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from President Paul Conn

Mixed Emotions

That's what I felt as I stood in a light summer rain one day last week and watched a huge machine take the first bite out of the Beach Science Building. The building had to go. It was cramped and substandard. It had been built 44 years ago, and when it first went up, it was a marvelous addition to the tiny Lee campus.

But by today's standards, everything about the building—ceiling heights, fire safety, storage and lab space, wiring and plumbing—was minimal. When we first began designing a new science-math complex, our plan was to spend a couple of million dollars to renovate the old building and continue to use it, but it soon became clear that there wasn't enough left worth saving, so the old building had to go to make way for the new one.

I watched the demolition with Dr. Bob O'Bannon, professor emeritus of biology. Dr. O'Bannon taught in the old building since it first was built in 1965. Even before that, in 1964, I had been a freshman in his biology class and lab. In those days, the labs were in the basement of Simmons Hall, and I was not a particularly good biology student. I enjoyed O'Bannon's teaching style—he was an energetic newcomer to the Lee faculty, fresh from his Ph.D. program at the University of Florida. But I was more interested in my lab partner, a cute freshman girl from Tennessee, than I was in the frog we dissected that spring. Somehow, I made an "A" in the course, but it was more a result of O'Bannon's generosity than my diligence.

The next year, the new Science Building was built. There was a "demolition day" that year, too. The site of the new building was then occupied by three houses, one of which was used for teaching studios as part of Lee's music department. That's where I took piano lessons, from Mrs. Mabel Morehead, who served many years on the Lee faculty. What a wonderful lady! I loved to go to that gracious old house and sit on the piano bench and play for her. I never became a pianist, but I will always remember how I looked forward each week to that piano lesson; she made me feel welcome and special, even when I hadn't practiced, which was usually the case.

The other house on that site was the President's residence, home to all the Lee presidents since 1947. When those three houses came down in 1964, to make room for that science building, people stood around and watched with mixed emotions: excitement about the better things to come, and a wistful nostalgia for the old houses that were disappearing right before their eyes.

The Beach Science Building, small and crowded, produced hundreds of excellent professionals in health care, education, and research science. It is amazing how much was accomplished, how many dreams were fulfilled, how many prayers were answered in that building. It is a reminder that it is not bricks and mortar that make these things possible. It is the commitment of talented professors and highly motivated students, and it is the hand of God upon them.

Life moves on. The old stuff gives way to the new. But the things that matter never change. I can hardly wait to see what God does for us, with us, and in us in the years that lie ahead!





LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Students offer their musings on one of the most important days of their lives, demonstrating the diversity of the Class of 2009.

■ by SARA DAWSON

LEE UNIVERSITY held its 146th graduation exercises May 8-9, 2009. Chances of rain moved the ceremonies into the Paul Dana Walker Arena, although the rain held off long enough for the processional parade as the class of 2009 gathered outside the arena.

The commissioning service on May 8 marked the beginning of the festivities as graduates, friends and family gathered for the traditional presentation of the graduate Bibles and to hear the experiences of six graduating seniors: Colleen Gillette, Chike Abana, Amanda Tashnick, JJ Hulet, Elizabeth Curtis and Justin Walker.

Each speaker expressed thanks for the faculty, administration and the various friends who had magnified their college experience. Some emphasized the importance of dorm life, while others praised the Global Perspectives program. Walker used the opportunity to confess to a prank he had pulled during his freshman year in O'Bannon Hall.

The narratives showed many different facets of Lee University life, and all discussed the impact Lee University had made in their lives.

"I truly hope our experiences at Lee have prepared us to make the world better," Curtis said.

For some of those walking in the processional, thoughts of the future overwhelmed the moment itself.

Jessica Cunningham, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in English, mentioned her pleasure in updating her resume in hopes of acquiring her dream job as a creative consultant for the Navy Reserve. Until then, she plans to stay around Cleveland.





"I don't really have a job waiting for me elsewhere," Cunningham said, adding that she wanted to stay close to her family for now.



Graduates like Pamela Dolan have more than just the beginning of a new career to look forward to. Dolan plans to marry in June, then use her bachelor of science in health science to apply to the nursing program at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, where she hopes to specialize in either pediatrics or geriatrics.

Kendra Crain went directly from graduate to bridesmaid. Crain immediately left after graduation to attend her friend's wedding. The anthropology major plans to go westward for the summer to gain experience in the field of archaeology. Crain aims to work with Dr. Dudley Gardner at archaeological digs in Wyoming, Colorado and Montana.

Intercultural studies major Joel Habermas is spending his summer as a counselor at Cumberland Springs Bible Camp in Dayton, Tenn. After the summer, he hopes to teach English, possibly overseas.

Some, such as Gracie Ashworth, started a new job within a week of receiving their diplomas. Ashworth, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in biblical and theological studies, moved to Clarksville, Tenn., to serve as a director at Children and Family Ministries. She is also getting married in August.

Fred Peach, a graduate of the CAPS program with a bachelor of science in Christian ministry, will continue his education by pursuing a master of divinity in biblical studies





at the Church of God Theological Seminary. The Lee University campus safety officer then plans to minister in Kansas City, Kansas.

"It's not about money, it's about the will of God," said Peach. "This is His ministry and I am just a tool....it is a blessing and an honor to serve."

Peach hopes to attain a pastoral position in Kansas City and to evangelize in the inner city.

Rebekah George, also a CAPS graduate with a bachelor of science in Christian ministry, is looking to further her education before fulfilling her calling as a counselor for sexually abused children. She plans to study psychology at either Richmond Graduate University or Lee. In the meantime, she has a summer internship in Atlanta, Ga., working with children who are born with drug addictions.



Sharon Hart-Michaels was determined to walk across the stage in memory of her mother who died recently in a car accident. The 52-year-old said she was grateful for all the help and support she received from the faculty and staff in the education department.

"I'm living for two people now," Michaels said, noting that she plans to dedicate everything she does to her mother, whose life she feels was cut much too short.

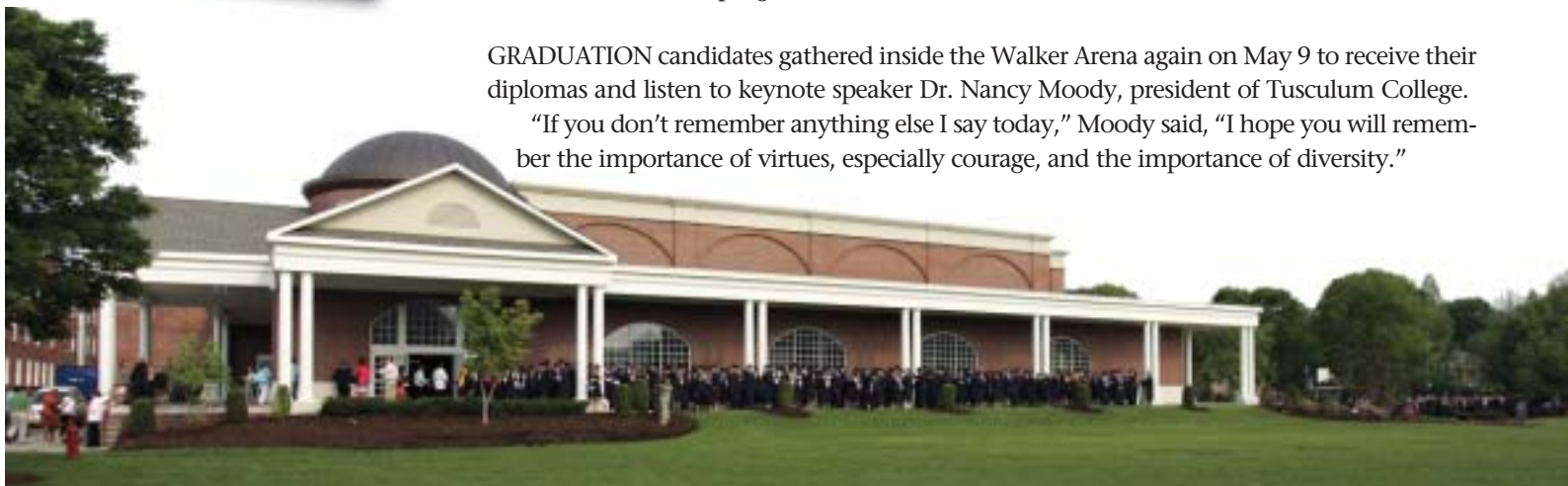
Michaels plans to "get as many letters behind my name as I can" as she continues her quest to better the lives of children, whether through legislation or by helping hands-on.

"I'm not looking for fame and fortune," she said. She has felt called to work with special needs children since she was seven years old.

Michaels graduated with a bachelor of science in special education and plans to continue in the masters program at Lee.

GRADUATION candidates gathered inside the Walker Arena again on May 9 to receive their diplomas and listen to keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Moody, president of Tusculum College.

"If you don't remember anything else I say today," Moody said, "I hope you will remember the importance of virtues, especially courage, and the importance of diversity."



Commencement Services Streamed Around the Globe

While the Paul Dana Walker Arena may not have been able to hold every graduates' friends and family members on graduation day, thousands were able to tune in live via video stream on the Lee University Web site.

