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A TALENTED TEAM IN ITS PRIME

This past year has been a time of exceptional accomplishment by several members of our senior administrative team. Most of these leaders do excellent work on a day-to-day basis, receiving little individual attention. In the past few months, however, there have been so many outstanding performances, I find myself especially grateful to be working with such a talented team in its prime.

Consider these recent developments:

- The successful completion of our ten-year self-study for reaccreditation with the Southern Association - Commission on Colleges. This is our most important accreditation, and **Dr. Jayson VanHook** led a large team through a two-year process which ended recently. We won't get a final verdict until December, but the work is completed, the SACS-COC review teams have completed their evaluation, and we are expecting a very positive result.
- The final step in our three-year journey toward full membership in the NCAA, Division II. We jumped through the final hoops this summer, got a glowing review of our work, and officially became full NCAA members on September 1. Lots of people worked hard to get us there, but **Cole Strong**, who was recently named Assistant Vice President for Operations, directed the task force which for the past two years has managed this process.
- The beginning of clinical rotations by our first set of nursing students. We successfully completed the first year of our emerging nursing program, and now are seeing Lee students in hospitals doing clinical training. **Dr. Debbie Murray** and her predecessor as academic v.p., **Dr. Carolyn Dirksen**, are working with the dean and faculty of nursing every step of the way, as we work toward the full implementation of this challenging new academic field.
- Back-to-back announcements last month from our Office of Grants: new grants of \$1.1 million and \$600,000, both funding programs which will focus on student success. **Vanessa Hammond**, director of our grants office, spearheaded both efforts, writing the proposals and coordinating the work of many faculty and staff through the complex and (obviously) successful process.

There are lots of other good things happening here; these are just a few. But in each of these accomplishments this summer, we see the same pattern: strong leadership, by individual administrators, over a sustained period of time, successfully leading dozens of their talented colleagues toward important goals which make Lee University a better place.

No wonder I love working here!

SUMMER HONORS

THIRTY YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

By Cameron Fisher

In the summer of 1986, a new program was introduced at Lee that would go fundamentally unchanged for the next 30 years. Summer Honors was originally designed to give high school students a head start on college life—to introduce them to the campus and in two weeks earn six hours of college credit, while living in the dorm, eating in the cafeteria, and meeting fellow classmates via organized activities.



Summer Honors group photo from 1986.



Summer Honors was launched on July 7, 1986, when 22 graduates from the high school class of 1986 joined 11 rising seniors to form the first Summer Honors class. The students were screened and chosen from dozens of applicants for the new program. They came from 10 states, and for the next two weeks, they would study under the best Lee professors in courses designed especially for Summer Honors.

From June 14–26, 2015, students came together for the thirtieth Summer Honors—this time from the classes of 2015–2016 and in a record-breaking number of 175 students from states all across the nation.

"Hard to believe it's been that long; still it's very vivid," stated Jeff Greenway, a participant in 1986. "The program was a great introduction to the school and made for a much easier transition from high school to college. Many of my most enduring friendships at Lee began that summer. I became close to Dr. (Carolyn) Dirksen, who was very warm and kind. I eventually became an English major and took a couple of her courses."

Jeff is now a commercial real estate lawyer and a partner of Troutman Sanders LLP, an international law firm headquartered in

Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Kerri, '90 have three children between the ages of 11 and 20.

The basic schedule was, and is, a morning class and an afternoon class. That first year the courses included such distinctive titles as "Contemporary Communication: Spoken and Written," and "Gospel With a Conscience: Lessons From Luke." Both courses—like 2015—carried three hours of credit and upon successful completion would apply toward the student's core requirements.

The afternoons and evenings are chock-full of activities and events, many of which have become traditions. Some of the staples include a "Get-to-know-you" mixer on the first day together, a formal "night on the town," and "Greek Olympics," where the SH participants are divided into Greek letter groups, choosing their name and designing distinctive shirts for the culminating event. Greek Olympics has proven to be the most enduring activity as the groups battle it out with shaving cream, water guns, and assorted edible items.

"The inaugural Summer Honors came as one of many imaginative and foresighted ideas of Dr. Paul Conn," stated Dr. Bill Balzano, who led the first program. "I was honored and excited to lead it and

to see this innovative program grow and expand over the last thirty years. As I reflect back, it was Dr. Conn's desire to bring to the Lee Campus, the very brightest students from across the country to experience the collegiate atmosphere, to meet new friends, and to engage in college-level course work... and to introduce



those students to Lee. He certainly succeeded in doing just that."

Dr. Mike Hayes, current vice president for Student Development at Lee, has been at the leadership helm of Summer Honors for the last ten years.

"While many of the core ideas have been consistent since 1986," Hayes said, "we've adapted Summer Honors to reflect how Lee has transformed over the years. We now include a service day on Saturday to help students learn the importance of serving the community. We want them to know that this is a core commitment of the university. The focus of the courses has evolved as well. We have expanded course offerings to reflect curricular and programmatic changes at Lee."

Dr. Brad Moffett has taught Summer Honors for nine years and has a unique perspective since he was a student of the program in 1987–1988.

"Summer Honors gave me a chance to broaden my thinking, build lifelong relationships, and literally fall in love with the whole Lee experience," Moffett stated. "Now almost 30 years later, teaching in the Summer Honors program gives me the chance to pass on a similar experience to a whole new generation of Lee students." This summer Moffett taught "Ancient/Future Worship."

"Another key shift has been to utilize current students and resident assistants as counselors," Hayes continued. "We know that one of the most



potent influences on college students is the peer group. Having current students in these roles (rather than recent graduates) helps to harness the peer effect, since the Summer Honors students coming to Lee will see those older students. It's a way to maximize the impact of Summer Honors beyond the two-week experience.

"Directing Summer Honors is an opportunity to change life trajectories," Hayes concluded. "Expecting significant life change in two weeks seems a bit unrealistic, but we can plant some seeds that can impact lives well beyond Summer Honors. Just this year, we focused on the faith development theme of 'In Whose Image?' We've talked with a number of students who have returned home and begun to make some serious changes in the way they see themselves and others."

While the leadership can plan for and observe the effects of Summer Honors, no one portrays the program's true effectiveness better than the students themselves. Mallory Wickam is a freshman at Lee who was one of the 175 who just completed Summer Honors 2015 in June:

"Summer Honors was an amazing experience for me. I don't think I have ever grown so deeply in the spiritual, academic, and relational aspects of my life over any two weeks as I did during Summer Honors. I know that it has been and will continue to become more valuable as I begin college. Lee is gifted with talented speakers and worship leaders who enriched my walk with Jesus and helped me grow spiritually."

I think one of the best things about it was the connections I made with professors, administrators, RAs, RDs, and fellow students. My RA group of girls was incredible, and I had the



privilege to disciple and journey with them each day. I made too many friends to count, and I don't feel so nervous about not knowing anyone in my classes anymore!

The two weeks were so well planned that I didn't have to worry about anything. We had something to do every night, like bowling trips or formal dinners; and it all went very smoothly. I can tell that all the faculty and staff at Lee put students first and genuinely care about their spiritual, academic, and overall well-being.

Some of the best professors on Lee's campus were invited to teach Summer Honors classes—I know that to be true, because I experienced it for myself. I took Dr. Laura Singletary's class on code making and code breaking, and while I have taken advanced math classes before, I had never used math to encrypt a message, and it was fascinating. I was also in Dr. Jeff Salyer's film experience class, and I loved the mix of film history and film technique that was included in the curriculum.

I had so much fun at Summer Honors, but more important, I am a better person because I went through the program. I am more mature in my faith, I've made deeper connections, I learned so much, and it has prepared me to walk confidently onto Lee's campus in August."





by Aly Oswald

Going into our Lee University Global Perspectives trip to South Africa, our professor, Dr. Stephen Swindle, gave us one simple instruction: "Always say 'yes.'"

