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Twenty years ago, Lee University – then still “college” – was the scene of a fierce dormitory fire that gutted an entire building and left 76 male students literally homeless, with all their possessions destroyed, and the whole campus reeling from the shock of it all.

It was November 4, 1993. The dorm was Ellis Hall, an old wooden frame structure which was built before World War Two. The fire was an act of arson. Four young men who lived in a neighborhood near campus slipped into the side door of the dorm about 2:00 a.m. that morning, doused an empty prayer room with a gallon of gasoline, and threw a match. The fire engulfed the entire building within seven minutes, and dozens of sleeping students were awakened by flames and smoke. It was a miracle that everyone survived that night; seventeen students were treated at the local hospital, and four of them were severely injured and required lengthy hospitalization. The four drunken arsonists were arrested a few days later; they had returned to campus to watch Ellis Hall burn, and a Lee student thought they looked suspiciously out of place, and remembered them well enough to pick them out of a photo lineup weeks later. They were all convicted and sent to prison.

The building itself was a total loss, but Ellis Hall soon returned in a new, larger, modern version: Atkins-Ellis Hall, which stands today on Parker Street as a testimony to God's faithfulness. It was dedicated the next September, in an event called “Celebration ‘94”, and all the guys who had lived in the dorm that unforgettable night were there as guests of honor, all dressed in matching blazers which were gifts from the school. The ceremony of dedication was a moving and emotional event. We in our caps and gowns stood with those Ellis Hall boys and sang, “I’m not afraid of the darkness; whom shall I fear if God is for me!”

During this fall 2013 semester, in a chapel service in October, I will tell today's students the story of the Ellis Hall fire. The typical 2013 freshman was not yet born when Ellis Hall burned. But I want them to know about it. It's part of the Lee University narrative – it's a story not just of institutional resilience, but of the power of God to inspire people in dark times. Today, twenty years later, students walk across the lovely expanse of grass where Ellis Hall once stood, and can hardly imagine that a dorm could ever have been there. I hope we never forget that night, and the days that followed, when God kept His promise to restore us completely.



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# EXPANSION WILL CREATE NEW SOUTH SIDE

by Cameron Fisher



Much has been written in previous issues of *Torch* about the 2010 purchase of the former Cleveland First Baptist Church property. The six acres of contiguous real estate became available when the historic church relocated to a new campus north of town. With the acreage came a 1,400-seat sanctuary, a two- and three-story educational wing, a one-level “Ocoee Street Annex” building, which was formerly a downtown retail space, a small bank building, large parking lot, and several adjacent parcels.

Since the purchase, a separate apartment building within the borders was acquired through a donation by the former property owner. It and the annex building have since been razed to make way for a new \$10 million Communications Building.

Walls have begun to emerge from the building site between Ocoee and Church streets. The structure will be the anchor of a complete makeover of the new Central Avenue southern border of the Lee campus and will revolutionize the entrance from downtown Cleveland.



By September, walls had begun to rise up to form the footprint of the new Communications Building.



# EDUCATIONAL WING FUTURE DECIDED

NEW

*The future home of the Department of Business will get a facelift and complete interior renovation.*



For the last three years, much has been debated and discussed as to the best use of the sanctuary and educational space between Church and Parker Streets. Within weeks of the acquisition, two non-traditional college entities moved into the Parker Street wing. They included the Early Learning Center for preschool students and the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC), a highly acclaimed Lee program for autistic students. What was a trial location for the two programs has now become permanent.

It has also been reported in previous issues that the sanctuary will be retrofitted to become a music performance hall. While only minor changes to the interior are necessary to convert the church into that venue, the traditional Colonial exterior will also remain relatively untouched, with the exception of the removal of the steeple to more adequately reflect the building's new purpose. Once remodeled the sanctuary space will be renamed Pangle Hall.

As for the Central Avenue wing of the educational complex, earlier this year the decision was made to designate the space immediately behind the former church sanctuary to the continually growing Department of Business, which has been located in the Walker Memorial Building almost since its inception in 1966.

The new space at what is currently called the Church Street Annex will be extensively remodeled, including a reorientation of the northern entrance, creating an entrance similar to other campus buildings. The new front will feature additional green space. The interior will be remodeled to accommodate the Department of Business academic needs with classroom space, faculty offices, common meeting area for students, computer lab, and social media labs.

"The new space will give business students a sense of an academic presence that will be their home," stated Dr. Dewayne Thompson, chair of the department. "While Walker Memorial does that, it does not provide the roominess and renovated facilities that the CSA renovation will allow. It offers space not heretofore enjoyed by our students who will then have ample room to linger socially, work in teams, and study in quiet locations. It will give students and faculty a renewed sense of camaraderie and a locus of identity as an academic unit."

*The east wing of the educational complex has been home to the Early Learning Center and LUDIC for two years.*



# ALTERATIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE

With the construction of a major academic building, the re-

location of one of the university's largest departments to another, and the designation of a new performance venue, the terrain surrounding the buildings is slated to be radically reconfigured to accommodate the movement, both human and motor vehicle, which will be heading south. When completed, nearly 800 students will claim their academic major's home in the area. There will be performances and recitals, and a new dining establishment, all in an area that has been generally regarded as "off campus."

While not completely finalized, the geographic renovation plan will include the removal of existing



The Division of Adult Learning, the online arm of Lee University, moved to the former administrative offices of First Baptist a year ago with full knowledge that the space was slated for demolition...someday. Previously connected to the Ocoee Street Annex, demolition crews carefully took down surrounding walls, enough to clear the way for the footprint of the new Communications Building. In some places, a raised foundation of earth and construction was taking place just a few feet away from the DAL offices.

The Division of Adult Learning is, by nature, disconnected to Lee campus life, so an on-campus presence is not critical to its operation. With this dynamic in mind, a search began for a suitable location for the DAL. What emerged was an opportunity to acquire the two-story Monument Building, a highly visible piece of real estate at the entrance to downtown. For Lee alumni of the last 40 years, they will recall that the building is prominently located at the separation point of Ocoee and Broad Streets. Called the Monument Building due to its proximity near two historic markers, (right) the building has housed a variety of offices and businesses through the decades. Immediate plans are for a soft renovation of the interior to accommodate the needs of the DAL. Outside, Lee University

has an opportunity to transform the most well-known gateway into downtown by replacing prominent parking space with landscaping, continuing the arrangement already in place with the city to maintain the landscaping around the monuments.

Other plans for the south side development will evolve as the project continues through the next year. Torch will continually bring updates until completion in the fall of 2014.

*The Monument Building was acquired in August and will be renovated to accommodate the Division of Adult Learning*



structures between Church and Parker Streets. The temporary home of campus security, a small apartment building, and three former homes are all slated to be razed. The former First Baptist parking lot is substantial, and will be preserved, but resurfaced and reconfigured. Across Church Street, the former bank building acquired in the deal three years ago is also scheduled for a date with the bulldozer.

To calm the vehicle traffic along Church Street and create an additional beautification aspect, plans are underway to convert the historic street into a boulevard similar to what was created several years ago on Parker Street between 11th and 15th Streets. The conversion will involve the addition of a grassy median with pedestrian crossings from the only designated parking area. The median will help steer vehicle traffic to the primary parking entrance on Parker Street.



NEW

# ADULT LEARNING MOVING TO MONUMENT BUILDING

NEW







Lee played host again to Teen Talent, a nationwide competition in a wide array of categories, including large choir, and drama.





# NEW HOMES FOR TWO DEPARTMENTS

As two academic units prepare to move into new homes next year, the department chairs share the history and philosophy of their respective disciplines.

