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Veteran professor retires
after record 50 years

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OPENING THOUGHTS from Dr. Paul Conn



Athletics has played a big role in "life at Lee" for half a century or longer.

In the earliest days, sports was strictly an intramural affair. Vindaguas from the early 1950's include team photos and the occasional action shot from softball and basketball. The rivalries were all among friends: Bible College vs. Junior College, freshmen vs. seniors. Amazingly, in those years before intercollegiate athletics, Lee College even had football – not flag football, but the full-contact tackle version, with pads and helmets.

When intercollegiate sports finally arrived at Lee, it was limited to men's basketball, playing against nearby Christian colleges. Tennessee Temple, Bryan, Covenant, and Emmanuel were the most frequent opponents. Continuing through the 1960's, Lee basketball teams looked almost comical, wearing their required long pants, reflecting a time when the Church of God denomination, which prohibited shorts as "indecent apparel," controlled the daily activities of Lee students.

But those funny-looking uniforms couldn't hide the fact that some outstanding athletes played for Lee. Lee teams became respected across the country in the small but fiercely competitive NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association). Lee stayed in that organization until 1975, when the Vikings/Flames decided to test themselves against the larger, more challenging teams of the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics).

For 37 years, Lee teams have competed in the NAIA, an organization of 300+ colleges and universities. We gradually expanded our program from basketball only to a wide range of sports for women and men, adding soccer, volleyball, baseball, softball, cross-country, tennis, and golf. Lee began qualifying for national tournaments in 1998, and by 2012, it has become commonplace for Lee teams to earn national rankings in the NAIA top ten. In fact, in 2012, for the third year in a row, our overall athletic program has been ranked among the Top Twenty schools nationally.

Now it is time for Lee University athletics to move up. We have now set our sights on the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division II -- the next higher level of competition which includes most small-to-medium-sized universities like Lee. Already, many of our Christian college universities of similar size and athletic stature (such as Azusa Pacific, Abilene Christian, and Southern Nazarene) have made this move, joining mostly mid-sized state universities.

NCAA Div II will offer a significant challenge for us. First, we have to be accepted for membership. The NCAA will accept only eight new DII members in 2012, and we have applied to be considered. We will get an answer by the end of July. Meanwhile, we have been invited to join the Gulf South Conference, which is often called "the SEC of Division II." That very tough conference includes state schools such as U. of West Florida, North Alabama, Alabama-Huntsville, Valdosta State, and West Georgia, among others.

Lee University has thrived on new challenges. This is a big one. Stepping up to NCAA DII, whether it comes this year or later, is our logical next move, and we are ready to take it.



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Editor's Note: Dr. Donald N. Bowdle, distinguished professor of history and religion at Lee, is one of the most colorful and respected teachers in the 94-year history of Lee University. He has been a member of the faculty since 1962, and closed out 50 years with his retirement following spring graduation in May. The following is a tribute written by a former student, and now veteran faculty colleague, Dr. Jerome Boone.

Donald N. Bowdle is first and foremost, a teacher. He is the best example of what an excellent teacher should be. He started out his career that way and has maintained that level of achievement throughout his 50 years of full-time teaching.

A confluence of several things has produced the teacher that is Dr. Bowdle. He has a natural giftedness for relating to people and communicating with others. He possesses a deep love for God and genuine Christian character. He has an insatiable thirst for learning and a passion for sharing that knowledge with others. The matrix of natural ability and divine enablement discovered a fertile place to grow and blossom when he came to Lee College to teach in 1962.

Don Bowdle brought a rich diversity of knowledge to the college. He was perhaps the best educated faculty member at Lee College at the time. He held four degrees: B.A. in biblical education and history from Lee; M.A. and Ph.D. in New Testament text and theology from Bob Jones University; and a Th.M. in ancient and medieval studies from Princeton Theological Seminary. But he would not be content with the degrees he had, for he earned a Th.D. in American Christianity from Union Theological Seminary in 1970. In the 1980s, he was awarded two postdoctoral fellowships—one from Yale University and another from the University of Edinburgh.

The fruit of Dr. Bowdle's half century of teaching is the many disciples of Jesus



Donald N. Bowdle:

The "Quintessential Teacher"

Christ that he has been instrumental in mentoring. Literally, thousands of men and women are engaged in vocational ministry today as a result, in part, of the preparation that they received in his classes. Dr. Bowdle is best known for teaching New Testament Greek, systematic theology, history of Christianity, and biblical book studies.

Most of us who work with Dr. Bowdle in the School of Religion had our first introduction and experience as his students. Even though that experience was more than three decades ago for me, I still remember the ambiance of the Bowdle classroom. It was a place of scholarship, well-organized discourse, and remarkable respect. As students, we always had the sense that learning history and theology was crucial for living. Dr. Bowdle was a really good teacher who was personally vested in the value of what he taught. Not surprisingly, he was one of the earliest recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award (1973). The award was later complemented by the first Excellence in Scholarship Award (1986).

Dr. Bowdle's teaching and scholarship achievements have been paralleled by his outstanding service



A fresh-faced Don Bowdle around 1954.

“He was my Greek professor when I was an undergraduate student in the 1960s, and I thought then he was the finest classroom teacher I knew.

Four decades later, nothing has changed that opinion.”

-President Paul Conn

to the university. He served as the chairman of the Department of Bible and Theology and as dean of the Division of Religion (1970–1982) prior to Lee's becoming a university. When Dr. Bowdle chose to return to the faculty as a full-time teacher rather than to continue in administration, he continued to serve in leadership roles. Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president for Academic Affairs, has worked alongside Dr. Bowdle during most of his tenure at Lee. She knows his work in shaping the reality of what Lee University is today. She contends:

“It is impossible to estimate the impact that Don Bowdle has had on academic quality at Lee. He has long been the role model for younger faculty, and demonstrated to younger scholars that a true intellectual could also be a passionate Christian. Don laid much of the academic groundwork for the institution Lee has become, writing the University Mission Statement, working on the institutional goals, and most recently, helping to develop Lee's philosophy of education. His strong belief that “truth is truth wherever it is found, whether test tube, literary, or artistic masterpiece or Holy Scripture” has informed Lee's pursuit of the liberal arts for the past half century.”

Dr. Bowdle's most significant contribution has been to Lee University, but he has made important contributions to the wider Christian community. He is an ordained bishop in the Church of God. He has

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Don Bowdle's family includes many Lee graduates, including his son Dr. Keven Bowdle '82 (back row, third from left) and daughter Karen LaBelle '84 (back row, second from left), wife Jean (to his right), stepdaughter Dianna Cooley Puhf '98 (back row, fifth from left), daughter-in-law Karen Kelley Bowdle '82 (top row, fourth from left), son-in-law Shawn LaBelle (top left), and six grandchildren.



Don and Nancy at his Lee graduation in 1957.

Don Bowdle lights the eternal flame on the first Alpha Gamma Chi Fountain Plaza, dedicated to him and his wife, Nancy, in 1993.



Nancy Bowdle

Dr. Bowdle's late wife, Nancy, died of ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, in February 1992. The year before her death, she proudly earned a bachelor of science in history from Lee. As she was nearing the completion of her degree — and the end of her life — it was discovered she was one class shy of the required number of academic hours. Due to the progression of her disease, it was unlikely she would be able to complete any further studies. Without a special exemption, her degree was thus incomplete. Upon learning of the dilemma, Lee's registrar at the time, Veva Rose, scoured Nancy's past transcripts and class records to discover a class taken years earlier for which she never received credit. An unrecorded instructional class in accordion placed Nancy Bowdle with the appropriate amount of credits for her to become a member of the Class of 1991, shown here accepting her degree with Don at her side.



preached in many churches over the years in a variety of faith traditions. He has served other academic institutions in the role of adjunct professor. Most notably, he has taught at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Georgia State University, Virginia Commonwealth, and University of New Haven. He has also served as a visiting lecturer at Berea College, University of Edinburgh, Yale University, and Han Young Theological University of Korea. His research has been published in numerous academic publications; and through the years, he has presented papers at seminars and association meetings.

Dr. Bowdle has been recognized by both Lee University and the Church of God with awards that, in reality, are lifetime achievement awards. President Paul Conn announced to the university faculty on January 7, 2004, that Dr. Bowdle had been promoted to the status of "Distinguished Professor." The rank is a recent addition to the Lee University campus, initiated in the 2001–2002 school year. Dr. Bowdle was only the second person to be awarded the title. The Church of God Division of Education, in a similar recognition, awarded Dr. Bowdle the "Distinguished Educator Award" at the 2010 International General Assembly. On campus, a men's dormitory was named in his honor in 2002 after 40 years of service. He was also a founding sponsor of the men's

social service club Alpha Gamma Chi in 1963. In the past, the club has honored him with a scholarship in his name and a fountain plaza which was first built in 1993 and later rededicated following the reconstruction of the Paul Dana Walker Arena in 2005.

President Conn, commented:

"To know Don Bowdle through these 50 years has been one of the special pleasures of my life at Lee. He was my Greek professor when I was an undergraduate student in the 1960s, and I thought then he was the finest classroom teacher I knew. Four decades later, nothing has changed that opinion. His lifetime of sharing that enormous talent with Lee students has been an incalculable gift to the institution."

Donald Bowdle has lived a life of confidence in the sovereignty of God as a witness to all of us who have shared the journey of faith with him. His motivation in all that he has done has been the desire to serve Jesus Christ faithfully. In Dr. Bowdle's own words: "It has been a tremendously rewarding experience to have had a part in making Lee University a Christ-centered liberal arts institution of significant stature, both locally and in the wider context of higher education." Clearly, Donald Bowdle's greatest contribution to Lee University has been the gift of his life. §

Don and Jean are now both enjoying retirement.

Dr. Jerome Boone is professor of Old Testament and Christian Formation, and chairman of the Department of Christian Ministries in the School of Religion at Lee University.



