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OPENING THOUGHTS from **President Paul Conn**

The recent passing of Dr. Ray H. Hughes brought a poignant reminder of a period of Lee University history during which four men with very similar backgrounds – James A. Cross, Charles W. Conn, Lamar Vest, and Hughes – led the institution for twenty-six years, from 1960 to 1986. Each of these leaders also served as general overseer of the Church of God, the denomination's top executive position. Although the four men had very different personalities and led Lee through different challenges, all four shared what was in their time a critically important quality: a strong relationship with the denomination and superb skills in connecting the school to it. During the 26 years they led Lee, their instincts, personal relationships, and popularity within the church were an absolutely essential ingredient to the institution's survival and success.

In each case, these presidents arrived at Lee For Cross and Conn, that sequence was reversed. In 1986, a major shift occurred in presidential

from roles within the denominational structure, and returned to such positions when their time at Lee had ended. Both Vest and Hughes were popular younger men, still rising to prominence, who were appointed to the Lee presidency after earning national acclaim as director of the denomination's Youth and Christian Education Department. In both cases, their success as president of Lee led directly to being elected as assistant general overseer – and later as general overseer — of the Church of God. These two rose to the church's top spot along different tracks, and upon leaving that post, were called on to lead their "alma mater" as president. selection at Lee. Recognizing the growing complexity and specialization of academic management, the Lee Board of Directors went to a new paradigm: seeking a president from within the

ranks of higher education, rather than from within the ranks of church officials.

But for a quarter of a century, 1960 – 1986, the traditional formula was a different one, in which four "sons of the church" were called to provide Lee with strong executive leadership. Each answered the call, and each left his mark in a positive and memorable way. Only Dr. Vest remains today as a living personal link to that remarkable period of Lee presidential history. (As president of the American Bible Society, he is widely regarded as one of the nation's most significant religious leaders.)

Hughes. Cross. Conn. Vest. To many young Lee University students in 2011, these are the names of buildings. But Hughes' passing reminds us that these four names and these four men, over a twentysix year period, gave shape and life to much of the institution which we know today as Lee University.

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Hughes' second term at Lee was from 1982-1984

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Dr. Ray H. Hughes will be remembered as a leader who changed the trajectory of Lee University in eight years as president. Dr. Ray H. Hughes Sr., who served as president of Lee College for eight years, died on April 4, 2011, in a Cleveland hospital. Hughes, 87, was a Church of God minister who served in numerous administrative positions within the denomination, including the top executive office of General Overseer.

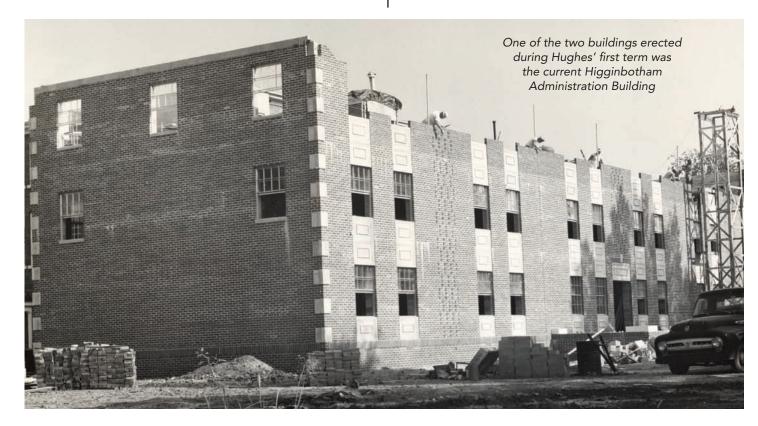
RAY H. HUGHES

Hughes had suffered for many years from peripheral neuropathy, a painful neurological disease which affects the extremities.

Himself the son of a Church of God minister, Hughes attended Lee during the early 1940s when the school was called Bible Training School and located in Sevierville, Tennessee. After a successful early ministry as an evangelist, pastor, and administrator, the 36-year-old Hughes was appointed president of Lee College in 1960, at a



Hughes addresses prospective students during one of the first "College Day" events in 1964



time when the school's prospects were fading and enrollment had sunk to barely over 300 students.

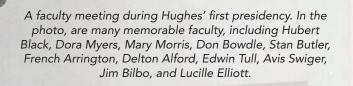
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During his six-year presidency, enrollment rose steadily to a record high level of 894 students, in his final year of 1966. The dramatic enrollment growth was accompanied by the first significant upgrades of the Cleveland campus, including the construction of two new buildings — the current Higginbotham Administration Building in 1963 and the Beach Science Building in 1965. The school, then comprised of a Bible college, junior college, and high school division, also received its first regional accreditation for the junior college division under his leadership.

Other innovations during the Hughes presidency remain as stable traditions at Lee University today: the first Greek social-service clubs (Upsilon Xi, Alpha Gamma Chi, Delta Zeta Tau, and Sigma Nu Sigma) were formed; the Parade of Favorites pageant had its beginning; the evangelistic and witnessing emphasis of Pioneers for Christ began, and Lee Singers emerged from the old Touring Choir tradition.

Hughes was one of the first Church of God ministers of his generation to seek advanced educational degrees. He earned a B.A. from Tennessee Wesleyan College, a M.S. and Ed.D. degrees from University of Tennessee-Knoxville, all during his tenure as Lee president.

Following his first Lee presidency, Hughes moved into general church leadership for the next sixteen years, then returned to Lee as president for a second presidency (1982-1984), before resuming service as a denominational administrator.



Commissioning, COMMENCEMENT and Commentary

A graduating senior shares his perspective on one of the most memorable weekends of his life

by Brady Callahan

It was all coming to an end.

The North Cleveland Church of God main lobby was filled with black caps and gowns that represented the largest graduation class ever in Lee University's history. Having the pleasure to be part of that class, it was easy for me to see and feel the emotions in the room. Excitement, nervousness, and a bit of sadness were being exchanged between the soon-to-be graduates. As we all knew, everything we had known and done for the last four years, or so, was about to vanish. A clear sky and colorful sunset was the backdrop of the first portion of Lee's graduation experience. We all began our march out of the church, down the street, and into the crowded soccer field filled with proud parents, siblings, grandparents,

A clear sky and colorful sunset was the backdrop of the first portion of Lee's graduation experience. We all began our march out of the church, down the street, and into the crowded soccer field filled with proud parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends who came to support their loved one's accomplishments. As the Commissioning Service began, President Dr. Paul Conn emphasized the tremendous journey that all Lee students have taken during their years pursuing a college education. He mentioned the service was "a night of informality, a night for the students," and he further communicated that point by saying it was "a night to hear from the students." And hear from them we did.

Six graduating seniors told a variety of stories as they talked about their unique Lee experiences. Joy, regret, sadness, and humor were just some of the things expressed in the well-written and welldelivered speeches. The evening concluded with all of us receiving our graduation gift from the university—our engraved Bibles. After all of us had excitedly raced across the stage for the first time, ready

Despite his effectiveness in the executive suite, Hughes always regarded evangelism and preaching as his primary calling. He was a popular camp meeting preacher and was in demand in pulpits around the world, from his earlier years as a teenage evangelist through the final months of his life. Students at Lee when he was president invariably recall his Sunday night chapel preaching as a central feature of campus life.

According to Lee President Dr. Paul Conn, "Dr. Hughes' leadership represents one of the most significant individual contributions in the history of Lee. Darlia and I were Lee students during the last three years of his 1960-1966 term, which gave us a 'front row seat' to witness his extraordinary vision and accomplishments. It was truly a time of transformational presidential leadership."

Conn also announced that the new men's residence hall, currently under construction in the Brinsfield Row area, will be named in memory of Dr. Hughes. "I'm very happy that I was able to tell Dr. Hughes of this decision in mid-March," Conn said, "and he will be greatly missed when this building is dedicated in his honor next September."



HUGHES

GRADUATION

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to dismiss toward good food, refreshments, and quality time with family and friends waiting for us in the rec center, Dr. Conn asked all the students who received a Bible that didn't have their name, but another graduate's name, to raise their hands. Everybody laughed as half of us raised our hands admitting to what Dr. Conn had predicted would happen—we would probably not get the Bible with our names on it. Prayer concluded the service, and I walked toward the reception feeling more unified with these graduates than ever before. We were one step closer to the goal we had when we first stepped foot on Lee's campus: graduation.

Everything was set. The music had stopped, the graduates, myself included, had all excitedly settled into the their seats, guests were sitting waiting for Commencement to begin, and just when Dr. Conn began to give his first words, an unexpected distraction suddenly interrupted the ceremony. A train began to whistle and blow as it ran down the tracks just behind Lee's soccer field. The awkward and ironic timing of the sounds gave Dr. Conn a great chance to savor the moment for some early morning humor. "That, graduates, is a train," he explained. "Sometimes, it makes a loud noise to let you know it's coming." The crowd continued to chuckle as Dr. Conn mocked the train as he begged for one or two more loud whistles and blows to interrupt graduation. Before long, Dr. Conn was able to address the crowd, give recognition to parents, grandparents, siblings, and any other significant loved one who was present for a graduate, and introduce Lee Singers to deliver "My God Is a Rock" before the guest speaker took the stage.

Eugene Habecker, president of Taylor University, and a close friend of Dr. Conn, was honored to be the guest speaker of Lee's 2011 Commencement





The Mace and the Marshall



Some may wonder what's the story behind the shiny orb at the end of the pole carried by a faculty member at the front of the graduation processional.

The item is called a mace and it goes back to the Middle Ages over 1,000 years ago. Kings and governors would have a person carry the mace who would lead the official party announcing that the King was present in his official capacity. Universities started the ritual centuries ago to announce that the president and the

faculty are there in their official roles. The mace is used during the three yearly graduation ceremonies and other special events, such as "Celebration" events at Lee.

The carrier of the mace is the Marshall and since the mace's introduction at Lee about ten years ago, the Marshall and bearer of the mace has been Professor of Education Dr. Mark Wickam. The mace was a gift to Lee University by the men of Upsilon Xi.