A few years ago at graduation, an international student walked across the stage with her cell phone in her hand so that her parents and family back home could hear the ceremony. This year the ceremonies of the weekend were broadcast over the Internet, allowing anyone with access to have a front-row seat from anywhere in the world. **Viewers from 22 states and several countries, including Japan, Australia, Kenya, France, Argentina, Korea and Jamaica, watched the Commissioning and Commencement services.**

"Concerts, recitals, special events and chapels are only the beginning," said Ron Gilbert, director of the Video Production Center, which includes a TV studio and soundstage, located in the Dixon Center. "This new media outlet is a huge gain for telecommunication students, as well as departments involved in recruitment, alumni, public relations, student services, music and athletics."

The Lee video streaming Web site address is www.leeuniversity.edu/video. Viewers can watch in 100k or 500k streams, depending on their Internet connection speed.



Nancy Moody

Moody encouraged the graduates to be good representatives of Lee University in every aspect of life.

"Now I challenge you to go forth and set the world on fire," she said.

Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president for academic affairs, presented the graduates to the assembly. Each graduate received cheers and applause of some degree, despite a note in the program to "applaud only for summa cum laude graduates." The degrees were then conferred, the tassels moved and the commencement ceremony came to an end.

Outside, the rain began to fall as the Class of 2009 joined their family and friends for congratulations and fellowship. But it did not dampen the mood of the hundreds gathered together to share in the momentous occasion with 380 graduates eager to make a difference in their world. 🍷

Sara Dawson is copy editor for the Lee Clarion student newspaper.



RAZING AND RAISING

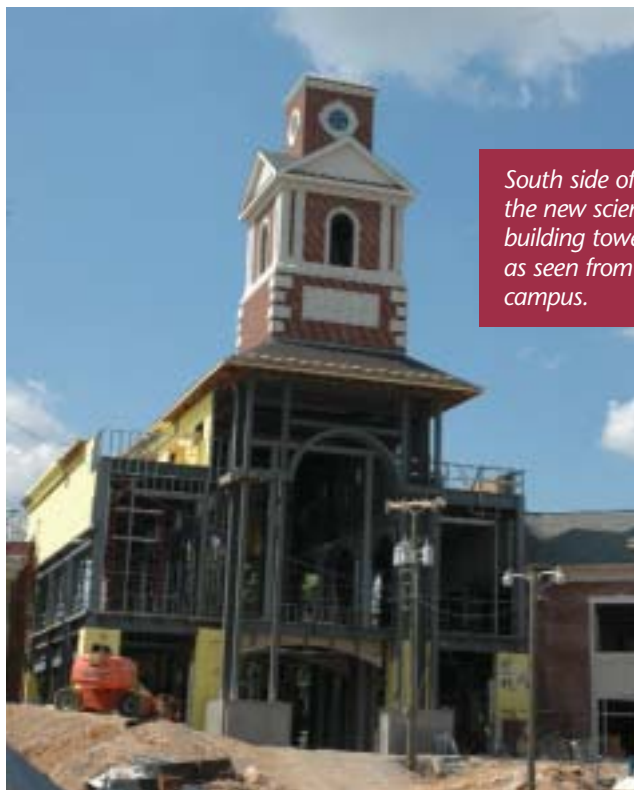
With a new science building on the horizon,
its predecessor is bulldozed into memory.



■ By CAMERON FISHER

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS continues on a new \$14 million science and math complex on the Lee University campus. The interior and exterior of the east wing is nearly complete with only installation of equipment and furnishings to take place. A complicated maze of conduit and electrical systems has been laid for efficient operation of everything from Bunsen burners to refrigeration of lab experiments. Three levels of classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices and scientific storage will be ready in time for the fall semester.

Designed to be completed in two phases, the massive complex has been under construction for over a year. Due to the topography, the east wing contains three levels as opposed to two for the future west wing. When it opens for student occupancy, the east wing ground floor will contain space for 12 faculty, two classrooms, dry and wet storage, and a receiving dock. On the main level will be laboratories for biology, microbiology and dissection, as well as a lobby and



South side of the new science building tower as seen from campus.



With the tower of the new building in the background, the first push on the old science building took place at 9:32 on May 27.

restrooms. The second level will be devoted to the physical sciences, advanced and organic chemistry labs. There will also be seven more faculty offices and an additional lobby that looks down upon an expansive 5,000-square-foot commons area.

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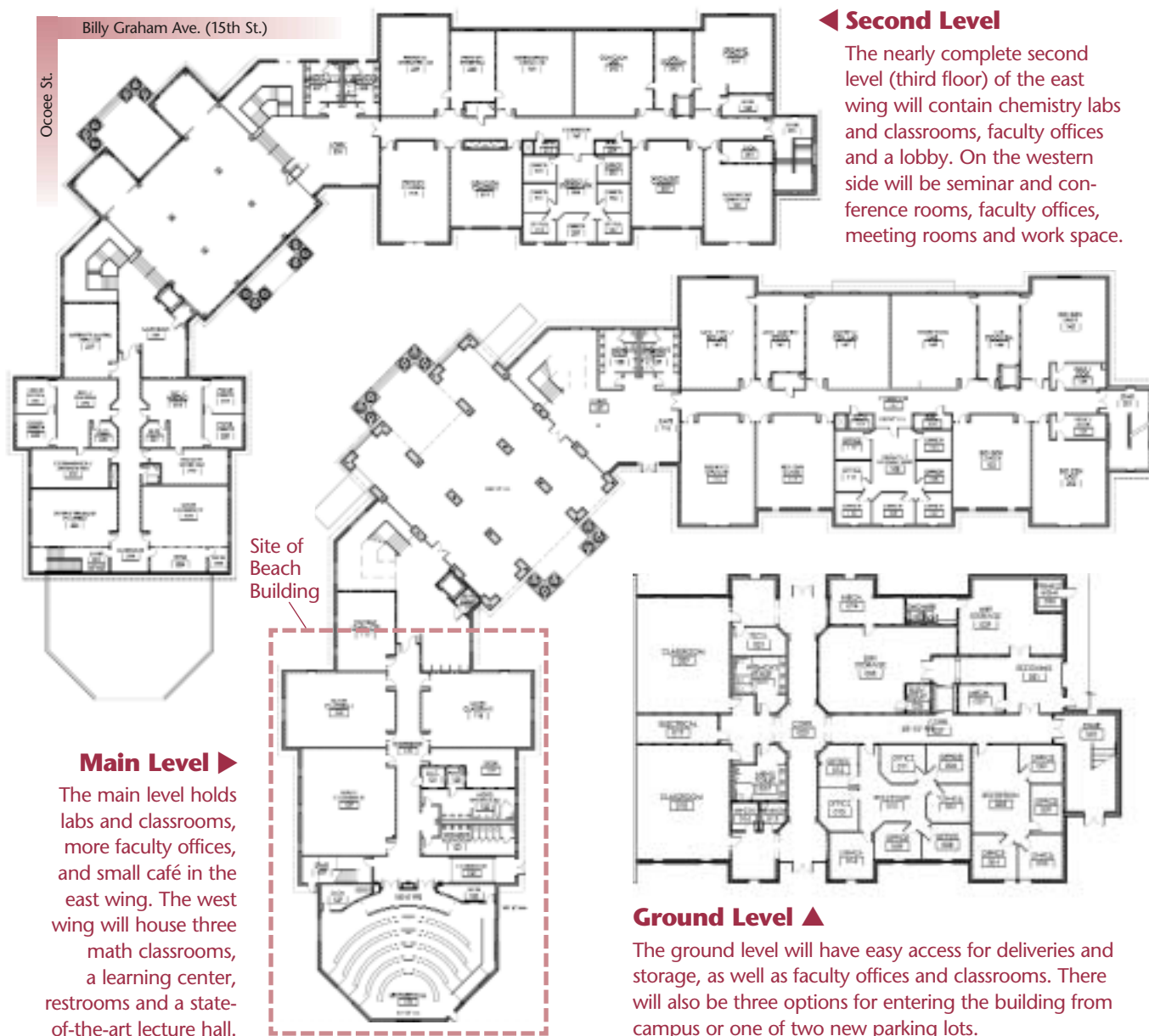
By mid-April—before the spring 2009 semester ended—work was already underway to vacate the Beach Science Building. Textbooks and belongings from faculty offices were packed up and either moved or stored in anticipation of placement in the new building later this summer. Beakers and flasks were carefully boxed and sensitive science equipment was inventoried and stored. Equipment and furnishings—much of it original to the building—was either salvaged, donated or sold. Bachman Home, a local group home in Cleveland, was granted permission to remove



The last pillar on the south entrance falls.



The Ocoee Street entrance is demolished.



whatever they needed and hauled away a semi-truck load of furnishings and equipment. What remained—furnishings and fixtures that were outdated or in disrepair—came down with the building. Actual demolition began on May 26 following a week of asbestos removal and preparation of the grounds surrounding the building. The demolition and debris removal was expected to take a week, followed by preparation of the site for the west wing of the new complex.



President Conn was joined by his former biology teacher Dr. Robert O'Bannon on the morning of the demolition (see Opening Thoughts, page 3).



The basement level of the Beach Building, which housed Brown Auditorium, is still visible on day two of the demolition.

