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Read about the ins and outs, intricacies and experiences of what it takes to put on Lee's most important annual event . By Angeline McMullin

So Long, Hughes Hall

Former residents reminisce about a campus legend in housing. Read a history of Hughes Hall and witness its last days in pictures.

One Down, Three Going Up

As one dormitory goes down in history, three more housing units are under construction on the Lee campus. And that's not all that's going up....

Back on Both Feet

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by Cameron Fisher

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A DAY FOR THE MEMORY BOOKS

On the cover of this issue, another commencement photo! (You would be justified in thinking, yet another commencement photo, because we do seem to use them a lot.)

The reason, I suppose, is not just that graduations are so photogenic, with so many colorful scenes and happy faces. It is also that commencement days capture the essence of what's best in the undergraduate experience. It all comes together on that day, all the positive, memorable stuff of college life. There are no "F"s at commencement, no late term papers, no discipline reports, no reminders of school bills to pay or strangely eccentric roommates. The pressures that make college life challenging aren't visible at commencement day.

Instead, all is sweetness and light! The proud parents (and, increasingly, grandparents.) The friends whom you have known well or barely. The faculty, most of them relaxed and smiling (or at least squinting into the sun.) The wonderful music that seems always part of the atmosphere at Lee. The speeches, mercifully short and invariably upbeat. No question about it: whatever tears appear on Commencement Day are tears of joy.

We have commencement three times a year at Lee: May, August, and December. Each has its own special charm. August is relaxed, with enough room for everyone who want to be there. December has a Christmas theme, with Conn Center decorated for the holiday and carols sung. May is the biggest and most traditional one, of course, and we try to have it outdoors. It doesn't take much rain to chase us inside to the Paul Dana Walker Arena. But when the weather smiles, and we enjoy a beautiful spring morning, the setting is wonderful. This spring was one of those years.

Late this summer, our campus will open its doors to an excited, eager batch of 800 freshmen. All the mysteries of college life will lie ahead for them. I will welcome them to the Class of 2014, and as I watch them scramble through those first freshing weaks. I will already be provided that one marriage.





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New Lee alum Chad James '10 contemplates his graduation day on May 8, 2010.

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Fall 2010 graduates turn their tassles at the end of commencement

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As throngs of happy graduates and guests exited the Lee University soccer field on Saturday, May 8, there

were others whose excitement was just as real, though

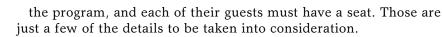
maybe not as visible. Commencement 2010's featured speaker, Church of God Assistant General Overseer Mark Williams said, "What a day this is - a day of celebration, a day of commemoration, and a day of relief - a day that truly testifies to friends and foes alike that days of miracles are not over," For those of us who worked

behind the scenes, the real miracle was that we were able to host *both* graduation services outside without interference from bad weather for the first time in three years.

As the coordinator of academic events at Lee, I am

responsible for pulling together the many details of graduation weekend to help make it the best possible experience for our graduates. As President Conn said to the crowd on Saturday morning, "Not to sound too 'Hallmarkish', but this really is for you." Planning a graduation can be likened to planning a wedding: it involves location, food, attire, guests, etc., but in this case there were 382 brides! And for each one, on their special day, the regalia must fit, their name and major must appear correctly in

Dr. Mark Williams delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2010.



Preparation for each graduation begins months in advance. For the spring ceremony we make two plans for everything because the call on the weather is not made until the day of and sometimes only hours before the event. Our busy teams prepare both Walker Arena and the soccer field to be ready for indoor or outdoor venues. I honestly can't count the number of times I checked the weather the week of graduation. However, I wasn't alone. I have it on good authority that President Conn was up at early hours checking the weather on Commencement morning.

We begin ordering announcements and diplomas two months before the events. The program cover is printed a month in advance, but we hold off as long as possible to print the inside, so it can be as accurate as possible. During the actual week of graduation, sleep is scarce for staff, graduates and families as details are finalized...even in the wee morning hours. During that week, I'm responding to countless e-mails from graduates and their families. One night at 1:00 a.m., I was on my home computer catching up on correspondence when I received an e-mail from a parent. I answered right back, indicating that I was missing some information from her son. To my surprise, I heard back from

the son a half hour later. At about the same time I got a message from another university administrator about use of golf carts during the weekend.

Upon hearing the final weather report, I had my own "Church of God, Holy-Spirit-inspired moment" (a phrase used by graduate Jordan Halsey in her speech during the Commissioning service on Friday night). Graduation had finally come, and we were going to be able to hold both services outside on the soccer field. This is by far the best







location for us to hold such a large event. Walker Arena, even with an extra 1,000 seats on the main floor, is still not large enough to hold all the guests who want to celebrate with the graduates. By the time of graduation rehearsal on Thursday afternoon, we had requests for over 800 extra tickets in addition to the five tickets per graduate already assigned. On the soccer field we have space for about 5,000 people, plenty of room for everyone. In spite of the extra work to set up both venues, it is worth the effort for the Lee family to see the smiling faces of our guests when they get to enjoy the services together.

In addition to the Commencement planning committee that begins work months before graduation weekend, many other people work together to pull off such a large-scale event. During the week of graduation, crews work long hours to set up everything required. I wouldn't be able to get through the week myself without a very capable staff of students who come back to work for me three times a year at each graduation to ensure that every detail is organized and each person is in their place.

Over 100 student workers and other staff come



together to assist behind the scenes. Multitudes of ushers serve the guests, peer leaders provide information and assistance, reception workers serve the food, nursery workers provide for the children, campus safety officers and police give directions and protection, paramedics wait on hand in case of emergencies, camera crews record the event, sound technicians ensure that all 5,000 guests can hear the speakers, plus a host of musicians lend atmosphere and beauty to the ceremonies. The team of graduation workers is like an orchestra that creates a beautiful symphony much like the music of the wind ensemble under the direction of Dr. David Holsinger.

The Commissioning service on Friday night is always very meaningful for me. If Commencement is the wedding, the Commissioning is like the rehearsal the night before. It is "together time" you get to spend with family and friends just before the Big Day. And while it would be wonderful for everything to go perfectly on Friday evening, more often than not the service gives us an opportunity to catch glitches so everything can be perfect on Saturday morning. That's why, while the participants enjoyed the service, I was hopping on the golf cart to



check on the reception, then working out problems that occurred during the processional and preparing various crews for the next stage in the event. But as I was running to and fro, I got to catch little nuggets from some of the student speakers. Since they are the real reason we do what we do, hearing them is my favorite part of the weekend. I was inspired by Jill Singerman's comment that her time at Lee had been so great "not because everything was perfect, but because they offered moments that helped me define myself." I was so proud that one of our students realized that in the imperfections we find the most growth. When I heard Cale Westbrook say, "This is my eighth graduation, and I am glad to finally be the one wearing the dress," I laughed out loud from my spot on the sidelines because I knew what he was talking about. Cale has been a great help as one of those behind the scenes people working graduation for several years.

When the Commissioning Service was over and the guests were heading over to enjoy the food and fellowship at the DeVos Recreation Center, the graduation workers sprang into action to revise the set-up and make preparations for Saturday morning. Commissioning gave us a chance to assess and adjust several things. While on Friday evening we allowed excited family photographers to crowd close to the stage to take pictures of the graduates coming down with their Bibles, this presented a problem as the graduates had trouble getting back to their seats. So we installed a gentle boundary that would allow families to take pictures without blocking the view or impeding the graduates. For the past three years, weather had prevented us from hosting a Saturday Commencement ceremony outside, so not surprising we had a few challenges!

The amazing thing about graduation this time was that after all the work and all the planning, when the processional was over, the graduates were seated and the platform party was finally on stage, I was able to sit in the back section of the field and peer up into the perfect blue sky with the wind on my face and think to myself what a perfect day it was! I got to laugh and cheer with the audience when Dr. Williams gave his

Commencement by the Numbers

8,000 Chicken wings consumed

6,720 Water bottles

5,016 Chairs for students, faculty, stage and guests (not counting bleachers)

5,000 Strawberries

4,000 Friends and family of graduates

874 E-mails sent and received in academic events office week of graduation

382 Graduates

188 Students graduating with honors

164 Faculty

65 Ushers

56 Diploma covers returned due to imperfections

6 Missing tassels replaced on Saturday morning

2 Paramedics

1 Fly away cap









honorary Doctor of Divinity by President Conn during Commencement 2010. Since his graduation in 1986, Williams has been a consistent advocate for higher education in the church, and particularly for the strategic role Lee University plays in offering spiritual and intellectual leadership within the denomination.

nostalgic rendition of *The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock*. I listened as he encouraged the graduates that "lives that last" are those "founded on a solid foundation," and those who "put the word into action." When he told the graduates, "Get ready; the adventure is about to begin," I almost wanted to start my adventure all over again.

