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A Giant Passes

Dr. Charles W. Conn
served as president of
Lee University from
1970-1982.



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OPENING THOUGHTS

From President Paul Conn

Billy Graham Avenue

Visitors to our campus will soon see a new and unfamiliar street sign along Ocoee Street. "Billy Graham Avenue" now marks the northern boundary of our campus.

The new street name replaces "15th Street" for two blocks—that's the stretch that runs from the Beach Science Building parking lot on Ocoee eastward to Parker Street.

The Cleveland City Council, at the urging of Mayor Tom Rowland, voted in a unanimous 7-0 action to rename the street early this spring, as a way of honoring the legendary Baptist minister and recognizing his connection to the Cleveland community.

As most Lee alumni already know, Graham lived on Ocoee Street when he was a freshman at Bob Jones College. He was a skinny North Carolina farm boy, just beginning a ministry which would eventually make him one of the most universally admired personalities of the Twentieth Century.

In that year in Cleveland, Graham lived in the men's dormitory which we now call Medlin Hall. He worked in downtown Cleveland selling shoes at the J.C. Penney store, and his walks back and forth from Medlin Hall to downtown Cleveland were probably little different from the experience of thousands of Lee students since 1947, when Lee College bought the campus from Bob Jones.

Graham is said to have preached his first sermon in a small church in Bradley County as a student that year. He decided early that Bob Jones College was not a good fit for him; he was uncomfortable with its narrow brand of fundamentalism, and transferred away after one semester. This decision foreshadowed the "big tent" brand of evangelism which would later become a Billy Graham trademark, a welcoming and inclusive style of preaching which brought millions of new believers into the Kingdom over the next half century.

For many decades, young Lee College/University ministerial students have wondered exactly which room in Medlin Hall was home to the famous evangelist. Billy Graham slept here, but where, exactly? I have been asked the question many times, but we can find no record of Graham's room assignment.

Lee University is proud of our connection, however scant, with an individual who embodies so many of the qualities we regard as important. When Mayor

Rowland asked for our support for his initiative to gain official recognition of "Billy Graham Avenue" from the Graham Association, we readily agreed. Such permission is not often given by that organization, and now that it is done, we feel that Cleveland, even more than Graham himself, is honored by the new name.

Paul Conn



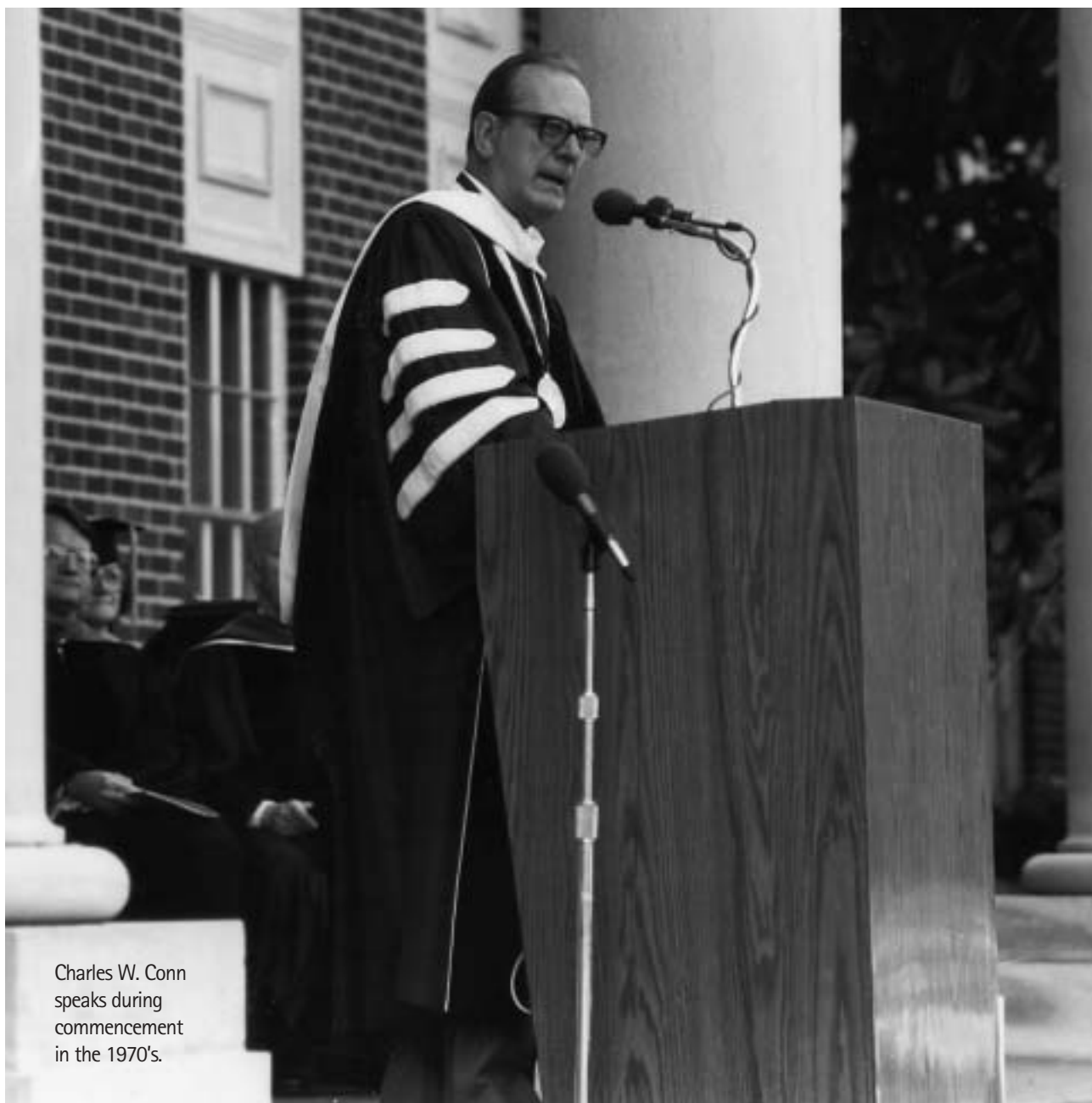
Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland, right, and Lee education professor and Cleveland City Councilman Bill Estes, watch as the first of three Billy Graham Ave. signs are mounted by City employee Tim Presley.



REMEMBERING

CHARLES W. CONN

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Charles W. Conn
speaks during
commencement
in the 1970's.

DR. CHARLES W. CONN, who served for twelve years as president of Lee College, died in a Chattanooga hospital on March 18, four days after suffering a heart attack. He was 88.

Conn's leadership of Lee (1970-82) came during a crucial period of transition between its Bible institute origins and the liberal arts university which it would eventually become. At the time, no other president had served as long as ten years, and thousands of alumni

from the 1970's remember him as a leader with a personal and fatherly style.

After his retirement in 1984, Conn and his wife Edna made their home in Cleveland, and remained actively involved in the life of the cam-

pus. He was Lee's first "president emeritus," a role which he played with great enthusiasm.

he met Edna Minor, from Decatur, Alabama, who was like himself a new convert answering a call to ministry. They married in 1941—until her death from cancer in 1997—and were parents of twelve children, all of whom also attended Lee.

He was honored by his alma mater in many ways over the years, including the awarding of an honorary doctorate, the naming of a new auditorium built during his tenure (Conn Center, 1978), receiving Lee's Distinguished Alumnus Award (1960), and the establishment of a "servant leadership award" bearing his name (2004).

During his presidency, Conn's skill in managing the relationship between

the school and the denomination was a primary asset to the rapidly evolving institution. As a trusted leader and preacher in the church, he persistently promoted his vision of a college which would prepare students in a wide range of academic disciplines without losing its commitment to ministerial training and Bible study.

Prior to his tenure as president of Lee, Conn served as General Overseer of the Church of God (1966-70) and as editor-in-chief of publications for the denomination (1952-62). He was author of *Like A Mighty Army*, the authorized history of the Church of God, as well as twenty other books, and many people regard his writing and editorial work to be his most significant contributions to his denomination. ►

The Conn clan circa 1956. This was one of Charles Conn's favorite family photos. Current Lee University president Paul Conn is in the front row, second from right.



Charles Conn as a young minister



Charles and Edna Conn as newlyweds (above) and at their 50th anniversary.





Special Feature

LEE UNIVERSITY: A Family Affair

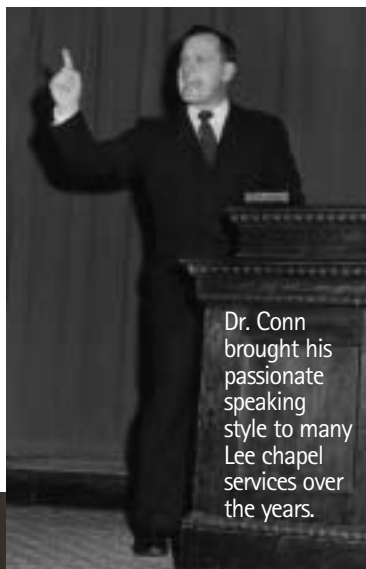
- Charles W. Conn and his wife Edna Minor Conn *both* attended Lee.
- Of their twelve *children*, all twelve attended Lee. Sixteen of his children and their spouses graduated from Lee.
- Thirty-six of their *grandchildren* and spouses attended Lee.
- Their first *great-grandchild* to reach college age is currently a Lee sophomore.



PROUD FATHER: Charles W. Conn (standing, second from left) with his seven sons, (back, l-r) Jeff, Mark, Stephen, Bruce, Phil, (kneeling, l-r) Raymond and Paul



Four generations:
(l-r) Charles Brian,
Charles Oliver,
Charles W. and
Charles Paul



Dr. Conn brought his passionate speaking style to many Lee chapel services over the years.





RESOLUTION TO HONOR PRESIDENT EMERITUS CHARLES W. CONN Commencement, May 2008

WHEREAS Charles W. Conn served as President of Lee College from 1970–1982, during the crucial years when Lee's institutional identity was in transition from a firmly established Bible school to a fledgling liberal arts college

WHEREAS he kept Lee faithful to its Christ-centered mission through his passion and respect for the power and authority of Scripture and through his great personal devotion to the Lordship of Christ

WHEREAS he preached the Word to the Lee community with intelligence and insight, demonstrating both the possibility and the necessity of loving God with one's mind

WHEREAS he lived out the model of Christian scholarship with vision and passion through his continued research, writing and publishing, serving as a living example of the integration of the life of the spirit and the life of the mind

WHEREAS he motivated the emergence of the liberal arts through his love of literature and music and history and empowered the liberal arts faculty through his understanding that pursuit of knowledge in all fields can be faith-affirming since "all truth is God's truth"

WHEREAS he directed the development of a curriculum that would produce competent Christian professionals to be ministers of God's grace whether in the pulpit or in the classroom or in business or the performing arts or wherever God might lead them

Lee students stand at attention in front of Conn Center as the funeral procession for Dr. Conn passes through.



Board Chairman
Dr. Darrell Rice reads
the resolution during
commencement.

WHEREAS he developed the physical campus with the addition of such central features as the Conn Center and Alumni Park and garnered the denomination's financial support for the construction of the library.

WHEREAS he affirmed cultural diversity and the role of women in a time of great controversy and welcomed students from around the world and from the full range of American subcultures, laying the foundation for an institutional culture of inclusion

WHEREAS he opened Lee to the wider world of higher education by connecting in meaningful ways with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, the Council for Independent Colleges and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, bringing Lee into a significant dialogue with peer institutions

WHEREAS he served as Lee's first and only President Emeritus, continuing to share his wisdom, insight and love with the Lee Community long after his retirement

BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Lee University express our sincere gratitude for his courage and foresight, for his generosity of spirit and his passion for learning that have influenced the culture and shaped the destiny of Lee University

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we honor the legacy of Charles W. Conn and officially recognize his momentous and foundational contribution to this institution.





MEMORABLE Indoors and Out

Two venues in two days make for an extraordinary commencement weekend for the Lee University Class of 2008, friends and loved ones.



