephone operating system, freshly installed in the new administration building which opened in October 1963.

With the exception of two periods, Betty has been at her post—at the same desk—as the first voice people

hear when they call in for the past 46 years. In April of this year she announced her retirement and on September 1 it became official as Betty trained her replacement, Stefanie Billings, to become the new 'voice' of Lee University. Betty will fill in from time to time.

During those 46 years Betty and Martin raised their two children, Tanya, who graduated from Lee in 1984, and Jon, also a Lee alum, from the Class of 1987. The Baldrees took two leaves of absence, one to Louisville for Martin to complete his doctoral degree and another in the '80's to accept a temporary position in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Professor Martin Baldree passed away in 2002.

As with any occupation, the memories of 46 years are many. One of her earliest, after just a month on the job, was the Kennedy assassination. "I remember Hollis Gause coming out of his office to tell me about it," she said. "It was my daughter Tanya's second birthday." She also recalled the Ellis Hall fire in 1993 and the flood of calls that came in for days after the tragedy. "I was called to come in early that day and we set up a phone bank in the second floor council room. I answered a *lot* of calls!"





Phone technology advanced through the years, and Betty was in the middle of those advancements. She has kept up with a campus phone system that has grown from a couple dozen lines to over 2,600 today. The first system was a "plug-in" style.

"Of the approximately 2,600 lines about 12% of those are the newer technology 'Voice Over IP,'" stated Craig Gray, director of IS&T. "Betty has managed the transition of several types of technology, even going back to the old punchline boards. That's pretty amazing."

"A plug-in system is what I learned on," Betty stated. "I could only answer 10 calls at a time because there were ten sets of cords. We were able to improvise on conference calls before they were in vogue by splicing cords together." In the 1970's a new system was installed and through the years the university has kept pace with the latest innovations. One change several years ago necessitated the switch from the familiar

472-2111 number to 614-8000. The change allowed everyone to have a direct-dialed extension.

While being Lee's first voice has been her primary duty, Betty extolled the hidden aspects of her position, which includes coordinating the details of the long distance bill, welcoming visitors, parents and students and working with the telephone companies. Betty has worked closely with AT&T, Bellsouth and Telecom, carriers of the last few years.

"There's more than just answering the phone," she explained. "Although it is a major task, organizing the monthly phone charges—pulling it all together—has been enjoyable." Computerization has eased the billing burden somewhat in the last few years.

When asked for any thoughts on her departure, Betty said, "When I first started I thought it would be just for a few years. I will miss meeting and greeting parents and students. It was quite fulfilling." 🦠

East Wing of Science and Math Complex Open for Classes

TUDENTS ARRIVED back on campus in mid-August to find new classrooms, parking and sidewalks to a completed science and math building—at least half, anyway.

A Certificate of Occupancy permit was received in mid-July and work crews unpacked and installed new equipment and furnishings, while faculty and staff worked unpacking boxes of books and office equipment and preparing each room and lab in anticipation of the return of students to campus in mid-August.

Three levels are located in the eastern wing of the complex. It includes seven classrooms, 10 laboratories and 26 faculty offices There is also wet-dry storage and a commons area with a temporary wall while the western wing is completed over the next few months.

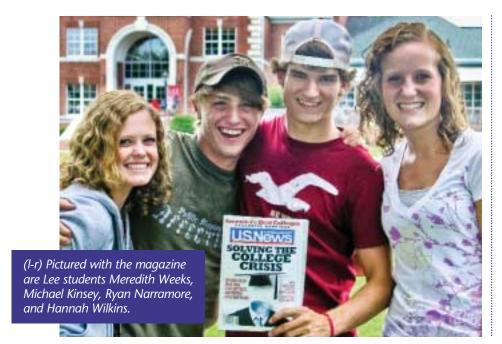
"Quality wet-dry storage is something we just didn't have in the old building," stated Dr. Paul Delaluz, chairman of the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. "We were utilizing an adjacent garage and every corner we could find in the building. Now we have an area as big as a classroom. Storage of scientific equipment and specimens and



easy access to them is vital for an effective science program." Also on the lower level is a delivery dock.

While students are busy learning in one half of the complex, construction will continue this fall on the remainder with a completion date of early 2010. The western section includes two levels of classrooms, a lecture hall and offices. Construction also continues on the center tower which will be a popular gathering place for students, faculty and staff of all disciplines. §





Schools; Great Prices," which recognizes "best value" by a formula which combines "academic quality with net cost" of tuition and fees.

The popular *USN&WR* rankings are an annual bestseller on America's newsstands, and have spawned numerous other college ranking services. College presidents around the country regularly criticize the rankings as offering an arbitrary guide to institutional quality, yet most acknowledge they follow the list closely and concede that the general public is paying attention.

Gary Ray, vice president for administration at Lee, said the upward surge in the ratings by the local college is "really wonderful

Lee Receives New and Continuing Honors in America's Best Colleges

LEE UNIVERSITY once again achieved a "top tier" spot in the 2010 "Best Colleges" rankings of US News and World Report, which were announced in this week's September special issue.

Lee was ranked in the category of "Master's Universities—South", the third year in a row it has gained top-tier status in the university category. Lee was listed in the #49 spot, gaining seven slots over its 2009 rankings and passing UT-Chattanooga (#54) and Middle Tennessee State (#56) in the process.

There was more good news for Lee in this year's rankings: for the first time, Lee was listed as one of America's "up-and-coming" universities. Only 77 schools of all types in the nation, out of over 1,900 which are reviewed, earned this recognition in 2010. The magazine describes the group as "leading the pack in improvements and innovative changes," telling readers to

"keep an eye on these schools." In addition to Lee, the list includes southern schools such as Emory, Furman, and Winthrop Universities.

Lee also earned a spot in the feature which USN&WR calls "Great

news for us. We realize that these rankings are important to prospective students and their families as they choose a college, and we are understandably pleased at the recognition we are getting."



Best Universities - South

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ļ	42. University of Montevallo (AL)*	48	2.9
	44. Columbia College (SC)	47	2.7
	45. Marshall University (WV)*	46	3.1
,	45. Univ. of Central Arkansas*	46	29
ŀ	47, Gardner-Webb Univ. (NC)	45	2.7
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	sorville University (FL)	44	25
	E. Lee University (TN)	44	2.7
	48. Morehead State Nv. (KY)*	44	2.7
	42. Palm Residn Adantic Univ. (FL)	44	2.5
	48. University of North Floride*	44	2.8
١.	54, U. of Tennessee-Chattanooga*	43	3.0
3	55. Thomas More College (KY)	41	2.7
٦	56. Eastern Kentucky University*	40	2.9/
	15. Middle Tennessee State Univ.*	40	3.0
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	Univ. of Terrogona, Montiet	40	28

Great Schools, Great Prices University-Masters, South

	1 The Citadel (SC)*	
	2 Layola Univ. New Orleans	57%
١.	3 Stetson University (FL)	58%
١.	4 Converse College (SC)	74%
٦,	5 Rollins College (FL)	41%
- 1	6 Mercer University (BA)	64%
- 1	7 Mary Baldwin College (VA)	73%
	8 Spring Hill College (AL)	66%
	9 Harding University (AR)	48%
E	10 Brenau University (GA)	71%
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3 1	14 Elon University (NC)	28%
l.	15 Freed Hardeman Univ. (TN)	69%

Programs to Look For Study Abroad

Columbia University (IV) Dartmouth College (NH) Dickinson College (PA) Duke University (NC) Elon University (NC) Georgetown University (DC) Goucher College (MD) Grinnell College (IA) Indiana University-Bloomington* amazoo Cone, e (MI) Lee University (2011) Macaleste Gollege (MN) Michigan State University* Middlebury College (VT) New York University Pitzer College (CA) St. John's University (MN) St. Olaf College (MN) Syracuse University (MY)

Fall Enrollment: Record #22

LEE UNIVERSITY reached another record enrollment in the fall semester with 4,262 students, an increase of three percent over last year's all-time high.