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Tweets During **Graduation**

With the advent of social media in the past few years, Twitter has become especially popular to spread the word about what's going on. Here's some of the things posted on Twitter during graduation this year:



@notdarakillian

really can't believe im graduating today..so surreal.. hope i don't trip



aelisemarion

we diiiiidddd it. & we didn't trip! wesssa graduated. @notdarakillian @aprilwilson417



@Smitherd

I forgot to hug Dr. Conn!

@nikki_warner

Joseph Weeks is an official college graduate! So proud! @LeeUniversity



@mark_casto

I'm here at Lee U graduation. Congrats to Marc Ross, Lauren Bryant, Liz Gerow, Christina Mangham... Many more!



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Train jokes. Love cpc.

ceremony. He used Scripture, concise speech, and four simple points to remember, which helped to gain our attention and encourage us for the season of change that was fast approaching. His four points were: (1) Let God be our guide, (2) Focus on vocational efforts on what brings us joy, (3) Be prepared for bumps along the way when they come, and (4) Make our lives and our words, our sermon to the world. He swiftly got through his speech and spoke in an encouraging and upbeat fashion which was well received by seemingly all in attendance.

Finally, it was time. Dr. Carolyn Dirksen began to call the students by departments, and soon the procession of proud graduating seniors strutting across the stage had begun. Every student, myself included, had a smile ear to ear as they heard their names announced as 2011 graduates of Lee University. Being a student in the Communication and the Arts Department, I didn't have to wait long for my name to be called, for my opportunity to shake Dr. Conn's hand, and for my opportunity to officially graduate.

All in all, it was a great weekend to be a 2011 graduate of Lee University. Excitement was boiling over; humor was used early and often by students and speakers alike who gave the ceremonies an acceptable informal feel; and beautiful weather allowed for a wonderful weekend of celebration to occur. I know I'll never forget my graduation experience at Lee University, and I would be surprised if I'm the only one who feels that way.

Brady Callahan graduated May 7 with a degree in public relations. A native of Burlington, Vermont, Brady is currently seeking full-time employment in the greater Chattanooga area with his wife, Rebekah.



The winners of Lee's three highest awards given to graduating seniors on commencement weekend. By vote of the university faculty, Jenna Dunson, Brandon West, and Aaron Pickens were chosen as the recipients of the 2011 Zeno C. Tharp, F.J. Lee, and Charles Paul Conn awards respectively.

Jenna Dunson received

the Zeno C. Tharp Award. Established in 1955, it honors the sixth president of Lee, and is presented to the student who shows the most promise for a future in Christian ministry.

Dunson was involved in several different clubs, including the Greek service club Omega Alpha Phi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi, and the National Honor Society in Education, Kappa Delta Pi. However, her greatest contributions were made far from Lee's campus.

After a missions trip to Honduras, and with the help of a friend, Dunson founded Shoes for Oscar, a nonprofit organization that helps children receive new pairs of shoes.

A Spanish education major, Dunson will be teaching Spanish education to middle school students in the greater Atlanta area.

Brandon West is this year's recipient of the F.J. Lee award, named in honor of Lee's second president, and presented to a senior who has demonstrated high standards of integrity, leadership, service, broad campus involvement, and academic excellence. West majored in health science and plans to further his education in a physician's assistant program. He has been accepted in two programs at Emory University and the University of Alabama. During his time at Lee, West carried a 4.0 GPA, worked as a microbiology teaching assistant, a residential assistant, and a fulltime police K9 officer. He was also recognized in the 2010 edition of Who's Who Among American University and College Students. Additionally, he has worked with medical missions in Ecuador and Honduras and volunteered with the Salvation Army and New Hope Pregnancy Center.

Aaron Pickens is this

year's recipient of the Charles Paul Conn Award, which is given to a graduating student who demonstrates the greatest promise of achievement in graduate or professional studies after moving on from Lee.

Majoring in biochemistry, Pickens graduated with a perfect 4.0 and plans to continue his education in medical school, being accepted to several programs including the University of Cincinnati, University of Tennessee Memphis, East Tennessee State University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and Wake Forest University.

In addition to several academic awards, involvements, and scholarships he earned, Pickens served on Urban Outreach trips to Nashville and Knoxville, as well as serving abroad on a summer medical mission to Guatemala.

Moyen

Jones

THREE FACULTY AWARDED EXCELLENCE RECOGNITIONS

President Conn announced the traditional "Excellence" awards to three faculty members on commencement day. The following are excerpts from his presentations:

Excellence in Advising: **Dr. Kevin Brown**

Dr. Brown is an associate professor of English who came to Lee with a Ph.D. in English, but returned to school to earn a master's degree in library science and is currently pursuing a master of fine arts in creative writing. He teaches class full time, writes poetry, sponsors Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society) and still finds time to advise the largest number of English students in the department. The miracle is not just that he does it all, but that he does it so well. His department chair wrote about him, "I have observed firsthand the way Dr. Brown can transform a confused, complicated situation and transcript into hope and a positive plan for a confused student."

Few professors on our campus can match the reputation Kevin Brown has earned as a teacher who cares personally about his students.

Excellence in Scholarship: **Dr. Richard Jones**

Dr. Jones came to Lee 13 years ago with a Ph.D. with a research interest at that time in Coptic Monasticism. He had already spent a year at Cairo University as a Fulbright Scholar. Since coming to Lee, he has continued his interest in Egypt and the Middle East, but he also broadened his scholarly scope to include studies in Latin America, and closer to home, in the Ocoee Region.

Dr. Jones has studied and written about cultures around the world and has investigated Muslim emigrant communities in London and Toronto, migrant Arab groups in Chile, and early settlers in East Tennessee.

Jones' work as an archaeologist has taken him to a variety of remote places. He has worked with Lee University students or colleagues in Native American sites in Colorado, in Palestine on the Karak Plateau, and in Fort Armistead, a Cherokee Indian removal fort near Cleveland

One of the distinguishing characteristics of faculty at Lee is that they are so often willing to do scholarly research alongside their undergraduate students. In that respect, Richard Jones has been a model.

Excellence in Teaching: **Dr. Eric Moyen**

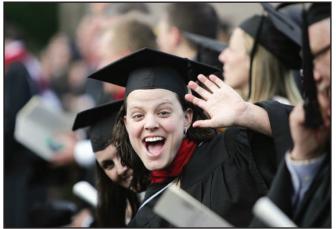
Brown

The winner of the highest faculty award at Lee this year is a young man who has made a big impact at Lee in a short period. Dr. Eric Moyen came to Lee seven years ago to teach in the Helen DeVos College of Education. He holds the Ph.D. in education with earlier degrees in history.

Students in his department of Health, Exercise Science, and Secondary Education regularly give Eric some of the highest evaluation scores in the university. We shouldn't be surprised. Even as a doctoral student, he had already been identified as a gifted teacher, and was recognized with two awards for excellence in teaching at the University of Kentucky before finishing his doctorate. Here at Lee, in addition to his obvious skills in the classroom, he is energetically involved in many ways with students outside the classroom. He has supervised student teachers in Thailand, Greece and Africa. Two years ago we called on Eric to add to his classroom duties the leadership of our freshman year experience program, which he now directs with very positive results.

Dr. Moyen's research area is the history of higher education, which combines his training in history and higher ed policy. With that kind of background, he would understand more than most people that great institutions must be built of the talent and commitment of great teachers. We recognize that at Lee, and we believe we see such a person in Eric Moyen.







Stan and his wife, Sybil, were well loved by the Lee family.

"MR. LEE COLLEGE" Recruited With His Heart

STAN BUTLER

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By Lena Barber

Stanley Butler was the Lee College Dean of Admissions. For many consecutive years in October he would travel to the picturesque alpine beauty of Bavaria, where eager young men and women would line up to meet with "Mr. Lee College" to discuss their life after the military.

Having himself served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945, he remembered the homesickness that a tour away from home evokes in the heart of a young soldier. During his annual visits to the Ministry to the Military Retreat in Berchtesgaden, Germany, Stan Butler would bring pamphlets, tapes, catalogs, admission forms and the latest information on veteran's benefits, sharing in the excitement of the possibility for these young men and women to attend his beloved school. Sometimes he would bring guests or a singing group. It was obvious by the energy invested that second week of every October for so many years, that he believed in his product.

As a result of Stan's recruiting efforts, the Lee administration established an Office of Veterans' Affairs. By the early 1980s, over 300 former members of the military were enrolled as an integral part of the life of the college.

Stan Butler was born in 1923 in Dora, Alabama. He came to Lee in 1953, with his wife, Sybil and their daughter, Linda, from Gadsden, Alabama with a B.S. degree from Jacksonville State University and an M.A. degree from George Peabody College. He was the first layman awarded the honorary doctorate at Lee College (1970). By the time he retired in 1988, Dr. Butler had served in the administrations of five Lee presidents and had seen six generations of students enter as freshmen and graduate.

Dr. Butler was respected by colleagues at Lee and was known for his ability to collaborate. He would take an assignment and choose a committee to work with him to get the job done. He understood people's abilities and strengths and he knew how to bring them together to complete the task. He was a team player who had a knack for building teams. Many colleagues who worked with him have their own special memories.

Paul Duncan, former dean of students, stated, "For many years, Stan Butler was the face of Lee College, especially in student recruitment and admissions. A very large number of alumni owe their decision to attend Lee to "Mr. Lee College." Duncan went on to say, "Stan loved sports of all kinds and seldom missed a Lee ballgame, at home or away. He was responsible for the original name of the Lee basketball team, Vikings, which happened to be the same name as his Alabama high school team. This teacher and administrator left an indelible positive mark on the development and success of Lee College."

Stan Butler was a champion of civic responsibility, serving on boards of Cleveland Community Chest (United Way), Dollars for Scholars, YMCA, the Children's Shelter Home, and Pathway Credit Union. Dr. Ollie Lee remembers Stanley Butler as an In addition to his recruiting leadership, Stan Butler was a critical piece to the expansion of athletics, He founded and coached the men's golf team at Lee. The annual golf classic is named in his honor, as well as the women's softball field. active member in the Cleveland Optimist Club, which sponsored many programs that promoted the development of youth in the community. Dr. Butler was nominated the Optimist of the Year in 1964 and 1971, served as its president and member of the Board of Directors.