Grant Fisher
prays the
invocation

By CAMERON FISHER

COMMENCEMENT weekend this year was from a totally different perspective for my wife, Donna, and me as we experienced it for the first time as proud parents. When my son, Grant, was born in 1986, graduation for me was just two years removed. When I calculated that my newborn son might one day be a member of the Lee Class of 2008 it seemed an eternity away. That eternity came to pass on May 2 and 3 as more than 350 graduates received their diplomas . . . Grant included.

I couldn't help compare how things have changed since my graduation in 1984, yet have stayed the same. Although the student body—and thus the graduating class—has quadrupled, doting parents, grandparents, siblings and friends still converge on the campus from around the world. The ceremony is still viewed in Conn Center, albeit as an overflow venue on closed-circuit television from Walker Arena. Faculty are still recognized with



Brooke
Upton,
soloist



the Excellence in Teaching Award, but two more awards—Excellence in Scholarship and Excellence in Advising—have been added. Students are still awarded undergraduate diplomas, but this year there were also 27 students receiving masters degrees.

COMMISSIONING

Perhaps the biggest addition since my graduation is the Friday night Commissioning service which took place this year outdoors on the soccer field. In President Conn's welcoming remarks, he shared with the crowd that, "Commissioning is the students' night to shine." Graduating seniors led the invocation and benediction, sang a solo and six speakers shared their take on their time at Lee.

In addition, winners of the traditional top student honors—F.J. Lee, Zeno C. Tharp and Charles Paul Conn awards—are recognized. The culmination of commissioning is the presentation of embossed *NIV* Bibles for each graduate, a tradition begun in the first year of Paul Conn's presidency.

Commissioning was even more memorable as Grant led his class in the invocation, followed later by a benediction from Jessica Melendez. Brooke Upton shared a vocal solo between the third and fourth student presentations of, "The Lee University Experience" (see sidebar).



Commissioning Speakers

"I have learned so much while a student at Lee, both inside and outside the classroom."

Sara Dirksen, Cleveland, Tenn.



"I have been amazed to see the changes in the School of Music; the standards continue to rise."

Michael Land, Bismarck, N.D.

"There is nothing God has not had His hand in through my Lee experience."

Keaton Bodiford, Old Hickory, Tenn.



"When I got to Lee I discovered there were 24 hours in a day; then I discovered there were only 24 hours in a day."

Andrew Hudson, Statesville, N.C.

"I am ready to take my place as a Christian business person and corporate missionary."

Katie Johnson, Bountiful, Utah



"It's the people (at Lee) who have influenced my life and I feel very blessed to have been a part."

Cole Rose, Franklin, Tenn.



Commencement 2008



COMMENCEMENT

On Saturday morning, for the second year in a row, inclement weather moved the commencement ceremony from the “plenty of seats for everyone” location of the soccer field to the Walker Arena. Even with its enlargement two years ago, Walker Arena capacity limited seniors to five tickets each, but the hundreds who experienced commencement via Conn Center closed-circuit were offered a multi-camera view.

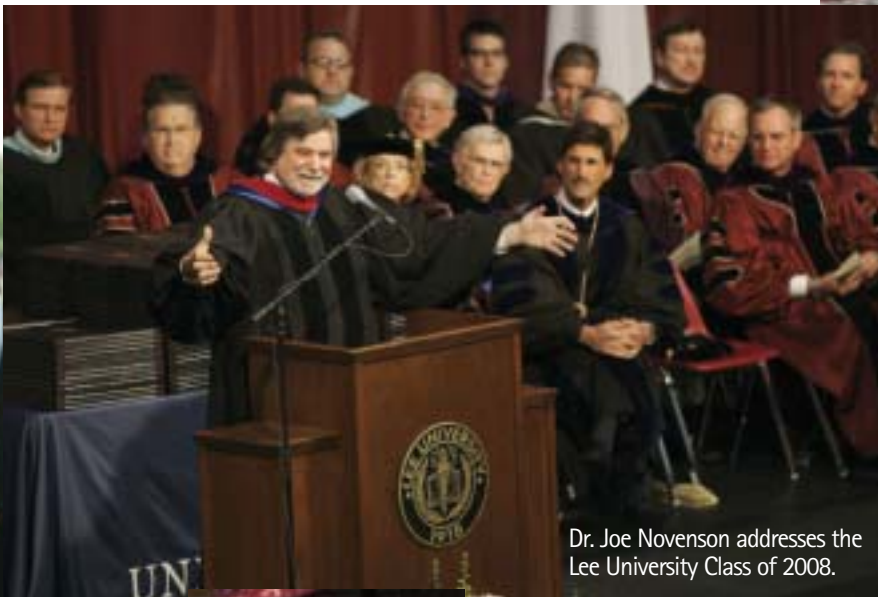
With the Walker Arena bleachers and hundreds of seats on the floor filled, the Class of 2008 began its processional. Every friend and relative in the stands anticipated the entrance of their special graduate—or graduates—and when spotted emotions ran high, expressed in a whoop, wave or tears, or all three. On commencement day, every graduate is a celebrity.

After an invocation by Vocal Music Chair Dr. LuAnn Holden, President Conn welcomed everyone and recognized the other celebrities in the crowd: the relatives, starting with those proud parents. Special music this year was offered by the Lee Singers, followed by a resolution passed the day before by the Lee Board of Directors and read aloud by Chairman Darrell Rice honoring the life, leadership, and legacy of former president Dr. Charles W. Conn who passed away March 18.



President Conn with Christin Huff, the 10,000th graduate of his presidency.





Dr. Joe Novenson addresses the Lee University Class of 2008.



The commencement address was delivered by a perennial favorite of Lee chapel services, Dr. Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. In his unassuming style, Dr. Novenson warned the graduates not to, "drift, harden or dull," to the knowledge they had learned in their college education.

"If what you do is nothing, that is the greatest underestimated danger," he said, "when there isn't even a ripple . . . don't let that be your response to Him . . . you will be more courageous when you realize what He has planted in you." He ended with a prayer of empowerment challenging God to, "take these students and shake the earth, and may they have the protection of the God of Abraham."

Of course, the most anticipated part of commencement is when your son or daughter's academic major group is called to the platform and you realize that their walk across the stage is just minutes away. I have seen thousands of diplomas awarded, but nothing compares to hearing your child's name called out, seeing him shake the president's hand and hoist that piece of parchment skyward. Any calm demeanor is lost as the most sophisticated can't help but belt out a "way to go!" when this happens.

Health Sciences major Christin Nicole Huff is one graduate who will never forget her walk across the stage as she was unwittingly honored as the 10,000th graduate awarded a diploma by President Paul Conn.

The crowd acknowledged both Christin and President Conn, who has served since 1986, with a standing ovation.

The traditional faculty awards and recognitions cap the commencement ceremony. Dr. Bill Estes received the Excellence in Teaching Award, Dr. Jeff Sargent was honored for Excellence in Advising, and Dr. Linda Thompson was noted for Excellence in Scholarship (see story, page 23).

This year another family member, my brother Bob, was recognized for 25 years of service, along with Jack Souther. Dr. Robert O'Bannon was also recognized for his 45-year commitment to Lee University. Both Souther and O'Bannon are retiring this year.

Celebrity status of the graduates continued outside the walls of the arena with every possible angle and family combination posed in front of every size of camera. Roses were presented, hugs were exchanged and kisses were given.

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As the saying goes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Commencement 2008 at Lee University was as 'classic' as they come. We wouldn't want it any other way. 🌹



Dr. Bob Fisher, who was recognized for 25 years on the Lee faculty, celebrates with his daughter, Emily Jones.



Construction Projects on Schedule

With the Press Toward the Mark campaign at the halfway point, three building projects are now underway.

THREE major construction projects are currently underway on the Lee University campus.

Three new campus buildings, including two academic structures and an apartment complex are at various levels of completion. Two are projected to be ready before the end of the year.

Not since two decades ago, in the early years of Paul Conn's presidency, has there been this much simultaneous construction activity. In the summer of 1988, four major campus projects dominated the summer months with the demolition of Church Street through the middle of campus highlighting the activity. Other projects at that time included the complete renovation of the former library into the Vest Building, renovation of the first floor of Nora Chambers Hall into dormitory space and the construction of the DeVos Tennis Center. An amphitheatre would also be an integral part of the radical mid-campus transformation.

While the changes of yesteryear were significant, the current projects are all new construction and—like 1988—will alter the campus landscape in a dramatic way.

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On the extreme northeast corner of the Lee campus, a third, two-level sec-

tion of Brinsfield Row is under roof. The new 8-unit addition will house 32 students and will complement the two current apartment buildings which have served female students for the last three years. Brinsfield Row differs from other campus residences in that they are two-level apartment style dwellings with the convenience of being on-campus and the autonomy of apartment living. They are located on Magnolia Avenue, with the newest units facing the popular Schimmels Park. Scheduled for an August completion, Brinsfield Row is named for former Lee president J. Stewart Brinsfield who served from 1948-51.

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The largest of the projects slated for the Press Toward the Mark campaign is a new multi-million dollar natural science and mathematics building. Slated to be located on the corner of Ocoee St. and Billy Graham Ave. (formerly 15th St.), major earth-moving and land clearing began in March. First to go

was a small frame house on the corner of Billy Graham and Church Street which over the last several years had served a number of purposes from faculty offices, a satellite custodial and maintenance location and most recent-



In this westward view of the cleared land along Billy Graham Ave. (formerly 15th St.) the Beach Science Building is now visible.

ly an art house. The second structure to be razed was the former location of health services, which, after careful analysis was deemed structurally unsound to be moved to a different location. A third house, a one-level structure near the corner of Ocoee and Billy Graham, was spared the bulldozer's crush and moved eight blocks south to the corner of Walker and 7th Streets where it will be used as auxiliary student housing. Previously the house had accommodated several science faculty offices which had outgrown the current science building and was called the Beach Building Annex. The massive new 65,000-square-foot science and math building will eventually stretch from the corner of Billy Graham and Ocoee down both streets and occupy the land now cleared of the three houses, a parking lot, and the current Beach Science Building.

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The primary focus of campus construction continues to zero in on the



A third section of Brinsfield Row under construction

remarkable progress of the new School of Religion located on the south side of campus at the corner of Parker and 8th Streets. Under roof for three months, brick facing is now complete on three sides of the two-story structure. Inside the diversity of the new classroom building is clearly visible.

Upon entering, the front foyer will feature a magnificent center split staircase from a spacious lobby. The stairs lead to a second level reading room which will contain a library of the latest academic volumes on religion and theology under a beautiful natural wood ceiling. Five large classrooms—two on the first level and three on the second—will be capable of holding up to 60 students each. Smaller seminar and conference rooms will be sprinkled throughout the building as well. Four faculty clusters will contain office space for 28 professors, as well as secretarial and private conference meeting space. There will also be suites for the dean and two department chairs with a total of six offices, reception, and secretarial space.