All in the Family

Don Bowdle delivers the commencement address as his curtain call on 50 years.
Spring Graduation 2012

by Cameron Fisher



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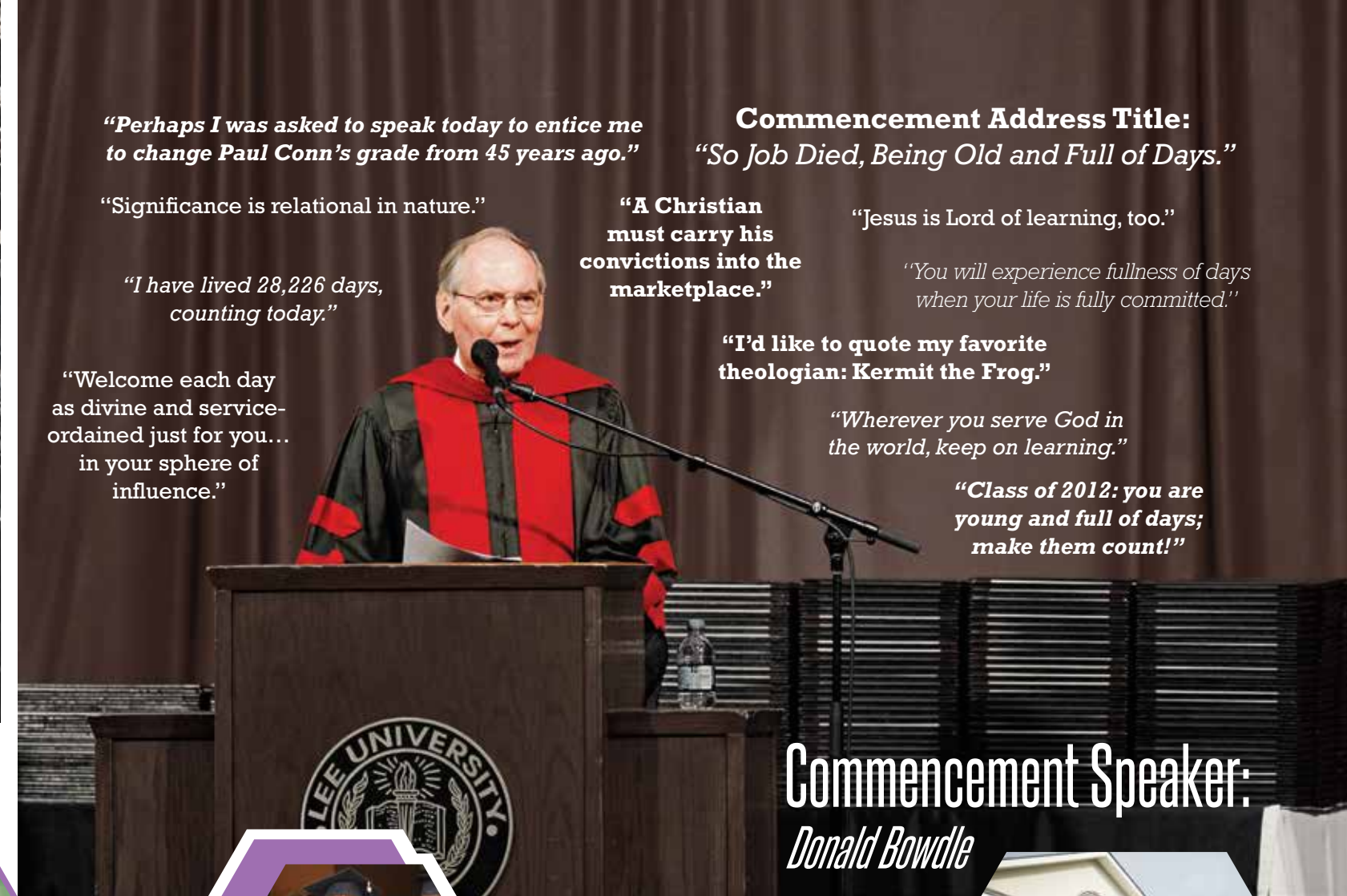


It was another record year as more than 440 graduates received diplomas during Spring Commencement exercises on May 4 and 5.

It was the 155th time Lee University had staged a graduation ceremony in its 94-year history, which began in 1918 as Bible Training School (BTS). The traditional spring ceremony, the largest of three held each year at Lee, included a Friday evening, May 4 Commissioning Service where the highlight of the ceremony for both undergraduate and graduate students was the presentation of a Bible personally signed by Lee President Dr. Paul Conn.

Also during commissioning, six students shared about their Lee University experience with the audience of approximately 2,000 seated on the university's soccer field. The six students were Daniel Diffenderfer of Carthage, Tennessee, a political science major; Erica Leung, a piano performance major from Trenton, Tennessee; Richard Yeakley, of Longview, Texas, who majored in journalism and was managing editor of the Lee Clarion; Megan Cook, originally from Lawrenceville, Georgia, and a special education major; Jonathan Etienne, music business major, from Flowery Branch, Georgia; and Arika Trim from Oxon Hill, Maryland, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in public relations.

Three graduates were introduced during commissioning as having received the top three student awards: Jamie Achten, F.J. Lee Award; Laura Sherwood, Zeno C. Tharp Award; and Megan Schertzer, Charles Paul Conn Award (see related article in this issue).



"Perhaps I was asked to speak today to entice me to change Paul Conn's grade from 45 years ago."

"Significance is relational in nature."

"I have lived 28,226 days, counting today."

"Welcome each day as divine and service-ordained just for you... in your sphere of influence."

Commencement Address Title:
"So Job Died, Being Old and Full of Days."

"A Christian must carry his convictions into the marketplace."

"Jesus is Lord of learning, too."

"You will experience fullness of days when your life is fully committed."

"I'd like to quote my favorite theologian: Kermit the Frog."

"Wherever you serve God in the world, keep on learning."

"Class of 2012: you are young and full of days; make them count!"

Commencement Speaker:
Donald Bowdle





On Saturday morning at 9:30, the threat of inclement weather moved the commencement ceremonies indoors to the Paul Dana Walker Arena. While thousands were able to pack the field house, an overflow crowd of hundreds more watched the ceremony via live feed in the Dixon and Conn Centers across campus. The event was also available through streaming on the Lee University website.

President Conn welcomed the graduates' families and friends, many of whom had spent days traveling to Cleveland, Tennessee, to see their loved one cross the stage.

Delivering the commencement address this year was Dr. Donald N. Bowdle, distinguished professor of history and religion at Lee, who had previously announced his retirement from the Lee faculty after a record 50 years (see feature article in this issue). Following the awarding of degrees to the Class of 2012, President Conn introduced the three highest awards given to faculty at Lee. Recipients included Dr. Lisa Stephenson, Excellence in Scholarship, Dr. Kevin Brown, Excellence in Teaching, and Dr. Skip Jenkins, Excellence in Advising.



Faculty Honors:



Brown Receives Excellence in Teaching Award; First to Receive All Three

Dr. Kevin Brown, professor of English, was selected the 2012 recipient of Lee University's Excellence in Teaching award. The award is considered the most prestigious of the three honors presented to Lee faculty each year: Teaching, Scholarship, and Advising. Brown is the first person to receive all three of these awards.

Nominated from the faculty at large, they are selected by a committee of six representatives, three professors, and three seniors from different academic departments.

Brown's poetry and scholarly articles have appeared in numerous journals. His essays on teaching and education have appeared in such publications as *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Academe*, and *The Teaching Professor*, among others. His first full-length collection of poetry, *Exit Lines*, was published in 2009 by Plain View Press, and a chapbook, *Abecedarium*, was published by Finishing Line Press last month.

Brown serves as the sponsor for Lee's English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, where at the 2011 Sigma Tau Delta International Convention, Brown received the Outstanding Sponsor award for the Southern Region.

Brown received a doctorate degree (Ph.D.) in English from the University of Mississippi with a dissertation on Mark Twain's influence on Kurt Vonnegut. He also has a master's degree in English from East Tennessee State University, a master's degree in library science from the University of Alabama, and a bachelor's degree from Milligan College.

Stephenson Chosen for Excellence in Scholarship



Dr. Lisa Stephenson, associate professor of systematic theology, is the 2012 Excellence in Scholarship Award recipient.

Since coming to Lee in the fall of 2007, Stephenson has taught introductory courses in Christian theology, as well as upper level theology courses for department majors and graduate seminars. In 2010, Stephenson and her husband, Dr. Christopher Stephenson, led a study abroad trip to Cambridge for a semester.

She has presented several papers at various conferences, as well as published articles in the *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *Journal of Church and States*, *Religions*, and *Pax Pneuma*.

Stephenson received a doctorate degree (Ph.D.) from Marquette University in religious studies. Her dissertation, titled, "It Seems Good to the Holy Spirit and to Us: A Feminist Pneumatological Approach to the Role of Women in the Church," was accepted for publication in Brill's *Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies*. It was published in 2011 titled, *Dismantling the Dualisms for American Pentecostal Women in Ministry: A Feminist-Pneumatological Approach*.

Stephenson's scholarly interests include theological anthropology, ecclesiology, political theology, and feminist theology.



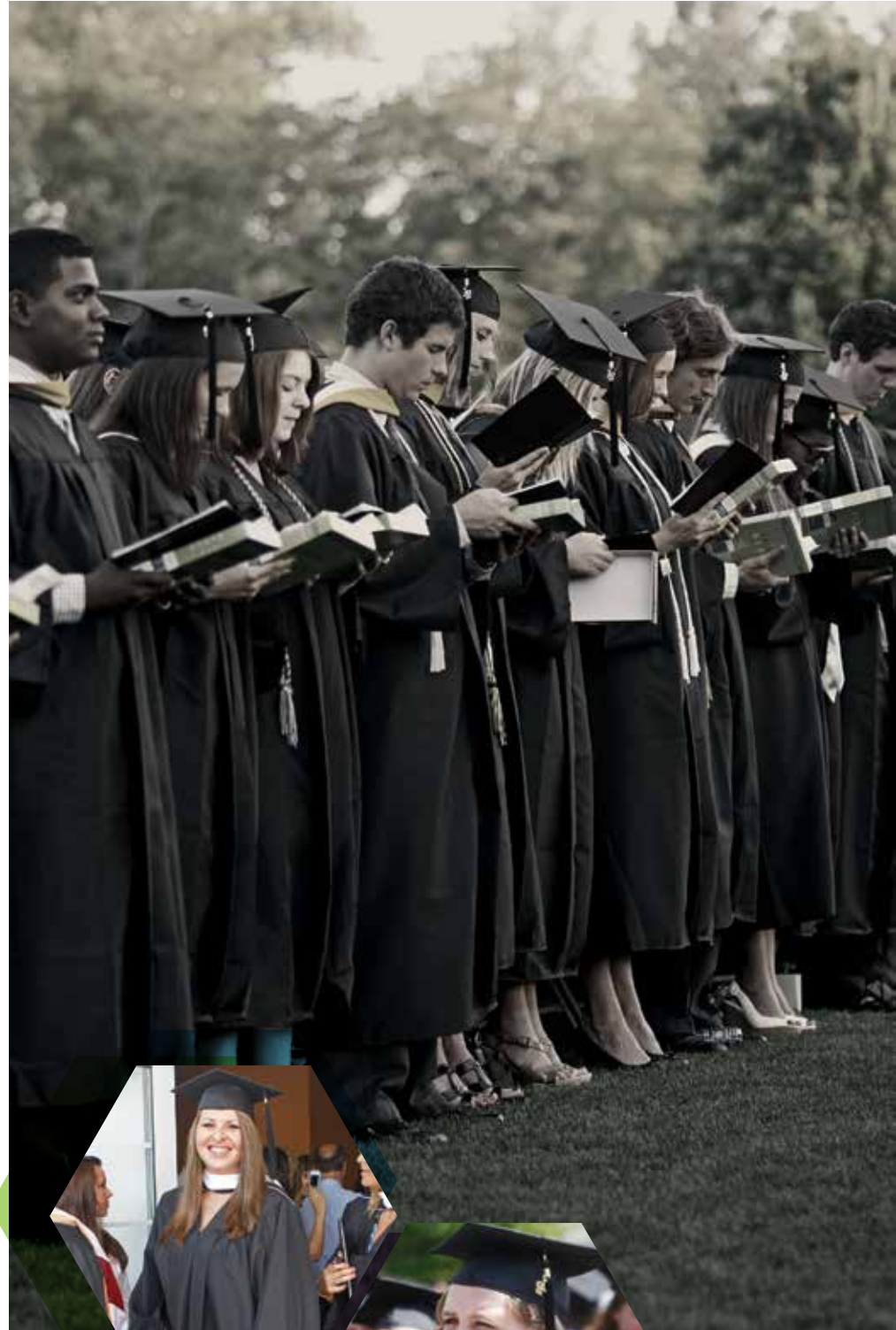
Jenkins Awarded Excellence in Advising

Dr. Skip Jenkins, director of graduate studies in biblical and theological studies and associate professor of historical theology, is this year's recipient of the award for Excellence in Advising.