We learned quickly what that phrase would mean for us on our three-week journey. It stretched us to new heights, broadened our cultural perspective, and helped us interact with the beautiful people we came in contact with daily. We said "yes" to children asking us to play soccer with them; to slashing grass all day with a machete; to Dorah when she asked us to eat Mopane worms and chicken feet; to eating cow's cheek in a tin shack; to learning the native's handshake greeting; to learning the new sights, smells, and sounds of South Africa—I, personally, even had to say "yes" when a Zulu chief tried to buy me with 11 cows at a cultural village (don't worry, it was all for show). The friendly people of South Africa made saying "yes" easy for our team. They were vibrant, cheerful, welcoming, and kind.

The morning of Saturday, May 9, came quickly. After months of preparation, our alarms finally went off at 5 a.m. telling us, "It's time!" We stumbled out of bed and loaded the cars with our luggage. We were finally on our way to South Africa—only an eight-hour drive and an eighteen-hour plane ride stood in our way.

After thirty hours of travel, we finally arrived at Bethesda Outreach Ministries. Prior to our trip, we had been given information about Bethesda. We knew that they rescued and housed orphans, and we also knew that they had a school on their property; but no amount of information could have prepared us for what we experienced. We interacted closely with the children on the property, as well as the house parents who care for them.



We learned of the heartache that the children had gone through, and we also learned of how they have thrived since arriving at Bethesda. When you finally put a name and a face to the stories you have heard, you become attached.

Playing and being with the children was definitely a highlight for our team, but we also engaged in many other activities. We prepared Bethesda's property for a "Fun Run" that would raise support and awareness for their ministry; laid bricks for a carport for the school children to stand under while waiting for their rides; visited multiple museums and monuments to learn about the history of South Africa; bartered with the locals at Hartbeespoort; visited the squatter town of Stinkwater to play with the children living there; participated

in braais, which is the South African equivalent to the American BBQ (just with different cuisine); and we went on a game drive to experience some of the beautiful animals that live in that area of Africa.

After exciting adventures at Bethesda, we had to say goodbye to the children and staff and load up our ten-person passenger van to head to our next destination—Cosmo City. While in Cosmo City, we worked with Cosmo City Baptist Church, conducting a VBS for the kids in the community. We sang, danced, taught, played, crafted, and prayed with the children. Though we were there to pour into them, they poured into us as well. They showed us what it meant to be content with what you have in any circumstance and to be grateful for even the smallest of gifts—such as a paper compass that we made with them. Their smiling faces and warm eyes are imprinted into each of our hearts forever.

During our time in Cosmo City, we took advantage of the other things that the city had to offer such as, the Lion Park, the Door of Hope, a bike tour of the Soweto Township, and a trip to a cultural village where we learned about the origins of the different native tribes.

This trip was a mix of education and service. Learning about the history prior to our trip was crucial, so that we could better understand the people whom we encountered, as well as be more effective in our ministry. Our team thoroughly enjoyed our time in South Africa—and I believe that any other student would as well.

Aly Oswald is a sophomore, majoring in business management, but looking to switch to social work after going on this trip. She is from Mount Juliet, Tenn.



Aly Oswald cozies up to one of the many children with whom she became close on her excursion to South Africa.

AFTER 15 YEARS STRONGER THAN EVER SUMMER CAMPS

By Karen Chambliss

Even though many traditional students go home for the summer, Lee University is far from empty between spring and fall semesters. Even aside from the enrollment of Lee students in the three, month-long summer school sessions, the campus bustles with a different group of residents. Thousands of people of all ages, from around the country, gather here. The reasons are as diverse as the visitors themselves, but can be summed up in two words: summer conferences.

This is the fifteenth year that Lee has hosted summer conferences. Since 2000, when Student Life, Tennessee Teen, and Evangelical Presbyterian Camps brought 2,151 total attendees, Lee's service to the community has grown exponentially. Including this year's estimated 10,000 attendees, more than 143,000 people have visited Lee for a summer conference since 2000. While here, they most likely slept in a dorm, ate in the cafeteria, and sat in a classroom, not to mention played on and explored Lee's campus.

Most of the groups that visit are composed of high-schoolers, according to Lee's director of Event Planning, Kim Brooks.

"These conferences give large numbers of prospective Lee students a taste of the Lee experience while enriching their lives through their camp's activities," Brooks said.

According to Brooks, one camp in particular, Great Escape, has fully embraced all that Lee's campus has to offer. Beginning in the mid-'80s and coming to Lee in 2001 (and returning every year since then), Great Escape is one of the only camps structured for the middle school student. It is also unique among other similar camps, because it is organized, planned, and led by families, not full-time staffers.

"Since the camp has been established for so long and attendees have such rewarding experiences, one of the Great Escape staff members shared with the Lee staff that there are college students who work with Great Escape and later come back, leading their own youth groups through the camp," Brooks said. "To the Great Escape staff



and campers, their week at Lee University every summer is much more than water slides and worship services."

"They think of themselves more as a big family that pushes each other to know Christ better through their interactions during this shared week at Lee," said Jade Long, Brooks' secretary. Long added, "They said that Lee as a whole is known as gracious, from physical plant to the dining-hall staff to the grounds workers to the Event Planning office."

For the staffers and attendees of Great Escape and so many other conferences, the Lee campus is a second home every summer. "We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back again next year," said Brooks.

In addition to outside summer conferences, numerous members of Lee's faculty and staff work

soccer, softball, and golf this summer.

Kay McDaniel's Tennis Clinic, now in its twenty-fourth year, was attended by 400 campers in June, a record-breaking number. The School of Music offered a five-track music camp, with different choices for music lovers, college prep, piano, jazz, or worship leaders. Dr. John Simmons and Lee art students taught two art camps, and Dr. Christine Williams and the theatre program offered an elementary-age theatre camp, as well as an opportunity for teens to produce and act in a summer play.

Additionally, two computer camps were offered by Dr. Mava Wilson and Dr. Chris Blake, along with Lee TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) who organized a camp for students learning English as a second language. Dr. Brian Peterson coordinated two archaeology camps for students in collaboration with the exhibit Khirbet el-Maqatir: History of a Biblical Site at Cleveland's Five Points Museum. The 2015

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tirelessly to offer more than 25 different summer camps to the community.

Summer Honors campers take specialized classes, serve the community, live in Lee dorms, and experience a variety of social activities for a two-week glimpse of Lee life. More than 173 high school juniors and seniors participated in Summer Honors this year, an all-time record for attendance (see article this issue).

Athletic coaching staff Mark Brew, Tommy Brown, Marty Rowe, Jan Spangler, Paul Furey, Chris Hennessey, Emily Russell, and John Maupin organized and led camps for basketball, baseball,

Rocket City Science Camps, organized by Dr. Jason Robinson, were held in June as Camp Discovery (for second-fourth grade students) and Camp Explore (for fifth-eighth grade students). Dr. Caroline Maher-Boulis also taught a camp called Bringing Life to Mathematics where students interacted with Lee faculty and staff to see how math can apply to real life.

"There are endless lessons to be learned and experiences to be had on Lee's campus all through the year," Brooks concluded, "but the summers are full of opportunities for students of all ages to come and learn, connect and grow."

Nursing Program Experiences Miracle of Life

By Emma Liem,
Editor-in-Chief, Lee Clarion



McBrayer

This summer, Lee University's School of Nursing added a new piece of technology to its repertoire—a fully automated birth simulator.

The hyper-realistic SimMom manikin, affectionately dubbed "Natalie" by nursing students and faculty, is housed in a birthing lab on the second floor of the Dixon Center, Professional Practice Coordinator Shannon McBrayer said.

"She's the best-kept secret on campus," McBrayer said. "She gives birth as close to real life as possible."

The SimMom model is a cutting-edge, mechanical-patient simulator, created by Laerdal, a company specializing in state-of-the-art simulation technology. The birth simulator was ordered along with several other semi-automated adult and infant manikins.

McBrayer said Natalie is fully

equipped with a birth canal and a five-and-a-half-pound manikin baby inside her abdomen, as well as fake amniotic fluid and blood that can be released during delivery. Natalie can also be programmed to speak, either through preprogrammed statements logged into the device's computer system or by a professor speaking through a headset, McBrayer said. A microphone can also be clipped to the manikin's hospital gown, allowing the professor to hear students' replies even when not in the room.

