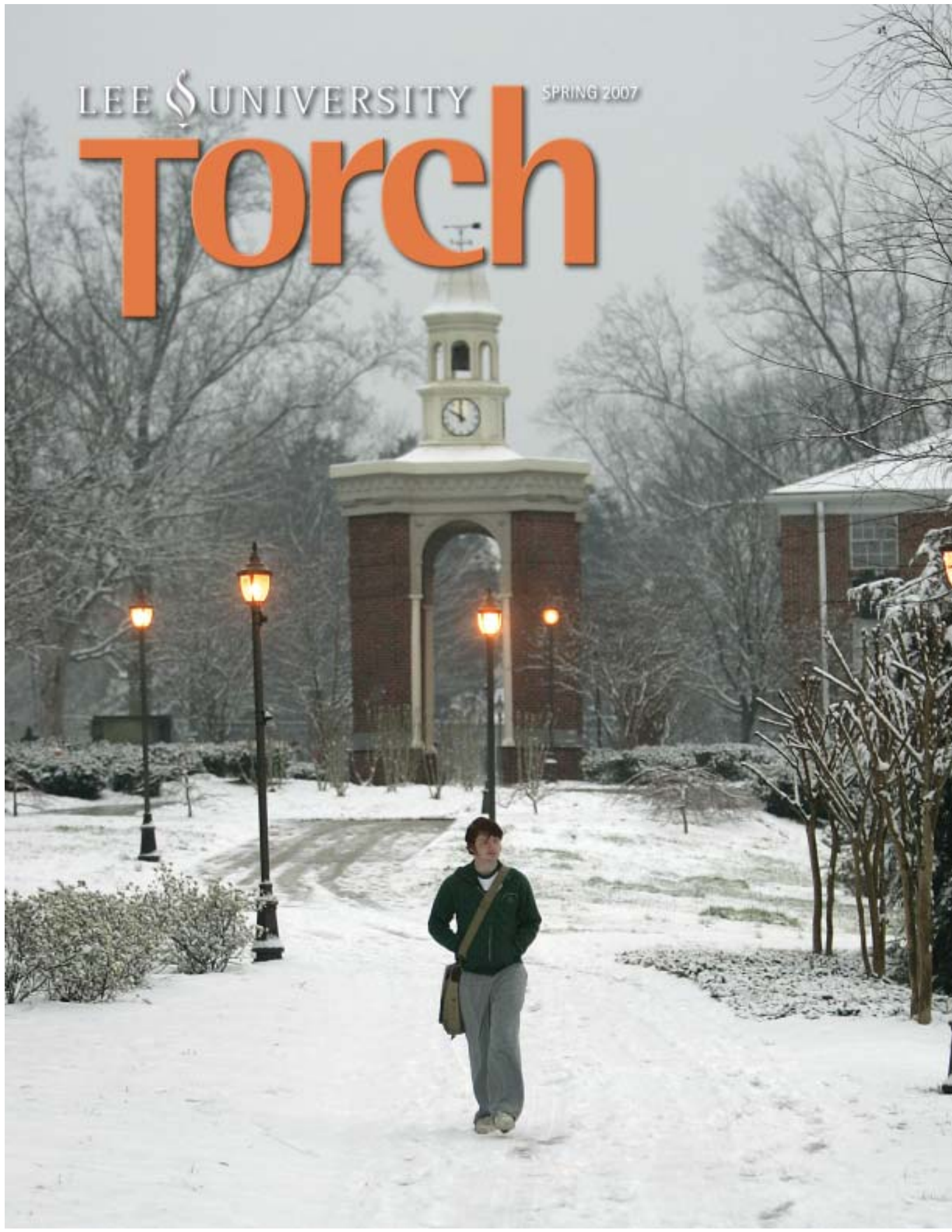


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A Lee student enjoys the solitude of an early morning stroll on the one "snow day" of the 2007 winter season. Photo by Mike Wesson.



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OPENING THOUGHTS

From President Paul Conn

Committed to a Global Perspective

TOMORROW I WILL be traveling to England (Lord willing), to visit with a group of 25 Lee University students and a faculty member who are spending the semester in Cambridge. They are living and studying together for three months in one of the oldest centers of higher education in the world. I'm looking forward to meeting them there and hearing them talk about their experiences.

As I think about my trip to Cambridge, I naturally reflect on the amazing way that international travel has become a part of the Lee experience for hundreds of students each year. They travel everywhere, in all different kinds of groups, exploring the globe in many different ways.

Yesterday, I got an email from a student named Steve who is spending his "semester abroad" in Bangkok, Thailand. He is part of a group of Lee students doing their student teaching there this winter and spring. Earlier in the week, I read a report about our new German-language course this summer in Berlin. The same day, I approved a new program in Chile, and listened while a professor discussed a recent trip to Ghana with Lee students.

Lee has lately received national attention in academic circles for our ambitious program of sending students overseas to experience other cultures as part of their education. It is one of the ways in which Lee University is becoming a leader in the higher education community.

The heroes in this area are our faculty members. They make all these programs work. We rarely send students abroad without faculty supervision. Literally dozens of our faculty every year make international trips with our students. They design the courses, do the legwork, prepare the students, then take the trips—all without extra pay. It is just one of the many ways they are such an extraordinary faculty.

People with stereotypical views of small Christian colleges in the South sometimes express surprise that so high a percentage of Lee students are such enthusiastic world travelers. I'm not surprised at all. It's true that many Lee students come from small towns, and a large number of them are first-generation college students from families of modest means. Few Lee students grew up taking family vacations to the French Riviera!

But Lee students from all backgrounds have an amazing appetite to see the world and to experience as much of it as possible. They and their parents make huge sacrifices to make these dreams come true. These are not complacent, over-indulged young people. They are hungry and eager to learn, and that is one of the reasons we are so determined that Lee will provide them high-quality opportunities to develop a global perspective.

Paul Conn



Pressing Toward the MARK

Sciences, health and religion stand to benefit most from \$25 million campaign

THE MOST AMBITIOUS fund-raising campaign in Lee University history is underway. The \$25 million push has as its centerpiece new homes for the School of Religion and the long-awaited science and math building. Also included in the campaign is a new building which will house an expanded realm of health and benevolent services. A \$2 million goal has been set as part of the campaign to be earmarked for new student scholarships, while an additional \$2 million is already being used for an overhaul of the university's computer infrastructure. A final aspect has already been completed and included a complete renovation and expansion of Paul Dana Walker Arena. The new athletic field house was dedicated in 2005, the first year of the campaign.

For the last year, PTTM has been in the “quiet” phase, as President Conn has been seeking donations from business and community leaders in Cleveland/Bradley County.

“We are turning to our friends in the Cleveland/Bradley community,” Conn has stated over the course of the last several months as he hosted community leaders on campus. “We have kept the faith with the community over the past 20 years, and showed that we are serious about our role in making this a better place for all Clevelanders.”

Twenty years ago the Vest Building was dedicated as home for the Bible and Christian Ministries Department, but with this campaign, a new School of Religion will be in a stand-alone building for the first time in Lee history.

“Our unwavering commitment to Christian ministry and sustained growth in Lee’s oldest discipline brings us to this exciting crossroads of needing a structure completely dedicated to training tomorrow’s church leaders,” President Conn stated.

In referring to the largest portion of the fund-raising campaign, Conn stated, “Lee University urgently needs new teaching and lab facilities for science and mathematics. The current building was built in 1966, and is becoming inadequate to maintain the quality of our programs in the sciences. Lee’s science and math graduates provide some of the finest K-12 teachers in Cleveland and Bradley County, as well as becoming outstanding health care professionals here and across the country.”

“The Lee science and math faculty are a gifted and committed team,” Conn continued. “They have the best academic training. Lee students have improved dramatically in the last 20 years. They arrive with SAT and ACT scores ranking them among the best high school seniors in the country. They are also hungry to achieve, and many of them are first-generation college students.”

“But in the sciences, facilities and equipment are everything, and they are expensive. First-rate science education can no longer be accomplished just by brilliant teachers and bright students.



- New teaching-and-lab building for Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Expansion and enhancement of Paul Dana Walker Arena
- New home for the Leonard Center and student health clinic
- Building to house the programs of the School of Religion
- \$2 million overhaul of the university's computer infrastructure
- \$2 million in new endowed scholarships
- \$2 million for property acquisition

To meet this need, we need to raise \$13 million for a new science/math building complex.”

Construction of the new complex is expected to begin late fall 2007 with an occupancy by students in fall 2009. *Torch* will bring the latest progress reports.

Computer Services Upgrade On-Going

By CRAIG GRAY,
Director of Computer Services

In early 2004 Lee University was wrapping up a comprehensive strategic planning process. That effort was used to create a five-year strategic plan that reinforces our strengths, and invests in areas of weakness. One key area of weakness was the software being used to run the administrative offices, which included everything from admissions, business, student life, and relations. That system, called Champlain, had been developed for a small college setting. In the early '90s when it was first implemented at Lee, it served the college's needs well. However, as Lee's growth exploded and the activity in every department increased the strain on the system became evident. The pro-

gramming staff at Lee continually modified the original software for years, until it became clear that it could not be changed enough to handle the needs of the university. Additionally, the original software was written in a day when “identity theft” wasn't on anyone's radar, so students were placed in the system according to the most obvious identification, the social security number.

Rather than simply try to find a replacement software system, an evaluation committee was formed to find a comprehensive package that would fit a bold vision for the future. The package would need to grow with the university, provide the timely access to data necessary for tactical decision making and meet the demands of an increasingly technology savvy student population. The committee evaluated a variety of products and settled on the Colleague System, produced by Datatel.

The project, now known as LIGHT (Lee's Initiative and Goals for Heightened Technology), kicked off in January 2006 with the signing of the contract and organizing the project teams. In total, the LIGHT project will require 13 teams of university personnel and will span two years. It includes software “modules” designed to run every conceivable function of the university including: admissions financials, online registration, an online marketing and recruitment tool, faculty and curriculum management, a student information system, comprehensive alumni relations package, and a new human resources and payroll package.

The project is well underway, and the General Ledger and Admissions software pieces are already live. The majority of the student system will go live in March of this year, and students will be exposed to the new system for the first time when they register for Fall 2007 classes. This project is not focused on software alone, but includes full process reviews and provides a great opportunity for every office to look at how they function and find ways to become even more efficient. Ultimately, this new system will set the stage for how these offices launch into this new information age for years to come.

Seven-Figure Gift Funds New

In late 2006, Lee University received word that a \$1.5 million gift from the Lazarus Foundation will fund the construction of the new benevolent services building on Parker Street. President Conn formally announced the gift to the faculty and staff in early January.

"This gift is a significant boost toward our goals of the Press Toward the Mark campaign," President Conn stated. "This is the second large gift from the Lazarus Foundation which has enabled us to pursue a highly effective program of benevolent and service learning for our students. We were recently recognized as one of the Top 100 schools in the country for this initiative (see story, page 8), and it is the

funds from these gifts that have enabled us to achieve this level of excellence."

Construction has begun and will be completed before students arrive back on campus in the fall of this year. The two-story structure will be located on the east side of Parker Street between Hicks Hall and Schimmels Park. The new facility will provide many valuable services for Lee University students, faculty, staff and surrounding community.