## BUSINESS

By Dewayne Thompson, chair, Department of Business

While there were business courses in the 1950s, the Department of Business at Lee didn't begin until 1966 when Dr. Donald Rowe came as the department chair. He stayed for 18 years with a brief period juxtaposed with service by Dr. Al Hartgraves and Dr. G. A. Swanson. Dr. Evaline Echols followed and led the department for the next 20 years. In the beginning, the department offered only a general business degree and an office administration degree. Today, degrees are offered in accounting, business administration, business education and corporate training, information systems, and healthcare administration. Not being comfortable with the status quo, we continuously revise and improve our curriculum to prepare our students for excellence in the marketplace. Additionally, we service the human development emphasis from the College of Education, music business majors from the School of Music, PR and advertising majors in the Department of Communications, and a focus in the interdisciplinary major for the Department of Language and Literature.

This past academic year, the Department of Business taught 10,308 credit hours, which is typical. For the last three years, we've averaged graduating more than 100 students per year. Last year this department was home to 417 students; this year we increased to 447. Our graduates go to some of the finest graduate programs in the country, including Emory, Vanderbilt, and University of Virginia. Next fall one of our graduates will attend Princeton Theological Seminary and another will enter law school at Temple University.

Job placement rates for our students are always of interest. Accounting majors and information systems majors enjoy a near 100% placement at graduation while business administration majors experience about 75%. Our graduates leave and do great things with excellence in the marketplace, whether in education, corporations, the government, or nonprofit organizations.

The first guiding philosophical principle of business education in the Department of Business is this: *Business With a Purpose*. Lee's Department of Business is different, and business majors will be different after their training at Lee. We want to remind them that the training they receive should be used to serve others, whether in corporate America or on an integrated farm in Cambodia.

A second driving philosophical principle is: *Students Learn by Doing*. We value and teach theory; however, we couple "knowing" with "doing." We believe students should experience and



**FOUNDER** – The Business Department at Lee was founded by Professor Emeritus Dr. Donald D. Rowe, who passed away in September. Dr. Rowe's funeral was held on September 13, 2013 in Lakeland, Fla., where he lived with his wife, Helene. Dr. Rowe spent nearly 20 years in the business department at Lee.



**NEW HOME** – When renovations are complete next year, the largest portion of the former First Baptist Church Educational wing will be occupied by the School of Business. The entrance will be modified to reflect the architecture of other buildings at Lee.

apply their education, not just sit in the classroom. Almost all courses are

experiential in nature—from the choice of guest speakers in classes to a more sophisticated level where students go into a company, isolate a problem, solve the problem, and then present the solution to management.

A third driving philosophical principle is: *Critical Thinking*. Each of our courses requires critical thinking at some level. We move beyond memorizing formulas to problem-solving, requiring comprehensive thinking supported by data analysis. We want them to know "the why" and not just "the how."

We endorse fully the mission of Lee University and consider Ephesians 2:10 as

We want them to know 'the why' and not just 'the how'

a guiding scripture. Additionally, the Department's mission statement, which is written across each meeting agenda, states: "We exist to create opportunities for our students now and in the future." We are sold out to our students and their educational, personal, and career success.

While we teach students the importance of profitability, market share, efficiency, and effectiveness, we want them to go to the marketplace understanding business education with a purpose. We want our students to leave the Business Department with a different definition of success. Yes, salary and position are important when put in the right context, but we want them to understand that real success is creating opportunities for others. How can they use their education to make a positive change in this world? How can they use their skill to alleviate poverty and sex trade in Siem Reap, Cambodia? How can they use their theories, concepts, and constructs to run organizations to provide employment for the hardcore unemployed? How can they use their knowledge to be part of the solution and not part of the problem of greed, avarice, and pride often associated with business? Our mission is to train students with skill, ambition, talent, and desire to make the world a better place.

## COMMUNICATIONS

By Joel Kailing, chair, Department of Communications and the Arts

Robert Humbertson, a longtime Lee professor, created the communication major in 1980 when he was the chair of the Department of Language Arts. Dr. Humbertson held a Ph.D. in speech from Ohio State University. During those early years, only one program of study existed to serve all communication majors, even though their interests and career goals varied widely. In the late 1980s, a new theatre program became part of the communication major, making it more diverse.

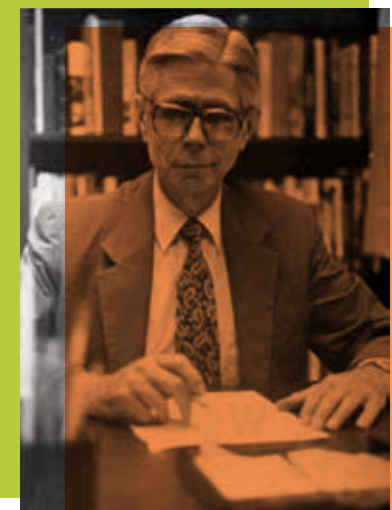
The popularity of the communication major continued to grow in early 1990s, leading to expansion of the communication faculty and the division of the major into emphases, which were first offered in the 1996–1997 academic catalog. Although technically still a single major, students could now specialize to a degree in telecommunications, journalism/media writing, or public relations/advertising.

When Lee College became Lee University in 1997, communication studies was spun off as a separate department—Communication and the Arts. Dr. Matthew Melton was the founding department chairperson with a total of seven full-time faculty and programs in art, communication, and drama. Under his leadership, the new department grew in numbers and range of curricular offerings.

In 2000, humanities was added to the Lee curriculum and housed in the Communication and the Arts Department. That year, telecommunications became its own major, marking the first new program to develop



**BUSINESS ABROAD** – Business students have travelled to Cambodia where they have worked with citizens in establishing microbusinesses and assisted in building projects.



**FOUNDER** – The late Dr. Robert Humbertson, founder of the communications program at Lee.



from communication studies. In 2002, Drama joined it as the second new major to develop in the department. By the following year, there were 12 full-time faculty members, and in subsequent years, the department kept setting new records in the number of students it served.

Another department milestone occurred in the fall of 2000, when the Paul Conn Student Union Building opened with a new facility for student media. This area included a 16-computer teaching classroom, newsroom for the student newspaper and yearbook staffs, and offices for student media editors and the faculty supervisor. Student media has expanded publications and won a variety of national awards in recent years.

In 2003, Dr. Michael Laney took over the role of department chair from Dr. Melton, who eventually went on to be the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2004, humanities moved to another department in an academic restructuring. A few years later, art followed it, and both of these programs eventually became separate majors in their new department.

In 2008, public relations became a major and quickly grew to be one of the department's most successful programs of study. Lee has entered several teams in the national Public Relations Bateman Competition, with three honorable mentions and one national fourth-place finish since 2005. In the fall of 2010, Lee was the first Christian university to receive the CEPR (Certification in Education for Public Relations) designation for our public relations program by the largest public relations association in the world—Public Relations Society of America.

In 2012, Dr. Joel Kailing became the new chair. Kailing had been a faculty member since 1994 and has seen communication grow from a small corner of the Language Arts Department into a thriving department with 11 full-time and 12 part-time faculty members, and over 350 students majoring in one of the department's programs of study. Over the last year, members of the department participated in planning the new Communication Arts academic building, and the telecommunications major made a long overdue name change to the more modern and accurate designation, Digital Media Studies.

The Communication Arts Department cooperates closely with the Video Production Center, a nonacademic unit that reports to President Conn. Students in Digital Media Studies work for the VPC as interns and do projects to gain experience and create materials for their professional portfolios.

Today's Department of Communication Arts maintains an active program that reaches beyond the students it directly serves to the whole university and the community beyond. Theatre has a season of four productions each year which feature student actors from many majors on campus and that reach a broad campus and community audience. Recent productions include *Big River*, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *Sabrina Fair*, and a work of devised theatre created by a faculty member and a group of theatre students. Study abroad trips for public relations, telecommunications, journalism and theatre are a regular part of the campus global perspectives program. The *Vindagua* yearbook and *Clarion* newspaper continue to win awards and the *Clarion* has expanded its audience by developing a robust online presence. Faculty in Digital Media Studies have been developing a film emphasis and have seen a number of our graduates go on to work in the media industry or find success in graduate film programs. Student organizations in the department include the Communication Honors Society (Lambda Pi Eta), the Public Relations Student Society of America, the Advertising Federation, the Society of Collegiate Journalists, and the Lee University Film Society. \$



➤ **BROADCAST JOURNALISM** – Student-led and faculty-guided broadcasting and public relations projects will gain even more momentum when the new building opens.