Jenkins joined Lee in 2004 as an assistant professor of historical theology. Since then he coestablished an open discussion forum on campus called "Conversations on Apologetics," and founded, with his wife, a student-oriented mentoring house whose stated purpose is spiritual, academic, and social accountability.

Additionally, he has also participated in numerous retreats with students who are exploring ministerial vocations. Most recently, Jenkins taught a week-long graduate course on contemporary theology at the European Theological Seminary, a sister institution of Lee with a joint program in Kniebis, Germany.

Jenkins received his doctorate degree (Ph.D.) in systematic theology at Marquette University and two master's degrees at Duke University Divinity School. He earned his bachelor's degree (B.A.) in Bible and theology at Lee.



Top Student Honors:



Charles Paul Conn Award

Megan Schertzer—Recipient of the 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.

Megan Schertzer is a summa cum laude biochemistry major originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, though she came to Lee from Scottsdale, Arizona. Megan was a Kairos Scholar, served as president of Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society, and was involved in several other honor societies. After graduation, Megan will be completing a three-month internship in the Structural Biology Department at St. Jude in Memphis followed by a six-month internship working at a hospital in Honduras. She plans to apply for her doctorate (Ph.D.) in biochemistry beginning in the fall of 2013.



Zeno C. Tharp Award

Laura Michelle Sherwood—Recipient of the 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 church. It is named in honor of the sixth president of Lee who served from 1935–1944.

Laura Sherwood, a summa cum laude graduate from Ooltewah, Tennessee, is a double major in biochemistry, premed emphasis, and theatre. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society for freshmen, Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society, and Alpha Chi National Honor Society. While at Lee, Laura traveled abroad on missions trips to Israel, Guatemala, and Uganda, and she performed in theatre productions and with the Lee University Symphonic Band. After graduation, Laura will be attending the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine.



F.J. Lee Award

Jamie Lynn Achten—Recipient of the 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.

Jamie Achten is from Franklin, Tennessee, and graduated with summa cum laude honors in December of 2011 as a communication major with an emphasis in advertising. She played on the Lee University women's soccer team and led them to four consecutive national NAIA championships. Jamie was also chosen as the NAIA National Player of the Year for 2010 and 2011. While at Lee, Jamie was active in Delta Zeta Tau Greek social service club and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. Her future plans are to move to Nashville and pursue a graduate degree.

Plans Progress for Former First Baptist Property

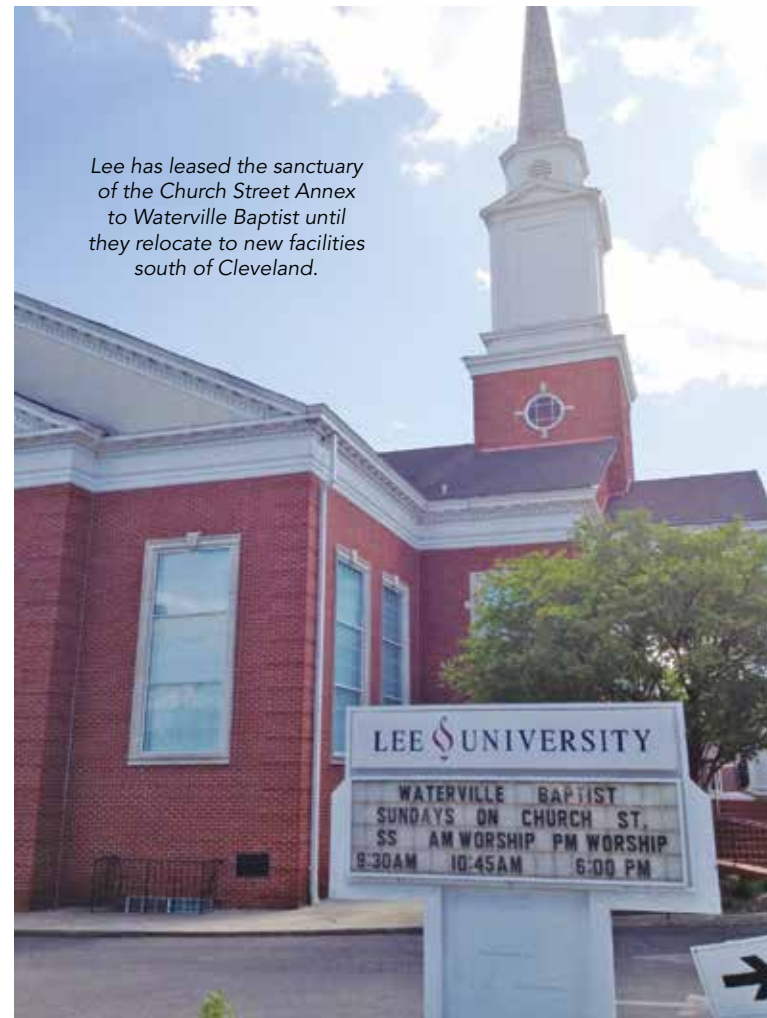
It has been two years since Lee University acquired the property of what was the historic downtown location of First Baptist Church of Cleveland. The primary assets of the purchase included a 1,200-seat main sanctuary, two-story educational building, a one-story adult education building and offices, and a massive parking lot. The transaction also included several smaller lots contiguous to the property. First Baptist moved to a new campus on the northern side of town in September 2010.

Since the June 13, 2010, purchase of the 6.5 acres for \$5 million, Lee has acquired several more parcels, opening more options for long-term and large-scale development. Many options have been considered for the influx of classroom, office, and meeting space. Within the first few weeks after the property changed hands, two Lee programs that deal primarily with children—the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC) program and the Early Learning Center—found new homes in the spacious and “kid-sized” children’s wing of the church. Campus Safety relocated to a former house near the church. The sanctuary was renamed Church Street Annex and has functioned well for several events. The sanctuary’s primary use the last two years has been a temporary worship facility for Waterville Baptist Church, which is in the last stages of a building program. The congregation is scheduled to move out in early summer.

Across the street, First Baptist maintained their primary offices in the former adult building until mid-April. The multipurpose facility, which was the home of the downtown location of J.C. Penney several decades ago, has served a number of temporary purposes in the last 18 months. Most recently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) opened a claims office for victims in Bradley and surrounding counties who suffered property damage in tornadoes that swept across the region on March 2. Now, plans are underway to move Lee University’s Division of Adult Learning (which will include Lee Online) into the offices previously occupied by First Baptist.

When Waterville vacates the sanctuary, there will be no outside entities on the premises, leaving the stage set for more plans to be implemented.

“We have several recommendations before the cabinet, but we are waiting to see where the new Communications Building will be built,” stated Dr. Walt Mauldin, vice president for administration at Lee and chair of the Church Street Task Force. “We would prefer to develop a long-range plan for the Church Street Annex building before we start placing smaller units in the facility. The initial plan is to consider the placement of a larger academic unit in the building with the exception of leaving the sanctuary available for meetings, concerts, and services.”



Lee has leased the sanctuary of the Church Street Annex to Waterville Baptist until they relocate to new facilities south of Cleveland.



FEMA set up shop to accommodate victims of a tornado that swept through the county on March 2

Campus Cola War: Coke Edges Pepsi

Attending chapel earlier this semester proved advantageous for students loyal to a certain brand of soft drink.

During the popular “Ask the President” chapel, President Conn entertains questions of all kinds from students about virtually every subject. One of the questions often asked is, “Why don’t we have Pepsi products available in the campus drink machines?”

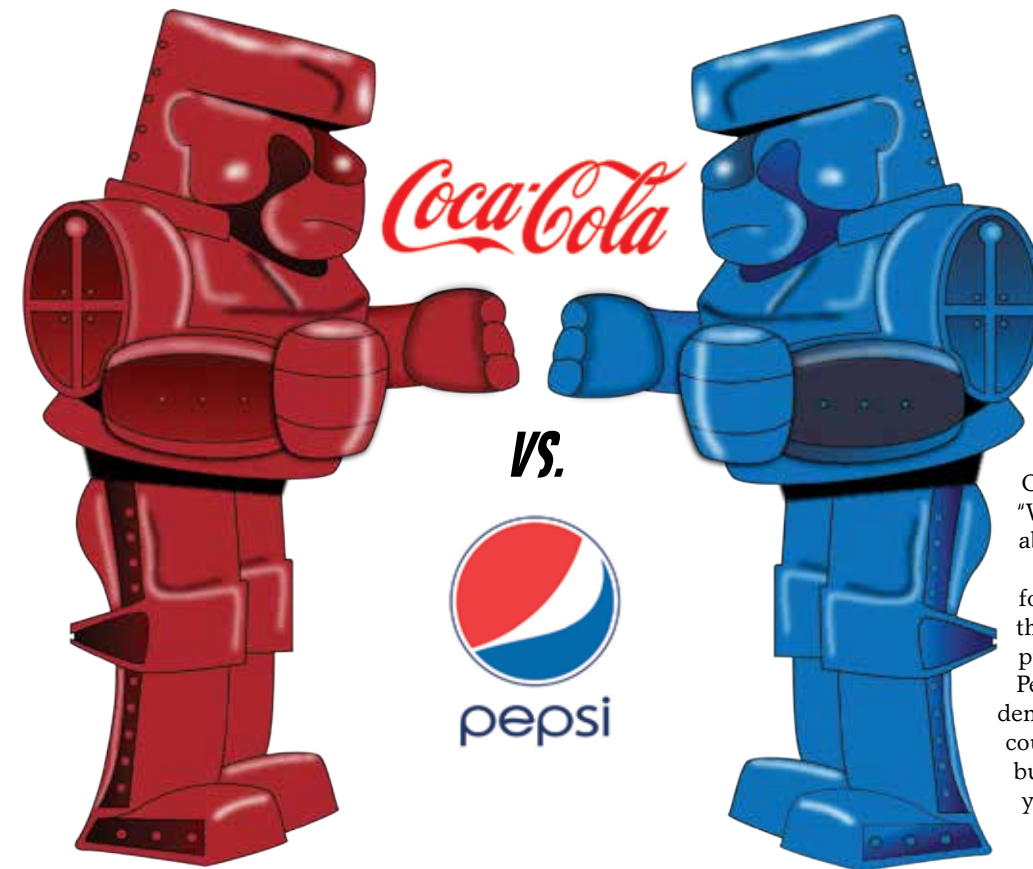
According to Lee’s vice president for Business and Finance, Chris Conine, the battle for presence on the Lee campus by the two major soft drink brands, Pepsi and Coca-Cola, benefits the students. The beverage giants are constantly courting campuses like Lee where the built-in demographic is the coveted 18-22 year-old market.