The demolition of the old science building marks the passage of a generation of academia at Lee. The labs and classrooms of the Beach Building served thousands of Lee students, from those who simply passed through to complete a required physical science or zoology class, to the pre-med majors who pulled all-night study sessions and lab experiments, finding time for a cat-nap on one of the 70s-era couches. Comments from former science majors (see *Torch* spring 2009 issue) revealed a strong affinity and camaraderie with one another and a genuine love and appreciation for their professors.

The razing of the Beach Science Building is the seventh major building to be removed since Lee bought the campus from Bob Jones College in 1947. Other notable razings include Old Main, old auditorium and the music building. Ellis Hall burned to the ground in 1993 and both the old dining hall and Walker Arena were essentially razed to make way for massively-improved and enlarged structures. 🏗️



On June 3, a truck dumps fill dirt in the location of what was Brown Auditorium.

Last of the Originals

Associate Professor Ronald Harris will move to a new science building for the second time.

WHEN A NEW science building opened on the Lee campus 43 years ago, science faculty who moved in that fall of 1966 included such legendary names as Lois Beach, Clifford Dennison and Robert O'Bannon. But among the veterans was rookie instructor Ronald Harris in his first year as a faculty member.

Hired by Lee president Dr. Ray H. Hughes, Sr. in May of 1966, Harris would teach four math classes and one physics class that year. Harris' office was located on the third floor of the "brand new" science building. After



several moves over the last four decades, including a few years in the Walker Memorial Building across campus, Harris' last office was just one door down from that original office of 1966. He is the last remaining faculty member who moved into the building 43 years ago.

"I wasn't new to teaching because I had taught for three years in the public school system of North Carolina," Harris said, "but teaching at the higher education level was to be a new experience for me." Prior to coming to Lee Harris did undergraduate work at East Carolina University and had just completed graduate work at the University of North Carolina and George Peabody College

in Nashville. Since then he has additional studies from Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Clemson University, University of Tennessee, and University of Georgia.

"When I came to Lee, there were about 450 students and 35 faculty and administration," Harris remembered. "Due to the size of the college at that time, most of the faculty and staff became more than colleagues; they were like extended family."

Harris noted the changes that have occurred since he has been at Lee including the name from college to university, 450 students to over 4,100, 12 acres to over 120 acres, offering of only undergraduate degrees to graduate degrees, from one major sport to many nationally-ranked sports, and "a significant increase in learning experience from broadened disciplines for the students."

"I have great memories of this building, including teaching in every classroom," Harris stated. "As I reflect, many memories come to mind; but, as a combined expression of them I can just simply say that I am filled with joy as I remember the many students that I have had the opportunity to impact. I've been allowed to touch the lives of students from across all disciplines."

Harris and his wife, Mary, raised their three children in Cleveland, all three of whom are Lee graduates including Dorene Lowery '84, Ron Harris, Jr., '86 and Lori Potter '98. They also have six grandchildren. The oldest, Juanita Danielle Harris, is a rising junior at Lee.

"As the bricks and mortar of the old are coming down and being removed, what I see happening is a making way for progress and renewed, marvelous learning for both faculty and students. The new building promises to be state-of-the-art and is going to be a significant upgrade from the old."

When asked about retirement, Harris' reaction was "What is that?" and stated, "I was called to the ministry of teaching and the Lord has allowed me to do what I love for 46 years. I believe if you love what you do and have a passion for it, then you should continue in your passion as long as you are effective and making meaningful contributions in that role."

"While holding to my experiences with and memories of the students and colleagues of the past years in the old science building, I am excited about moving into the new building. The environment will be fantastic and I can hardly wait."



Huber Crowned Miss POF 2009

LEE SOPHOMORE Rachael Huber was crowned winner of the 46th annual Parade of Favorites on March 21. She represented the ladies of Omega Alpha Phi and was escorted by Maurice "Mo" Huggins. Rachel is the daughter of Michael and Becky Huber of Hamilton, Ohio, is an elementary education major and hopes to become an elementary school principal. Her platform was *Passionately Pink: Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness and Research*.

"This was the last thing I ever expected!" Rachael said after winning the competition. "I felt so honored to represent Omega Alpha Phi. Not only did I get to participate in such a prestigious event on campus, but I also got to meet so many wonderful people in the process. My favorite thing about the whole experience would have to be the relationships I

built with the other girls. This will be something I will never forget about my time here at Lee."

During her two years at Lee, Rachael has also been a member of

the Lee University Volleyball team and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. She plans to develop her involvement with her platform.

Lacey Stokes, representing the ladies of Sigma Nu Sigma, was first runner-up and also won the Kay McDaniel Woman of Achievement Award and the Community Service Award. Lacey Noles, representing Alpha Phi Delta Honor Society, won second runner-up. Elle Greely, representing Lee Singers, was third runner-up and also won the Outstanding Talent Award and Interview Award. Lauren Clayton, representing the men of Upsilon Xi, won fourth runner-up. Other winners were Ciara Doll, representing the ladies of Epsilon Lambda Phi, who won Miss Congeniality and Colby Simons, representing the Student Leadership Council, who won the Escort Award. —*Hope Goad*



Miss POF
Rachael
Huber



■ PERSPECTIVE | Phil Cook, Vice President for Enrollment Management

The Effectiveness of Lee Day

HIGH SCHOOL and transfer students choose to attend Lee University for many different reasons including parental influence, pastoral recommendations, current student testimonials, the Internet, a traditional campus visit, and direction from God. While several of these factors influenced my decision to attend Lee more than 20 years ago, the primary event that helped to confirm my choice was Lee Day.

For today's prospective Lee University student, the influence of Lee Day is still evident. During the past 23 years of Lee's explosive enrollment growth, there have been many successful recruitment activities implemented to increase the size of our student body. Having spent the last twelve years working in the Admissions Office, I have had a front-row seat to all of these events. However, the one consistent event that has served as the cornerstone of Lee University recruitment efforts has been Lee Day.

Other colleges and universities have events like Lee Day, but there is something unique about the way Lee approaches this kind of experience. In

fact, the *experience* is what sets Lee Day apart. This Lee experience, and Lee Day recruitment, is centered around the energy on campus that is palpable.

The success of Lee Day is contingent upon the prospective students' lasting impressions of the university. The energy that emanates from our



Christian environment, new buildings, and academic successes draws families to the campus. The momentum of the past 23 years lets families know that Lee University is a place that is headed in the right direction. Prospective students, and their families, are impacted by the passion and Christian hospitality that is displayed by Lee employees during Lee Day.

While there have been changes to the Lee Day programming and experience over the years, the core elements have remained constant. State parties have been replaced with the Incredi-bash, but the interaction between prospective and current students remains the same. Today, more and more parents attend Lee Day with their sons or daughters to participate in Advance Class Selection, attend a financial-aid seminar, or listen as President Conn casts the Lee vision in a parents' seminar while answering questions about our future.

This new generation of Lee Day attendees, however, still enjoys Lee Day traditions like the music festival, "Life @ Lee," and the worship rally. All these events help promote the Lee University experience in a two-day whirlwind of fun, facts, and fellowship.

Lee Day remains the largest single recruitment event on the Lee University calendar each year. It was the seminal event for many of our alumni who chose to enroll at Lee in previous years, and it will continue to shape the decision of high school students for many years to come.

Salvation Army Provides Lee With Mobile Kitchen

IN FALL OF 2008, the Southeast territory Salvation Army teamed up with Lee's Leonard Center (LC) and assigned a Disaster Relief canteen panel truck, providing students the opportunity to serve others through

the mobile kitchen. Several volunteer teams have worked on a number of projects to help the community.

Amber Bush, an AmeriCorps VISTA serving with Lee, describes some of her favorite experiences with the Salvation Army Canteen. "We got called to help with disaster relief after the Paducah (Ky.) ice storm," Bush recalls. Although the Salvation Army Canteen is used routinely around town as a feeding ministry, its main purpose is disaster relief and

during an emergency the canteen needs to be ready to roll. When power outages forced people out of their homes to a nearby naval base, Amber and five students drove to Paducah and prepared food for the people who were stranded there.

"One time," Bush describes, "when the temperature was below zero, we handed out blankets and scarves that we collected from students on campus, to the homeless." On a regular basis, the Lee team pairs up with Backyard, a local ministry to feed the underprivileged. —Sara Dirksen/Michelle Bollman



Seniors Named for Top Awards

■ **F.J. LEE AWARD**—*Established in 1968, this award is named in honor of the second president of Lee, who served from 1922-1923. This award is given to the senior with the overall most outstanding record of student achievement.*

Joshua Puthen Veedu Muthalali graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in biblical and theological studies and a bachelor of science in accounting.



Born in India, Joshua came to Lee via Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is the son of Pastor Jacob Muthalali and Mercy Jacob who now reside in Houston, Texas. Joshua is graduating as a Kairos Honors student with a centennial scholarship. He participated in several organizations on campus including the Sigma Beta Delta International Business Honor Society and the Pi Delta Omicron (Religion) Honor Society, and he also served as the vice president and president of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. While pursuing his degrees, Joshua also worked in several areas of campus life as a tutor, a student

worker and a chapel usher. His future plans are to pursue a Masters of Divinity and eventually a doctorate before going back to India to teach and to preach.