The registration total was announced by Gary Ray, vice president at Lee, who said that the number includes 832 entering freshmen, the second-highest ever for Lee. "This is the first time in our history we have had backto-back freshman classes of over eight hundred students," he said, while announcing that 259 transfer students also enrolled for the fall semester.

Ray said the two consecutive large freshman classes have produced dormitory occupancy which is "over 100 percent" for the second year in a row. "Basically, that means that every dorm bed on campus is occupied, and we have created temporary housing for the overflow in rented apartment units near our campus."

Another closely watched enrollment indicator, the freshman-to-sophomore return rate, was also up this year, topping 73 percent for the first time. "For us today's tough economic

to achieve this rate of retention in 3.511 environment is a terrific 3.088 Milestones for Lee 2.652 enrollment over the last two decades 2.011 1,534 1988 1993 1996 1998 2001 2006 2009

accomplishment for our entire faculty and staff," Ray said.

"Not only is this an unusually large freshman class, but it is our best-prepared academically," Ray said. The average ACT score of incoming freshman increased significantly, and the number of Centennial Scholars (high school seniors scoring in the 99th percentile of college board exams) rose to 63, a dramatic increase over the previous record.

Lee's student body includes students from all fifty states and 53 foreign countries. Over 200 international students enrolled this fall. Nigeria continues to lead the list of international students; Nepal and the Bahamas are the next most heavily represented.

Lee University is the largest private institution in East Tennessee, and trails only Vanderbilt and Belmont statewide. Its rapid enrollment growth began in the 1980's, and this fall semester marks the 22nd consecutive year of

increased enrollment which sets a 4,262 new record. 4.012



Summer Commencement Includes First Ed.S. Grads

A NEW GROUP of students was added to summer graduation ceremonies which took place on July 31-August 1.

Of the 173 graduates, five were awarded the Educational Specialist degree, a new emphasis from the Helen DeVos College of Education. The Ed.S, with a concentration in either classroom teaching or educational leadership, is a post master's degree level program of study. The purpose of the program is to equip successful educators with the tools, knowledge and understanding necessary to provide innovative classroom instruction to the schools and school systems of the 21st century. It is intended to produce professional educators who are committed to students and their learning; know the subjects they teach

and how to teach those subjects to students; are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning; think systematically about their practice and learn from experience

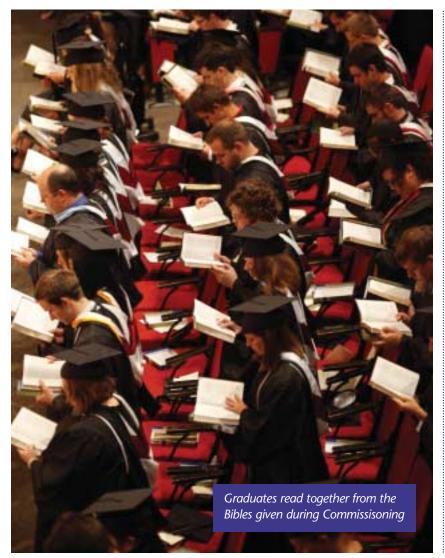
Commencement speaker was Dr. Randolph Lowry, president of Lipscomb University and founder of the nationally-recognized Straus



Dispute Resolution. Lowry became the 17th president of Lipscomb University in September 2005, after serving as a professor of Law at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. In addition to teaching at Pepperdine, Lowry is an annual visiting faculty member at Vermont Law School and City University of Hong Kong. He has also taught at Shantou University, in Beijing, China; Bond University in Gold Coast, Australia; Hamline University; and the University of Modena in Modena, Italy.

In May of 2007, Lowry was selected as one of Nashville's top 50 Business and Community Leaders





for the Future by "Celebrate Nashville," the official publication for Nashville's 200 year anniversary.

Graduation exercises began with a commissioning service Friday night, July 31 at 6:30, followed by the commencement service on Saturday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. Both events were held in Conn Center where 112 undergraduate, 56 graduate and five Ed.S degrees were awarded.





Summer Camps Complete Tenth Year

SUMMER AT Lee University means more than summer school classes and visits from prospective students. Over the last decade, Lee has methodically built a stellar reputation for excellence in hosting summer camps and conferences which attract more than 10,000 students from grades five to twelve who spend parts of their summer vacation on campus. Many of the groups travel in to attend camps which are held in Lee facilities; others are organized by Lee personnel in which area students participate.

"Ten years ago (vice president) Dale Goff had a vision of bringing summer campers to Lee," stated Dr. Jerome Hammond, assistant vice president for university relations. "Since then the size and importance of camps has eclipsed possibly even Dale's dream. In 10 years the camps have gone from marginal to central in university life." Goff passed away in 2005.

In a recent evaluation of his Lee experience a camp director stated, "Our kids really enjoy coming to your campus. They don't feel like an afterthought. Everyone at Lee seems to be on the same page about camps."

The camps occur throughout the months of June and July, and each is handled separately by individual directors or coaches. The camps are coordinated by several different organizations and denominational groups.

ACADEMIC CAMPS

Art & Theatre Day Camps June 15-19 and 22-26

Computer Camp *lune* 8-12

Steve Hurst School of Music July 6-11

Lee University Music Camp *June* 8-13

Lee Piano Camp June 15-20

Slammin' Science Camp with Jason Robinson – June 7-13

Summer Honors – June 15-30

ATHLETIC CAMPS

Coach "T" basketball camp *June 7-13*

Lee University Baseball School June 8-12 and July 6-8

Lee University Softball Camp June 1-3

Skills and Drills Girls **Basketball Camp** June 23 – July 3

Lee University Boys **Basketball Academy** June 1-5, July 6-10

Girls Soccer Camp July 5-8; 19-22

MSA Soccer Camps June 15-19; 21-25

Volleyball Premier and Setters Camp June 8-10; June 11-12

Kay McDaniel Tennis Clinics *June 1-5*

DISCIPLESHIP CAMPS

Centri-kid – June 7-13 Christ in Youth – July 27-31 Great Escape – June 15-20 Student Life - June 26-July 1; August 3-7

Two Campus Trees Designated Landmarks

MEMBERS OF the Cleveland Shade Tree Board were recently on the Lee campus to make two "landmark tree" designations. Markers were placed by the Tree Board, the first two designations of this kind in Cleveland. A willow oak on Ocoee Street and an osage-orange tree in Schimmels Park on campus were selected.

The Cleveland Shade Tree Board (CSTB) is a group of nine volunteers appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council. The group is responsible for carrying out the rules outlined in the shade tree ordinance. Among the many initiatives is the landmark tree program, which selects specific trees in Cleveland to serve as models or "landmarks" embodying the values espoused by the CSTB. Criteria for selection are rarity of the tree, age, association with a historical event or person, or scenic enhancement.

"We want Cleveland to be a truly world-class city, and aesthet-

ics plays a big role in that," said Janice Cheek, chairman of the CSTB. "Our motto is 'Change is inevitable; Ugliness is not.' We plant trees—about a thousand this week—and we also want to recognize and preserve these landmark treasures."

The willow oak was measured at 99 feet and the diameter is 51.3". The average crown width is 91.5 feet with an estimated age of 150-170 years. The Osage Orange is 47 feet tall and 31.6 inches in diameter with a crown width of 45 feet.

According to Cleveland Urban Forester Dan Hartman, neither tree was planted. "These trees sprouted naturally," he said. "They've grown in the community as Cleveland has grown up around them."

The CSTB provided a stone marker for each tree which indicate the common name of the tree species, the designation "Historic and Landmark Tree—Cleveland Shade Tree Board" and the year of designation.



Standing in front of the newly designated Landmark Willow Oak on Ocoee Street are: (left to right) Cleveland Shade Tree Board members Tom Brocato, Jo Benjamin, John Thomason, Amy Banks, Dan Hartman, Janice Cheek, Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland, CSTB member Pat Ensley, Lee's Vice President for Business and Finance Chris Conine, Lee's Director of Physical Plant Larry Berry, and Jerome Hammond.