Chad James commented during his speech on Friday night that at Lee we "come together from all over the world and we form a small family." It was a great feeling to sit there as a part of the Lee family, as an alum with a bachelor and masters, and as a small part of the team who helped to make this weekend such a special time for our graduates.

President Conn summed it up eloquently for me when he said, "Graduates, you will be gone from this place, but not forgotten.... We have loved making this trip with you. It's our life, and you are the product of our dreams, our work, and all of our hopes for the future." It is my hope that all of the work behind the scenes of graduation weekend helped to create that perfect day for our graduates, one they will cherish and remember as we will cherish and remember the time we spent with them.

Author of this article Angeline McMullin was ready for a respite following commencement weekend



Heard on Graduation Weekend:

"A desire to never stop learning and diving deeper into the complexities of the natural world."

--Jordan Halsey on lessons learned in the Science dept.

"If you want to be a great leader you must be willing to do the things you expect those who are following you to do."
--Christian Williams

"The family atmosphere helped our team, but the reflection of the family atmosphere that happened on our team was a direct reflection of what happens when you come here to Lee University. You come together from all over the world and we form a small family."

--Chad James

"Relationships formed and lessons in servant leadership will last a lifetime." -- Jill Singerman

"It was a leap of faith that changed my life in more ways than I have to explain."
-- Trent Catchpole on coming to Lee

"Jesus is not out for your amazement. He is not interested in your astonishment."
--Mark Williams

Faculty Earn
Top Awards

Every year at commencement Lee University honors faculty members for excellence in three areas: advising, scholarship, and teaching. These awards are the three highest levels of recognition Lee University faculty can receive.



Excellence in Teaching: Virginia Horton

The highest of the three awards is chosen each year at spring commencement from nominees from the faculty, and by an anonymous committee which includes three faculty members and three students, each representing a different academic department.

Virginia Horton is the most veteran of the three honorees this year having been a member of the music faculty since 1979. She is an assistant professor of music with a specialty in vocal music instruction. She was cited for her "caring, nurturing" attention to hundreds of students as a studio instructor.

Excellence in Scholarship: Dr. Kevin Brown

This award winner is chosen each year by a committee which includes former members of the award, and professors who have distinguished themselves in academic research.

Dr. Brown is an assistant professor of English and has been a member of the languages faculty since 2004. He holds the Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi.

Excellence in Advising: Dr. Patricia McClung

This award recognizes a faculty member who has gained a reputation for exceptional effectiveness of student advising. For every Lee student there is a faculty advisor to help navigate the complicated path from that first week as a freshman to being cleared for graduation.

Dr. McClung has been a member of the Lee faculty since 2002 and is an Associate Professor of Special Education. She holds the Ed.D. degree from East Anglia University in Great Britain.



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. Tyler Jason Franklin

Tyler Jason Franklin graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in political science, Biblical and theological studies, and humanities. While at Lee, Tyler was involved with the Alpha Chi Honor Society, the Philosophy Club, the Student Leadership Council, and other academic honor societies. He served as a volunteer guitar teacher at the Unity Center of Cleveland and as a volunteer tutor at Arnold Elementary School.

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.

Andrew Michael Hovey MacQuarrie

Andrew Michael Hovey MacQuarrie is a biochemistry major graduating with summa cum laude honors from Shelbyville, Tennessee. While at Lee, Drew served as treasurer of the Alpha Phi Delta Pre-medical honor society. Outside of the classroom he also played roller hockey and served as the captain of the Lee Club Hockey Team. He was the recipient of the Earl M. and Ruby J. Tapley Premedical scholarship and the Biochemistry Award presented by the Natural Science and Mathematics Department.

Student Award winners (I-r) Andrew MacQuarrie, Lydia Kay Nascimento, Tyler Jason Franklin.

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.

Lydia Kay Nascimento Lydia Kay Nascimento will be a July 2010 summa cum laude graduate with a major in intercultural studies and with minors in TESOL and Biblical languages. Lydia left her parents, doing mission work in Recife, Brazil, to come to Lee University. She was the recipient of a centennial scholarship, the Poeima scholarship, the Roberson Memorial Leadership scholarship and the E.L. Simmons scholarship. She was also chosen to receive the Zondervan Hebrew Award this spring. While at Lee Lydia chose to continue her calling to ministry by her involvement in the Missions Alive Club, the Crossover Feeding Ministry, and the North Cleveland Church of God Crusader Choir. She participated in several short-term missions trips during her breaks from school. Lydia and her husband plan to return to Brazil to minister.

Departmental Awards

Behavioral & Social Sciences Katie Johnson

> **Business** Kayt Phipps

Center for Adult & Professional Studies Angela Kay Horner

Christian Ministries

Trevor Burris

Communication & the Arts Julie Burchfield

Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education Alicia Petrosky

> **English & Modern Foreign Languages** Hannah Sullivan

Health, Exercise Science & Secondary Education Christeena Bertinetti

History & Political Science Jennifer Archer

> **Instrumental Music** Rachel Skidmore

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Jordan Halsey

> Theology Stephen Gedeon

Vocal Music Joanne Etienne

Hughes Hall Impacted Generations





he 1960s was a prosperous period for Lee College, a time when new programs, campus organizations and long-standing traditions began. This, along with steady enrollment growth and the push toward liberal arts designation, the decade of the sixties saw the college move to a new level in Christian higher education. During the early and mid-60s, the Higginbotham Administration Building and former Beach Science Building were constructed. A new gymnasium was also added.

By the end of the decade it was apparent that new housing would be needed. Although the Higginbotham Building initially contained student housing on its upper floors, when Hughes Hall was built in 1968, it was the first new residence hall on the Lee campus since the school had moved back to Cleveland from Sevierville, Tenn. in 1947. It was built for men at the intersection of Church and 13th Streets and was followed the next year by Cross Hall for women, built a block south on Church Street. Within its three levels was room for 96 men and a resident director.

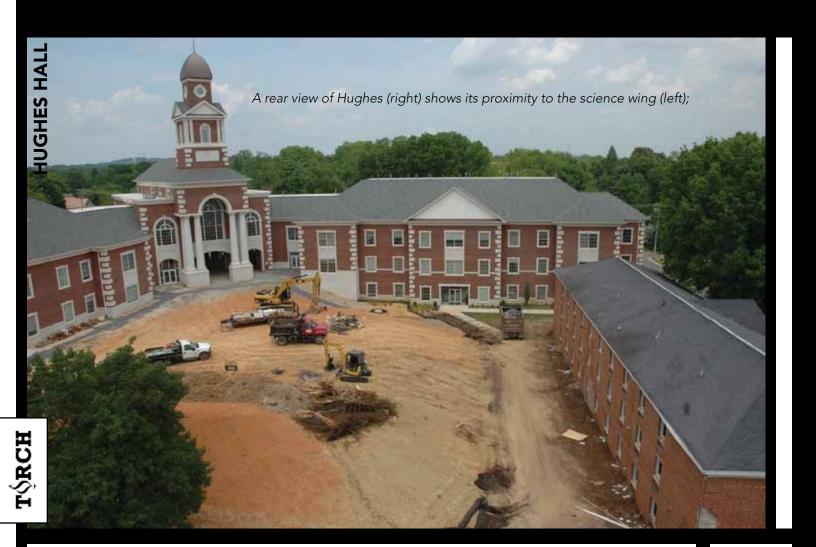
Hughes Hall was named for Dr. Ray H. Hughes, president of Lee College from 1960-66 in honor of his leadership of both Lee and the Church of God. (Hughes would later return serve a second time as president from 1982 - 84.)

Fast forward 42 years later to a vastly changed and enlarged campus. Surrounding Hughes Hall no more are the streets of Church and 13th, both closed and turned into pedestrian malls. Its original parking lot across Church Street was removed and replaced 22 years ago with the DeVos Tennis Center. Hughes was once be sideby-side with Ellis Hall men's dormitory, but it burned to the ground in a tragic fire in 1993. Since then the site had served as Hughes parking lot...until last year when the area was fenced off for construction of the math and science building. The campus auditorium, center of campus from 1947 to 1977 and located diagonally from Hughes, is now occupied by the Deacon Jones Dining Hall. Once a shining example of the latest in college campus housing, the common bathroom arrangement of Hughes has become less desirable in favor of four person suites or apartment style living.

Hughes Hall is perhaps best known in the lore of Lee tradition as the ultimate male dormitory. It has always housed men, unlike some other dormitories which through the years have changed gender to balance enrollment patterns. Hughes has fielded some of the most competitive intramural teams in all sports. Earlier this semester, men of

With the cupola of the science and math complex looming behind it, Hughes Hall stood in the way of major campus progress





Hughes competed for the final time in "dorm wars," a spirited competition between all campus residences and as always, the Hughes men were a force to contend with.