■ **ZENO C. THARP AWARD**—*Established in 1955, this award is given to the senior who shows the greatest promise of making a significant contribution to the Kingdom. It is named in honor of the sixth president of Lee, who served from 1935-1944.*

Breanna Michelle Dillon is a December 2008 summa cum laude graduate with a major in intercultural studies with an urban missiology



emphasis. Breanna came to Lee from Hinton, W.Va. and is the daughter of Rudolph and Regina Larson and the granddaughter of Garnet Hatcher. During her time at Lee Breanna received many awards and honors including the centennial scholarship, the Roberson Memorial Leadership scholarship and the Poiema scholarship. She served her

fellow students as a Spanish tutor and worked in the School of Religion office as well as the Biblical and Theological Foundations for Benevolence lab. Breanna was a member of the International Student Fellowship, and she participated in several intercultural mission trips and internships domestically and abroad. Her future plans are to attend Mission Year, a one-year, inner-city program and then to begin her masters in International Development with a long-term goal of working with the church doing community development and justice-oriented work in areas of great physical and spiritual need.

■ **CHARLES PAUL CONN AWARD**—*Established in 1996, this award is given to the senior who shows the greatest promise of intellectual and academic achievement beyond the undergraduate level. It is named in honor of the sixteenth president of Lee whose tenure began in 1986.*

Katherine Renee Amato is a biochemistry major who graduated with magna cum laude honors. She is the daughter of Gary and Jan Amato of Buford, Ga. While at Lee, Katherine participated in the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and the Alpha Phi Delta Pre-Med Honor Society. She served as vice president of the Tri-Beta National Biological Honor



Society and has been a member of the American Association for Cancer Research. Katherine also served as a teaching assistant for the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and as a peer mentor. While Katherine's plans after graduation are to begin a Ph.D. program in cancer biology at Vanderbilt University in the fall, she already began her research to help find a cure for cancer by doing internships at various medical schools while pursuing her undergraduate degree at Lee.

Departmental Award Winners

Behavioral & Social Sciences	Taylor Hayden
Business	Sarah Wright
Christian Ministries	W. Ben Winder
Communication & the Arts	Harrison Keely
Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education.....	Kathryn Briggs
English & Modern Foreign Languages	Jonathan Tully
Health, Exercise Science & Secondary Education	Phil Drummond
History & Political Science	Elizabeth Curtis
Instrumental Music	John McCluskey
Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Jami Crouse
Theology	Ashley Liston
Vocal Music	Karen Marie Crow

■ EDITORIAL | Cameron Fisher, editor, *Torch*

Running (Literally!) a Great Race

SINCE MY FRESHMAN year at Lee in the fall of 1980, I have seen the comings and going of events, trends, and traditions. One trend which has recently emerged through events is now becoming a tradition: running.

Perhaps because Lee has a president who is an aficionado of the pastime, running at Lee, both as a sport or as a staged event, has mirrored Lee's growth and emergence as a harbinger of excellence.

For the last seven years Lee has sponsored and coordinated the area's *Great Strides* 5K race for cystic fibrosis. Each year the race has ratcheted up the professionalism, through landing major corporate sponsorships, securing USATF certification of the course (which begins and ends on the Lee campus), garnering "chip" timing devices, and attracting a growing number of participants and volunteers each year. The result of the last seven years has been nearly half a million dollars raised for cystic fibrosis (CF), a complex genetic disease which damages and eventually destroys the lungs of patients. About 30,000 children and young adults in the United States have been diagnosed with the disorder. This year's event took on special significance as a group of volunteers

focused their fund-raising to honor the memory of Nathan Smith, a Lee graduate who passed away earlier this year after a life-long battle with CF. "Team Nathan" sported special shirts and together raised more than \$20,000 of the \$60,000 raised for this year's event.

Three weeks after *Great Strides*, Lee sponsored a dinner for any alumni who were up to the challenge of the Country Music Marathon or Half Marathon in Nashville. On April 25, more than 100 Lee alumni strode across the finish lines of either race and included alumni families, Lee students, staff, faculty...and President Conn. One member of the Lee cross-country team, Johnson Njoroge, placed second overall in the half marathon with a time of 1:11:46, a mere minute behind the winner and amongst a field of 22,920 participants.

The addition of Lee's newest intercollegiate sports teams—cross-country—is another trend that has become a tradition and now generates events.



The men's and women's squads have already become competitive with established programs at larger schools.

On a personal note, Lee events have played a large role in adoption of running as a new "tradition" in my life. My first competitive race was the *Great Strides* 5K in 2007, followed by the inspiration gained standing on the sidelines watching dozens of Lee alumni cross the finish line of the Nashville half marathon a few weeks later. Since then I have run a dozen half marathons with the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C. in my sights this fall.

Running at Lee and the promotion of it is a trend which will continue to be embraced as a tradition of excellence continues to be built in the years to come.



Editor's Note: I was pleased to have my son, Grant '08, and daughter, Amanda, participate in the half marathon with me.

(Below) Team Nathan poses for a group shot during *Great Strides*; (right) Nathan Smith





(l-r) Mike Iosia,
Shane Griffith,
Trevor Milliron

Three Faculty Honored with Excellence Awards

EACH YEAR at spring commencement, Lee University President Dr. Paul Conn has the privilege of presenting the three most prestigious faculty awards. The following are portions of his comments:

MR. SHANE GRIFFITH Excellence in Advising

Each year the university honors a faculty member who has distinguished him or herself in the effectiveness of student advising. For each senior who graduates today, there has been a faculty advisor to help navigate the complicated path from that first week as a freshman to being finally cleared for graduation.

This year, we honor Mr. Shane Griffith, a lecturer who has recently transferred from the Mathematics faculty to the Department of Business. In a department with a large number of majors, Mr. Griffith carried one of the heaviest advisor loads on the faculty. Still, he finds time and makes the effort to help his students so effectively that he has made himself conspicuous by the excellence of his advising. His students, as well as his colleagues on the faculty, say he is a model of the instructor who consistently goes "above and beyond the call of duty," not just with his own advisees, but with other students as well. Mr.

Griffith is always available to them, knows what he is doing, and seems to bring a little extra patience and kindness to those problems which are especially challenging.

DR. MIKE IOSIA Excellence in Scholarship

This award winner is chosen each year by a committee which includes former members of the award, along with other professors whose own track record in research is noteworthy. This committee considered eight nominees which were offered by department chairs, and emerged this year with a unanimous choice.

Dr. Mike Iosia is newcomer to the Lee faculty, joining us in 2007 as an assistant professor in Exercise Physiology. As an undergraduate Mike was a football player at the University of Southern Mississippi. He came to Lee fourteen years later after earning a Ph.D. in exercise physiology from the University of Alabama, along with a masters degree from Auburn University.

Dr. Iosia has quickly become a key player in our newly developed program in Athletic Training. Even though this major included a significant hands-on component, it is also like all other academic majors, driven by research and a well-developed

curricular literature. In addition to his teaching duties, Mike is also an exceptional scholar who contributes to that body of professional literature. He is the author or co-author of numerous publications in scholarly journals, and has already, in his two years at Lee, published several new pieces of research in such publications as *The Journal of the International Society of Sports Nutrition* and *The Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

DR. TREVOR MILLIRON Excellence in Teaching

This award winner is chosen by an anonymous committee which includes three faculty members and three graduating seniors. Because we prize nothing more highly than teaching, we regard this award as the greatest compliment we can bestow.

Dr. Trevor Milliron is a professor of Psychology who joined the faculty in 1998. He came with the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Fuller, the first clinical psychologist ever hired on our full-time faculty. In this, his first teaching position following grad school, Dr. Milliron quickly demonstrated that he is a gifted teacher as well. Lee has an outstanding program in counseling psychology, and Trevor has established himself as the leader of the large and important area. He was recently asked, in addition to his teaching duties, to direct the various masters degree programs in counseling.

It is in the classroom, however, that Trevor has earned his reputation as one of Lee's finest faculty members. He is a professor who doesn't avoid teaching the basic courses such as introductory psychology to large classes of freshmen and sophomores, and still is considered at the top of his department in teaching the more advanced senior-level courses. In both types of classroom settings, he is unfailingly judged by students to be a gifted teacher who cares deeply about his discipline while still caring more fundamentally about them as individuals.

Professor Emeritus Dennison Passes Away

DR. CLIFFORD DENNISON, a science professor at Lee from 1955 to 1992, passed away on May 21, 2009. He was 86.



A native of West Virginia, he began his formal education in a one-room school-house and completed his training with a doctorate in science education from the University of Florida. He was also a veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps in WWII in England, Germany and France. At the end of the war, he was involved with setting up communications for the Potsdam Conference featuring Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill.

Dennison taught science at Lee for 37 years, retiring in 1992 with the faculty distinction, Professor Emeritus, a title he held until his death. Lee students knew him as the archetypical brilliant, "absent-minded professor," who displayed many talents, including ultra-light pilot and inventor of the Dennison Home Water Distillator.

Dr. Dennison is survived by many children and grandchildren who are Lee alumni, including daughter Doris, who is married to Professor of Music Dr. Jim Burns. The family has also established the Clifford Dennison Science Scholarship at Lee University.