“There is a lot more to choosing a brand than just allowing a couple of cola machines to be placed randomly on campus,” Conine stated. “When we contract with a cola provider, there are negotiating points where we can pick and choose how the product is delivered. That includes stand-alone machines, fountain dispensers in the dining hall and Student Union, special events, and athletics. There are items, such as the scoreboards in both the recreation center and Walker Arena, which display the beverage logo, among other items. All of these become part of an eventual multiyear contract.” Conine stated that these negotiations happen about every ten years. Other incentives that come with the new Coke contract include annual royalties, commissions on vending sales, branded products for the athletic teams, such as coolers and towels, and contribution to a scholarship fund. Students benefit with free product at various student events throughout the year as well.

The Cola Wars peaked at the chapel where, in a surprise announcement, President Conn said the fate of the cola contract was going to be decided by a student vote. Students were asked to text a code from their cell phones revealing their choice. The results were revealed instantaneously with the winner by five votes: Coca-Cola.

“When we took a student survey ten years ago, the last time contracts were negotiated, Coke beat out Pepsi 75 percent to 25 percent,” Conine said. “Pepsi has closed the gap through some clever marketing over the last few years, representative of the razor-thin edge by which they lost this round.”

Conine said that Coca-Cola does not take their “victory” lightly. They will be consistently bringing new products and services to the campus, including innovative delivery systems in both dispense and fountain machines, some of which will be implemented this summer in time for the fall semester.



Vocational Track to Be Added to Pastoral Ministry Major

Beginning this fall, the School of Religion’s Department of Christian Ministries will offer a new pastoral ministry degree with a vocational track. It is the third pastoral ministry major offered in the department along with the traditional bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degree programs.

Dr. Jerald Daffe, coordinator of the pastoral ministry major and professor of pastoral studies, describes the addition of the major as an advantage for students wanting to enhance additional career skills.

“An increasing percentage of pastors are bivocational because of finances of smaller churches,” Daffe said. “This new major will provide job market skills students can apply to a career outside of ministry.”

The track will still include traditional pastoral ministry major requirements, as well as Bible and theology requirements, but will adjust some electives to provide for an 18-hour vocational minor.

“Students who want to work with parachurch ministries will find this major enables them to better meet organizational as well as state requirements,” Daffe said. “Students with other majors can strengthen their degree program with the vocational minor as well as expand their ministry possibilities.”



More than 275 walkers gathered in front of the Paul Conn Student Union for the 12th annual Great Strides walk for Cystic Fibrosis.

Great Strides Surpasses Half-Million Mark Raised to Fight Cystic Fibrosis

On what became a sunny Saturday morning, March 31, a record number of participants gathered at Lee University to celebrate the university's 12th annual Great Strides event. This year, the 12-year total for the walk surpassed the \$500,000 mark, bringing the all-time total to \$552,917 raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The amount raised for this year alone was \$70,590.

All donations from the fund-raiser go toward the CF Foundation's research and care programs to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

"The huge crowd and energetic participation was a wonderful source of support and encouragement to the many families and individuals who are directly affected by cystic fibrosis," said Vanessa Hammond, CF parent and co-chair of Great Strides.

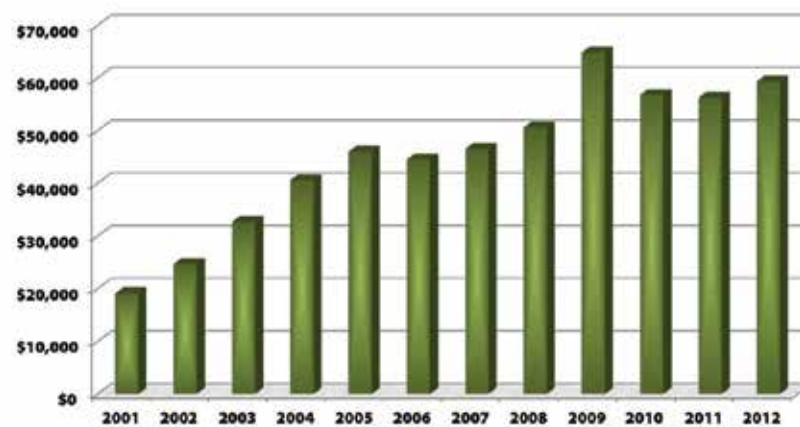
This year's Great Strides included the 10th annual 65 Roses 5K, with 855 runners registered and the 12th annual Great Strides walk, bringing out over 275 walkers on 26 teams.

The road race was directed by Dr. Bill Estes, department chair in the Helen DeVos College of Education.

"This year was a big step up in everything, from money raised, to number of runners and walkers, to community and corporate sponsor involvement," Estes said. "If you consistently put on a quality event, you gain a lot of traction in a community. I think this year we saw these pieces come together."

Run and walk sponsors for Great Strides included Garden Plaza/Life Care Center of Cleveland; Ralph Buckner Funeral Home; Ed Jacobs & Associates; Easy Auto; First Tennessee Bank; Bank of Cleveland; Tri-Con, Inc.; People for Care & Learning; Caldwell Paving & Grading, LLC; Crawford's Pharmacy; SouthEast Bank & Trust; Brown Stove Works, Inc.; SkyRidge Medical Center; Southern Heritage Bank; and Paul and Darlia Conn. Media sponsors included *Cleveland Daily Banner* and Mix 104.1 FM. Community sponsors were Ken and Brian Beard, Center for Cosmetic Dentistry; Cleveland Utilities; Hardee's; Don Ledford Auto Park; Logan-Thompson Law Firm; Mars Chocolate; Regions Bank; Restoration Bible Church; Scenic City CrossFit; Tennessee Valley Urology Center; Jim and Sue Sharp; and Dale and Brenda Hughes.

In-kind sponsors included Panera Bread, Crystal Geyser Water, Mars Chocolate, Lookout Mountain Tomato & Banana Co., and Merck.



Charts the growth of giving in the 12 years of Great Strides. (Information Courtesy of the Lee Clarion)

Phi Mu Alpha Inducts Conn, Presents Check

Phi Mu Alpha (ΦMA), a nationally-affiliated social fraternity with a philanthropy that uses music as a basis for service projects both on campus and in the community, recently inducted Lee President Dr. Paul Conn as an honorary member and presented a check for \$1,000 to the Build A City project to build a home in Cambodia.

"Music is such a big deal here at Lee, and Dr. Conn has, during his tenure as president, placed a great emphasis on advancing music on many different fronts," said Alex Sturgill '08, alumni coordinator for the fraternity. "Dr. Conn embodies what our fraternity actively promotes—leadership, service to others and using music to better our world—it just makes sense to have him as a member of Phi Mu Alpha."

According to Sturgill, the club chose "Build A City" as their service project this past semester because they knew every dollar donated would be significant in changing someone's life for good. "It's easy to give to a cause so great and one that's backed by a great organization like People for Care and Learning" Sturgill said. Phi Mu Alpha hosted two events to raise the donation, including a dodgeball where nearly a dozen teams battled for first place. The fraternity also hosted the inaugural "Connaroo" Music and Arts Festival in Alumni Park at Lee. Named for President Conn, the event featured more than a dozen acts ranging from solos to bands with a prize going to the audience favorite. There were food vendors, crafts, and raffles that added to the festival experience.

Phi Mu Alpha (ΦMA) was founded nationally in 1898, but the Pi Xi (/pai-zai/) chapter was chartered at Lee University on November 13, 2004. Since that time, the chapter has become increasingly involved with student life on campus. Membership is open to all college-aged men regardless of their chosen area of study.



Lukas Littrell; Aaron Murphy; Dr. Fred Garmon, Director of People for Care and Learning; Jonathan Botset; Derek Pitman; Robert Barr, President; Brett Deaton; and Nick Prihoda.

The "Anti-Fun" Club

By Claire Brown

One of Lee's most influential student development programs is marketed as anything but fun. There are no big prize give-aways, no Friday night events, very little free pizza, and they don't bill themselves as the place to come and have a good time. In fact, you're much more likely to find hard work, tears, accountability, and ordinary life. But in the past eight years, this tiny, experimental group at Lee University has exploded into one of the largest organizations on campus, pulling in over 500 participating students. They plan campuswide events, take over chapel twice a year, and have infiltrated Lee's campus culture.

Who are they, and how are they doing it?

The answer is SmallGroup, where fun and games are remarkably absent from successful student development. The basic structure of the program is straightforward enough: each dormitory on campus is assigned one resident chaplain (RC) and volunteer floor leaders who conduct small group discussions on Thursday evenings. The groups take on a Socratic method of asking questions together in their discussions about God, life, relationships, and calling.

That sounds serious for college kids, but SmallGroup is not designed for entertainment. "It's where we say: 'You want to get serious? Good. Here's how you can do that,'" according to Jason Steffenhagen, the Discipleship Ministries Coordinator at Lee.

Steffenhagen joined the new program, then called HYPE, in 2005 to bring more structure and support for the student staff members. He says, "Our experience has been that college students will wrestle with their faith. We work to provide a safe environment for that to happen, where mature and loving peers [the RCs and floor leaders] can come alongside students to seek answers."

What exactly is a RC? According to Jaime Butler, former RC and current Auxiliary Housing manager for Residential Life



and Housing, chaplains are first and foremost "people who have a passion for students, who are able to help them navigate the tough terrain of spiritual life." RCs work closely in residence halls with resident directors and assistants to encourage student development. The Residential Life staff, particularly RCs, offer a link between administrators and student services and the students themselves. They make referrals to Campus Ministries, the Counseling Center, and other resources, and offer a listening ear with more consistent and casual student contact.

"A frequent Lee motto is, 'The campus where Christ is King.' If we're going to take that seriously," says Steffenhagen, "it's not just about a transformational moment, but a life of daily devotion, worship, and service as we strive to live in the kingdom of God." SmallGroup facilitates this consistency and discipline in a context of community, bringing Christianity from chapels and classrooms into the residence halls.

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A vintage photo of Upsilon circa 1964 includes several recognizable faces, including Dennis McGuire, Duran Palmertree, Douglas LeRoy, Ron Harvard, and Junus Fulbright. Who else do you recognize?

Upsilon Xi Planning 50th Anniversary Celebration at Homecoming

Lee University's first Greek letter social service organization is planning a celebration of the club's golden anniversary at Homecoming the first weekend of November.

