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# OPENING THOUGHTS

from **Dr. Paul Conn**



## Summertime Blues?

The conventional image of a college campus in the "dog days" of summer is a sleepy, quiet place: nobody there; nothing happening.

Like much else in American higher education, this picture has changed. Colleges and universities have learned that our campuses need not be lazy and dormant during the summertime. Like many of our peers, Lee University has made our campus a busy, dynamic summertime destination. Right now, as I look out over a hot Southern June day, I see a campus with lots going on.

- Our regular summer semester has grown; this year, we have 1200 students taking classes for credit in one of three, four-week sessions.
- We now offer a "student life" calendar for summer students—reduced from the regular school year, but still quite attractive. There is no chapel in the summertime, or intercollegiate sports, but students enjoy getting together during the summer, and they respond in big numbers to such activities as movie nights, baseball games to see the AA Chattanooga Lookouts, faculty vs. student softball, get-togethers for such things as cookouts and bowling. Mostly, the attraction is not so much the event itself as the opportunity to get together with other Lee students.
- The granddaddy of all Lee summer conferences, Summer Honors Semester, is now in its 27th year, and bigger than ever. Some 135 high school honor students are on campus now in our popular program which has been called "two weeks of wow." It's for rising and graduating seniors, who live in the dorms, take for-credit classes, and enjoy themselves in the evenings.
- Lee hosts thousands more high school students in various summer camps and conferences, most of them sponsored by Christian denominations. This week it is an Evangelical Presbyterian group here with us; last week it was the Disciples of Christ; the next two weeks, our guests are Southern Baptist young people.
- We wrap up these weekly visits in late July with the Church of God Teen Talent Festival, which will bring over a thousand teenagers to Lee for several days of music, drama, art, and other competition.
- We have sports campus galore—basketball, soccer, tennis—and camps in theatre, computer programming, and other special interests.

Meanwhile, Lee students gather and disperse from the campus all summer long as they travel literally around the globe with their Lee friends. The Lee Singers just got back from Indonesia, and the Symphonic Band from China; Evangelistic Singers are headed to the British Virgin Islands; a group of psychology majors toured Europe; history and political science students went to the UK; English majors to New England; Alpha Gamma Chi to Cambodia—and that is just a very partial list of official student trips coming and going this summer.

Summertime blues? The old rock song says, "there ain't no cure" for the summertime blues. For thousands of students and guests on the Lee University campus, it could be said, "ain't no such thing" as the summertime blues. Around here, the days of summer are no longer lazy.



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**TO THE LEFT:** Faculty leave The Chapel where a hooding ceremony took place for graduate students prior to the commencement service.



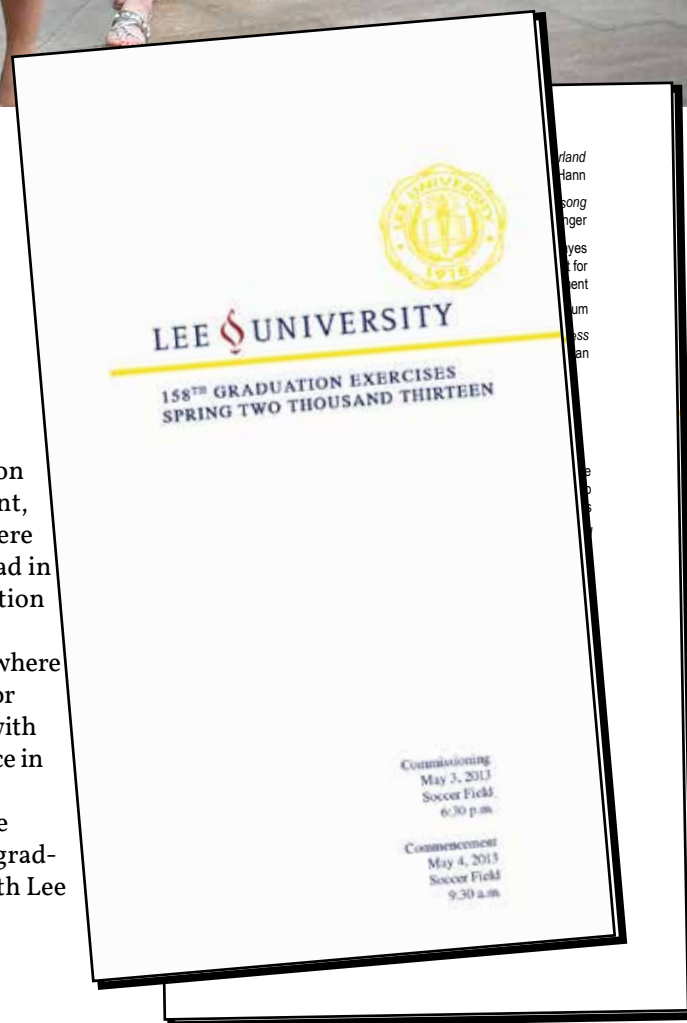


## New Pages In *Lee History*

Thousands of graduates, faculty, staff, and family gathered on the rainy weekend of May 3 and 4, where they came together in the Walker Arena and in the Conn Center via live link. The May ceremonies are the largest of three graduation events held at Lee each year. Commencement is a two-day event, beginning with a commissioning service on Friday evening where graduating seniors share their Lee experiences and students lead in song and prayer. A highlight of commissioning is the presentation of Bibles to every graduate.

Saturday morning was the traditional graduation ceremony, where hundreds were presented their diplomas, either at the bachelor's or master's level. Undergraduate degrees presented numbered 379, with 44 graduate degrees for a total of 423. Graduate hooding took place in The Chapel prior to commencement on Saturday morning.

Graduation guests and participants each received a 16-page souvenir program outlining the activities, history, and lists of graduates. Follow the pages of what is now history of the 158th Lee University Commencement:



Class of  
2013





# COMMISSIONING Order of Service

Prelude *Ammerland*  
Jacob de Hann

\* Processional *March on a Russian Hymn*  
David Holsinger

\* Welcome Michael Hayes  
Vice President for  
Student Development

\* Invocation Robert Marcum

\* Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Thomas Chisholm/William Runyan

## University Awards

F. J. Lee Award – Bethany Barclay  
Zeno C. Tharp Award – Hollie Heerak Kim  
Charles Paul Conn Award – Justin Arnwine

"The Lee University Experience"

Ivey Lawrence  
Temitope E. Adebayo  
Rachel Elkins

## Special Music

"Laurie's Song" from *The Tender Land*  
Aaron Copland

Sara Baker, soprano  
Mary Beth Wickes, piano

"The Lee University Experience"

Sarah Haratine  
Michael Young  
Clair Lanter

## Presentation of Bibles

Jimmy Harper, Campus Pastor  
Alan McClung, Dean of Students

\* Benediction

Oyinade Taylor

\*\* Recessional

"March" from *Second Suite in F*  
Gustav Holst

\* Please stand.