"Stanley Butler never forgot his humble origins," Lee said, "and was an example of consistent support for the interests and well-being of ordinary folks and of those who lacked the privileges so many take for granted. He knew how to be a steadfast friend."

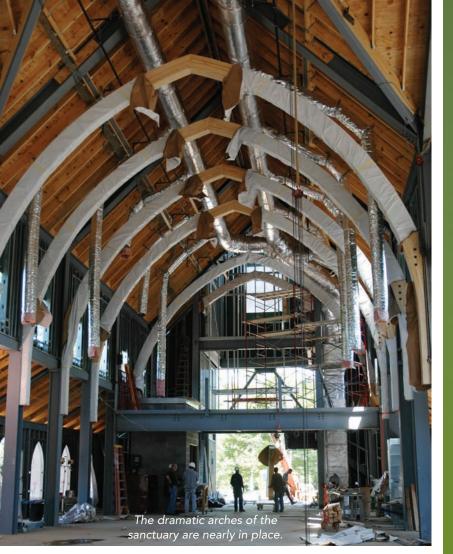
Former Lee registrar Wanda Griffith recalls first meeting Dr. Butler when, as a senior at Lee Academy, she received a note to come to his (principal's) office. He told her she had earned the honor of valedictorian of her class. The following year she graduated from Lee Junior College (1961) and was offered a job. They worked together for 29 years. Griffith states, "Dr. Butler mentored and challenged me in many areas."

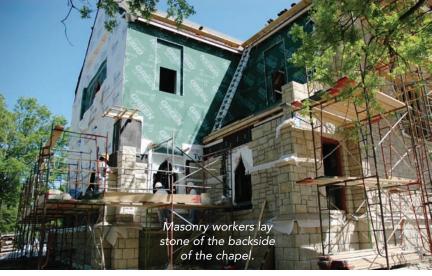
Those who worked with Dr. Butler when he was in charge of Lee College Day remember his positive weather forecasts. As if he were still around, many of us and still look to the sky expecting beautiful sun every year on that big recruiting day.

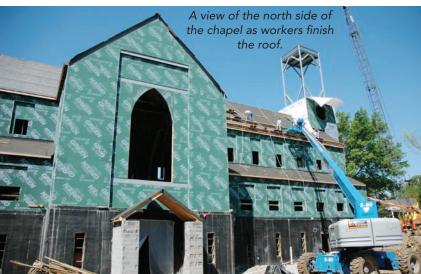
Dr. Butler was proud of his record of health and would report that he never missed a day of work because of sickness. Late in his life, however, Stan fought a battle with cancer. Stan and Hubert Black were best friends for almost fifty years. They prayed together, golfed together and their families often vacationed together. Hubert regularly took him for chemo treatments and was with Stan, holding his hand, when he died October 13, 1992.

There are thousands of Lee alums who knew and remember Stan Butler, whose lives have been touched in some way by his association with this place we call Lee. It is impossible to recount all the conversations Stan had with people regarding education at Lee. Those conversations range from presentations to parents about opportunities for their children, to recruitment of prospective students, to presentations at professional conferences. Whether speaking to a convention of educators or to a young soldier yearning for opportunities, Stan Butler always communicated by his words and the life he lived the very special place that is now Lee University.

Lena Barber lived in Germany when Stan Butler made his many recruiting visits to Germany. Today, she is a counselor at Lee University. Stan Butler served as head or Dean of Admissions for more than 30 years until he retired in 1988.







TWO CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE

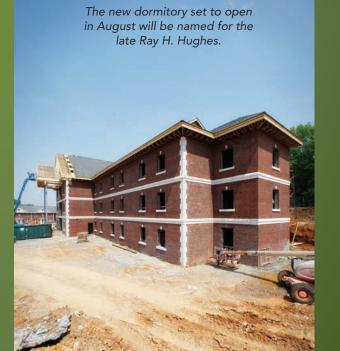
chapel and dormitory, the two **A**major building projects on campus, are making steady progress toward completion later this year.

The new three-story dormitory is complete on the exterior, with progress on the rooms to house more than 123 students getting closer to being ready by the time students arrive for the fall semester in August. When it opens, the new residence hall will be the anchor of a six-building, student-housing complex between Magnolia and Maple Streets.

Lee President Dr. Paul Conn announced in April that the new dormitory would bear the name of past president Ray H. Hughes who passed away on April 4, 2011 (see tribute this issue).

On the western side of campus, the new chapel building is getting an exterior of white stone which will give the house of worship one of the most distinctive looks of the more than two dozen buildings constructed over the past 25 years. The chapel will be an intimate worship setting with seating for up to 300 people. Once completed and a part of the campus landscape, student groups and alumni will no doubt wonder how Lee University existed without it.

The chapel is slated to open this fall.





The former First Baptist Church downtown L campus, purchased last year by Lee University, is now called Church Street Annex. Located on the south side between Church and Parker Streets, the property is being progressively assimilated into the campus landscape.

The Early Learning Center program was the first to move into the facility, utilizing the former children's area of the church located in the educational wing. Earlier this year the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC) for autistic children also moved. Both programs vacated the Mayfield Annex, a former elementary school on the northern side of campus. The space opened up at Mayfield makes way for, among other things, an expanded art program and major slated to begin this fall.



for all guests to enjoy free food, music, games, and more. This year also featured a multitude of sporting events. Both the Additionally, unique activities were offered for new students,

Flames and Lady Flames were in action all weekend as men's and women's tennis, softball, and baseball all had games scheduled. Incoming students had the opportunity to try out for many of Lee's athletic teams, including men's and women's basketball, men's soccer, as well as the softball and tennis teams and the cheerleading squad. parents, transfer students, and for specific high school grade levels. Some of the events included an information and financial aid seminar for parents, a transfer student information session, and special luncheons for high school seniors, juniors, and sophomores. Lee Day weekend concluded with the AT&T scholarship drawings with eight awards to incoming students.

Early Learning Center staff member April Swindle watches toddlers in the nursery room, which opens out onto a beautiful and spacious outdoor courtyard, one of the many upgrades realized with the purchase of the First Baptist property last year.

CHURCH STREET ANNEX 'GRANDFATHERED IN' TO CAMPUS

A major addition to parking has been realized. Lee had used the church's parking previously, but only a portion. Campus safety relocated late last year to a former house which was part of the former First Baptist campus. And, infrastructure improvements, such as bringing the buildings online with the campus network continue.

Other plans are still under consideration for the more than five acres and 30,000 + square feet of floor space. In the meantime, First Baptist continues to lease office space in their former location on Central Avenue, and Waterville Baptist Church has leased the sanctuary on Sundays for the next two years while a new church complex is being built on the south side of town.

LEE DAY ATTRACTS STUDENTS AND PARENTS

T ee University hosted its annual Lee Day weekend on Friday Land Saturday, April 1-2. The thirty-two hour, campuswide event brought in hundreds of prospective students, their families, and youth leaders from across the United States.

The weekend event gives guests an "up-close" look at Lee life through campus tours, classroom visits, musical productions, athletics events, and much more.

Some of this year's Lee Day events included advance class selection, academic and club displays, "Major Discovery," an event that helps incoming freshman find a major, a production performed by Lee University Theatre of "My Fair Lady," as well as a block party CAMPUS NEWS

EVENTS ATTRACT PUBLICITY, ALUMNI TO CAUSES

Two events associated with running and fitness L have become anticipated with both alumni and the Cleveland community.

Lee University once again hosted the Great Strides Walk and 65 Roses 5K to benefit cystic fibrosis. On April 9, more than 600 runners and walkers of all ages participated in the benefit, which consisted of the 5K, a one-mile "fun run," and two mile walk. All three were festively staged in Alumni Park and the Paul Conn Student Union, with registration, inflatables and preand post-race food. The 5K and walk took in downtown Cleveland with a finish line stretched across 11th Street.

Now in its ninth year, the Great Strides event has raised over half a million dollars toward CF research and has become one of the premier Great Strides events in the country. It has grown in participation

and fund-raising every year. Student groups, organizations, businesses, and individuals have been involved through teams, corporate sponsorships, or individual pledges.

Another running event took place three weeks later as more than 100 Lee alumni participated in the Country Music Marathon and Half Marathon in Nashville on April 30. For the fifth straight year, Lee has hosted alumni the night before the event for a "pasta pig-out" at Buca Di Beppo in nearby Brentwood. This year more than 160 gathered for food, fellowship, and a commemorative T-shirt sponsored again this year by People for Care and Learning headed by Lee alum Fred Garmon '80. Lee partnered with the organization and their event "Run for Hope" to aid orphans and families in Cambodia.



ART DEGREE TO LAUNCH THIS FALL

A new bachelor of arts degree in studio art is slated Ato begin this fall. According to John Simmons, assistant professor of art, "The initial emphasis will be in twodimensional arts such as drawing, painting, and photography. We offer 3-D arts such as clay and sculpture and hope to increase those offerings soon. Also, we will begin offering teacher education classes in art, with the plan of making teacher certification in art available. We also are looking at adding courses in various types of printmaking processes."

The major has been in the dream and planning stages for about 10 years, according to Simmons. However, limited space for art classes kept the major from becoming a reality. When the university bought the former Mayfield Elementary School, art classes were moved to the new facility. Having more room for art classes has brought the university steadily closer to offering the studio art major. "Our president, Dr. (Paul) Conn, has been very

supportive of the visual arts at Lee," Simmons said.

One component of launching the art major was hiring another full-time art faculty member to make the program a success. Chair of the department of History and Political Science, Dr. Randy Wood, said the hiring process started early last fall and chose Mary Mathias-Dickerson to fill the position. She will be moving from Arizona to take the position. "She has a really solid amount of experience," Wood said. "It would have been hard to consistently offer the needed classes for the major without hiring another full-time professor." As the major takes off, the professors involved are already looking to the future. "One of our goals is to have a dedicated space for an art gallery so that we will be able to better display both student and professional work," Simmons said. Currently, students' artwork is limited to the walls of the Humanities Center and in the Mayfield Annex.