Plans have been underway for the last 18 months as the Upsilon Xi Alumni Association (UXAA), along with the current club members, have been preparing for the milestone.

Upsilon was formed with a small idea between Jim Hubbard and Dr. Duran Palmertree in April 1962, and later joined by Dale Huff and Duane Lambert. The four men developed a proposal that would change the face of Lee's social life. Upsilon became an official organization on September 26, 1962, following the signature of a charter by then President Ray H. Hughes. It was designated as an all-male organization, with provisions to tap female Little Sisters and a Sweetheart.

The establishment of Upsilon Xi opened the door to other similar groups, including a second men's club the following year (Alpha Gamma Chi), and two women's groups, Delta Zeta (1964, later changed to Delta Zeta Tau), and Sigma Nu Sigma (1966). Today, Lee boasts several Greek social service clubs, as well as Greek academic societies.

Upsilon has tapped over 800 members since 1962. All of them are invited to attend the fall festivities where several events, commemorations, and recognitions will take place. The weekend will be filled with celebratory events,

highlighted by the dedication of an archway to be constructed on campus later this summer and funded by the organization. Other events in the planning stages are a Friday night Sadie Hawkins, Saturday morning breakfast fellowship, processional to dedicate the arch, a Saturday afternoon grand celebration, and a combined worship and memorial service in the new chapel on Sunday morning in remembrance of members who have passed away.

"This is an honor for this organization that, at one time, we questioned if we would make it a full year," Palmertree stated. "Now we have reached a milestone of 50 years...it is astounding."

Much of the correspondence will be taking place via social media, particularly a Upsilon Facebook page. Those on Facebook are encouraged to join the Upsilon page where regular updates will be posted.



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Lee Launches Into Next Era of Online Degrees

The growing and changing market of online degrees has resulted in the latest evolution of the original Continuing Education Program, founded on the Lee campus in 1976. What has been the Center for Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS) is now the Division of Adult Learning.

The Continuing Education Program had its beginning as a joint program of Lee College and the Church of God General Department of Education for the training of ministers who were unable to pull up stakes and become a residential student. The program was popular because many pastors who had bypassed college studies to go straight into the ministry could now earn their degrees. The first director of Continuing Education was Dr. Ray Hughes Jr., who remained a member of the science faculty while directing the new endeavor. The degree was earned completely through mailed correspondence.

About 1980, the program had grown to warrant a presence on campus and was moved to the recently acquired Hargis House at the corner of 11th and Parker Streets. Due to the need for materials, a print shop was established in the same location. Over the next several years, Continuing Education expanded into extensions, with campus faculty going to the extension sites, such as Birmingham and Gadsden, Alabama.

By 1983, a full-time coordinator of extensions was hired and the development of extension sites was emphasized. By 1985, the program became wholly owned by Lee College.

By the early 1990s, the program was reorganized under a new name—the Department of External Studies. External Studies continued to partner with the Department of Education of the Church of God to provide college credit for the Ministerial Internship Program (MIP). Four courses were written by Lee faculty, taught as part of the MIP program, and administered for college credit by External Studies.

In 1992, the program moved into the new Watkins Building, located at the corner of 8th and Church Streets. Near that time, a Tuesday/Thursday program was inaugurated.

After nearly 20 years at the helm, Hughes resigned as

director, and Dr. Henry Smith assumed leadership in 1995. Smith led the program for five years until his retirement, and Dr. R.B. Thomas was named interim director. In the next two years, External Studies added an online delivery mode through E-College.

Upon retiring from the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Ben Pérez moved from the New England area to become the third full-time director of Lee's correspondence program that had by now evolved into an online program. In 2005, External Studies reorganized under a new name, the Center for Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS), and a degree completion program, the bachelor of science in Christian leadership, was initiated.

In April of this year, President Conn announced the latest reorganization of online learning into the Division of Adult Learning. One year ago, Lee again partnered with the Church of God, this time through the Internet Degree Program (IDP). The new Division of Adult Learning merges the IDP with CAPS.

"Over the last year, we have been preparing to combine the best of both programs," VanHook said. "Our primary focus in this new endeavor will be Lee Online, which will include our adult learning programs offered exclusively through Internet delivery. We will also

continue to offer instruction in our distance learning centers, primarily on the Lee and Charlotte Center campuses."

The new division serves over 700 adult learners who study literally around the world online or in one of Lee's education centers.

"In this transition, we will be reorganizing the leadership into four areas under a single Division of Adult Learning," stated Dr. Jayson VanHook, vice president for information services at Lee. "Dr. Joshua Black will be joining us in July as the executive director of this division. He is a Lee alum and has been serving as the associate dean in the School of Liberal Arts for the Adult College at Indiana Wesleyan University." VanHook also introduced others who will have leadership roles in the new division: Dr. Ben Pérez will serve as the director of Curriculum Development, Dr. Delton Alford as director of Faculty Services, Michael Welborn as the director of Enrollment Services, and Mitch Baker will coordinate Technology Support.

"We are extremely excited to have Dr. Black joining us as the executive director in this new division," VanHook said. "He brings with him a wealth of experience in adult learning and a deep commitment to the mission and values of Lee University."

As to the future, VanHook stated, "We are looking at aggressively adding new programs of study over the next few years in the Division of Adult Learning. We will continue to offer high-quality programs in various areas of religious studies, but we are also looking at expanding our programmatic offerings to include professional and degree completion programs in other areas as well."

Over the summer, the new division will be relocating from the Watkins Building to larger quarters down the street in the Ocoee Street Annex, the former administrative offices for First Baptist Church.



Black

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—Dr. Jayson VanHook, vice president for information services

Adult Learning Timeline

- 1976 Continuing Education founded
- 1980 Program moves into Hargis House on campus
- 1983 Director of Extensions hired
- 1985 Program becomes wholly-owned by Lee
- 1990 Program renamed External Studies
- 1992 Offices moved into Watkins Building
- 1995 Ray Hughes, Jr. resigns as director after 20 years
- 2000 Ben Perez named director
- 2005 Program renamed Center for Adult and Professional Studies
- 2005 Degree completion program initiated
- 2011 Internet Degree Program (IDP) incorporated
- 2012 Division of Adult Learning founded; Joshua Black named director

Twelve Faculty Receive Promotions

Twelve members of the Lee University faculty were granted promotions in rank by the Board of Directors when they met in session the first week of May:

From Associate Professor to Professor:

Kevin Brown, Ph.D. – English
Thomas Doolittle, Ph.D. – Pastoral Studies
Bill Green, Ph.D. – Music
Steven Swindle, Ph.D. – Political Science
Mike Fuller, PhD

From Assistant to Associate Professor:

Caroline Boulis, Ph.D. – Mathematics
Shane Griffith, Ph.D. – Business
Kristie Kleinmann, Ph.D. – Communication
Hermilo Jasso, Ph.D. – Music
Brad Moffett, Ph.D. – Music
Austin Patty, Ph.D. – Music
Lori West, Ph.D. – Biology

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Griffith
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Moffett
Patty
West



Kleinmann Awarded Page Legacy Scholar Grant

Dr. Christie Kleinmann, assistant professor of communication at Lee, was recently awarded a Page Legacy Scholar Grant for the 2012 academic year from the Arthur W. Page Center for Integrity in Public Communication at the Penn State College of Communication.

Kleinmann's project is titled, "Exploring the Role of Corporate Responsibility in Sports Public Relations." Its purpose is to establish a case study approach to corporate social responsibility (CSR) in sports, become familiar with how CSR practitioners define it, and incorporate those findings into the course curriculum offered at Lee.

"Students are now able to partake in the case study's exploratory process," Kleinmann said. "Our results will be submitted to the center in hopes that the information will serve the public relations community in the best possible way."

Kleinmann was also a 2006/2007 Page Legacy Educator with her project, "Defining Public Relations' Role in Social Responsibility: Practitioners' Perception of Public Relations Ethics in Health Care, Education, and Sports."



Lee Welcomes Three New Faculty Members

Lee University added three new faculty members this past semester. They are Michael Finch, Sarah Schlosser, and David Smartt.

The Department of Communication and the Arts welcomed Finch as the student media advisor and communication instructor. Before coming to Lee, he taught journalism and media courses for the graduate and undergraduate programs at his alma mater, Regent University. Finch is working on his dissertation for a doctorate (Ph.D.) in communication at Regent University where he received his master's degree (M.A.) in journalism. He also holds a bachelor's degree (B.A.) in Biblical studies and missiology from Elim Bible Institute.

Schlosser joined the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics as an assistant professor of chemistry. She received

her doctorate (Ph.D.) in chemistry education and her master's degree in chemistry with an emphasis in chemistry education both from Purdue University. She earned a bachelor's degree (B.A.) in chemistry and a teacher licensure in chemistry and physical science from Lee University. Prior to Lee, Schlosser taught high school chemistry for five years at Noblesville High School in Indiana.

Smartt joined the Department of Business as an assistant professor of business. Prior to teaching at Lee, he served as an active chaplain at the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army.

Smartt holds a doctorate (Ph.D.) in management from Northcentral University and a master's degree (M.S.) in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. He earned his master of business administration (M.B.A.) from Syracuse University and his bachelor's degree from Lee University.

Finch



Schlosser



Smartt



Roland McDaniel Passes Away

Former Lee math professor Dr. Roland McDaniel passed away March 4, 2012, in Cleveland, Tenn. He was 89.

McDaniel joined the Navy after the Pearl Harbor attacks of 1941 and served on the *USS St. Louis* and the *USS Alpine*. After World War II, he graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in mechanical engineering. He married Betty Ingram in 1948, and they were married for over 60 years until her death in 2010.

In 1955, after being called to preach, he pastored the Covington Church of God, and while there, graduated from Emory University in Atlanta with a master's degree in divinity.

In September 1964, Lee College contacted him and offered him a teaching position. In 1973, he graduated from the University of Tennessee with a doctorate of education in mathematics. As a faculty member, Dr. McDaniel traveled to several foreign countries, and had a heart for the Southwest areas of the United States, ministering to the American Indian tribes, where he would preach revivals, help with Bible schools, and further spread God's Word.

For those who wish to honor his memory, the family established the Roland McDaniel Scholarship Fund. Donations may be directed to Lee University, Attn: Central Gifts, 1120 N. Ocoee St., Cleveland, TN 37311.

McDaniel





Five Recognized for 25 Years of Service

Five members of the faculty were highlighted during commencement for the milestone of 25 years of continuous service on the Lee faculty. All arrived at Lee College in the fall of 1987:

- 1 Dr. Jerald Daffe
Professor of Pastoral Ministry
- 2 Mr. Danny Murray
Director, Voices of Lee
- 3 Dr. Doyle Goff
Professor of Psychology
- 4 Dr. Hermilo Jasso
Associate Professor of Business
- 5 Dr. Mark Wickam
Professor of Health and Exercise Science



Music Professor Passes Away

Paula Wyatt, a special adjunct instructor of music, died on May 12 of a stroke suffered several days earlier. She was the wife of Alan Wyatt, assistant professor of music at Lee.