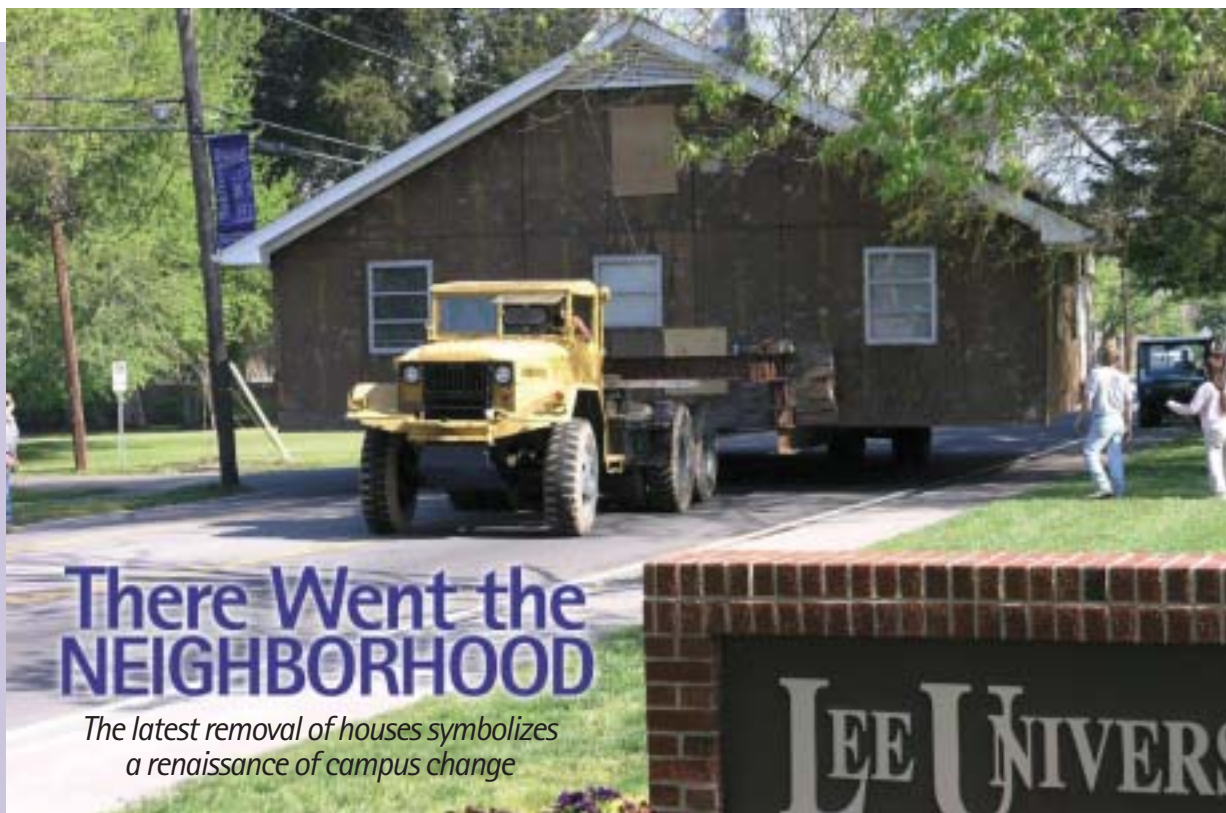
A highlight of the School of Religion's floor plan will be a 203-seat Lecture Hall located on the lower level. Featuring a two story ceiling and the latest in electronic teaching technology, the new lecture hall will add greatly to the large class teaching options so badly needed on the Lee campus.

Outside the 12-sides of the lobby and reading room will be a dramatic architectural feature, as will the copper-topped dome of the main entrance. While maintaining the design continuity of the new buildings of the last two decades, the new School of Religion will stand out as one of the more aesthetically-pleasing structures on the Lee campus.

"The progress on the School of Religion has been remarkable over the last several months," stated Cole Strong, who serves as the project liaison from the president's office. "We are more and more optimistic that the construction may be completed ahead of schedule to allow occupancy of this beautiful new building in the fall." 🌟



TOP: The School of Religion will be a dramatic addition at the corner of Parker and 8th Streets; MIDDLE: Masonry workers place the finishing touches on the south side of the new building; BOTTOM: Project manager Cole Strong stands on the stairs which lead from the entrance lobby to the second level reading room.



By CAMERON FISHER

Since Lee moved to Cleveland from Sevierville, Tenn., 60 years ago, houses have been a regular part of the Lee landscape. As the campus has grown and contiguous neighbors decided to sell their property, Lee has usually taken advantage of the opportunities. Former private homes have been used for dozens of purposes, from a music studio in the 1950's, to a visitor's center today. Many have been part of the campus map for decades, while others have been bulldozed before the ink has dried on the deed.

For the past 20+ years, nearly 200 old houses, structures and buildings in and around the Lee campus have disappeared to make way for development. In April three former houses were removed to make way for a new science and math building along the Ocoee and Billy Graham Ave. (formerly 15th Street) corridor. The houses had served their purposes, including the former health clinic

and a satellite custodial location which had at one time been overflow faculty offices. Both of these structures were razed, while a third house, the Beach Building Annex, was meticulously removed from its foundation, brick skin broken off and then placed on a house hauler's trailer where it now has a new location and purpose eight blocks south as auxiliary student housing.

These three smaller homes were the last vestiges of leftover neighborhoods that have been swallowed by Lee's growth. To the north and across Ocoee Street to the west of campus, stately homes have been declared part of a historic district. Lee's eastern border has only one extraneous parcel, while to the south the last of two smaller homes there were razed to make way for the School of Religion.

Four remaining homes within Lee's borders consist of structures which are larger and more historic. All have been extensively renovated and serve vital functions of the administration. The Admissions Center is a two-story Victorian home on Ocoee Street which

welcomes visitors to campus. On the other end is another two-story which has several functions, but primarily houses the Alumni Office. In mid-campus are two former homes which have been part of Lee for a generation. A home which has been known to former Lee students as either the Alumni House, Behavioral and Social Sciences or today, the Center for Calling and Career, is located on Billy Graham. A final former residence has been part of campus for over three decades. Located across from Conn Center it has been home to Continuing Education, Admissions, the Leonard Center and today, Student Life.

In dramatic fashion, the removal of these latest houses symbolizes the way Lee University has transformed the surrounding neighborhoods over the last several decades. Current construction projects represent a new level of development and a future campus landscape which will rival the most respected institutions of the nation. 🏡



Voices of Lee Become Regulars at "Miracle Theater"

By MARCUS WHITFIELD, *Lee Clarion*

On March 23, the acclaimed ensemble Voices of Lee began their first of many appearances at the Miracle Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

"Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg hosts some 15 million visitors each year," stated Voices director Danny Murray. "We are thrilled with our relationship with the Miracle Theater which gives us a chance to hopefully 'brand' the Lee University name and share the talents of our students with thousands of visitors." He went on to say the group is doing a full production 90-minute program on Sunday nights from Easter through Christmas. The program includes a section of patriotic music, another of fun and uplifting tunes and then concludes with inspirational "music of the heart" gospel and spiritual songs.

"This is unlike anything Voices has ever done before and it just so happens that I, along with the rest of the current group, get to be the ones to help get it started," Voices member Bryan Sanders said. When the opportunity opened to perform at the Miracle Theater, several members were surprised, but acknowledged their innovative leader who pieced the opportunity together.

"From day one it seems that God has just been opening the doors for this series to happen, and for Danny that means that we should work all the harder to make it great," ensemble member Phillip Nitz said. "We've been

given a pedestal to make a statement that there are young people who are still willing to serve the Lord with the gifts God has given them and with a dedication to excellence."

Murray added that there are several new components to the Voices ensemble including a barbershop quartet called "Sonic 4," "Treble Three," a gospel trio of girls, and a side-splitting comedy routine with the "Smoky Mountain Monks" performing the Hallelujah Chorus. Six of the songs in the program were arranged and three of them orchestrated by Voices alumnus Bradley Knight of Dallas, Texas. Also, Lee alums Lester and Holly Rector are now starring in a Miracle Broadway musical production along with Jonathan Weathersby which plays Monday through Saturday at the Miracle.

Voices of Lee concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$19.95, available online at www.miracletheater.com or by calling 1-800-768-1170. ☎



Lee's Community Service Program Recognized

By MISSY COLTER

Lee University's community service program was recently selected for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the second consecutive year by the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency striving to foster an ethic of volunteerism and service in America.

This highest level of recognition was awarded to six institutions. An additional 518 schools were listed on the honor roll. Of these, 127 were listed with distinction, which includes such notable schools as Stanford, NYU, and Duke. Lee University was once again listed among these institutions. .

Lee was one of only four schools in Tennessee to receive the distinction alongside Crichton College, Rhodes College, and Tusculum College. In addition, only five other schools on the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) were on the honor roll with distinction, including Azusa Pacific University, Messiah College, and Palm Beach Atlantic University.

"Receiving this award for two consecutive years is encouraging news for our service-learning program," says Dr. Mike Hayes, assistant vice president for Student Life. "It is an award for all of Lee University and for our community partners. Our students should be commended for their efforts to use their gifts to meet significant needs in our community and around the world."

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll acknowledges colleges and universities nationwide that "support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs." One of the primary goals of this program is to increase public awareness of the active involvement of college students in service to their communities. ☎



April Races Attract Alumni

For the third consecutive year, two April events have raised interest from alumni who are either runners or have become runners.

Over the last eight years, alumni and friends that support Lee University's efforts to raise support for Cystic Fibrosis has netted over \$300,000 toward research of the disease. Local banks, a funeral home, contractors and production companies as well as numerous local companies were corporate, kilometer or community sponsors. These organizations and the participants have made the so-called 65 Roses Run an annual part of their sponsorship package. The 5K event saw nearly 400 runners compete on an officially sanctioned course which begins and ends on the Lee campus. There was also a 'Fun Run' and a 3-

mile walk, along with inflatable slides, entertainment and lots of 'carb-loading' snacks and drinks.

Two weeks later in Nashville, Tenn., 46 Lee alumni participated in the Country Music Marathon and Half Marathon, a group which included Lee University president Dr. Paul Conn. The rigorous 13.1 and 26.2 mile course

wound through downtown Nashville in an event which attracted more than 31,000 runners. The night before the race, Lee University hosted the participants at a "Pasta Pig-Out" at Buca Di Beppo in Cool Springs. The dinner, as well as bright green running shirts, were sponsored by People for Care & Learning, an organization whose executive director is Lee alum and half marathon finisher, Fred Garmon '80. 📧



A portion of the group who participated in the Nashville marathon and half marathon.

Pride and Prejudice Plays to Packed Houses

By SUSIE BATTLE

The MRS degree was finally offered here at Lee University this spring when Jane Austen's novel, *Pride & Prejudice*, came to life on the Dixon Center auditorium stage. Director, Dr. Mark Burnette; costumer, Dr. Christine Williams; technical director, Catherine Bradley; and the 25 student cast delivered seven exciting performances to capacity crowds.

The story begins and ends with the mother, Mrs. Bennet (Julie Gibson) trying to marry off all five of her daughters since they have no sons to inherit their home and belongings.

"Dr. Burnette, well done! The comedic timing was exceptional and

the set was exquisite. My wife, who is a rabid Jane Austen fan, really enjoyed herself that evening," said Dr. Michael J. Laney, chair, Communication & the Arts.



Audrey Milum (as Elizabeth Bennet) and John D. Moore (Mr. Darcy).

The cast brought the story line alive with great acting intermingled with humor and much energy. Audrey Milum narrated as well as played the role of headstrong Elizabeth Bennet. Mr. Darcy (John D. Moore) the proud and wealthy Englishman who pursued and eventually won her heart.

Dr. J. Matthew Melton, dean for the College of Arts & Sciences said, "Dr. Burnette and his cast and crew did a very fine job with a challenging adaptation. I'm glad they chose to have fun with it. The production was light-hearted and enjoyable. Sets and costumes looked terrific, too. Everyone I know who saw the play came away having had a good time." 📧

2008 Senior Awards Announced

By KELLY BRIDGEMAN

Lee University recently announced Katherine Johnson, Augustin Bocco, and Josiah Ewing as the recipients of the 2008 F.J. Lee, Charles Paul Conn, and Zeno C. Tharp awards. Each year students nominated by their department are evaluated based on their achievements and contributions during their time at Lee. The winners were honored at spring commencement on Saturday, May 3.

Katherine Johnson is the winner this year's F.J. Lee award. Named in honor of the second president of Lee, the F.J. Lee award was established in 1968 and is given to the senior who has demonstrated high standards of integrity, leadership, service, broad campus involvement, and academic excellence.

Johnson, a business administration major with a minor in music, graduated Summa Cum Laude. Johnson is involved with a number of Lee clubs and organizations including the Student Leadership Council, Wind Ensemble, Alpha Chi honor society, and Chorale. She serves as the vice president for Sigma Nu Sigma, little sister for Theta Delta Kappa, and a peer leader. After graduation, Johnson plans to work for AON Consulting in Atlanta, Ga.