"While she's in active labor, she's hooked up to the monitor so the students can watch her contractions, see the fetal heart tones on the screen, and hear bowel sounds," McBrayer said. "We basically press a few buttons, and out pops a baby!" The baby



Campbell



is delivered with a faux and reattachable umbilical cord that students must cut upon delivery, and is followed by a fake placenta.

Dean Sara Campbell of the School of Nursing said that despite the manikin's perceived novelty, this type of technology is actually the norm for most nursing programs.

"It's an area of education that really started growing about eight years ago," Campbell said. "I'd say that, if at this point you don't have some kind of simulation, you're really behind. Everyone has some form of this technology now; it just depends to what degree they have it."

McBrayer said that nursing students at Lee begin a ten-week clinical experience during their third year of the program. The clinical period includes five weeks of practice with patient simulators, followed by five weeks of working in local hospitals.

Senior Bryn Dawdy is thrilled by the opportunity to work with real patients at Erlanger East as an undergrad.

"My first five weeks of clinical, I will be working with community health and then moving into the hospital for my OB rotation," Dawdy said. "It's been incredible to see the Lord work, and I know we will all learn so much from being in such a good hospital setting. I can't wait to put everything I have learned in my classes and labs into practice."

Campbell believes there are real advantages for both instructors and students, who use patient simulators before beginning clinicals in a real-world environment. "Students can make an error and it won't be as critical, so it allows a whole new type of learning environment where the student can learn and then go back and debrief with the team about what the consequences were," Campbell said. "Plus, when the person asks if you've done it before, you can say, 'yes I have!'"

McBrayer echoed this sentiment and said she values the opportunities for hands-on experience the manikins provide.

"You can talk about concepts all day long, but when you come over here and touch it, feel it, hear it, and learn how to raise and lower the side rails on the beds and things like that—that's when you start seeing light bulbs going off."

Students who have begun their clinicals can be seen wearing Lee's official burgundy scrubs and navy jackets around campus as they go to and from on-campus labs and the women's health centers at nearby SkyRidge and Erlanger East hospitals.

McBrayer said that third-year students are set to begin assisting with live births at these locations in the next few weeks. This class will be the first to graduate from Lee's nursing program in 2017.

Groff looks forward to the construction of the School of Nursing building, which is set to open in fall of 2016.

"Lots of people know about the theology program, and lots of people know about the music program, but not many people know much about the nursing program yet," Groff said. "It's encouraging to have this kind of support, and know that people want to build us a building."

McBrayer said she feels honored to work in a setting that teaches nursing from a Christ-centered perspective.

"The energy and excitement is awesome right now," MacBrayer said. "We have such beautiful people in this program; they have drive and servants' hearts, and I think that's awesome. They're not doing it for the paycheck; they're doing it because they want to help people. They want to do good, and they want to make a difference."

School of Nursing Breaking New Ground



Construction begins soon on a highly anticipated new structure on campus—one that will be devoted to the study of nursing and one of Lee's newest major programs of study launched last fall.

Construction has now begun on a new building to house the nursing program. Its location will be at the corner of 6th and Parker Streets and will be a three-story building with entrances on two levels. The main entrance will face Parker Street at street level, while a second-floor entrance will empty onto the new South Quad, scheduled to be completed simultaneously in the fall of 2016 with the School of Nursing

Building and the renovation of the former First Baptist Church educational wing into the School of Business.

According to Cole Strong, assistant vice president for operations at Lee, the building will be square, containing approximately 35,000 square feet.

"We are excited to get this project going," Strong said. "This facility will provide an opportunity for our nursing students to receive a high-tech, hands-on, learning experience that will prepare them for a career of caring for others."

Until the building opens, the School of Nursing offices are located in the Monument Building on Ocoee Street.



With Keeble Hall in the background, a house on 6th Street is razed; an architect's rendering of the new School of Nursing building shows the view from the future "south quad," looking east. The building will also have a three-story view from Parker Street, looking west.

Five Lots Cleared This Summer

Property improvements around the Parker Street corridor got a major boost when five houses on Parker and Trunk Streets were razed in late July. Highlighting the activity was clearance of a house on the corner of 6th Street, which was the last house facing the Lee campus on Parker Street between 4th and 20th Streets. Directly behind it were four dilapidated houses facing Trunk Street that, upon their removal, opened sightlines and may provide parking for the upcoming School of Nursing.



Plans Finalized for Ladies of Lee 50th Celebration

Current members and alumni are planning a weekend of memory-making for the hundreds who have been part of Lee's only all-female choir—Ladies of Lee. Mark your calendars to join the celebration of the 50th anniversary at this year's Homecoming, November 6–8 on the Lee campus.

Ladies of Lee Events Schedule:

Friday, November 6, 2015:

12:00–6:00 p.m.—Registration
6:30–7:45 p.m.—Ladies of Lee Reunion Choir Mass Rehearsal
8:00–9:30 p.m.—50th Anniversary Reception

Saturday, November 7:

1:30–3:00 p.m.—Ladies of Lee Mixer and Rehearsal
3:00–4:30 p.m.—Logistics rehearsal/sound check
7:00 p.m.—Homecoming Music Festival, featuring Reunion Choir
8:00 p.m.—Dessert mixer

Sunday, November 8, 2015:

9:00–10:15 a.m.—Ladies of Lee Worship Service with alumni, family, and friends

The cost for the entire weekend will be \$50. Registration will take place online through the Lee University Homecoming site. Visit www.leeuniversity.edu and click on the Homecoming banner to register for specific Homecoming events. Ladies of Lee alums are also requested to submit photos to send prior to the reunion to ladiesoflee@leeuniversity.edu. The planning group is also looking for recordings and old concert attire, such as dresses. Please contact Marci Maddalena at mmadda00@leeu.edu if you have any of these items. Photos and videos are needed by September 28.



First MBAs Awarded During Summer Graduation

Lee University conferred 211 degrees Saturday, August 1, in its summer commencement ceremony. The event is one of three graduation weekends conducted at Lee each year.

Of the 211 degrees conferred on Saturday, 139 were bachelor's degrees and 72 were graduate degrees, 21 of which went to the first graduates from Lee's Master of Business Administration program.

Attendees heard Dr. James Catanzaro deliver a challenging message to the graduates in a packed Conn Center. Catanzaro's 24-year tenure at Chattanooga State Community College was marked by rapid growth in enrollment, the addition of numerous programs, and extensive development of the physical campus. He has been known nationally as an entrepreneurial leader in higher education for 37 years, and he has served four colleges as president.

The veteran educator gave four pieces of advice to the graduates: (1) "Plot your course carefully, using knowledge you have gained about yourself; (2) Seek out a mentor and seek to become one; (3) Stay rooted spiritually, continuing to serve others; and (4) Give back to your alma mater by being the graduate Lee can be proud of, living well every day, and making wise choices."

Saturday's ceremony was preceded by the Commissioning Service on Friday night, July 31, which featured six student speakers sharing their experiences at Lee. These included Abisola Adedo, Charles Benitez, Ryan Ferrell, Chelsea Miller, Caitlin Schrider, and Alexandra Swope.



MBA group photo: From left to right. Row 1: Philip Rickard (associate professor of accounting); Marissa Wood; Melissa Satta; Jessica Silvers; Abby Black. Row 2: Philip Garner; Jennifer Patrick; Josh Taylor; Cory Gates; John Maupin; Dr. Dewayne Thompson (chair, Department of Business). Row 3: Brian Elrod; Aaron Weatherford; Tripp Graham; Morgan Adams. Row 4: Jesse Houle; Byron Whittington; Dr. Shane Griffith (director, Graduate Studies in Business); Jeff Steve; Mohamed Aden. Not pictured: Abisola Adedo, RuiLin Liu; Wendy Pierce; Richard Zuzart.

Special Events, Chapels to be Video Streamed

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Starting this fall, the Lee University website will allow visitors to watch every Conn Center chapel, athletic event, and most music concerts through expanded live video streaming.

According to Dr. Jeff Salyer, director of Media Services at Lee, streaming services have been expanded every year since 2008.

"Live streaming provides a glimpse of the excitement that our students experience on campus for our prospective students, alumni, community, and friends," said Salyer. "At the same time, we are training

students to produce high-quality content that will help them in their futures as digital media leaders."