Hisey Emphasizes Importance of Research

WHEN INTERVIEWING for his position as instructor of biology, science faculty member John Hisey promised to get students involved with research. "If they are going to graduate school, science students need to do research" he said. "We have heard from Lee graduates that their research experiences here made all the difference in their transition to graduate studies." At least 20 of Hisey's former research students have completed and published research and have authored and co-authored 48 professional presentations at regional, national and international conferences.

Hisey's latest research project involving students is a study of the genetic patterns of raccoons. There have been 12 Lee students that have participated in this project which began in 2001. Originally intending for it to be a three-year project, it is now in its seventh year.

Hisey believes raccoons are the perfect animal to study when trying to learn more about mid-sized carnivores. The study focuses on genetic patterns in cluster species, or species that live together in a community or

group. By using raccoons as a model organism for other mid-sized carnivorous mammals, the team is studying inbreeding and habitat fragmentation.

"We had participants sending raccoon tissue samples from all across North America," Hisey said, "from Oregon to Manitoba to Texas to Georgia to New York. This may well be the most extensive project of its type ever done with raccoons."

Hisey hopes the research will contribute to management strategies for protecting the native wildlife of Cleveland, Tenn., and other global regions, while meeting human needs. —*Kelly Bridgeman*



Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to the following Lee University faculty who were approved by the Board of Directors in May for promotions in rank:

Associate Professor to Professor



Laura Anderson, Ph.D.
University of South Carolina,
Education



Bill Estes, Ph.D.
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
Education



Richard Jones, Ph.D.
Wayne State University,
Anthropology

Assistant Professor to Associate Professor



Tom Doolittle, Ph.D.
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Pastoral Ministry



Bill Effler, D.Min.
Fuller Theological Seminary,
Pastoral Studies



Jason Ward, Ph.D.
University of California, Riverside,
History

■ DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

Instrumental Music Carries Rich Tradition

By PHILLIP THOMAS

MULTI-FACETED by design, the Department of Instrumental Music provides training and musical performances in a wide variety of venues and styles. Its majors, now numbering over 100, represent 19 states and four foreign countries, as well as a broad range of musical backgrounds and interests. With that profile, it is not surprising that they are involved in diverse musical ensembles and experiences.

The Department's oldest ensemble, the Symphonic Band, has been directed by Mark Bailey since 1992; it is the only one of our ensembles that regularly performs off-campus. In the recent past, the group has been involved in ministry/perform-

ing tours to Jordan and Guatemala, as well as a large number of school and churches. True to its mission of service and ministry, members of the Band taught masterclasses to high school students in Jordan and to an elementary school in an economically challenged area of Cleveland, Tenn. These students, like many at Lee, enjoy the challenge of integrating academic majors with their Christian faith.

A newer group is the Wind Ensemble, conducted by internationally recognized composer David Holsinger. While playing a healthy dose of his challenging music for wind band, this energetic group explores other repertoire for that instrumentation; quite a few of the selections include 20th-century techniques like aleatoricism

and unusual spatial arrangements. New to their schedule this year was a concert conducted by several students in Holsinger's advanced conducting class.

Likewise expanding its repertoire and scope is the Symphony Orchestra. Its most recent concert, conducted by William McNeiland, included works by Beethoven, Dvořák, and Stravinsky. String players and other chamber musicians also enjoy working with faculty member Xiaoqing Yu, who, in addition to his full-time duties at Lee, serves as concertmaster of the Greenville, S.C. Symphony. Students also benefit from interaction with stellar guest artists like bass trombonist Doug Yeo (Boston Symphony), trumpeter Alan Vizutti, and clarinetist Anthony McGill, all of whom performed here this year.

With such opportunities as these, we are not surprised that talented students are attracted to the department in growing numbers. Current students include several former all-state participants, contest winners and leaders in their pre-college musical ensembles. Some students, like those of Michael Brownlee, have received awards at local and state collegiate competitions.

Many come to Lee specifically to study with artist faculty like Ning An and Gloria Chien. An, who has been a prize winner at many international piano competitions—including first prize at the Kapell and Tivoli, challenges his

David Holsinger conducts the Wind Ensemble



students to the highest musical standards with his teaching and performing. Chien, an internationally recognized soloist and chamber musician, does the same. They frequently collaborate with other world-class artists in recitals at Lee and many other venues.

The couple has also been intimately involved in Lee's Piano Competition for high-school-age pianists, which is now in its 5th year. Michael Brownlee and Phillip Thomas, who chairs the event, have also worked with the competition. Generous cash prizes, excellent faculty and guest judges, and a collegial atmosphere draw attention to our fine program in piano, bringing students from several states and Canada to campus each June.

An even wider group of high school students assembles in November for Honor Band, led by David and Winona Holsinger. Others convene each summer for Music Camp. Under the auspices of Dean Stephen W. Plate—an accomplished orchestral conductor—and camp director Winona Holsinger, the weeklong event includes numerous instrumentalists. Some of them enroll in the Jazz Track, a special division overseen by faculty member Alan Wyatt, who directs Lee's Jazz Ensemble during the academic year.

The Jazz Ensemble has received numerous ensemble awards at JazzFest in Louisville, Ky., for several years. A large number of students have been recognized for their individual skills as well.

The Percussion Ensemble is directed by marimbist/clinician Andrew Harnsberger, who holds the doctorate from the famed Eastman School of Music. Another member of the department's facul-

ty whose doctoral degree is from Eastman is theorist Austin Patty, who has presented scholarly papers at regional and national meetings of the Society for Music Theory. Students' comments on his teaching—like most of our faculty—stress his concern for them as much as the subject matter. Patty's students also taught song writing to local high students in a recent service-learning project.

Classroom experiences like these are extended by interaction with

formers, many of them regular members of the nearby Chattanooga Symphony. These include trombonist Doug Warner, oboist Robert Burks, flutist Janet Hale, and cellist Ann Camp. A record 13 guitar majors study with Andrew Linton, a student of Mario Abril, and trumpet students learn from Philip Morehead, former principal trumpet of the Chattanooga Symphony. Classical saxophonists study with Brenda Moye; two quartets under her direction were invited to per-



Xiaoqing Yu with Chamber Strings

places and cultures studied through the Music History cross-cultural tours led by Phillip Thomas. Cities rich in cultural heritage, from Venice to Vienna and Rome to Salzburg, have become more than history for dozens of students since 2002.

Music Business students, like those of successful arranger/producer Lari Goss, continue to land positions as interns for companies as diverse as Word Records, Inspiration Network, and the Ashville (N.C.) Opera. Goss has also arranged for his students to observe professional sessions in Nashville.

Current students also study with teachers who are active per-

form at the state convention of music educators.

Whether in the classroom, practice room, or church service, students and faculty of the Instrumental Department strive to use their skills as musicians to further the cause of the Kingdom. They understand that true integration of faith and learning is not a one-time event, but a life-long process. Having surpassed the departmental goal of 100 majors this fall, we press toward a future that embraces a wide variety of musical styles, all performed for His glory. 🙏

Phillip Thomas, Ph.D. is chair of the Department of Instrumental Music

Baseball Team Returns to World Series

The Flames reach the semi-finals for the third straight year.

THE LEE BASEBALL team has found a home away from home in Lewiston, Idaho. The Flames recently made their third straight appearance (four in the past five years) in the NAIA World Series which is hosted annually by the northern Idaho community.

Coach Mark Brew's club placed second in last year's tournament and came back this season to reach the semi-final round before being beaten by Point Loma Nazarene University (Calif.).

In three years as Lee's head coach, Mark Brew, who some said was too young to take over the program from David Altopp, has directed the Flames to 167 wins against just 39 defeats, that's an average of over 55 victories per year.

After losing in the final game of the 2008 World Series, Lee bounced back to a 53-14 record in 2009. After a disappointing third-place finish in the Southern States Athletic Confer-

ence regular season, the Flames hosted the opening round of the NAIA National Tournament and began their World Series run.

They defeated Spring Arbor (Mich.) in the first game of the NAIA tourney at Olympic Field and then whipped Belhaven College (Miss.) twice to coast into Lewiston and a try at the top prize.

Lee whipped Campbellsville (Ky.) in the first round of World Series, but lost game two to No. 1-ranked Lubbock Christian (Texas). With the Lewiston fans behind them, the Flames came firing back to eliminate

Fresno Pacific (Calif.) and Berry College. Brew's crew had its chances to upset Point Loma, but dropped a tough 8-6 decision.

Pitching was the name of the game for the Flames. Junior left-hander Matt Gilson was 11-3. Dave Mason posted a 10-3 mark and Joel Matthews was 7-2. Pablo Lopez completed his career at 5-2 and had 10

saves. Josh Rose finished strong and was unbeaten at 4-0.

Julian Alvarez was listed as a first team NAIA All-American. The outfielder hit .406 with 18 homers and 78 RBI. First baseman Chris Warters was honorable mention. He also blasted 18 home runs and knocked in 81 runs.

Coach Brew praised the effort of his seniors—Mason, Matthews, Lopez, Rose, Alvarez, Warters, Brian Bistagne, Chris Dubon, Mitch Davidson, Jeff Ibarra and Elvis Sosa. Alvarez, Warters, Gilson and Tanner Moore were named All-SSAC and Moore was also a Gold Glove winner. Mason was selected as the Flames' Champion of Character winner.