Augustin Bocco is the recipient of the Charles Paul Conn Award. The award, established in 1996, is named in honor of Lee's 16th president. It is awarded to the senior who shows the greatest promise of achievement in graduate and professional studies after graduation.

Bocco is a French major graduating Summa Cum Laude. Originally from

Togo, West Africa, Bocco came to Cleveland to study French seven years ago. As a director of the beginning and intermediate French language cafés on campus, Bocco has had the opportunity to share his love for the French language with Lee students.

Along with his involvements at Lee, Bocco works with the Church of God of Prophecy international offices as a French translator in the World Language Department. He also serves as a youth director, Sunday school teacher and outreach ministry director.

Bocco has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Modern Languages at the University of Tennessee and awarded full tuition as well as a teaching assistantship.

Josiah Ewing was awarded the Zeno C. Tharp award, established in 1955 and named in honor of the sixth president of Lee. It is given to the senior most likely to make the greatest contribution to the Kingdom.

Ewing is a double major in theology and psychology. Graduating magna cum laude with a 4.0 GPA in his major, Ewing is a Presidential Scholarship recipient, member of the Dean's List all four years, New Testament Greek teacher's assistant and tutor, and attended the American Psychological Conference in the summer of 2006.

Ewing's ministry endeavors thus far include involvement with Evangelistic Singers, participating in a ministry trip to Zimbabwe, teaching at an SEBI Bible school in Zimbabwe, and volunteering at "Restart Coaching" at Bradley County Judicial Complex. He has also been a youth leader at Indianapolis Christian Fellowship and writer for the Lee *Clarion*, for which he created the column "Aleitheia."

Ewing has been accepted into the Princeton Theological Seminary Master's of Divinity program. 📖



Department Awards

Each year, Lee University faculty choose a graduating senior who, in their opinion, best represents the mission and goals of their respective academic departments. The following are the 2007-08 honorees:

Ashlie Denise Kelley – Center for Adult and Professional Studies. She is from Lincolnton, N.C., where she is serving as children's pastor at Lincolnton Church of God.

Dana Williams – Communications. From Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dana is employed in the public relations department at Life Care Centers of America as Corporate and Field Relations Coordinator.

Amanda Cantu – Theology. Amanda plans to become a full-time minister after completing graduate school in Arizona.

Camden Morgante – Behavioral and Social Sciences. Camden will continue her education at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., where she plans to pursue a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology.

Jessica Brew – Business. From Chesapeake, Va., Jessica will be working at Doolas Designs, LLC in Manhattan Beach, Calif., as a partner and director of marketing.

Melissa Colter – English and Modern Foreign Languages. From Nashville, Tenn., Melissa plans to take an internship in young adult publishing at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville.

Robert Debelak III – History and Political Science. A native of Cleveland, Tenn., Robert plans to attend The University of Texas Law School in Austin.

Jami-Lynn Hauser – Natural Sciences and Mathematics. From Milford, Mich., Jami-Lynn has been accepted to Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Michael Land – Instrumental Music. Michael has been accepted into University of Wisconsin (Madison) School of Music and plans to pursue a doctoral degree and ultimately teach music at the collegiate level.

Marie Chiara – Christian Ministries. After graduation, Marie plans to work with a faith-based, non-profit or non-government organization involved in sustainable international development projects as well as providing humanitarian aid before pursuing a master's degree.

Jared Stine – Vocal Music. Jared's future plans include attending the Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he has been awarded a full scholarship.

Alicia Berberich – Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education. From Palmer, Alaska, Alicia has student taught this semester in 2nd grade at Hopewell Elementary and in 5th grade at Stuart Elementary.

Katie Thornton – Health, Exercise Science and Secondary Education. From Peachtree City, Ga., Katie was recently married and plans to continue working in ministry with her husband, Martin.



Miss POF 2008 Recalls Her Experience

By LINDSEY CALHOUN

After months of practice and preparation I find myself standing back stage on March 15 with 21 other participants whispering in disbelief that it is almost over. We feel the adrenaline rush over us only moments before the show begins. The announcer's voice rings through the building, "Welcome to the 45th annual Parade of Favorites! Sit back and enjoy the show!"

For a split second my breath is taken away. The curtain is pulled back. We run out on stage into our positions and wait. Everyone is

tant director, Kimber Humphries, that explained everything POF entailed. I'll admit, it was a lot more work than I expected, but given the chance I would do it all over again—winner or not.

The week before the production I spent hours every night with the contestants and escorts who were no longer mere acquaintances, but my friends.

As the night of the production proceeded, each contestant performed a talent of her choice. The environment back stage was so encouraging! Many of the girls prayed for one another before they faced the judges and audience with their performance. The escorts provided a convenient break for

the girls to prepare for evening wear as they danced to Elvis's "Blue Suede Shoes." The crowd cheered in amusement from their performance. The hard part was over for most of us. We each walked out onto stage with our escort displaying our evening wear with elegance and poise.

As we were called to the stage for the announcement of the Top Five, every contestant secretly held their breath. Emcees Stephanie Taylor and Jason Vanhook announced: "And this year's Parade of Favorites top five contestants

in no particular order: Miss Lacey Noles, Miss Kelsey Glasser, Miss Lindsey Calhoun, Miss Laura Fleischmann, and Miss Kristen Pace!"

At this point I should have been 'shaking in my boots' as some would say. Yet, for some reason when my name was called, I lost all feeling. I had no nerves, anxiety, or worry for what I would or wouldn't say when I was asked my impromptu question. I was so honored to even be included in the top five that I just stood, glowing in excitement.

We each answered our impromptu question, referring to our platform, to the best of our ability. I remember telling my escort backstage, "Bryan! I get to be a runner-up! DZT is going to be so proud!"

Miss POF 2007, Jennifer Jackson, came to the stage to perform her winning talent from last year and then to assist in handing out the awards which were presented before the announcement of the winner: Miss Congeniality, Lacey Noles; Best Interview, Morgan St. John; Best Talent, Kelsey Glasser; The Kay McDaniel Award, Lacey Noles; Service Award, Lindsey Calhoun; and the Escort Award, Nat Durant.

I stepped forward as they asked the top five contestants to return to the front of the stage. I awaited my name to be announced: fourth runner up goes to Miss Lacey Noles. I was surprised as they continued. Third runner up goes to



The contestants perform during the opening number.

screaming and cheering as the spot lights beam onto the stage and the music begins. "One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock rock." The many nights of practice in sweatpants and t-shirts are finally transformed into an eye-catching scene from the fifties.

I was extremely honored last semester when I was voted to represent Delta Zeta Tau in this year's Parade of Favorites. As I attended my first meeting I sat in a room with 10 other girls, some of whom I merely knew their name and others I didn't know at all. We were each given a packet of information from the director, Amber Bush, and assis-



The Top Five (l-r): Kristin Pace, 3rd runner-up; Laura Fleischmann, first runner-up; Lindsey Calhoun, Miss POF; Kelsey Glasser, second runner-up; and Lacey Noles, fourth runner-up.

Miss Kristen Pace; second runner up goes to Miss Kelsey Glasser.

There I stood with one of my close friends, Laura Fleischmann, in compete shock. The crowd was going crazy! Then, the air became still and everything faded away, this year's first runner up goes to . . . Miss Laura Fleischmann! I couldn't believe



Lindsey Calhoun,
Miss POF 2008

what I just heard. I was the winner of Miss Parade of Favorites! What an honor!

As Miss Parade of Favorites 2008, I would like to personally thank the Lord for any

talent, ability, and wisdom that allowed me to win such an award. I am nothing without Him. Next I thank my family for their support and prayers, especially my mother who spent lots of time and money helping me prepare. I couldn't complete this article without thanking DZT for everything they have poured into my life and college experience spiritually and socially and the honor to represent them. I would also like to thank all of the students and faculty that worked so diligently to put this production on for the 45th consecutive year.

Most of all I would like to thank all of the contestants and escorts that have ever been a part of Parade of Favorites. I am rather partial to the students that I participated with for the memories and relationships we created and share, but I don't feel the amount of work that goes into this production from the participants is recognized enough. Thank you for your hard work and contribution to the history of Lee University through the legacy of Parade of Favorites. 🌸

Department of Business Earns Accreditation With ACBSP

Lee University's Department of Business has received full membership in the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

ACBSP was established in 1998 as an accrediting body whose mission reflected excellent classroom teaching. With this belief the department became an associate member more than a decade ago. Realizing the value of discipline-specific accreditation, the department began to align business practices and the curriculum with ACBSP's criteria and standards in order to provide a more valuable classroom experience for our students.

The accreditation represents the cul-

mination of 2 1/2 years of work concluded with a site visit by ACBSP auditors in February of this year. Course syllabi, faculty credentials, departmental management systems, and the university infrastructure were thoroughly investigated by the team of auditors.

"Lee University now joins ranks with 2,400 other institutions, both domestic and international, as we become fully accredited," stated Business Department Chairman Dr. Dewayne Thompson. "ACBSP's standards reflect Lee University's and derives significant influence from the Baldrige Criteria in Higher Education. It is also recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation." 🌸



(l-r) Vice President for Student Life Walt Mauldin, Corey Fick, Campus Pastor Jimmy Harper, Jessica Hodson, Assistant Vice President Mike Hayes.

Servant Leader Scholarships Awarded

The 2008 Charles W. Conn Servant Leadership Scholarships were awarded to Jessica Hodson and Corey Fick.

Hodson is an interdisciplinary studies major from Cleveland, Tenn. She served as the community service secretary on the Student Leadership Council (SLC), where she has participated in its annual clothing and food drives. She is currently planning a Civil Rights study tour for students, which will visit key places in the Civil Rights Movement. Jessica's passion to serve is also evident in her ministry at church, where she has helped create an outreach program to

meet the needs of residents in Patton Towers in Chattanooga. She plans study in Nicaragua and El Salvador where she will research the role of the church.

Corey Fick is a biblical and theological studies major from Kelso, Wash. He volunteers for the poor and homeless ministry at Chattanooga Vineyard Christian Fellowship and assists the ministry in feeding people in need in downtown Chattanooga. Corey has been involved with mission's trips to Ecuador and Brazil where he visited orphanages, helped remodel churches, and participated in outreach. 🌸



DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

School of Religion: Building the Kingdom

By JEROME BOONE, chair, Department of Bible and Christian Ministries

The School of Religion at Lee University continues the original purpose and mission of the school which was established in 1918 as a place “where workers could be trained for the field.” The evangelistic zeal of the Church of God in the early 20th century was spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ so aggressively that ministers were needed to support the great harvest of souls. From that first term of a dozen students at Bible Training School, the school has grown to serve over 4,000 student course enrollments in any given semester. The mission of the school has expanded along with its enrollment. The School of Religion has a dual mission these days: to help every student be conversant in the Christian faith, to articulate their own beliefs and to actualize their faith, as well as to prepare men and women for full-time vocational ministry.

In essence, the mission of the School of Religion is to help others know God truly and faithfully. Building the kingdom of God is the hopeful outcome of all of our work. In the classroom, faculty strive to reveal who God truly is. They also press for the implications of that knowledge: how, then, should we live our lives? The logical complement to the classroom work is the Christian service requirement which enables every student to “love others” in a practical way through benevolence and social justice activities.

A true expression of putting faith into action was the student and faculty response to Hurricane Katrina. Weekend after weekend,

students and faculty from the School of Religion rode the Lee bus to the gulf coast and worked to help clean up the hurricane damage as well as bring food relief to those displaced by the huge storm. The faith-in-action work of our students is evident every semester in and around Cleveland at the soup kitchens, economically depressed neighborhoods, and benevolence ministries at local churches.

The work of the School of Religion intensifies in the preparation of men and women for ministry. The preparation extends to developing theological perspectives on ministry, skills for ministry and practical experience of ministry through internships. All of this preparation is carried out within an ethos of character development through the spiritual disciplines of historical Christianity.