Senator Corker Holds Town Hall Meeting at Lee

U.S. SENATOR Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) was on campus August 17 where he conducted a town hall meeting with residents about pending health care reform. Corker, Tennessee's junior senator who serves with Republican Lamar Alexander and who replaced former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, fielded fiery questions from the crowd which packed the seats of Dixon Center, lined the hallways and watch by monitor in the lobby and nearby Student Union. Corker was introduced by State Rep. Kevin Brooks '90, former director of alumni at Lee.

Ouestions from citizens centered around healthcare reform, but also touched on other sensitive topics such as illegal immigrants, taxes, the current administration and the performance of the leaders on Capitol Hill. The meeting, which lasted more than an hour, attracted citizens from several southeast Tennessee counties and was the only one hosted in the area. The event was covered by all three major networks from Knoxville to Chattanooga and showcased the connectivity of Lee University with the region.



Six Join Faculty Ranks This Fall

1. LA-JUAN STOUT, Ed.D.

Assistant Professor of Education and Director of Academic Support

Ed.D., M.E. – University of North Florida

B.A. – Lee University

At the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Dr. Stout worked with students with a wide range of physical impairments and learning disabilities. She has also worked as a coordinator for English for Speakers of Other Languages programs which involved interpreters, evaluators, tutoring, teacher training and parent workshops.

2. MARK A. PROCTOR. Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of New Testament Ph.D. – Baylor University

M.A. – Marquette University

B.A. – Evangel University

Dr. Proctor has been on faculty at Houston Baptist University for nine years. He has also held positions as adjunct lecturer at Baylor University and LeTourneau University. Dr. Proctor is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and Society for Pentecostal Studies.

3. LORALEE SONGER, M.M.

Lecturer in Music

D.A. - Ball State University (candidate)

M.M. - Ball State University

B.M. – Taylor University

Ms. Songer has recently served as adjunct faculty at Anderson and Taylor universities in Indiana. She has also been a guest lecturer at Linyi Normal University in Shandong, China where she assisted students with conversational English and performance of traditional Chinese folk songs.

4. JEFF RINGER, M.A.

Visiting Lecturer in English

Ph.D. - University of New Hampshire (candidate)

M.A. – University of Vermont

M.L.A., B.A. – Lee University Following a graduate teaching fellowship at the University of Vermont, Mr. Ringer returned to Lee, having been a Visiting Lecturer in English in 2003-04. While working on his doctoral studies he has been a graduate teaching assistant and the assistant/associate director of

the University Writing Program at the University of New Hampshire.

5. REBA H. BARKLEY, Ed.D.

Assistant Professor of Education

Ed.D. – Nova Southeastern University

M.A. – Atlanta University

B.A. – Spelman College Prior to coming to Lee, Dr. Barkley served as assistant professor at Southeast Missouri State University and as adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and at Cleveland State Community College. Dr. Barkley has nine years experience as a public school administrator.

6. WENDY J. STEINBERG, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Psychology Ph.D., M.S., B.A. - State University of New York at Albany

Dr. Steinberg has been a full-time faculty member at Eastern University. Prior to becoming a full-time educator, Dr. Steinberg worked for the New York State Department of Civil Service. She is the author of the textbook, Statistics Alive!

Servant Leadership Awards Announced

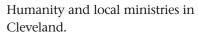
LEE STUDENTS Irwin "J.R." Lilly, Rochelle Mayberry and Dr. Milton Riley were recently announced as recipients of the 2009 winners of the Charles W. Conn Servant Leadership Awards.

The Charles W. Conn Servant Leadership Award was established in 2003 to honor the late President Emeritus Charles W. Conn. The awards are given to two rising seniors and now a faculty member who have shown exemplary dedication to service and outstanding leadership on the Lee University campus. Students who receive this also receive a scholarship and a chance to donate money to a charity of their choice.

For the first time since the inception of the awards six years ago, a faculty member who has

demonstrated excellence in service and leadership was recognized. Dr. Milton Riley, professor of biology, is the first faculty recipient. Riley teaches a wide range of biology classes and is a former chair of the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. He has been honored in the past with Lee's 1996. For the Servant Leadership Award, Riley was honored in part for his work in founding the Summer of Studies in Medical Missions in 1994 and has been active in leading medical mission trips to Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, Ecuador and Cuba. Riley uses equipment to diagnose critical vision needs and also helps by donating reading glasses. Riley is

Excellence in Scholarship Award in also involved with Habitat for



Lilly is a business administration and pastoral ministry major from Window Rock, Ariz. One of his most recognizable leadership and service efforts has been through his work on the Diversity Council and its C.I.D. (Consider It Done) Committee, which helps facilitate diversity initiatives for our campus and community. He was a key proponent of opening the new Cultural Diversity Office in the Mayfield Annex and has worked with other students to plan the Diversity Retreat during the past two spring semesters. He also traveled to Peru, where he helped lay a concrete floor for an outdoor church meeting area, and to Native American areas in Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Rochelle Mayberry is an interdisciplinary studies major with minors in Spanish and Biblical Languages from Cincinnati, Ohio. She is currently finishing her term as the secretary for social service in the Student Leadership Council. As part of her position responsibilities, Mayberry worked with the organization's cabinet, oversaw a committee of students and planned numerous service projects for the campus. She and her committee successfully planned two Urban Outreach events, overnight service projects, in the surrounding areas of Nashville, Atlanta and Knoxville. Both trips broke attendance records and included almost 400 student volunteers.—Hope Goad



Front row: (I-r) award winners Lilly, Mayberry, and Riley. Back row: Lee University administrators, Assistant V.P. for Student Life Dr. Mike Hayes, V.P. for Student Life Dr. Walt Mauldin and President Dr. Paul Conn

DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

A Snapshot of the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education

Editor's Note: with this feature, Torch completes the department focus series. To read past entries, visit the Torch link at www.leeuniversity.edu.

By Pamela Browning, chair, ECESE

ECENTLY a friend recalled a story about her first day in Dr. Gary Riggins' Foundations of Education course. Dr. Riggins came into class and immediately asked the class to take out a sheet of paper and write the "three best things about teaching." The class diligently set to the task and contributed ideas such as: "fulfilling the call of God on my life;" "helping the next generation;" "seeing the 'light bulb' come on for a child who is struggling." After Dr. Riggins listened to a wide range of responses, he shook his head, leaned across the lectern, and ticked off on three fingers, "June, July and August."

K-12 teachers will readily nod their heads in agreement. The nine full-time instructors in the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education will also nod their heads but not because of the memories of long lazy summer days spent at the beach or curled up with the latest bestseller in hand. Summer has been redefined over the past several years for the **ECESE** Department and represents

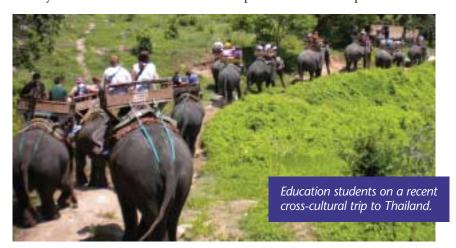
a snapshot of what the entire academic year holds. Our summers are primarily invested in interacting with students in exciting classroom and "non-classroom" activities.

CROSS-CULTURAL TRIPS

The establishment of a crosscultural requirement for all students graduating from Lee has resulted in a very different and very eventful May schedule for a number of individuals in the Helen DeVos College of Education. Instead of getting a head start on our tans, we now pack our bags and set out for adventures quite literally around the world. Students enjoy hopping on planes with their professors and heading for destinations such as Mexico, Alaska, Thailand and the Ukraine. Many times these groups have already attended numerous hours

of class prior to the advent of the trip in order to cover the content of the classes for which they are receiving credit. Once they reach their destinations, they continue to learn through interaction with people they encounter and through class meetings onsite.