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

The first gift from the Lazarus Foundation funded the start of the program, which places students in service in Cleveland and Bradley County, in other surrounding communities, and around the world as part of a requirement before graduation. The Leonard Center, currently located in the back portion of the Office of Student Life, has been a hive of activity since the program was begun four years ago. Enlarged facilities will enable the program to reach a new level of excellence.

"This wonderful gift from the Lazarus Foundation enables us to begin construction immediately on a building which is so badly needed," President Conn added. "Our plan now is to have

Architect's rendering of the new Leonard Center/Health Clinic facility.



Leonard Center, Health Clinic

it ready by fall semester. The work of the Leonard Center has grown tremendously in the last three years, and this will give us a 'home' for this important part of campus life."

The new facility will also house an expanded and upgraded health clinic. What began as a service from a single dormitory room in the late 1950s currently operates out of a two-story converted home located near the north end of the pedestrian mall.

"The first clinic was staffed by one registered nurse who operated under a physician's standing orders for basic treatment options and referred any students needing further evaluation to a local physician of their choice," stated Dr.

Walt Mauldin, vice president for student life at Lee. "The current Lee University health clinic staff numbers 15 and includes front-office personnel, student workers, registered nurses and physicians. A physician is available in the clinic each day for student appointments."

According to Mauldin, during the 2005-2006 school year 10,780 visits were made to the Lee University Health Clinic. This number has doubled in the last 10 years, with each year showing a steady increase.

Further taxing the health services is the travel-abroad program which has steadily expanded from year to year as students travel to many countries overseas. During the last school year,

more than 600 students were cleared through the clinic for over 30 different destinations. In addition, more than 400 students participated in Hurricane Katrina relief trips last year, as the clinic worked with the Leonard Center to ensure FEMA immunization requirements were met.

Each semester the health clinic sponsors a campus-wide blood drive with donations continually exceeding the previous years. At the beginning of this past semester, 279 pints of blood were donated to Blood Assurance. Lee University is the highest donating population of colleges and universities in the Blood Assurance service area, exceeding much larger institutions.





Lee Ranks in Top 100 for Community Service Honor Roll

Lee University's community service program, the Leonard Center, was recently ranked among the top 100 in the country by the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency tasked with fostering an ethic of volunteerism and service in America.

The corporation not only placed Lee University on the inaugural President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, it also recognized the school's efforts "with distinction" in two key areas: general community service and hurricane relief service.

Fewer than 100 schools were named to the honor roll "with distinction" for general community service, and the ranking places Lee alongside such notable schools as Duke, Purdue, LSU, and Stanford. Lee was also one of only 74 schools on the honor roll

"with distinction" for hurricane relief service, joining the ranks of much larger schools like Emory, Georgetown, Syracuse, and Ohio State.

"This is the kind of recognition that continues to promote and enhance Lee

University's institutional reputation," said Dr. Walt Mauldin, Lee's vice president for student life. "It reflects a commitment to serve that is at the heart of our campus"

Lee was one of only five schools in Tennessee to be named to the list with distinction, joining Maryville College, East Tennessee State University, Rhodes College, and the University of Memphis.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll responds to President Bush's call to service by building on and supporting the civic engagement mission of our nation's colleges and universities. This new recognition program is designed to increase public awareness of the contributions that college students are making within their local communities and across the country through volunteer service. 🌱



Aultman Speaks at Winter Commencement

Dr. Donald S. Aultman, former vice-president of Lee (1968-72), was the keynote speaker for this year's winter commencement ceremony held at Lee on December 16.

More than 200 students from Lee's bachelor's and master's programs graduated during the ceremony. It was followed by a reception for friends and family of the graduates.

Aultman's contribution as a denominational educational leader is

significant over the past four decades. After leading the department of Youth and Christian Education as the director, he became the chief academic officer at Lee College in 1968, serving as the vice president and dean of Lee College during its transition from a Bible College into a liberal arts institution. He led Lee's accreditation effort, resulting in its initial four-year accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 1969.

Aultman's educational impact has been wide-ranging. He served as chairman of the West Coast Bible College Board of Directors and as a member of



the first Church of God Theological Seminary Board of Directors.

From 1991 to 1998, he was the president of Psychological Studies Institute (PSI), an

Atlanta-based graduate program in counseling psychology. In 1998, Aultman accepted the task of developing the Church of God School of Ministry. Offering its first course in September 1999, the School of Ministry has registered almost 12,000 students for CIMS credit in one or more courses.

While serving as vice chancellor, Aultman introduced Church of God denominational certification for Church of God educational institutions in 2002. Late last year, he was elevated to chancellor. 🌱



Lee Student Chosen to Distribute Operation Christmas Child Boxes

By WILLIAM WRIGHT
Cleveland Daily Banner Staff Writer

The first Lee University student to travel to El Salvador and distribute Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts to children returned home with something she considers priceless.

Iris LaBine said she witnessed values and customs which broadened her perspective on life, luxuries and the limits of prosperity.

"My outlook has definitely changed," LaBine said. "What I think about when I go shopping, how I spend money, what I spend it on, wasting food—all of that has changed. I try to act wiser now."

Before her journey to El Salvador, LaBine said she wanted to take from her experience a greater appreciation for what Americans have. Her journey transformed the teenager's view.



"I was surprised to see the happiness of these people in spite of their surroundings," said LaBine. "They had an enormous sense of family and community. Regardless of their surroundings their life was good because they were happy."

Chosen as one of only 24 students from the United States to join SPY (Samaritan's Purse Youth) teams traveling to El Salvador, LaBine said the impact the children had on her was profound when she experienced the children's generosity coupled with their joy.

"After they got their gift boxes, they wanted to give us candy out of them to thank us for the gifts but we'd say,

'no, this is your stuff.' They kept wanting to give us things when they didn't really have anything to give. We were there to give them things not for them to give to us," said LaBine.

LaBine noted the area she traveled had been exposed to spiritual values but not material prosperity.

"They knew about Jesus. All the villages had small churches. They were receptive to hearing about Jesus. When

I left home, I didn't know what to expect. There were places we went to that had cinder blocks with sheet metal across the top for homes. The government doesn't have a lot of programs to help people get back on their feet."

In retrospect, LaBine considered how her trip has affected her life.

"I love shoes. If I buy any from now on I'm saving the boxes. We handed out over 3,000 gift shoe boxes. If we had more help we could have given more. I'm more grateful for what we have in America, but I want to travel around and help others." ❖

Lee Supports Community Greenway

Lee University has partnered with Cleveland and Bradley County in efforts to promote and implement a greenway, a stretch of walkway designed to encourage health and fitness.

City and county officials began the greenway several years ago with an initial 3/4 mile path along Keith Street, one of the city's busiest thoroughfares. The long-range plan of the linear park is to install the path for several miles, eventually connecting downtown with the nearby Hiwassee River.

Lee's participation has come with its participation in a three-mile-long "downtown connector," which takes in some of the historic sections, including the Lee campus. In addition, Lee recently became a charter member of the "Greenway Network," a series of walkways and paths throughout the county open to the public which promote health and wellness through providing safe and open routes, such as Lee's half-mile long Schimmels Park. Lee's proximity to downtown businesses and a new development to the north has prompted entrepreneurs to search for ways to connect the campus via new greenways planned for the near future.

"Lee's willingness to enthusiastically join with this endeavor says a lot to the community," stated Cameron Fisher, chairman of the greenway board. "More and more, business owners and entrepreneurs realize the benefit of Lee University as a vital contributor to the quality of life in Cleveland and Bradley County."





DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

Department of Business Raising the Bar

By EVALINE GORE ECHOLS, Ph.D.,
Professor of Business

When I was a student enrolled in the Department of Business many years ago, the traditional class was lecture-based with a midterm and a final exam. The faculty was composed of Dr. Don Rowe, Chair, Lucille Elliott, Dr. G. A. Swanson, Dr. Al Hartgraves, and several part-time faculty. The offices were located in the basement of Walker Memorial with no computer labs.

How things have changed!

Experiential Learning

Faculty members or business students today in the Department of Business, will frequently hear Chairman Dr. Dewayne Thompson repeat the phrase, *raising the bar*. With the awareness that students entering college today belong to what some authors refer to as the “neXt” generation, the focus now includes active learning, experiential learning, and use of technology in most classes. These individuals, referred to as mil-



Business Administration Professor Guy DeLoach assists a student.

lennial learners, digital natives, or Generation Y, prefer learning experiences that include teamwork, experiential activities, service learning, structure and multitasking. With this awareness, as business faculty we have been forced to assess our current pedagogical approach to address the learning styles and preferences of these students.

ACBSP/Baldrige Award

How is the Department of Business facing these challenges? In addition to working toward specialized accreditation in business with ACBSP (Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs)—a goal we hope to reach within the next year—the new vision includes infusing the Baldrige Standards and Criteria into the business curriculum.

Corporate America has been using the Malcolm Baldrige standards of excellence for many years to drive improvements. The business faculty has embarked on modifying and developing our management system, curriculum, and practices to conform to the Baldrige criteria. According to Guy DeLoach, a recently hired business faculty member with a rich background in management in industry, “By embracing the standards, we will be able to establish the best practices in educational performance and deliver a graduate that will have a competitive advantage over other business school



Ryan Mink meets with an accounting firm representative at the Accounting Gala last year.

grads. Our objective is to not only win the Tennessee State Baldrige Award for Teaching Excellence, but also to have our graduating seniors highly valued by corporate America.”

The Department of Business has initiated an experiential learning program; senior level classes are being immersed with corporate partnerships whereby students work most of the semester on actual management challenges alongside engineers, middle management and supervisors to gain practical hands-on experience in industry. The partnerships are a win-win scenario for our students and the companies. The organizations are able to utilize a talented pool of young highly motivated human resources. One of our partners from Schering Plough, Joe Noble, said: “This relationship has become central to our improvement activities, resulting in vast savings in cost, improvement in quality and improved customer satisfaction.”

SIFE – Students in Free Enterprise

Just as medical students are required to complete a residency, we are convinced that business students must have the immersion experience in the business world. The local community provides a unique learning opportunity to enhance classroom instruction. Through SIFE, a program that began in 2004 to replace Phi Beta Lambda, students are making community connections. In January, SIFE partnered in resurrecting and joining with the Rotaract Club, an internationally-recognized organization that places students in contact with community leaders through the local Rotary Club.

Examples of SIFE projects include the following:

1. A joint venture with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Chattanooga where Lee students teach fifth graders financial principles of saving, investing, and charitable donations

2. Another group of business students is working with low-income families to teach Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University principles of how to budget their money and get out of debt.

The international component of SIFE this year included a trip to Bucharest, Romania, during the Christmas break where 12 students, led by Shane and Alison Griffith, assisted an orphanage in developing a marketing plan and doing research to find ways to provide funds to complete a summer camp for the children of Orphanage #6. This project also provided service learning for the students, which is now an integral part of the general education core at the University.

Web Design Seminar for Churches

Under the direction of the Computer Information Systems faculty, Dr. Bill

Jaber and Mava Norton, and in conjunction with CAPS (Center for Adult and Professional Studies), plans have been made to conduct a web design seminar for churches in July 2007 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The seminar will target small churches that do not have the money to pay a professional to design, create and maintain their church Web site. The main goal of this seminar is to provide the ministers or their designees the knowledge and beginning expertise to design, create, and maintain their church Web sites.