CAMPUS LEADS IN MOBILIZATION FOLLOWING TORNADOES



On April 27, 2011, Lee University stood in the path of one of the most devastating tornado outbreaks in U.S. history. While the Lee campus was spared, just a few miles away nine people were killed with more than 280 homes and structures destroyed in Bradley County.

The tragedy was an unprecedented opportunity to reach out to the community. The Leonard Center, which houses Lee's benevolence programs, served as a command center working through the local Salvation Army. Students, faculty and staff stepped up in the days following the storms and provided needed assistance.

"A day after the storm, we had 90 students involved through the Salvation Army," said Mike Hayes, vice president for student development. "They were part of sending out 400 boxes of food, serving 250 hot meals at the Salvation Army, serving 325 hot meals out of the Salvation Army canteen truck, preparing and delivering 1,100 sacked lunches, and distributing 18,900 bottles of water." Haves said Leonard Center director William Lamb's home was damaged by the tornadoes, and students showed up to help with his property as well.

Rochelle Mayberry of the Leonard Center was a coordinator of the relief efforts to help the response be more efficient. Several agencies had voiced concern over a variety of issues, including denial of entry into affected areas, wasted resources, and looting. Mayberry met with other agencies and together developed a plan to streamline efforts. Representatives from several agencies worked together to implement the plan, including the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Men and Women of Action, Boys and Girls Clubs, Bradley County Schools, and the Bradley Baptist Association. All volunteers were run through the Salvation Army, all food-distribution efforts through the Red Cross, with cleanup and repair efforts handled by the Bradley Baptist Association.

As this issue of Torch was going to press, President Conn had created a task force to respond to the effects of the storm. The task force, chaired by Vice President Jerome Hammond, was in place and assessing Lee's continued role in the aftermath, which will take months to recover.

"We had over 200 students involved in a number of projects," Hayes stated. "Most of them helped with preparing food and delivering it along with water to some of the most devastated areas of our community. It was an amazing sight, working with our students and watching them meet needs in this critical time."



LEE ESTABLISHES **COMMUNITY ACTION** NETWORK

ozens of community nonprofit **D**agencies have come together to launch a new coalition designed to bring their services to more people who need them.

The Mayors' Coalition and Community Action Network (CAN) features a collaborative effort among community service agencies and a onecall telephone number to link providers with people who need their service.

"The collaboration is partly in response to a local United Way survey that shows 46 percent don't know what help is available or how to access it," said William Lamb, director of Lee University's Leonard Center, the campus' service learning center where the network is based. Lamb said the Leonard Center will provide small grants to five local service organizations, from an MLK Day of Service program, when they form a coalition of their own.

Robert Egger, founder of DC Central Kitchens in Washington D.C., told a large crowd gathered at Lee earlier this year that now is the time to tap the resources a young generation which wants no distinction between career and making a difference in their communities.

Lee University has its own local food distribution effort, Campus Kitchens, which operates out of the Leonard Center. The project recently received a grant that will be subgranted to local organizations. The subgrant will be used to sponsor an event that raises awareness for available area services and requires the involvement of five or more organizations in the community.

UPSILON XI SEEKS TO RAISE \$25,000 FOR CAMPUS GIFT

Tn 2012, the Lee University social service organization Upsilon Xi will be Leelebrating its 50th anniversary. To celebrate the significant milestone, current members and alumni of Upsilon are spearheading a campaign to raise \$25,000 toward a gateway arch.

Founded in 1962, Upsilon is the oldest of the eight social service organizations on campus. When completed, the arch will be Upsilon's second significant gift to the campus, the first being the clock tower built in the 1990s.

Spearheading the fund-raising effort is Upsilon alumnus and president of the Upsilon Alumni Association Joe Giove who reports that fundraising is well underway for the arch project. As of mid-April, more than 83 percent of the goal had been reached in pledges and the group hopes to dedicate the project at their 50th celebration during Homecoming 2012.

To learn more about the project and how to donate, visit www.upsilonxi.com.

Upsilon Xi 50th Anniversary Poject - by Wayne

STUDENT TEACHERS VENTURE TO THAILAND

A BCC staff member gives the student teachers a tour of Inspirational Hall, a new academic building, featuring the school's founding and development.

ren student teachers from the Helen DeVos College of Education at Lee spent nearly Leight weeks teaching abroad at Bangkok Christian College (BCC) in Bangkok, Thailand. The students completed their first practicum placement overseas and were led by Dr. Jo Ann Higginbotham, Professor of Education. All of the student teachers are working toward their elementary, middle grades, or secondary teacher certification.

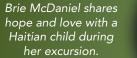
The Bangkok trip is a part of the Teacher Education Program that requires all senior student teachers to complete two student teaching placements, one of which may be abroad and the other local. Bangkok Christian College is a boys' school with over 5,500 students in grades 1-12. It is considered the oldest private school in Thailand, offering a standard educational curriculum.

Approximately 85 of the more than 400 teachers are native English speakers.

"I never tire of introducing student teachers to this phenomenal experience, or of hearing their stories of how lifechanging the teaching time was for them," said Higginbotham.

"The Helen DeVos College of Education has had a relationship with Bangkok Christian College since 2005. The administration, faculty, and staff of BCC treat our student teachers as their own, and do everything they can to make their experience positive and rewarding."

The ten participating student teachers were: Jessica Baker, teaching English in the BCC high school; Jessica Finley, teaching health and biology classes in the BCC high school; Sarah Bronson, Cara Solava, Britney Wilkinson, and Kelly Wright teaching second grade; Alison Casey teaching fourth grade; Natalie Ballard and Maria Smith teaching sixth grade; and Alison Colkmire teaching eighth grade.



LEE STAFFER SHARES OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD EXPERIENC

Operation Christmas Child has become an annual tradition at Lee University and probably in many of your homes. This simple project allows participants to pack a shoebox full of toys and hygiene items, and then the box is sent to war-torn and Third World countries.

Easy, right? But how much good does it actually do? I was able to find out this past January. Samaritan's Purse, the international relief organization that sponsors Operation Christmas Child, invited me to represent Lee University in a box-distribution trip to Haiti.

Haiti was struck by at 7.0 magnitude earthquake on January 12, 2010, and the country is still trying to recover from the devastation. Thousands of people are still living in tent cities, families are still mourning losses, and 80 percent of the population is still living below the poverty line. We arrived in the country on January 31, 2011, in an airport still showing earthquake damages.

I was so honored to be a part of this trip, to see the joy and excitement in each child's face. I was so impressed by Samaritan's Purse; they know that the purpose of Operation Christmas Child is to share I was able to attend four box distributions in three God's love, and they share that love in a practical way. They also partner with the local church, empowering days. Each distribution was sponsored by a local church. The churches invite the children in the area, and the them to minister to their own communities by using children are asked to bring friends. Anywhere from the relationships they already have established. I am 150 to 300 kids would be packed into churches dressed fortunate to work at Lee University, where we have in their Sunday best. The local pastors would start the collected 13,270 boxes over the past 13 years, because service, and the kids would sing songs. The pastor would I now know that means each of these families received then share the good news with the kids, and we would hope and were shown the love of God in a tangible way.



pass out the Christmas boxes. In addition to the boxes, each child would receive The Greatest Journey, a booklet in their language about the gospel story. The church would follow up with a 12-week discipleship course for the children.

When we were passing out the boxes, the thought would sometimes cross my mind that this was not enough. This was just a box of toys and toiletries. These kids need so much more. But then I would notice their faces—so much joy, excitement, peace, and hope. Each box that was packed and we passed out was a story of hope to these kids. Each box reminded the people of Haiti (or wherever the box was sent) that God had not forgotten them. And the kids went home, even if the home was a tent or a shack, and shared the box and the hope with their families.

CAMPUS NEWS

THREE HONORED WITH SERVICE LEARNING AWARDS

Rising Lee University seniors Audrey Jackson and Tyler Shores, along with Lee Professor Dr. Murl Dirksen, were presented the 2011 Dr. Charles W. Conn Service-Learning Servant Leadership Awards and Dr. Charles W. Conn Faculty Award, respectively, for their exemplary work in service-learning.

Jackson, an English major from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., has served as a resident chaplain and as a cabinet member of the Student Leadership Council (SLC). She has been instrumental in leading a number of service initiatives like Urban Outreach trips, service Saturdays, and a campuswide clothing drive. Jackson has also coordinated weekly visits to a local assisted-living facility and has been involved in missions work in Bolivia.

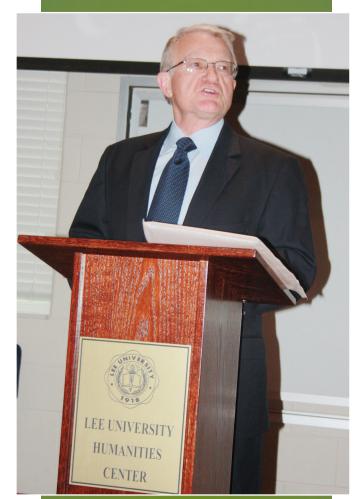
Shores, a Biblical and theological studies major from Shelby, N.C., has served in a variety of roles in the SmallGroup program on campus. He has been a floor leader, resident chaplain, and an intern in the SmallGroup office. Shores has also worked in the Leonard Center as an intern and as a summer VISTA associate. He has also volunteered with his local church for two years in a number of roles. Professor of Anthropology and Sociology Dr. Murl Dirksen is one of the few Lee professors who have received both the Excellence in Scholarship Award (1993) and the Excellence in Teaching Award (1991).

Away from Lee, Dirksen is the cultural anthropologist on a multi-disciplinary research team working on the Karak Plateau in central Jordan in addition to leading a number of cross-cultural trips to countries around the world. Locally, he serves on the Board of Directors of the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, and is a member of the Cleveland City School Board.

The Charles W. Conn 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.

Jackson and Shores are the seventh group of students to receive this award, while Dirksen is the third faculty member to be honored.