All ECESE cross-cultural trips include contact with children in schools. Students typically prepare lessons on English vocabulary and/or the culture of people residing in the United States to share with the children. Lessons range from telling a well-known American folktale to children in the Ukraine to sharing after-school Bible lessons with Inupiat children in Kotzebue, Alaska, to teaching "Hokey Pokey" to Thai students. Communication is often difficult, but the college students always report that the time spent in the



schools is a highlight of the trip.

Students also enjoy numerous cultural activities while on the trips. Students and professors alike can be seen flying on bush planes to a secluded village above the Arctic Circle that has Internet access but no running water, riding elephants through the jungles of Thailand, bouncing down a highway in the back of a pickup truck en route to a remote village in Mexico and touring a Russian Orthodox cathedral in Kiev. No one ever comes back the same.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Beginning in 1996, the Helen DeVos College of Education instituted our first graduate program. While we continue to offer classes needed by our undergraduate students, much of our teaching in the summer is focused on our graduate students. June and July are filled with graduate courses offered in four week blocks. This summer, along with our College of Education colleagues, we have taught approximately 40 courses to an estimated 150 graduate students.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Faculty in the department conduct research throughout the year, but the summer months provide additional time to catch up and



refine the various projects underway. Several research projects are in conjunction with surrounding schools districts and involve topics such as the various teacher effects on student standardized test scores and the effects of behavioral supports on students receiving special services. Two projects focus on the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC). One project is investigating the effect of observation on the attitudes of college students toward children with autism. The other project deals with the literacy development of children with autism.

AUTISM SYMPOSIUM

An additional highlight of the summer is the annual Southeastern Autism Symposium. In conjunction with Dr. Tammy Johnson and the staff of the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC), the Special Education facul-

ty hosts this yearly conference centered around parents, teachers and other professionals involved in working with individuals with autism. This year the title of the conference was "The Price of Autism," and a day camp for students with autism was offered the week prior to the symposium. The keynote speaker for the 150 participants was Sondra Williams, a woman with autism who gave the audience exceptional insights into relating to children and adults with autism.

PLANS FOR FALL

As much as teachers love summer and may wholeheartedly agree that three of the best things about teaching are the summer months, they also love what they do on a day-to-day basis in the classroom. The ECESE Department is looking forward to a stimulating and challenging year. One of the things on tap for the 2009-2010 academic year is the implementation of a new course, Teaching Diverse Learners, which will involve students in observing in ethnically, academically and economically diverse classrooms. We will also consider a proposal to add a Reading Specialist program to our graduate offerings and prepare for our state accreditation visit scheduled for Fall 2010.

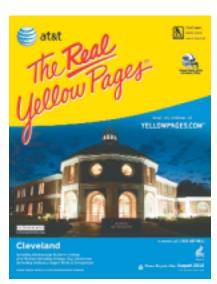


Lee Featured **Again on Phone Book Cover**

FOR THE THIRD TIME in the last four years, a Lee University campus building is featured on the cover of the annual AT&T Yellow pages serving Cleveland, Bradley County and surrounding communities. The 2009-2010 cover features Lee's newly-completed School of Religion with its unique 12-sided foyer. Previous buildings featured were the Paul Conn Student Union in 2006-07 and the Humanities Center in 2007-08.

More than 89,000 copies of the directory were produced and are distributed throughout the year until August 2010.

"We are proud to feature Lee University on the cover of our new AT&T Real Yellow Pages directories for the Cleveland area," said Mike Snow, area marketing manager, AT&T Advertising Solutions. "We continually work to make our directory covers special on the outside, and tailor the community information inside our directories to best meet the needs of local residents and businesses."



FACULTY FACTS



Della Franco Named "Tennessee Treasure"

Assistant Professor of Accounting Gregory Della Franco recently received the Tennessee Treasure award from the Tennessee Campus Compact on behalf of his work with the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program at Lee University.

"We are so proud and happy for Mr. Della Franco to be recognized in this way for the significant work he

and the Lee students did in helping people with their income tax," said Lee University Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Carolyn Dirksen. "Only three faculty members in Tennessee were honored in this way, so it is a significant achievement for Mr. Della Franco and for Lee."

The Tennessee Treasure award is given annually to service-learning champions at Tennessee Campus Compact member institutions. Campus Compact is a service-learning based organization, which is represented by 33 states and more than 1,100 college and university presidents who represent some 6 million students. Their goal is to advance the public purposes of colleges and universities by deepening their ability to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility.—Saralyn Norkus

Morgan Earns Doctorate, Named Outstanding Graduate

Lee University faculty member Louis F. Morgan recently earned the Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. He was also named the 2009 Outstanding Graduate in Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership, having been selected from 31 other Ph.D. graduates from Regent's School of Global Leadership and Entrepreneurship, where he gave a speech during commissioning exercises in May.

Dr. Morgan serves Lee as assistant professor and Librarian for Public Service and Learning. Dr. Morgan teaches undergraduate courses in leadership and freshman study skills and is an academic advisor and Strengths Vocational Advisor assisting students in selecting a career path. He is the 2007

recipient of the Excellence in Advising Award at Lee, and received the prestigious James E. Ward Library Instruction Award from the Tennessee Library Association in 2007.

His dissertation research, "The Impact of Trust in Confidant on the Relationship Between Self-Disclosure and Job Satisfaction Among Pastoral Leaders in the Church of God of Prophecy in the United States," focuses on the need for pastors to have someone in whom to confide and how their trust in a confidant impacts their willingness to share personal information and impacts their job satisfaction.



Hudson Closes in on 600 Wins

Entering her 19th season as head coach of the Lee volleyball team, Coach Andrea Hudson needs only 13 victories to reach another

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Andrea Hudson

milestone in her outstanding career—600 wins. That's an average of almost 35 wins a year.

Coming off a 29win season and another Southern

States Athletic Conference tournament title, Hudson's club features a solid mixture of veterans, second-year performers and exciting recruits and transfers.

SENIORS - Senior leadership will come from Milica and Vedrana Krsmanovic. The cousins from Bosnia/Herzegovina will enter their fourth season with the Lady Flames. Milica, a 6-foot hitter and setter, joined her cousin, a middle blocker, on last season's SSAC All-Tournament squad. Both are NAIA Scholar Athletes. Another cousin, Gorana Maric, a 6-foot-3 senior, will come in and play outside hitter or middle blocker and give the team a lift with her size and strength.

EXPERIENCE - Add the experience of junior Jacky Toruno (junior, middle blocker), Christa Hutchison (sophomore, outside hitter), Gretchen Higdon (sophomore, setter), Kelsey Leffew (sophomore, setter), and Lindsay Shein (junior, libero), the Lady Flames not only have the makings of a top-flight club this season, but also two or three years down the road.

NEWCOMERS - Kayla Carlisle, a transfer from Berry College, will

come in as a junior and be challenging all the front line players for a position. "I am anxious to see

Kayla function in our system and with our players," said Hudson. "She is an aggressive hitter and blocker and will add a lot to our offense as well as defense at the net." Freshman Emily Broadrick is slated for duty as an outside

Junior Jacky Toruno is one

of several

experienced

Lady Flames

hitter or middle blocker. Freshman Bree Whaley will be sharing playing time with her teammates as a defensive player.

STRONG POINTS - Coach Hudson says her squad has already displayed a "desire to work hard and never quit." She also likes the quickness of the 2009 unit. Sixteen players make up this year's squad. The roster is dotted by eight skilled sophomores, three juniors and two freshmen.

NON CONFERENCE SCHEDULE -

As usual Emory University highlights a tough non conference slate.

The Eagles won the NCAA Division III
National Championship last year. Lee travels to San Diego to open the season and a couple of days of rugged competition. The Lady Flames have two matches

scheduled with NCAA Division II opponent Alabama-Huntsville and they have added Trevecca Nazarene an old TranSouth Conference rival for a pair of matches. The Lady Trojans finished second in the TranSouth last year.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - Berry

College became a strong rival of the Lady Flames in recent years. Lee will continue to play the Lady Vikings twice, but it will not count on the league mark. "As usual Shorter College will be strong and Faulkner and Southern Wesleyan will be as well," said Hudson. In fact the Lady Flames will test Faulkner, Shorter and Southern Wesleyan back-to-back-to-back in home matches in September.