Business Advisory Council

The Business Advisory Council, organized in 1986, has played a signifi-

cant role in helping the faculty raise the bar. The Council is composed of educators, businesspeople in the community, educators, and alumni. As a result of their involvement, the department now has: (1) a viable internship program for juniors and seniors, (2) a curriculum updated to keep pace with current changes in the real world, and (3) the benefit of council members speaking to business classes.

The Department of Business has experienced significant change—in the curriculum, in the pedagogical approach, in the faculty and staff, and in facilities. The department has 10 full-time and 13 part-time faculty members with offices on the second and third floors of Walker Memorial Building; four computer labs on the first floor, and a Student Business



Seniors attend the December Department of Business senior reception.

Lab consisting of a comfortable “living room” type seating area, as well as a conference room for student and faculty group meetings.

In the words of Dr. Thompson, “We exist to create opportunities for our students now and in the future.” One can readily identify the department’s vision to be one of commitment and continuous improvement, where raising the bar is a theme pursued vigorously. 🌟



Alumni Profile

(l-r) Joe Don, Gary and Jay perform at the 2006 Country Music Awards show.



'FLATT'-OUT FAMOUS

Jay DeMarcus and Rascal Flatts have set a new standard in country music stardom

John Russell/CMA

by CAMERON FISHER

WHEN IT COMES to success in the music and recording industry, Lee University alumni can stake claim to a number of milestones, particularly in gospel and contemporary Christian music. However, Jay DeMarcus '93 is hitting a level of fame in country music never before achieved as one of the vocalists in the mega-popular trio, Rascal Flatts.

Together for nine years, Rascal Flatts' popularity has risen to what critics and fans alike have labeled nothing short of "superstardom." Their list of hits and awards for their music began with the Academy of Country Music's (ACM) New Vocal Group Award in 2001, and includes recognitions from ACM, Country Music Television (CMT), Country Music Association (CMA), *Billboard* and already this year a People's Choice Award for Favorite Song From a Movie and Favorite Song Remake.

The recognition goes beyond Nashville and crosses all genres of music today. Last year alone Rascal Flatts was the reigning 2006 AMA, CMA, ACM and CMT Vocal Group of the Year. Their single, "What Hurts The Most" was the most played song on radio and made them the only male or group to have a #1 single at AC and Country in the 45-year history of *Billboard* magazine. The album, "Me And My Gang" debuted in the #1 position on the Soundscan Top 200 albums chart, making it the highest debut of the year for 2006 in all genres, with first week sales of 721,747 units sold. They had the best selling country album of the year for "Feels Like Today" and combined with "Me And My Gang," Rascal Flatts sold over 13 million albums—more than any music act, including country, rock and roll, gospel, soul—you name it. In addition, they played to over 1 million fans in 74 cities during their Me and My Gang Tour.

By any stretch, 2006 was a phenomenal year for Jay DeMarcus and Rascal Flatts.

Like most music groups, the skyrocket to fame didn't happen overnight.



Jay (right) holds the trophy for Group of the Year at the 2006 CMA's

John Russell/CMA

Jay's lifelong passion for music began to flourish when he was a student at Lee in the early '90s. He lived in third floor Hughes Hall, loved flag football and "any social activity" the campus had to offer. But the most profound impact was the time spent traveling and ministering with Danny Murray and New Harvest.

"Danny provided the best instruction to prepare me for the music industry," Jay said. "I spent multiplied hours tinkering with the equipment learning how to produce. There are some things I would have never learned had I not attended Lee."

Jay also credits Lee for providing him with a great foundation to be a Christian in the secular music world where it is, "challenging to be a believer." "Lee had a major impact in the person I am today and the spiritual foundation I received solidified my faith."

While traveling with New Harvest, Jay hooked up with fellow musician Neal Coomer '95 and they formed the contemporary Christian group East To West. Discovered by Benson Records in 1992 when they played at an Atlanta Christian Music Festival, the duo enjoyed much success, including two #1 hits and another in the Top Five.

In 1997 Jay convinced his second cousin, Gary Levox, to move from a comfortable job in Ohio where the two grew up playing music at family gatherings.

"He called me first on his way to a vacation and said he wanted to sing for me to see what I thought... needless to say, I was blown away," Jay related.

"Gary went back to Ohio and I kept calling him to try and convince him to move down here and at least give it (a singing career) a shot."

The third member of Rascal Flatts, Joe Don Rooney, appeared when Jay and Gary were working in a Nashville club and needed a fill-in guitarist. "A few bars into the first song we sang, I knew we had something special," Jay recalled.

The trio recorded some demos, which caught the attention of Lyric Street Records, the country music arm of the Disney Corporation. In the first two years they toured as opening acts for some of country music's hottest stars. They immediately garnered loyal fans, and were soon on their own. They recorded for two movie soundtracks and appeared on two live TV concerts.

In commenting on their catapult to the top, Jay said, "Every day I wake up to wake up . . . I thank God for every day and I do not take it for granted. It (fame) comes and goes very fast and it's a lot to take in." He says there are rewarding times, such as "being able to give back to the ones I love that have stood by me and believed in me for so many years. We also do a benefit concert for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital where all proceeds from ticket sales go to the hospital . . . that is extremely rewarding."

In addition to everything else, Jay found time last year to produce and perform on *Chicago XXX*, the latest offering from the legendary rock and roll group. *USA Today* recently reviewed the album saying it offers, "some of the most potent easy listening you're likely to hear in the near future."

RASCAL FLATTS

- 2007 People's Choice Awards - Favorite Song from a Movie/ Favorite Song Remake - "Life Is A Highway"
- 2006 American Music Awards - T-Mobile Text In Award - Favorite Artist of the Year/Country Group of the Year
- 2006 CMA Awards - Group of the Year
- 2006 ACM Awards - Group of the Year- 4th consecutive win
- 2005 Radio Music Award - "Bless The Broken Road" as Country Song of The Year
- 2005 Billboard Country Artist of the Year
- 2005 CMA Vocal Group of the Year
- 2005 ACM Vocal Group of the Year
- 2005 CMT Music Award - Group/Duo Video of the Year - "Feels Like Today"
- 2004 CMA Vocal Group of the Year
- 2004 ACM Vocal Group of the Year
- 2004 CMT Music Video Award - Group/Duo Video Award - "I Melt"
- 2003 CMA Vocal Group of the Year
- 2003 CMT Flameworthy Music Video Award - Group/Duo Video Award "These Days"
- 2003 ACM Awards - Vocal Group/ Song of the Year "I'm Movin' On"
- 2002 CMA Award - Horizon Award
- 2001 ACM Awards - New Vocal Group Award



Jay DeMarcus with his wife, Allison, a former Miss Tennessee

Jay has not forgotten his Christian roots and even admits that he "misses the music of the church and ministry" on a regular basis "We have talked about doing a gospel record and I expect we will. In the meantime, our music now is a real statement of our faith. It's not too preachy; people see what we believe." 🎵



Faculty Facts

McDaniel Inducted Into Southern Tennis Hall of Fame

The 2007 ceremony of the USTA Southern Tennis Hall of Fame Southern Section included Lee University's Kay McDaniel. The ceremony took place on January 20, 2007, in Atlanta, Ga.



McDaniel, who joined the Lee University faculty in 1990, has had a passion for the game of tennis since she first picked up a racquet at 11 years of age.

Through a successful junior career, McDaniel secured number one rankings in the USTA Southern 14, 16, and 18 divisions. She took her talents on to Louisiana State University where she played in the number one position for three years and was a three-time All-American. After reaching the semi-finals in singles of the National Collegiate Tournament, Kay turned professional.

In her first year on the women's professional tour, Kay played at the

Wimbledon Championships and finished the year ranked 75th in the world. She went on to compete in six Wimbledon Championships, six U.S. Opens, and three French Opens.

Along with winning a singles title in Atlanta and doubles titles in Houston and Las Vegas on the Virginia Slims Tour, McDaniel picked up the award for

"Fastest Serve in Women's Tennis" when she was clocked at 105 mph.

McDaniel played in the era of other amazing female players such as Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, and Steffi Graf. Even competing against the most legendary players in the game, McDaniel reached career high rankings of #30 in singles and #20 in doubles.

Shortly after retirement McDaniel was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus and Addison's disease. Although these incurable diseases created new obstacles for McDaniel, she launched a new career as assistant professor of Sport and Human Performance at Lee. During her tenure as coach for the women's tennis team, she was named the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year." The annual "Kay McDaniel Walk for Lupus" was established when university students and community members came together to create the fund-raiser in her honor. *Source: (UPI & AP)*



Silverman Wins Major ACA Fellowship

Lee University's Patty Silverman, assistant professor of public relations, recently received a Jean Ritchie Fellowship from the Appalachian College Association (ACA). The award of over \$20,000 will fund research for her dissertation "Persuasion Strategies, Motivational Factors, and Obstacles: Influences in the Evolutional Transition from Public Relations Practitioner to Professor."

As a full-time teacher at Lee and a graduate student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Silverman has had little time for writing and research the last few years. With the ACA fellowship, she was able to take a leave of absence from Lee and focus on her doctoral studies.

"Winning this award was truly a blessing," said Silverman. "Receiving

this fellowship has allowed me to devote full-time to my research with the ultimate goal of completing my dissertation and graduating this coming May."

Silverman, who has 20 years of public relations experience, has taught at Lee since the fall of 2000. She said that her dissertation is a qualitative research project designed for practical application. "I really wanted to do something that would be useful in the public relations industry," she said.



Her interest in this research began when she discovered that there is a huge shortage of qualified public rela-

tions faculty. Intrigued by this situation, she decided to focus her doctoral research on understanding the root of the problem.

Since then, Silverman has conducted extensive interviews with public relations professionals nationwide who have transitioned from working in the field to working in the classroom. Her goal is to find out what motivated them to make the change and what obstacles deterred them.

"The public relations faculty shortage is nearing a crisis in the U.S. today," said Silverman. "I hope that my findings will be useful in providing a platform for a nationwide recruitment campaign to help alleviate this crisis."

When she arrived at Lee in 2000, Silverman became coordinator for the public relations emphasis in the Communication & the Arts Department.



Dewayne Thompson (blue shirt) enjoys the view as he chats with other seminar members

Thompson Attends Salzburg Seminar

Dr. Dewayne Thompson, chair of Lee University's Department of Business was recently chosen to attend a seminar on Colleges and Universities as Sites of Global Citizenship. The seminar convened at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria, and was presented by The Salzburg Seminar's International Study Program (ISP).

The ISP sessions for college faculty members and administrators examine the factors that support or constrain a comprehensive institutional approach to incorporate global thinking in their curricula and policies.

Both parts of the ISP are problem-focused and action-oriented. They

inspire individuals and the institutions involved in the program to commit themselves to the development of an inclusive global civil society and to initiate change in their respective environments towards this goal.

Participants explored the factors that either support or restrain a comprehensive approach to global education within colleges and jointly developed strategies for how their colleges can incorporate a more comprehensive approach to global education into their activities in terms of institutional policies, curriculum enhancement, extracurricular activities, and faculty development. 🍷

Milliron Elected President of TPA

Lee University professor Dr. Trevor Milliron has been elected president of the Tennessee Psychological Association.