➤ **FILM** – Entrepreneurial film projects will only increase with the introduction of the new Communications Building.



➤ **DRAMA** – Students perform in the recent production, *Sabrina Fair*.



➤ **STUDIO IMPROVEMENTS** – The latest equipment and furnishings are slated for the new communications building.



The Lee University School of Music (SOM) underwent reorganization this summer in order to better serve the growing number of students interested in majoring in music. The changes took effect this fall.

The SOM now consists of three departments: Music Performance, chaired by Dr. Andrea Dismukes; Music Education, chaired by Dr. Linda Thompson; and Musicianship Studies, chaired by Dr. Phillip Thomas.

"This is a reorganization that the School of Music has been working on for a long time," said Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president for Academic Affairs at the time of the announcement. "We think this will bring clarity for students and better facilitate both communication between faculty and development of the curriculum."

Previously, all music majors were divided into either the vocal or instrumental department, sometimes separating students with the same degree program, such as music education.

This new structure will facilitate more cohesive units, allowing each student to be immersed with

others in their field of study right from the beginning, whether it is teaching music, music performance, church music, or music business.

"Many freshmen arrive with a passion for music and know they want to major in it," said Dr. William Green, dean of the School of Music. "We will now be able to nurture them in that path from the moment they arrive at Lee."

The School of Music offers five degree programs for undergraduates: Bachelor of Arts in music, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Music in church music, Bachelor of Music in performance, and Bachelor of Science in music business; and four degree programs for graduate students: Master of Music in church music, Master of Music in conducting, Master of Music in music education, and Master of Music in performance.

"Another benefit of this reorganization is that it will facilitate a smoother path for those students wanting to continue on to grad school in their chosen field," added Green.



# Lee Named “Great College to Work For” a Second Time

Lee University has once again been named one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a survey by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The results, released in *The Chronicle's* sixth annual report on “The Academic Workplace,” are based on a survey of more than 44,000 employees at 300 colleges and universities.

“This is a great program, because it helps us to receive feedback on how we are doing as employers,” said Ann McElrath, director of Human Resources at Lee. “Each member of the Lee team is top-notch at what they do, and this survey lets us know they are happy doing it here.”

In all, only 97 of the 300 institutions achieved “Great College to Work For” recognition. Lee was not only named to this list, but was also one of only 42 named a “2013 Honor Roll School.”

“It makes me proud to be on the Honor Roll again,” said Chris Conine, vice president for Business and Finance. “I have always felt that Lee University is a special place, but knowing the rest of the higher education community sees us this way is truly affirming.”

Lee earned exceptional ratings in nine out of twelve total categories:



The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: (1) an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies from each institution, and (2) a survey administered to faculty, administrators, and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

*Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country.*

## Lee Gets Top Tier Rating Once Again

Lee University has once again been ranked in the “top-tier” in the 2014 “Best Colleges” edition of *U.S. News & World Report*. The rankings were announced in a special issue on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

“We’re happy with the results this year,” said Lee director of Public Information, Brian Conn. “It’s another signal that we are moving in the right direction, and we know these are rankings people pay attention to when looking for colleges.”

Over 1600 colleges and universities nationwide are part of the *USN&WR* rankings, which have become a popular feature of college life each autumn.

In the rankings, Lee is considered a “regional university.” The 621 regional universities are split into four regions: North, South, Midwest and West. These schools offer a full range of undergrad programs, some master’s programs and a few doctoral programs. Regional universities include Villanova University, The Citadel, Butler University, and Gonzaga University.

The rankings for 2014 can be found at the following link: [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges).



## Summer Honors Hits All-Time High

This past summer Lee University welcomed high school juniors and seniors to its campus for the 28th annual Summer Honors Program, providing students an opportunity to earn college credits while enjoying various aspects of campus and community life.

The largest group since its inception in 1986, this year’s Summer Honors drew 138 students to Lee’s campus, hailing from 17 different states and one from Honduras.

While at Summer Honors, students got a head start on their college career by earning six hours of academic credit, taking two courses designed to introduce them to the structure of a university-style class. Besides going to classes, Summer Honors

participants experienced whitewater rafting, Greek Olympics, an Atlanta Braves baseball game, and an evening at Chattanooga’s Riverbend Festival.

The program also focuses on service-learning, a vital part of the Lee curriculum, providing students the opportunity to participate firsthand.

“This year, students served on eight projects with our community partners, learning how their gifts and abilities can be used to meet a variety of community needs,” said Dr. Mike Hayes, vice president for student development. “These experiences not only orient our students to needs in the Cleveland community but also encourage students to identify ways they can help in their own communities.”

## Film Society Is Launched

The Lee University Film Society is one of the newest student clubs on campus, established earlier this year for aspiring filmmakers and those who love to discuss film.

Jeff Salyer, associate director of Video Production Services at Lee, is the visionary and faculty sponsor for the new society. When Salyer mentioned the idea to student Daniel Howat, he began taking the steps necessary toward building the club, such as creating a constitution and getting more students on board. Howat is the society’s president.

Long-term goals include having professionals meet with the society, holding various screenings, and helping the Student Life Office with the annual film festival.

“I would love to see film screenings on campus where we bring in directors and producers,” Salyer said.

While the society serves as a place for film discussion and criticism, Howat also said he thinks it serves as a community for people who love films and desire to make them.

“We want to please both people who enjoy watching film and also people who are aspiring filmmakers,” Howat said. Axel Arzola, the society’s treasurer, said the purpose of the society was “to build a community around film and all the people who like it.”



## Murray Speaks at Summer Graduation

Dr. Debbie Murray, newly appointed vice president for academic affairs at Lee, delivered the commencement address at the school's summer commencement ceremony, on Saturday, July 27 in the Conn Center.

"Every commencement speaker's dream is to deliver a life-changing, thought-provoking riveting speech," Murray said. "However, we all know the reality—few of us remember who delivered our commencement speech, much less what they said. So this is your last assignment, graduates at Lee University ... to listen to the speech, try to anticipate the three points, and then remember them tomorrow—or at least ten minutes after the speech."

Murray's three points were: "You are special ... the world needs you and your gifts ... Do something great."

To accentuate her points, Murray quoted from "[her] favorite philosopher—Dr. Seuss."

She encouraged the students, saying they had "tremendous potential" to achieve their goals.

"Your most productive years are ahead of you," Murray said. "We expect you to be extraordinary. I hope Lee has been a place where your gifts were discovered, recognized, and fostered...a place where you were able to grow in your abilities."

Murray encouraged graduates to keep growing and improving their skills even after they leave the university.

"It is up to you to continue to refine your gifts, to recognize that there are people in the world who need you and your gifts to make a difference in their lives," Murray said.

She emphasized that true happiness is not found in a quest for happiness, but in fulfilling one's potential.

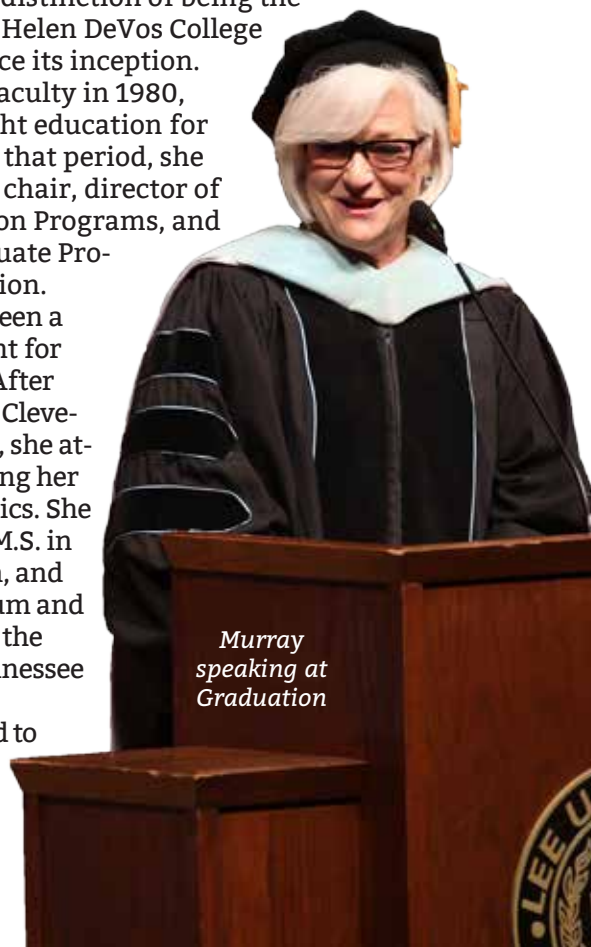
Following her speech, Murray successfully per-

formed her first reading of the names of the graduates, an honor reserved for the top academic officer.