Lee Athletics in Brief

Men's Basketball

Experience and Recruiting Key for Flames

Armed with five players who saw considerable action last season and six recruits ready to make their mark, the Lee University men's basketball team will open the 2009-10 season on November 2 against rival Tennessee Temple University.

Senior Josh Nofflet heads the list of returnees. The 6-foot-4 senior was the MVP of the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament last season. He'll be joined by Chad James, Stephen McClellan, Caleb Skogen and Desmond Blue. "We are going to be small, but quick," said Coach Tommy Brown.

Rodney Spruil transferred into Lee last fall, but sat out a year to get his academics in order. At 6-foot-5, he'll join Blue to try and help the Flames command the boards. Other newcomers who will be counted on are Tyler Cutter, Matt Stilwell, Larriques Cunningham, Jarel Blocker and Jordan Fair.



Coach Brown will begin his fifth season at Lee. He has taken four straight teams to the NAIA National Tournament since taking over the Flames. He enjoyed the same type of success at Bluefield College and will bring the Rams to Cleveland as the November 7 Homecoming opponent.

Longtime rivals Bryan and Temple dot the upcoming out-of-conference schedule. For the second straight year, Lee will be pitted against Mountain State in a pair of contests. The Cougars are expected to be ranked with the top three when the pre-season NAIA poll is released. Freed-Hardeman is another foe that will likely join the Flames and Mountain State in the pre-season top 10.

Women's Basketball

Lady Flames Rich With Returning Starters

For the past four seasons, the Lee women's basketball team has ranked with the best in NAIA competition. Last March, the Lady Flames reached the Final Eight of the NAIA National Tournament for the first time. With only one starter missing from that squad, expect Coach Marty Rowe's club to enjoy another banner season.

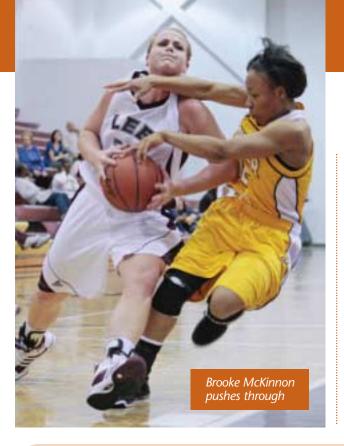
Lee will be paced by post player Katie Nelson, who Rowe says has established herself as one of the best players in the country. "She's worked hard in the weight room this summer and should have a great senior season," he added.

Put returnees Allison Rader (senior, point guard), Brooke McKinnon (junior, shooting guard), Kayce Addison (senior, forward) and sophomore wing player Angela Spann back on the same floor with Nelson, and you can see why the sky is the limit in 2009-10.

"I'm really excited about our team this season," said Rowe. "We think we've addressed a lot of needs from last season, but we'll just have wait and see how our team develops. We've had a really good recruiting class and with our returners, we have high expectations."

Two of the newcomers will certainly step in and earn their share of playing time. "CeCe Sims is a transfer from Auburn University."We're looking for CeCe to contribute right away on both ends of the floor," noted Rowe. "Her quickness and toughness will be a big plus for us, especially on the defensive end."

Kayla Carlisle is a transfer from rival Berry College. The 6-foot-2 junior will join the basketball team as



soon as volleyball season ends. "Kayla has proven herself to be a very good player in this league, and she's really going to give us a great mid-season boost," stressed Rowe.

The Lady Flames will open with the annual exhibition game at UT-Chattanooga on Nov. 5. They will host Tennessee Wesleyan in what should be an interesting Homecoming game on Nov. 7. Outside the Southern States Athletic Conference, Lee will challenge the defending NAIA national championship, Union University, and the always ranked University of the Cumberlands.

Rowe sees Auburn Montgomery, Shorter, Brewton-Parker and Brenau giving his Lady Flames tough competition as they seek to continue to dominate SSAC opponent.

Lady Flames Take Missions Trip to Costa Rica

EDITOR'S NOTE: This past August the Lee women's basketball team joined with SCORE International for a mission trip to Costa Rica. **Brooke McKinnon**, a junior member of the Lady Flames, gives a first-person account of the trip.

I went to Costa Rica with a positive attitude about spreading the word of God, but while experiencing everything that I did, I came back with so much more.

One day our Lee women's basketball team traveled to the town of San Jose and passed out gospel tracts. Just seeing how many people gladly received them was a blessing. I truly believe that even if only one person receives Christ out of all those people, it would be well worth it.

The best experience for me out of the entire trip was going to what the Costa Rican people call "the hole." This was absolutely the most humbling day of my life. Eight mothers boarded our bus and shared their stories with us.

What really hit me hard was when one lady entered the bus crying because she said God had answered her prayers by allowing us to bring her ONE bag of groceries.

What was so amazing to me was listening to them, knowing that they had next to nothing, yet seeing all over their faces how much faith they have in Christ to provide for their families. Looking around, not seeing a dry eye on the bus, I knew that these wonderful Christian ladies had given my teammates and me so much more than we had given them.

Two of the most fun things we did were zip lining upside down through the rainforest with Tom Cruise (our nutty guide) and getting to go to a black-sanded beach. Sounds nasty, I know, but it was so much fun, just hanging out with all the girls.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot, we did go to Costa Rica to play five basketball games. It was awesome getting to play against the Costa Rica's National team and a few other teams, but even better was being able to share the gospel with our opponents after the games.

This experience is something I will never forget. I made the trip to share my faith in God with others. However, I received 10 times more than I gave.



Lee Athletics in Brief



Men's Soccer

Flames Build With Newcomers

Coach Henry Moyo is counting on three or four returnees and a fresh crop of newcomers to lead his Flames into battle this fall. Lee came from back in the pack to win the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament title last season and seniors Luidgi Beauzile, Chris Hennessey and Michael Simmons are determined to keep that momentum going.

The SSAC took on a new look this fall when longtime soccer power Berry College elected to move to NCAA Division III. Reinhardt College also left the conference, but both remain on the Lee regular-season schedule.

The Flames have once again scheduled with national rankings in mind. "The non conference teams are mostly teams that will challenge us and we in turn will challenge them," added the Lee skipper. "We start off with the best team in the nation, the defending NAIA National Champions, Bethel (Tenn.) College, followed by Lindenwood (Mo.) and William Carey (Miss.) We also picked up Delta State (NCAA Division II) Savannah College of Art and Design, Montreat (which beat Lindsey Wilson last season) and King College. This should get us primed and ready for tournament play."

Moyo offers no predictions about the 2009 unit. "It is always hard to predict these things" he admitted. "Last season, although I knew that we were young, I still hoped for a better start than the one we had. Injuries did not help us. I certainly hope that we will have a better start this season. We have put a lot of work into certain areas of our game in training and things are coming together."

Butler Golf Tournament

Tourney Ends in Scorecard Playoff

It took a scorecard playoff, but the team of Al Miller, Jerry Burrell, Tom Maupin and John Maupin took top honors in the annual Lee University Stanley Butler Memorial Golf Tournament.

The foursome posted an 18-hole total of 56 (16under par). Also coming in at 56 was the team of Tarry Walker, Gary Rominger, Matt Crowder and Dub Barrett. After the scorecard playoff was decided, the team settled for second place. Crowder was also the winner of the longest drive on the sixth hole.

Greg Phillips, Adam Phillips, Lee Phillps and Jason Clark finished one-stroke back at 57 and walked away with the third-place prize. The B-Flight completion was captured by Louie Alford, Mike Smith, Buster Stewart and Bill (Chief) Robertson. They combined to post a 61. Mack Hall, Tim Rader, Ron Potter and Barry Brakebill placed second after a scorecard playoff. Ray Hughes, Gary Baldwin, Bob Griffin and Sean Holland took third place in the B Flight. Al Miller claimed closest to the pin honors at No. 2 and Mike Smith hammered the straightest drive at No. 11.