A vital part of student experience is ministerial internships. Many students work in local churches or their home churches in the various areas of church

ministry. Students serve dozens of churches in the Cleveland/Bradley County area every week as volunteer youth workers or children’s workers. They are often working with our own alumni who serve as pastors, youth pastors and children’s pastors in nearby churches. The Intercultural Studies (missions emphasis) students most often serve in an international context: most recently in Zambia, South Africa, Cambodia, Thailand, India and Panama. The internships bridge the path from academic program to field ministry. Both students and the church benefit from the relationship.

Students find many opportunities to enhance their educational experience in the School of Religion. A favorite is the Israel Study Tour. Students travel throughout Israel tracing the life and ministry of Jesus. They begin in Nazareth at the birth place. They visit the villages around the Sea of Galilee and finally spend time in Jerusalem and Judea. Another popular education-



Intercultural Studies students in Zambia



School of Religion faculty

al tour has been Ireland. Students learn about the rich and distinct contribution of the Irish to church history. Other tours have focused on Paul's missionary work in Greece, the Seven Churches of Revelation in Western Turkey and missions work in Cyprus.

School of Religion faculty strive for excellence in both discipline studies and practical ministry as a means of maintaining expertise in what they teach. In recent years, the following faculty have published books: Rickie Moore, Emerson Powery, Jerald Daffe, John Lombard, Terry Cross, Michael Fuller, Edley Moodley, Bob Bayles, William Simmons and Jimmy Harper. Virtually all the faculty have given presentations at professional societies which represent their disciplines. In addition, many have served the church by providing seminars for laity and retreats for ministerial staff. Faculty regularly support the international educational ministries of the church by teaching courses and seminars in such countries as Zambia, Kenya, Peru, Ecuador, Cuba, Germany and India. The composite work of the faculty is a witness to their commitment to the Great Commission.

All that we do in the School of Religion is geared toward building up the kingdom of God. We endeavor to demonstrate excellence in our devotion

to the proper interpretation of Scripture as the foundation for Christian living. We intentionally challenge students to think for themselves and

dent clubs like Pioneers for Christ, Missions Alive, Youth Leaders Association, Children's Leaders Association and Acting on AIDS. We enrich the educational programs by bringing in guest speakers with recognized expertise in key areas to engage students about significant issues. We understand that discipleship is relational and that the work of the Spirit is the transformational catalyst.

It is an exciting time to be in the School of Religion at Lee University. Students are discovering their places in Kingdom work and recognizing the talents which God has given them. Faculty are striving to be agents of God's grace in the community of faith in order to sponsor



Global Perspectives group in Istanbul

transform their "inherited" faith into a "personal" faith. We utilize time-intensive retreats to interact with students about such important issues as God's calling in their lives, personal preparation for ministry and the discovery of personal and ministerial gifts. Faculty members sponsor ministry-related stu-

discipleship. The educational program is Christ-centered and open to the Spirit. The physical setting of the whole enterprise is about to change significantly as we move to the new School of Religion building in the fall semester. Our 90th year is, indeed, a milestone year. [🔗](#)



Pioneers for Christ Celebrate 60 Years

By JESSICA SMALLEY, *Lee Clarion*

This year, Lee is singing "Happy Birthday" to Pioneers for Christ (PFC) as the club celebrates 60 years of service.

The late Dr. Charles Beach started the club in 1948, and their basic mission was to serve people by showing them the love of Christ. But even after 60 years the heart and mission of PFC has not changed.

Today, the mission statement reads, "Through Christ, transforming broken people into healthy community by promoting, exhibiting, and teaching a way of love and selfless service."

According to Rachel Workman, president of PFC, the lasting legacy that PFC has on campus is of being a group of people who love God and love people.

PFC is completely student-led. They have different teams that make up the club including dance, drama, worship, prayer, and leadership team. They participate in outreach events not only on campus, but in the Cleveland community and other cities as well.

Several times a semester, PFC members embark on service trips that take the members outside of Cleveland. On these trips, still referred to as invasions, they go to other cities and work with a church to help in any way they can, whether it is cleaning out a food bank, leading a service or hanging out with the youth group.

They go on invasions a few times a semester as well as participate in different outreaches around Cleveland.

"There's nothing like serving with people. It's an intimate act, and I'm honored to serve in a group with such upstanding individuals," said Workman.

Some of the service group's community activities include yard work, picking up trash and spending time with local children.

While PFC focuses on reaching out, they also strive to reach in and serve the Lee community. One method is through "Hot Dog Days" and "Hot Chocolate Days." Members of the group can be found after chapel handing out different items from free hot dogs to free lemonade to free hot chocolate, all in the name of Christ.

Another form of ministry to the Lee community is through Campus Church, a time during the week when people with different backgrounds and

denominations come together to worship because they have the same beliefs. The body meets on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Beach Building Brown Auditorium. According to Workman, these meetings are a great way to build community.

"It's certainly a large commitment, but a rewarding one. I don't know what I would have done without PFC," said Workman.

PFC has influenced many lives on and off campus. They have ministered to students and encouraged them to keep serving the Lord and to finish their college experience at Lee. The legacy that Dr. Charles Beach started 60 years ago is still affecting lives and making a difference in students like Lauren Roberts, two-year PFC member.

"I found a place where I fit . . . I can be involved in something bigger than myself." ✨



Pioneers for Christ launch every invasion with prayer



Faculty Facts



(l-r) Jeff Sargent, Bill Estes and Linda Thompson are congratulated by President Conn

Faculty Receive Excellence Awards

Each spring, faculty members are honored for excellence in the classroom, for advising and for scholarship. The following are excerpts from the presentations made to this year's honorees by President Conn at graduation:

BILL ESTES - Excellence in Teaching

"He is a teacher of exceptional energy and effectiveness. He is one of those wonderful, old-fashioned college professors in the sense that the campus is his natural home, the students are his calling and he brings a passion and love to the academy that makes a place like Lee better for all of us."

LINDA THOMPSON - Excellence in Scholarship

"Linda has established herself as a national figure in the scholarship of music education...in the life of scholarship, she leads by example with her own commitment to continuing research and publication."

JEFF SARGENT - Excellence in Advising

"Rarely has a new faculty member created such an immediate record of being the kind of professor for which Lee University has always been known for—a place where individual students are at the center of faculty concerns."

Janet Rahamut Award

The Lee University student body honored Dr. Rolando Cuellar, assistant professor in intercultural studies, with the 2008 Janet Rahamut Award. The award is presented to a faculty member who has shown exemplary service to students outside the classroom, both formally and informally. Dr. Cuellar joined the Lee faculty in 2003. Dr. Janet Rahamut was a well-loved professor of English.



New Chair for HPS

Dr. Randy Wood has been named the new chairman of the



History and Political Science Department. He replaces Dr. Murl Dirksen who served the department since its formation five years ago.

PROMOTIONS IN RANK

Associate Professor to Professor ►



Daniel Hoffman, Ph.D.



Trevor Milliron, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor to Associate Professor ►



Kevin Brown, Ph.D.



Michael Fuller, Ph.D.



Andrew Lee, Ph.D.



Jose Minay, Ph.D.



Rachel Reneslaci, Ph.D.



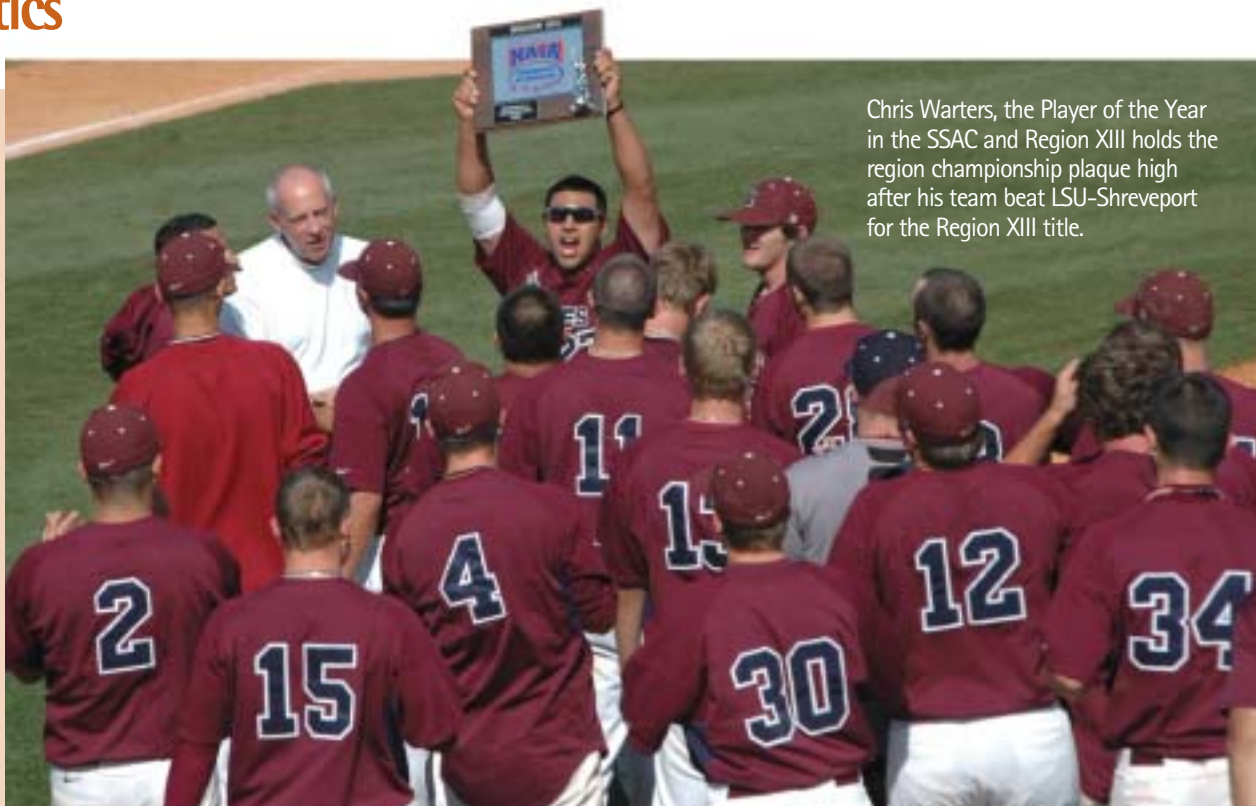
Patty Silverman, Ph.D.



Linda Thompson, Ph.D.



Doug Warner, D.M.A.



Chris Warters, the Player of the Year in the SSAC and Region XIII holds the region championship plaque high after his team beat LSU-Shreveport for the Region XIII title.

So Close, Yet So Far Away

The 2008 Lee baseball team captured the hearts of thousands around the world by coming within one out of winning the NAIA College World Series.

It will take a long time for many to forget the heartbreaking 7-6 loss. Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho) scored three runs with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to give the 16-time Series champions the victory on Thursday (May 30). Never mind that the host Lewiston squad came back to take the crown from the physically and mentally exhausted Flames the following night.

The Flames defeated Bellevue (Neb.), Union (Ky.), Lewis-Clark and Oklahoma City to move within one win of giving Lee its first ever NAIA national title. Coach Mark Brew's squad joins Matt Yelton's women's soccer team as being the only Lee teams to reach the final round of a NAIA championship event.

One must digest exactly what the 2008 Flames accomplished before you close the book on this group.

The team got off to a great start (37-1) and at one point zipped to 34 straight wins. The Flames overpowered the large majority of their Southern States Athletic Conference regular-season opponents, finishing 23-4 and

earning the right to host the NAIA Region XIII Tournament. Not only did Lee win the region, the club earned the No. 1 seed in the World Series by whipping Embry-Riddle (Fla.) two straight games in the South Atlantic Super Region in Daytona.