Lee speaks to the attendees



Dr. Jeff Sargent, right, presents a plaque of appreciation to Ollie Lee during the first Ollie J. Lee Symposium



Ollie and his wife, Glenna.

DORM WARS COMPETITION GIVES BACK



More than 1,500 students from the ten residence halls battled dorm-to-dorm for the highly contested title of "Dorm Wars Champion" on February 21 in the Paul Dana Walker Arena.

Students come energized to support their dorm and cheer on their peers in competitions such as the bat spin, obstacle course, and the annual favorite shopping cart race. Organized by residential life, the nearly twenty-year-old campus tradition ignites residents with university spirit and dorm pride.

Last year, however, was the first time Dorm Wars participants competed for a prize beyond just "bragging rights." Continuing this year, each resident hall represented one local or national charity and residents competed to receive cash prizes to support their organization.

"Dorm Wars goes beyond the thrill and energy of the evening to really unite our residence halls and our campus and to have an impact on the community and, in some cases, the world," said Leia Duncan, resident director of Keeble and Livingston Halls.

Prizes were donated by businesses throughout the city of Cleveland. Students from each residence hall completed a service project and had the option to fund-raise for their organization. They included Habitat for Humanity, Sak Pak Program, The Partnership in Chattanooga, New Hope Pregnancy Center, the women's shelter in Cleveland, Feed My Starving Children, Court

Appointed Special Advocates, World Vision, Maranatha Orphanage, and People for Care and Learning.Dorm Wars has grown into one of the most popular events on campus, with a large student and faculty turnout.Once the competition ends, one male and one female hall are crowned Dorm Wars Champion.

(Left to right) Lee President Dr. Paul Conn, Dirksen,

Shores, Jackson, Hayes, and Vice President for

Administration Dr. Walt Mauldin

OLLIE J. LEE SYMPOSIUM LAUNCHED TO HONOR RETIRING PROFESSOR

On March 24, 2011, the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences held the first annual Ollie J. Lee Symposium to honor the Distinguished Professor of Sociology, and allow students in anthropology, psychology, and sociology to present their original research. Dr. Ollie Lee joined the Lee faculty in 1967, has served for 43 years, and has filled numerous roles, including serving as vice president of academic affairs, dean of College of Arts and Sciences, and chair of the Behavioral and Social Sciences. He officially retired at the end of this academic year.

Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president of academic affairs said of Ollie Lee, "He has been one of the most significant architects of Lee's institutional structure, including chairing the committee that wrote Lee's present mission statement and formulating the institutional goals."

The Ollie J. Lee Symposium featured 18 student presenters, six each in the academic disciplines of anthropology, psychology, and sociology. Research papers were also presented.

"When we decided to create this event, the faculty of our department unanimously decided that we should name this symposium after our esteemed colleague," noted Dr. Jeff Sargent, department chair of Behavioral and Social Sciences. He concluded, "We are really proud of the research that our students have been presenting at regional conferences. The Ollie J. Lee symposium will provide them with an opportunity to present their work locally and to an audience of their professors and peers." The department plans to annually host the Lee symposium to honor Professor Lee.

When Ollie Lee arrived in 1967, Lee College was just beginning the transition from Bible college to liberal arts institution, developing the curriculum and procedures to offer baccalaureate degrees in disciplines other than religion, and Dr. Lee was very influential during that crucial period. He helped prepare for the accreditation review of the new majors, write the faculty constitution, and formulate the rights and responsibilities of Lee faculty.

"Every faculty member and every student is touched every day by Dr. Lee's foundational work," Dirksen stated. "He designed the template for our course syllabi and stipulated the way we state behavioral objectives. He formulated the academic catalogue and established the method of course approvals. He directed our accreditation reviews and set up our procedures for academic assessment. He developed our faculty evaluation system and introduced the first student course evaluations."

Lee was the first chair of the Graduate Council and led the writing of the graduate catalog. He chaired the General Education Core Task Force that redesigned core requirements, and he chaired the committee that directed academic aspects of the transition from college to university.

"The Lee University of 2011 is significantly different from the Lee College of 1967," Dirksen said, "and much of the hard, behind-the-scenes work of that transformation has been done by Ollie Lee."

FACULTY RECEIVE PROMOTIONS



The following Lee faculty received promotions in rank following the May meeting of the Board of Directors:

ASSOCIATE

PROFESSOR:

ASSISTANT

PROFESSOR

Andrea Dismukes, D.M.A. 2 Arden Jensen, Ph.D. PROFESSOR TO 3 Edley Moodley, Ph.D. 4 Ashley Smith, Ed.D. ⁵ Jeri Veenstra, Ph.D.

6 Ron Brendel, D.M.A. Phebe Gray, Ph.D. ⁸ Skip Jenkins, Ph.D. ⁹ Patricia McClung, Ed.D. ¹⁰ Megan Moe, Ph.D. TO ASSOCIATE II Louis Morgan, Ph.D. PROFESSOR: ¹² Sara Ortega, Ph.D. ¹³ Jeff Sargent, Ph.D. 14 Xiaoqing Yu, M.M.



MOYEN RELEASES BOOK

 $D_{\mathrm{professor}}^{\mathrm{r.\ Eric\ A.\ Moyen,\ an\ associate}}$ Helen DeVos College of Education and director of first-year programs, was recently honored at a book launch for his biography of University of Kentucky (UK) President Frank L. McVey, titled, Frank L. McVey and the University of Kentucky: A Progressive

President and the Modernization of a Southern University. The book launch took place at the University of Kentucky's campus in Lexington, Kentucky.

Moyen's book explores the presidency of McVey from 1917 to 1940, and chronicles some of the most dynamic times in the university's history.

"Eric A. Moyen has produced one of the best biographies of a modern American university president. Through lucid, accessible prose combined with meticulous research, Moyen succeeds in showing how McVey constructed the modern University of Kentucky," said William Link, author of William Friday: Power, Purpose, and American Higher Education.

For more information on "Frank L. McVey and the University of Kentucky," contact Dr. Moyen at emoyen@leeuniversity.edu. For purchase information, visit UPK online at www.kentuckypress. com, www.amazon.com, or your preferred bookseller.



Thomas Pope, assistant professor of **L** political science at Lee, recently received his Ph.D. in political theory from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Pope joined Lee's Department of History and Political Science in spring 2010 and teaches courses in political theory and constitutional law.

"Political philosophy has always been a passion of mine. I particularly like the way that constitutional law seeks to incorporate the lessons of political philosophy into practical questions of law." Pope's dissertation explores the relationship between individual liberty and the common good in American jurisprudence.



A ssistant Professor of Voice Dr. Ron Brendel presented at the eighth annual Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Modern Studies (ANZAMEMS) conference in Dunedin, New Zealand, earlier this semester.

The sole performer for the conference, Brendel sang Benjamin Brittens' Seven Sonnets of Michelangelo, which was especially appropriate because it combines ancient texts and modern music.

"This is a particular honor for me since my specialization is the vocal music of Benjamin Britten, but also because it was a unique opportunity to perform for an atypical audience," said Brendel. "I was pleased to be able to participate as a performing scholar. It is a rare privilege!"

Brendel joined the voice faculty at Lee in 2005 where he teaches voice and coordinates the graduate program in music performance.



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HOLSINGER RECEIVES PHI BETA MU'S OUTSTANDING BANDMASTER AWARD

r. David Holsinger has been chosen by the international board of directors of Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternity as the Outstanding Bandmaster for 2011. Holsinger, professor of music at Lee, will be presented the award later this year at the 2011 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. He is being honored for his nearly 30 years of service, nationally and internationally, as a teacher and conductor.

Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity was founded in 1939 and is comprised of band directors from around the world.

Along with the recent announcement of receiving the Phi Beta Mu award, Holsinger was presented with the "Al G. Wright Award" at the 2010 Midwest Band and Orchestra Convention.

Holsinger joined the Lee faculty in 1999 as the conductor of the Wind Ensemble and has taught conducting, orchestration, and composition for the past decade. Holsinger's compositions have won four national competitions, including a two-time ABA Ostwald Award. His works have also been finalists in the NBA and Sudler competitions.

BRENDEL PRESENTS AT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE



2011 STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology Psychology Sociology Healthcare Administration

Erin Williamson Sarah Dike Ryan Circolone Abigail Holliday

BUSINESS

Accounting Benton Excellence in Business Robyn Griffith Computer Information Systems Dustin Arp Donald D. Rowe Management Brittany Merryman

COMMUNICATION ARTS Communication Theatre **Public Relations** Telecommunications

Nathaniel Torgerson Rebecca Bandy Ellen Pfahl

Xavier Jasso

Shashank Shrestha

Tiffany Stigile

ENGLISH AND MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- English French Spanish **Interdisciplinary Studies** Sabord Woods Award
- Kaitlin Steiner Casey Cole Lindsay Bo Kara Dixon

HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE History Humanities **Political Science**

Theresa Ward Iulia Nicole Crews Alyssa Shumaker

NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Biochemistry Chemistry Biology **Mathematics Education Health Science** Mathematics

Rvan Pickens Anna Clay Sean Reiff Laura German

Brandon West

Anna Clay

HELEN DEVOS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

TEACHING AWARDS (FALL 2010)
Brittany Ensminger
Elvis Sanchez
Chris Jenkins

EARLY CHILDHOOD. ELEMENTARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Middle Grades Education Early Childhood Education **Special Education** Interdisciplinary Studies

Laura Elder Natalie Eggenschwiler Archie Crossland Samantha Ford Stone

HEALTH, EXERCISE SCIENCE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Athletic Training

Josiah Young

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Scholarship and Music Education Allison Sherwood Instrumental Church Music **Instrumental Performance** Instrumental Music Education **Vocal Music Business Vocal Music Education Vocal Performance Vocal Church Music**

Dwayne Trawick Joel Land Kristen Harris Phillip Nitz Alicia Bowders Sabbath Ward Christopher Jackson

Dwayne Trawick

Hannah Headley

Reagan Daniels

Wesley Starr

Ethan Spivey

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Children's Ministry Discipleship Ministry Intercultural Studies Pastoral Ministry Youth Ministry

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Behavioral and Social Sciences	Esther Jaynese Thornton
Business	Alan Ponce
Center for Adult and	
Professional Studies	Roger D. Estes
Christian Ministries	Parker Dane
Communication Arts	Noel Byrd
Early Childhood, Elementary	
and Special Education	Nicole Ruter
English and Modern	
Foreign Languages	Kristen Burkett
Health, Exercise Science	
and Secondary Education	Tyler Roberts
History and Political Science	Heidi Monroe
Instrumental Music	Elisabeth Franks
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Sean Reiff
Theology	Gwen Holtzclaw
Vocal Music	Sabbath Ward
Theology Greek Award	Justin Arnwine
Philosophy Award	John Nicholas Cupp
Zondervan Greek Award	Mattison Hale
Zondervan Hebrew Award	Kurt Miller

CENTER FOR ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Christian Ministry

Robert Smith Jr.