Milliron, a clinical psychologist and director of the Lee University Play Therapy Center, will begin this three-year board position in January for the largest organization of psychologists and psychological examiners in the state. He has previously served the TPA as legislative chair since 2005.

Dr. Milliron is an associate professor of psychology at Lee University teaching in both the undergraduate program of psychology and the graduate programs in counseling. He has also served as a disaster response psychologist for the TPA network and Red Cross.

Former History Professor Bill Snell Dies at 76

Dr. William Snell, a 30-year veteran of the Lee faculty and professor emeritus of History, passed away on January 14, 2007.

Snell taught history at Lee University from 1970-99. During his tenure, he was the recipient of the Lee University Excellence in Teaching Award (1979) and Excellence in Scholarship Award (1987). Since 1999, he has been professor emeritus of history.



Snell's specialty was Colonial American History, but Clevelanders recognized him for his knowledge of local history. He is the author of *Cleveland, The Beautiful*, perhaps the most complete account of the history of Cleveland and Bradley County. He has also published numerous articles including "Masked Men in Montgomery: The Revised Ku Klux Klan in the Capitol Center and Country" (1990) and was the editor of "Myra Inman Diary" which appeared in the *Cleveland Daily Banner* from 1984-1988.

In January of 2004, Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland declared Monday, March 29, William Snell Day, for his contributions to Lee and the city of Cleveland.

In remarking about his passing, Lee President Dr. Paul Conn said, "Bill Snell was one of the leaders of the Lee University faculty for 30 years. His love for American history, and particularly for the history of East Tennessee and the South, made him a popular teacher with students across the campus. Literally thousands of Lee students have been in his classes over the years, and he will be greatly missed." 🍷



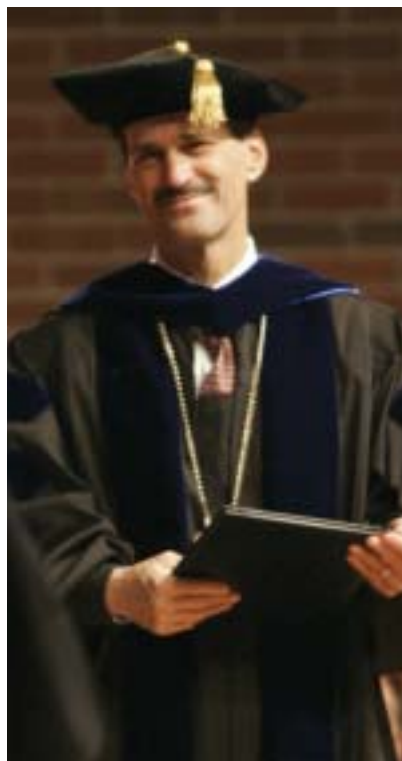
Faculty Facts

Conn Elected to CIC Board

Lee President Dr. Paul Conn has been elected to the national Board of Directors of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC.) The 26-member board represents more than 570 independent, liberal arts colleges and universities across the country, according to the organization's website. Dr. Conn attended his first meeting in January as part of the group.

Conn has previously served on the boards of state and regional associations and of the national Christian college association, and is currently on the board of the Appalachian College Association.

Founded in 1956, the Council of Independent Colleges is an association of private colleges and 60 higher education affiliated organizations that work together to strengthen college and university leadership, sustain high-quality education, and enhance private higher education's contributions to



society. To fulfill this mission, CIC provides its members with skills, tools, and knowledge that address aspects of lead-

ership, financial management and performance, academic quality, and institutional visibility.

CIC is the major national service organization for all small and mid-sized, independent, liberal arts colleges and universities in the U.S. CIC is not a lobbying organization, but rather focuses on providing services to campus leaders as well as seminars, workshops, and programs that assist institutions in improving educational programs, administrative and financial performance, and institutional visibility.

All of the colleges and universities involved in CIC share the attributes of dedication to teaching, purposefulness about moral and civic values, small classes, close partnerships between the campus and its surrounding community, and governing structures that are not part of state government. The Council's main purposes are supporting college leadership, advancing institutional excellence, and enhancing public understanding of the contribution of private higher education to society. 🍷

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Eckert's New Book Receives Strong Endorsements

Assistant Psychology Professor Dr. Kim Eckert's new book has garnered positive reviews, including a mention in the highly regarded *Publisher's Weekly*. The December 11 review of *Stronger Than You Think: Becoming Whole Without Having to Be Perfect*, preceded the book's formal release in February.

"Getting a mention of any type in *Publisher's Weekly* is rare and valuable, and for it to be so positive is doubly so," stated Lee President Dr. Paul Conn, himself a best-selling author. "I'm eager to see the book when a copy is available."

The *PW* review stated, "This is not a self-help manual with the obligatory seven steps for growth or spiritual renewal. This is a book about women's brokenness. Eckert says that failed relationships, body issues, sexual wounds, low self-esteem, and dormant anger conspire to keep women from the wholeness they desire." The review went on to break down sections of the book, saying "these chapters are well done, with Eckert bringing the message home through various 'tools for the journey'—practical

suggestions of things that women can do to enjoy greater authenticity and wholeness."

The book has also been endorsed by well-known authors, including Stephen Arterburn who said, "Every woman who worships the god of perfection can come to know the God of the universe while discovering the wonder of who God has made you to be." Cara Davis, editor of *Radiant* magazine said, "The battleground for women's souls is in the mind. *Stronger Than You Think* equips women with the armor they need to combat society's messages, Satan's deceptions and our own internal misgivings." And Jan Silvius, author of *Foolproofing Your Life* and *Big Girls Don't Whine*, said "Solid, thought-provoking, healing, challenging. These four words describe my reaction to *Stronger Than You Think*. With the mix of the



straightforward teacher and the insightful therapist, Kim Eckert gives women a book that speaks to our heads and our hearts. If it is time for you to take a positive, life-altering journey, this Woman's Guide is for you. I loved it." ❖

DeHart's Work on Constitution Selected for Publication

By WHITNEY HEMPHILL

Dr. Paul DeHart, assistant professor of political science at Lee University, has recently begun working towards the publication of his work "Better Than They Knew: The Constitution's Implicit Moral Design." The manuscript, which began as his dissertation, will be published by the University of Missouri Press late next year.

The project as a whole addresses the primary question, "Is the Constitution any good?" DeHart's argument has two main parts. The first part is about how one ascertains the moral framework of

things like constitutions—and in particular, the U.S. Constitution—in the first place. The second part has to do with ascertaining and evaluating the moral framework or moral assumptions of the U.S. Constitution.



DeHart's manuscript has received active support and high praise from prominent conservative political philosopher Hadley Arkes, who is the Edward N. Ney Professor of Jurisprudence and American Institu-

tions at Amherst College. Arkes, who may be best-known as the author of "First Things," has helped craft several significant pieces of federal legislation and is a frequent writer and contributor to American political discourse.

"The remarkable achievement in this manuscript is that the case Paul DeHart makes for the moral telos of the Constitution has been made now in a way that must be utterly compelling to anyone who has not closed his mind entirely to the canons of reason," says Arkes. "This is a rare and remarkable achievement. I know of nothing else that does the work this well." ❖



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Alumni Relations Returns Home

Lee University Alumni Relations is in a new home . . . literally.

Harkening back to the late 70s and early 80s when the alumni operation was housed in a former home on the corner of Church (prior to its closure) and 15th Streets, the offices have relocated to Lee's Operations House, a former private residence located directly behind Storms Hall between Church and Parker Streets. The house offers visitors improved accessibility to Alumni Relations and ample parking in addition to a reception area and conference room.

"We look forward to expanding service to alumni and friends from our new location," Alumni Relations Director Anita Ray stated. "There is much more we can offer alumni from this location than our previous offices." Since the move from the former alumni house, alumni operations has been located on the second floor of the Higginbotham Administration Building.

Joining Anita in the new location are Mitzi Thornburg '02 and Chad Grisham '04, both of whom recently joined the Alumni Relations staff. Mitzi serves as Alumni Relations secretary and Chad as Alumni Fund coordinator.

Alumni and friends are invited to stop by during your next trip to campus!



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A.C.T.S. Team Raises \$80,000 Through Phonathon

Each semester, 15 Lee University students devote at least two nights per week making calls for the Annual Alumni Fund Phonathon. The mission of A.C.T.S. (Alumni Connecting through Students) is to build and strengthen the relationship between Lee alumni and friends and current students, while generating monetary support for the university. A.C.T.S. employs skilled, trained students and serves as a means for alumni and friends to ask questions about Lee news and events, offer suggestions, update information, and make an annual pledge of support. In 2006 the student team raised more than \$80,000 for the Annual Alumni Fund. Phonathon success is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the student callers, and the generosity of Lee alumni and friends.

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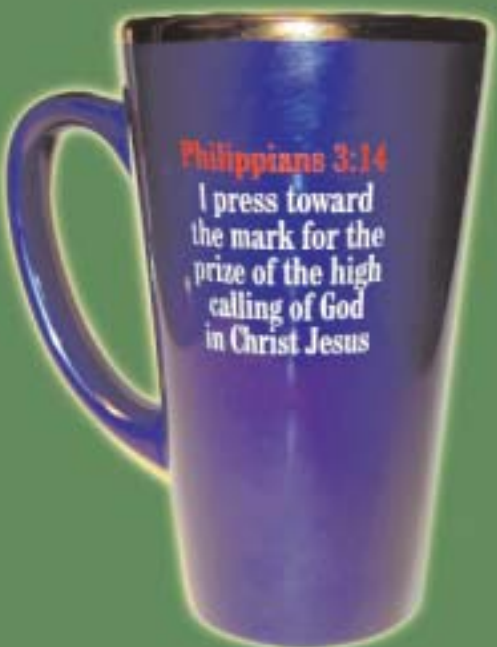
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Coach Rowe's 200th Win, Still's 1,000th Point Spur Record-Setting Women's Basketball Season

It has already been a record-setting season for coach Marty Rowe and his Lee University women's basketball team and there should be plenty more to come.

As of February 18, the Lady Flames

owned a sparkling 24-3 record. They won 12 straight basketball games before falling at Lincoln Memorial University on January 27 and were ranked No. 4 by the National Associa-

tion of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in early February.

Coach Rowe has been coaching women's college basketball for nine years and reached his 200th win on February 3 in a win against Auburn University Montgomery.

Jessica Still, a junior from Owensboro, Ky., joined an elite list of Lady Flames on January 25 at Brewton-Parker College when the gifted shooter went over the 1,000-point scoring mark. Still currently has 1,025 points and is leading the Lee ladies in scoring with a 14.2 per game average.

"Jessica has already been able to shoot the basketball," said Coach Rowe. "I've known her since she was a small child and she could really shoot the ball then. I rank her with the best shooters in women's basketball." Still is shooting



Coach Marty Rowe claimed his 200th career victory on February 3.