(I-r) Tom Maupin, Jery Burrell, Al Miller and Lee Golf Coach John Maupin won the Stanley Butler Memorial Golf Tournament after a scorecard playoff.

Women's Soccer

Looking to Repeat as National Champs

If the Lee women's soccer team captures a second consecutive NAIA National Championship, no one can ever accuse Coach Matt Yelton of playing a soft schedule in hopes of reaching the title round. Yelton believes his teams only get better by playing quality opponents. The highly successful coach will not have to sell anyone on that point.

During the opening half of the 2009 season, the Lady Flames will face the No. 3, No. 4 and No 8-ranked NAIA clubs. In between those matches is a pair of NCAA Division II and III opponents.

The season began with a trip to the west coast and challenges against Azusa Pacific and California Baptist. Just a few days after returning from the late August adventure, Lee hosted Emory University and followed those up with a date with No. 3 Lindsey Wilson College.

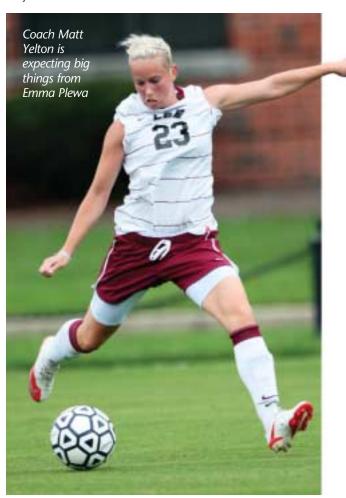
"This is as tough an opening schedule as I have ever put together," admitted Yelton. "We will certainly find out where we stand in the scheme of things pretty quickly. If we don't play up to our capabilities, we could easily be 0-6 to start the season."

Coming off the championship season and the 24-1-1 record, the Lady Flames are not only picked to win top honors in the Southern State Athletic Conference, but also owned the No. 1 ranking in the NAIA pre-season poll.

Ten members of the team that saw plenty of action in helping bring the first NAIA national crown back to the Lee campus last year are back and ready to help the squad repeat.

"I'm excited by the new players we have added to the squad," stressed Yelton. "Several have been able to make our training sessions much more competitive." At least five freshmen were in the starting lineup when the Lady Flames opened the season in California.

Quickly grabbing the spotlight is freshman Emma Plewa. The forward is expected to team with sophomore All-American Jamie Achten to give the Lady Flames one of the best one-two scoring punches on any level of women's soccer.



Daniel Homner '41, of Salisbury, MD, passed away on July 6, 2009, at the age of 91. His ministry included pastorates in Windber, PA., Saxon, PA.; Williamsburg, PA.; Mishawaka, IN.; Easton and Salisbury, MD. He also served for 10 years as a regional supervisor for churches in New England, Washington, Oregon and New Mexico.

Raymond Pedigo '51 is retired after 63 years in ministry and is now living in Flat Top, WV, with his wife Carroll. They have three children, 10 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.

Betty Burgett Meade '54 lives in Wilkinson, WV, and was married for 48 years until her husband passed away four years ago. Betty asks, "I would like to know if anyone knows anything of Virginia Underwood? She was my best friend at Lee."

Gale Alden "G.A." Swanson '56 (Academy) '69 (B.A.), passed away July 3,



2009. He was 70. Swanson graduated with honors from Lee

Academy and was a founding member of the Pioneers for Christ, participating in evangelistic missions throughout the U.S. and in Mexico. He was a former pastor, servicemen's representative for Europe, and served a decade as the editor of On Guard magazine, a ministry to the military. He is a former business faculty member at Lee and also taught at Roane State Community College (Tenn.), South West State University (Minn.), West Georgia College, and 27 vears at Tennessee Technological University.

John Fleming '71 is an attorney, arbitrator and mediator practicing in Austin, TX. He is also an adjunct

law professor at the University of Texas Law School where he received the American Arbitration Association's President's Leadership Award in 2008 for contributions to the field of dispute resolution. John is married to Jenny, who is a CPA and financial planner. Last December they welcomed a granddaughter.

Charlotte Hiserote McHugh '72 lives in Virginia Beach, VA, with her husband, Keith. Charlotte is a writer and proofreader for Operation Blessing at the Christian Broadcasting Network. She has been there since 1999 after receiving a masters in journalism from Regent University.

Lynn Murphy '73 is assistant professor of education for the School of Education at Dalton State College in Dalton, GA. He retired as an administrator from Whitfield County, GA, Schools in 2003. His wife Betty (who worked in

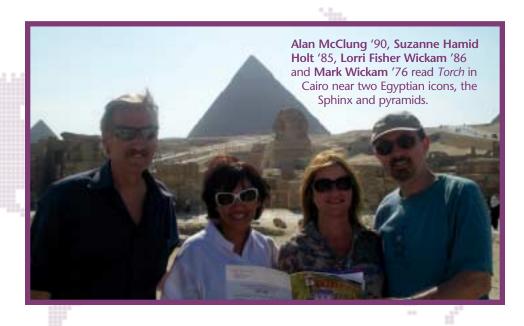
Lee Library 1970-1973) is a retired elementary gifted and talented teacher. Both daughters, including Lee grad Julie Murphy Scoggins '98 are high school teachers. Dr. Murphy also serves as organist at Evangelical Methodist Church in Dalton, GA. The Murphys have six grandchildren.

Hyman Stansky '78 is a music producer and owner of Harbor House in Keller, TX. He and his wife Faith live in Grapevine, TX.

Douglas E. Rosendale '79 is director of Joint Interoperability Ventures within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Health Information (OHI). He is a Board Certified general surgeon with a background in advanced laparoscopic, thoracic, vascular, and GI endoscopy. He is chair of the surgery discipline for the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. Dr. Rosendale currently serves

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an affiliate faculty member of medical informatics at Harvard Brigham and Women's Hospital. He was the recipient of the 2006 American College of Osteopathic Surgeons "Presidential Recognition Award" for his outstanding contributions on the Surgical Quality Alliance Executive Committee for planning surgical quality improvement programs at the 2004-2006 Annual Clinical Assembly.

Joseph W. Booth '81 and his wife, Sharon Hutchinson Booth, live in Hopewell, VA, where he enjoys travel, four children and eight grandchildren. He published his first book, *Cut the Cloth*, in April 2008, a self-help, business and success book. Joseph teaches leadership seminars at churches and for business.

Raymond Mercado '81 received his M.A.T.S. from Columbia Theological Seminary and spent nine years working for the Federal

Emergency Management Agency, where he was involved with 17 disasters in the U.S.A. and Virien Islands. Raymond is a former missionary in Chiriqui, Panama, where he founded three community schools.

Nancy Cross Pritchett '82 is ill and currently in a nursing home in Alabama. Nancy's husband, Aubrey, plans to write a book and is seeking testimonials from Nancy's friends. Aubrey can be reached at hd_man39@yahoo.com.

Roger '83 and Vickie Robb '87 live in Clive, IA, where Rob works with Group Benefits, Ltd. And Vickie works in the business office of Iowa Retina Consultants.

Daniel '88 and Kathy Hall '88 lived in Lexington, KY, where they have two teenage sons and attend Southland Christian Church. The Halls own their own business which manufactures metal roofing and siding.

Campbell Named Communicator of the Year

The Ocala Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) has bestowed **Allison Williams**



Campbell '98 as the recipient of the annual "Communicator of the Year" award. Campbell is executive director of the Heart of Florida Hope Foundation and was recognized for her public relations work with the foundation, and their fundraising. She also serves as a volunteer member of the public relations committees for the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of

Marion County as well as a board member for the Ocala Chapter of FPRA.