RUNNING LIKE THE WIND

The Lee University running teams are L in the midst of possibly their most successful year, starting in the fall with women's cross-country winning the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) championship and continuing into the spring with several members of the outdoor track team qualifying for the NAIA Outdoor Track Championship.

Anna Hrushka, Maggie Opelt, and Erin Wasserfall claimed three of the top five positions at the SSAC Cross-Country Championship to lead the Lady Flames to the title. Joy Hrushka finished ninth to make it four Lee ladies on the SSAC All-Conference Team.

Joining those four on the SSAC All-Academic Team were Kristin Cretton and Sydney Phillips. Joy Hrushka, Cretton, Opelt, and Wasserfall were also named NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

With the SSAC title in hand, the Lady Flames headed to the NAIA Championship, where they placed 19th out of 32 teams.

Steve Snyder, Cole Whitaker, and Will Jayroe finished in the top 10 at the SSAC Championship to earn spots on the SSAC All-Conference Team and aid the team to a secondplace finish. Adam Haney joined Snyder and Whitaker as the Lee representatives at the NAIA Cross-Country Championship. Snyder earned a spot on the SSAC All-Academic Team.

Anna Hrushka and Adam Haney were also named to the MUSCO Lighting Champions of Character Team.

Hrushka continued to add to her list of accomplishments during the indoor track season by becoming a two-time NAIA All-American in the One-Mile Run with a sixth-place finish at the NAIA Indoor Track Championships.

"Anna ran a qualifying time of 4:35.89 (also a school record) in the 1500-meter run at Vanderbilt Invitational, and has the seventh fastest time in that event in the NAIA," said Coach Don Jayroe. "She has her sights on becoming a three-time All-American in the mile and 1500-meter events when she runs in the NAIA Outdoor Track Championships."

Caleb Morgan and Mike Walker qualified for and ran in the national indoor meet. Morgan's event was the One-Mile Run and Walker ran in the 3000-Meter Run. Also, Morgan qualified to run the marathon in the nationals by placing fourth (1:14) in the Nashville Country Music 1/2 marathon (13.1 mi.).



NAIA All-American Anna Hrushka runs away from the field in a race at Emory University.

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Lee catcher Nicole Rodriguez executes the bunt in SSAC tournament action.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS **GARNER AWARDS**

A fter finishing third in the Eastern ADivision of the Southern States Athletic Conference and being eliminated from SSAC tourney play by tournament champ Belhaven (Miss.) and Brewton-Parker, the Lee women's softball team finished the 2011 season at 26-16.

Senior Danielle Balough headlined the softball conference awards, being selected to the SSAC All-Conference team for the third consecutive season. Balough batted a team-leading .397, and also paced the team with 10 home runs and 45 runs batted in. The Lady Flames had three players named to the All-Division Team, representing three different classes. Senior Hernanza Ruíz, who missed the final part of the season with a knee injury, junior Brittany Balough, and freshman Ana Coscorrosa were all named to the division team, with Coscorrosa also representing Lee on the All-Freshmen Team. The softball team produced eight conference All-Academic performers in the 2011 season, tying baseball for the highest total among Lee spring sports. Representing the senior class are Danielle Balough, Kaitlyn Grosch, Taylor Horseman, and Lindsay Shein. Juniors Caitlin Beshears and Brittany Balough, and sophomores Savanna Bell and Kelli Crawford complete the list of outstanding student athletes. In addition to conference honors, Brittany Balough, Shein, Horseman, and Beshears were also named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Beshears was the Lady Flames representative on the MUSCO Lighting Champion of Character Team

Geandra Almeida -SSAC Newcomer of the Year

Editor's Note: Torch was headed to press as the Lady Flames were headed to the championships. An update will be reported in the fall issue.

The Lee women are just completing their third season of L competition in NAIA golf, but when the17th annual 2011 NAIA Women's Golf National Championships begin on May 17 at Link Hills Country Club in Greeneville, TN, Coach John Maupin will have his Lady Flames paired against 25 other squads and going after the title.

The 129-player field for the National Championships is comprised of 16 automatic qualifying teams from conferences/ independents/unaffiliated group tournaments and nine at-large selections, which were determined by using the final NAIA Women's Golf Coaches' Top 25 Poll.

Among the qualifying teams is defending national champion British Columbia. The Thunderbirds won the Association of Independent Institutions Tournament, combining for a 320-308-628 and Kylie Barros' 80-71-151 garnered her medalist honors. She was followed in suit as British Columbia took home five of the top six places and was separated by a dozen strokes. The Thunderbirds will vie for their fourth title in program history, previously taking home the banner in 2001, 2004, and 2010. Four individuals earned a spot in the event as the medalist at their respective conference/independent/unaffiliated group tournament. The 54-hole event will conclude on May 20. Shorter, ranked No. 1 in the final NAIA poll is the only other SSAC team in the field, while Tennessee Wesleyan is serving as the host squad.

WOMEN GOLFERS MAKING WAVES IN THIRD YEAR



YOUNG MEN'S GOLF TEAM SHOWS PROMISE

Tohn Maupin continued to see progress in his young squad. His Flames were first in one tourney, second in four others, and third in another. They hosted the university's first intercollegiate golf tournament (Lee Invitational) and played what probably was Lee's toughest tourney schedule.

Hunter Vest headlines the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) awards for the Flames golf team, earning Freshmanof-the-Year Honors for the conference. Sophomores Tyler Smith and JB Eksteen joined Vest as the three Flames members of the All-SSAC squad.

As Torch was headed to press, the Flames were awaiting news of an at-large berth to the NAIA National Tournament.

FLAMES LOOKING TOWARD WORLD SERIES AGAIN

Editor's Note: Torch was going to press as the Flames vied for their place in postseason play, including the NAIA World Series.

For the fifth straight year and for the sixth time over the last seven seasons, the Flames will be making a trip to Lewiston, Idaho and the NAIA College World Series. Lee defeated Shawnee State (Ohio), Culver-Stockton (Mo) and Indiana Tech to win the opening round of the national tournament at Olympic Field. The Flames outscored three opponents 32-4 over the three games.

Coach Mark Brew has taken Lee to the World Series five straight times. The Flames have finished as the runner-up during two of the last three appearances. Shay Crawford was the big award winner for the 2011 Lee baseball team, earning Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) Newcomer-of-the-Year Honors. The senior pitcher was also named to the SSAC All-Conference Team and the All-SSAC Gold Glove Team. Fellow senior, Michael Brown, also earned multiple honors, including SSAC East Division Player of the Year and SSAC All-Conference. Junior Chris Grayson was the third and final Flames player named to the SSAC All-Conference team. Sophomore Kris Hall and junior Justin Marrero each earned a spot on the SSAC All-Division Team. The Flames turned in strong performances in the classroom, as well, placing eight players on the SSAC All-Academic Team. Seniors Jay Bolen and Kris Dockery, junior Max Harvell,

sophomore James Rechenbach, freshmen Klifford Hawkins and Rob Rowland, and redshirts Taylor Comford and David Eskew all earned their way onto the conference academic team. Dockery, Harvell, and Rechenbach also earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors.

Shay Crawford



CARLISLE, DOCKERY CHOSEN ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Two student athletes, Kayla Carlisle and Kris Dockery, have been named the 2011 winners of the annual Dr. Charles Paul Conn Student Athlete of the Year awards.

Carlisle, the daughter of Robin and Tracie Carlisle of Greer, S.C., has left her mark on both the Lee volleyball and basketball teams since transferring from Berry College two seasons ago.

In volleyball, she is a two-time member of the All-SSAC athletic and academic teams. The middle blocker is a NAIA Honorable Mention All-American and helped the Lady Flames post an amazing 47-7 record, reaching the Final Four of the NAIA national for two consecutive seasons.

In basketball, the gifted athlete was a leader of clubs that went 56-13 over two campaigns. She was a member of the SSAC All-East Division team, and in 2010, the Lady Flames reached the Final Four of the NAIA National Tournament.

"Receiving this award was such an honor," Carlisle said. "It has a much deeper, larger meaning than solely athletic awards. It is truly humbling for me."

Women's basketball coach, Marty Rowe, said, "I'm so excited for Kayla to earn this prestigious honor. She is truly the meaning of a student/athlete and is very deserving of this award."

Volleyball coach, Andrea Hudson, echoed the same thoughts, "I really feel that Kayla is a great example of what the Paul Conn Award stands for. As a student, she excels in the classroom being a scholar athlete in both sports; but what is most important, she carries herself as a strong Christian athlete and is a shining example of excellence in all areas of her life." Dockery, the son of Randall and Kimberly Dockery of St. Mary's, GA, knows the meaning of being a member of one of the nation's winningest college baseball programs. Over the past four years, the Flames have won 212 games and lost 47. The right-handed hurler is a two-time NAIA scholar and a three-year All-SSAC scholar.

Lee baseball reached a No. 1 ranking in the NAIA poll this season. In two of the past three seasons, Coach Mark Brew's teams have placed No. 2 in the NAIA College World Series.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," Dockery said. "It was certainly unexpected. I've worked hard for four years—both on and off the field—and I give God all the glory. It's very humbling."