Among Murray's honors is the title of Distinguished Professor, a rank held only by three current faculty members. Prior to accepting her current role, Murray held the distinction of being the only dean of the Helen DeVos College of Education since its inception. Joining the Lee faculty in 1980, Murray has taught education for 33 years. During that period, she was department chair, director of Teacher Education Programs, and director of Graduate Programs in Education.

Murray has been a Cleveland resident for most of her life. After graduating from Cleveland High School, she attended Lee, earning her B.S. in mathematics. She later earned the M.S. in special education, and Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

She is married to Danny Murray, director of Voices of Lee. They have four children and three grandchildren.



Murray speaking at Graduation

## Jenkins Receives Janet Rahamut Award

Dr. Skip Jenkins, associate professor of historical theology, was selected winner of the 2013 Janet Rahamut Award earlier this year.

The Rahamut Award is given in recognition to the faculty member who exhibits the most heart for students, evidenced by frequent interaction and positive involvement with them outside of the classroom.

Jenkins joined the Lee University School of Religion in the fall of 2004. Jenkins has coestablished an open discussion forum on campus called "Conversations on Apologetics," and founded, with his wife, a student-oriented mentoring house whose stated purpose is spiritual, academic, and social accountability.

The recipient of the Rahamut Award is chosen by a student committee, chaired by the Student Leadership Council chairperson and sponsored by the vice president for student development.



## Dirksen Named Distinguished Professor

Dr. Carolyn Dirksen was recently awarded the rank of "Distinguished Professor of English" by the Lee University Board of Directors. She is one of only five professors in Lee's history to be awarded the title.

In July, Dirksen began a new role at Lee, serving as director for the Center for Teaching Excellence. From 1999–2013, Dirksen was vice president for Academic Affairs at Lee where she has been on faculty since 1968. Prior to becoming vice president, Dirksen served as a member of the English Department faculty, department chair, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and associate academic dean.

The university conferred Dirksen's promotion in rank while celebrating her 15 years as vice president, the longest tenure of a chief academic officer in Lee's history.

While at Lee, Dirksen has received the Excellence in Scholarship and the Excellence in Teaching Awards. In 1998, she was given the Distinguished Educator Faculty Award at the Church of God General Assembly. In 2002, Dirksen was named Honorary Professor of Henan University, and in 2009, Honorary Professor of Sias University, both in The People's Republic of China.

## Lee's Thompson Receives ACBSP International Awards

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) awarded Dr. Dewayne Thompson, professor and chair of the Department of Business at Lee, the 2013 ACBSP International Teaching Excellence Award.

The announcement was made June 23 during the ACBSP Annual Conference in Salt Lake City. As the Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree 2013 Teaching Excellence Award recipient for ACBSP Region 3, Thompson was honored with other regional recipients. From that group, Thompson received the International Award, representing baccalaureate/graduate degree institutions.

ACBSP recognizes the significance of the classroom teacher to the mission of degree-granting institutions. It is for this reason that the Associate Degree Commission of ACBSP established the International Teaching Excellence Award in 1995 to recognize outstanding classroom teachers.

Thompson also received the ACBSP Best Presentation International Award. The council initiated the International Best of Regions Excellence Award to encourage scholarly presentations and to further establish expositions around the conference theme. Thompson's paper was titled, "A Business Ethics Framework: The Foundation of Corporate Social Responsibility."

"I'm thankful to Lee University for supporting my involvement in ACBSP. This is a career highlight for me," said Thompson. I am overwhelmed and humbled, and thankful to God for His favor and for providing the opportunity to teach business students over the past 32 years."

Thompson has served as the chair of the Department of Business at Lee University since 2006.





## New Pedestrian Mall Highlights Summer Projects



One of the biggest additions this summer lies here, in between the Chapel and Dixon Center off of 11th Street.

When students arrived for the fall semester, they found their campus pretty much as they left it in May, with the profound exception of a section of 11th Street.

Over the summer, an “overhaul” of 11th Street between The Chapel, Dixon Center, Walker Memorial, and Vest Building took place on the north side of 11th Street. The street is perhaps the busiest for daily commuters being one of the two primary entrances off Ocoee Street. The section from Church to Ocoee was the only place on campus where dangerous, angled street parking still existed.

“There had been several near misses just in the last several months of cars pulling out of those spaces into the traffic of 11th Street,” said Cole Strong, director of operations at Lee who supervised the project. “In addition, students crossing the street to The Chapel, Dixon Center, or the parking behind Dixon have had to navigate those cars and the virtually nonexistent sidewalk beside Vest and Walker Buildings.”

The solution was to eliminate the angled parking and create a new landing plaza for people traffic between Walker and Dixon. A new wider path was built on the north side of 11th Street. The old sidewalk was rarely used as cars parked along the street tended to pull onto the thin, cracking sidewalk. A “traffic-calming” hump was installed on 11th Street where the new plaza crosses over to a new pedestrian mall between Dixon and The Chapel, which ends at the Dixon Center parking lot.

“The 11th Street parking has been there for decades, and now that it’s gone, I wonder why we didn’t do this years ago?” mused President Paul Conn. “The new sightline that has been created as people turn off Ocoee Street leaves a much better impression than a line of cars, and the safety factor is much improved for everyone crossing over to a portion of our campus which continues to grow.”

The 25 parking spaces that were removed along 11th Street were replaced with an expansion of the Dixon Center parking lot between Church and Ocoee Streets.



*This Ped Mall lies behind Sharp Hall on the way to the south side of Lee’s Campus.*



*New Ped Mall between Vest and Walker Buildings*



*The Ped mall in between the Science Building and Deacon Jones Dining Hall*



*The original Ped Mall, located in front of Simmons, Nora Chambers, Sharp, and Cross Hall*

## From Place to Place on Ped Malls

Lee students of the last 25 years have always known their alma mater as easy to navigate, thanks to the arteries that run throughout the campus between major buildings. Affectionately known as “ped malls,” the granddaddy is the first and largest—the Sharp Pedestrian Mall. Built in 1988 following the closure of a portion of Church Street a year earlier, developer Jim Sharp directed perhaps the most fundamental metamorphosis of Lee’s campus in its history. In one summer, two blocks of asphalt and sidewalk were removed to create an intimate, inner core of trees, brick pavers, planters, sitting walls, and plazas. The transformation set the precedent for future campus development.

Since then, Lee has installed the ped-mall concept in half a dozen locations, mostly in areas where a street and cars formerly occupied the space. Two years after the Sharp Ped Mall came an extension of the remainder of the former Church Street between 14th and 15th Streets. In years to follow, 14th Street would be closed and converted to an east-west ped mall that served as a connector from buildings on Parker Street to the central campus. People traffic exiting Conn Center can take a ped mall all the way to Walker Arena. When the Paul Conn Student Union opened in 2000, part of the project involved closing the old College Street and converting it into a ped mall. Two summers ago it was extended to 8th Street connecting with the School of Religion.

The latest ped mall, completed this summer, improves the north-south connection originating between Vest and Walker Memorial and ending at the Dixon Center parking area. Any remnants of the former side street which was located there were removed this summer and replaced with the standard Lee University Ped Mall design of concrete and brick pavers.