However the truest sense of the personality of Hughes Hall is told from the viewpoint of its residents. **Joshua Moss '07**, one of the last generation to live in Hughes stated, "I lived on the infamous Hughes Hall third floor. One of my favorite memories was the day we went to buy a couch. If you are familiar with the size of the rooms in Hughes, then you know that it could be impossible to fit a full-size couch in one room, but if you stack the furniture just right, it will fit. I will miss Hughes not only for these wonderful memories, but for its entire history with the school."

"I came from Ellis Hall and thought I was in paradise," said **Mike Hendel '77**, who admitted to crawling through the drop ceilings in Hughes to mess up someone's room. "I had a great time during this period of my life and still have a lot friends with whom I keep in touch."

Gregory Baize, Sr. '84 also lived on the third floor. He says his back corner room near the old

music building allowed him some great memories. "We would open the window and listen to the Evangelistics. The Spirit would fall on them and just fill that end of campus. Before their practice was over we would find ourselves out of the building on the hill right there just lost in the Spirit. That was the reason my roommate, Ricky Money ,and I would never give up that room in Hughes Hall."

"I was a sophomore during the school year 1967-68," said Alec Rowlands '68 of Edmonds, Washington. "When I arrived at Lee College from South Africa I started dorm life at old Walker Hall, then moved to Ellis Hall. My final semester I was privileged to live in what was then the brand new Hughes Hall. My memory of Sundays in Hughes Hall was the elaborate way my roommate, Marty Brown, and I would get up Sunday morning, make our beds, and then climb into the closets to be able to sleep through room check when we were supposed to be in church. Neither Walker nor Ellis Hall had closets, so we had a breakthrough mechanism for ditching church. And yes...I am now a pastor."



Justin Filippone, a freshman from Albany, New York, takes a hammer to the one area the Hughes residents were allowed to get a head start on the demolition



Hughes residents left their mark on the hallways with spray paint messages just days before the bulldozers came calling.







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CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMPUS ARE NOT JUST FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS.

Improvements, renovations, upgrades and new construction projects at Lee University have been virtually non-stop over the last two decades. Major construction, such as the science and math complex, has been relatively easy to fence off, but projects involving existing facilities are not as easy. Lately some work has been getting squeezed in during a busy semester.

During spring break, staff working in the Higginbotham Administration Building had to detour the lobby area as a major renovation took place there which spilled over into the Centenary Room as well. The project enlarged and updated the Higginbotham lobby, including the main receptionist area. The Centenary Room received a facelift and technology upgrade, including sound and projection systems and blinds which can be lowered at the touch of a switch. The Centenary Room has a rich history with Lee alumni, serving a number of purposes through the years, but it remains a popular place for community and club functions. Also this year, improvements were made to the lobby and interior of the DeVos Recreation Center. A major roofing project of the Walker Memorial Building took place while classes were ongoing.

Several other projects have started or are on-going and

include new construction of buildings and improving existing grounds and facilities. Some highlights:

HOUSING

In one of the most aggressive campus housing construction periods ever, three new residences are underway simultaneously. All are expected to be complete in time for fall occupancy. In the spring issue of *Torch*, a plan was presented which revealed sites for two new 32-bed apartment buildings similar to and located behind the current Brinsfield Row apartments. The two, two-story structures on Maple Street are a couple of weeks apart in progress, with both completely bricked by mid-May.

Across campus the third structure is underway at the corner of 8th and Trunk Streets, beside Livingston Hall. Formerly a gravel parking lot, the site had been considered a desirable site for student housing in the future, but was bumped up in the timeframe. The building will be nearly identical to the two under construction on Maple Street, but will contain three additional units, or room for 44 residents as opposed to 32. A small, two-level restroom and clubhouse facility for the soccer program was razed to make way for the housing unit. It will be replaced on a site and

date yet to be determined.

Also added to the housing picture this fall is a newly acquired apartment building on the corner of Church and 18th Streets. It will serve as overflow on-campus housing, as will a converted home on the corner of Magnolia and 19th Streets.

With the exception of landscaping, the north apartments are virtually ready to move in; Approximately 100 yards from the north apartments, an identical southern version (shown) WWWww progresses toward completion. Note the cupolas of the Humanities Center (left) and the science complex (right); on the south side of campus a third apartment unit – this one with 44 beds – is underway next to Livingston Hall on 8th Street.

HUGHES HALL

The week following graduation on May 7-8, bulldozers moved in to begin the removal of a 42-year-old campus icon, Hughes Hall. With the completion of the science and math complex earlier this year, the three-story, 96-bed concrete-block structure stands in the way of a beautiful landscape, sidewalk and plaza plan which will anchor the northeast side of campus. The razing of Hughes Hall is a major project on the summer docket and attracted a curious crowd of spectators to view the passing of a residence hall that has affected the lives of generations of male students (see feature this issue).

SCIENCE AND MATH COMPLEX

The interior and exterior of both wings was completed in mid-March. Activity surrounding the newest campus building was idle for several weeks as construction crews anticipated the last phase of the project - exterior landscaping. With the removal of Hughes Hall a major portion of the plan, crews waited until the semester was completed in early May. The final phase will include placement of utilities underground and new sidewalks along Billy Graham Ave., and development of a plaza that will connect the campus through an open air commons in the science and math complex. There will also be an entrance plaza at the corner of Billy Graham Ave. and Ocoee Street which will be the first impression of campus when traveling from the north.



Crews have begun digging sidewalks along Billy Graham Ave

ATHLETIC FIELDS

As the Lee varsity sports and intramural programs have grown, fields for practice and play have often been in short supply. In addition, athletic fields have become a vital part of the Lee summer camp program which regularly attracts 8,000 middle-and high-school students. A new field has been

added on 18th Street behind Storms Hall. The project involved improving an existing field and widening the space to create two playing fields primarily for



rugby and flag football. In addition, the athletic field at Carroll Courts married students housing, was also improved to accommodate a multitude of field sports.

CHAPEL

Previously announced in *Torch*, a beautiful chapel is in

the planning stages for the corner of Ocoee and 8th Streets. The small, approximately 250-seat chapel will serve as a symbolic gateway into the campus, located on the front section of campus. Not on the fast-track for construction, plans



for the structure are being tweaked and improved with the necessary details a chapel of its significance requires.

PRESIDENT'S HOME



A beautiful and historic house has been donated to Lee University and will serve as the formal President's Home. Many college campuses have a house designated as the residence for the president, but many operate it as a symbolic structure and the president may not live in the home. This will be the case for the two-story colonial located on the corner of Church and 18th Streets. Currently under renovation inside and out, the home housed former Lee president Dr. Charles W. Conn until shortly before his death two years ago. Exact plans for the home and surrounding grounds are still being developed.

PARKING

On-campus parking continues to be added, either as temporary gravel lots or paved. A new lot of 25 spaces was paved earlier this semester following the acquisition of a parcel on 15th Street adjacent to another lot. With each of the three new apartment buildings, which will add a total of 108 new beds, will come new parking lots which will more than accommodate the residents.

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Rays Resign; Assistant Vice Presidents Promoted

Long-time Lee University administrator Gary Ray '81 and his wife Anita Humberston Ray '81 have resigned their respective posts of vice president for administration and director of alumni. Gary accepted the position of director of admissions at Texas Woman's University, a state institution in Denton, Texas where he assumed his new duties on May 12. His last day at Lee was graduation day, Saturday, May 8. Anita leaves the alumni post on June 30.

With the Rays announcement, President Conn recommended to the Board of Directors that the four assistant vice presidents be promoted to full vice presidents over the respective areas which they were supervising. All four were already members of the Lee University cabinet and well acquainted with the day-to-day operations and administration.

Officially named to their posts on Monday, May 10 were Phil Cook '92, vice president for enrollment; Dr. Jerome Hammond '91, vice president for university relations; Dr. Michael Hayes '90, vice president for student development; and Jayson VanHook '98, vice president for information services. Remaining on the cabinet are Chris Conine '87, vice president for business and finance; Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president for academic affairs and Dr. Walt Maudlin '76, vice president for administration.

"Both Gary and Anita have made huge contributions to our life here at Lee, personally as well as professionally, over the past two decades," said President Conn. "We will miss them greatly. But I also have full confidence in the newlynamed vice presidents and the way all seven of them will work together to help take Lee University to the next level."

As of publication of this issue of *Torch*, a new director of alumni had not been named.