"I'm really proud of our team and the way we fought back late in the season," said Coach Brew. "A lot of people never gave this club a chance to reach the World Series again. The SSAC was very strong this season and that showed by three teams from our conference making it to the World Series. The people of Lewiston were great to us. You can't believe the World Series atmosphere until you have been here."



World Series teams gather on the field in Lewiston, Idaho





(l-r) Gary Ray,
Larry Carpenter,
SSAC Commissioner
Kurt Patberg

Carpenter Is AD of the Year

LEE UNIVERSITY Athletic Director Larry Carpenter was recently honored at the NAIA Awards Banquet as the NAIA-ADA Athletics Director of the Year. The event was held in conjunction with the NAIA National Convention in Kansas City. On hand to salute Carpenter was the Commissioner of the Southern States Athletic Conference, Dr. Kurt Patberg.

"As I stood before my peers while accepting the reward, I saw so many dedicated and gifted administrators

sitting in the audience that it truly humbled me," said Carpenter. "The award is a reflection of the dedication and hard work by a wonderful staff and the support given by our administration."

On June 20, he will receive the 2008-2009 NACDA/Under Armour AD of the Year for the Southeast Region of the NAIA at the NACDA Convention in Orlando, Fla. This is the second time Carpenter has received this award.

2009 Conn Student Athlete Awards

WOMEN'S SOCCER and golf standout Julie Donnestad and men's golfer Joshua Lawson have been named the 2009 winners of the Paul Conn Student Athlete of the Year awards.

After helping the Lee women's soccer program to the university's first NAIA national championship and becoming a first-team NAIA All-American, Donnestad became the first Lee athlete to earn a spot in two separate national tournaments. She turned to golf during the second semester and finished second in the SSAC Athletic Conference Women's Golf Tournament. Donnestad is also a two-time SSAC and NAIA Scholar Athlete.

Josh Lawson leaves Lee University with a 4.0 GPA and has been accepted in the University of Tennessee Medical School. He made his fourth consecutive trip to the NAIA National Golf Tournament and claimed three tournament championships during his four-year Lee career.



2008-2009 Season Scoreboard

VOLLEYBALL

29-10, 14-2 SSAC
SSAC Tournament Champions

WOMEN'S SOCCER

24-1-1, 10-0-0 SSAC
NAIA National Champions
SSAC Tournament Champions
SSAC Regular Season Champions

MEN'S SOCCER

9-10-2, 4-5-0 SSAC
SSAC Tournament Champions

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Third in SSAC meet
Two runners advanced to NAIA National

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Second in SSAC meet
Three runners advanced to NAIA National

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

30-6, 17-3 SSAC
SSAC Tournament Champions
SSAC Regular Season Champions

MEN'S BASKETBALL

26-8, 14-4 SSAC
SSAC Tournament Champions

BASEBALL

53-13, 20-7 SSAC
NAIA Opening Rnd Field 5 Champions
NAIA World Series Final Four

SOFTBALL

39-14, 26-6 SSAC
SSAC Regular Season Co-Champions

WOMEN'S TENNIS

9-5, 4-3 SSAC

MEN'S TENNIS

10-3, 3-2 SSAC

WOMEN'S GOLF

First year of program
Two NAIA All-Americans
Rachel Ingram SSAC medalist
Julie Donnestad Lee's first double
NAIA All-American (soccer and golf)

Lee Athletics in Brief

Women's Softball

Lady Flames Finish in National Top 20

The Lee softball team finished the 2009 season with a 39-14 record. The Lady Flames tied with Brenau University for the regular-season Southern States Athletic Conference title with a 26-6 mark and were ranked 16th in the final NAIA national poll.

Coach Emily Russell's club battled to the final game of the SSAC tournament before being defeated by Shorter College. Shorter joined Brenau in the national tournament and the Lady Flames just missed getting an at-large berth. Lee placed four players on the All-SSAC first team. Shortstop Hernanza was second-team All-SSAC, while Brittany Rowe and Walker were selected as NAIA Scholar Athletes. Members of the SSAC Academic team were Rowe, Walker, Kaitlyn Grosch and Balough. Whitley Stone was Lee's NAIA Champion of Character winner.



Coach Emily Russell directs her runners as Tabitha Farrow heads for home



Lee's Josh Nofflett goes in for two

Men's Basketball

Flames Post 26-8 Record

For the fourth straight year Coach Tommy Brown directed the Lee men's basketball team to a berth in the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City and to an impressive 26-8 record. The season was highlighted by a win over Auburn University-Montgomery in the final round of the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament.

The Flames were defeated by Columbia College (Mo.) in the opening round of the national tournament and Columbia went on to claim the runner-up spot in the 32-team event.

Senior guard Elmar Kuli-Zade, one of the top 3-point shooters in the country, headed the list of individual award winners. He was NAIA All-American- Second Team, SSAC Player of the Year, All-SSAC, and SSAC All-Tournament. Senior Paco Diaw joined the list by being named the SSAC Defensive Player of the Year and All-SSAC. Junior Josh Nofflett came on strong near the end of the season and garnered the SSAC Tournament MVP award.



Tennis

Tennis Teams Nationally Ranked

The Lee men's tennis team completed the 2009 tennis season with a 9-4 record and ranked No. 13 in the final NAIA rating. The Lady Flames were ranked No. 17 in the final poll and posted a 9-5 mark.

The Flames earned an at-large berth in the NAIA National Tournament in Mobile, Ala., and after whipping Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.) in the first round, Coach Tony Cavett's team was beaten by the national champions,



Sara Anic

Fresno Pacific University (Calif.) in the second round.

Like the men's team, the Lady Flames were beaten by a squad that went on to claim the national title. Auburn University-Montgomery knocked the Lee women out of the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament. Two weeks later,

the Lady Senators were crowned NAIA champs for the sixth straight year.

In her first season as a Lady Flame, Sara Anic was selected to the All-SSAC first team, while for the men, while Caio Borges won a huge off-season battle over cancer and came back to join Dimitar Pamukchiyan on the All-SSAC men's squad. Borges only lost one match the entire year. He was also selected as Lee's Champion of Character representative.

Women's Basketball

Lady Flames Reach 'Elite Eight'

Winning has been the name of the game for Coach Marty Rowe who completed his fifth season as the Lee women's basketball coach in March. The Lady Flames were 30-6 overall and reached the Elite 8 in the NAIA National Tournament for the first time.

Lee claimed the Southern States Athletic Conference regular-season title (four straight) and tournament crown (three straight) and earned an automatic bid to Jackson, Tenn., and the national tournament for the fifth straight time.

Individual honors were shared by several and led by junior post player Katie Nelson. She was named NAIA Second Team All-American and selected as All-SSAC and

earned a spot on the Conference All-Tournament team. Sophomore Brooke McKinnon was named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, while senior Valeriya Musina was the MVP of the SSAC Tournament and posted an All-SSAC award. Angela Spann made her presence felt by being named the SSAC Freshman of the Year. Allison Rader came back from knee surgery and a red-shirt year to run the point for Rowe's club. She joined Meg Willette and Jennifer Paul on the SSAC All-Academic team and Chandler Collins was Lee's representative on the NAIA Champion of Character team.



Katie Nelson

Golf

Women Finish First Year

Lee's Rachel Ingram and Julie Donnestad earned records that will never be broken when they became the first two Lady Flames to be named to the NAIA Women's National Golf All-Tournament team.

In the tourney, Donnestad posted a 76 during the final round and Ingram followed with a 77. Both finished the 72-hole event with 309 totals and joined Angela Gauck of Marian College (Ind.) in a tie for sixth place in the final standings and spots on the 15-lady, all-tourney squad.

"What a great end to the first season of our women's golf program," said Coach John Maupin. "I never could have imagined that we would have two girls finish in the top six at the national tournament. I couldn't be happier for Julie and Rachel."

The men's golf team earned an at-large spot in the NAIA National Golf Tournament and Josh Lawson just missed making the NAIA All-Tournament team. His 72-



Julie Donnestad and Rachel Ingram

hole total of 298 put him at 14 over par in the event hosted by the TPC Deere Run course in Silvis, Ill. Sixteen golfers were all-tournament and Lawson placed 17th in the extremely strong field.



Lacy Powell

▲ **Lacy D. Powell** '46, of Fayetteville, GA, passed away on March 27, 2009, at his home. He was 87. Dr. Powell served in World War II where he flew nearly 40 missions over the European arena before his B-24 Liberator bomber was shot down over Budapest, Hungary. For nine months in 1944-1945, he was held captive. In 1954, he moved to Georgia and worked in the public schools. He served as a teacher, principal and administrator before retiring in 1987.

Betty McCullough Bowers '51 and her husband of

almost 55 years, Walter, live in Inez, KY, where Betty is retired from working at Omsted Air Force Base in Pennsylvania. The McCulloughs have two grown daughters, both of whom attended Lee: Debra Bowers Evans '79 and Benita Bowers Field '81.

Frances Carden Snyder '56 lives in Cleveland, TN, where she is a retired evangelist, but still ministers occasionally.



She recently won a trip to Hilton Head, SC, where she traveled with five family members.

Charles Lingerfelt '65 has traveled six times to Northern Iraq to help establish a Kurdish American School in the city of Dohuk. At the school where he is co-director, Kurds are taught American English, government and Democratic principles.