Pickel's 1,000th Point Milestone Among Season's Highlights

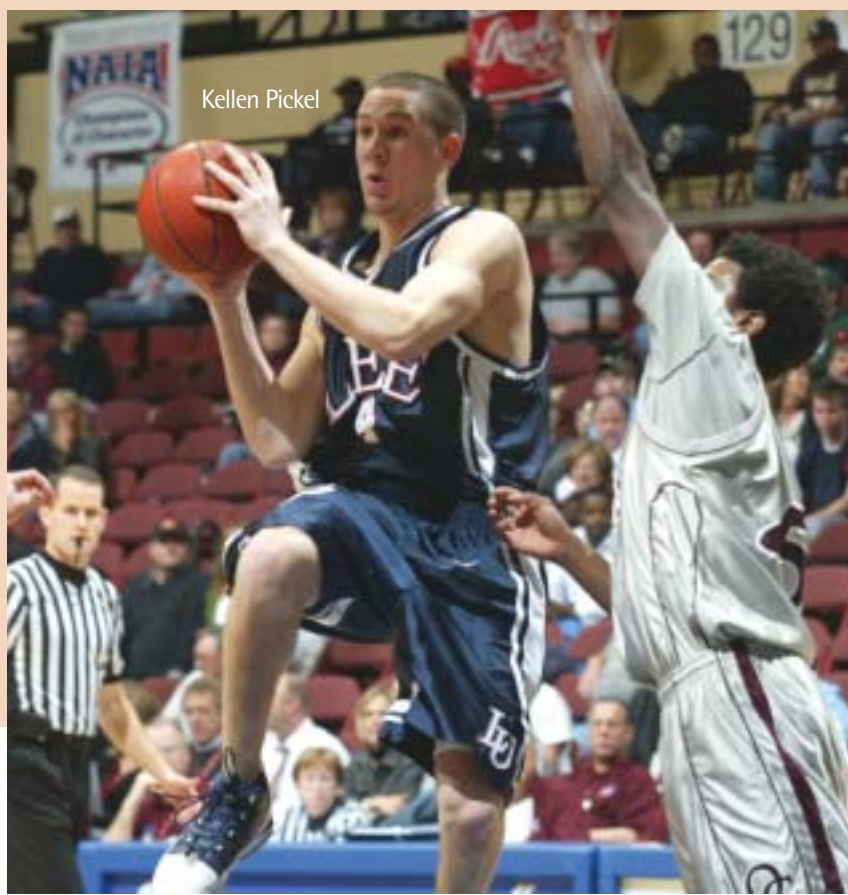
Lee University junior guard Kellen Pickel reached the 1,000-point mark on January 20 against host Shorter College in Rome, Ga. and helped direct the Flames to a convincing 76-53 win over the Hawks.

Pickel joined an elite group of 28 Lee men basketball 1,000-point scorers just before the first half ended. It came on one of his patented 3-point shots. He nailed 4-of-6 treys in the victory and finished with a 14-point effort. "Kellen should rack up quite a few more points before his playing days are over at Lee," said coach Tommy Brown. "He still has 1 1/2 years to

play and is really shooting the basketball well right now."

While Pickel has been making

headlines, Lee's Kendrick (Modie) Johnson has been a pure delight to Coach Brown and the loyal Lee fans. He is



Kellen Pickel



Lee's Jessica Still drives in against a Berry College opponent

41 percent from the field (mostly from long range) and is an 88 percent free throw shooter.

Other leading Lee scorers are: junior Aaron Richmond, 12.4 points per game; freshman Katie Nelson, 10.1 points per game; Jan Dodson 9.2 points per game; and Allison Rader, 7.9 points per game and a team-leading 72 assists for the season. Nelson, 6.3 and Dodson 5.8, are the team's leading rebounders.

Playing against a rugged schedule, the Lady Flames hold wins over Bryan, Tennessee Wesleyan, Campbellsville, Brewton-Parker, Trevecca Nazarene, Lindsey Wilson and others. Their only defeats have come against the defending NAIA national champ, Union University, ranked Auburn Montgomery and Lincoln Memorial University, an NCAA Division II program.

The Lady Flames will be seeking a third straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament when they host the SSAC Conference Tournament, beginning February 28, in Walker Arena. 🏀

first in the SSAC and third in the nation in field goal percentage (65 percent). Johnson is also tops in the conference in rebounding 8.5 per game and fourth in the nation in double-doubles (scoring and rebounds) with eight this season.

With only two players (Pickel and Mason) returning from last season's Southern States Athletic Conference championship squad, Brown has had his club ranked in the NAIA Top 25 most of the season. Lee's record, under the second year of Brown's leadership, stood at 19-8 overall and 7-4 in the SSAC in mid-February. The Flames were to host their first SSAC tournament beginning on February 28.

Supported by large crowds in Walker Arena, the Flames opened the season with a thrilling two-overtime victory over Tennessee Temple University. They scored two wins over Bryan College (including homecoming) and posted wins over Tennessee Wesleyan,

Emmanuel College, Virginia-Wise, Lambuth University (ranked in the top 10 by the NAIA), Brewton-Parker College twice, Reinhardt College, Southern Wesleyan University and Berry College.

"It is a rugged conference from top to bottom," said the coach. "Anyone can win on any given night. We must continue to work hard on the defensive end, improve our free-throw shooting and cut down on our turnovers in

order to have a chance to finish at the top. Our conference tournament should really be something to see this season. We have a lot of teams capable of winning the championship and getting the automatic bid to the national tournament."

Brown added, "I'm just glad we are hosting the tournament. Our fans are the greatest in the NAIA and that means a great deal to our club." 🏀



Coach Tommy Brown's club has ranked in the NAIA Top 25 most of the season.



Soccer Men Claim First Regional Title

The Flames soccer team entered 2006 after the best campaign in Lee history a year before. The 2005 squad tied a record with 20 wins, and was the first men's soccer side to ever appear at nationals. However, Head Coach Henry Moyo was not content to rest on the collective laurels of the Flames, and prepared an extremely tough schedule for the Maroon and White.

The Lee men completed the season with a stellar 17-4-1 record, translating to the second-best winning percentage (81 percent) against the toughest competition in the program's history. Included in that number is an impressive 7-3-1 mark against foes ranked in the NAIA poll.


Easily the most notable of all those wins was an eye-opening 3-0 thrashing of the No. 1 team in the nation, the University of Auburn-Montgomery, on their turf. Most importantly, the victory

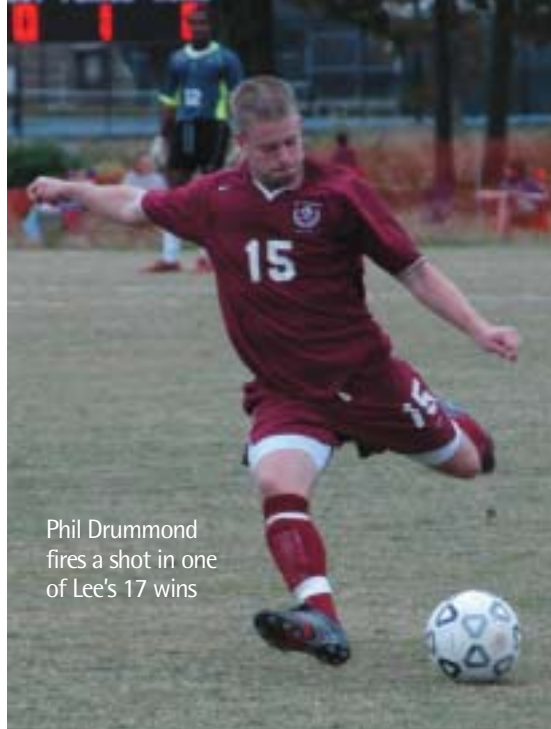
gave the Lee men their first-ever Region XIII title.

Though the Flames were unable to advance past the first round of the national tourney, they did lose one of the closest games in NAIA tournament history. Lee was matched up against eighth-rated Azusa Pacific University, who progressed all the way to the championship game. The match officially resulted in a draw, but APU advanced after claiming an incredible 9-8 margin on penalty kicks after the second overtime. Lee also set a tournament record with an almost unbelievable 17 corner kicks in the match.

Once again, Ricardo Pierre-Louis headed up a potent offense that was one of the highest-scoring in the NAIA. Pierre-Louis earned his second consecutive NAIA First Team All-American nod after collecting 33 goals (tied for most in the nation) and dispatching 11 assists. He also earned SSAC Co-Player of the Year honors. Pierre-Louis is the only men's soccer athlete to ever be

named to the top All-American team and in two years is the third all-time leading scorer (72 goals).

Stanley Nyazamba, also only a sophomore, was listed on the Second Team after dishing off 19 assists, which was tops in the NAIA. He had the third-most assists per game, and is second all-time with 40 career assists. Also notable were the 20 goals from Erick Oduour and a combined 22 assists from wingers Simon Sheppard and Phil Drummond. 



Phil Drummond fires a shot in one of Lee's 17 wins

Women's Soccer Team Goes to Nationals

After a run to the national title game in 2005, women's soccer head coach, Matt Yelton, prepared one of the nation's most difficult schedules, and the Lee women did not disappoint. Directed by NAIA First Team All-American Janaina Novaes, the Lady Flames won six of 10 matches against teams in the top 25, and finished with a 19-4 record.

In fact, all four losses were to teams that qualified for the National Championship semifinals. The Lady Flames' season ended at the national tournament, as the squad rode eight consecutive shutouts to a 2-1 victory over 11th-ranked Carroll College (Mont.) in the first round. However, the team was again unable to get past Martin Methodist College, losing 3-1 in the second round after a defeat earlier in



Senior Jodie McGuckin moves in for the score

the season and in the national championship match a year earlier.

The impressive team performance was driven by a strong offensive unit, which was second in the nation in scoring per game, which notched 105 goals, or 4.6 per game. The defensive unit allowed the third-fewest shots in the NAIA (62) and gave up just 17 goals.

Novaes was awarded her second consecutive First Team honor and third overall after scoring 21 goals and assisting on 11 others. The junior put

almost 60 percent of her shots on target and scored six game-winning goals. Novaes holds the top spot on the career scoring chart (82 goals) and is third all-time in assists (46).

Defender Rachel Tuck led the list of five other All-American Lady Flames. Tuck was listed on the Second Team after another superb defensive campaign. The senior played a huge part in helping Lee record 15 shutouts, and even scored three goals, including a game-winner. The senior was also one

of five NAIA Academic All-Americans, and earned spots on the prestigious NSCAA College Division First Team Scholar All-America and the All-South Scholar First Team (along with athletes from major NCAA Division I programs).

Forward Jodie McGuckin earned a spot on the Third Team All-America after concluding her career with 15 goals and 14 assists. Yelton was awarded the Region XIII Coach of the Year award after directing the Lady Flames to the SSAC and region crowns. 🏆

Tuck Is First Lee Woman to Have Soccer Jersey Retired

Rachel Tuck made Lee University women's soccer history on February 3. The outstanding four-year player defender became the first Lee women's soccer player to have her jersey retired. The special event took place during halftime of the Lee vs. Auburn University Montgomery mens' basketball game.

Number 18 started in defense each of her four college seasons, and in 2004 became the first athlete in Lee history to earn a prestigious NAIA First Team All-American award. In subsequent years, the Midland, Texas native added All-American honorable mention and Second Team selections and became known as one of the nation's top defenders. Tuck was also a three-time All-Region XIII and All-Southern States Athletic Conference.