Lee University has remained strong in offering a diverse student body and is positioned to expand even further. In relation to total enrollment for fall 2009, 14 percent of the student body is officially recognized as non-Caucasian, according to Jayson VanHook, vice president for information services.

Phil Cook, vice president for enrollment, described that number as "pretty good," but not when compared to secular universities, who traditionally dominate private universities in terms of total diversity. However, Cook said the international students at Lee have much more potential that at other universities.

"Lee thinks globally, and it shows," Cook said.

Diversity at Lee Poised to Grow

"Not only do international students come to Lee, they become involved in campus culture."

There are other reasons behind Lee's success in terms of maintaining a strong emphasis on global culture. The Global Perspectives program, for example, has been recognized as one of the top programs in the country, according to US News and World Report. Two consecutive years of record-breaking enrollment in the freshman class have also contributed, as well as a steady influx of transfer students, who account for approximately six percent of the student body in fall 2009. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), ranked student population at Lee University as very high in terms of experiences with diversity.

"One of the main reasons I came to Lee was because there were already some Brazilian students at Lee I could relate to," Martanelli said. Martanelli's decision revealed an interesting trend: as more international students attend Lee, the rate at which they grow continues to increase.

-Nathan McKay, Lee Clarion

Great Strides, Nashville Marathon Are Successful

Two running-related events have become traditions over the last several years at Lee. The 65 Roses 5K and Great Strides run/walk for cystic fibrosis was sponsored and held on campus March 27 with over 450 people registered for either the 5K or family 1K walk. Local sponsors stepped up in a tremendous way, sponsoring the road race, a Kids Corner, t-shirts, rest pavilion, pre and post-race food, the start line and even mile markers. Now in its tenth year of sponsorship by Lee, the 65 Roses 5K event has become one of the most anticipated community events of the spring season.

Over the last decade, Lee University has realized more than \$500,000 raised for the disease which attacks the lungs and pulmonary systems of its victims.

On Friday, April 23 more than 150 Lee alumni and

students gathered at the Cool Springs location of Buca Di Beppo restaurant near Nashville for a "carb-loading" meal before the Country Music Marathon and Half Marathon the next day, April 24. Before the race, a group of the runners gathered for a group photo, most clad in specially-designed, neon yellow t-shirts. For several alumni and students in the group it was their first attempt to run 13.1 or 26.2 miles of the downtown route through the Music City. Most notably, two of the four vice presidents at Lee, Carolyn Dirksen and Walt Mauldin, finished their first half marathon, joining their veteran colleagues Gary Ray and Chris Conine – and President Conn who completed the half marathon for the seventh consecutive year. The Country Music Marathon attracted over 26,000 runners this year.







Faculty Members Earn Promotion in Rank

The Lee University Board of Directors recently approved promotions for nine members of the faculty:

Johnny Evans, physics and chemistry – to professor Bill Jaber, computer information systems – to professor

Randy Wood, humanities - to professor Gloria Chien, instrumental music - to associate professor

Rolando Cuellar, intercultural studies to associate professor

Bill Green, music - to associate professor Matthew Krepps, chemistry to associate professor

Eric Moyen, education to associate professor

Mava Wilson, computer information systems - to associate professor













Summer Camp Opportunities at Lee University

The summer camp season begins in June and each is handled separately by individual directors. Please see specific information below for each camp opportunity. Registration deadlines vary, so please contact camp organizers for more specific information about camp costs, times and to secure a place. NOTE: Due to the publication schedule of Torch, some camps may have already taken place and registration for others may be closed.

Summer Honors Changes Lives

Summer Honors, a residential program that takes place June 13-25, offers potential Lee freshmen and rising high school seniors the opportunity to get a taste of college life. It is two greatly anticipated weeks of the year for Lee University and parents eager to help new students put their best foot forward in college.

"This is probably the best preview that Lee offers and is a great experience," said Lee freshman Lebron Lackey. "Summer Honors is a lot of fun, you meet a lot of people, and it is still an educational and Christian environment."

While on campus, students get a head start on their college career by earning six hours of academic credit, taking two courses designed to introduce them to the structure of a university-style class. In addition to classes, Summer Honors exposes participants to other fun and bonding experiences during their two weeks at Lee.

"I liked how they made Summer Honors feel like a community; the activities really helped to bring everyone together," said Liviy Latendresse, a Summer Honors

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2009 participant from Colorado.

To be eligible to attend Summer Honors, students must have completed their junior or senior year of high school, and must either carry at least 3.2 GPA or have scored a 24 or higher on the ACT. According to Brie McDaniel, assistant director of Student Development, there are no plans to expand the program, but it is still attracting increasing numbers of students. "Last year's Summer Honors program welcomed a record 127 students to the Lee University campus," McDaniel said.

"Last year's experience was focused on our theme of 'Change Lives,'" said assistant vice president for Student Life and Summer Honors director Mike Haves. "The students responded powerfully to challenges to change their own and others' lives."

Information on Summer Honors programs can be found by visiting www. leeuniversity.edu/newsEvents/summerhonors or contacting the Office of Student Development at (423) 614-8406.

Art & Theatre

Day Camps When: June 14-18 & June 21-25

Who: Ages 7-18 Contact: Susie Battle at (423) 614-8341 or sbattle@leeuniversity.edu Website: http://www.leeuniversity. edu/newsEvents/art-theatre

Computer Camp

When: June 7-11, WebPage Design, 9 a.m.-12 p.m, Movie Maker, 1-4 p.m. Who: Ages 11-14

Contact: Mava Wilson at (423) 614-8196 or mwilson@leeuniversity.edu Website: http://www.leeuniversity. edu/newsEvents/computer-camp

Music Camp

Music Lovers, College Prep, Jazz and Worship Leader Tracks When: June 7-12, 2010 Who: Grades 9-12 and rising college

Contact: Winona Holsinger at (423) 614-8263 or wholsinger@ leeuniversity.edu

Website: http://www.leeuniversity. edu/newsEvents/music-camp

Baseball School Sessions

Day School When: June 7-11 Who: Ages 5-15

Advanced Hitting/Pitching When: July 5-7

Who: Ages 8-17 Contact: Mark Brew at (423) 614-8638 or mbrew@leeuniversity.edu

Softball Camps

When: June 1-3 and July 13-15 Who: Ages 5-18

Contact: Emily Russell at (423) 614-8456 or erussell@leeuniversity.edu

Women's Soccer Camp Middle School Camp: June 27-30

High School Camp: July 18-July 21 Contact: Matt Yelton

at myelton@leeuniversity.edu

Advanced Soccer Camp

When: June 20-24 Who: Ages 12 & up Contact: Henry Moyo at (423) 614-8158 or hmoyo@leeuniversity.edu

Marty Rowe's Skills and Drills Girls

Basketball Camp

When: June 28-July 2 Who: Girls ages 5-15

Contact: Mindy Kiser at (423) 614-8452

Lee University Boys

Basketball Academy

When: July 12-15 and July 19-23 Who: Ages 5-17

Contact: Matt Sanders at (423) 614-8461 or msanders@leeuniversity.edu

Volleyball Camps

Premier Camp: May 31-June 2 Setter Camp: June 2-3 Volleyskillz Youth League: Volleyskillz is an introductory league for play in grades 6-9. Contact: Kevin Hudson at (423) 614-8458

Kay McDaniel

or khudson@leeuniversity.edu

Tennis Clinics

When: June 7-11 Who: Children ages 6-13 Contact: (423) 614-8475

or kmcdaniel@leeuniversity.edu.

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Lee Day Weekend Successful

Lee Day 2010 provided hundreds of prospective students and their families with a full menu of fun and informative events. Over 1,000 registrants came to campus, where they could do everything from checking out Lee's drama and music performances, pre-selecting fall classes to participating in worship services and getting financial aid tips.

Life at Lee and the IncrediBash were popular events this year, and once again the scholarship drawing was an exciting finale to the weekend. Pictured are the winners of this year's AT&T scholarship drawing, standing with assistant vice president for Enrollment



Phil Cook: (left to right) \$5,000 winner Emily Hilliard from Cleveland, Tenn.; \$3,000 winners Salvatore Aquila Jr. from Madison, Ohio; Stephanie Rommen from Snohomish, Wash.; Alexandra Kees from Kingsport, Tenn.; Kyle Benner from Knoxville, Tenn.; and Kentura Colas from Douglasville, Ga.; and \$3,000 transfer student winners Breanne Louder from Marietta, Ga.; and Brittney Newhart from Southhaven, Miss.

Physically Challenged Student Interns with State



God expects us to dream big because His dreams for us are even that big for us and He is the author of our dreams. We dream it, but the actual outcome of our dream is better than we ever imagined.