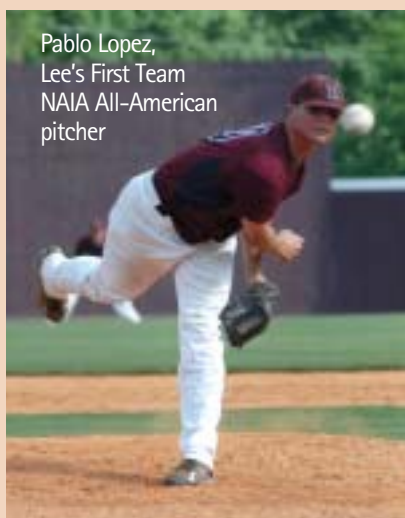
In what started out to be a rebuilding year last August (only one position

Joel Matthews (22) is congratulated after eight solid innings of pitching in a win over Oklahoma City University at the NAIA World Series.



player returning from the 2007 squad) the Flames finished the long campaign with a new school record of 63-10.

The team set another record with a No. 2 ranking earlier in the season, and maintained the No. 3 spot in the final six polls. The Flames won 90 percent of their games at Olympic Field, accruing a 36-4 mark at home. Brew, tabbed as the region and conference Coach of the Year, now has a 112-25 record in his second year at the helm.



Pablo Lopez,
Lee's First Team
NAIA All-American
pitcher

Included in a 49-5 regular season was an impressive season sweep over archrival and highly-regarded Tennessee Wesleyan College. Lee also boasted wins over nationally-ranked Trevecca Nazarene University and Cumberland University, while taking 3-of-4 from Lindenwood University, a 2007 World Series qualifier.

The team batted .357 with 253 extra base hits and 1150 stolen bases overall, but it was Lee's pitching that helped carry the Flames to the runner-up slot in the World Series. The hurlers finished the year with a 3.54 ERA and junior Pablo Lopez was named an NAIA First Team All-American and to the NAIA World Series All-Tournament team.

Individually, the Lee men have been just as impressive. Second Team All-American and Region XIII and SSAC Player of the Year, junior first

baseman Chris Warters blasted 20 home runs, just one short of the record. He batted .438. His 82 RBI set a new Lee record, and his 25 doubles is just one off the mark.

Jeremy Hutslar (.388) completed his brilliant four-year Lee career in style. The All-SSAC and All-Region outfielder also won a spot on the NAIA Series All-Tournament team. He was presented the tournament's "Charlie Hustle" award and for the second straight year was a SSAC and NAIA Scholar Athlete, joining teammate Ben Wilson in earning the same academic honors. Hutslar stole 44 bases this season. He walks away from Lee with the career runs-scored (264) and season hits (111) and career base-stealing (113) records. His career .385 batting mark tied Aaron Simmons' record.

Brian Bistagne (.392) was outstanding in the Series. The junior shortstop dazzled the Series crowd with his defensive play and walked away with the tourney's Gold Glove honor and a place on the Series All-Tournament team.

Clint Harrelson (.374), Chris Dubon (.368 with 10 homers), Warters, and Kevin Wyman were all tabbed to the All-Region XII Team. Josh Guy (.323 with 9 homers), had three of those home runs in the Series. Senior Edgar Mercado came up with several key hits and developed into one of the nation's best at second base.

Lopez (10-1, 12 saves, 1.63 ERA) paced the pitching staff. He broke the record for appearances in a season (29). Dallas Sims (10-1), Joel Matthews (10-2), Dave Mason (9-1) and Jeff Ibarra (10-2) were standouts all season long. Sims was an All-Region pitcher and hurled the huge win over Lewis-Clark and Matthews got the decision over Oklahoma City. Ryan Stovall and Ibarra came on strong in relief roles and Mason was solid in the win over Union. 🏆

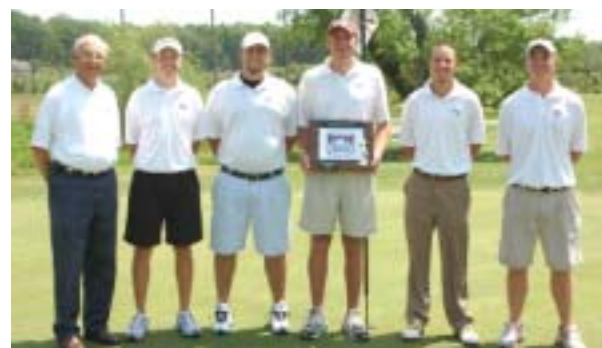
Souther Steps Down as Head Golf Coach

Lee University's Jack Souther officially retired from head golf coaching duties at the end of the 2008 season.

Souther came to Lee in 1982 after retiring as a superintendent in the Ohio public school system. He arrived as the women's head basketball coach and teacher and for 10 years he directed hoop clubs and also coached women's fastpitch softball for four seasons.

The golf team sent coach Souther out in style. The Flames won the SSAC and Region XIII championships and earned a fifth straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament. The championship also marks the first region title for Souther and his team.

"Coach Souther has been a vital part of our athletic department for many years," said Lee Athletic Director Larry Carpenter. "He has taken the Lee golf program to the top tier and anything less comes as a disappointment for him. At 81 years old, he still comes in every morning wanting to know what he can do to help others. He's one of the most loyal and supportive people to ever coach at Lee and will certainly be missed by all of us." 🏆



Coach Souther's golf team gave him a special retirement gift by winning the NAIA Region XIII Golf Tournament and reaching the National Tournament for the fifth straight year. Souther is joined (from left) Josh Lawson, Matt Clouse, Tyler Nelson, Wes Nobles and Sam Bedwell.



Athletics

The 2007-2008 Lee women's basketball season was centered a round five outstanding seniors. They teamed with coach Marty Rowe to carry the program to 110 basketball wins over the past four years against just 26 defeats. They advanced to the NAIA National Tournament four straight years and whipped Brescia University in the Jackson event last March to become the first Lee women's basketball team to win a national tournament game.

This past season's record of 32-3 set a Lady Flame mark for most wins in a season. At one point the club posted 27 straight wins (Nov. 17-March 21). They



SSAC Freshman of the Year, Brooke McKinnon, puts up a shot

Women's Basketball Gets Most Wins Ever

were ranked No. 2 in the country and defeated the NAIA national champion, Vanguard University, in a holiday tournament.

When Rowe took the Lee job four years ago, several of his Brescia players decided to follow him to Lee. Two of the players making the move were Jessica Still and Jan Dodson. They went

on to become two of the best players to ever wear the Maroon and White.

This year, Still was named first team NAIA All-American and Dodson was a second-teamer. Still broke the single-season (105), career (365) and single-game 3-point records. Both Dodson and Still were Academic All-Americans. McKinnon and Nelson

joined Still and Dodson on the All-SSAC team.

Richmond was named the MVP of the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament, while Fallon Lee will go down as one of the Lady Flames' top point guards ever. Still was the SSAC player of the year and Rowe was the conference coach of the year. 🏆

Lady Flames Softball Place Second in Region

The Lee softball team found a way to earn another appearance in the NAIA Region XIII Softball Tournament for a sixth trip to the NAIA National Tournament.

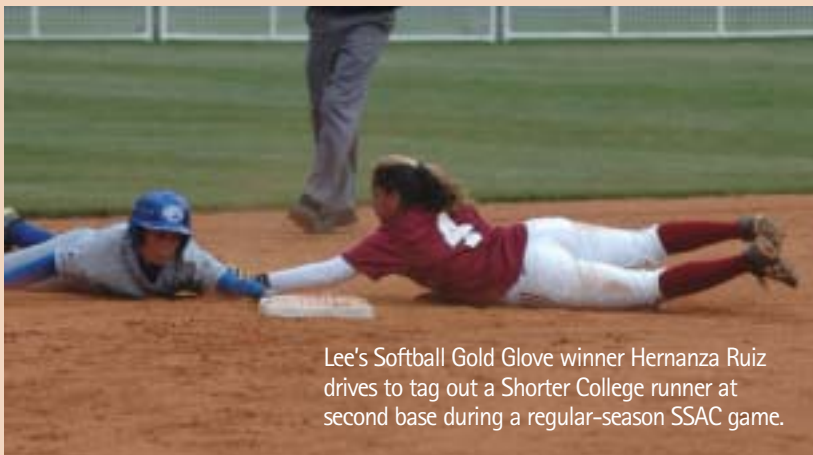
The Lady Flames entered region

play with a 31-20 record. After losing in the opening round of the SSAC Tournament to Emmanuel, Lee fought back and showed the mark of a champion by placing second in the double elimination event. Shorter College,

ranked ninth nationally, defeated the 24th-ranked Lady Flames in the final.

This year's season was highlighted by the play of freshman shortstop Hernandez Ruiz and steady efforts of juniors third baseman Tiffany Walker, junior outfielder JaShaundrea Hinton, senior outfielder Danielle Everett and freshman second baseman Danielle Balough. The pitching staff has been anchored by a pair of seniors, Sarah Warren and Jessica Kerr. Sophomore Sara Mitchell and Rowe have done their share of hurling work, while freshman Kaitlyn Grosch has stepped in to handle the catching duties and also done good work at the plate.

Others who have played a key role for the Flames are Caitlin Haley, Hanah Swinson, Lindsay Shein and Noelle Mena. 🏆



Lee's Softball Gold Glove winner Hernandez Ruiz drives to tag out a Shorter College runner at second base during a regular-season SSAC game.

Men's Basketball Advances to Elite Eight; Sets School Record

In certainly one of the most exciting seasons in the rich history of men's basketball at Lee, coach Tommy Brown's Flames will be remembered for thrilling victories over NCAA Division I opponent East Carolina and the key NAIA upset over then No. 1-ranked Mountain State in Beckley, W.Va.

The Flames set a new school record with 33 wins against just two defeats. Brown directed his unit to the Southern States Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships. Lee advanced to the Elite Eight of the NAIA National Tournament before being defeated by eventual national champion Oklahoma City.

While Brown was being named the SSAC Coach of the Year, he was also selected as the Victory Sports National Coach of the Year. In three seasons at Lee, Brown has taken the Flames to three straight national tournaments in Kansas City.

The Flames were directed by five seniors—Brad Harris, Kellen Pickel, Cole Rose, Rick Harper and Jeff Steve. Harris was named first-team NAIA All-American and was picked to play in the College Basketball All-Star Game in Wadsworth, Ohio. Pickel scored 1,500 points (11th on the all-time scoring list) and also helped lead the Flames to three straight trips to Kansas City and the NAIA National Tour-

namment. Rose will be remembered for his never-say-die attitude; his tremendous hustle; and the man coach Brown always called on to defend the opponent's top player. Harper was also a rugged defensive player and became known for his playmaking ability. Steve filled whatever role coach Brown called for, not only in games, but also in practice.

After the superior season ended, assistant coach John Meeks resigned and accepted an assistant's job at Martin Methodist College. Josh Templeton was promoted to the No. 2 coaching slot and Matt Sanders, a former assistant coach and Lee graduate, agreed to return to the staff. 🔥

Lee senior Kellen Pickel fires up a shot against Oklahoma City in the NAIA National Tournament at Kansas City.





Dodson, Pierre-Louis Earn Top Awards

Two of Lee's most celebrated athletes were selected as winners of the 2008 annual Paul Conn Student Athlete of the Year Award. Jan Dodson has been a standout on the basketball court for the past four years and Ricardo Pierre-Louis has put the Flames on the world soccer map with his performances.

Dodson directed the Lady Flames to four straight NAIA National Tournament appearances and a Sweet 16 (highest ever by Lee women's basketball team) this past season. She was named All-SSAC and second-team NAIA All-American. From Nov. 17, 2007-March 21, 2008, Dodson helped lead the Lady Flames to 27 straight wins – a record that may never be broken. Lee also set a school record with 32 wins and Dodson earned a spot on

the All-SSAC Academic and NAIA Scholar Athlete teams.

A three-time first-team NAIA All-American, Pierre-Louis broke the Lee single season and career scoring



Ricardo Pierre-Louis and Jan Dodson

records. The Flames reached the national tournament two of the past three seasons and won SSAC and Region XIII titles. Pierre-Louis was named the 2007 NAIA Player of the Year and was drafted in the first round (22nd overall pick) in the Major League Soccer Super Draft. He was also a star in the classroom and a SSAC scholar for three years.