"We have had considerable demand for streaming more of our events," President Conn said. "So we have invested some money in better technology and will be upping our game in this respect. We want the public, whether local or around the world, to be able to enjoy more of our campus events."

For more information about what will be available through the Livestream website, please visit www.livestream.com/LeeU.



Lee Hosts

Teen Talent Competition

For the third time, Lee played host to thousands of young people who descended upon Cleveland, August 3-7, to participate in the traditional Church of God Teen Talent competition.

The event, held every two years, included five days of competition between state and regional winners of Teen Talent, with a climactic awards ceremony on Friday night on the lawn of the Math and Science Complex. Until 2008, Teen Talent ran simultaneously with the biennial Church of God International General Assembly in whatever city the Assembly was held. The event moved to Lee's campus in 2011.

"This year the logistics of Teen Talent functioned better than they ever have," stated director of Youth and Discipleship, Gary Lewis. "No doubt, moving Teen Talent to the Lee campus was the best decision. Everything

is better: the venues, the flow, the housing, the activities, and most important, the cost (for the participants)." Lewis complimented the leadership at Lee and their willingness to accommodate the thousands of student competitors, parents, chaperones, and youth leaders descending on the campus.

This year all competitions were fully conducted at Lee venues. In 2013, it was necessary to conduct some portions of Teen Talent at nearby North Cleveland Church of God, but music competition this year was held in the newly christened Pangle Hall. Drama was held at the Conn Center, Bible competition took place in the Dixon Center, and art winners were displayed in the lobby of the Science and Math Complex. During the week, students lived in the residence halls, and various activities were held in the evening on the campus.

Hundreds of students, like these from South Georgia, spent five days on the Lee campus during Teen Talent 2015.

Lee students Coleman Bailey, Tiffany Alley, and Jonathan Wooten work in square P22 at Khirbet el-Maqatir this summer, with Dr. Brian Peterson (2nd from right).



Lee University's Dr. Brian Peterson and Dr. William Simmons recently presented at the annual Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) lecture series in Jerusalem, Israel. The lecture series, focused on biblical archaeology, is associated with ABR's ongoing work at Khirbet el-Maqatir, an archaeological dig where both Peterson and Simmons have worked.

Peterson presented a paper discussing first-century home construction techniques. "This presentation was rooted in my excavations at Khirbet el-Maqatir, which have given me insight into how houses in the central highlands of Israel were constructed during the time of Jesus," said Peterson. "This work in turn may help us understand Jesus' role as a 'carpenter' living in the hills of Galilee" (Mark 6:3).

Simmons presented a paper titled, "Jewish Conflict and the Roman Conquest of Israel" that examined the detrimental effects of internal Jewish factions on Israel's

security compared to the external threat of the Romans.

"My paper interweaves archaeological finds and artifacts such as coins, pottery, weaponry, and ruins of ancient buildings and palaces that evidence the traumatic history of Israel, especially as it relates to the Bible and the New Testament period," said Simmons. "The goal was to provide the archaeologists and students with a conceptual and historical framework to understand better and interpret what they were digging out of the ground every day on the dig site."

Recently, Peterson and Simmons also gave presentations at the Museum Center at Five Points in Cleveland for the nine-month exhibition titled, "Khirbet el-Maqatir: History of a Biblical Site." The exhibit, which will be in Cleveland until December, displays over 40 different objects to tell the story of Khirbet el-Maqatir, thought to be the site of the ancient city of Ai as described in the Bible in the Book of Joshua, chapters 7-8.

Simmons and Peterson Present in Israel

Lamb Named "Tennessee Treasure"

Lee University's Dr. William Lamb recently received the Tennessee Treasure award from the Tennessee Campus Compact (TNCC) on behalf of his work with Lee's Leonard Center.

"The TNCC is pleased to award the 2015 Tennessee Treasure Award to Dr. William Lamb," said Dr. Mani Hull, executive director of TNCC. "Dr. Lamb merits this special distinction for his stellar contributions to campus-community engagement. He is highly regarded by his peers and is the epitome of a service-learning champion."

According to Hull, the Tennessee Treasure award is given annually to service-learning



Lamb

champions at TNCC member institutions. The TNCC mobilizes engaged campuses to strengthen student learning and revitalize communities contributing to workforce and economic development.

Lee's Leonard Center guides students in service-learning and partners with various organizations to give students the opportunity to engage in a high-impact learning experience while promoting the mission of community organizations.

—Karen Chambless

Lee Awarded \$1.1 Million Grant

Lee University was awarded a million-dollar-plus grant from the Federal Department of Education. President Paul Conn and director of grants, Vanessa Hammond, announced it early this semester.

The grant, a five-year award of \$1.1 million, will fund a new program designed to help Lee students succeed and graduate. The project will be called LEAP, an acronym for the "Learn, Engage, and Achieve Program," and will focus on students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or have a learning disability.

Hammond, who coordinates grant relations and wrote the proposal for the LEAP project, said the award is part of the federal initiative called Student Support Services, which is part of the TRIO Program. Grants are awarded every five years on a competitive basis, and a total of \$270 million was awarded nationwide in the 2015 round of grants.

"This new program and the money to fund it underscore Lee's mission to serve students from a wide range of backgrounds and the commitment to help them succeed." She said the program will be directed as part of the academic program, led by Vice President Debbie Murray, and will involve other staff from across the entire campus.



Murray said the program will involve 140 students and will start officially on October 1, 2015, and continue for five years. "We will be providing success coaching, peer mentoring, and enhanced academic support for these students," she said. "The goal is to increase their academic achievement, of course, and that will naturally lead to higher retention and graduation rates."

The program also will provide direct student aid, as well as financial aid counseling, financial literacy education and job placement assistance to reduce attrition due to financial need and reduce reliance on student loans.

Lee University will invest over \$167,000 per year of institutional funds in LEAP, primarily in scholarships, providing 43% of the overall program budget.

Hammond said two-thirds of the grant funds will cover personnel costs to conduct the program.

Dr. Suzanne Holt has been selected to direct the LEAP program. She is a veteran of the Lee University leadership team, and holds a doctorate from the University of Tennessee/Knoxville.

Lee Vaults in USN&WR Rankings

This year's list of top colleges and universities as ranked by U.S. News & World Report was released on September 9, with Lee University moving up in several categories.

Through the years the USN&WR college rankings have become a benchmark for which all U.S. institutions strive. Lee has placed on several lists over the last decade, rising by a few percentage points every year.

Dr. Jayson VanHook, vice president for information services at Lee and whose office coordinates the research which goes into the USN&WR rankings, noted one of the most significant jumps was in the Regional Universities-South category where Lee moved from 57th last year to 46th on this year's list: a rise of eleven spots.

"There are several factors that likely contributed to this rise in the rankings," VanHook said. "We had increases in student retention (2%), graduation (2%), the percentage of classes with students under 20 (3%), and a decrease in the percentage of classes with over 50 (2%). All of these figures and a lot more go into the dynamics of the rankings."

VanHook said Lee's placement on five lists also included Best Online Degree Programs (ranked 131), Great Schools, Great Prices-Regional Universities in the South (14 of 15), Best Colleges for Veterans-Regional Universities in the South (35 of 35), and A+ Schools for B Students-Regional Universities in the South.

"We have experienced success with our online programs since the inception of the Division of Adult Learning, and it was nice to see Lee ranked among the Best Online Degree programs," VanHook stated. "I was particularly pleased to see Lee appearing in some of the specialty rankings like 'Great Schools, Great Values' and 'A+ Schools for B Students.' These rankings reflect some of our core commitments as an institution, and it is good to be recognized in this way."



VanHook

Fall 2015 Enrollment

Lee University's fall enrollment was boosted by a "strong upsurge" of incoming freshmen, closing registration last week with an overall enrollment of 5,041 students.

Freshman enrollment is up 10 percent over last year, according to Phil Cook, vice president for enrollment. Some 835 full-time freshmen signed up for classes this fall, compared to 757 last year. Along with the growth, this year's freshman class is also the most academically talented in Lee's history, Cook said, with the average ACT score moving above 24 for the first time. (The average for all high school students in Tennessee this year is just above 19.)