This is what my internship has been to me: an absolute dream. It has all of my requests that I ever wanted for an internship: (1) God had to place the internship practically in my lap; (2) it must be related to the disability field; (3) it must be involved in government in some way; (4) I would like to write articles and do research; and (5) money would always be welcomed.

Interning with the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) has allowed me to do all of these things. The CDD keeps tabs on disability organizations all over the state to be sure they are doing what they are supposed to be doing as well as making sure that the law is being maintained in regards to Disability Rights. They also sponsor projects that help those with disabilities lead a normal, active life. Every day I get to interact with people with different disabilities and different disability organizations all across the state. I watch the legislative bills that are up before the Tennessee Legislature that affect the disabled community to see whether the bill passes or not. This part of the internship has allowed me to attend legislative meetings on Capitol Hill and meet politicians. I also attend other meetings all over Nashville on behalf of the CDD. Other duties at the CDD include writing articles for their publication Breaking Ground.

I also do research on legislation affecting disabled people and programs that the CDD are considering to sponsor. I look forward to coming to work each day and have fun knowing that I am impacting lives I know without a doubt that this internship was designed for me by God and that He gave me this job. I know that this is only for a season in my life, but the experiences, opportunities, and what I have learned will last a lifetime. I am looking forward to what God has in store for me next! - Leslie Hartman

Charles W. Conn **Awards Presented**

Rising seniors Emily Browning and Kahlin Hawke, along with Lee business professor Greg Della Franco were recently presented with the 2010 Dr. Charles W. Conn Servant Leadership Award and Dr. Charles W. Conn Service-Learning Faculty Award for their exemplary work in service-learning.

The Servant Leadership Scholarship was established in 2003 to honor President Emeritus Charles W. Conn. As part of the university's efforts to emphasize the importance of serving others, the award is given annually to rising seniors who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to service during their time at Lee. Students who receive this scholarship give a portion of the proceeds to a charity of their choice.

Browning has worked with the Student Development office and the Student Leadership Council (SLC) for over two years, and has sought out opportunities to serve others in her everyday life. Volunteering at The Caring Place, on campus at Cleveland High School, at the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy, leading Urban Outreaches and volunteering on several events have been Browning's routine despite her busy life of a middle-grade education major.

Hawke, a junior Bible and theology major, has been a Resident Assistant (RA) in Hughes Hall and a servant leader who, according to Hughes Hall Resident Director Brandon Brooks, is always the first to volunteer. As an RA, Hawke has participated in each of the dorm's service projects at Habitat for Humanity and homeless ministries in Chattanooga. He is intentional about creating meaningful relationships and a Christian role model for other students. Hawke is also involved in activities outside of his dorm and is a sound student.

Della Franco, who is also the director of the volunteer income tax assistance IRS program (VITA), joined the Lee faculty in 2005. He is a Certified Public Accountant and holds an M.B.A. from Benedictine University. Della Franco was recognized by the Tennessee Campus Compact as one of only four Tennessee Treasures for his leadership in service-learning in 2009. He was the only faculty member in the state to win this award.

Since Della Franco began directing the VITA program, the initiative has grown from 64 returns in 2005 to 598 returns in 2009. Refunds to about 600 taxpayers reached a record-setting benchmark this year, with \$600,000 going back to families with incomes not exceeding \$49,000. Della Franco's 22 students worked 660 hours serving the Cleveland community on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings for 11 weeks.

One of his students stated that the recipient is a "compassionate professional," and not only does he encourage his students to serve

> others by using their accounting skills to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community, he willingly leads the way.

Peace Advocate Tutu Speaks at Lee



Naomi Tutu, a long-time advocate for peace and human rights and the daughter of South African Archbishop and Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu, was the featured speaker in a Lee University chapel earlier this semester.

Tutu has taught at numerous universities in the United States and abroad and is now the program coordinator for the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., and a sought-after speaker around the world.

Born and raised in apartheid South Africa, Tutu followed her revolutionary father's footsteps to found the Tutu Foundation for Development and Relief in Southern Africa, based in Hartford, Conn. She started public speaking as a student at Berea College in Kentucky in the 1970s about her experiences growing up in South Africa.

"Having lived under a rule with racial segregation that caused decades of suffering and oppression, I was determined to make a difference."

(L-R) Vice President for Student Development Mike Hayes, Kah-

lin Hawke, Lee President Paul Conn, Greg Della Franco, Vice President for Administration Walt Mauldin, and Emily Browning



calm," Caleb said recalling his first memory after the accident. "He knew just what to do in this situation."

Miraculously, cell phone service was accessible and emergency crews were contacted. However, it took two hours to remove Caleb from the remote location for transport to a Chattanooga hospital. It wasn't long until he was transferred to the burn unit at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville.

The extent of Caleb's injuries were severe. The bolt of electricity entered his left shoulder, traveling down his arm, through his torso, part of his intestines and out both legs. The next 59 days at Vanderbilt would involve 29 days in ICU, multiple surgeries, a colostomy, woundvac, and the most visible, the amputation of both legs.

"The doctor was very honest and up front in presenting options to me," Caleb related.
"He said I was broken and could not be fixed... my legs would never be more than inoperative limbs and I would be in a wheelchair for life. Or I could opt for amputation and hope for a recovery that would allow for prosthetics." After the initial shock that comes with this kind of news, Caleb recalls a calm that came over him and an assurance from God that it was going to be OK.

On October 28 the amputations took place and the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Caleb was transferred to the Madonna Rehab Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, closer to his home.

Before the accident Caleb had received a calling toward the Dalit people group of India. In the summer of 2006 he made his first trip to the nation where he immersed himself in ministry with the Dalit Freedom Network. While there he helped build a school and met several people, including four young boys. While in recovery, Caleb received a get-well card from the boys which gave him much needed inspiration.

By December 2008, Caleb's right leg had healed to the point where he was ready to try a prosthetic. His rapid recovery inspired medical staff as he adapted from a walker to crutches much faster than physical therapists predicted. In March 2009 the colostomy was reversed. A month later, his left leg had finally healed to the point where it could adapt to a prosthetic. Caleb drove himself two hours to the hospital, was fitted for the device and walked out on his own power....with no crutches. Eleven days later he was snowboarding.

From that day back in April 2009, Caleb has been nonstop toward re-claiming his life. In July he traveled back to India, spending three weeks there and witnessing the first graduation of the school he helped build three years earlier. In the graduating class were his four special friends.

Although Caleb will likely never regain feeling in his left arm and there are other physical repercussions,



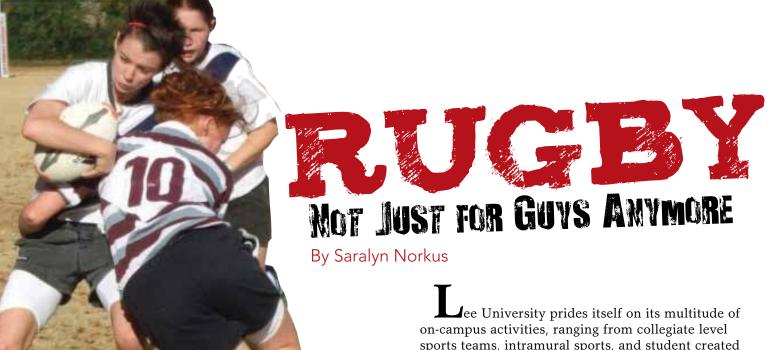
he is determined to live his life to the fullest despite two prosthetic legs. This past March 28, Caleb ran the Great Strides 5K race on the Lee campus finishing in an astonishing 32 minutes. He plans to work toward eventually running a half marathon in honor of his uncle who raised money to finance his prostheses.

Caleb resumed his studies at Lee returning last fall and double-majoring in pre-med and intercultural studies. He plans to be a medical missionary wherever that may lead.

"I have been blessed with academic talent and God told me I have the brain to be a doctor," Caleb stated. "When I traveled to India I realized there was a connection between sacrifice and obedience...and it's not about me. Do I want to be a doctor? I didn't at first, but at every turn, God has been affirming it."

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Follow Caleb's progress by logging onto calebsroad. blogspot.com.



sports teams, intramural sports, and student created clubs and organizations. It is this openness to new clubs that the women's rugby club ultimately became reality three years ago.

During a rugby match there are 15 players on the field, and due to the sheer physicality of the sport, the club is always recruiting. Promoting and educating

others about this action-packed sport is just another

aspect involved with the club. While having an excellent season makes for decent discussions. there is another aspect of the women's rugby club where a deeper story unveils itself. Even though the sport is extremely physical and aggressive, it harbors an

overall feeling of community. This feeling is one of the key factors when girls decide to join the team.

A solid understanding of rugby is still something the team strives for with every practice and game. Head coach Dr. Michael Freake's dedication and commitment to the team is just another facet in the constantly improving rugby club's story.