The Ocala Chapter of FPRA presents the "Communicator of the Year Awards to an individual and institution or media entity each year who utilize their positions to enhance community awareness, understanding, and support for causes and issues through outstanding communications and public relations skills. FPRA is dedicated to developing public relations practitioners, who, through ethical and standardized practices, enhance the public relations profession in Florida.

Maureen Hunt '08, Courtney Powell '09, and Allison Coggin '09 celebrate their recent graduations with *Torch* at the Santa Monica Pier in California. ▼





▲ Brenda Roberson Hughes '72, Dale Hughes '65, Karen Roberson Winters '70, Bill Winters '69, Dewey Roberson '75 and Teresa Roberson corralled their Tennessee Congressman Zack Wamp to read *Torch* in front of the Capitol.

Leah Fleming '86 is office manager with FINRA (securities industry regulation) in Rockville, MD. Leah is heavily involved with the local Red Cross as a board member, disaster action team lead, military casework manager and public relations. Leah is raising her 19-year-old niece and says she has "enough animals/pets to start a small petting zoo!"

Michelle Adams Guy '87, of Clearfield, KY, is teaching at Rowan County Senior High School, where she is the department head for special education. She and her husband pastor the Morehead ChristWay Church of God, where she is also minister of music.

Regina Steely Jude '89 is a science co-teacher at Dalton High School in Dalton, GA. She has four children, including two in college.

Buddy Baird '90 completed an MA from Liberty

University in January. He serves as pastor of the Ridgeview Church of God in Craig, CO.

Tammy Thompson Estep '90, and her husband, Darrell, have been married for 19 years and have one son who is a high school senior. Tammy has worked in the accounting office for the Church of God International Offices for 17 years. Tammy says, "I would love to hear from old classmates via email testep@churchofgod.org."

Chris Hansen '90 was recently appointed to the post of director of the Film & Digital Media Division at Baylor University in Texas.

Terrance '92 and Cristal Mayberry Waters '92 pastor the Victory Drive Church of God in Waycross, GA. Cristal recently obtained her private pilot license and works as a computer programmer/

analyst at a credit card company in Jacksonville, FL. Terrance is a substance abuse counselor in addition to serving as pastor. They have a teenage son.

Thomas Adams '94 was recently promoted to corporal at the Norfolk, VA Sheriff's Office after being there for less then two years. He has one son and one daughter.

Norma Ferguson Hill '94 is an educator and author



living in Cleveland, TN, with her husband, Eric, and two children. She

recently authored a book titled Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Chronicle and Creative Poems, which she coauthored with her daughter, Jamie.

Claire Sanger '94 recently accepted a position as clinical faculty at the University of Kentucky in plastic

and reconstructive surgery with a focus on craniofacial surgery for adults and pediatrics.

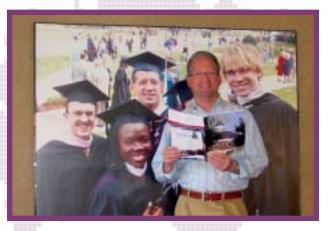
David Spell '94 lives in Buford, GA, and earned a Ph.D in Theology in 2005 from Trinity Seminary. He has two books published through Wipf and Stock Publishers, Peter and Paul in Acts (2006) and Miracles in Mark (2009). They are being used as textbooks in a C3 Church School of Ministry where he teaches.

JW '95 and Cristie Sines Dunbar '97 live in South Point, OH, and JW works as the associate pastor at Gateway Church in Ashland, KY. He is also the network administrator at Premier Physical Therapy. Cristie works for River Valley Child Development Services in quality assurance and program support. They are proud to announce the arrival of their child, Reese Payton, born April 8, 2009.



▲ Jo Ann Anderson Pike '70, Bobby Pike '70, Lisa Payne Harrison '81, and Dr Tommy Pike '71, read Torch at the Forum in Rome, Italy.

Kevin Christian '90 stopped by the Lee campus recently and read Torch in front of a larger-than-life photo of himself and several classmates on the wall inside the Student Union.▼





▲ Noel '95 and Christine Forrester '95 and their children live in Franklin, GA, where Noel serves as pastor of the Franklin Church of God. Noel and Christy would love to hear from friends at noelforrester @gmail.com and christy forrester93@gmail.com.

Angela Durham '97 married to Todd Hughes in June 2009. Angela is teaching 5th grade for the Springfield, MO, public school district. Angela completed a masters in education degree in May 2009.

Bradley Grigg '97 currently lives in Juneau, AK, where he is a clinical therapist working for the State of Alaska Division of Behavioral Health as the state children's planner. Bradley says, "My goal in life is to offer a hope in the here and now for people crying out for help. Don't talk to them about their future until you help them in their current circumstance."

Barry Hyden '97 is married to **Laura Page Hyden** '01, and they live in Clin-

ton, TN. Barry works with Aisin America in purchasing and Laura is a high school teacher. They have just welcomed their first child, Evie, in June 2009. If any of their friends would like to contact them, their email address is barry_hyden @yahoo.com.

Holly Ecklund '98 spent the last 5 years in New York City as an urban missionary with Urban Harvest Ministries. She recently moved back to the Detroit area. Holly is now working with an aerospace company coordinating their internship and mentoring program.

Matthew '98 and Maggie Wagoner '01 just celebrated 18 years of marriage. Matthew is an online student at Liberty University where he is pursuing an MAT in Special Education. Maggie has been a dental hygienist for 16 years. They have two daughters.

Alumni Authors

Recent books written by Lee University alumni



The Fiery Furnace of Cancer

Judith and Ted Bowman '65

When cancer rears its ugly head, the worst outcome is often imagined and a sense of hopelessness tries to press in. That was Judith and Ted Bowman's experience when doctors diagnosed their 7-year-old daughter with a stage-four malignant tumor of the muscle.

In their search for answers, Judith and her husband found no books that simply told them what to expect day-to-day through the process, so, she wrote one based on a year of daily notes she took during hospitals stays and doctor's visits. Her book includes conversations with oncologists, nurses, hospital personnel, and other cancer patients.

"If we'd had access to a book like this, many of our fears and much of our anxiety would have been alleviated," Judith said.

The book is available at www.amazon.com or their site: www.jcpublishers.com.



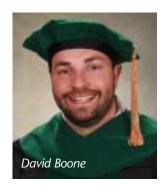
Defining Effective Leadership

Alan Stanfield '99

Life offers us all opportunities to be a leader. Leadership is not reserved for those who hold a title or a lucrative position but it is for anyone in any capacity in which they serve. There needs to be leadership in our homes, our churches, our jobs, and throughout our day-to-day tasks. Alan's book convevs this message and stresses the importance of effective leadership through all the different phases of our lives. He addresses a variety of issues that many leaders face as well as seven characteristics that identify effective leaders.

Readers will find this book as an alternative to most leadership books in that it shows the simpler side of leadership. It compels the reader to look beyond the conventional methods of leadership and understand that true leadership is about serving others.

The book is available at www.amazon.com



▲ David Boone '99 graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, on May 30, 2009. While at WVSOM, Dr. Boone served as national liaison officer for the Student Osteopathic Medical Association, president of the Atlas Club, president of the Internal Medicine Club, and president of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Boone and his wife, Danielle, have two children.

Gretchen Foley DiFilippo '99 is married to Tony and they have a one-year-old daughter. Gretchen is

currently working in Williamsburg/James City County Circuit Court as a deputy clerk. The family attends Crosswalk Community Church in Williamsburg, VA.

April Durand '99 completed a one-year fellowship in women's imaging at the University of California, San Francisco in June of this year. She and her husband moved to Champaign, IL, in July where April is a radiologist at the Carle Clinic.

Vimal Shyamji '99, a resident of Somerville, MA, was recently promoted to partner and general manager of Winter, Wyman's National Technology Contracting group where he was formerly general manager of the same division. Winter, Wyman is a leading staffing firm for more than 35 years, one of the largest and most recognized staffing organizations in the Northeast.

Jeff Bartels '00 is on his third assignment as an Army chaplain, currently ministering to soldiers at Ft. Eustis, VA. Jeff and his wife, Teresa '04, recently celebrated 17 years of marriage. They have one daughter.