"Jan and Ricardo are outstanding choices for the award," said Lee Athletic Director Larry Carpenter. "Both have excelled academically and athletically and helped take their teams to new heights. Jan is a well-rounded individual who makes an impact on all she comes in contact with. Ricardo came to Lee and everyone knew it was only a matter of time before all the soccer scoring records would be his. He is an outstanding individual whose humility surpasses his athletic accomplishments." 🏆

Butler Golf Tourney Is Anticipated Annual Event

The team of Jason Browning, Kelvin Page, Will Campbell and Matt Hadden combined to capture the annual Stanley Butler Memorial Golf Invitational title. Playing in the four-man team, select shot event, the winners fired an impressive 16-under par 56.

Andy Higginbotham directed his team of Dan Hampton and Phil Pearson to a second-place finish with a 15-under 57. Hampton also collected an extra \$1,000 when his ball landed closest-to-the-pin in the annual helicopter drop.

Third-place honors in the championship flight went to the team of Tarry Walker, Gary Rominger, Matt Clouse and Harry Ledford. They totaled an impressive 14-under 58 finish.

Bill Estes paced a group of four taking home the top prize in the B-Flight. Estes was joined by Bill Robertson, Troy Gregory and Avery Johnson. The team carded an 11-

under par 61. Scott Hicks directed the second-club. He played with Tommy Brown, Richard Cribbs and Ricky Perry. Ralph Brett captained the team of Lauren Brett, Matt Holden and Steve Moore to the third-place finish. They were 8-under par at 64.

Julie Donnestad outdid all the men and claimed the longest drive honors. Phil McNamara was closest-to-the-pin on the second hole. Phil Pearson grabbed the same prize on No. 14, while Jerry McGaha walked away with the straightest drive prize. 🏆



(l-r) Jason Browning, Will Campbell and Matt Hadden were winners of Lee's annual Stanley Butler Golf Tourney. Not pictured, Kelvin Page.



Tennis Teams Battle in SSAC

The year started off well for the Flames tennis team as they were dubbed the fifth-best team in the NAIA in the preseason poll, easily a Lee record. Despite missing top player Dimitar Pamukchiyan in the first two games, the Maroon and White got off to a 2-0 start. Not even the return of Pamukchiyan could push Lee past No. 1 Auburn University-Montgomery in the third match, though the netters did take three of nine points from the Senators. AUM went on to win both the men and women's national titles.

Despite shellacking Emmanuel College in the opening round of the SSAC Tournament, Lee could not gain any momentum in the rest of postseason play, losing 5-0 to AUM in the league semifinals before 24th-rated Xavier University eliminated them from the Region XIII Tournament by the same score.

The Lady Flames' season went much the same way. The Lee ladies started off with two dominant wins before losing to three talented opponents. After improving to 7-5 in mid-season, Lee lost twice by 8-1 margins. The 7-7 final record extended the Lady Flames' streak of seasons without a losing record to 10.

Senior Erin Schanke was best on the team with an 8-5 record, with three wins against ranked players. Brooklyn Goodell (7-6 at No. 2 and five wins in SSAC play) and Kelli Miller (7-5 at No. 3) both captured some key victories over the course of the campaign. 🏆

2007-08 Season Scoreboard

VOLLEYBALL: 28-13, 12-0 SSAC

- SSAC Tournament Champions
- Highest Rating: No. 12

WOMEN'S SOCCER:

22-2, 10-0 SSAC

- SSAC Tournament Champions
- NAIA Region XIII Tournament Champions
- Highest Rating: No. 2

MEN'S SOCCER:

16-5-3, 5-2-2 SSAC

- Highest Rating: No. 4

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

- NAIA Region XIII Champions

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

- One NAIA Scholar-Athlete

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

32-3, 20-0 SSAC

- NAIA National Tournament Second Round
- SSAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions
- Highest Rating: No. 2

MEN'S BASKETBALL: 33-2, 17-1 SSAC

- NAIA National Tournament Elite Eight
- SSAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions
- Highest Rating: No. 2

BASEBALL: 63-10, 23-4 SSAC

- Finals of NAIA World Series
- NAIA Region XIII Tournament Champions
- SSAC Regular Season Champions
- Highest Rating: No. 2

SOFTBALL: 32-22, 15-11 SSAC

- Highest Rating: No. 11

GOLF:

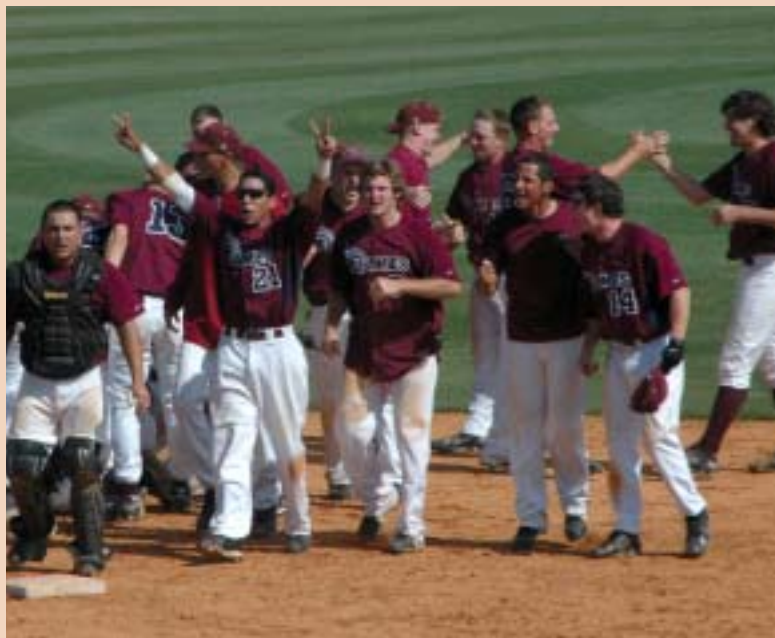
- NAIA National Championship Qualifier
- NAIA Region XIII Champions
- Highest Rating: No. 33

WOMEN'S TENNIS: 7-7, 3-4 SSAC

- Highest Rating: No. 18

MEN'S TENNIS: 6-6, 1-3 SSAC

- Highest Rating: No. 5





Torch Travels

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▲ In front of the Captain Davey Jones Flying Dutchman in the Bahamas with *Torch* are (l-r) Colleen Ward '07, Jessica McDougall '08, Rachael McDougall '08 and Casey Graves '07.



▲ Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia, was the backdrop for recent *Torch* reading by Steven Johnson '91.

Who's Where

Elsie Bark Flinton '58 lives in Millville, NJ where she is retired but continues to work in the local church. Her husband, James, a Church of God minister, is deceased. The couple has a daughter and two granddaughters.

Darla Weir Huddleston '73 and her husband, Bill, live in Bushnell, FL. They own a security company managed by their son, Chris Huddleston '06. Darla has been writing grants for non-profits for several years, but recently became project director for a federal abstinence education project she wrote for the Christian Care Center in Leesburg.

Donna Kay Jenkins Ragan '73, of Lenoir City, TN, passed away on October 21, 2007. She had operated Aunt Donna's Pre-School in Lenoir City for several years. Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, and is survived by her two sons and grandson.

Johnny Thompson '77 lives in McDonough, GA where he is a work-based learning coordinator at Heritage High School in Conyers, GA. Johnny says, "I am enjoying working on my second retirement and making a contribution to the Rockdale County School System."

Todd Wright Named Maryville Women's Basketball Coach

Maryville College (Maryville, Tenn.) introduced Todd Wright '95 as its new women's basketball coach during a press conference. The appointment was effective May 1 and he has already begun recruiting and preparing for the upcoming season.

Formerly the head women's basketball coach and assistant



Dennis Thomas Walters '78, formerly of Fayetteville, N.C., died February 29, 2008. He was a 1978 honors graduate from Lee with a degree in health and physical education. He was a member of Upsilon XI and co-captain of the tennis team. He obtained his master's degree in 1980 from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He taught for the Cumberland County school system from 1980 to 2004 at Stedman Jr. High, Spring Lake Middle, and Hope Mills Middle. He also coached wrestling, track and field, and assisted in football and basketball as a coach and trainer. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Dean Walters.

Rob Arp '84 was recently hired as the chief development officer for the Psychological Studies Institute (PSI) in Atlanta, GA.

Barbara Brooks Hall '84 from Hollywood, FL, has been teaching elementary school for the past 22 years. She has three children and is editor for a multicultural Christian magazine, *Saved*.

Myra Mintz Maney '84 lives in Waynesville, N.C. where she is the personal property listing director with the Haywood County, NC, Assessor's Office. She has two children, the youngest of whom will attend Lee this fall.

professor of health and physical education at Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tenn., Todd was chosen from among 90 applicants for the position.

"We conducted phone interviews with our top five candidates and wanted to bring in the best male candidate and the best female candidate, and I believe we did that," stated Maryville's Associate Athletics Director Kandis Schram. "At the end of the interviews, we felt like the most qualified and the one with the most experience was Todd Wright. He has coached both high school girls and college women and this experience will help him be effective in recruiting and winning on the collegiate level. I think he has the experience to continue the winning tradition of women's basketball here."

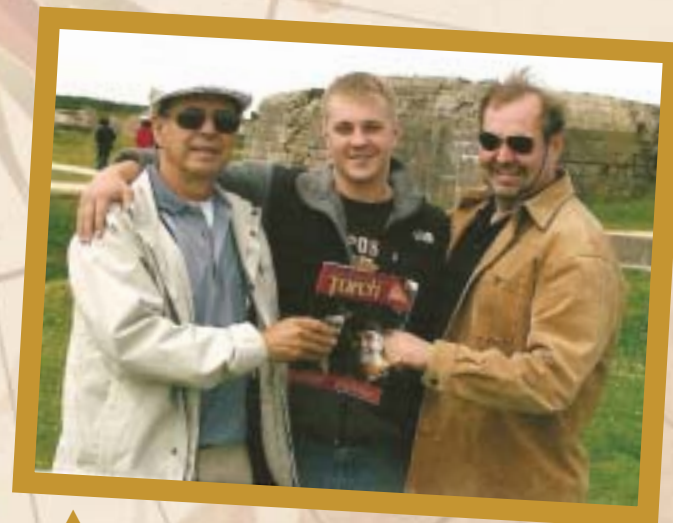
Todd holds a master's degree in human performance and sport studies from the University of Tennessee. Prior to joining the staff at Roane State, he was head women's basketball coach, athletics director and mathematics teacher at Oliver Springs High School in Oliver Springs, Tenn.

Upon being hired at Maryville, Todd said, "I want to begin by thanking God for opening this door and this opportunity. My family has been such a strong support system, and I appreciate their support through my journey as a coach. I do not take this position for granted, and I want to give everything that I have got to continue their success. I am excited about the opportunity and challenge that lies ahead."

Located in Maryville, Tenn., Maryville College is the 12th oldest institution of higher learning in the South with a fall 2007 enrollment of 1,176 students.



With Lady Liberty reading *Torch* over their shoulder, Pam Coker Browning '78, Renee Holman '78, Robin Daugherty Cole '79 and Twyla Daugherty Green '82 enjoy the Big Apple, New York City.



Three generations of Abbots, including Bill '55, Joel (student) and Mark take in the history of Normandy Beach at Point du Hoc, France, with *Torch* in tow.



Torch Travels



▲ Anita Owens Rich '80 introduces *Torch* to a Samaritan's Purse Mongolia staff member and the mother of a child who recently returned from having heart surgery through the Children's Heart Project in front of the mother's home in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia.



▲ At the gate of the Mormon Tabernacle with *Torch* are (l-r) Mickey Moore '73, his wife, Donna, Andrea Shope '94 (back) with her children and her mother Diane Griffey.



▲ (l-r) Pam Coleman ('06M) and Melissa Beaty ('05) brought along *Torch* during a rock hopping excursion at the Chimneys while vacationing in Gatlinburg with their families.