\*\* Please remain seated until marching recessional line has left the soccer field.

## Music Director

Walt Mauldin  
Vice President for Administration

## Organist

Mary Beth Wickes, Director of Accompanying

## Pianist

Phillip Thomas, Professor of Music

## Instrumentalists

Lee University Wind Ensemble  
David R. Holsinger, conductor

Lawrence

Adebayo

Elkins

Haratine

Young

Baker

Lanter

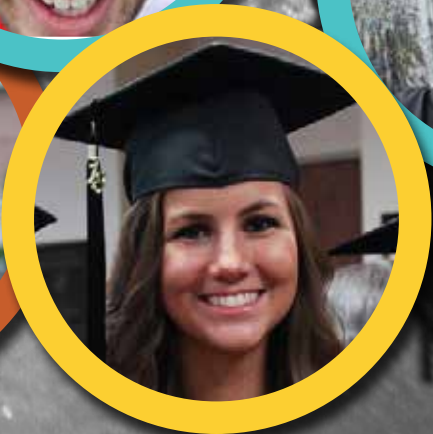
Bible  
Presentations





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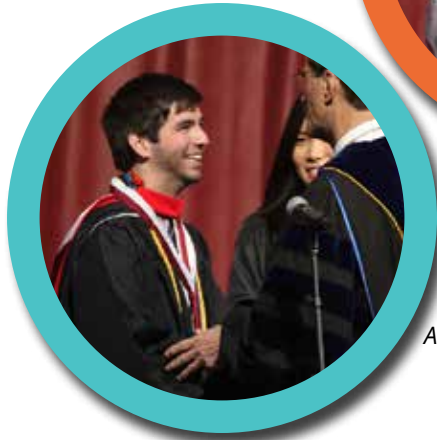




Barclay



Kim



Arnwine

#### STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

**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.

##### Bethany Barclay

Bethany Barclay is graduating this summer with a major in English Literature and a minor in Spanish. During her time at Lee she was involved in several honor societies and was a Peer Leader and an English major mentor. Bethany was a member of the Evangelistic singers and has spent time volunteering, tutoring and singing in the Church Choir at Mt. Zion Prayer Center. After she graduates, Bethany plans to continue as assistant coordinator for the Writing Studio program at Lee University and plans to attend Law School in 2014.

**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.

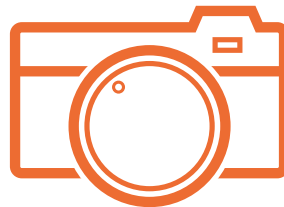
##### Hollie Heerak Kim

Hollie Heerak Kim is originally from Albania and is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in French Education and a TESOL minor. While at Lee she served as a Peer Leader, and was involved in Campus Choir and Chamber Strings. She was a Centennial Scholar and a member of the French and Education honor societies. After graduation Hollie plans to teach English and do mission work in Colombia for a year, after which she plans to attend Law School in the United States.

**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.

##### Justin Arnwine

Justin Arnwine is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies and a minor in Biblical Languages. While at Lee, he received several academic scholarships and awards including, the Centennial Scholarship and the Zondervan Biblical Languages Award. Justin worked as a teaching assistant for Biblical Hebrew and was a member of Alpha Chi and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. After Graduation he plans to earn a Master of Arts in Religion at Vanderbilt University.







**Spring 2013 Graduates:**  
**423** 379 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES  
 44 GRADUATE DEGREES





# A BREAKTHROUGH FOR COMMUNICATIONS

*By Cameron Fisher*

A new communications building will offer the latest for a growing major.



*When it is finished, the new two-story communications building will be a dynamic addition to the downtown Cleveland, Tennessee landscape. This view from Ocoee Street will be the first impression of the Lee campus as motorists exit downtown.*





Construction has begun on a 40,000 square-foot academic building that will bring the latest in technology and classroom learning to a major that is fast becoming a more popular choice of incoming students.

As Lee seeks to cater to a generation that has never not known technology in their pockets, the new two-story communications building will offer attractive features to nurture and advance students in video, media, theater, and other concepts that are almost second nature before they arrive on campus.