Cailin Chrismer Wilson '00 was married to Ryan Wilson on June 20, 2009, at the Lapeer Assembly of God church in Lapeer, MI. Cailin is an assistant prosecuting attorney for the county of Lapeer, where Ryan works as a police officer.

Phyllis Pannel McKenzie '01 is a human resource representative at Oakwwod Hospital in Dearborn, MI. Married to Joseph McKenzie, they have a grown daughter and a grandson.

Sharon Summersett Reed '01 survived a near fatal car accident last March. She and her husband of seven years, Patrick, and their daughter live in Adairsville, GA. Sharon

would love to hear from friends and roomies. Her e-mail address is sreed @bartow.k12.ga.us

Jennifer Dyson '02 is working as a service representative at the Oak Ridge, TN, Social Security Administration. She attends Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Knoxville and enjoys being a member of the Ice Chalet Skating Club.

Chad Crisp '03 and his wife, Cassandra, live in Kings Mountain, NC, where Chad is branch manager for Citizens South Bank.▼





Kwami Barnett (current student), Kristan Ware '03, '07M, and Holly Talley '08M chaperoned a trip to the Magic Kingdom with Bradley Central High School (Cleveland, TN) band students. Kristan is assistant director of bands at Bradley.



▲ Jennie Lopez '98 took *Torch* on her travels to Hawaii, with a stop at Pearl Harbor to see the USS Arizona Memorial.

Lowe Named New Director of Alumni Fund

J. ADAM LOWE joined Lee University's Alumni Relations team July 1 as director of the Annual Alumni Fund. An Asheville, NC, native, Adam graduated from Lee in 2003 with a B.A. in Psychology and Human Development and attended the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga for a masters in public administration.

Adam has worked with political campaigns, churches, and non-profits for the past nine years in areas of education, development, special events,

fiscal management, and fundraising. Most recently, Adam assisted the Boys & Girls Clubs in north Georgia with organizational develop-



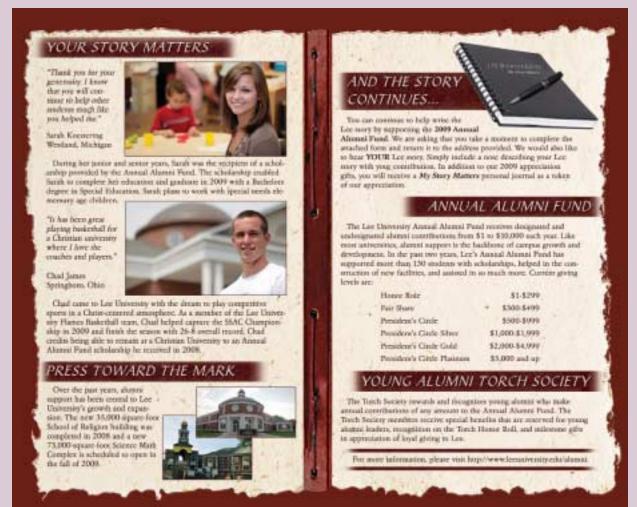
ment and outcome measurement. In 2008, the north Georgia clubs grew to serve more than 1,200 youth, a 300% increase from the previous year. Adam assisted in doubling the organizations budget during this time, working closely with individual donors and large corporations alike.

Adam is an active member of the Kiwanis of Cleveland, a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and the co-owner of GravelRoad Entertainment, a local audiovisual equipment and event promotions firm.

2009 Alumni Fund Goal: **\$415,000**



2009 Alumni Fund pledges to date: \$240,480



Stephanie Culberson '03 married Andrew Strand at a ceremony at the Citadel in Charleston, SC, on November 9, 2008. The couple now resides in Heidelberg, Germany, where Andrew works for the Department of Defense. ▼



Matthew Miller '03 and his wife, Jessica '03 welcomed their first child, Juliet Lane Miller, on April 3, 2009. The couple and their daughter reside in a suburb outside of Chattanooga, TN, where Matthew works as a marketing coordinator. Jessica completed her master's

degree from Lee University and works as a school counselor.

Bridget Land Summers '03 is married to Christian Summers and they currently reside in Denver, CO, where they are raising two sons. They have been youth pastors at Dakota Ridge Assembly for five years, but recently resigned to pursue their hearts' calling to the Philippines. They plan to leave in January to be missionaries. Check out their blog: www.endlesssummermissions .wordpress.com

Heather Kimsey Iverson '04 graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in May 2009. She lives with her husband, Lance Iverson, in Nashville, TN.

Mahaley Holloway Parks '04, is married to Gary Parks Jr, and lives in Reynolds, GA. Their son turned one on April 12,

2009. Mahaley teaches high school English and completed her Master of Arts in Teaching from Georgia College in 2007.



▲ Susan Weichmann Hughes '05 and her husband, Doug, married on November 13, 2008, and live in Lakeland, FL, where they just bought their first home. Susan is a physical therapist assistant at a skilled nursing facility

Adam Stone '05 and Jessica Still were married May 29, 2009. Jessica is teaching health & wellness at Walker Valley High School in Charleston, TN and coaching 7th grade girls basketball at Ocoee Middle School. She recently earned her masters

degree from Tennessee Tech University. Adam teaches math at Chilhowee Middle School. He earned his Master's & Education Specialist degree from TTU.

Layne Bailey '06 received the Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 23, 2009. Bailey will enter the Master of Theology program at Princeton Seminary this fall.

Lauren Morgan Sanchez-Colon '06, along with her husband, is enrolled in masters program while working full-time in online education. Lauren is working toward a Master's of Education in higher education through Abilene Christian University. In August they moved into a home in Longwood, FL.

Khale Lenhart '06 graduated from Harvard Law School this past spring and he and his wife Sarah, and

Patterson Coordinates Servant Leadership Programs

Dr. Kathleen Patterson '91 has been at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA, since 1999, with the School of Leadership Studies and now the School of Global Leadership and Entrepreneurship.



Dr. Patterson is noted as an expert on servant leadership. She coordinates an annual Servant Leadership Research Roundtable at Regent and does the same thing on the west coast in Las Vegas at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences (ASBBS) conference.

Dr. Patterson is involved in many professional associations, including the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, International Association of Leadership Consultants, and the International Leadership Association.

Her many awards and achievements include Best Paper Award for the American Society for Business and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D. Fellowship from Regent University's School of Leadership Studies, Regent University Volunteer Award for leadership in the Peer Mentoring Program, founding member of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise). Regional Rookie of the Year and National Rookie of the Year in 2000.

their daughter moved to Cheyenne, WY, where Khale began law practice with the law firm of Holland and Hart, LLP this fall.

Steve Bontekoe '07 completed a masters degree in outdoor education in '08 and is living in Chattanooga, TN, with his wife, Shannon. Steve works as director of programs and operations for Ivy Academy, an environmental charter school. Steve is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in Leadership and Learning.

Adam Robinson '07 is living in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, with his new wife of six months. He is teaching English at Mongolia International University. Adam says, "I am so grateful that Lee University requires [students] to study abroad. It has taught me so many things and opened so many doors, that I would have never learned had I not had the opportunity."

We Want to Hear From You!

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Occupation	
Brief notes of interest	

THREE WAYS TO SEND US YOUR UPDATE

- Lee's Web Site: www.leeuniversity.edu. Follow the links to "Alumni and Friends" and click on "Who's Where Update."
- E-mail: torch@leeuniversity.edu. High resolution digital photos are welcome. 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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Dr. Suzanne Hamid Holt (the founding director of Lee's Peer Leader program) who currently resides in Cairo, Egypt, will be here for the 2009 Homecoming activities and is coordinating a **Peer Leader Alumni Reunion**. Join Suzanne, Gateway profs, and your peer leader buddies Saturday, November 7, 4:30 p.m. in the Centenary Room. For further information, contact Suzanne at *sholt@leeuniversity.edu*

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