Club Sport Series

(Editor's Note: A series on club sports begun in Torch

last year resumes with women's rugby. Previous

issues have focused on men's rugby and wrestling)

"Last year was our first year playing in the USA Rugby Division II Midsouth matrix and we finished third," Freake stated. "I started this season with quite moderate expectations, hoping that we might improve one place. It would mean winning against either MTSU or Georgia Tech. Both games would be away from home, and we have never won against either team before. So I was thrilled by the dramatic increase in the quality of rugby our ladies played as the matrix progressed, and they finished the matrix undefeated and top of the matrix against Auburn, University of

Alabama, MTSU, Emory and Georgia Tech."

The 2010 team has had a fantastic season, going undefeated in conference play and winning the Central Conference Championship. They placed 2nd in the South Region earning the right to play in the Sweet 16. In just their second year, the Lee rugby women finished second in the South, beating College of Charleston in the first match, and losing to East Carolina in the second which guaranteed a place in the National Championships Final 16, held in Orlando on April 17-18. The Lady Flames were seeded 11.

"Attending the National Championships was a great experience for the ladies, and they got to play some significantly higher level rugby against teams from all over the country," Freake stated. The team lost their first game against a very strong Winona State team and then played a tight, very competitive match against Stonehill College, who were finalists last year.

Freake went on to say, "Now they have had a taste of national championship rugby, I am sure the ladies will be desperate to go back again next year and step up another level." One measure of their achievement is their current ranking at 19 in the nations Top 25 Division II Women's teams by RugbyMag magazine.

"One of the defining characteristics of this team is a tremendous sense of community," Freake said. "They love training, playing and hanging out together. Most of the team had no experience of rugby before coming to Lee, and so they have really grown together as they learned the game. They have quickly built a reputation as a team that plays hard, physical rugby, and which embrace the game's values of honor and

they have risen to it very well." The future for the club looks promising, with a new home field at Carroll Courts, and some talented freshmen joining the team this year including Candace Barley who has played for the U20 USA Eagles National team for the last four years, touring South Africa, Great Britain respect for teammates, opponents and officials. It and Canada. has been such a pleasure to have

exemplary attitude and behavior. It can be

challenging to consistently honor Christ on and

off the field, playing a tough game like rugby, but



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Over the last several years, Lee has received national attention regarding our innovative formation programs for our undergraduates. In 2009, Lee University was one of only six universities named on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll thanks to our new service learning program through the Leonard Center. Our global perspectives program has received national recognition, including a report from Open Doors in 2009 identifying us as one of the top 23 schools in the country in our commitment to support international studies. Our Calling and Career Center has been a recipient of a million dollar grant to help create one of the most highly developed career guidance approaches in Christian higher education. We do all this while retaining our commitment to work with students with diverse levels of ability and preparation through sectors such as our First Year Programs, which has become a model for several other schools, and our Academic Support sector, which provides comprehensive services to our students including free tutoring to any student for any class.

These programs reflect Lee's commitment to the development of our undergraduate students. Added to this, a partnership between Campus Ministries and Student Life helps our students' personal and faith development through a trained staff including resident directors, resident assistants, and student chaplains. This "Lee Experience" has been carefully crafted by teams of our faculty, staff and administrators. Based on these accomplishments, it is only natural that we are now ready to train graduate students who desire to serve in college student life sectors.

The new 44 credit hour degree can be completed

over four semesters and includes courses in developmental theory, career counseling, institutional statistics, and higher education environments. Using counseling skills and an understanding of human development as a base, this program emphasizes practical experiences (one practicum and four project-based apprenticeships, one of which will be developed into a master's thesis) working with our nationally recognized centers on campus such as the Leonard Center, Calling and Career Center, First Year Programs, Global Perspectives, and Student Leadership.

The new College Student Development program is a great addition to the existing graduate programs in Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling. We have been tailoring our offerings to meet student interests and market demands with the addition last year of our new non-profit track in mental health counseling. Students in mental health counseling now have an opportunity to complete their last internship working for non-profit mental health and advocacy centers around the globe. The new non-profit track also has coursework in child trauma, community coordination of care, and a course on the legal, ethical, and financial foundations of working in a non-profit setting. The new College Student Development program represents yet another exciting option for graduate students to consider.

For additional information, contact the Office of Graduate Enrollment at 1-800-LEE-9930 Ext. 8059 or via e-mail at gradstudies@ leeuniversity.edu.

Dr. Trevor Milliron is director of Graduate Studies in Counseling



Zawadski Is First Lee Major Leaguer

Lance Zawadzki '07 became the first Lee baseball player to be called up to the major leagues when he received the news from the San Diego Padres on April 29. The former Lee All-American shortstop replaced San Diego's everyday shortstop Everth Cabrera who was placed on the 15-day disabled list. The Padres' web site reported that the team purchased Zawadzki's contract from Triple-A Portland (Ore.). He was added to the 40-man roster and the 25man active roster.

In a Homecoming of sorts, before transferring to Lee for his senior year, Zawadzki was a member of the San Diego State University baseball team. He made history by becoming the first batter to get a base hit in the Padres' new PETRO Park during an early-spring college game between SDSU and the University of Houston in 2004. Zawadski started games at second base and shortstop, collected his first major league hit and scored a winning run for the Padres.

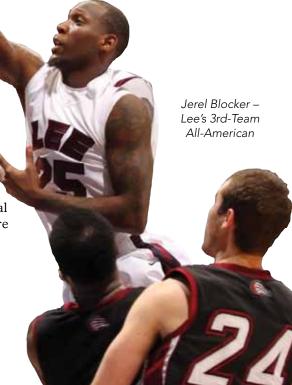
As a Flame, Lance batted a Lee singleseason record (.461) and helped carry Lee's then first-year head coach, Mark Brew, to the NAIA College World Series in Lewiston, Idaho.

Flames Reach NAIA Elite Eight

In what many call Tommy Brown's best coaching effort, the Lee Flames men's basketball team (28-8) claimed the SSAC regular-season championship and reached Kansas City and the Elite 8 of the NAIA National Division I Championship before being eliminated by Azusa Pacific University.

Brown rebuilt the 2009-10 squad after losing all of his starters but one to graduation last year. He was named the SSAC coach of the year for his effort, and his Flames climbed to No. 12 in the final NAIA national rankings. The Flames ran off 19 wins in 21 starts before falling to Southern Polytechnic State in the final round of the SSAC tournament.

A highlight of the season was a 92-89 win over Mountain State in jammed-packed Walker Arena. McClellan hit a 28-foot jumper at the buzzer to give Brown's unit the upset over a Cougar team that was ranked No. 1 at the time.



No matter what happens in national tournament play, the 2010 season will reign as best-ever in the eyes of most observers of Lee University softball. The Lady Flames have won 40 of their last 41 games and were ranked No. 2 in the NAIA's national poll in early May. They have already tied the 2006 Lee squad (55-14) with an astonishing 55-4 season record. Champions of the Southern States Athletic Conference regular season and tournament play, coach Emily Russell was named the SSAC coach of the year and Johana Gomez was SSAC player of the year and a certain NAIA All-American.

Gomez, a native of Piritu, Venezuela has already shattered the Lee season RBI record and is well on way to establishing at least five other season marks. In the circle, she has already broken coach Russell's strikeout record (194) and gone well passed Charli Duff (25) in number of wins in a season.

But the 2010 Lady Flames are a long way from being a one-woman show.

Danielle Balough, Savannah Bell, Gomez and catcher Krista Goodlet earned spots on the All-SSAC team. Bell, Charlie Wooden and Jenevieve Cena were tabbed as SSAC All-Freshmen.



Johana Gomez is greeted at home plate after stroking one

Lee Hosts NAIA Baseball Nationals First Round

The 2010 Lee baseball team grew stronger as the season progressed and climbed all the way to the No. 4-ranking nationally in the final NAIA poll. Coach Mark Brew was selected as the Southern States Athletic Conference coach of the year as his 46-11 Flames captured the SSAC regular-season title.

For the second straight year the Flames hosted the first round of the NAIA National Championship in mid-May. Lee won 33 of its last 38 games in climbing to near the top of the NAIA and growing even closer to a fourth-straight trip to Lewiston, Idaho and the NAIA College World Series.

Speed on the base paths, outstanding pitching and solid hitting up and down the line-up helped spark the Flames to their ninth straight season with at least 40 victories. Brew has now posted 213 wins against just 45 defeats in his four seasons as Lee's head coach.

Some season highlights included junior IJ Costantino who broke a record for stolen bases that had stood since 1996. The Lee centerfielder had swapped 50 bases late in the season. Johnny Page held the old record of 46. Senior Tanner Moore has ripped 20 homers, just one off the record mark held by Kevin Young. Pitcher Scott Swinson was 10-0, while senior Matt Gilson was near perfect with a 2.05 ERA and a 9-0 record.