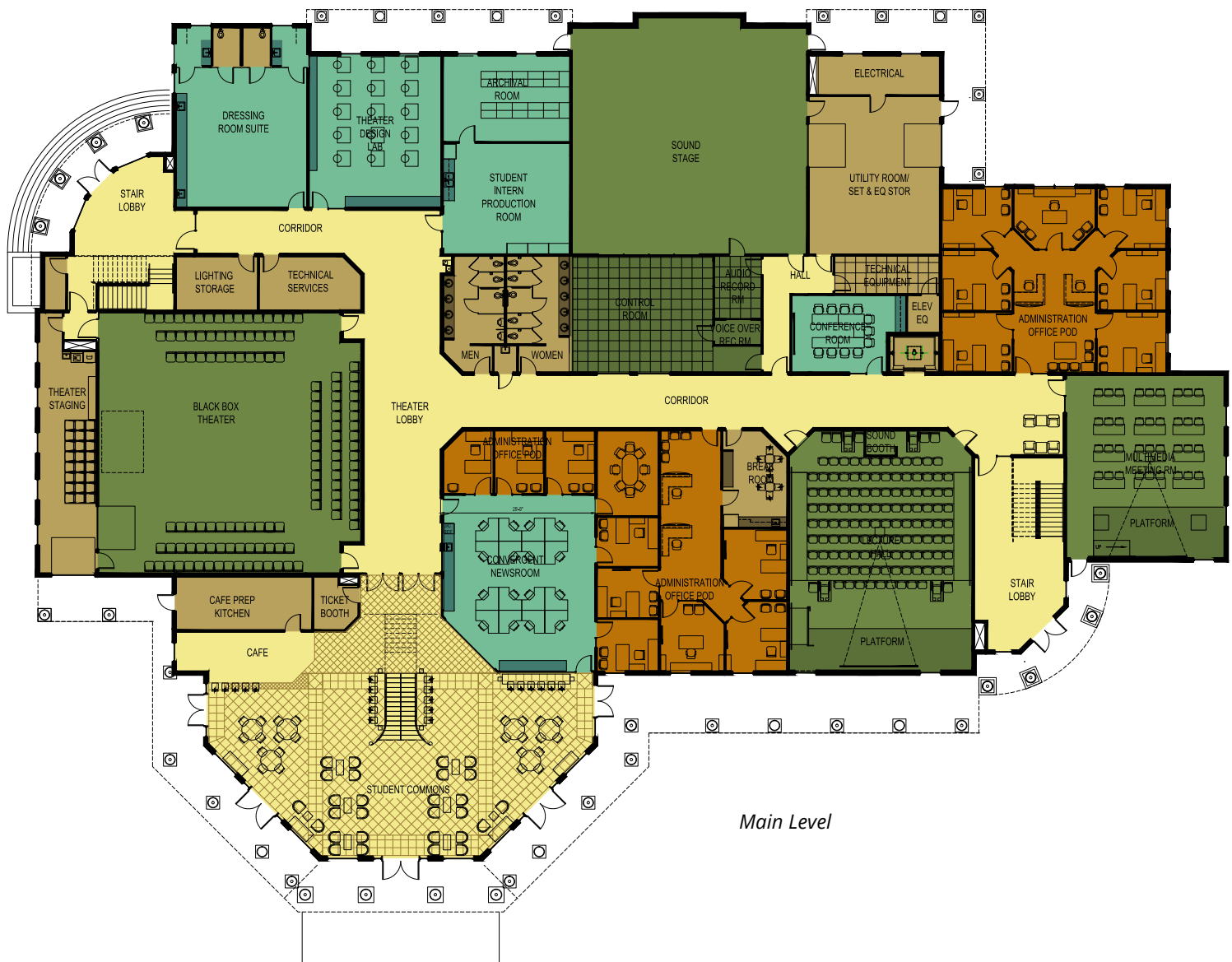
## THEATER, NEWSROOM, AND SOUND STUDIO ARE FEATURES

The primary features of the new building will include a Black Box theater with seating for up to 200. Along with the theater will be space for dressing rooms, ticketing, and staging. There will be a video production sound stage and control room, and a 125-seat video/movie screening room that will double as a lecture hall. Also included is an editing room with ten individual editing suites fully furnished with equipment. A converged newsroom will also be a feature of the building.

The second level will contain mostly academic space, such as a traditional classroom, seminar classroom, active learning-environment classroom,

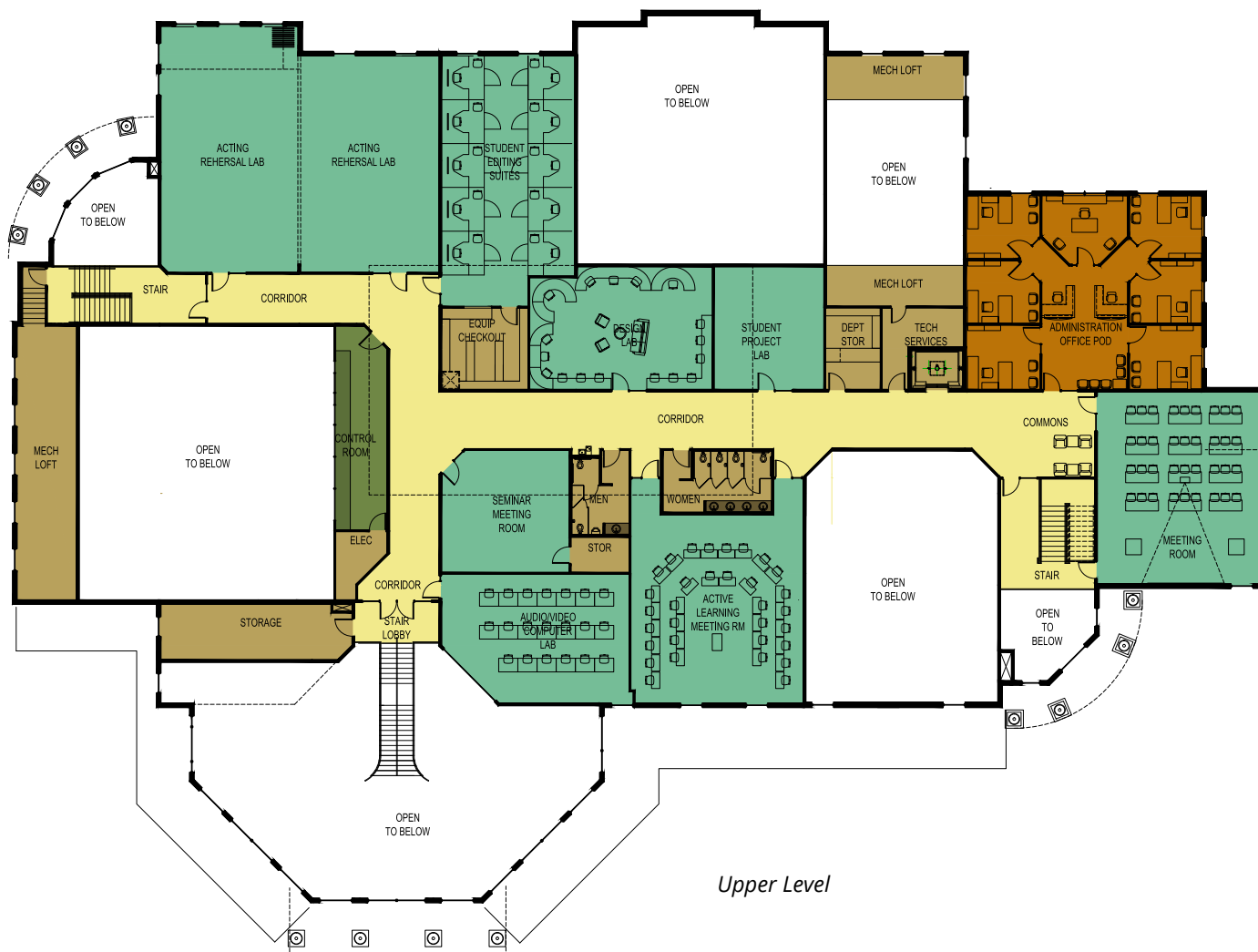
design classroom, student project lab, and an acting/rehearsal lab. Communications faculty, who currently have offices spread across campus, will be under one roof when the building is completed.