Known for her vocals and original music, Paula Archer-Wyatt recently completed a jazz CD of her original tunes performed by her jazz quintet and endorsed by the legendary jazz bassist, Rufus Reid. She has performed with Donald Brown, David Baker, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, and did a season at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, where she holds the distinction as being the first female musician. At Lee she taught classes in music theory, piano class, ear training, applied piano, applied composition, improvisation, small jazz ensemble and jazz ensemble lab.



Wyatt

Lee Gets Invitation to Join Gulf South Conference

Lee's athletic program is taking what University President Dr. Paul Conn terms as the beginning of a process that "we believe will raise the level of athletics at Lee."

Gulf South Conference Commissioner (GSC) Nate Salant announced on May 25 the GSC Executive Committee's unanimous approval of an invitation to Lee University to apply for membership. The approval comes on the heels of a recommendation from the GSC Expansion Committee, which visited Lee's campus in May. The Executive Committee also endorsed sending a letter to the NCAA Division II (DII) leadership, indicating that the GSC plans to add Lee University upon its acceptance into the DII membership process.

Commissioner Salant expressed his excitement about Lee's acceptance. "I am pleased to make this announcement because we know we've added one of the best NAIA schools in the country, not only from an athletic perspective but also from an academic one. Lee is not your typical private school in that it is very large, has a tremendous following in the community, and is in very good financial shape.

"The stability and steady growth that is the cornerstone of President Conn's 26 years at the helm impressed us, as did

the overall quality of its athletic facilities. Lee puts significant emphasis on women's athletics, another important item in the evaluation process, and anytime you can add a four-time defending champion women's soccer program, you want to do so. They field very strong teams in two sports in which we need them, men's soccer and women's golf, and will also strengthen our volleyball league."

Conn reported that the application has been filed and said, "We are optimistic that they will act favorably, although that is far from a sure thing."

Conn added, "Lee's trajectory for the past two decades has been always to become better and to operate at a higher level in every way, including athletics, and moving to the NCAA DII is the natural way for us to do that.

"This move will be a big challenge for all of us. We will be competing against some very strong institutions. I believe our athletes and our coaches have earned an opportunity to test themselves at this level."

A look back at the athletic history shows Lee being a member of the NAIA since 1975, competing first in the TVAC conference, then in the TranSouth, and for the past several years in the Southern States Athletic Conference.

After gaining final approval from the

NCAA, Lee will compete in the NAIA and the SSAC for the upcoming 2012-2013 year then begin competing in the new conference in the fall of 2013.

Under the leadership of Athletic Director Larry Carpenter, Lee has won the Commissioner's Cup, for the best overall athletic program in the SSAC six out of the last seven years, including the last three years in a row.

"We have been discussing the move to NCAA DII for the last two years, and very intently for the past year," pointed out Conn. "I discussed it with the Board of Directors in its January 2012 meeting, and in its meeting on May 4, I recommended that we pursue DII membership in the Gulf South, and they voted to authorize me to do so."

Carpenter, who has been part of Lee athletics for 37 years and witnessed many historic events during that time as a player, coach, and athletic director said, "The invitation to join the Gulf South Conference marks yet another event. We've enjoyed a tremendous amount of success in the SSAC and NAIA but understand the challenge that comes by playing in the most competitive conference in NCAA II. My staff and I are excited about what the future holds for Lee athletics."



Football at Lee University: More Than Just Intramurals?

President Paul Conn recently initiated renewed buzz about Lee's football future via Twitter by tweeting: "Are we ready for football at Lee? I've always said 'no,' but maybe it's now time to take a fresh and serious look at the question."

According to Conn, the tweet was used to indicate that actions are being taken to discover what might be involved in making football a part of Lee athletics in the future.

"It's never actually been on the table...I haven't been open to it," Conn said. "I've decided the time has come to take a good hard look and to actually [do the research], and then decide if it's a good fit for Lee."

Lee currently belongs to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is a member of the Southern States Athletic Conference. Since the SSAC does not include football, Conn is considering other options that would better serve the

university's needs, should it choose to begin a football program.

That's even if that decision means advancing the school into the National Collegiate Athletic Association. (see story above)

One of the reasons for reconsidering the issue of football was that schools similar to Lee have acquired football programs in recent years, Conn said.

Many schools, including Shorter University (Ga.), Berry College (Ga.), Reinhardt University (Ga.), and Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.) have implemented successful football programs in their athletic departments within the past seven years.

"We need new goals; we need aspirations...football would be a big project for us," Conn said. "So why not put it out there, and let's decide. Maybe I've been wrong all these years, or maybe I've been right all these years, but now its just time [to say yes to considering]."

The timetable for setting football in motion has not been decided, but Conn seems to be adamant on making a decision by the fall semester of 2013.

"It would take at least a year, and maybe might take more than that," Conn said. "I don't think we need to prolong the discussion."

—Taylor Hoffman, Lee Clarion



Honors Continue for Lee Soccer, Achten

Soccer standout Jamie Achten and the Lee University women's soccer teams have dominated most of the awards passed out by the NAIA over the past four years, but nothing can compare with the latest honors bestowed on the All-American and her teammates.

On May 19, at the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame annual banquet, Achten and Jenny Connolly (University of Tennessee-Knoxville All-American swimmer) were saluted as the Tennessee Female Amateur Athletes of the Year. They were joined by Vanderbilt basketball star John Jenkins, who is the Male Amateur Athlete of the Year. Coach Matt Yelton's Lady Flames also received their highest recognition when they joined the Vanderbilt baseball team as the Amateur Teams of the Year.

The TSHOF named University of Tennessee's Coach Pat Summit as Tennessean of the Year. Summitt recently stepped down from coaching after notching nearly 1,100 wins in her career. Several other awards, including the Male and Female Professional Athletes and Teams of the Year, were presented during the annual banquet at the Renaissance in Nashville.

Achten was named the NAIA Player of the Year in both her junior and senior seasons, the first NAIA player to accomplish this feat. She is also an Academic All-American.

Achten, a native of Franklin, Tenn., had her Lee University jersey retired this past February. She owns the Lee and NAIA record for most career assists with 91 and was named to the NAIA All-American First Team for four consecutive years.

"I am very pleased for Jamie, and I think the nature of this award just demonstrates the type of career that she has had at Lee," said Yelton. "But what I think is so unique about Jamie is that not only was she the most successful player we have had in terms of athletic success, but she was also the most successful player we have ever had in terms of academic success."

The Lee coach added that Achten is truly a unique athlete because she sets extremely high standards for herself and her team. "She then proceeded to accomplish all the goals she set out to achieve. I don't think I would be out of line by saying, having had Jamie Achten play for me not only made me a better coach, but it also made me a better person."

Back on campus, Achten garnered two more top awards. She was named the 2012 winner of the Charles Paul Conn Award, representing the top female student athlete at Lee University and the F.J. Lee Award, given to the most outstanding overall student (see related articles this issue).

Of the TSHOF Award, Achten said, "I'm honored and humbled to be chosen. I know the recommendation is largely due to my team's effort over the last four years and our success on the field. I was privileged to play at Lee with such talented teams and coach. Though I feel undeserving, I am very thankful. To God be the glory."

Not only did Yelton and his Lady Flames become the first NAIA women's soccer team to record four straight national titles, they also won four straight Southern States Athletic Conference regular season and conference crowns. They are 37-0 in league play over the past 10 years and have won 10 straight tournament championships. Before Achten was named the NAIA National Player of the Year, Lee's Christine Christensen won the same honor in 2008.

Yelton said that being placed at the top of the list with great NCAA Division I athletes and teams shows the amazing respect his special players and teams have earned over the past four years. "Everyone around the world knows what Coach Summitt stands for," he noted. "There were many other great athletes and coaches on the same stage that evening. It really hasn't sunk in as to what this means to our university and our many gifted players."

Achten



Lanter Captures Coveted Duer Award

Clair Lanter, a soccer student-athlete and political science major at Lee, is the female winner of the NAIA's Duer Award. She was nominated by the Southern States Athletic Conference.

A three-time captain and three-year starter on a team that has won four consecutive NAIA national championships, Lanter is an outstanding soccer player and is noted for her leadership on and off the field. Lanter also is a terrific student and an academic All-American who was selected to participate in a Model United Nations program and to serve as a tutor for the Political Science Department. Lanter volunteers year-round for the Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer.

"She is a woman who cares about others and the world around her," said Stephen M. Swindle, associate professor of Lee University. "She sees her intellectual growth as a tool she can use to make the world a better place."

The award is named for A.O. Duer, who served as executive secretary of the NAIA for 26 years and was well-known for his strong opinions that the NAIA and its member institutions should strive to effectively balance academics and athletics. The award is presented to an outstanding NAIA junior student-athlete who maintains an overall grade-point average of at least a 3.75 (on a 4-point scale). The NAIA Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives selects the two winners, one male and one female.



Achten and Lawson Get Top Athlete Awards

Jamie Achten and Jeremy Lawson, have played key roles in helping Lee University continue to garner a place on the elite list of NAIA college athletics. As a result of their work on the playing field and in the classroom, the seniors were named 2012 winners of the annual Charles Paul Conn Student Athlete of the Year Awards.

Jamie, the daughter of Jeff and Jolene Achten, is no doubt the most awarded women's soccer player to grace the pitch at the Lee Soccer Field. She was named the NAIA Player of the Year in both her junior and senior seasons, the first NAIA player to accomplish this feat. She is an Academic All-American and was recently named the Female Athlete of the Year by the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. As a result of a Lee faculty vote, Achten recently received the prestigious F.J. Lee Award (see related articles in this issue).

A native of Franklin, Tenn., Achten had her Lee University jersey retired this past February. She owns the Lee and NAIA record for most career assists with 91 and was named to the NAIA All-American First Team for four consecutive years.

"Jamie's recognition as the Conn Award winner is something that is again much deserved to demonstrate the quality of her career as a student athlete at Lee," said Coach Matt Yelton. "She possesses outstanding character, a first-rate performance in the classroom, and her athletic career will go down as one of the best in the history of the NAIA."

Yelton added, "Her career will stand the test of time, not just for what she accomplished in her athletic endeavors, but more important because of the character that she demonstrated in achieving her goals."

Jeremy Lawson is the son of Joe and Kathy Lawson of Hixson, Tenn., and has been a solid member of the Lee golf team for the past four years. He was a key member of the Lee club that won the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament in April. He is a three-time member of the SSAC All-Academic Team and a two-time All-NAIA Scholar.

"Jeremy is just a high quality young man," Lee Golf Coach John Maupin said. "He is very deserving of this award, and I know it means a lot to him. He comes from a great family, and I think this award is a credit to his parents as well. Jeremy is the complete package; great golfer, outstanding student, and he does it all with impeccable character."





Flames celebrate after defeating Missouri Baptist, 8-5.