Lee women compete in a recent meet

Cross Country Coach Don Jayroe has helped develop the Lee cross country teams and now indoor and outdoor track units into contenders on the NAIA's top level.

The women posted this list of accomplishments: second in the SSAC conference meet; three women were NAIA national meet qualifiers; three were All-SSAC performers; and five were SSAC and NAIA Scholar Athletes.

Indoor track saw Anna Hrushka

become Lee's first distance runner to become an All-American after running the mile in 5:02.60 and placing third in the nationals. She also qualified for the nationals in the 5000 (18:35.70).

In men's cross country, two qualified for the nationals. The Lee team placed second in a field of 15 in the unaffiliated grouping (national qualifying) and defeated 12th-ranked Shorter College in a dual meet.

Golf Teams Just Miss NAIA Tourney

After placing second in the NAIA National Tournament Qualifier at the Bull Creek Golf Club in Columbus, Ga., the Lee Flames finished 13th in the final NAIA national rankings and that left coach John Maupin's team just short of reaching the team goal of making the NAIA National Tournament field.

During the fall season, the Flames won the annual Chick-Fil-A tournament in Rome, Ga., and also the Bill Sergent Invitational at Crooked Creek (London, Ky.). After reaching a No. 5 ranking in the NAIA poll this spring, the Lee golfers were up and down in several events. They did place second in the prestigious NAIA Classic at the Brickyard Crossing, but apparently that wasn't good enough for the raters to vote Maupin's club into the nationals.

In only their second season, the Lee women's club finished as the 28thranked team in the NAIA. Playing with a group of freshmen and one senior, the Lady Flames showed plenty of potential and placed third in the NAIA National Tournament Qualifier at Bull Creek.



Jose Cuevas has been a leader at the plate for the Flames all season

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Student athletes Milica Krsmanovic and Chad James walked across the Lee University stage on May 8, not only with a diploma in hand, but graduating with honors. A couple of days earlier, each received the prestigious Dr. Paul Conn Athlete of the Year award. The honor is given annually to the senior male and female that best represents the Flames both on and off the playing field.

Four years ago Milica Krsmanovic came to Lee from Bosnia with her cousin Vedrana to continue their



volleyball careers and get an American education.

A three-time All-SSAC player, Krsmanovic was named the SSAC Player of the Year after helping direct the Lady Flames to the conference regular season (38-6) and tournament titles this past season. She was selected as a NAIA third-team All-American after the Lady Flames made history by becoming the first volleyball squad to reach the Final Four of the powerful NAIA National Tournament.

"Milica is one of the hardest working athletes I've known," said Lee Athletic Director Larry Carpenter. "She was a quiet leader in helping our volleyball team rise to its highest level last season. She is going to be very hard to replace."

Chad James selected a larger NCAA Division I (Miami, Ohio) college over Lee when he graduated from high school. He walked on with the basketball team and was a member of the Miami squad as a freshman.

"I was searching for more than an education," he noted after transferring to Lee from Miami. "At Lee I got to know most all the students and I hope I have been a positive influence on some of their lives."

Carpenter called James one of the most well-round individuals he has ever been around. "Not only is he a fine Christian young man, he's been a success in the classroom and as a leader on the basketball court for our teams over the past two years. I know I'm sorry his Lee playing days are over, and I'm certain our coaching staff feels the same way." James served as captain for the Flames during his senior year and coach Tommy Brown's club was 28-8, won the regular-season SSAC title and reached the Elite Eight of the NAIA National Tournament for the second time over a three-year span.

Katie Nelson during the national tournament

Nelson Jersey in Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

For the next year Lee University women's basketball and the jersey worn by No. 44 Katie Nelson will be on display in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's 2009-10 "Ring of Honor" at the Knoxville, Tenn. attraction.

The former Scottsboro (Ala.) High School standout and Lee's two-time NAIA All-American will join the exhibit which recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of high school and collegiate All-Americans from the 2009-10 season.

Nelson is the only Lee player to ever score more than 2,000 points and total more than 1,000 rebounds during her career. She finished with 2,096 career points and 1,045 career rebounds, leading Coach Marty Rowe to call her "one of the greatest players to ever play for Lee women's basketball." She was named the Southern States Athletic Conference's Player of the Year for the 31-6 Lady Flames this year.

Overall the Lady Flames of 2009-2010 were 16-0 in Walker Arena and extended their home-winning streak to 27. Coach Rowe claimed his 300th college coaching win on March 18 in the NAIA National Tournament.

"We'll be taking our women's team to Knoxville sometime this fall to see the display," Rowe stated. "It is a big deal for our team and Lee University."

Tennis Coach, Player Garner Awards

Lee men's tennis assistant coach Al Schuelke has been selected as the men's NAIA Region IV (South) assistant tennis coach of the year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Schuelke just completed his sixth season as the assistant coach for the Lee men and women's program.

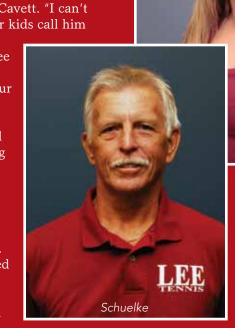
"Al is a great asset to our program," said Head Coach Tony Cavett. "I can't think of an assistant who is more deserving of this honor. Our kids call him "Uncle Al" because he is so close to them as a friend."

Senior Ann Claire Butler, who has been a member of the Lee University women's tennis team for the past four years, has been named the Region IV (South) winner of the annual Arthur Ashe Jr. Leadership and Sportsmanship Award. She moves on to compete for the national award.

"In my 33 years of coaching and teaching tennis, I have had the pleasure of being associated with many outstanding young people," said Cavett. "Ann Claire is right at the top of the list. She has accomplished many things both on and off the court during her time at Lee."

Lee's men's and women's tennis teams saw their rugged schedules end at the NAIA qualifying tournaments. No. 23 Bethel University (Tenn.) men defeated the Lee men (7-5) 5-4. The Lady Flames were ousted by Auburn-Montgomery, ranked No. 1 nationally by the NAIA.

Lee's ladies were ranked No. 18 and finished the 2010 campaign with an 11-7 mark. The Lee men posted a 7-9 record and were listed as 24th in the last NAIA national poll.



Williams' Team Captures Butler Trophy

On a near-perfect day for golf, the team of Andy Williams, Dustin Gill, Clint Taylor and Andy Figlestaheler fired a 56 at the Chatata Valley Golf Club in Cleveland and then walked away with the top honors after a scorecard playoff in the annual Stanley Butler Memorial Golf Tournament.

The tournament featured its first double eagle and maybe the first ever double eagle recorded at the Chatata Valley course. Mike Claudio smoked his drive on No. 12, a par 5, 562-yard hole. He preceded to knock his iron shot into the back of the cup. Claudio was playing with Jay Leggett, Tommy Davidson and Bill Estes.

The longest drive award on No. 6 went to Clint Taylor, Bill (Chief) Robertson claimed the straightest drive on No. 11 and Don Haney was closest to the pin on No. 2.

"Great weather and a real good crowd," said Lee athletic director Coach Larry Carpenter. "We appreciate all those who came out to make this another successful fundraiser for our athletic program." Carpenter presented Shawn Yates with a check for \$1,000 for winning the annual golf ball drop.

No. 1 top flight winners - Andy Williams, Andy Figlestaheler and Dustin Gill. Not pictured: Clint Taylor



TÓRCH

Athletes From 11 Sports Receive Diplomas

When diplomas were awarded to nearly 400 Lee University graduates on May 8, 27 were representatives of 11 different Lee athletic teams. Ten graduated with honors and one received her masters degree.

"We had one of our largest groups of athletes graduating in the spring commencement," noted Lee Athletic Director Larry Carpenter. "I have a wonderful coaching staff who make it a priority to see that their athletes do well in the classroom and work toward receiving their degrees. We had 25 student athletes named NAIA Scholar Athletes this year, which was a record for us. Those students must be at least a junior, excel at their sport and maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA."

The list was headed by volleyball standout Milica Krsmanovic, who was named the SSAC player of the year; received the Dr. Charles Paul Conn Award (Lee's top female athlete and scholar); third-team NAIA All-American; and a NAIA and SSAC Scholar-Athlete. Milica was joined by teammates Vedrana Krsmanovic and Gorana Maric in the commencement ceremony.

Five members of the back-to-back national championship women's soccer program received their degrees. Three of the five were honor students. "This shows that coach Matt Yelton's ladies were more than champions on the playing field," pointed out Carpenter. Representing women's soccer were

Kristine Tuck, Jenna Achten, Kelli Lawson, Stephanie Barrios and Marina Lima.