The main entrance will face the corner of Ocoee Street and Central Avenue, and the exterior is being purposefully designed with a lower profile, so as to complement rather than dominate nearby downtown architecture, which includes three historic churches. The building will be set back on the site to allow for green space and site lines to the former First Baptist Church, which is slated to be converted into a music and performance venue.



Main Level





Upper Level

## SANDELLA'S FLATBREAD CAFÉ WILL BE THE FIRST IN CLEVELAND

Lee University will once again unveil a first dining establishment in Cleveland, when it opens a Sandella's Flatbread Café in the new communications building. Sandella's was founded in 1994 and is today the largest and fastest-growing flatbread concept in the world, with locations in 26 states and three countries. Sandella's first offered upscale sandwiches on baguettes and artisan bread, but in 1996 the centuries-old Middle Eastern flatbread was introduced at the restaurant and was so popular that today all sandwiches feature only their signature brick-oven-baked flatbread. Other menu items will include wraps, paninis, quesadillas, salads, rice bowls, and more.

The Lee location of Sandella's will be the first location in Cleveland and the second in all of Tennessee. The only other location is on the campus of the University of Tennessee-Martin in Martin, Tennessee.

This is not the first time Lee and its food services provider, Sodexo, have debuted an eatery in Cleveland. When the Paul Conn Student Union opened in 2000,

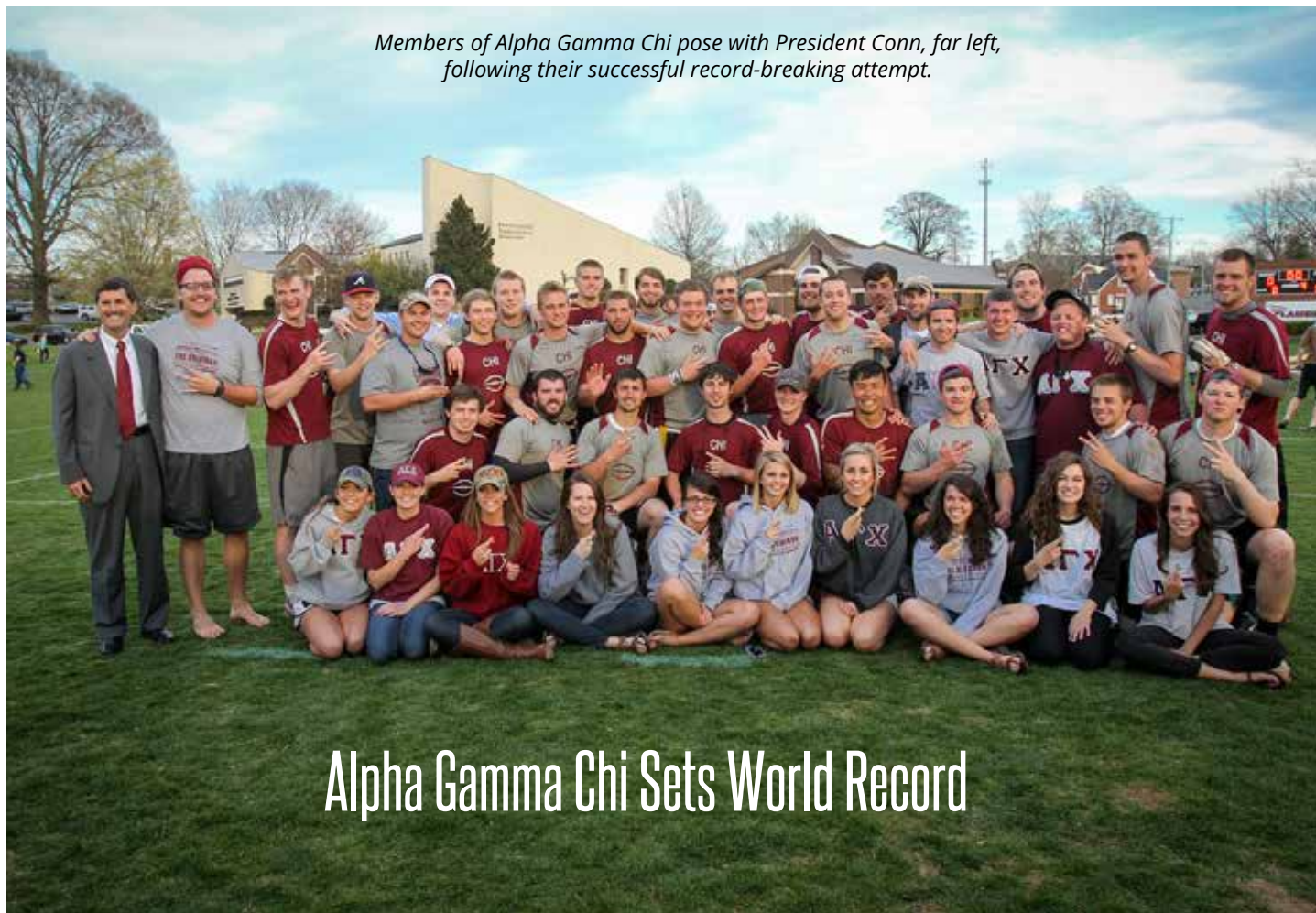
the city's first Chick-fil-A was a tenant of the food court. Two years ago Einstein Bros. Bagels opened a branch in the Humanities Center, and at the same time, Dunkin Donuts was reintroduced to Cleveland with the opening of a space in the Math and Science Building. Dunkin had closed the only Cleveland location several years earlier.



Completion of the new communications building, as well as a remodeled and updated former First Baptist Church into Pangle Hall, renovation and repurposing of the education wing, and a new concept for the current parking and grounds, is slated for the fall of 2014.



*Members of Alpha Gamma Chi pose with President Conn, far left, following their successful record-breaking attempt.*



## Alpha Gamma Chi Sets World Record

A new world record for the longest played game of continuous flag football was set on the Lee campus when Alpha Gamma Chi reached 50 hours on April 6.

Forty-eight of the 50 hours were played at the field in front of Lee's O'Bannon and Bowdle dormitories on Parker Street. The final two hours were moved to the soccer field where students, faculty, friends, and Lee Day delegates filled the stands to watch the climax.