Who's Where

Sheila White Ricketts '89 is a support manager/supervisor in supportive living at Orange Grove Center, an all-inclusive center for people with mental retardation in Chattanooga, TN. Sheila is married and has two sons. Sheila would love to hear from fellow classmates.

Tammy Nieves '90 purchased her first home in May, 2007 in Winchester, VA. She has been employed with FedEx for eight years and

says she "loves the freedom on the job which keeps me in shape." Tammy attends Winchester Church of God. Tammy says she is "happily single and would love to hear from my old team mates."

Thomas Bordeaux '93 lives in Metairie, LA, and is in his first year of the D.Min program at the Church of God Theological Seminary. He has been serving as a hospice chaplain in New Orleans since October 2004.

Richard Shrubb Appointed President of Minnesota College

Richard G. "Ric" Shrubb '83, vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at Terra Community College in Fremont, Ohio, was recently appointed president of Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

Minnesota West has campuses in Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone and Worthington, serving more than 4,400 students. Shrubb, 49, previously served as dean of General Education and director of the Clinton County campus at Southern State Community College in Ohio; associate professor, program director of technical communication and assessment coordinator at the Milwaukee School of Engineering; and English faculty member at Pearl River Community College in Mississippi. He also served in the U.S. Army as an intelligence specialist.



"Dr. Shrubb is an outstanding fit for Minnesota West Community and Technical College," said Chancellor James H. McCormick. "He will be a strong addition to the leadership team of our colleges and universities and will bring new perspectives and fresh insights from his experience in other states."

Shrubb holds a doctorate in educational leadership and supervision of instruction from the University of Southern Mississippi; a master's degree in business administration from William Carey College in Mississippi; a master's degree in English from Southeastern Louisiana University; and a bachelor's degree in English from Lee University.



The Gleasons

▲ **Tricia Gleason '95** is busy as a “home manager” with four sons under the age of 10. In addition to domestic duties, Tricia stays active in various ministries at her local church in the Christian education department, including Wednesday night director. She and her husband, Brett, and the boys live in Terre Haute, IN. Tricia says her favorite job is “at home taking care of her boys—all five of them.” Tricia would love to hear from old Lee friends: gleasonlady4him@hotmail.com

Barry '97 and Laura Page Hyden '01 live in Clinton, TN where Laura teaches high school government at Clinton High School. She holds a master of science degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Krista Shelton Anderson '98 lives in Clarkston, MI where she and her husband, Stefan, welcomed their third child and first daughter, Scarlet Grace Anderson, born on February 28, 2008. Krista is currently working as a middle school language arts teacher and she and Stefan recently celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary.

Herbert Garrard '99 is living in Cleveland, TN where he is

currently serving as an evangelist and enjoying his six grandchildren.

Ian '99 and Kelly Wilson Shaw '99 are youth couples pastors at Bethany World Prayer Center in Baker, LA. They have three daughters.

S. Kyle Hinton and his wife, Shanti, are residents of Reading, PA, where Kyle is associate pastor of Spring Valley Church of God. Shanti is a pharmacist in Erie, PA. Kyle holds a masters degree from the Church of God Theological Seminary and would love to hear from old friends via e-mail: kylehynson@hotmail.com. ▼



The Hintons

Jeremiah Waldrop '01 and his wife, Anne, live in Knoxville, TN with their two sons.

Katie Bredamus '03 married Shawn Mitchell on June 23, 2007. Katie assists Shawn at their church where he is the youth pastor. Katie is a middle school band director in Danville, VA.

Krista Slicker Scranton '03 is married to Stacy and lives in the Houston area where she works for a non-profit organization called *Faith in Practice* which sends surgical, medical and dental teams to Guatemala.

Save These Dates!



LEE UNIVERSITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALUMNI RECEPTION

August 7, 2008, 9:00 pm
Grand Hyatt, Lone Star Ballroom,
San Antonio, Texas

If you will be at the Church of God General Assembly in San Antonio this August, be sure you place the alumni reception on your list of places to be! Come join hundreds in the brand-new Grant Hyatt hotel connected to the convention center. We look forward to seeing you there!



- Reunions for the classes of 1998, 1988, 1978, 1968, 1958 and more
- Athletic Reunion for Flames and Lady Flames Soccer
- Student Leadership Council 10th Anniversary
- Alpha Gamma Chi 45th Anniversary
- Flames and Lady Flames basketball games
- Lady Flames volleyball match and Volley for a Cure

- Alumni Baseball game
- Music Festival
- President's Circle Luncheon
- And much more!!

Homecoming this year will feature a special 40th anniversary reunion of the Evangelistic Singers (EVS). Any alumni of EVS are invited to attend. Please contact the current director, Rodney Gipson at rgipson@clevelandschools.org or call (423)333-5659.

Ken '02 and Monet Callo-way Samuelson '01 recently welcomed Isabella Rose, “Bella,” born December 31, 2007. Ken and Monet teach in the Avery County School System in North Carolina. Both are working on doctoral degrees in School System Leadership at East Tennessee State University. They would love to hear from some old friends at monetsamuelson@averyschools.net. ►



The Samuelsons



Delta Zeta Tau Establishes Alumni Association

Lee University's oldest women's social service club, Delta Zeta Tau, has formed an alumni association for the hundreds of women who have worn the red and white of the ladies who "Seek to Serve" over the past 44 years.

"As we evaluate both where we have been and where God is calling us to go, we have come to the realization that it is impossible to fully embrace our vision without reflecting on our rich history," stated Lindsey Calhoun, current DZT president. "We (the current membership) are not capable of bringing this vision to pass on our own. That is why we will rely on the sufficiency of God and the foundation of our society. With this understanding, we are excited to establish the Delta Zeta Tau Alumni Association.

Calhoun stated that the Alumni Association will provide many opportunities, creating a more feasible route to reaching the club's goals. This will include a bigger body of believers, incorporating alumni and current members.



"I believe that the alumni association will be a great asset to the heritage of Delta Zeta Tau," said Jennifer Wallace Jackson '07. "Even after we graduate, begin careers, and have families, the alumni association will serve as a tool for us to stay connected and continue to contribute to the legacy of DZT."

Delta Zeta Tau's first annual alumni association reception will be held during Homecoming 2008 on Friday,

November 7 at 8:00 p.m. The evening will be a celebration of a past legacy and future accomplishments to come.

"We would be so happy for all former members of DZT to join us as we launch this venture between the current members and our sisters who have gone before us," Calhoun continued. "We hope these inaugural activities will be a springboard toward next year when we celebrate our 45th anniversary"

Who's Where

Christopher Lindeman '04 has been living in Germany since August 2002. He is married to Lamprini (Parusis) Lindeman and he is serving as co-pastor, youth pastor, and music minister for the Church of God in Geislingen, Germany.

Nicole Macaluso Rogers '04 is married to Tracy and they reside outside of Charlotte, NC. Nicole is enjoying having her own photography business, while Tracy is about to graduate as 2nd

Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Joshua Raines '05 and his wife, **Melanie '05**, recently celebrated the birth of their first child, **Elijah Blue Raines**, on March 24, 2008.

Micheal '06 and **Melissa Oxford '06** live in Alamosa, CO with their three children. Micheal is a nursing home administrator for Life Care Centers of America and Melissa enjoys being a stay at home mom.

Christa Bennett Directing Africa Network

Lee University alumna **Christa Bennett '03** decided to take a different path with her life after graduation. She is working to establish justice in Rwanda and Darfur through the non-governmental organizations Network for Africa (N4A) and Waging Peace. Bennett's primary interests are the protection of human rights, community development, and the recognition of women and children in politics.



"It is important for women to know they have choices. Likewise, if children can be equipped with an understanding of the possibilities that life offers them, they will be less likely to succumb to hopelessness," Bennett said.

After leaving Lee, Bennett completed a master's degree in war studies at King's College in London. While studying abroad, she began working with Waging Peace. When she moved to California with her husband in 2007, she began working to help direct a United States branch of the Waging Peace partner, N4A. N4A develops projects in Rwanda to promote development in the fields of health and education. By equipping poor people with the tools to help themselves, they can begin to lift themselves out of poverty.

"When I was unpacking after moving last year, I came across a note card on which I had written a gem from one of Dr. Conn's sermons: 'Never underestimate God's desire for you to be happy. Never underestimate God's intention to make you strong. The Lee experience may not be what you expected, but it's what God expected.' This was true in my life, and no matter what your Lee experience looks like, if your heart is open, I believe it can be used to get you to where you've always wanted to be, even if you didn't know what that looked like when you began your college journey." —Katie Gee

Noah Stusek '06 married Holly McCaughey on April 4, 2007. Noah is a youth pastor at Renewed Strength Church in Westville, OH. The youth group is called Undignified based on the verse in 2 Samuel 6:22. Holly is a third grade teacher at Springfield Christian School in Springfield, OH.

Erich and Emily Lacks '07 live in Pulaski, TN, where both are using their degrees from Lee, while pursuing masters degrees at the Church of God Theological Seminary. Erich is a youth pastor at the Well Church of God and Emily is serving as a case worker in Columbia, TN.

Betsy Reed Appointed in Foreign Fair Trade

Lee University alumna, Betsy Reed '03, was recently appointed as the first member of staff for the Scottish Fair Trade Forum. During her time at Lee, Reed explored many opportunities within the history and political science departments and asserts that her time spent as an officer in Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society at Lee, was a "precursor to her ability to move comfortably in political circles."



"Debating politics in class sharpened my ability to be diplomatic, and many of my academic experiences at Lee served to sharpen my logic, reasoning and research abilities, as well as giving me the confidence to use them," said Reed.

After graduating, Reed moved to Scotland to pursue a masters of social sciences in Nationalism Studies at the University of Edinburgh. Afterwards, Reed worked in politics in both the United States and Scotland. Her work included researching and planning policy events for a former member of Scottish Parliament, which she says, "plunged her into the deep end of Scottish politics."

"Fair trade is a partnership between consumers in more developed countries like the United States and producers in places like Africa, Asia, and South America who make many of the goods we buy—from coffee to chocolate, bananas to soccer balls."

Reed explained that this is not a task for one nation alone, but encourages global participation within fair trade: "We are helping people we may never even meet to achieve a life in which they cannot only take pride in their work, but can be paid fairly for it. The reason I do it is because I believe that it's right and lines up with values rooted in my faith. And I would say that the job I do now is fueled by both my faith and my understanding of global political systems, so it really does combine my faith and my education." —Katie Gee

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E-mail Address _____

Family (spouse, children, etc.) _____

Occupation _____

Brief notes of interest _____

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YOUNG ALUMNI TORCH SOCIETY

Having graduated within the past 7 years from Lee University, you may feel that you just don't have the time or money to give back to Lee at this point in your life. But by supporting scholarships, new buildings, residential college life, technology, and academic programs, your Annual Alumni Fund contribution helps other students to enjoy the same Lee experience that you did.

Your gift also counts toward Lee University's annual alumni participation rate, which has an impact on both Lee's national rankings and on the levels of corporate and foundation giving.



TORCH SOCIETY

The Torch Society rewards and recognizes young alumni who give every year, and give any amount to the Annual Alumni Fund. It is a recognition and reward program specifically for Lee's young alumni. The goal of the Torch Society is to encourage consecutive participation in giving back to Lee, regardless of the monetary amount. Torch Society members receive special benefits that are reserved for young alumni leaders, recognition on the Torch Honor Roll, and milestone gifts in appreciation of loyal giving to Lee.

If you graduated in the last 7 years, it's easy to become a Torch Society member:

- Make a gift of any amount to the Annual Alumni Fund for two consecutive years.
- Continue making consecutive annual gifts to the Alumni Fund to maintain your membership.

- When you have been an alumnus of Lee University for more than 7 years, you will continue to receive recognition and appreciation from Lee for your annual giving even though you will no longer be eligible for Torch Society membership.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Invitation to Torch Society Networking Reception
- Annual Torch Society member milestone gift
- Torch Society Pass for admission to all Homecoming weekend events



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