Chad James, who was the recipient of the Dr. Charles Paul Conn Award (top male athlete and scholar) headed the list of five men's basketball players, including Joel Houghton, Desmond Blue, Murray Jenkins and Brad Harris.

Lee's softball team was ranked No. 2 nationally by the NAIA heading into national tournament play in mid-May. Scholar Tiffany Walker is a current member of the coaching staff, while Caitlin Haley is a current member of the squad and April Richards is a former Lady Flame.

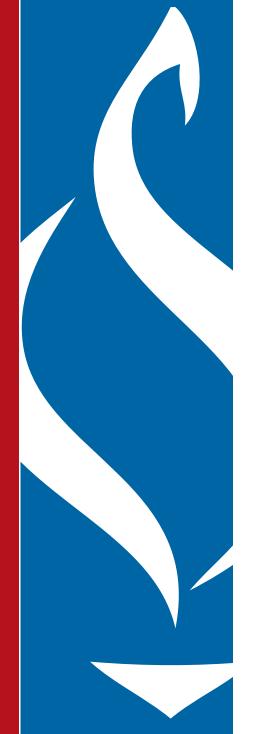
Baseball, ranked No. 6 and hosting the opening round of the NAIA National Championship following graduation weekend, was represented by five current or former Flames. Ross Collins and Trey Burstrom were in action for the championship, while Kyle Lymberopoulos and Edgar Mercado are ex-Flames.

Others receiving degrees were: Michael Simmons, men's soccer; Emily Dykstra, women's cross country; Ann Claire Butler, women's tennis; Katie Nelson, women's basketball and NAIA first-team All-American; Jesse Hodge, women's golf; and Abby Black, cheerleading.

Lee assistant volleyball coach Bruna Langner received a Masters of Art in Teaching.



Graduating senior Kyle Lymberopoulos, a member of the Flames baseball team duirng his time at Lee, proudly displays his diploma with his father, Greg (right) and coach, Dave Altopp



Who's Torch Where? Travels

Who's Where...what would Torch be without it?

As long as Torch has been around, Who's Where has been the most read section of the magazine. Why? Because Lee alumni are an interesting bunch! We need you to add to those interesting entries. Now, it's easier than ever before with more options and avenues in which to submit your information:

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We want to see you in Who's Where!!

1940s - 1960s

Wilmetta Bruce Copus '48 and her husband, Harold, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple has five children and 13 grandchildren and live in Findlay, OH. Wilmetta says, "I'm still singing for the Lord!"

Faye Morgan Jones '60 is an instructor of sociology and coordinator of professional development at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She lives in Gautier, MS.

Carolyn Alldrich Abbott '64, and her husband, Bob, recently moved to Gainesville, VA. They are retired from the Federal Government and education, respectively, and now stay busy in helping with grandchildren. Ill for the last 18 months, Carolyn says, "The Lord has sustained and encouraged me towards a complete recovery."

WHO'S WHERE

Janice Boatwright Bryson

'66 recently moved to a suburb of Nashville after 42 years in Cartersville, GA, to be nearer her family after the passing of her husband several years ago. Janice says, "I have wonderful opportunities in my new job as a legislative assistant in the Tennessee Legislature. I am enjoying 'all things new.'"

Bedford Smith '68, Willa (Lynn) Smith '72 and son, Jeremy Smith '97 read the TORCH at the ruins in Chichen-Itzá, Mexico on December 24, 2009

Gerald '68 and Joyce Funderburk '69 retired last year after pastoring for 41 years. They live in Simpsonville, SC and have three sons and two grandsons.

Kermit Robertson '68 lives in Jamestown, TN and is working toward earning a degree in Computer Information Technology. He also publishes a blog: kermitrepairyourcomputer.blogspot.com.

Chuck Atkins '69 recently retired after 25 years with the City of Spartanburg, SC and three years with the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department in the Forensics Division. He and his wife, Susan live in Forest City, SC where Chuck enjoys church and chaplain work. Chuck says, "God has really blessed my life!"

1970s - 1980s

Larry '75 and Sue Perritte '75 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 12, 2010. They have one son and four grandchildren.

Tim Grant '82 has been married for 31 years to Sandra Archer and they have two children and five grandchildren. Residents of Denham Springs, LA, Tim is a pastor and serves as a volunteer chaplain for the Louisiana State

Senate. He is involved in the Pastors Resource Council which networks with over 1,500 churches and with Louisiana Family Forum.

Ron '83 and Synthia Hendricks Cain '83 live in Cleveland, TN where Synthia is owner/instructor of Musical

Measures. She teaches piano, voice, music theory and she recently wrote a Bible study book called You Are... My Response to The Great "I AM." Her Web site is www.SynthiaCain.com.

Dan '88 and Elaine Jarvis celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary with *Torch* in Xunantunich, Belize among the Mayan ruins.

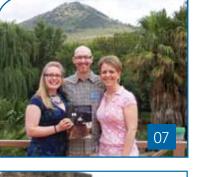
Alley Waterman '87 have lived in Kansas City, MO for 18 years and have two sons. Lonnie works for the North Kansas City School District as the director of student and family services. Yvonne works for the Power Group Companies, an insurance consulting firm, as a vice president.

Lonnie '88 and Yvonne

1990s - 2000s

Lisa Sanchez Benton '94 lives in Atlanta, has two children and a step-son and is employed with Babies R Us. She lives in Conyers, GA.

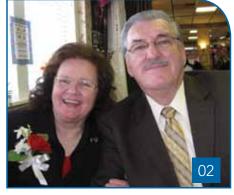
















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2) Fill out the form and mail it to us at Lee University Alumni Office, 1120 N. Ocoee St., Cleveland, TN 37311

Name Address

_ State _____ Zip ___ Last Year you attended Lee _

Update on what's happening in your life

3) Send an e-mail to torch@ leeuniversity.edu (include all information requested in

If you have a photo to go along with your entry, please e-mail high resolution shots to torch@leeuniversity.edu or you may mail a hard copy.

Paul David Henson '95 is married to Jerldean Staton and lives in Travelers Rest, SC. He is a retired USN and disabled, but "spending time enjoying God's creatures and creation."

Timothy DeWayne Posey '98 passed away March 25, 2010 in North Platte, AL. He was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and was discharged in 1994. He and his wife, Vicki, lived in various places throughout the South and Tim became a pastor in 2003, serving several churches before coming to North Platte where he served as pastor for Victory Church of God for the past two years. Survivors include his wife, and four children.

Robyn Cole '00 recently changed careers and she is now a case manager for a bankruptcy judge for the middle district of Florida, near Tampa.

Thomas Mills '00 is serving as Chief of Chaplains at the VA Medical Center in Danville, IL.

Hannah Stear Folmar, '03, currently resides in Maryland Heights, MO, a subdivision of St Louis, with her husband Jim. She works for Paychex selling payroll and HR services to small business owners. They are very active at Grace Church St Louis, serving the youth group and Hannah sings with the worship arts team.

Brian Wolf '03 is teaching for Metro Nashville Public Schools and has begun work toward a masters in Curriculum and Instruction at Tennessee State University.

Michael Dennis '04 recently defended his dissertation and was conferred a Doctor of Worship Studies from The Robert E. Webber Institute for

Worship Studies in Orange Park, FL. Michael says, "Special thanks to the faculty and staff of the Music Department (at Lee) for their encouragement and guidance toward this goal, especially Drs. Plate, Moffett, and Burns...and Mrs. Linda Guisinger!"

Mike DeGeus '04, Dustin Adkison '05 and Amanda Jones Adkison '06 recently formed an online business which brings fair trade items to U.S. consumers at fair prices, thus allowing them to purchase more and putting more money where it belongs, with the artisans and workers. The site features one item each day at very reduced prices compared to other retail sites. The Web site is fairtradeaday.com.

Scott Maucere '04 is managing member of the Maucere Law Group LLC in Chattanooga, TN. He practices business law, international law, complex litigation, and film law in Tennessee and Georgia. He and his wife recently purchased a new home in Chattanooga.

Crystal Edwards '05 reads *Torch* at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics Games in front of the flaming cauldron. She spent a week watching the athletic competitions, and visiting the city.

Anthony Doyley '06 lives in Rossville, GA, and is serving as the associate pastor at Metropolitan Tabernacle in Chattanooga, TN. He is also working as the financial literacy advisor at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Deborah Wieclaw Woodson '08 recently married and moved to Indiana where she is beginning a tax prep business as well as taking culinary classes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Lee University Alumni Reception Wednesday, July 28, 2010 9:00 p.m. Hilton Orlando Orlando, Florida



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