Customary, narrower sidewalks are just as frequent on the Lee campus. Development of the south side over the next two years will no doubt spark the extension of current ped malls, but others may emerge, dictated by the traffic patterns forged by students headed to their new campus destinations.



Alves Bledsoe Campbell Carlson Cawood Christmann Hearn Howard-Clark



# New Faculty Class of 2013



Jones Kicklighter Moseley Pigg Poole Robinson Rodgers

## Ana Alves, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Ph.D., University of Virginia  
M.A., Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro  
B.A., Pontificia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais

Dr. Alves has been a lecturer and teaching assistant at the University of Virginia, and was adjunct professor at Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro.

## Drew Bledsoe, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of History  
Ph.D., M.A. – Rice University  
M.L.A. – Henderson State University  
J.D. – University of Tennessee College of Law  
B.A. – Ouachita Baptist University

Dr. Bledsoe has taught at Rice University, Lone Star College, and Houston Community College. His main area of interest is the American Civil War and reconstruction and American military history.

## Dustin Cawood, M.F.A.

Assistant Professor of Communication  
M.F.A., Florida State University  
B.A., University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Mr. Cawood spent the past ten years in California working in the film and television industry at Skywalker Sound and Pixar Animation Studios. His credits as Sound Effects Editor/Designer include such productions as Lincoln, Madagascar 2 and 3, Wall-E, Star Wars, Toy Story 3, and Mission Impossible.

## Katherine Carlson, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of English  
Ph.D., M.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
B.A., Whitworth University

Dr. Carlson worked at the University of North Carolina last year after being awarded a postdoctoral fellowship. During that time, she taught English, Introduction to Fiction, and Rhetoric and Composition.

## John Hearn, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry  
Ph.D., University of Georgia  
B.A., Asbury College

Dr. Hearn has been a chemist at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Tyndall Air Force Base since completing his doctoral degree at the University of Georgia.

## Melody Howard-Clark, M.S.

Visiting Lecturer in English  
M.A., Butler University  
B.A., M.S., Indiana University

Ms. Howard was a member of the faculty at Anderson University for three years and an adjunct English instructor at Ivy Tech Community College.

## Bryan Poole, M.A.

Lecturer in Psychology  
M.A. – Middle Tennessee State University  
B.A. – Lee University

Mr. Poole was an instructor and graduate teaching assistant having taught introductory and research classes, as well as cognitive neuroscience.

## Jeneva Moseley, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
Ph.D., M.M., University of Tennessee at Knoxville  
B.A., Lee University

Dr. Moseley is a 2001 Lee alumna. While continuing her education at the University of Tennessee, she has been a math lecturer since 2006. She has served as adjunct faculty at Pellissippi State, Cleveland State, and Tennessee Wesleyan College.

## David Pigg, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Physics  
Ph.D. – Vanderbilt University  
B.S. – Mississippi State University

Dr. Pigg has been a postdoctoral research scientist at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville—Oak Ridge National Laboratory. His specialization is in computational physics.

## Amanda Jones, M.S.

Lecturer in Mathematics  
M.S., Clemson University

Ms. Jones is a 2009 graduate of Lee and recipient of the Mathematics Education Award. She taught algebra and geometry at Cleveland (Tenn.) High School for two years and was a graduate teaching assistant in calculus while at Clemson.

## Jonathan Rodgers, D.M.A.

Assistant Professor of Music  
D.M.A., University of Southern Mississippi  
M.M., B.M., Samford University

Dr. Rodgers has been conductor of the Women's Chorus and the Southern Chorale at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has also been assistant conductor of the Chamber Singers and of the Birmingham Boys Choir.







## Jason Robinson, Ed.D.

Assistant Professor of Education  
Ph.D. – University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
M.Ed. – Lincoln Memorial University  
B.S. – Lee University

*Dr. Robinson has been a public school teacher for the past 15 years. He is a past recipient of the National Science Teachers Association "Vision of Science" Award, the Fitzgerald Excellence in Education Award, Tennessee Science Teacher of the Year, and the State Farm Good Neighbor Award for teachers.*

## Sara Campbell, Ph.D., RN, NEA-BC

Director of Nursing and Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Ph.D., Indiana University  
M.S., Illinois State University  
B.S., Mennonite College of Nursing

*Dr. Campbell comes to Lee from the University of South Carolina, Aiken, where she was professor of Nursing and the chief academic officer in the School of Nursing. Prior to that, she was the principal investigator for the Teaching Nursing Home Project with Illinois State University, Mennonite College of Nursing. Dr. Campbell has certification in spiritual formation from Lincoln Christian University, Faith Community Nursing from Western Kentucky University, Nursing Education from Drexel University, and Advanced Board Certified Nursing Administration. She is active in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, presently serving as dean representative.*

College of  
Education



## Taz Kicklighter, M.S.

Lecturer in Athletic Training  
B.S. – Carson-Newman College  
B.S. – Kennesaw State University  
M.S. – Georgia State University

*Mr. Kicklighter has worked at Lee since 2010 as the assistant athletic trainer and clinical coordinator for the Athletic Training Education Program. Prior to that, he was the Head Athletic Trainer and an adjunct faculty member in Health Education Sport Studies at Reinhardt University.*

Nursing



## Five Lee Baseball Players Drafted by MLB

Twenty-four NAIA baseball programs had players selected in the 2013 Major League Baseball (MLB) First-Year Player Draft, which wrapped up in June. All totaled, 37 NAIA student athletes were picked by 23 different clubs during the three-day, 40-round event.

Lee's (Tenn.) Myles Smith, a native of Detroit, Mich., was the first NAIA player off the board after being selected in the fourth round (113th overall) by the Boston Red Sox. The junior right-handed pitcher paced the Flames with 94 strikeouts and 84.1 innings pitched in 2013, while tying for the team lead with 11 victories. Smith posted six or more strikeouts in 9 of 16 appearances this season, including a season-high 11 against Southern Poly (Ga.) on March 21.

Four other Lee pitchers were drafted. José Samayoa was picked in the ninth round by the Texas Rangers. Andy Hillis (11th round), Clint Terry (18th round) and Alex Moore (28th round) were all selected by the Milwaukee Brewers. Roberto Duran signed a free agent pact with the Texas Rangers.

The Flames finished the 2013 season at 51-12 and placed third in the NAIA World Series. It marked the club's seventh straight season with 50 or more wins and Coach Mark Brew took his team to the NAIA World Series for the seventh consecutive year.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Lee has had over 50 players drafted by Major League Baseball

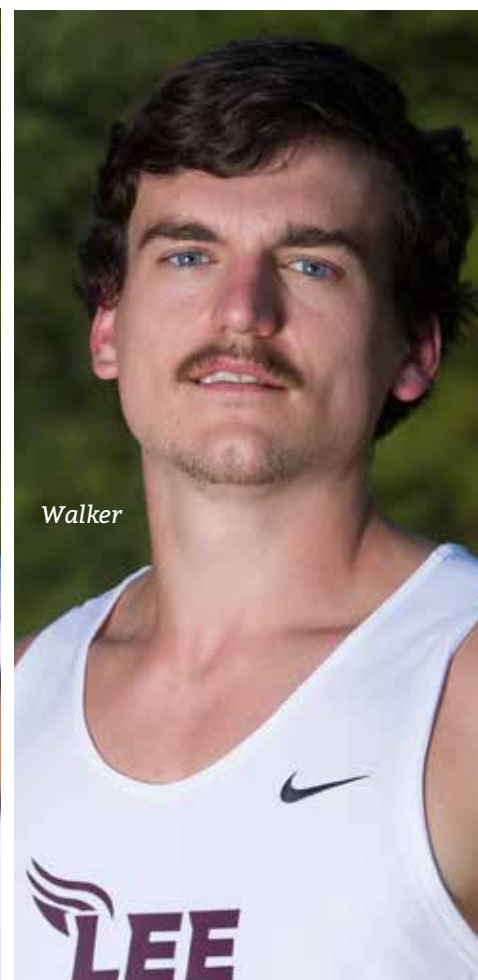




Bryan



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Walker

## Matthews and Bryan: Lee's First Outdoor Track All-Americans

Ashley Matthews and Cayce Bryan became the first Lee University athletes to earn NAIA All-American status in outdoor track. Matthews and Bryan each finished in the top eight of their respective events at the 2013 NAIA Track and Field Championships held at Indiana Wesleyan University.