Charles and his wife Carolyn '65, have three sons, three daughters and 13 grandchildren and are based in Dallas, TX. ▼



Charles Lingerfelt with a Kurdish student

Gary Palmer '74 is assistant vice president of community affairs for Replacements, Ltd., of Greensboro, NC.

Teresa Brandon Brown '78 is married to Ed Brown and they live in Cleveland, TN. They have two children and four grandchildren and Teresa is presently teaching education courses at Lee.

Harry Mann '69 lives in St. Augustine, FL, with his wife, Pam. Last June he took early retirement after 27 years as a pastor in the

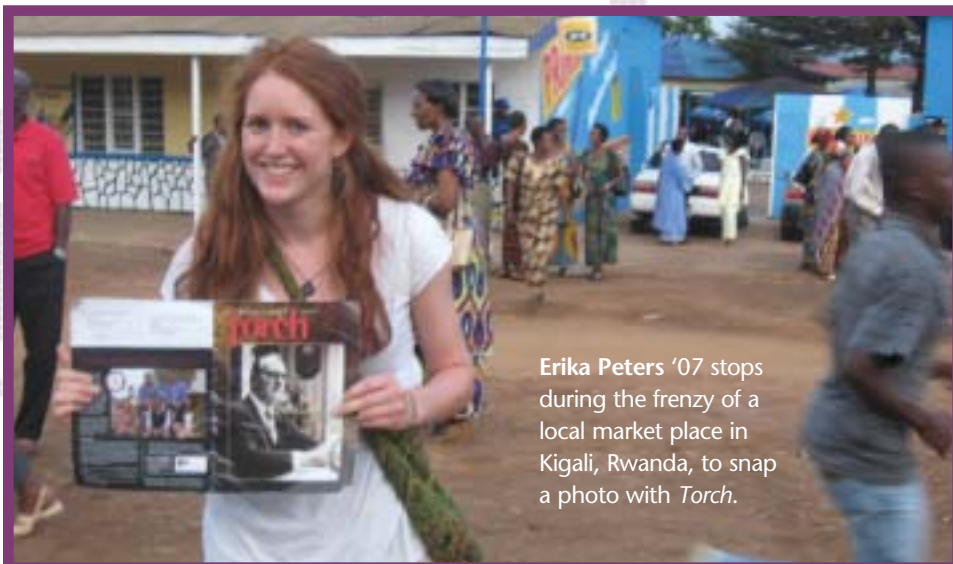
Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and moved to Lynchburg, TN, to care for his mother in the last months of her life. The Manns moved to St. Augustine in 2003 and in May, Harry retired again after more than five years service as chaplain of the St. Johns Welfare Federation.

David Goodrum '85 has been a full-time missionary to the Caribbean and Central America for the past 19 years, providing training for pastors and church workers, doing children's crusades, carrying missionary and relief supplies to island and coastal locations aboard his 40-ft. trimaran sailboat, "Faith." See pictures and stories at www.sailingservant.org.

Ronald Haynes '87 and his wife, Rhonda, are full-time missionaries to the Aymara people of Bolivia. They have six children, the youngest of which serves

TORCH TRAVELS

Send us a photo of you and/or a fellow alumnus or alumna reading *Torch* at an exotic or noteworthy destination. Tell us where you were and what was the occasion. Send prints to the Lee University Alumni Office, 1120 North Ocoee Street, Cleveland, TN 37311, ATTN: Torch Travels. High resolution digital photos can be e-mailed to torch@leeuniversity.edu.



Erika Peters '07 stops during the frenzy of a local market place in Kigali, Rwanda, to snap a photo with *Torch*.

on the mission field with them. Their Web site is www.lovelyfeet.org. ▼



Tim '88 and Amy Ingram Clark '88 have two children and live in Lebanon, OH. Tim serves as a manager for Ohio Workers' Compensation, while Amy is a homemaker. Tim recently helped organize a Celebrate Recovery program (Christ-centered addiction recovery) at their local church. They also enjoy heritage chicken farming and would love to hear from former classmates.

Lynn Douglas Crummey '88 is married to Dwaine and they have three

daughters and one grandchild. They are residents of Stockton, GA.

Genae Gillespie Lancaster '91 is living in Simpsonville, SC, with her husband and two children.

Paul Garner '93 has been a science teacher at A.J. McMullen Middle School in Uniontown, PA, for eight years and married for eight years. He and his wife have three children. Paul says, "I remember many great friends during the 1992-1993 year when I attended Lee and I would like to get in contact with them."

DeWayne Hamby '93 and LeAnn Moorhead '00 and were married in September 2008 in Lake Mary, FL. Both work at Strang Communications, LeAnn serving as publicity coordinator for the Strang Book Group and DeWayne as assistant editor for *Christian Retailing* magazine. ►

Thomas Adams II '94 and his wife recently moved to Norfolk, VA, with their two children. Thomas is deputy sheriff for the City of Norfolk.

Hunter McCormick '94 lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, with his wife, Becky, and their four children. Hunter has 14 years with AT&T, formerly BellSouth.

Terry Ammons '97 is general manager of a new Hampton Inn hotel in Ooltewah, TN. Terry is



married to Suzette and they have one son.

Ginger Goff Crawford '97 has joined St. Barnabas Senior Living Services in Chattanooga, TN, as director of marketing and admissions for its skilled nursing division. At St. Barnabas she will visit patient referrals from area hospitals for St. Barnabas's short-term rehabilitation therapy program.

Dan Eason '98 and his wife, Renee, are pastoring the Church of God congregation in Prosser, WA.

Rob '99 and Enida Bega Gurry '99 welcomed their first child, Laurel Allison, in December 2008. Rob is a general practice and litigation attorney and Enida is office manager for the Reinke Group engineering firm. Rob also started his own law practice in Dayton, OH, in 2008 (www.GurryLaw.com). They live in Miamisburg, OH.



◀ **John B. and Ralphie Massey '59** took *Torch* to Ireland where they posed with the sculpture of "Mr. Holland," inventor of the submarine.



The LaMagnas

▲ **Mark '99 and Julie Ruff LaMagna '00** live in Yonkers, NY, with their two children, including their newest, Mark Joel, born July 28, 2008. Mark teaches 12th grade economics, while Julie is a stay-at-home mom.

Raymond E. (Gene) Sholl '99, '01M passed away on August 29, 2008 due to injuries sustained in an earlier auto accident. A resident of Dayton, TN, Gene continued his education to obtain a Ph.D. in 2005. At the time of his death he

was employed with a firm where he worked with adults with severe challenges. He is survived by his wife, Glenda, four children and seven grandchildren.

Bill '99 and Amanda Kindley Woodruff '00 are living in Portland, ME. Bill has been appointed regional youth and Christian education director of Northern New England for the Church of God, while Amanda will be involved in girls ministry. The Woodruff's have two daughters.

Joni McCullar Criswell '00 graduated with her Ph.D. in Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology from The Ohio State University in December 2008. All of her research was conducted on the behavior of the Panamanian Golden Frog. She is currently teaching at several local colleges in Columbus, OH. ▼

TN. Chanin taught school for eight years until her son, William Silas, was born on June 4, 2008. Chanin says, "I now have the wonderful opportunity to stay at home and be with my son. I am truly blessed."

Seth Baxter '01 has worked in the television industry for 10 years and recently moved back to the Chat-

tanooga, TN, area where he is a producer for the NBC affiliate, WRCB Channel 3 Eyewitness News. He is married to Shannon and they have two children.

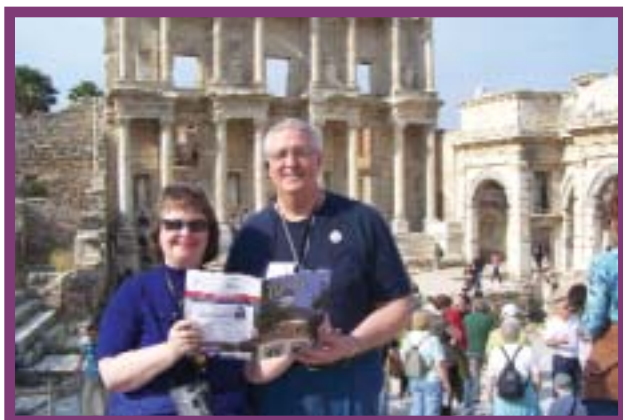
Charles Goggins '01 is the general manager for BJ's Wholesale Club in East Point, GA. He holds a master's degree in Management from Regent

University. He is married to Sandy and they have one daughter.



Dr. Joni McCullar Criswell

Chanin Paschall Giannasio '00 is married to Brian and they live in Cleveland,



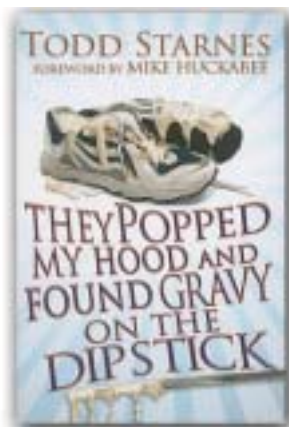
▲ During a recent Mediterranean cruise, **Jim '69 and Lola Luallen Brewer '68** of Pahokee, FL, visit the "library" at Ephesus, Turkey, to read the latest issue of *Torch*.