In addition to controlling the Lee defensive unit, Tuck became known for her stellar academic work and will graduate with a degree in communications. She was honored both years she was eligible as a NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete and was a three-time member of the SSAC All-Academic Team. Tuck also earned impressive awards from the National Soccer Coaches Associ-

ation of America in her junior and senior years, including First and Second Team All-America Scholar awards among players from the NAIA and NCAA Division III. After this past season, she was the only non-NCAA Division I athlete tabbed as a NSCAA First Team All-South Scholar.

"Rachel is truly one of the most special players that I have ever had the opportunity to coach," said Lee Head Coach Matt Yelton. "I believe that the unique thing about Rachel is that although she was honored many times for her individual performances, she

was always a player who put her team first. Rachel did things the right way, from her work in the classroom to her work on the soccer field, she could always be counted on."

During the four years Tuck donned the Maroon and White, the Lee women accumulated a 77-17-2 record and an almost unbelievable 54 shutouts. During her junior season the Lady Flames placed second in the NAIA National Tournament. She was also key in propelling the Lady Flames to three straight NAIA National Tournament appearances. Coach Matt Yelton summed up the incredible talent and dedication of Tuck best when he observed, "Rachel's play was often the difference between a win and a loss." 🏆



(l-r) Lee Athletic Director Larry Carpenter, Rachel's sister Kristine Tuck, her mother Lanette, Rachel, her father Byron, and Lee Soccer Coach Matt Yelton.



New Coaching Era 'Brew'ing In Baseball

First-year head Coach Mark Brew steps into some mighty big shoes as he replaced former Lee University Head Baseball Coach David Altopp as the Flames begin the 2007 season.

"Coach Altopp has meant the world to me individually as well as a coach. You can never replace him as a coach, but what I can do is to utilize the vision he had for the Lee University baseball program and expand it to meet the current goals of the team and coaching staff," said Brew as he prepares for his first head coaching job.

"I was fortunate to be a part of Coach Altopp's staff for 10 years and assist in developing a program from ground-level into a nationally recognized program," Brew added. "I totally expect our team to be able to sustain and improve on the past

successes of Lee baseball. The team and coaching staff have worked extremely hard during our preparation for the season, and that should pay dividends come the first pitch."

The coaching staff is searching for ways to replace its work horse pitcher over the past two years, Jon Kirby. The rugged right-hander was drafted in the 31st round by the San Diego Padres. After posting a 10-3 record with a 1.61 ERA, Kirby was selected as a first team All-American. Over a two-year period, he won 24 games for the Flames and lost just four times. Lee must also replace catcher Paul Keck, who signed as a free agent with the Seattle Mariners, and Matt Brooks, who was a four-year team leader.

Brew will count heaving on several key returnees from the 2006 club. Leading the list will be first-team All-American outfielder Andrew Shaver.



Mark Brew (center) is looking forward to his first full season as head coach.

The NAIA Scholar Athlete is starting his fourth season for the Flames. He is coming off a remarkable 2006 season—Player of the Year in the SSAC and Region XIII; .401 batting average; 21 double; 16 home runs; and 60 RBI.

Also back will be Jeremy Hutslar. The junior outfielder was first-team All-SSAC last season and hit a solid .384. Senior Kyle Sullivan was injured and missed the entire 2006 season, but he's back and ready to roam centerfield and help give the Flames one of the strongest outfields in the NAIA.



The infield has talented senior Tony Perez (.340) returning, along with a great defensive first baseball, senior Aaron Simmons (348). Add senior right-handed pitcher Gabe Seten (8-4, 2.54 ERA), Mike Oberg (3-1, 3.34 ERA), Daniel Howard (4-0, 2.12 ERA), lefty Craig Trent (3-3), and Dallas Sims (medical red-shirt) to the list and you can see the Flames are well-blessed with players who know what it takes to win in tough and talented NAIA baseball. Senior Nick Utley, a multi-talented infielder and outfielder also returns and boast the infield as well as handle some mound duties.

An excellent recruiting year should help the Flames find ways to try and match the 42-18 record of last season. Shortstop Lance Zawadzki has created plenty of excitement. The transfer from San Diego State was a 15th- round draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2006. Catcher Elvis Sosa is a transfer from SW Community College and was an All-TJCAA in 2006. The Flames also landed infielder Edgar Mercado, a transfer from Broward Community College. He was drafted in the 38th round by the Philadelphia Phillies in 2004.

Transfers should also contribute to the pitching staff. Right-handed pitchers Cody Campbell and Joel Matthews joined Zawadzki in transferring from San Diego State, while right-hander Matt Montgomery came to Lee from Alabama Southern. He was selected in the 14th round during the 2005 draft. Robby Hearn played at Middle Georgia College and is ready for duty in the outfield.

"The Southern States Athletic Conference is a very competitive league," said Brew. "We must play our best on a weekly basis to have any chance to compete for a conference championship. However, any team can beat any team in the SSAC and this league is very unpredictable." 🍌

Volleyball Team Has 15th Straight Year of 20+ Wins

The Lee volleyball squad continued a tradition of finishing its year at the NAIA National Tournament in 2006, completing the season with a 32-9 mark. Head Coach Andrea Hudson has made winning look almost effortless, guiding the team to its 13th conference championship, including the third straight since moving into the SSAC. The Lady Flames added a sixth region crown and won at least 20 games for a very impressive 15th straight year.

Like other Lee coaches, Hudson did not shy away from testing her ladies, as the Lady Flames played a tough schedule against most of the best teams in the southeast. The women responded with three winning streaks of at least nine games, and swept through the conference and regional tournaments without dropping a match.

After defeating archrival Berry College for the Region XIII Championship, the squad moved on to nationals, where they were bested by California Baptist University (winners of the last two NAIA crowns) and Albertson College (Idaho), two of the top teams in the country. They did finish the season on a high note, defeating Cedarville University in four games.

The team was led by the efforts of Bruna Langner, Katie Thornton, and Ligia Zobolli. Langner was awarded SSAC and Region XIII Player of the Year honors, capping off her senior year with a Second Team NAIA All-American honor. She set a Lee record by accumulating 847 career blocks. The four-year athlete is also one of four Lady Flames to ever reach the 1500 kill mark. Langner set a season record with 195 block assists, shattering the mark she set in 2004. She led the NAIA in blocks per game with a 1.8 average.

Thornton earned conference and region Setter of the Year and was the SSAC Tournament MVP. She accumulated 988 assists and contributed solid blocking and attacking skills to the well-rounded team.

Zobolli was also named to the All-Region Team and was an All-America Honorable Mention. She also earned NAIA National Player of the Week honors after shattering a Lee record with 13 aces in one match on September 12.

Freshman Milica Krsmanovic also set a university record with two triple-doubles (double-figure statistics in three categories during the same match) in one season. 🍌



Lee's Bruna Langner completed her career as an NAIA All-American



Softball Squad Shoots for Stellar Season

Coach Emily Russell is the first to admit that her 2007 Lady Flames have a tall order to fill if they hope to match the accomplishments of last season's outstanding softball team.

Here's what the Lady Flames posted during a record shattering 2006:

- Final 55-14 record and 27-4 in Southern States Athletic Conference play
- Made program's fourth trip to NAIA National Tournament
- Advanced to the Final Eight and won four games in the National Tournament
- Finished seventh in the final NAIA National Poll
- Tied or broke 21 team records
- Produced three NAIA All-Americans and three NAIA Academic All-Americans



The Lady Flames will be counting heavily on NAIA National All-Tournament second baseman Maranda Mounce

Gone from that amazing team are first-team All-American pitcher Charli Duff; second-team All-American outfielder Jill Webb; and record-setting shortstop (14 homers, 61 RBI, .388 batting average) Kelly Golden. Add to the list first baseman Jennifer Pendergrass and outfielder Lauren Hilliard and you

can see why Russell and her staff have some rebuilding to do.

However, there's a solid foundation in place. Leading the way will be sure-handed Maranda Mounce. The senior All-SSAC, Region XIII and National All-Tournament second baseman makes all the plays. She also has

Lee Tennis Teams: Young, but Experienced

Both of the Lee University tennis teams will enter the 2007 season with young squads that are high on experience. Each squad has a lone senior and a strong core of underclassmen to go with a solid set of juniors ready to take the leadership reins.

The men's team was ranked as high as eight in the nation in 2006, and returns all six starters from a squad that advanced to the NAIA National Tournament. The Flames are coming off a strong fall season which saw Dimitar Pamukchian win the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Region Championships.

Junior Sidney Victoratto will also be expected to deliver, and was listed at No. 32, and the two combine for the 14th-rated doubles team in the NAIA. In 2006, he won

a team-leading 16 games, including six against top 30 opponents. He will share the Maroon and White captaincy with senior Alex Figueiredo, who went 13-5 last year.

Also returning are Caio Borges, Juan Saa, and Christian Thobo-Carsen, who could be poised for his best season in what will be his third year. Head Coach Tony Cavett should be able to capitalize on the full returning squad to build on last year's 12-8 mark and a return to the national tourney.

The 2007 Lady Flames squad will also be improved and come off a 12-7 mark that propelled them all the way to the NAIA Region XIII tournament. They will again compete in the Southern States Athletic Conference, perhaps the most difficult tennis league in the NAIA, but have five of six starters returning.

"The women are really looking forward to kicking off the spring season with hopes of making it all the way to Mobile in May. Last year's squad played and competed very well and just missed a trip to the national tournament," noted Cavett.

The lone senior is Amanda North, who went 14-5 in singles, and 11-7 in the tough No. 1 doubles slot (12-7 overall). Also returning is Amy Kresge, who held down the No. 6 spot with a team-best 14-4 mark. She was part of a strong doubles team that won 16 matches.

Add in to the mix sophomores Brooklyn Goodell and Kelli Miller (No. 1 and 2 as freshmen a year ago) and two very talented freshmen in Courtney Hirth and Ann Claire Butler and one can understand why Cavett is ready to kick off the spring camp. 🔥

speed to burn, stealing 20 bases in 20 attempts last season.

Catcher Bobbi Easler enjoyed a big season. She was the SSAC Freshman of the Year and a member of the All-SSAC and All-Region XIII clubs. Easler capped off the year by being named an honor mention NAIA All-American. JaAndrea Hinton is back at third base. She's a three-year starter and has great power and owns the Lee career home run (28) and RBI (143) marks.

In the outfield junior Danielle Everett and senior Emily Broyles return bringing experience and speed. JaShaundra Hinton was injured much of last season, but is back at full strength and ready to add even more speed to the roster. Sophomore pitcher Brittany Rowe hurled several valuable innings last season and sophomore April Richards is back and ready to help Easler behind the plate.

Natalia Sergeeva is an outfielder from Midland (Texas) Community College. Sarah Warren is a veteran pitcher from Chattanooga State. Pitcher Jessica Kerr joins the Lady Flames from Solano (Calif.) Community College. First baseman Cailin Haley is from the Nashville area and shortstop Casie Connolly is also from California.

Coach Russell says her team's goal is to repeat as the SSAC regular-season and conference-tournament champions. "We are also aiming at having another shot at a region title," she added. "The girls have been working very hard all fall and during the off season, trying to put themselves in the position to finish the season where we want to be (national tournament) at the end of the year."