"Ashley did a great job in her first marathon," said Lee first-year head coach, Caleb Morgan. "She ran like a veteran, racing very smart. Her time would be competitive in any major marathon around the country." Matthews finished the 26.2 miles of the women's marathon with a time of 3:01:17 in seventh place.

Bryan improved upon her qualifying time by over one second to finish the 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.48.

"Cayce did a great job in a race that was tactical with a slow early pace. She closed very well and shaved over a second off her personal best with a new school record," added Morgan.

Mike Walker finished twelfth in the 3000-meter steeplechase. His time of 9:37.21 was 42 seconds behind Eastern Oregon University's Isaac Updike (8:55.16).

"We have had multiple NAIA All-Americans in indoor track, but never in outdoor until this event. Overall, this was a record-setting year for Lee University, and we return everyone on both men's and women's squads next year," finalized Morgan.

## Moody Resigns, French Named Pitching Coach

Lee head coach, Mark Brew, reached into the Miami, Fla., area to hire his new pitching coach, Drew French, who has served as an assistant coach at Florida International University (FIU) for the past two years and will bring his multiskills to Lee baseball.

French holds an impressive NCAA Division I coaching resume from FIU and the University of Alabama. His qualification list consists of four Southeastern Conference (SEC) tournament appearances, two Sun Belt Tournament appearances, four Regional appearances, one Super Region appearance; and 25 draft picks from 2008–2013, including 13 pitchers and three catchers.

Former Lee graduate assistant Andrew Carson is headed to Pan American University (Texas) to become a volunteer assistant coach. Matt Passauer, who pitched for the Flames during the 2011–2012 season, has been named as an assistant coach at East Georgia College (Statesboro, Ga.).

## Top Honors for Lee Golfers

It was a banner year overall for the Lee men's golf team. The Flames claimed the SSAC tourney title for the second straight year and finished a best-ever sixth in the NAIA National Championship.

Matt Emery and Hunter Vest were top individual award winners. Emery was named an NAIA All-American, PING

All-American second team, and SSAC All-Conference and SSAC All-Tournament. Vest was a second team NAIA All-American and third-team PING All-American. He was SSAC All-Conference and an SSAC Scholar. Vest teamed with JB Eksteen as members of the prestigious Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholars team. Only 18 NAIA players earned the honor.

## Emery Qualifies for U.S. Amateur

Matt Emery's great run in the U.S. Amateur Championship ended on the first extra hole at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. On August 14.

The rising Lee senior from Franklin, Tenn. battled from behind for the majority of the day in the match-play competition. He finally evened the hotly-contested affair with a par at 15 and went 1-up with another par at 16 when his opponent Vernon Carr posted a bogey.

Both players tied the 17th hole, but Emery had a bogey at 18 and Carr (Popular Bluff, Mo.) rolled in a par putt to force the extra hole. The 19th hole proved to be more of the same. Emery posted a bogey and Carr added another par to advance to the round of 32.

"What a great run Matt made against the world's best amateurs," said Lee golf coach, John Maupin. "I know this loss will sting a little bit, but it was still a great week. Matt made a lot of people proud this week, and was a great representative of our school and golf program."

Emery earned the right to be among the 64 golfers entering match play by putting together rounds of 71-71 – 142 on one of the nation's best and par 70 course. Overall, he placed 27th among the 312 golfers seeking to advance to the match-play competition.

In a USGA Amateur Championship, there are two days of stroke play qualifying to determine exactly the 64 players who will make it to match play. The "Match Play Tree" is then established—much like a tennis tournament or NCAA basketball—and players are seeded according to how they played during stroke play.

"Just making the U.S. Amateur was my first goal," admitted the excited Emery. He reached his second goal by making the match play competition. "I'm thrilled to have made it to Brookline, and I knew I could play with anyone when I was on my game."

"I just can't say enough about how proud I am of Matt, qualifying for match play at the U.S. Amateur. It is truly an amazing accomplishment," Maupin said.

"It's not often you get these kinds of opportunities, much less take advantage of them, but Matt has done just that by proving himself against the best amateurs in the world. It's a testament to Matt's talent, hard work, and determination."

*Matt Emery became the first Lee golfer to qualify for U.S. Amateur*





## Andrea Hudson Named Assistant Athletic Director

Andrea Hudson will enter her twenty-third season as the Lee University head volleyball coach; but as one of the nation's most successful collegiate leaders, she will also hold the duties of assistant athletic director as the Flames move into NCAA Division II.

"I am pleased to announce this action by our Board of Directors," stated President Conn. "Coach Hudson is certainly deserving, and she has the kind of insight and work ethic which will make her a key individual in leading our overall athletic program."

Conn pointed out that Hudson was the first coach of a Lee athletic team to achieve significant success at the national level in the NAIA.

"As a volleyball coach, she is superb," he added. "Now that we are moving into the NCAA Division II, her work as senior woman administrator has given us a chance to see her exceptional administrative skills as well, and I believe she will lend a lot of support to Larry Carpenter (athletic director) and other members of the leadership team."

Hudson has spent her entire college coaching career at Lee. Her first volleyball team posted a winning 19-18 record, and for the past 22 years, her powerful clubs have recorded at least 30 wins and climbed over the 40-win mark on four occasions. When coaching both volleyball and softball, she took the first Lee softball team to the NAIA National Tournament.

"While most people think of Andrea as Lee's longtime volleyball coach, few realize the contributions she's made as our senior woman administrator," noted Carpenter. "She brings the same work ethic and skill set that's made her a successful coach to the leadership table and has played an integral part in the history of Lee athletics. Andrea is very deserving of this new title, and I look forward to working with her."

Heading into the 2013 campaign with her husband and assistant coach, Kevin Hudson, Andrea has 728 wins and an amazing load of conference and region titles. She was named the Southern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year five times to go along with three regional honors.

"I am very humbled by the decision that was made by Dr. Conn and the Board to appoint me to this new position," said Hudson. "Lee University athletics has become a way of life for me, and I have enjoyed working with Coach Carpenter as my athletic director."

"As we transition to NCAA, I know this appointment will carry a lot of responsibility, and I am excited about this new season in my life. I see a bright future for Lee athletics, and I'm overjoyed at the opportunity to serve the school in this new capacity."

Hudson has recruited Milica Krsmanovic, one of her former players, to return as a coach for the 2013 season. Krsmanovic, a four-year starter for the Lady Flames (2006-2009), has answered the challenge.

Krsmanovic is replacing another ex-Lady Flame, All-American, Bruna Langner, who resigned earlier in the year to accept the head volleyball position at Dalton (Ga.) State College.

"We are very privileged to have Milica back, working with our volleyball program," said Coach Hudson. "She was able to leave and get her MBA and be a graduate assistant at a NCAA Division II school (Southern Arkansas), so the timing was perfect for her to step in as we are making this transition to the NCAA."



## Corwin Named Manhattan VB Assistant

Manhattan College head volleyball coach, Mark Jones, has announced the hiring of David Corwin as an assistant coach. Corwin, a 2013 graduate of Lee, served three seasons as a student assistant with the Lee volleyball squad.

"I'm excited to have David join the coaching staff," Jones said. "He will definitely be an asset to our program. He has the knowledge and enthusiasm for the game, and I'm confident that he will fit in well at Manhattan College."

## Women's Golf—Nation's Best Scholar Team



The awards just keep on coming for the Lee women's golf team. The Lady Flames, coached by John Maupin, have been honored as the recipient of the 2012-2013 WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award.