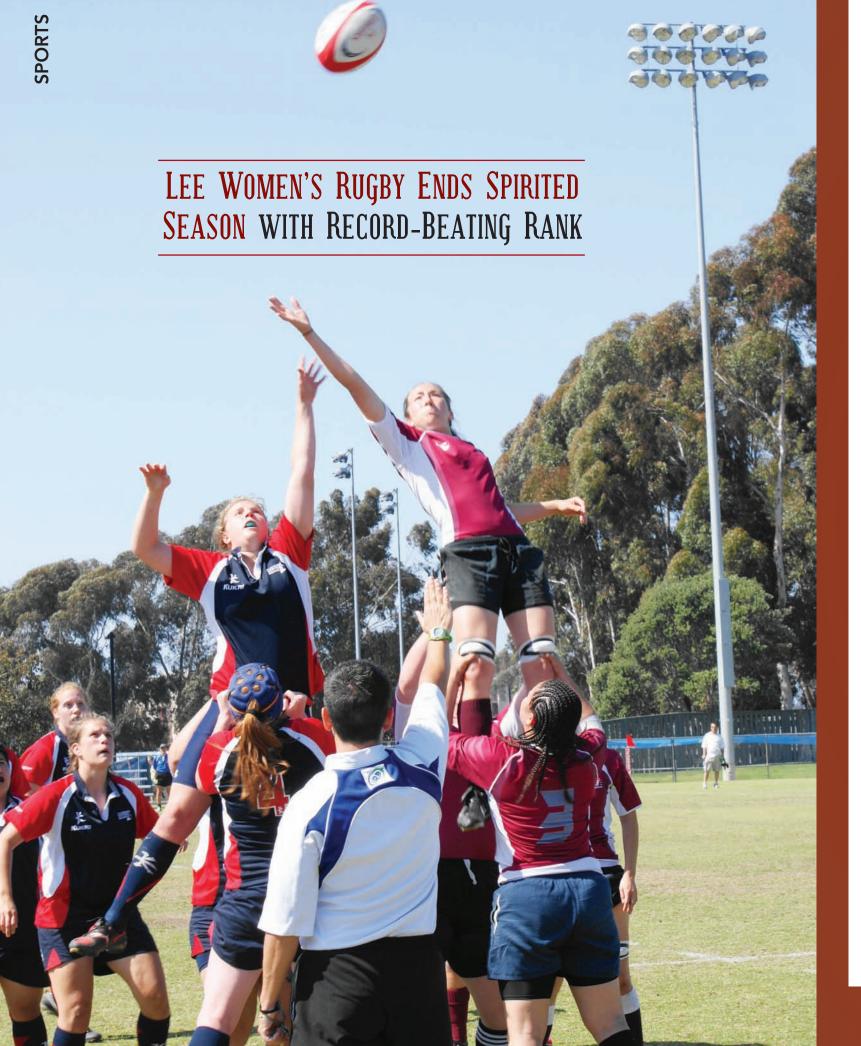
Coach Brew noted, "Kris has lettered as a pitcher and served as our team chaplain for his four years at Lee. During that time, he has excelled in the classroom and has exhibited exemplary character both on and off the field. Additionally, he has been a tremendous asset in the leadership role for many great teams we have fielded over the last four years. He is very deserving and worthy of this honor. I am extremely proud of him."



BUTLER GOLF TOURNAMENT POSTPONED DUE TO TORNADOES

Due to the extensive damage to the Chatata Valley Golf Club and throughout Bradley County caused by tornados which occurred on April 27, the annual Stanley Butler Memorial Golf Tournament has been postponed. The tournament will be moved to later in the summer or early fall according to Lee University Athletic Director Larry Carpenter. The clubhouse and hundreds of trees were damaged or destroyed, littering the course for days after the storm.

The event was planned for May 4, but after consultation with course General Manager Joe Starr and Lee golf coach, John Maupin, the decision was made to postpone. Carpenter said the tournament committee will meet and decide on the best possible date for the tournament.



After finishing first in the 2011 South Collegiate DII Women's Rugby Championship, the ladies of Lee University's women's rugby team moved on to compete in the USA Rugby Women's Division II Collegiate Championships on April 16-17 as the number one team from the South region. Sixteen teams competed in two locations, San Diego, Calif., and Kissimmee, Fla., to determine the final four teams.

Following the championship matches, Lee ranked number 9 out of the top 25 teams in the nation. This is the highest rank in Lee women's rugby history and a significant feat for this year's team.

Head Coach Michael Freake said, "It has been an incredibly rewarding year, and Lee women's rugby has continued to build a reputation for high quality, positive rugby."

In the first round of the championship in San Diego, Lee faced a strong George Washington University team who controlled possession for much of the game despite a spirited defense from the Lee women.

Though Lee played well with opportunities to score in the first half, the team was frustrated giving away penalties in the tackle area. With some positional changes in the second half, Lee managed to get more plays together towards the game's end. Lee player Anel Echagaray put away a late game score for a final score of 20-5.

The team rebounded on Sunday, April 17 to beat Claremont College, Southern California's number one seed, with a shutout performance. The ladies were able to dominate field position and play a fast-paced game with the forwards overpowering Claremont. Scorers were Kati Kunisch (2), Brittany Warth, Candace Barley, Anel Echagaray and Katie Reynolds with Jess Gray converting four tries for a 38-0 win.

Lee women's rugby improved their performance from last year by winning the Rugby South Championship and coming home with one win at the National Championship. This is a notable improvement over last year's results where the team placed number two in the south with no national match wins. Lee women's rugby is making a positive contribution to the changing face of USA women's rugby.

Assistant Coach Nancy Campbell said, "Each year this team adds new elements to their game. Participating in this tournament doubles that ability."

Lee Women's Rugby Team was officially established in the spring of 2007. The team is a nationally-competing collegiate rugby team that is run by students. Dr. Michael Freake, associate professor of biology at Lee, has been head coach since 2008. Nancy Campbell joined the Lee team in 2009 as assistant coach. Campbell played rugby while at Florida State University and is currently the director of women's rugby for USA Rugby South.

Visit www.leewomensrfc.weebly.com to learn more about the Lee Women's Rugby Team. For more information about the National Collegiate Championship or the DII Women's Rugby visit www.rugbymag.com.

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WHO'S WHERE?

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE!

For those of you who keep up with your Lee classmates through Facebook and Twitter, don't you appreciate it when someone posts a fresh new profile or update? Who's Where is the same concept...only in print! If you haven't updated your Lee "profile," in the last year, take a few moments and send us an update. Use whichever method is most convenient for you... but just do it! Find us online and send us a message titled "Who's Where Update.

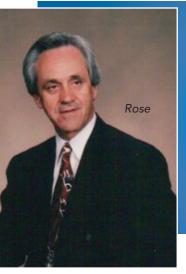
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1940s-1960s

Robert Moore Sr. '47 was widowed in 2005. He is living in Cleveland, TN with his wife, Ruth Ann Casteel, whom he married in 2006.

Phyllis Thomas Simmons '50, of Daleville, VA, passed away on March 12, 2011. She is survived by four daughters, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. After a diverse career in education, she accepted a position as supervisor of special education in Botetourt County, which she held for 18 years until her retirement in 1994.



Delbert D. Rose '64 died January 30, 2011. He was a well-known leader in the Church of God, serving as a state overseer—most recently in the region of North Georgia for 12 years. He also served in North and South Dakota and Kentucky. In 2000, the Rose Lecture Hall at Lee University was named in his honor. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Saundra; son, **Todd** '90; and daughter Tanya Wriston '91.

Helen Carden Petty '58 is living in Cleveland, TN

where she is retired and involved in senior adult ministries. She has been widowed for over ten years and was married to Rev. Winfred A. Petty. They have one son. Helen attends the Ooltewah

Church of God, where she is the organist. She is also secretary-treasurer of the Chattanooga/Cleveland Retired Ministers and Widows Association. Helen would love to hear from classmates. (helenpetty29@yahoo.com).

1970s

Randolph Dillingham '70 is married to Dianne Channell, and they have one daughter and three grandchildren. Randolph was a school administrator in the South Carolina public schools for 41 years. He is currently the director of the Anderson County Alternative School in Anderson, SC.

Billy and Linda Sue (Susie) Woodard '75 have lived in Smith County, TN for the past 20 years. They are the owners of BTE USA, LLC. Susie holds a master's and Ed.S. degrees, and she is currently the principal of a local school. Billy is working in the mining industry in the United States doing sales and contracting.



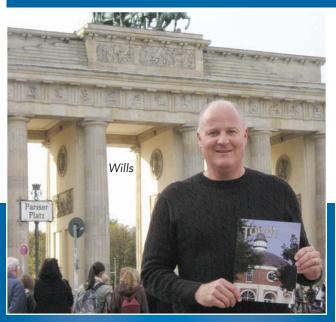
Robert L. Orr '76 passed away at his home in Cleveland, TN on March 15, 2011. He was a veteran and a lifetime educator serving as an elementary school teacher. He was also a school principal in Ballground, GA, Greenfield, IN, and Stafford, VA. As a licensed Church of God minister, he served as a pastor for over 15 years in Andrews and Tusquitee, NC and in Cleveland, TN. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, JoRetta Ridenhour Orr, and four daughters, including Lee softball coach Andrea Orr Hudson.

Michael Snead '76 lives in Norfolk, VA where he is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker. Michael says, "If you need to sell or purchase a home in the Hampton Roads area, call me at 757-286-6757."

Donna Banks Gregory '78 has two sons, lives in Hazard, KY, is employed at the Perry County Health Center, and is a member of the Maple Street Church of God.



Nancy O'Bannon '78, wife of retired science professor Dr. Robert O'Bannon, died on May 10, 2011, in Cleveland, TN following a long illness. She was the organist at Westmore Church of God for more than 40 years. She is survived by her husband and three children, all Lee alums: Randy '82, Bethany Bowman '85, and Terry '87.



Sam Wills '78 took Torch with him to Germany, where he visited the Brandenburg Gate while on a trade mission for his job as director of business development for EMJ Corporation, one of the top construction management/general contracting firms in the United States with headquarters in Chattanooga, TN. Sam is married to Jan, and he has two grown children.