The group actually broke the current record of 24 hours the previous day, but chose to play 50 hours, in part to commemorate the club's 50th anniversary of its founding in 1963. A reunion of all Chi members is planned for this fall at Homecoming weekend November 1 and 2.

According to the Guinness World Records organization guidelines, active players received five minutes of rest for every hour played. Breaks could be saved up to six hours for a 30-minute break. One of these breaks was used to make the move to the soccer field. Requirements for proof to Guinness include a completed scorebook of the entire event, and video surveillance, among other items.

"It feels incredible," Taylor Trotter, club president, said following the game's completion. "Obviously there were times when we basically had nothing left, and we had to dig deep and think about the kids and try to rally and encourage

one another. Now at the completion of everything we've worked on for the past year, I'm just trying to soak it up and enjoy it."

Supporters from Lee students to community residents kept participants company during the long hours. Lee Greek clubs signed up to take shifts throughout the day and night. Players agreed the hardest part was continuing to play in the freezing cold without music and minimal support.

What brought participants through was the thought of raising money for People for Care and Learning's (PCL) Build a City project in Cambodia. Fred Garmon, international director of PCL, said the players' goal was \$86,000.

"Without the auction, they have raised about \$35,000, which will be matched; so we are shooting for \$80,000 to \$86,000 when it all comes in," Garmon said. Fund-raising included sponsorships, private donations, gifts, and merchandise sales. Garmon said the money will be used to build several facilities.

Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn, said he was proud of what the Chi guys accomplished.

"This has been a wonderful thing they've done here. They set a very, very ambitious goal. I was thinking while watching them last night how much harder this is than softball [in reference to Chi's world record-setting 100-hour

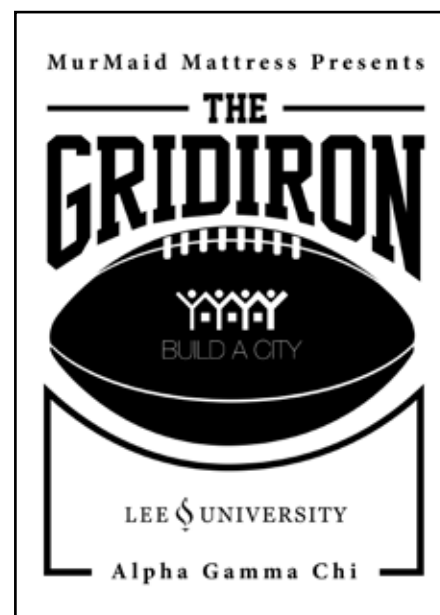




*Chi members played the first 48 hours of the record attempt on Jack Souther Field.*



*Elation broke out among the teammates when they reached the 50 hour mark.*



softball games in 1986 and 2005],” Conn said. “. . . It was really an impressive ordeal and I am proud of these guys. . . . I think Greek clubs on the Lee campus are at their best when they are focusing on something outside of themselves. I’ve been pulling for them from the sidelines as they got all the preparations ready for the event.”

“President Conn and the entire Lee University campus have been so supportive of People for Care and Learning and everything we have done,” Garmon stated. “This is the culmination of that great relationship of their working with the humanitarian organization to give back here and on the other side of the planet. We are just overwhelmed. It is fund-raising at its best.”

To learn more about the Build a City project, visit [peopleforcare.org](http://peopleforcare.org).

- Delaney Walker,  
Cleveland Daily Banner

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## Chi Plans 50th Reunion

A weekend of celebration and reminiscing is planned for Lee University Homecoming Weekend, November 1-2, 2013. If you were ever a part of the men who wear burgundy and gray, between 1963 and 2013, make your plans to be back at your alma mater. More information to come!



## Lee Publications Team Wins Awards

Lee University's Office of Publications won four ADDY awards at the recent 2013 American Advertising Federation (AAF) Awards Competition in Chattanooga.

Topping the list of award-winning publications was the Insider Magazine, which brought home a Gold ADDY for Lee. The publications team also received three Silver ADDYs for a variety of pieces, including an advertisement featuring a highly stylized metallic flame.

Gold ADDY award winners advance to AAF's regional competition in Nashville.

Vice President for University Relations Dr. Jerome Hammond acknowledged the group's accomplishment, saying, "In a world of information overload, this small and talented team consistently achieves a difficult goal—getting your attention. They work hard and this honor is well deserved."

The student team is led by Director of Publications, Regenia Collier.

In the same week, the team also won a CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Special Merit award for the Insider Magazine going up against schools such as Emory, North Carolina State, Florida State, and Georgia Tech.



Publications team (l to r) Randi Vasquez, lead student photographer; Brent Shedd, student office manager; Collier; Jason Moore, lead student graphic designer; and Ani Abrahamyan, assistant student graphic designer. Not pictured are team members Nathan Bivens, Steven Morgan, Olivia Theodore, and Cilla Tran.



## Lee to Offer Graduate Degree in Ministry Online

Lee University's School of Religion (SOR), in partnership with the Division of Adult Learning (DAL), is offering the Master of Arts in Ministry Studies available as a fully online program. Participants can earn a degree in just fifteen months.

The program is designed to help its users on their way to a degree. This effort includes the Lee graduate ministry discount, which reduces the tuition rate to \$400 per credit hour. The program also uses a cohort model of learning that encourages interaction and working relationships between classmates, and multiple program start dates with new sessions beginning in May, August, and January.

Multiple emphases are offered as well, allowing a focus in Leadership Studies, Worship Studies, or Youth and Family Ministries.

As Lee's first fully online graduate program, the DAL and SOR are committed to making it a success for those who choose to enroll. Students will participate in two weekend-long, on-campus experiences. These intensives are designed to provide the students with an opportunity to personally meet and interact with each other and with the School of Religion faculty.

"We're trying to find ways to best serve the community," said Dr. Joshua Black, executive director of the DAL. "This is an opportunity to enrich the spiritual knowledge and talents of those called to minister."

"Rather than being just 'one more thing to do' in the life of a busy minister, this program engages the student in the practice of ministry itself and encourages practical and theological ways to think about doing this," said Dr. Terry Cross, dean of the School of Religion. "It will invigorate and refresh any ministry, as well as develop innovative ideas for presenting the 'good news.'"

For submission guidelines, visit the Lee's website, call 423-614-8370, or email [dal@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:dal@leeuniversity.edu).