Lee also received this special recognition in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. The award recognizes the women's collegiate golf program on all levels with the highest collective average team GPA, and includes all of the team's student athletes for the 2012-2013 season. Lee's six team members had a remarkable average GPA of 3.955.

The Lady Flames once again beat out schools like the University of Alabama, Dartmouth College, University of Louisville, Yale University, and Arizona State in earning the award for the third straight year.

In only its fifth season of intercollegiate play, the Lady Flames won their second consecutive SSAC championship and placed twelfth in the NAIA nationals. Coach John Maupin was named the SSAC Coach of the Year.

Rising senior Courtney Shelton paced a group of individual award winners. Some of her honors include First-Team NAIA All-American (second consecutive), SSAC Player of Year (second consecutive), NAIA and SSAC Scholar. Madison Alexander honors include NAIA Honorable Mention All-American and SSAC Scholar. Sloane Skinner is a NAIA and SSAC Scholar, while Bernadette Little was labeled the SSAC Freshman of the Year. Kristin Bourg and Chelsea Rakestraw are NAIA and SSAC Scholars.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Lee offers scholarships for every sport on campus.



## Lee Begins Play in Gulf South Conference

After more than 35 years as members of the NAIA and of being solid contenders and champions in the TranSouth Conference and in recent years the Southern States Athletic Conference, Lee athletics opened a new chapter in its rich history by beginning play in the Gulf South Conference, arguably the top conference in NCAA Division II.

The Gulf South currently has 11 members, Alabama-Huntsville, Memphis Christian Brothers, Delta State (Miss.), North Alabama, Valdosta State, West Alabama, West Georgia, West Florida, Shorter, and Union University. Only Florida Tech fields a football team in the GSC.

Women's soccer opened conference play on Sept. 18 at North Alabama. The Lady Flames GSC home opener was part of a big weekend. The defending NCAA Division II, West Florida, will visit on Oct. 2, and Valdosta State comes to town for an Oct. 5 date.

The men's soccer team was paired against Union University on Sept. 13 and hosted Christian Brothers of Memphis on Sept. 20. The Flames played their first three GSC matches at home, and they will test West Florida on Sept. 27.

Volleyball's switch to GSC competition came on Sept. 20 when Coach Andrea Hudson pitted her squad against West Alabama. West Florida also visited Walker Arena on Sept. 21, and then the Lady Flames hit the road to test Valdosta State—the first of four straight conference road games. Christian Brothers was the top program last season.

Basketball should create a tremendous amount of excitement. Delta State's women reached the NCAA South Region final last season and Alabama-Huntsville reached the semifinal round. The Lady Flames will renew its rivalry with Union University, a long-time powerhouse in the NAIA before joining the GSC.

Coach Tommy Brown and the Flames will have to deal with the likes of Alabama-Huntsville (region finalist), Christian Brothers and North Alabama (both South Regional participants). Valdosta State will be a tough opponent, plus Coach Brown knows what Shorter and Union bring to the table.

Gulf South has long been known for its spring sports programs. Delta State owns a national championship in baseball, and West Florida and Valdosta State will be major opponents.

In softball, Valdosta State reached the Division II National Tournament this past year; Alabama-Huntsville, North Alabama, and West Alabama had teams in the mix as well.

Overall, going to the Gulf South is a step-up in competition. The GSC lists 13 sports, and Lee will field teams in 12 of the 13 sports.

## Lee to Compete in Former Conference During Transition



Lee will reach back and rekindle a portion of its rich athletic history when the university rejoins the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), beginning with the 2013–2014 season.

Lee athletic teams will play regular-season schedules in the Gulf South Conference (GSC), but will not be eligible for tournament competition in the GSC and NCAA Division II until the 2015–2016 season.

Lee Athletic Director Larry Carpenter has many fond memories of NCCAA competition. He played on one of the university's national championship teams (1973) and later coached the Flames to a national title in 1994.

"Lee was one of the founding members of the NCCAA when it was formed in 1968 and competed in it for more than 30 years," said Carpenter after the university was officially accepted back into the membership. "We are excited to be part of the NCCAA during our two-year transition into NCAA DII and look forward to all that it has to offer."

"Lee University was an exemplary member of the NCCAA from 1968–2002, and Lee President, Dr. Paul Conn, has always been a supporter of the association," said Dan Wood, the executive director of the NCCAA. "We are excited to welcome them back as a full member during their transition from NAIA to

NCAA II. Our goal will be to serve their coaches, student athletes, and campus during these years. We also trust that Lee will enjoy the "new NCCAA" that has focused its mission to use intercollegiate athletics to serve the Great Commission and that a long-term relationship would be in our collective best interest."

Wood said the mission of the NCCAA has gone far beyond just winning a tournament. "Today, each of the 23 national championships and invitationals are required to hold a Christian Service Project (CSP) during the championship event. CSPs are opportunities in which NCCAA student athletes and coaches go out into the community of a championship host and serve others.

Some CSPs have included visiting children's hospitals, serving the Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, reading to children in public schools, doing yard work around the community, writing soldiers overseas, working in food projects, visiting the elderly in nursing homes, and much more. Tens of thousands of hours have been given to communities across the nation through the NCCAA."

Carpenter noted that "the NCCAA regional and national championships will be very competitive and their emphasis on outreach ministry goes right along with our institutional philosophy."

Lee will be a member of the strong Mid-East Region and will be joined by Bluefield, Campbellsville, Covenant, Hiwassee, Mid-Continent, Mississippi College, old rival Tennessee Temple, Trevecca Nazarene, Union University, and Victory University in its quest for championship honors.

Three former SSAC rivals could also be in the national hunt, including Emmanuel, Shorter, and Southern Wesleyan University. The NCCAA has solid powers in other regions as well. Houghton, Malone, Mount Vernon, Roberts Wesleyan, Cedarville, Grace, Taylor, Indiana Wesleyan, and Spring Arbor represent the East and Mid-West regions, while Azusa, Fresno Pacific, The Master's, and Point Loma are listed as West members.



Front, from left – Emily Russell, softball coach; Larry Carpenter, athletic director; Andrea Hudson, volleyball coach and assistant AD. Standing, from left – Marty Rowe, women's basketball; Mark Brew, baseball; Matt Yelton, women's soccer; and Caleb Morgan, cross country.

## Going Out in Style

The Lee University teams left the NAIA collegiate association and conference after a powerful showing during the 2012–2013 season.

Lee athletics fielded 15 competitive teams this past year and eight walked away with conference regular season or tournament titles. In national tournament events, volleyball reached the final four, women's basketball lost in the championship game, baseball placed third in the World Series, and women's soccer saw its four-year run of national titles end in a penalty kick decision.

Athletic Director Larry Carpenter proudly carted the SSAC Commissioner's Cup back to the Lee campus for the eighth time over the past nine years. Lee also finished an all-time high of fifth in the national Learfield Sports Director's Cup standing.

"Knowing this was going to be the last year in the SSAC and NAIA, we wanted it to be our best," said Carpenter. "And what a year we had! Playing in arguably the toughest conference in the NAIA, we were able to win eight titles, surpassing our previous record of six, to secure the Commissioner's Cup one final time."

The AD added, "Our goal was always to finish in the Top 10 in the Learfield Sports Director's Cup; finishing fifth was a testament to how well we did. Our previous best had been thirteenth, so we were elated when the final rankings came out!"





*Students enjoy the pedestrian mall off of Billy Graham Avenue.*



**Helen Pearl Blackwood Case** passed away on September 2, 2013. She was 100 years old. A former teacher at Bible Training School in the mid-1930s and 1940s, Mrs. Case met her husband, **Hoyle '36** while he was a dormitory supervisor and student at BTS. Hoyle passed away in 2002. Together they served as missionaries to both India and Cuba and were the parents of three children.



**Laila Bare '68**, serves as chairman of the board for Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville, Va., where she was proud to share *Torch* with the PVCC president, Dr. Frank Friedman, at a recent graduation where Laila introduced the speaker.