1980s

Brian Florence '82 is married and has two grown daughters. He lives in Macomb, MI where he has worked in the IT field for 25 years and is involved in church as worship leader, clerk, board/council member, teacher, and worship band member, playing trumpet.

Charles Lambert '83, after working with Church of God World Missions, is now serving as director of ministry partnerships for the American Bible Society. He lives in Cleveland, TN.

Rick Campbell '87 of Athens, GA, died on January 6, 2011. He was married to Deborah Grimes Campbell, his wife of 24 years, and they had two daughters. He received a doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary and was president and CEO of INJOY Stewardship Solutions at the time of his death.

1990s

Angie Carr '91 has served in ministry as a youth director, followed by the last 17 years as director of music ministries in the Methodist denomination. Angie supervises numerous music groups, including children's choirs, orchestra, handbells, praise band, Bluegrass band, adult choirs, and ensembles. Angie says, "Lee College prepared me best for understanding, sharing, and teaching that there are many different ways of worship!"

Vaughan



Michael Vaughan '91 died on April 17, 2011, at his home in Cleveland, TN. He is survived by his wife, Greta, and son, Vincent. At the time of his death, Michael was owner of the GEICO insurance agency in Cleveland.

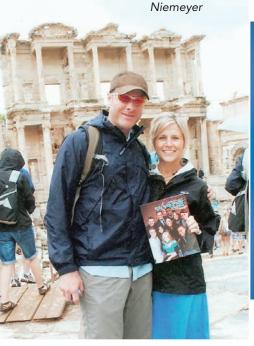
Becky Magargee Heisner '92 is living in Leeds, AL with her husband, Danny, and four children. After receiving her master's degree in education, Becky taught public school for six years and then became a stay-at-home mom. She now homeschools her children. She is also a swim teacher at the local YMCA.



Michelle Russell Flanagan '93 lives in Orlando, FL with her husband, Mark, and their two children. Michelle is a homemaker and has been a soloist for seasonal events throughout the city for many years. Michelle's father, Tom Russell '69, passed away last November, 2010. She is thankful for the legacy he left behind for her and her children. "He was an incredible father and friend to all who knew him," Michelle says. "There will never be another 'Golden Boy.'"



Jana Pressley '96 has accepted the position of director of Clinical Training at Wheaton College in the Graduate Psychology Department. In this position, she will be teaching graduate level courses as part of the faculty, in addition to representing the institution at the local and national level in the director of clinical training role.



Ryan and Cindy Todd Niemeyer '93 visited the ancient ruins of Ephesus with *Torch* while on a European trip. They have two children, and live in Oxford, MS. Ryan works for the University of Mississippi as director of the UM-Grenada Center and as an assistant professor, and Cindy works for CA Technologies as a software account manager.

Ira Mark Smith '95 recently returned to Tennessee after serving in ministry with his wife, Brenda, for over 10 years in Texas. They are currently serving as youth and children's pastors at First United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. They have three children.

Dan '98 and Renee Eason are pastors in Prosser, WA. Dan recently became district overseer of the Church of God tri-state district, which includes churches in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Dan has recently begun writing and had his first article published in the Evangel. The Easons have two grandchildren, and their grown children live in Alaska and California, with one child still at home.



2000s

Tracey Thompson Johnson '00 has lived in London and the Cayman Islands since graduation and currently lives in Middletown, NY with her husband and four children.

Sarah Lawson '00 lives in the greater Cincinnati area where she works with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center as a pediatric endocrinologist.

Heath Bish '01 recently moved to Providence, RI to serve as director of technology and information services for Sound Community Services, a CT-based mental/ behavioral health agency.

Kirk Tolbert '01 is married to Emily, and they have a two-year-old daughter. Kirk is an electrician, and he and Emily are involved in the worship team at Keith Street Ministries church in Cleveland, TN.

Adam Tyson '01 and Rachel Tyson '00 will move to Villanova, PA this summer where Adam will begin a family medicine residency with Bryn Mawr Family Practice. They have three sons, including their oldest, Abel, who has battled Neuroblastoma and suffered severe brain damage. The Tysons hope to obtain better services and healthcare for Abel in the Philadelphia area. You can read more about them and Abel's story at www.caringbridge.org/visit/abeltyson.



Joseph Walker '94 married Belinda on June 19, 2010. The newlyweds are living in Olmsted Falls, OH, and he works at Zin Technologies. Joseph is music pastor at The Dwelling Place Family Worship Center.

Wallace Stutts '02, was recently appointed executive director of the new Life Care Center of Hixson, Tennessee. This past September, Stutts received the Life Care Centers of America President's Award, recognizing his performance as executive director at the Athens, Tennessee, center. Stutts said, "I feel very fortunate and privileged to be given this opportunity (to lead the Hixson facility). I look forward to working with our team of professionals to provide the best care possible for our \square rehab patients and residents."

Jonathan Blaker '03 lives in Latrobe, PA and has been married for three years to Nicole. They have two children. Jonathan works with intellectually-challenged individuals and has plans to begin work on a master's degree.

A Facebook conversation turned into a mini "1970s reunion" as 27 friends from Lee College got together for an Atlanta Braves game. Those in attendance included, (front row) Rick White '74, Jo Mikell McCutchen, Susan Barrows '76, Eddie Robbins '76. Row 2: Joanne Anderson Pike '75, Pam Cooper Lewis '74, Nancy Neal '77, Jimmie Luke Garrison '74, Sherylynn Patterson '78, Marcia Roop Rucks '75, Janet Gill '85, Gary Gill '76, Sherry Taylor Underwood '81, Phil Underwood '80. Row 3: Jimmy Mikell, Bobby Pike '70, Ray Dawson, Jim Garrison '74, Charlie Ford '78, Debi Howell McMahan '75, Jeff Thomas, and Jeff Pace.

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Katie Monts Abril '04 was selected Teacher of the Year at Mt. Gallant Elementary School in Rock Hill, SC, where she has taught for three years.

Cara Bain '04 lives in Wheaton, IL where she works at CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage, a crisis pregnancy center in the Chicago area.

Casey Gallaher '04 teaches physical education at Chilhowee Middle School in Benton, TN. He is married to Hollie Howard Gallaher '03, a physician assistant in Cleveland, TN, where they live. The Gallahers have two children, including Easton Bo, born on April 12, 2011. Casey completed the Ford Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, last October.

Leslie Spearman Macon '04 and her husband, Luke, announce the birth of their daughter, Leanne Kalea, born June 15, 2010. The Macons also have a son and live in Joliet, IL.

Leah LeCroy Blackwell '06 is a business education teacher for Oconee County, South Carolina schools. She holds a master's of education from Southern Wesleyan University, and she is married to Christopher. They have one daughter and live in Westminster, SC.



Faith Young Fitt '06 and her husband, Gary, take *Torch* door-to-door near their home in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



Jeremy Krans '06 and his wife, Erin '06, welcomed their first child, Ephraim Aleksandr, on February 11, 2011. They are living in the Atlanta area.

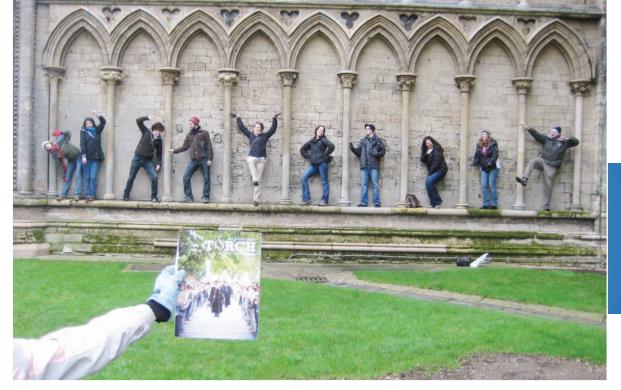
Crystal Joseph '06 (left) and Kristi Wheble '05, both big fans of the New England Patriots, recently took Torch as their guest to a Lions vs. Patriots game in Detroit.

Follow Lee Alumni in Cambodia!

Alumni Director Mitzi Mew, her husband, Ashley, and 13 other Lee alumni are traveling in the Southeast Asian country of Cambodia in June. Alumni are invited to travel with them as they visit Cambodia along with People for Caring and Learning. Alumni can travel virtually to Bangkok, Thailand, Siem Reap, and Cambodia to live and work with children and families in those areas. Using the travel blog, video journals, and updates through the Alumni Facebook and Twitter pages, alumni will be right there in the action, as those on the trip offer a cup of water in Jesus' name.

"We hope you will join us for this first-ever virtual alumni-travel opportunity," Mitzi stated. To register or receive early notification of the blog site, contact Mitzi at mmew@leeuniversity.edu, or call 1-800-533-9930, option 6.







Jason Snell '06, of Boise, ID, married Karen Faucette on October 16, 2010. Jason is currently working for HP, providing tech support for the U.S. Navy and USMC.

Melinda Sexton Espinoza '07 is living in Duluth, GA and works for Meredith Corp. at WGCL-CBS Atlanta as a copy editor.

Jill Hammond '07 married Desmond Blue '10 on August 21, 2010. The newlyweds live in Kennesaw, GA and are both working on their master's degrees. Jill says, "We are loving life!"



This year's Semester in Europe group artfully display their talents with Torch as their centerpiece.





Myles Matsuno '09 recently had his short film, "Under the Sun," accepted to be shown at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival. His was selected out of 27,000 entries and premiered at the 48-hour film festival in Los Angeles this spring. Myles directed, edited, and shot about 60 percent of the video, while Lee alum Jonathan Smith '09 shot about 40 percent. Eric Brown '09 wrote the script, while Chris Garmon '08 helped by doing some of the background music and sound design. Myles currently works for ABC in Los Angeles. To view the film, go to http://vimeo.com/20527872?ab.

Robert '91 and Marla Sharp '93, Andrea Tormaschy '09, and Erin Myer visited a Feed My People children's home in Nabipeta, India, where they shared Torch with their new friends.

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