New student assistant coaches are Charli Duff and Kelly Golden.

"Kelly and Charli have taken on extra responsibilities with great success," said Russell. "They are energetic and hard working. Glen Woodard joined the Lee staff this semester. He has served as an assistant at Lincoln Memorial University for three years. Glen has jumped in with both feet and will be a great asset for the program," said Russell. "He is dedicated and wants to help where needed." 🍌

Impressive Fall Fuels Golf Team

Coach Jack Souther and his Lee golf team head into the spring season with an extremely positive outlook. Seeing his club win four tournaments in six starts last fall, often works magic for most programs and coaches.

Not only did the Flames win four out of six starts, they placed third and fourth in the other two events they entered. The fall success is made even more impressive by the quality of tournaments Souther enters his Flames in. "Playing in the better tournaments not only helps your golfers play harder, it also helps our ratings," said the veteran coach.

Going into the spring slate, Lee is ranked seventh nationally by the NAIA and fifth by Golfstats. The Flames are seeking a third straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament and would like nothing better than claiming Southern States Athletic Conference and Region XIII crowns.

Souther will be counting heavily

on seniors Brandon Cissom and Nick Parker to direct the charge for his Flames. Cissom enjoyed an outstanding fall. In six starts, Cissom walked away with medalist honors three times. He also had a second-place finish.

Parker heated up near the end of the fall season and was medalist in Tennessee Wesleyan's Springbrook event. Josh Lawson, Wes Nobles and Tyler Nelson grabbed spots on all-tournament teams and Matt Clouse showed he can play with the best.

The Flames will play in tournaments at Pinehurst N.C., Rome, Ga., Daytona, Fla., London, Ky., and the famous Brickyard, Ind. this spring before turning their attention toward conference, region and hopefully national tourney play.

"I'm really excited about my golf team," said Souther. "This group has a chance to be really good and they all work hard on their games. We already have some outstanding recruits signed and ready to step in next fall." 🍌



Lee senior
Brandon Cissom
won three
tournaments
in the fall.



Torch Travels



Alumni of the Perez family display *Torches* at their vacation to the Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, resort of Villa de Palmar. From left are Jamie, JJ. '03, Joan '78, Jonas '05 and Juan Jose '78.

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Earl Rowan '66, Penny Walker Edwards '69, Bill Winters '69, Karen Roberson Winters '70, Bill Jaber '70 and Bob Varner '66 display their Flames' pride—and *Torch*—at Homecoming '06.



Bill '62 and Nelda (Davis) George '66, brought *Torch* to Copenhagen where they visited a royal castle and saw the Danish crown jewels.



◀ Christin Huff, Kimber Humphries, Tarah Armbruster, and Kellie McClellan find comfort on a gondola reading *Torch* in Venice, Italy, while participating in independent travel during the 2006 Semester in Europe: Cambridge program.

▶ Dr. J. Patrick Daugherty '69 recently participated in a medical missions trip to Brazil where he ministered to the urban poor in Florinapolis, Brazil. Joining Dr. Daugherty with *Torch* are Amy Daugherty, Donna Emmens, Becky Daugherty, Ana (a recent Christian), Dr. Daugherty, and missionaries Ron and Alana Greenwich.



▶ Ollie Lee '58 and Wayne Standifer '64 take a break from hiking in the Swiss and French Alps to review a recent issue of *Torch*.



Who's Where

1950-1979

Florence Louise Williams '51 lives in Jonesville, La., where she is a retired certified nurse aid. She has one son and attends the local Church of God. Florence says, "I am thankful for Lee coming along...I know God is going to bless His work. It does my heart good to see such great work (at Lee University)."

Elnore Huyser Carlisle '57 retired from Sprint in 2002 after 25 years and works part-time from home placing participants into conference calls. She has four grown children and eight grandchildren. Elnore says, "I am looking forward to returning for my 50th class reunion in 2007."

Stella Sievers Underwood '64 is working for the IBM Almaden Research Center in San Jose, Calif. She has three children and four grandchildren, with whom she stays very active.

Linda Booth Lewis '66 and her husband Hoyt have two daughters and four grandchildren. Linda is a retired investment representative and banker and is living in Birmingham, Ala.

Dale Frazier '71 passed away in Woodlawn, Va. He was father to Stanley Frazier '87 and grandfather to Keisha Frazier '00 and Joshua Frazier '03. Dale was the older brother of Lloyd Frazier '67 and Herbert Frazier '72 both of Cleveland, Tenn. He was uncle to Mava Norton (faculty member) and Sheri Winesette (current student). He was also brother or uncle to more than 20 other Lee alumni and the oldest brother in a family of 12 siblings.

Gaylard "Gabriel" '77 and Shirley Stevens Williams '77 are pastoring Praise Cathedral Church of God in Seymour, Ind. They have two sons, both of whom married in 2006. Oldest son,

Jonathan Gabriel Williams '99, married Bridgette Vernon '99.

1980-1989

Thomas Leach, Jr. '83, his wife, Charlene, and their son are living in Seneca, S.C., after living in Anchorage, Alaska. Tom is changing careers after 21+ years with Wal-Mart. The family attends Tri-County Worship Center in Seneca. Tom says, "Drop by and visit if you are in the area. And for those who might remember my attempts to play, they let me play guitar with the Praise Team!"

Ric Shrubb '83 was recently appointed vice president for academic and student affairs at Terra Community College in Fremont, Ohio. Ric began his duties on January 2,



2007. For the past six years he was dean of General Education and director of the Wilmington campus of TCC. Ric holds a Ph.D. from the University of Southern Miss. and is married to Julie.

Brenda Richardson McGhee '84 is in her 21st year of teaching school in Winter Springs, Fla. She has five sons and the first grandchild on the way.

Kenneth Robertson '85 recently accepted position as associate chief medical officer of LeBonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn. Kenneth is still actively serving as deacon and orchestra member at Raleigh Assembly of God. He is married to Carla and they have three children.

Theodore K. Ballard '86 is senior pastor of Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Inverness, Fla. He is married to Ruth, and they have two children.



Alumni in the House...and Senate!

At least two Lee alums took the oath of office to serve in state legislatures in January. In Nebraska, **Bill Avery '68** (below) signs the oath of office becoming a state senator for the 28th district. In Tennessee, **Kevin Brooks '90** (left) takes the oath of office to become a state representative for the 24th district.

Are there any more out there?

We would like to hear from others who are currently serving in elected government positions. If you are, or know of someone who is serving, contact us via e-mail by writing torch@leeuniversity.edu, or by writing to Lee University TORCH, P.O. Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320-3450. Please include name, e-mail address and phone number, as well as a brief description of the elected position.



Rick Campbell '86 and his wife, Deborah, have been married 20 years and have two daughters. Rick earned his M. Div. at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctorate in leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary. After pastoring for 17 years Rick now works with John Maxwell coaching pastors around the country in areas of leadership and capital stewardship. They currently reside in Athens, Ga.

Jeff Kallay '86 was recently recognized as higher education's first "Experience Evangelist" by the nation's experts on the Experience Economy with their top award for individual achievement. Jeff works for the interactive recruiting company TargetX, and was honored with the 2006 Experience Management Achievement (EMA) Award by Joe Pine and Jim Gilmore, authors of the landmark 1999 book, *The Experience Economy: Work Is Theatre & Every Business a Stage*.

Jenice Putt Saint '86 recently earned the Certified Business Manager (CBM) credential from the Association of Professionals in Business Management. She resides in Cleveland, Tenn., with her husband of almost 10 years, Ranny Saint. Jenice works for Life Care Centers of America Inc. as director of Accounting for Affiliated Entities. Jenice says, "I would love to hear from old friends by email at tennsaint@msn.com."

Steve Hall '87 recently became lead pastor at Heritage Community Church in

Severn, Md. He and his wife, **LaDon Hart Hall '84**, have three children.

Chester Cooper '88 is living in St. Cloud, Fla., where he is the E-librarian for Osceola County Public Library. Prior to moving to Florida, he spent 13 years in North Carolina working as an elementary school librarian. Chester received a masters of library science from East Carolina University in 1998. He and his wife, Sharon, have three children.

Wendell G. and Tyina Smith '88 pastor in Wauchula, Fla. They have two married daughters and the Smiths have twin grandsons. The families all live in Wauchula where they work and assist at Faith Temple Ministries Church of God.

Bobby Brooks '89 planting a church in the Middle Peninsula of Virginia (Gloucester) and is married to Genevieve (Vazquez) Brooks. They have four children and one due in April.

WHO'S WHERE Guidelines

Torch greatly encourages all alumni to participate in *Who's Where* by submitting updates via e-mail or postal mail. Please note the following guidelines regarding the *Who's Where* section:

- Entries are for the reporting of *alumni* updates. To conserve space for other alumni, reporting of non-alumni spouses and children's information will be limited.
- Alumni are encouraged to submit photos of children which *include* alumni parents
- All photos should be high quality, digital or film. *Torch* reserves the right to not run any photos based on these criteria. Photos will be returned upon request.
- When submitting electronic updates via the Lee University alumni page, please complete the form in its entirety. The "brief notes of interest" section *must* be filled in for the entry to be published.
- If spouse is an alumnus/a, please include last year at Lee and brief update as well.
- Please save reporting "future" events (engagements, graduations, impending births) for *Torch* after the event takes place.

1990-1999

Buddy Baird '90 moved from Tennessee to Salem, Ill., where he now pastors the Salem Church of God.



▲ **Stephen Teaster '91** recently accepted a position with the Florida Department of Children and Family Services as an attorney in their Citrus County office. He is married to Renea and they will live in Jacksonville.

Angel Alvarez '92 is a Master Sergeant serving in the U.S. Army in Tampa, Fla., with the 317th Military Police Battalion as their Operations Sergeant. He served a tour in Baghdad, Iraq, in 2003, where he was wounded and medi-vaced

to the U.S. His wife, Ivana, who served many years with Sodexo Marriott at Lee, is with him. Dr. Alvarez has over 20 years of military service and will be returning to Cleveland, Tenn., upon his retirement.

Roger Fleming '92 has been married to Susie for 10 years and they have one son. He is the pastor of Lighthouse Worship in Livonia, Mich.

Steve Watters '92 and his wife Candice '92, recently welcomed their third child, Churchill Stephen. Steve is now in his 10th year at *Focus on the Family* where he is the director of Young Adults and oversees *Boundless.org*, a Web site for singles. ▼





Back From the Brink of Death

After a tragic bear attack, a Lee alum tells of God's faithfulness

By CAMERON FISHER

Last spring **Susan (Paul) Cenkus '83** could not have imagined where her life would be today. While on a visit from her native Ohio to visit her son, Christopher Dennison, a senior at Lee, she was enjoying a gorgeous day with her two younger children in Tennessee's Cherokee National Forest. Along with several others around them, Susan, her six year-old daughter Elora and two year-old son Luke, were exploring in the Chilhowee campground near Benton Falls, a popular hiking destination.

Susan, a nurse and former Director of Health Services at Lee, knew the spot well. As a Lee student she had hiked there, as have so many Lee students before and since. She and her children, which also includes Lee freshman Trevor Dennison, had been there many times. It was not a place to expect anything out of the ordinary.