- Tyler Beckett



## Lee Gets Green Light for Nursing Program

The Tennessee Board of Nursing cleared the way on May 9 for Lee University to build a nursing program. President, Dr. Paul Conn, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, and Dr. Carla Sanderson, Union University provost and former director of that school's nursing program, presented Lee's case in Nashville.

"This is a giant step forward. We're excited about it and we are very appreciative of the local support we received during this process," Conn said. After presenting the 40-page letter of intent and stating their case to the 10-member board and staff, Conn said it received unanimous approval. The approval allows the university to hire a director, who will then hire two full-time faculty members and develop a program curriculum. Lee will ask for final board approval in February 2014.

Lee plans to offer a bachelor of science in nursing to include a two-year track for registered nurses to earn BSN certification. The school plans to admit 40 BSN and 20 R.N.-to-BSN students each year beginning in the fall of 2014. When the four-year pipeline is full in 2018, the school of nursing will have 240 students and seven full-time faculty members. The nursing school would be located initially in the Math and Science Building with plans for a new building by the fall of 2016.

Conn said the R.N.-to-BSN track was an important

component of the presentation. He and Cleveland State Community College President Dr. Carl Hite have had discussions over the years concerning a seamless articulation agreement for transition from a two- to four-year program.

"We think the R.N.-to-BSN track will be an important component of the program," Conn said.

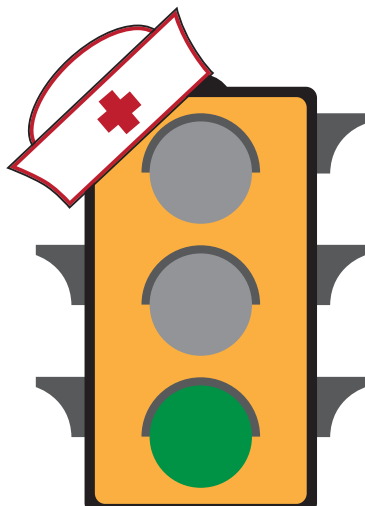
Another component of the university's successful application was the enthusiastic support of major health care providers in Cleveland and Chattanooga which all sent letters of support to the board. In addition, Conn said, all of the clinical sites sent representatives to meet with the site visit team from the board of nursing on April 25.

"That was impressive to them," he said. "Cleveland State was very supportive and that meant a lot, because they already have an established nursing program in the same community."

Lee University announced in February it was seeking approval for a four-year nursing program and a director to shape Christian nursing education. A director has not been announced, but Conn said applications have been received.

Dirksen is directing the startup. The decision to further educate nurses follows a positive recommendation from a feasibility committee, also led by Dirksen.

- David Davis, Cleveland Daily Banner



## Campus Choir Forms Alumni Association

The Lee University Campus Choir was founded in 1958 and led by its first director, A. T. Humphries. Throughout its existence, many directors have helped shape the lives of students, including Delton Alford, Jim Burns, Jerry Long, Phillip Thomas, David Horton, Mark Bailey, and currently Jimmy and Johnna Phillips. They continue the hallmark of "Davidic" worship, which has transformed young students, many of whom have gone on to become pastors, teachers, and worship ministers.

In 2011, the Campus Choir Alumni Association (CCAA) was developed as a way for former members to share in community with one another. Membership is open to anyone who completed at least one semester in Campus Choir. The CCAA is geared to provide ministerial encouragement and provide funds for the David and Virginia Horton Scholarship. The scholarship is open to current choir members pursuing music degrees with an emphasis in church music studies.

CCAA gatherings convene during Lee University Homecoming weekend. All former members are invited for a time of worship and sharing in the choir's ongoing mission. For more information, check out the Twitter page [@CCAlumniassoc](https://twitter.com/CCAlumniassoc) or via email at [CampusChoirAlumniAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:CampusChoirAlumniAssociation@gmail.com)



- Felix Garcia



## Jim Burns Retires After 46 Years

One of the most well known members of the Lee University faculty has officially retired after 46 years with his alma mater.

A native of Mineral Wells, Texas, when he arrived at Lee in the early 1960s, Burns “fell in love with the great choral music, under A.T. Humphries and Delton Alford.” He studied voice with Humphries, Roosevelt Miller and J. Oscar Miller. He met and married Doris Dennison, whose father Clifford taught biology at Lee for 32 years. Together, Jim and Doris have three sons, Kevin, Todd and Ryan, and five grandsons.

Burns received his first experiences directing church choirs at New Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, just blocks away from the Lee campus. He became director of music at North Cleveland Church of God the summer before his senior year, and returned several years later to found the Crusader Choir, which last year celebrated its 40th anniversary. Burns graduated from Lee in 1965 and two years later completed a Master’s degree in church music at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, just prior to arriving at Lee to teach in 1967. He received a Doctorate of Musical Arts from Southwestern in 1975.

Burns considers himself a soloist, songwriter, clinician and worship leader, all while serving as a professor of church music and vocal instruction at Lee. Dr. Burns was for ten years director of the Lee Singers, from 1979-1989. His

choirs performed in Mexico, the Orient, the former Soviet Union, throughout Western Europe, and in most of the United States, including Hawaii. During a two-year sabbatical from Lee, he was coordinator of the graduate program of music and conductor of the concert choir at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has served as Director of Graduate Studies in Music at Lee and as Interim Dean of the School of Music. Burns served as musical director for productions of *Oliver*, *Godspell*, *The Sound of Music*, *My Fair Lady*, *Annie*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*, and conducted the Lee University presentation of *West Side Story*.

“In the past months I have had the opportunity to reflect on Jim’s retirement and his extraordinary career at Lee,” said Dr. Bill Green, chairman of the school of Music. “Several members of our faculty, including myself, were mentored by Dr. Burns as students and were fortunate to view firsthand his passion for music, his love for the Lord, and his amazing ability to learn from every experience and opportunity. Dr. Burns has been instrumental in establishing a clear path for growth and initiating programs that will impact our students for years to come. We are so grateful for his contribution in our own lives and are thankful that his legacy will continue to be a part of the fabric of Lee University.”



Burns

## Lee Named to Presidential Service Honor Roll

Lee University has once again been named to the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll—the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

Out of 690 schools selected, Lee was one of only 100 named to the honor roll with distinction.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual award, recognized the university and its students for their dedication to meeting the needs of the areas most disadvantaged and vulnerable residents.