"This is truly extraordinary," said Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn, about the gains in Lee's incoming freshman class. "With all the emphasis this year on community colleges, Tennessee Promise, and the lower cost of state institutions, we had braced ourselves for a potential downturn in our freshman class; but, we've had just the reverse. A 10 percent increase in freshmen is an exciting positive sign of our popularity among students and families looking for an enriched college experience."

The big freshman class gives Lee another year of growth in its "core population of on-campus, for-credit students. Cook explained that the total enrollment of 5,041 includes "about a thousand" students who take courses in various types of nontraditional ways, including the online Division of Adult Learning, the popular Encore program for senior citizens, and dual enrollment classes for local

high school students. Also, 110 students are studying in one of Lee's three international sites—Germany, Ecuador, and Guatemala.

Lee's new student population includes 58 percent female and 42 percent male students. Students are at Lee this fall from 49 states (only Utah is missing), with Tennessee the leading state by a wide margin. Furthermore, 250 students come from outside the United States, with Nigeria the most common country of origin.



Cook

OVERALL ENROLLMENT	5041
FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT	UP 10%
FULL-TIME FRESHMEN	2015 - 835 2014 - 575
AVERAGE ACT SCORE	24
HIGH SCHOOL TN AVERAGE ACT SCORE	19
STUDENTS TAKING NON-TRADITIONAL CLASSES	1000+
STUDENTS STUDYING IN ONE OF LEE'S INTERNATIONAL SITES	110
ON CAMPUS DORMS 17 BEDS 2000	
STUDENT POPULATION SPLIT	58% FEMALE 42% MALE
STATES WHERE STUDENTS ARE FROM	49(NO UTAH)
STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE US	250

New Faculty Profiles – Fall 2015



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Administration
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University of Tennessee Knoxville
B.S., University of Mississippi



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M.A., Georgia State University



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B.S., Middle Tennessee State University



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B.S., Lee University
M.F.A., Academy of Art University San
Francisco



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B.S.N., Georgia Baptist College
B.S., Auburn University



Mark Vermilion, M.A.

Assistant Professor of Public Relations
M.A., Regent University
B.S., Indiana Wesleyan University



Laura Chapman, MSN, RN

Assistant Professor of Nursing
M.S.N., University of Alabama, Birmingham
B.S.N., University of Alabama, Huntsville



Rebecca Hergert, M.S.N., R.N.

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M.S. and B.S., Western Governors
University
A.A.S., West Virginia Northern
Community College



Charlotte Webb, M.S.N., FNP, BC

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B.S.N., University of Tennessee,
Chattanooga

DAL SPOTLIGHT

ELLIS HALL FIRE SURVIVOR'S JOURNEY COMES FULL CIRCLE

By Dennis Purvis



Ellis Hall the day
after the fire.

This is it. I'm going to die. They're going to find me dead right here... My mom is going to be so sad.

Those were the words that were going through Dave Webb's mind on the morning of November 4, 1993. His Lee College dorm, Ellis Hall, was burning down around him—the result of arson. Webb had entered the blazing residence hall to look for his roommate, Robert George, whom he had not seen outside in the cold.

Webb kicked in the door to his friend's room to find it abandoned. George had escaped through the window. Webb was now faced with the daunting task of making it back out of the fast-burning building. It took only a few steps for him to be overcome with smoke.

"It was weird. I knew I was about to pass out. I could think clearly, but couldn't move," Webb said. Fellow student Lawrence King, who had been watching for Webb to come out, pulled him to safety.

Miraculously, all 76 of the Ellis Hall residents were accounted for, although 17 were sent to the hospital, four with serious injuries.

Fast-forward almost 22 years and Dave Webb is again on the Lee University campus, this time to graduate with his Bachelor of Science degree in liberal studies at summer graduation. Webb completed his degree through Lee University Online.

"I just had this nagging feeling over the past 20 years," Webb said. "It was killing me that I never finished my degree."

For Phil Cook, vice president of Enrollment at Lee, seeing Webb cross the stage during Commissioning was a "positively shocking experience." Cook, who was the resident director of Medlin Hall at the time of the fire, has a special bond with Webb. Cook served as Webb's "Ellis Expediter" in the aftermath of the fire. Expeditors were commissioned by President Conn to help get displaced students back on their feet.

Webb and his wife Jennifer met and married at Lee. The couple has spent the last 15 years in ministry after Webb's five-year service in the Navy. Currently, Webb serves as associate pastor of Commonwealth Christian Community, a Church of God ministry in Crozet, Virginia. They have three children.

"I believe in the Lee University campus experience, and I want my kids to have that if possible," Webb said. "But, the DAL was the only avenue for me being in full-time ministry. The online option was perfect for me and the classes were eye-opening."

Cook calls Webb's journey "miraculous."

"It means so much to see Dave, not just finish his degree, but finish at Lee," Cook said. "I believe that one of the best things we provide through the DAL is a chance for students like [Webb] to finish their degrees."

Webb has ushered a challenge to other members of the Ellis Hall fire fraternity who have not completed their degree: "Just do it. Once you start, you will be so thankful. Find a way. Sign up and finish what you started. It's never too late."

On August 1, 2015, Webb's Lee University journey came full circle.

"I went to the Centenary Room to pick up my diploma after Commencement," Webb said, "and I realized that the last time I was in that room was after the fire. I walked out to meet my wife, and I realized I was crying. I got really emotional. It is a completely different feeling walking on campus as an alumnus than as a guy who was really close to finishing."

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GOING TO FIND ME DEAD RIGHT HERE...
MY MOM IS GOING TO BE SO SAD.**



Dave Webb with his
wife, Jennifer, at his
graduation on August 1.

Meet Doctors Camp and Spangler

Two former baseball Flames excel in orthopedics.

By George Starr

While some former Lee University baseball players were enjoying successful seasons in professional baseball throughout various minor and major league organizations this past summer, two former Flames were carving their own successes in even more impressive fashion.

Both Jason Spangler '05 and Christopher Camp '06 are still working with the game they grew up loving and playing from an early age and into college. Both culminated their careers at Lee by being named winners of the prestigious Paul Conn Male Student-Athlete of the Year. Both were excellent players, exemplary students, and had the desire to be orthopedic doctors.

Jason Spangler

After graduating with honors from Lee, Spangler attended the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. During medical school, residency, and fellowships, he worked with Virginia Tech athletes, continued orthopedic surgery training at the University of Ohio, and did his sports medicine fellowship at Wake Forest University, working with the baseball, basketball, and football teams at Winston-Salem State University. He also worked alongside the Winston-Salem Dash—a minor league affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

Spangler recently returned home and accepted a position as an orthopedic doctor in his hometown of Cleveland, Tenn. with the Center for Sports Medicine and Orthopedics.

"Being able to come back to my hometown and practice medicine truly is a blessing," Spangler said. "It is a unique opportunity to be able to serve the community that was always very supportive of our athletic teams during my junior high, high school, and collegiate years. I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the community through the service of sports medicine in the local schools and

surrounding schools at the middle school, high school, and collegiate levels."

When asked about incorporating his faith into his profession, Spangler said, "From an early age my faith has been extremely important to me. God has opened many doors for my family and me over the years. Each day throughout my career in medicine I strive to have a Christlike approach and attitude, knowing that God has put me in this position for a reason."

Spangler is married to Aubrey (Runyan), also a Lee graduate. They have two daughters: Paisley (5) and Adelyn (3).

Christopher Camp

Camp also graduated with honors from Lee and chose to attend the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn. He did his orthopedic surgery



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-Jason Spangler



"This experience [winning] not only taught me about baseball, but it also taught me more about how to set goals and develop plans for achieving them." - Christopher Camp

residency at the Mayo Clinic and was recently assigned a fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery where he will be assigned until 2017. Camp's assignments have included work with Lanesboro High School football team, Rochester Ice Hawks hockey, and St. John's University men's soccer. His current assignment is with Major League Baseball's New York Mets.

Camp works alongside the Mets team trainers daily. If an injury occurs, he is often in on the assessment of the injury and the course of action and treatment. He also sees players on the disabled list and assists the organization in making decisions when athletes are healthy and ready to return to action. While in New York, he is also working on research on baseball related injuries, especially injuries that occur in pitchers and throwing motion as a whole.