**Fred Turner '69** and his wife, Nancy, live in Hamilton, Ohio. Fred was a member of the first European tour with Lee Singers in June 1967, where they recorded an album in London, England, during the six-day war between Egypt and Israel. Fred says, "I am looking forward to the fiftieth Lee Singers reunion in November."

**Rudy Burroughs '71** and his wife, Barbara celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 10, 2013, by taking a trip to Colorado Springs, where they visited the Air Force Academy, Rocky Mountain National Park, and took *Torch* to the top of Pike's Peak. Rudy retired from the Army as a chaplain in 1995. Since retiring, he has ministered as a marriage and family therapist. He and Barbara moved to Anderson, S.C. where they met over 55 years ago. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

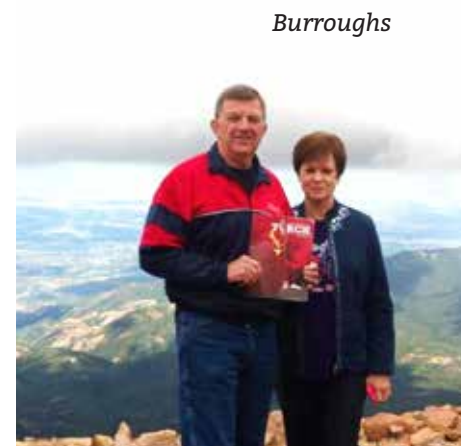
**Ric Shrubb '83** took *Torch* to the Kremlin in Moscow, where he served as a Fulbright Scholar to Russia this past April. Dr. Shrubb is the president of Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

**Anita Owens Rich '80** utilizes the services of "Mr. Lee" who assists in the CPR classes by Nurses Heart to Heart in Choibalsan, Mongolia.

**Michael Lane Morris '81** was recently appointed associate dean for undergraduate programs and student affairs in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Business Administration. He has been a member of the UT faculty for 20 years. Lane is married to Julie, and they have three children.



**Marc Morris '84** and **Cameron Fisher '84** display *Torch* midway up the "World's Steepest Street," according to the Guinness Book of World Records. They recently traveled to Dunedin, New Zealand, and other "Down Under" countries. Marc serves as leader for the Austral/Asia region of the Church of God, while Cameron is coordinator of publications and community relations for the Church of God International Offices.



Burroughs



Bare



Rich



Graham



Morris

Fisher

**Robert Graham '89** was named in June as provost of Grove City College. He is a former professor at Lee University and was most recently provost at Waynesburg University. Graham said of the appointment, "I am honored to have the opportunity to serve Grove City College students, faculty, and administration as provost. Grove City College has a rich heritage of faith-filled excellence." Dr. Graham is married to **Cheryl Adkins Graham '89**.

**Kerrie Bringman Wills '89** lives in Bronwood, Ga., with her husband, Lamar, and their daughter, Diana, whom Kerrie home-schools. Kerrie says, "Life is good, and God is faithful!"

## Professor Emeritus Eugene Christenbury Passes Away

**Dr. Eugene C. Christenbury, 89**, a retired professor emeritus at Lee, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

He was a former long-time religion faculty member, teaching primarily courses in Christian education. His academic degrees included a B.A. in sociology and psychology from George Peabody College, an M.A. in educational administration and guidance from George Peabody College, an M.A. in religious studies from the Church of God Theological Seminary, an Ed. D. in administration and counseling from Burton College and an Ed. D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Tennessee.

Additional graduate work was done by Dr. Christenbury at Davidson College, the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, and the University of Tennessee School of Social Work. His seminary training was received at Vanderbilt University School of Religion, Central Baptist Seminary, Northern Baptist Seminary, Tennessee Temple Baptist Seminary, and the Church of God Theological Seminary.

The ministerial experience of Dr. Christenbury included serving the Church of God as an evangelist, pastor, state youth director, Christian education director, administrator, and educator. In 1960, he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Church of God Home for Children in Sevierville. In this role, he was responsible for organizing and implementing the Department of Social Services in 1963.

Dr. Christenbury is survived by his wife of 66 years, Benita M. (Farris) Christenbury; one son, Steve, and wife, Piper; one daughter, Brenda Pace and husband, Richard, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.





**David Leroy Shreve '93**, of Weirton, W.Va., passed away on July 17, 2013. David was a retired Church of God minister and, at the time of his death, was the associate pastor at Victory Life Ministries in Burgettstown, Pa. David is survived by his wife of 45 years, Darlene (Flanigan) Shreve, a daughter, son, and grandson.

**Mike Pigg '94**, vice president of the Cumberland Region for Life Care Centers of America, was recently featured in the prestigious *Chattanooga CityScope* magazine's The Gold Club as one of 30 influential business leaders in the Chattanooga, Tenn. area. The leaders were chosen for the club for "their exceptional leadership skills," editors noted. The article stated, "Mike Pigg's peers and employees describe him as an honorable, driven man who is always focused on improvement. . . He motivates his associates to be involved in the community daily, and is enthusiastic about sharing success stories from the nine facilities he oversees."

**Allison Williams Campbell '98, Deann McHamm Champagne '96, Paige Boyd Martin '98, and Kerin Bicknell Cornett '00**



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reconnected over a Torch at the Thirty-One Gifts National Conference in Atlanta, where Deann was promoted to national executive director, and Paige was promoted to a senior director.

**Michael Raburn '99, '01M**, of Plant City, Fla., recently received his doctoral degree in religion from Duke University. He is currently a minister at The Vineyard North, a church in Wakefield, N.C.

**Lisa Brookbank '02** graduated last April with an A.S. in nursing from Kettering College. She is now working as an R.N. on a cardiac telemetry unit at Atrium Medical Center in Middletown, Ohio.

**Christopher '06 and Erica Camp '06**, live in Rochester, Minn., where Christopher is a fourth-year orthopedic surgery resident at the Mayo Clinic. Erica says: "On our way to Florida for a three-month rotation



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at Mayo Jacksonville, we finally had the chance to stop by Lee's campus. We wanted to show our daughter, Annabelle, where it all began. We took this picture right outside the Beach (science) building. We are hoping Annabelle's

excitement for Lee means she will someday want to be a student there herself! The campus looks great and made us both happy and homesick at the same time!"

**Jill Dancy '06** recently traveled to Maua, Kenya, on a 16-day missions trip. She completed her master's degree in educational media through Appalachian State University. Currently, she works as curriculum and technology specialist at the school she attended as a child, Shady Brook Elementary in Kannapolis, N.C.



Dancy

**Richane Johnson Robbins '06, '08M** was 2012–2013 District Finalist Teacher of the Year at Spaulding Middle School in Lamar, South Carolina, within Darlington County School District. She is also an author and grant recipient of Reaching Science Goals through On-Hands Learning through the Darlington County Education Foundation. Richane, her husband, Patrick, and their two-year-old son recently moved to Greenville, S.C. for Richane's sixth year of teaching at Riverside Middle School, teaching seventh- and eighth-grade science.

**Amy Lapine '07** married Chris Branson in September 2013, and she is currently working as coordinator of foundation grants at Chatfield College in St. Martin, Ohio. The couple resides in Aimee's hometown of Wilmington, Ohio.

**David Chism '09** received a doctorate in worship studies from the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies in June. He is now the associate pastor of Worship Ministries at First Baptist Church of Waterloo, Ill., where he lives with his wife, Lana. David said, "When I stepped out of my car on the Lee campus, I knew, without a doubt, I was at home. I was one of the first to study church music under Dr. Brad Moffett, and one of the last to study under the late Dr. David Horton. Those years were the most intense and memorable of my life."

**Chad '10 and Stephanie Todd James '12** are living in Parker, Colo., where Chad is an executive director for Life Care Centers of America.

**Rachael Huber '11** is a corps member at Teach For America 2012 and pursuing an M.Ed. degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

**Lindsey Pruitt '12** has been named manager of new business development for the East Coast market of OsoBio. Working in her new capacity in OsoBio's Philadelphia location, Pruitt will identify and foster new business opportunities throughout the northeast. Most recently, she served as manager of commercial operations and sales for Siegfried USA.



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