A Lee student assists in food distribution

According to Vice President for Student Development Mike Hayes, Lee students clocked more than 74,000 hours of service, developing and managing innovative programs that resulted from the combined

efforts of the faculty and more than 3,500 students.

“This award indicates that our students, faculty, staff, and community are making a difference with excellence,” said Hayes. “Lee students are using their gifts to meet pressing needs in Cleveland and around the world.” Lee’s commitment to service extends to each of its students who must complete two service-embedded courses and 80 hours of service-learning as a graduation requirement.

Students lead several pioneering service projects, including Crossover, a food distribution program which partners with area grocers and retailers to feed local disadvantaged families; the Campus Kitchen, which provides students the opportunity to learn innovative techniques to fight hunger; and the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC), which provides educational planning, family support services, and activities for area students with autism-spectrum disorders.

The President’s Higher Education Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing students on a lifelong path of civic engagement recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measureable outcomes in the communities they serve.

– Britain Miethke



## Lee Singers Planning 50th Celebration

Anyone who has ever been a member of the Lee Singers is invited to return to their alma mater this fall to help celebrate 50 years of one of the university's most prestigious and well-known music ensembles.

Founded in 1963, hundreds of Lee students have experienced the camaraderie that is unique to the choral group. That bond will be celebrated with a mass reunion choir at Homecoming on November 1-2.

Earlier this year a group gathered for a luncheon on the exact day the first Singers group came together for their inaugural rehearsal. The event launched the official recognition of the 50th year. In attendance were the Singers' four directors: Delton Alford, Jim Burns, Walt Mauldin, and current director, Brad Moffett. Also in attendance were interim directors Danny Murray and Steve Holder.

A number of special events are planned for the 50th celebration. Details will be unveiled later this summer.



*Singers' directors: Walt Mauldin, Brad Moffett, Delton Alford, and Jim Burns*

## Benner, Richards, and Quagliana Receive CWC Award



*(left to right) Benner, VP for Administration Walt Mauldin, Richards, VP for Student Development Mike Hayes, Quagliana*

Rising seniors Kyle Benner and Katelyn Richards were awarded the Charles W. Conn Servant Leadership Award for demonstrating leadership in service and ministry in the Lee community. Dr. Heather Quagliana was the recipient of the Service-Learning Faculty Award presented to a faculty member recognized for commitment to areas of service-learning on campus and in personal service to the community.

The awards are in honor of Dr. Charles W. Conn, president of Lee from 1970-1982. Conn was known for his spirit of servant leadership during his presidency at Lee and is the only president emeritus in Lee's history.

Benner has been active in residential life as a Small-Group floor leader, resident assistant, and senior resident assistant. For three years, he served as a teaching assistant for Dr. Edley Moodley. Benner has also been part of the Student Leadership Council and the Alternative Chapel

Planning Committee. He has traveled on nine international missions trips, many of which he led.

Richards was part of the Lee Service Council and served in Crossover—a food distribution program aimed to benefit local disadvantaged families. She also served as a resident chaplain, a teaching assistant for a leadership course, and as a children's church worker at a local church.

Quagliana joined the Lee faculty as an assistant professor of psychology in 2008. She has taught numerous service-embedded courses, including Gateway, Lifespan Development, Child Development, Childhood Disorders, and Community Psychology. She also has participated in various community projects such as offering parenting classes and assisting tornado victims with their trauma responses.

Benner and Richards are the ninth group of students to receive this award, while Quagliana is the fifth faculty member to be honored.



## Hollywood Sound Editor Joining Lee Faculty

The swivel of a robot; the patter of cockroach feet; the shrill of the wind through cubified trash on an abandoned planet—it's the beginning of the Disney Pixar movie *Wall-E*. Each sound was carefully produced by Hollywood sound editor, Dustin Cawood.

Also known for his work on *Lincoln*, *Toy Story 3*, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, and *Up*, among other films, Cawood has signed a contract to join the Lee University digital media studies faculty this fall.

Cawood worked his way up through the sound-editing world with companies like Pixar and Skywalker Sound.

"I'm excited about all aspects of digital media storytelling," Cawood said. "That's what I fell in love with and why I want to be a professor in the film business."

Lee's digital media studies lecturer, Mary Dukes, said that Cawood's MFA in Film Making from Florida State University set him apart during the application process.

"When the position came open, Dr. Joel Kailing (Communi-

cations chair) knew he had the correct academic credentials, which is always the challenge when you're dealing with someone in the professional world," Dukes said. "He applied, and affectionately became known as the 'Pixar dude,' though he's not technically from Pixar."

Cawood hopes the wealth of knowledge he's accumulated through his experience, as well as the contacts he's made in the film industry, will benefit his students.

"My intent is to be an approachable professor, and I don't want [students] to be intimidated," Cawood said. "It all comes back around to teaching students how to tell a great story in all aspects of media. Do that, and they can succeed in any craft in the film business."

- Jessilyn Justice, Lee Clarion

Cawood



## Faculty Members Earn Promotions

During the May meeting of the Lee University Board of Directors, the following veteran faculty members received promotions in rank:

### Associate Professor to Professor:

Blayne Carroll, Ph.D., *Mathematics*

Susan Carter, Ph.D.,

*Psychology and Human Development*

Rachel Reneslakis, Ph.D., *English*

Patty Silverman, Ph.D., *Public Relations*

Linda Thompson, Ph.D., *Music Education*



Carroll



Carter



Reneslakis



Silverman



Thompson

### Assistant Professor to Associate:

Sherry Kasper, Ph.D., *Biology*

Mike Iosia, Ph.D., *Exercise Physiology*

Kimberly Moffett, Ph.D., *Education*

Christine Williams, Ph.D., *Theater*



Kasper



Iosia



Moffett



Williams

### Lecturer to Associate Lecturer:

Mary Dukes, M.A., *Telecommunications*

Randell Ferguson, M.S., *Mathematics*



Dukes



Ferguson

### Lecturer to Senior Lecturer:

Catherine Mantooth, M.A.,  
*Theater and Theater Technical Director*



Mantooth





## Johnson Receives Excellence in Scholarship

**D**r. Aaron Johnson, assistant professor of humanities, is the recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Scholarship Award.

Johnson joined Lee's Department of History, Political Science, and Humanities in the fall of 2010. He specializes in Greek literature of the later Roman Empire, particularly in the areas of ethnic and religious identities and of Hellenism.

Johnson has held fellowships at Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies (Harvard University) and the Society of Fellows at the University of Chicago.