Once Camp concludes his fellowships, he plans to return to join the Mayo Clinic Department of Orthopedics in the Sports Medicine Division.

When asked what experiences as an athlete at Lee and being part of the baseball program were instrumental in preparing him, Camp said: "While at Lee, I was fortunate enough to be part of four winning teams during a very successful era in Lee's baseball past. This experience [winning] not only taught me about baseball, but it also taught me more about how to set goals and develop plans for achieving them."

Camp is married to the former Erica McCaleb, who is a graduate of Lee. They have two children: Annabelle (5) and Bennett (2).

Head coach Mark Brew said "As coaches, we are constantly emphasizing the student-athlete dynamic and how important academics are and how life-changing a college degree can be. Jason and Chris were the ultimate examples of what a student-athlete should look like. They competed hard on the field, but they competed equally as hard in the classroom. They are a great example for us to share with our current and future student-athletes at Lee."

GSC Coaches Pick Lady Flames to Finish First



Senior Laura Thacker returns to help lead the Lady Flames this season.

The tremendous respect the Lee women's soccer team earned by winning four straight NAIA national championships and finishing in the top spot of the Gulf South Conference (GSC) standings during a transition period last season has grabbed the attention of the GSC coaches.

The Lady Flames, who will be directed by first-year coach, Chris Hennessey, garnered a unanimous decision by the GSC coaches as the preseason favorite with 10 first-place votes.

Lee, in its first year of being eligible for GSC and NCAA Division II championships, paced the GSC by going 10-1 in the conference standings and 15-4-2 overall in 2014. The Lady Flames completed last season by claiming the NCCAA National Tournament crown.

Loaded with a solid group of returnees and two primetime players back after a red-shirt season, the high conference ranking comes as no surprise. The two red-shirts, sophomore Summer Lanter and senior Laura Thacker, were held back for the expressed purpose of leading

the Lady Flames in the battle for the GSC title and possible national honors in NCAA Division II.

Lee kicked off the campaign with a preseason trip to England. The nine-day event included a community service project in the Stockport area and a pair of preseason matches.

"We used the trip to England for longer preseason training and team bonding," Hennessey said. "It will also count as the university's required cross-cultural experience for our student athletes."

Hennessey admits establishing goals will not be stressed. "We know we are in a tough conference and region. We need to win the GSC. Our goal is to make the national tournament field and see what happens. But we can't look past any team on the schedule."

The first 10 games could make or break our season, but five of our last seven games are at home. We'd like to think this will allow us some momentum heading into the conference tournament."



Garrison Adams returns as one of the backs for the men's soccer team.

Expectations High for Men's Soccer

The 2014 men's soccer squad finished strong, winning the NCCAA National Championship and posted an overall mark of 12-9-2 against challenging competition.

Head Coach Paul Furey enters his fifth season at Lee and has directed the Flames 46-29-9 record.

"This is the best team I've had at Lee since arriving five years ago. We know what we are about, and we know what we want to accomplish. This has the making of being a very exciting and special year as we venture into the NCAA Division II as full members. I know this group will be ready for the big challenges ahead."

After losing just two players and along with a slew of returning players, Furey also added, "We really feel like a number of our newcomers will be competing for starting jobs and can step right in and help us."

The Flames are targeted for fifth place in their first official year of competing for the conference crown.

Missions Trip Sets Tone for Lady Flames

Coach Marty Rowe and his Lee women's basketball team pulled away from a portion of their summer vacation to join SCORE International on a missions trip to the Dominican Republic.

During visits to villages in Santo Domingo, the Lady Flames delivered gifts, food, and even gave away their basketball shoes. "It just kind of happened," said junior Caroline Smith, speaking about the special gift. "We'll probably never be able to top this experience. We not only gave them our shoes, but we also pulled off our socks and gave them away. They were so thrilled."

Senior Kayla Beavers said, "It was a great time. I am so blessed to have been part of this trip."

The players called this an experience of a lifetime. They all agreed they would be the first in line to volunteer for another missions trip.

"This was an amazing trip with so many powerful things happening," injected Coach Marty Rowe. "We had a chance to play a little basketball and get a glimpse at what we're going to look like in the fall, but what is more important, we were able to share our hearts with so many people and, in return, received so many blessings ourselves."

"I can't say enough about how engaged our players were at serving the people we came in contact with and also engaging with each other," he added. "This was an amazing team-bonding experience for our group, and we hope to continue to grow as a team as the school year progresses."

Lee's Caroline Smith shares a moment with a Dominican child.



Sliger Captures State Amateur Golf Trophy

For Lee senior Peyton Sliger, the game of golf continues to get better and better. The rising senior proved he was one of Tennessee's best when he captured the Tennessee State Amateur Championship this past summer.

A native of Maryville, Tennessee, Sliger not only defeated a number of NCAA Division I players, but he also topped a greater group of the state's best veteran players. Sliger also made major news when he matched the record for the lowest round (62) ever recorded in the history of the prestigious tournament. His final 269 total consisted of rounds of 69-62-69-69 on the par 72 links.

"I had been hitting the ball well and making my putts all week," Sliger recalled, "but it was sure a good feeling to see that last putt drop into the bottom of the cup."

The Flames opened the fall season on September 14, playing in the Montevallo (Ala.) invitational.

Lee senior Peyton Sliger displays the Tennessee State Amateur Championship trophy.



Hudson Takes Enviably Record Into NCAA Play

Coach Andrea Hudson will enter official play in NCAA Division II and Gulf South era as one of the nation's winningest coaches with 763 wins against 266 defeats. The veteran mentor begins her twenty-fifth year as the Lee volleyball coach. Her Lady Flames finished with records of 22-11 (2013) and 13-17 (2014) during the two-year probationary period while transitioning from the NAIA to NCAA D2.

"I am very excited that we will be able to begin our first year as an official D2 volleyball program with a strong returning group, as well as new recruits," said Hudson. "I really look for us to compete once again for a conference title as we develop the chemistry of integrating new and returning players."

In two years of GSC competition, the Lady Flames have posted a 22-16 mark. Their first conference opponent comes calling to Walker Arena on Sept. 22.

The Annual Volley for a Cure match will be in its usual slot on Friday, Nov. 6 as part of the Lee Homecoming festivities. The ladies will wrap up the homecoming weekend on November 7 when they host West Alabama.

After a one-year hiatus, Assistant Coach Kevin Hudson begins his twenty-third season on the sidelines and will help acclimate several new faces in the Lady Flames' lineup. "Kevin does a great job of teaching the game the way we want it played," noted head coach and wife, Andrea Hudson. "It will be exciting to watch this group blend together."



Sadie Johnson will be returning for her sophomore season with the Lady Flames.

Cross Country Shows National Championship Caliber

When asked about his teams' chances of strong seasons, cross country coach Caleb Morgan says "Both our men and women have a great shot at winning this year's Gulf South Conference (GSC) championship in cross country. Last year our men won the title, but they were not able to take home the trophy due to not being a full member of the GSC and NCAA D2. Our women were sixth last year. We have brought in a lot of young talent that I feel will make us a contender."

Morgan reports that both his men and women's rosters return everyone from last year's successful squads. "Harold Smith and Seth Eagleson were our top two runners as freshman. On the women's side, Jessica Childers will be our lone senior. We look for her to be an All-American contender at the cross country nationals."

Morgan said Adrian Martin returns to direct the women's track team. Cayce Bryan, who red-shirted last season, as well as Childers, should score big points at conference and national meets. The men return NCCAA national champions Smith and Eagleson, of whom we expect to lead our team in the 800m and 10k.

Morgan has added two new coaches. Casey Price will be the primary sprint and field event coach. Joseph Crook will serve as assistant distance coach, as well as recruiting coordinator.

Harold Smith will be a leader for both the cross country and track teams.



Adams Named to Compliance Post

Athletic Director Larry Carpenter recently announced that Morgan Adams will replace Paul Cretton as the department's compliance coordinator. Adams is moving from project manager/business analyst for the university's Information Technology Department, while Cretton is returning to Walker Valley High School in Cleveland to coach the girls' basketball team. Cretton served as a Lee men's assistant basketball coach for one season and was head of Lee's compliance for three years.