But in Susan and her family's lives, April 13, 2006 will live in their memory as a day when the unexplainable happened.

On that day, a black bear was out of the brush and before anyone could react, clamped on to the head of young Luke. Acting on adrenalin and instinct, Susan immediately grabbed

Luke from the bear. The action saved Luke's life as the bear released Susan's son, but latched onto her. Estimated to be nearly full grown, the bear continued his attack on Susan as bystanders tried every means to distract the animal. When she regained consciousness, Susan was alone in the wooded area and unable to move. The first words she heard was a voice saying, "Its o.k., ma'am. We are going to take care of you." She and Luke were life-flighted to Erlanger Trauma Center in Chattanooga.

However, those who had helped to save Luke and Susan were unable to save Elora. She was fatally attacked by the bear and found a few yards away on the trail.

The tragedy attracted national attention and media swarmed the Chilhowee area. Local television crews shot live from the scene for several days

as all of east Tennessee kept a vigil for the recovery of Susan and Luke. Mother and son would spend several days being treated for their life-threatening injuries. Although a trauma surgeon at Erlanger Medical Center stated in a newspaper report that Susan was "neurologically intact," and her "wounds look very well," Susan's recovery included multiple surgeries and skin grafts.

Luke's injuries included several puncture wounds to the head, which entailed a critical watch on his recovery. While touch-and-go at first, Luke was soon awake and interacting normally with those around him.

According to forestry officials, the attack was only the second death from a bear in over 50 years in the popular east Tennessee forest region. Following the incident, the park remained closed for sev-

eral weeks as local authorities searched for the animal. Eventually the bear was trapped and euthanized.

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Nine months after that tragic day, Luke has completely recovered and Susan had returned to her job as an OB nurse in her hometown of Clyde, Ohio. She has received spiritual and emotional support from well-wishers who have sent cards, letters, offered services and gifts. The people involved in the agencies and hospitals that assisted in all aspects of those horrific days numbered in the hundreds.

"The pain of Elora not being with us is like nothing I could have ever imagined," Susan stated, "She had an infectious love for life and I know she is dancing with the angels in heaven. I have found enormous strength in my



Susan Cenkus with her son, Luke



faith, family and friends, as well as the hundreds who were simply praying for our recovery. I know where Elora is and one day we will have a reunion."

In early January, Susan was on her way back to Tennessee bringing her son Trevor to Lee University for the second semester of his freshman year. If all goes as planned, she will return again in May to witness Christoper receive his diploma.

"This experience has made me realize all the more how important my role as a mother is to my three sons," Susan said. Another thing I noticed during those dark days and ever since was the presence of the friends I met while at Lee. They have been there in continual support and I am so glad that my sons are at Lee to make those same kind of life-long and lasting friendships. Through all of this I have learned that life is indeed short and we must do what we can to bring God's light to others. I have also come to realize that when we all reach that other side, we will be together and that will include those from Lee who have touched us through this difficult time."

David '93 and Donna Lloyd '95 recently moved to Canton, Ga., where Donna is the division chair of the North Cobb High School Business and Career Education Department, and David owns and operates the business Lloydhome Consultants. They have one son.

Neil DuBose '94 is married to Julie Barnes and they have two children. Neil has been a youth pastor for eight years at Bethesda Church of God in Sumter, S.C.

Tami Smith Hackney '94 recently received a masters degree in school administration from Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky. She resides in Canada, Ky.

JW '95 and Cristie Sines Dunbar '97 currently live in South Point, Ohio. JW is an associate pastor and assisted in the starting of a new Church of God in Ashland, Ky., called Gateway Church. He also works as a computer consultant and technician. Cristie is working as a supervisor at a child care resource & referral agency.

Eric Gerken '95 is living in Richmond, Texas, where he is married to Claudia and they have one daughter. Eric is a hospital administrator.

Darrin Miller '95 and his wife, Mima, have one daughter and live in Tampa, Fla., where Darrin is a youth pastor. They would love to hear from old friends.

Jeremy Bandy '96 is a special education teacher at LaFayette (Ga.) High School.

He coaches girls softball and middle school boys basketball. He has been married for 11 years to Mandy, and they have two boys.

Tricia Loftis Gleason '96 recently moved from Maryland to Terra Haute, Ind., with her husband and children. Tricia says, "I am still enjoying life at home with my young tots. I would love to hear from friends at TriciaGleasonPC@msn.com."

Roselyn Feliciano Gonzalez '96 received her masters degree in teaching this January and has been teaching in the city of Chicago for the past nine years. Roselyn says, "It has truly been a joy working with the little children and my ministry.

Thank you Lee University professors and staff for the education I received because I am putting it into practice."

Jennifer Rowsey Whittington '96, from Tampa, has joined the staff of Prevent Blindness Florida as a program manager where she oversees free vision screenings and educational seminars on eye health and safety. Jennifer previously served at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay where she was a program manager for Child Victim Rapid Response.

Carren Green Gallaher '98, her husband, and two sons recently relocated to Hendersonville, Tenn., where Carren is teaching English at Hendersonville High School and working toward a doctorate degree. The family is active in their church and in community service.

Clint Messer '98 is married to Abbie Yother Messer and they are living in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Clint is operations manager for Covenant Lighting. The family welcomed the birth of their first daughter, Isabella Faith, on August 12, 2006.

Darla Miller '98 is currently a music director working in the Houston Independent School District.

Katie Dingman Veatch '98 is married to Ian Andrew who is a pilot in the Air Force. They are living in California where Katie is an auditor for the Air Force. They are relocating to Oklahoma where Ian will be an instructor pilot.

2000-2005

Summar Looney '00 married Brian Eller on April 29, 2006. The newlyweds reside in Mountain City, Tenn., where Summar is employed as a special education teacher in Johnson County Schools and Brian is a correctional officer at Northeast Correctional Complex. She has one step-daughter.

Daniel Rainwater '00 is living in Kansas City, Mo., where he is a career-dual diagnosis counselor. In 2005, Daniel published the nations first personal diagnostic manual for addiction.

Chad Ard '02, '04M lives in Oakman, Ala., with his wife Andrea, and their two children. Chad is a physical education teacher at Townley Junior High, where he coaches basketball and baseball.



PROFILES IN GIVING

Alumni who set the standard for giving back to their alma mater

Craig and Silvia Hagmaier

Craig Hagmaier '82 first visited Lee on a Lee Day bus trip during his freshman year in high school. However, what really finalized his decision to attend Lee occurred on another Lee Day trip during his senior year. While walking the campus, Dr. Charles Conn approached, extended his hand in welcome and took the time to talk with Craig about Lee. The willingness of the



college president to proactively stop and welcome a potential student made Lee the only place for Craig.

Craig graduated from Lee with a B.S. in Mathematics. While at Lee, Craig was a member and president of Rotaract. He worked in the athletic department supporting the basketball and baseball teams. Currently, Craig works for BearingPoint as a management consultant.

Silvia was born in Havana, Cuba. She came

to America with her parents when she was four years old. Craig and Silvia met when Craig traveled to manage a client project at Panasonic, where Silvia works. Craig and Silvia were married in October 1999. They have two children, Candice age 22 and Owen age 4.

Why they give

Originally, giving to the Alumni Fund was done to make Lee a better place for the students. "I wanted to help the Lee campus compete with other high profile colleges and universities" says Craig. "If you don't support what you believe in it will die. Growth does not occur without commitment and giving shows our commitment to Lee and its becoming a world-class campus and university."

"Lee played a critical part in my personal development. It was the place where I discovered myself in a supportive environment," continued Craig. They wanted to do more that just support the campus. Craig wanted to find a way to help others with financial need attend Lee, just as he had received financial help that was critical for him to attend Lee. "I wanted to give back what was given to me. I wanted others to have the same opportunity to attend Lee," said Craig "We wanted to do something that could help more that just a person here and there, rather we wanted find a way we could maximize our giving."

They worked with the Office of University Relations to establish a scholarship. It took them a few years to build up the funds to where it could offer scholarships but today it's a gift that continues to give to others for the future. "It's an investment in individuals, to help them achieve their dreams. Lee helps to develop individuals and leaders that are able to make a difference in the world."

Robert Crouch '02 and his wife, Wendy, have two children, and attend Restoration International Outreach in Maryville, Tenn. Robert works for Ecolab and is also assisting teach a class in their church's school of ministry.

Kathryn Alexander '02 is living in Lenoir City, Tenn., and working for the Internal Revenue Service as a revenue agent in nearby Knoxville, Tenn. She is also enrolled in the MBA program at Tennessee Tech University.



▲ Micahela Rose Barno '03 moved to Charleston, S.C., where she married Mike Barno, a Second Lieutenant in the USAR, Medical Services Corp. They were married September 2, 2006, at The Citadel. Michaela works at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Brandon Bowers '03 and his wife, Shelley '03, are now living in Tampa Fla., where Brandon is student ministries pastor at the Brandon Church of God. Shelley is on staff at Southwest Florida College, working a dual role in student services, and as administrative assistant to the vice president. Shelley also serves as the Christian education

director at the church. They have one daughter. The Bowers' invite everyone to check out their myspace at www.myspace.com/bruthabran or www.myspace.com/shelleyrenea.

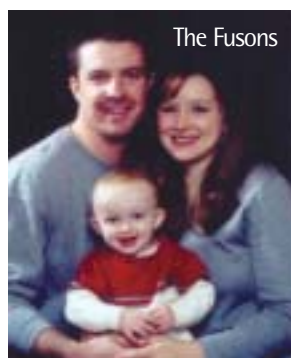
Bethany Lanier '03 is living in Auckland, New Zealand, after finishing two years of teaching at Quality Schools International in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. She is pursuing a master's of professional studies in language teaching at the University of Auckland.

Tonya Venable '03 moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she is working for the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department.

Ramona Creanga '04 is living in Fullerton, Calif.,

where she is a high school music teacher and private violin teacher. She is near completion of a masters in music education from USC.

Corey Ephrussi '04 is living in Biddeford, Maine, where he is in his second year of medical school at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.



▲ **Jonathan '04 and Missy Fuson '04** are living in White Cloud, Mich., with

their year-old son. Jonathan is senior pastor of the White Cloud Church of God.

Christin McLewin '04 lives in Norfolk, Va., where she works full time with the organization Helping Indigenous Servants in the 1040 Window. She also recently completed a master's degree in sociolinguistics from Old Dominion University.

Frances Witt McMahan '04 lives in Athens, Tenn., with her husband, Larry, and two daughters. Frances is currently in her last semester of the master's in youth and family ministry program at Lee University and is working on incorporating the non-profit child advocate (CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate) program in three Tennessee counties.

Raymond Beckman '05 lives in Melbourne, Fla., where he attends a doctor of psychology program at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Barbara Updegraff '05 is in her second year of teaching fifth grade at a public school in her hometown of Crawfordville, Fla. She says, "I'm lovin' every minute of it!"

Christina Widener Cannon '06 was married in November, 2006 and is living in Cleveland, Tenn.

Jason Kretzer '06 graduated massage therapy school and is now licensed and certified. Jason says, "This is an exciting career move that is intended to help support the Kretzer family in the Bahamas while we engage in missionary work."



Here's How YOU Can Be in WHO'S WHERE

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Family (spouse, children, etc.) _____

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