Seth LaMagna '03, '06M and Michael DelBonis '04, were among the chosen few to get tickets for opening day in the new Yankee Stadium in New York on April 16, 2009. Ticket for *Torch* was not needed. ▼



Alumni Authors

Recent books written by Lee University alumni



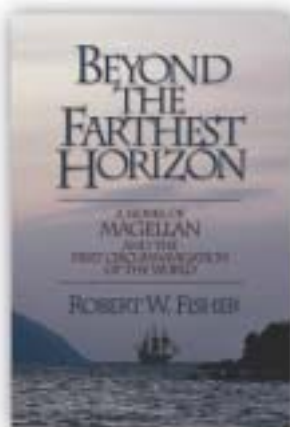
They Popped My Hood and Found Gravy on the Dipstick

Todd Starnes '94

News anchor and reporter for Fox News Radio, Todd Starnes takes a humorous but serious look at life and faith. A former editor of the Lee student newspaper *Collegian*, Todd draws from his real-life experiences battling obesity and heart issues and running marathons.

Former Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee says, "Todd's story reminds me of the many ups and downs I faced during my weight loss. Todd survived a significant surgery, ran a marathon, and despite it all still managed to complete the task. His story reminds us that God uses the least of us to do the greatest things, that way there is no question that it is indeed God at work."

To order the book, go to www.pathwaybookstore.com.



Beyond the Farthest Horizon

Robert Fisher '80

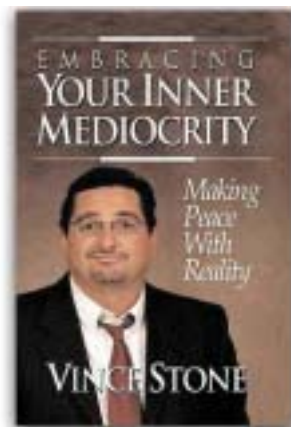
Drawing from his lifelong interest in Ferdinand Magellan and 20 years of research, Lee University Professor of Psychology Dr. Robert Fisher has published a historical novel that brings the famed explorer's story to life.

Beyond the Farthest Horizon follows Magellan from his adventures as a young soldier serving in Africa, India and the Far East, to his history-making voyage of circumnavigation.

"Magellan's life was the ultimate adventure," Fisher says. "He fought pirates, survived battles and mutiny, and led the first expedition to sail around the world. I finally decided I wanted to tell that story."

To read an excerpt from the book, visit his Web site: www.robertwfisher.com.

The book is available at www.amazon.com.



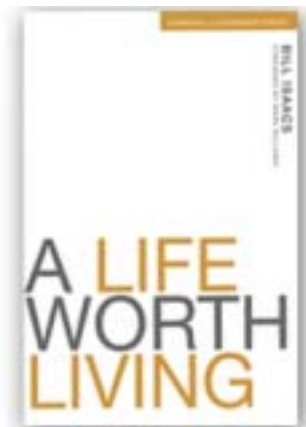
Embracing Your Inner Mediocrity

Vince Stone '86

If there was ever a time in our society when we need to take it down a notch, it's now. In this hilarious satire of the prosperity and excellence industry, Vince Stone examines how mediocrity affects all aspects of our life. While making you laugh at how ridiculous we really are, he offers a simple solution for those of us who are constantly under stress trying to overachieve when just being average is a better way to live.

Gretchen Carlson, host of Fox and Friends said, "I thought this book was really funny even though it goes against my overachieving ways. I told my producer to call him and get him on our show. It was fun to have him." Vince appeared twice on the program.

The book is available at www.amazon.com or his Web site: www.innermediocrity.com.



A Life Worth Living

Bill Isaacs '07

Each of us has a life assignment from God regardless of vocation. It is our calling...the thing God has asked us to do with our life for His glory and His kingdom. This calling is not without cost and in some cases we can be bruised by the assignment.

To live the life that is truly worth living, we must identify the assignment God has for us and commit all our energies to its completion. We will never regret such a personal life decision!

Dr. Mark Walker, senior pastor of Mt. Paran North Church says, "If you're looking for a book to always challenge you to pursue God's excellence, this book is for you."

To order the book, go to www.alifeworthlivingbook.com.

Jamie Huff '01 (stage name Commodore James) has been selected to front a five-spot Class A commercial campaign for the drink company Kool-Aid. Jamie lives in the Los Angeles area where he is pursuing acting and stage performance. His Web site is www.commodorejames.com.

Amy Crisp Waugh '01 is living in the Charlotte, NC where she works for CNA Surety Company as a contract surety bond underwriter. She has obtained her North Carolina Insurance license in property/ casualty. She married Gary "Brandon" Waugh in July 2005.

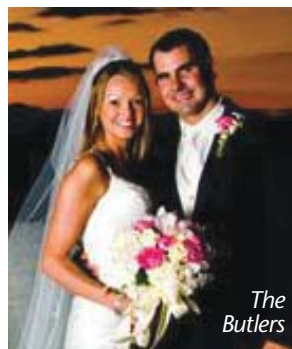
Tim '02 and Denae '00 Switzer moved to Lexington, KY, shortly after graduating from Lee. Denae teaches elementary school and holds a master's degree from Georgetown College. She recently finished her National Board Certification in Early Childhood Education. Tim

furthered his education at the University of Kentucky where he graduated with a degree in Respiratory Therapy and is now an organ transplant coordinator for the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates.

Eric Whipple '02 married Emily Roberts in May and the newlyweds are residing in Seattle, WA where Eric is working as a store manager for Wal-Mart and Emily is a nurse for Good Sams Hospital. Eric says, "I'm blessed to have gone through the educational system at Lee and use the applications I've learned from that experience to reflect God's direction in my life."

April Auger '05 is serving as the recruitment coordinator for the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. In this role April has primary responsibility for coordinating and executing recruitment and outreach efforts for the col-

lege and high school leaders programs. The Web site is www.sorenseninstitute.org.



▲ **Barbie Rumsey Butler '04** and her husband, Thomas, were married at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, on October 25, 2008. They now reside in West Hartford, CT.

Raymond Beckman '05, and his wife Tania, live in Indialantic, FL. Raymond recently completed an M.S. in Clinical Psychology at Florida Tech. Raymond accepted a commission into the U.S. Army Health Professions scholarship program to serve three years on active duty as a

psychologist, which will begin after he finishes grad school. Raymond says, "I credit the Psychology Dept. with the mentoring and support that prepared me for challenges of grad school. Thanks to all."

Stephanie Graham '05 was an ESL teacher in Siping, China with the English Language Institute (ELIC) from 2002-2006. She is presently teaching Chinese at Ross Global Academy in New York City. At the Church of God of New Rochelle, NY, Stephanie is serving as the Kids For Christ choir director. She also started an independent charity for Siping orphans needing cleft palate surgeries (Chinese Orphans Fund). Stephanie says, "Check out my China blog www.xanga.com/little_lambs and learn how to get involved!"

Rory Davis Jenkins '05 and her husband, DJ, welcomed their first child,

Brian '91 and Morgan Wade pose with *Torch* in Montevideo, Uruguay, by the statue of Artigas at Independence Plaza. ▼



▲ With *Torch* in hand, **Ben McGlamery '71** braved the waters of the Akoue' Lagoon near Cotonou, Benin, in West Africa, headed for the village Manive', home to over 30,000 descendants of slaves.

Allison Nicole, on January 26, 2009. Rory also recently completed her master's in Special Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The couple and their daughter reside in Trussville, AL, where Rory works as a sixth grade teacher.

Nathan Lynn '06 married Brittany Holcomb on June 8, 2007, and the couple lives in Tellico Plains, TN. Nathan teaches middle school and coaches high school football.

Erskine Mink '07 married Angela on August 23, 2008, and the couple moved to Logan, WV, last November. Erskine works as an auditor for Suttle & Stalnaker a public accounting firm in Charleston, WV.

Justin Rose '08 is working in Church of God World Missions as a media projects associate, writing and doing graphic design in Cleveland, TN.

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- **E-mail:** torch@leeuniversity.edu. High resolution digital photos are welcome. Please include all the information requested above.
- **Mail:** Send this completed form to the Lee University Alumni Office, P.O. Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320-3450.

American Idol, Lee Alum To Release New Album

American Idol Season 6 finalist **Phil Stacey '02** recently finished recording his new 11-track album, *Into the Light*, which bows August 25. Stacey, an *Idol* Top 5 contestant, will showcase his acclaimed power vocals and songwriting chops with this first modern pop offering on Reunion Records.

"Given the recent past, it's understandable that people are quick to ask me about the musical side of what I do," says Stacey, who performed for an average of 30-million viewers a week, for the 11 weeks he competed on *American Idol*. "I enjoy talking about the music, too. In fact, I love it. But the biggest hope I have is that what I do will help draw people to God—whether that's through the songs I write, how I conduct myself on stage, or more importantly, the ways I relate to other people. Everything I did with *American Idol* has readied me for this platform and this album"

Stacey—the son of a pastor, grandson of two pastors, and a one-time music minister himself—celebrates faith and family on *Into the Light* as he sings passionately about an unshakable and loving God. With legendary Christian music producer Brown Bannister (Amy Grant, Steven Curtis Chapman) at the helm, *Into the Light* artfully taps Stacey's longtime love for the church and its most modern musical expressions.



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

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