"I want to thank Paul Cretton for the outstanding job he has done for the last three years of establishing one of the best compliance departments in the country," said Carpenter. "He teamed with Jessica McIntyre, and they did a wonderful job of educating the coaching staff and making sure we are exceeding the NCAA requirements. Paul played a vital role in our transition to NCAA Division II."

In speaking of his new challenge ahead, Adams said, "The compliance position, in my opinion, is the sweet spot where a love for sports, the pursuit of individual and corporate integrity, and relationship-development meet." Carpenter said, "We are excited to have Morgan join our staff and look forward to him leading our compliance office as we journey deeper into NCAA Division II."

Starr Releases *How Tall Is a Giant*

Lee University's director of Sports Information, George Starr, recently completed an intriguing biography on the life of his good friend and coach, Bill Talley.

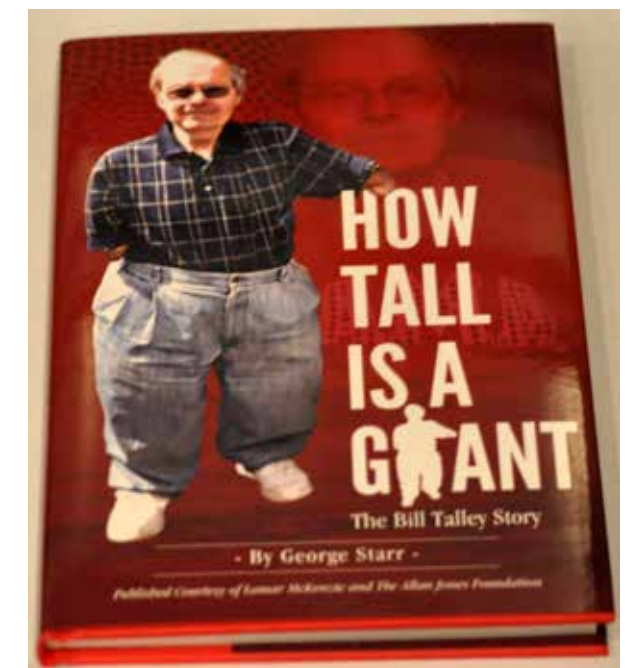
Talley is a graduate of Lee, and he and Starr have been friends since their days at Bradley High School. Starr always dreamed of writing a book about Talley's life and he was able to do so with financial help from local businessmen Lamar McKenzie and Allan Jones, both of whom were acquainted with Talley's amazing story.

Talley is a man who was born with arms that stopped at his elbows and legs that stopped at his knees. Yet, Bill never let his handicap slow him down. He found ways to live a normal life. In fact, he's a very independent person. He coached youth baseball and football until he graduated from Lee. After graduation from Lee, he was hired to teach and coach football and baseball at Cleveland High School.

"He challenged his athletes every day and helped shape the lives of many young men and women," Starr said of his subject. "He never just stood on the sidelines and shouted instructions. Bill was out in the middle of the action, showing the athletes what they were doing right or wrong."

From Cleveland, Talley joined friends Steve Sloan and Rex Dockery (also from Bradley County) as a part of the football staff at Texas Tech University. Talley remains in Texas today.

To order copies of *How Tall Is A Giant*, contact Starr at gstarr@leeuniversity.edu, or call 423-559-1449.



First Score of NCAA Era

A soccer ball hits the back of the net as the Lee Flames score the first points since becoming official members of the NCAA Div. II. The match took place on Friday, September 4.

INSET: Following the score, Flames soccer players present President Conn with the ball.



Who's Where & Torch Travels

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Dr. R. Hollis Gause passed away on September 6, 2015. Gause served in a variety of roles during his twenty-eight year tenure at Lee from 1947–1975. He was an instructor, registrar, dean of the Bible College, department chair, dean of the Division of Religion, and academic dean. He was an instrumental figure in Lee's transition to a liberal arts college and subsequent accreditation with the Southern Association of

Colleges and Schools. During this period, he emerged as a noted Pentecostal scholar and came to be regarded as one of the leading theologians of the Church of God. In 1975, Gause became the founding director and dean of the Church of God Graduate School of Christian Ministry, which today is the Pentecostal Theological Seminary.

1960s-1970s

Larry Stanfield '65 lives in Cartersville, Ga. with his wife, Connie. Larry is a retired registered architect and currently works as marketing director for Outdoor Shower Co., LLC. They have three grown children.

David Hensley '71 is a retired educator living in Tucson, Ariz.

Joel '73 and **Charlotte Anthony Morehead '73** were married in 1971, where Charlotte taught in the Bradley County (Cleveland, Tenn.) school system until her retirement in 2002. They now live in Logan, Ill.

Debbie Fincher Irwin '74 and her husband, Jerry, have pastored the Harvest Church of God in Anniston, Alabama, for the past 29 years. They have two grown children.

Larry Lowry '76 is pastor of the Douglasville, Georgia, Church of God of Prophecy. He also teaches for Lee University DAL and for the University of Phoenix. Larry says, "It is a real joy to pass the torch and teach for my alma mater, Lee University! I gained lifetime friends through my life at Lee. When I attended in the 1970s, I was a 'trailblazer' as one of the first Church of God of Prophecy members to attend all four years and graduate from Lee. Now, this is the preferred place for an education among our membership."

1980s

Robin Wilson Taylor '83 lives in Wake Forest, N.C., with her husband, Robbin. She is a board certified teacher and currently teaches at the Microsoft IT Academy at the Cary High School in Cary, N.C.

Lena Humphrey Barber '82 and her husband, Phil, live in Cleveland, Tenn., where Lena completed a master's program in counseling and became a licensed professional counselor. She works in the Lee University Counseling Center and teaches several classes. Phil works with the Division of Adult Learning.

Monica Snair Lively '84 lives in Brownsburg, Ind., with her husband, Rich. Monica is a registered nurse (RN), with certification in Hospice/Palliative Nursing (CHPN). She has also worked in renal, general, med-surg, oncology, hospice and palliative nursing, and now currently works as an RN case manager. Monica says, "Lee set me on a course for the rest of my life. Many of the staff impacted my learning experience, which went beyond the classroom."

1990s

Libby Brown McFalls Stewart '90 lives in Crawfordville, Fla., and has three children. Libby testifies: "After losing my husband of 25 years to cancer (**Jeff McFalls '91**), God has proven Himself faithful once again, bringing me a new husband, Mike. I am so blessed...God is good!"

Philip Royal '93 was recently named director of Health Care Services at Orange Grove Center in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was previously the assistant director for Intermediate Care Facilities. In his new post, Philip oversees all operations of the Augustus McCarvey Health Care Clinic, which provides primary care services for approximately 400 patients.

Donna Severin '93 met her husband **Kelvin '93** at Lee, and they have been married for 25 years. They have four children, one currently attends Lee. Donna holds a master's degree in special education from Southeastern Louisiana University. They live outside of Baton Rouge, La., and are active in their local church.



Leigh Ann Partin Boyd '95, and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Leigh Boyd, born July 7, 2015.

Theresa Minter Shull '95 is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) who is employed at The Guidance Center as a mental health therapist for children, adults, and families. She lives in Murfreesboro, Tenn., with her husband, Don.

Jason Hopkins '96 is the director of Human Resources for Hamilton Health Care System, Inc. in Dalton, Ga. He is married to Traci.

Nathan '98 and **Kristi McHugh Lane '98** have been living in South Florida for eight years, been married for 17 years, and have three children. Nathan is an associate professor of biblical and theological studies at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach. Kristi works for K12—an online learning company.

Becky Oman Burke '99 lives in Shakopee, Minn., where she is a librarian and works as a historical re-enactor and educator. Becky says, "Lee was a singular experience. What stands out the most is the idea of service that is prevalent on the campus. Dr. Cliff Schimmels always thought I would go on to write a book—I have not . . . yet, but there is still time!"

Josh '99 and **Paige Boyd Martin '98** live in Greenwood, Ind., where Josh serves as state Youth and Discipleship director for the Church of God in Indiana. Paige is an executive director for Thirty-one Gifts. The Martins also pastor the Crosswalk Community Church of God outside of Indianapolis.