Baseball Flames Reach Sixth NAIA World Series

The Lee Flames baseball team has now reached the NAIA World Series in each year of Coach Mark Brew's tenure, as the 2012 team earned a sixth straight appearance at the annual event in Lewiston, Idaho. It is also the sixth consecutive season the Flames have registered 50 wins. The Flames, ranked No. 2 in the NAIA national poll going into the World Series, came back in the loser's bracket to defeat Missouri twice and win the opening round of the National Tournament.

The year 2012 also marked the Flames' first outright Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) Tournament Championship. The Lee squad has earned eight regular season conference titles and tied for the tournament title in 2010, but they had never earned the outright tournament title until sweeping through the conference bracket this year.

Junior catcher Jorge Saez was named Tournament MVP and was also named SSAC Player of the Week for his performance at the SSAC Tournament. Kris Hall was twice named SSAC Pitcher of the Week, including the award following his performance in the conference tourney.

Lee defeated Faulkner University (Ala.) in the championship of the tournament, though they fell just short, one game back, of the Eagles in the SSAC Regular Season standings. Senior Blake Barber was named SSAC Player of the Year, joined on the All-Conference team by juniors Hall, Samayoa, and Corey Davis.

Second baseman Blake Barber comes up big on this play as the Flames hosted the opening round of the NAIA Tournament at Olympic Field.



Lee Softball Bounces Back in 2012

After a down 2011 campaign, the Lee Lady Flames softball team returned to their usual form this year, earning the 2012 Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) East Division Championship and a return trip to the NAIA National Championships.

The Lady Flames began 2012 like a shot out of a cannon, winning their first 13 games. They then turned in a strong start of conference play, going 9-1 in their first five doubleheaders.

With one week left in the regular season, Lee was locked in a tight race with Shorter University (Ga.) and Brenau University (Ga.), all three teams ranked in the top 14 in the NAIA. The Lee ladies went 5-1 in the final week, including splitting a doubleheader with Shorter and sweeping Brenau, finishing one game ahead of Shorter for the division title and moving into the top 10 of the NAIA rankings.

Senior Brittany Balough turned in an outstanding season in the circle, earning Second Team NAIA All-American honors, in addition CoSIDA Second Team All-American recognition. The Santee, Calif. native went 23-5 with a 1.26 earned run average. Balough, a four-year member of the Lady Flames, finished with a career winning percentage of .750 (66-22), tops in Lee program history.



Dr. Phil Pattison and his wife congratulate Sharp at the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City.

Sharp Wins Pattison Champions of Character Scholarship

During the NAIA National Championship, Brice Sharp was named the winner of the 2012 Champions of Character award and one of five \$2,000 Pattison Champions of Character scholarships.

The award established by Dr. Phil Pattison represents the five core values of the NAIA— respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. Said Pattison, "There is more to this award than the basketball played on the floor. We also look at community involvement, their leadership on the campus, and just kids that we would like our own to hang out with."

Sharp's community involvement included last summer when he spent several hours visiting bedridden senior citizens at the local rest home. He volunteers with Meals on Wheels, both in Cleveland and in nearby Dalton (Ga.). He volunteers weekly at the local Boys and Girls Club, and participated in the Salvation Army tornado relief when tornadoes hit Bradley County. Sharp is a member of 100 Black Men of Bradley County and teaches basketball to underprivileged kids in summer camps.

Flames Get Seventh Straight 20-Win Season

The Lee University men's basketball program was well-represented on and off the court throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

On the court, the Flames finished with a 20-9 record to log the program's seventh straight 20-win season. The last time the Flames did not hit that mark was the 2004-2005 season, the year prior to Head Coach Tommy Brown's being hired to take over the Lee reins.

The Flames also ran their streak of consecutive trips to the NAIA National Championship to seven as well. The unseeded Flames lost in the first round to No. 14 seed Georgetown College by a 70-62 margin.

Westbrooks Headlines Postseason Honors

Ryan Westbrooks led the Flames' postseason honors by earning a spot on the NAIA All-American Second Team. Westbrooks was also named SSAC All-Conference and was the conference's 6thMan Award winner. Tyrone Caldwell and Alex Wells won spots on the SSAC All-Division team. Chad Lee earned a place on the All-SSAC Freshman squad.



Ryan Westbrooks—NAIA All-American



German drives against the University of Mobile.

Rowe and German Lead List of Lady Flames Honorees

Head Coach Marty Rowe was honored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association as the WBCA NAIA Region Five Coach of the Year. He was also named SSAC Coach of the Year.

Player Hollie German earned a spot as a member of the WBCA Coaches' All-America Team Honorable Mention and was also selected to the NAIA All-American Second Team. German was selected SSAC Co-Divisional Player of the Year and earned a spot on the SSAC All-Tournament team.

Angela Spann was a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention and joined German on the SSAC All-Conference team. Kally Eldridge and Mary Jackson won spots on the SSAC All-Division squad. Jenna Adams was placed on the SSAC All-Freshman squad and Larysa Latyshava was picked for the Champion of Character award.

The Lady Flames showed their commitment to class work with nine players on the SSAC All-Academic list. Eldridge, German, and Latyshava were joined by senior Spann, juniors Brooke Hamby and Julia Zimmerman, and sophomores Lauren Browning, Madison Lee, and Karley Miller on the conference list.

Lady Flames Finish 30-4

The Lady Flames basketball team posted its fourth 30-win season in the past five years and the fifth all-time with a final record of 30-4.

Lee started the season 9-0 before suffering their first loss at Union University on Dec. 10. From that point, the Lady Flames rattled off 19 straight wins and didn't taste defeat again until the regular season finale at Shorter University on Feb. 23.

Along the way, the Lady Flames claimed the SSAC East Divi-

sion title and an automatic berth to their eighth-straight NAIA National Championships.

Lee received one of the No. 2 seeds in the national tournament and was pitted against seventh-seeded Biola University in the first round. The Lady Flames trailed by as much as 12 points in the second half, but fought back to close the margin to one before a couple of free throws made 69-66 the final score.

Golfers Make Second Trip to Nationals

The Lee University men's golf team followed a record 2011 season with another outstanding campaign in 2012, reaching as high as No. 5 in the NAIA poll, earning the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) Tournament championship and their second consecutive trip to the NAIA National Championships.

The 2012 conference title was especially sweet for Coach John Maupin and the Flames, who have finished second in the tournament the past three seasons. It was a come-from-behind performance as the Flames passed William Carey University (Miss.), the 2011 champions, winning by eight strokes over Shorter University (Ga.).

J.B. Eksteen was the Flames' top player in 2012, earning SSAC Player of the Year honors, joining Matt Emery, Jeremy Lawson, and Hunter Vest on the All-Conference squad. Emery and Vest were also named SSAC All-Tour-

namment for the performance in the Flames' win. Now in his fourth season, Maupin was named SSAC Coach of the Year.

This season also marked the second time the Flames have hosted the Lee University Spring Invitational. After finishing third in the 2011 event, Lee climbed to second overall, with Eksteen running away with medalist honors. The junior turned in a pair of red-hot rounds of 67, finishing 10-under par, a nine-stroke victory.

For his performance, Eksteen was named SSAC and NAIA Golfer of the Week after the Lee tournament, earning the conference honor one other time later in the season.

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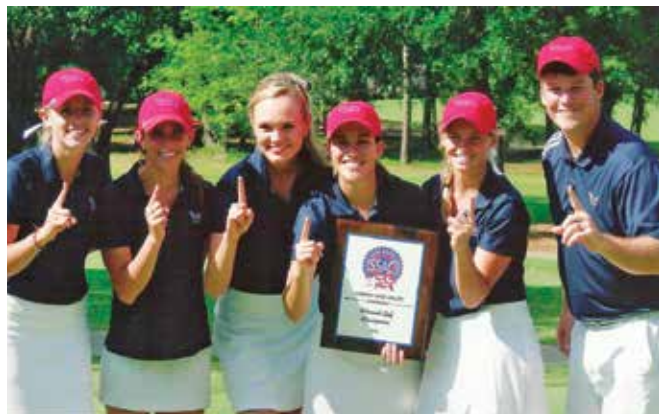
Al Miller, Jerry Burrell, Tom Maupin, Jeff Davis, and Tournament Director John Maupin

Foursome Takes Butler Tourney Honors

On a near perfect day for golf, the team of Tom Maupin, Al Miller, Jeff Davis, and Jerry Burrell combined to fire an 18-under par 54, and then claimed a scorecard playoff from Greg Rush, Cy Harris, Ron Wilson, and Vince Stone, who also came in with a 54.

The annual Stanley Butler Shootout was staged at the Chatata Valley Golf Course, and another strong team consisting of Gene Rice, Bob Rice, Jerry Rice, and Craig Lee came in third with a 58. In the first flight, Richard Cribbs, Thomas Brown, Phillips Caines, and Mason Brown took first place with a 61. Second place honors went to Tarry Walker, Gary Rominger, Harry Ledford, and Tim Wat-barger (63), while Jerry Puckett, Tipp Bettis, Ty Parker, and Larry Moore were third (64).

Rob Howell won the closest to the pin at No. 2. Jerry Burrell earned the same honor at No. 14, while Kay McDaniel produced the longest drive at No. 6.



Women Golfers Finish 11th

The Lee women's golf program continued its amazing growth during the 2011-12 season. In only its fourth season of play, the Lady Flames climbed to the No. 2 spot in the NAIA national poll, won the Southern States Athletic Conference tournament championship for the first time and placed 11th in the national event.

The finish at the NAIA Women's National Golf Championship in Greeneville, Tenn. was not exactly what coach John Maupin and his Lady Flames were seeking. "It was a little disappointing for us all week," said the Lee head coach "We all had our sights set very high, which is where we want them, but unfortunately it just wasn't meant to be this week. The girls gave a great effort each day, but we just made too many mistakes. Our course management and putting have been strengths of this team, but this week those were probably the areas we struggled the most."

Prior to the national tournament, the Lady Flames claimed eight straight tournament wins, including their first-ever Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) Championship, back in mid-April.

"Despite our showing in the national, I could not be more proud of the great season the team had. To win eight out of 10 tournaments, and win our first conference championships is a big deal. This has been a special team and they were a joy to coach."

"We will learn from this experience and build on it moving forward. This is the second year in a row that we have finished in the top 11, and I think we are cementing ourselves as a very strong program," concluded Maupin.

Sophomore Courtney Shelton was named an NAIA All-American following her successful 2012 campaign, adding to her ever-growing list of honors and accomplishments. Fellow sophomore Geandra Almeida was named Honorable Mention NAIA All-American after finishing in the top 10 in each of the Lady Flames' spring tournaments.

The Lady Flames display their SSAC hardware.

Three Flames Invited to Music City Classic

Ryan Westbrook, Tyrone Caldwell, and Josh Henley each participated in the Fifth Annual Music City All-Star Classic on April 28. The Classic is termed "The Last Showoff of College Talent" and was held at the Curb Event Center on the campus of Belmont University.