Kristi Atha-Rader '99 was recently named one of ten "Young Guns" in the state of West Virginia by West Virginia Executive Magazine and was honored by the state journal as one of their "Forty Leaders Under Forty." Kristi is married to Kris, and they have two children. She is employed as CEO of Rainelle Medical Center, owns or co-owns three small businesses, and serves as vice president of her family's business. She is a former two-time Mrs. West Virginia, and directs the Southern West Virginia Scholarship Organization pageant. She also helps coach her daughter's Little League team, teaches lifeguarding and swimming, and announces high school sports on Internet broadcasts.

Josh '01 and **Johanna Cline Chumley '01** live in Phoenix, Ariz. with their four children. Josh is the executive campus director at Carrington College in Phoenix.

Josh '01 and **Melissa Dasher '98** live in Cleveland, Tenn., where they have three children and have been music pastors at Keith Street Ministries since 2001.

2000s

Robert '01,'03M and **Katherine Morehouse '01** moved to Evinston, Va. last year so that Katherine could assume her new post as associate professor of ethnomusicology and chair of the Department of Multi-Ethnic Music Studies in the School of Music at Liberty University, in Lynchburg, Va. Robert continues to teach online for Lee University and the Pentecostal Theological Seminary on an adjunct basis.

Michael Hood '02 lives in Staten Island, N.Y. where he is a practicing physician's assistant. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children.

Carrie Walls '02 is a board certified behavior analyst and the founding owner and clinical director of Amaze Behavior Therapy, located in Cleveland, Tenn. This specialized clinic, serving children with autism, opened in 2012, has six therapists on staff, and provides Applied Behavior Analytic (ABA) therapy to young children in four surrounding counties.

Kimberleigh Stewart Daniels '03, is married to Darrin and they live in Adairsville, Ga. Kimberleigh is an independent curriculum contractor and homeschools their four children. They attend Liberty Square Church of God in Cartersville. Kimberleigh says, "I enjoyed my time at Lee and the friends I made there. It's always exciting to run into a fellow alum and chat about life at Lee."

Ross Ian '05 and **Julie Vance '01** announce the birth of their second child, Rory Owain Vance, born on June 19, 2015. They live in Cleveland, Tenn., where Ross is an adjunct professor at Lee. Ross says, "We met after we both graduated. We moved away and came back, because Lee was calling us home."

Steven Thompson '06 has become the commercial relationship manager and vice president at First Bank in Chattanooga. In this position, he will be handling commercial real estate and residential construction financing. Steven has more than 10 years of experience in finance, and his last two years were spent covering middle market commercial real estate throughout the Southeast.



Dustin Morrow '06 and his wife, Julia, live in Columbia, S.C. and welcomed their first child, Arissa, born on July 9, 2015. Dustin recently started a new job as faculty in emergency medicine at the University of South Carolina.



Brian Gallaher '00, '10M died in an interstate accident on June 25, 2015, that claimed the lives of six people. Brian was the lead band instructor at Ocoee Middle School in Cleveland, Tenn. where he poured his life into thousands of children for the past 14 years. He was also leader for the youth orchestra at Westmore Church of God, a group that had won multiple national titles. The funeral on June 29 drew thousands who lined the streets of Cleveland in a tribute to his life and legacy. At Lee, Brian was a Centennial Scholar, music major, and received a master's degree in trumpet performance. Brian was married to **Jaclyn Watkins Gallaher '04** for 14 years, and they are the parents of two children.

Trey '07 and **Monte Addis Powell '07** are student and interim children's pastors at Jesup-Sunset Church of God in Jesup, Ga., and student ministries pastors at South Metro Ministries in Sharpsburg, Ga. Monte is a Georgia state licensed cosmetologist and oversees the Epsilon Kappa Omega girls ministry of South Metro. Trey says, "Even though I have known my wife since we were kids, it was our short time together at Lee that began the sparks to rekindle our friendship that later became a dating relationship and ultimately a marriage!"

Valerie Lowe Garrison '08 works as an occupational therapist in an inpatient rehab hospital in Asheville, N.C. She married Scott Garrison on May 3, 2014, and they live in Alexander, N.C. Valerie says, "I was a science major, and when I come back to visit this wonderful campus, I think back to all my fun years spent there. I must say that I am jealous of the new Science and Math Building."

James and **Jennifer Morris Reed '08** live in Kileen, Tex., where James is serving in the U.S. Army at Ft. Hood as Information Technology specialist. He recently received an engineering degree in subsea robotics and will be starting his MBA in the fall. James says, "My heart to serve others became a passion (at Lee). Through my experience at Lee, I was able to travel to 12 countries, 32 states, and minister to thousands of lives."

Jesse '11 and **Emily '15 Tosten** live in Hamilton, N.J., where Jesse completed his M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary in May. Currently, he is completing a Th.M. in homiletics at Princeton and co-pastoring a local Methodist congregation.

Matt '11, '13M and **Casey Smith '13** live in Princeton, N.J., where Casey is a second-year M.Div. student at Princeton Theological Seminary. Matt is a part-time employee at the Seminary, Princeton University, Westminster Choir College, and Rider University. Matt says, "The most exciting of these jobs is being the executive coordinator of the newly instituted Princeton Theological Seminary Faith and Film Festival, which will hold its inaugural event in fall 2016."

Jeremy Cox '12 lives in Belpre, Ohio, and graduated with an MBA from Mount Vernon Nazarene University earlier this year.

Adam Shepherd '10, '12M lives in Charleston, S.C., where he is worship and media pastor at a local church.

Trent Archer '12 lives in Sanford, N.C., with his wife, Skylar, where Trent is the worship and arts pastor at the Sanford Church of God.

Amanda Fisher '12 is currently living in Powder Springs, Ga., where she is ministering with the Trinity Chapel Church. Amanda says, "I am honored that God is opening doors and allowing me to be part of a spiritual renewal all around the world." Visit her website at fisherrenewalsystem.com.

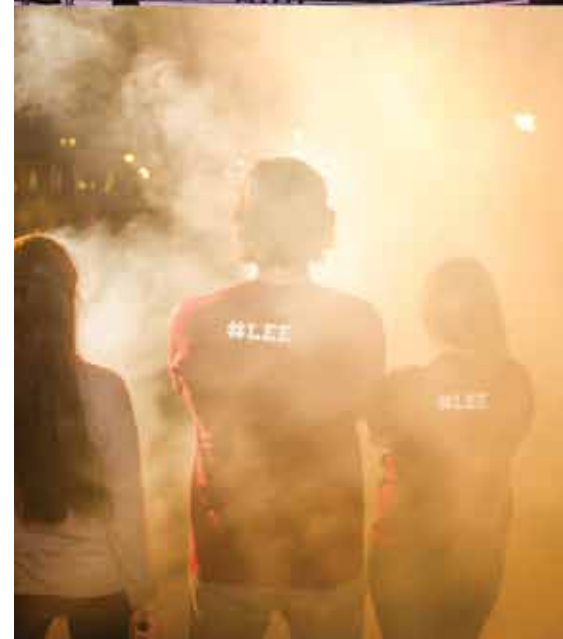
Mike '12 and **Tiffany Stoess '12** live in Cleveland, Tenn., where Mike was recently named director of the ANDOR project of Cleveland, and new nonprofit collaboration between the Boys and Girls Clubs and Boy Scouts.

Andrea France '14 is living on the island of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. Andrea speaks of her time at Lee: "During my three years, I developed bonds and friendships that could never be replaced, was given opportunities I had never dreamed about, and grew into the person God desired me to be... Now that I've graduated, I have a better appreciation for my time spent there...I'll cherish those memories."

Carl '14 and **Hanna Aven Larsen '14** are living in Georgetown, Ind.

Lacey Thwing '15 moved to Houston, Tex. in August to teach orchestra in a high school. She plans to attend graduate school to study music.

Tony Whaley '15DAL lives in Kannapolis, N.C., with his wife, Sharon. He is a retired criminal justice professional in pursuit of a new career in counseling. He is currently enrolled at Liberty University in their master's program of professional counseling. Tony says, "I was a DAL student at Lee, Charlotte. I very much enjoyed classes there and online."



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