Tennis Teams Fall Short of National Tourney

The Lee University tennis teams fell just short of their goals of reaching the NAIA National Championships. The Lady Flames finished the season 9-7 overall and 1-3 in the SSAC East to earn a final rating of No. 18 in the NAIA. The Flames were 9-8 and placed second in the SSAC East Division with a 2-1 mark. In the final NAIA rating, the Flames were ranked twenty-fifth.

Stephanie Todd and Katie North earned SSAC All-Conference Second Team honors. Todd also excelled in the classroom to become an NAIA Scholar-Athlete and claim a spot on the SSAC All-Academic Team. For the men, Michael Hewgley, Renan Molineiro, and Michael Yokosuk joined Todd as NAIA Scholar-Athletes and were members of the SSAC All-Academic Team.

Annie Sandberg, Richard Gamble and Andre Ishida rounded out the Lee tennis players named to the SSAC All-Academic Team. Yokosuk was the Flames' representative on the Musco Lighting Champions of Character Team, while Kelsey Gray was selected to represent the Lady Flames.



Michael Yokosuk was No. 1 player for the men's tennis team.

If You Attended Lee, You're an Alum!

A common misconception is that if you didn't graduate from Lee, you're not an alumnus (male) or alumna (female). The truth is, all that is required is at some point to have enrolled in classes, and you're part of Lee University alumni, no matter when you were here!

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Who's WHERE & Torch Travels



Torch traveled 10.8 miles north to a Bradley County (Tennessee) school where 14 teachers are Lee graduates. The Charleston Elementary School teachers want all their students to become college and career-ready, and they are promoting a college future for their students by wearing T-shirts from their alma mater. Pictured in the back row: **Pamela Simpson '92, Sharon Melton '00, Kristi Schalk '00,'11M, Jodie Baldwin Grannan '95, Misty Dockins Rollins '93, Erica Shamblin '95, Regina Smith '85, Leigh Ann Burgess '04, Jennifer Johnson Brock '07.** Pictured in the front row: **Ashley Clayton '05, Jessica Webb '06, Cheryl Hysinger '90, Allison Boling '08, and Robin Lawson '08**

2012 participants in the Country Music Marathon weekend.



Alumni Participate in Nashville Running Event

More than 150 Lee alumni from across the nation participated in the Country Music Marathon in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 27-28.

This is the sixth year the alumni office at Lee has used the event to bring together alumni. Runners, nonrunners, spouses, and family members attended a Friday night "Pasta Pig-Out" at the Buca Di Bepo restaurant in Cool Springs just outside Nashville.

On Saturday morning, more than 100 runners posed for a traditional group photo before setting out on the course through Nashville. Most opted for the 13.1 mile half marathon, while others, including several members of the Lee cross-country team, ran the full 26.2 mile course in what developed into a warm and sunny morning.

David Bishop '55 passed away at his Cleveland, Tenn. home on March 13, 2012. He had served as a Church of God minister for over 50 years, serving as a school administrator and pastor in California, Washington, Tennessee, and Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and four grown children.

Annis Campbell Horne '59, passed away on May 17, 2012. she lived in Cleveland with her husband, **Watson '68**, and was the mother of four grown daughters. She was retired after many years as a secretary at Lee University.

Doug '64 and **Wanda LeRoy '63**, and **Ray '65** and **Kathy Hucklebridge Sanders '64** traveled with *Torch* to Cuba where they posed in front of the Capitol in Havana.



Alma Phillips Ingle '68 took *Torch* to the Holy Land in February where she posed with it overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem.

David '69 and **Mary Channell Jenkins '69** met at Lee, live in Plant City, Fla., and have been married for 42 years. They have two daughters and a grandson. Through the years, they have pastored five churches. Mary says, "Lee (College) days were a time in my life I will never forget! We have some really fond memories at Lee. My classes and teachers were great! I thoroughly enjoyed the Campus Choir, with Jim Burns as director. I was also in the Ladies of Lee with Roosevelt Miller, and we made a stereo record called, "For Such a Time," that year (1969). I loved Lee's cafeteria, student center, bookstore, chapel services, post office (letters from family), basketball games, and all the activities, local church services, downtown Cleveland stores and restaurants, my dorm(s), and I will always cherish each friendship made at Lee! Hope to see them at Lee Homecoming this year!"



Rudy Burroughs '71 was an education specialist in marriage and family therapy at Converse College and a U.S. Army chaplain from 1975-1995. He and his wife, Barbara, are in private counseling practice in Anderson, S.C. They have one son and five grandchildren. Rudy says, "Lee gave me a great foundation to continue my education in seminary."

Don '72 and **Linda Medlin Munn '72** have been lead pastors of Restoration Church of God since 1982 in North Atlanta. They have two children and four grandchildren. Don says, "I enjoy fond memories of many hours in the old music building with Dr. David Horton, Dr. Jim Burns, and Doc Alford."

Charles Abraham '73 taught high school biology for 36 years at Burch High School in Delbarton, W.Va. He is now retired, but teaches as an adjunct at Southern West Virginia Technical and Community College in Williamson, West Virginia.

Mickey Blevins '81 lives in Riceville, Tenn. where he is elementary supervisor for McMinn County Schools and will assume the title of Director of Schools for McMinn County, effective July 1, 2012. He has been married for 29 years to Kelly, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

Ric Shrubbs '83 puts *Torch* in harm's way on a safari in Argentina last February. Dr. Shrubbs is president of Minnesota West College in southwest Minnesota.

Greg '82 and **Tammy Bilbo Johnson '82** took *Torch* halfway around the world to China where they trekked along the Great Wall. Tammy is on the education faculty at Lee, while Greg is an IT specialist at the Church of God International Offices.

Monica Guerrero Taimanao '84 retired from the Air National Guard in 2004 and is presently employed with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection as a CBP officer in Guam. She is married to Alfred, and they have three children.

Ralph Morris '89 recently translated the German-language biography of Hertha Spöner. The 193-page biography was launched at Duke University on April 5. Spöner was one of only three women professors of physics in Weimar Germany, and eventually became the first woman to be hired in a budding physics program at Duke and enjoyed a long career there from 1936 to 1966.

Glenn Williams '89 is president of Bell Performance, which on May 1 introduced Ethanol Defense—an alcohol-free commercial grade ethanol treatment designed to solve common ethanol problems, protect engines from ethanol damage, and improve gas mileage by up to 12 percent or more. Glenn says, "We have created a product that speaks to conscientious drivers looking to protect their equipment, to extend the useful lifetime of their equipment, and give them better performance. Making the choice to use Ethanol Defense will not only benefit these conscientious drivers today, but it will also help to protect their vehicles and equipment for many years to come." Glenn lives in Florida with his wife, Amanda.

Jay '94 and **Olivia Manning Mishalanie '94** are living in Dallas, Tex. with their son.



Chuck Seligman '95 lives in San Antonio, Tex. where he is in the CPE program at San Antonio Military Medical Center as an Air Force chaplain. He became Deputy Wing Chaplain at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center in June 2012.

Todd Wright '95 was recently selected girls basketball coach at William Blount High School in Blount County, Tennessee. The move comes after he coached girls basketball at Lenoir City, Tennessee. Before taking over at Lenoir City, Wright coached for two seasons at Maryville College, compiling a 41-15 record. He led the Lady Scots to two regular-season and tournament championships from 2008-2010. He also coached at Roane State for three seasons, posting a 56-36 record from 2005-2008.

Melanie Carter Arias '99, '02M lives in Benton, Tenn. with her husband, John, where they own a counseling practice. They also pastor the Copperhill (Tenn.) Church of God in Copperhill Tenn. Melanie's father, **Frank Carter '68**, died last September of early onset Alzheimer's disease. Melanie is currently in a research program at Emory University for Alzheimer's and the genetic factors contributing to early onset and is raising money for the Alzheimer's Association. If any one would like to donate, please contact Melanie at mcarterarias@yahoo.com.



Jason '01 and **Jessica Palmer Edgerton '00** and their two children live in La Paz, Bolivia. Jason is serving as the country director for Samaritan's Purse—an evangelical relief and development organization.

Jordan '02 and **Brandy Lane Paulsen '02** live in Brooklyn, N.Y. where Jordan is a firefighter in Red Hook. They have two children.

Jacob Horowitz '05, and his wife, Betsy '05, live in Gladstone, Mo. and have one daughter. Jacob is a CPA currently working for KPMG in their Federal Tax Department. About being a father, Jacob says, "The profound tiredness I experienced as a college student with 8 o'clock classes every semester was decent training for being a new father."

Connie Coleman Potvin '08M is living and working in Athens, Tenn. where she is a counselor at Restoration Counseling treating addicts, children, and families. She is married to Dana Potvin, who is a worship leader. Connie received her license as a clinical pastoral counselor and is currently enrolled in a doctorate (Ph.D.) program through Colorado Theological Seminary.

Amber Marie Moore '09 and Ryan Thomas Bilkie were married on March 25, 2012, at Lover's Point in Monterey, Calif. Amber and Ryan met in Paris in 2009 while Amber was on Lee's Cambridge Semester in Europe trip and Ryan was studying in Paris. Currently, Amber is a third-year law student and editor-in-chief of the *West Virginia Law Review* at the West Virginia University College of Law, and Ryan is serving in the United States Air Force.

James Summers '09 lives in Charlotte, N.C. with his wife, Denise. James graduated from the Charlotte campus and says, "I had a great learning experience under the direction of Dr. Tom Tatum and Dr. Greg Sloop."

Andrew Smith '09 was severely wounded on March 8, 2012, in battle in Afghanistan when an IED exploded next to him. He was awarded the Purple Heart. His injuries, while not life-threatening, were severe and life-changing. He was transported to Walter Reed Hospital in D.C. He is married to **Tori Henson Smith '09**.

Samilynn Joyce '10 is a United States sailor, and teaches special education when she is home in Cleveland, Tenn.

Katie Ware Kazy '10 started Lee in 1992, and two years later married Dwayne. After 13 years of raising a family, Katie returned to Lee to finish what she started, graduating in 2010. Katie says, "I made many great friends and enjoyed every minute at Lee. As an older student, I think I appreciated the academics more than I did as a teenager, and I was able to focus better on my education. I pray my daughter chooses Lee, not only because it is a family tradition, but also because it is where God wants her to be."

 **Miles Huff '07** and **Jake Stum '97** took the latest issue of *Torch* to Southeast Asia—here at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Mini-profile: Eddie Robbins



Eddie Robbins '76 has written a book about his transformation from being over 300 pounds for most of his adult life to being a runner. The title of the book is *All My Strength*—a reference to Mark 12:30. The purpose for the book is to motivate others to join in the battle against obesity and become healthy and fit, especially in our culture.

Lee President Dr. Paul Conn, who wrote the Foreword, says "Eddie's book is fun to read. It's honest and personal, and reads like a conversation with a friend. It's about running; it's about weight loss; but it's really about life and goal-setting in the real world. I loved it."

All My Strength can be purchased on the Amazon website in both paperback and Kindle format. Eddie will be happy to sign a copy and mail it to you. Go to his website for more information: allmystrength.org



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