Johnson's publications include two books, titled, *Ethnicity and Argument in Eusebius' Praeparatio Evangelica* (Oxford University Press, 2006) and *Religion and Identity in Porphyry of Tyre* (Cambridge University Press, 2013). In addition, Johnson has published more than 20 scholarly articles, many dictionary entries, as well as book reviews. He has been an invited speaker at Keble College, Oxford; the University of Paris, Sorbonne; Princeton's Institute for Advanced Studies; Duke University, and elsewhere.



## Hisey Earns Ph.D.

**A**ssistant Professor John Hisey recently earned his doctorate (Ph.D.) in biology from the University of Memphis.

His dissertation, titled, "Genetic and Demographic Patterns of the Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) Across Extended Spatio-temporal Scales," discusses the genetic patterns in raccoons across most of the United States and Canada, as well as demographic and genetic patterns over 20 years at sites in Southwest Tennessee.

Before joining the Lee faculty in 1996, Hisey taught college courses for 10 years. Seven of those years were spent in China, as professor and guest lecturer at several national and provincial institutions. He earned his master's degree in zoology from Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Washington.



## Kasper Is Winner of Excellence in Advising Award

**D**r. Sherry Kasper, assistant professor of biology, has been selected winner of the 2013 Excellence in Advising Award.

President Dr. Paul Conn stated, "her students consistently rank her as one of the best advisors in the university."

Kasper joined Lee's Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in 2007. She has taught classes such as Principles of Biology II, Cell Biology, and Anatomy and Physiology.

Kasper also participates in research at the University of Tennessee each summer. She takes Lee students with her, providing them an opportunity to be involved in research as an undergraduate student, which strengthens their candidacy for graduate and medical school admissions.

## Anderson Recognized for Excellence in Teaching

**D**r. Laura Anderson, professor of education, was selected as the recipient of Lee University's 2013 Excellence in Teaching Award.

Lee President Dr. Paul Conn congratulated Anderson for "this recognition of her outstanding performance in the classroom."

Anderson joined the Lee University Helen DeVos College of Education in 1996, and teaches in the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education. Prior to coming to Lee, she taught elementary school for 17 years in her home state of South Carolina, where she was selected Teacher of the Year in 1982, 1986, and 1995.

Anderson teaches a number of elementary methods courses, including Elementary Methods, Principles of Instruction, and her favorite, Children's Literature. Her specialty is researching gender differences in learning to read.





*Rachel Lockhart was one of the leaders of the outstanding 2012–2013 Lee women's basketball program.*



## Lady Flames Fall in National Championship Game

The 2012–2013 season will go down in the record books as one of the most successful, if not the most successful in the history of women's basketball at Lee.

The Lady Flames posted a 34–3 record under the direction of their ninth-year coach, Marty Rowe. Lee made its ninth straight appearance in the NAIA National Tournament and advanced to the championship game for the first time before falling to Westmont (Calif.), 65–71.

Rowe directed the Lady Flames to an eighth consecutive SSAC East Division title, and his club won the SSAC tournament title by downing Southern Poly, 76–60.

Individually, it was a huge year for junior guard Hollie German. She was named NAIA First-Team All-American, SSAC Player of the Year, NAIA All-National Tournament, CoSIDA NAIA Scholar Athlete of the Year, NAIA and SSAC Scholar Athlete.

Sophomore Jamie Adams was an NAIA Honorable mention All-American. She was All-SSAC and the MVP of the SSAC Tournament. Julie Zimmerman and Karley Miller joined German and Adams on the All-SSAC team. Zimmerman was selected as the SSAC Sixth-Man Award winner. Melanie Barker was tabbed as the SSAC Newcomer of the Year.

## Track Teams Fare Well at Championships

In the inaugural season of the Southern States Athletic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships, the Flames earned a second-place finish. The Lady Flames finished fourth.

Four Lady Flames and six Flames earned All-SSAC honors by finishing in the top three of an event. Bryan and Childers were All-SSAC in the 800-meter and 1500-meter events, while Miller and Matthews claimed their spots in the 5000-meter and 800-meter runs.

Walker led all Lee athletes with three All-SSAC designations. He finished in the top three of the 3000-meter steeplechase, 1500-meter run, and 5000-meter run.

Lamar Thompson and Terris Elliott were two-time honorees—Thompson in the hammer throw and 100-meter dash and Elliott in the 1500-meter run and the 400-meter hurdles.

Davis won the 200-meter dash for a spot on the All-SSAC team. Adam Christensen and Justin Knuth joined Thompson in the top three of the hammer throw and to earn a spot.

Lee's outdoor track teams will send seven athletes to the 2013 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Emily Arnesen, Cayce Bryan, Jessica Childers, and Storyie Miller will run in the 4x800-meter relay, while Bryan will also run as an individual in the 800-meter event. Ashley Matthews will take on the marathon after securing a qualifying time during the Knoxville Half-Marathon. Her time of 1:28:36 was also a new school record. Freshman Brad Davis qualified for both the 100-meter and 200-meter dash.

Senior Mike Walker will take on the obstacles of the 3000-meter steeplechase. He met the qualification standards at the 2013 Sea Ray Relays with a time of 9:22.47.



*Mike Walker made a big splash in the 2013 Sea Ray event.*





*Ana Coscorrosa is greeted at home plate after one of her two homers against Olivet Nazarene in the Opening Round of the NAIA National Tournament.*

## Softball Lady Flames Make Nationals

The Lee University softball team rattled off 16 consecutive wins to start the 2013 season and never looked back en route to a 40-9 regular season mark and a Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) Tournament Title.

The third-ranked Lady Flames ended their final year in the SSAC in style, defeating three ranked teams; No. 20 William Carey (Miss.), No. 12 Belhaven (Miss.) and No. 15 Spring Hill (Ala.) twice, to capture the conference championship.

Dominique Hannah paced the high-powered offensive attack all season long for the Lady Flames and was named SSAC Player of the Year. Junior Ana Coscorrosa has belted eight home runs and leads the team with 62 RBI. As a club Lee is hitting a blistering .385 and scored 415 runs.

Despite the big offensive numbers, the pitching staff has taken a back seat to no one during the 2013 campaign. Freshman Caroline MacAusland anchors the pitching staff and is 16-4 with a 1.69 ERA. Another freshman, Angie Hughes, led the team with 17 wins and carries a 2.67 ERA. Senior Katie Deems provided depth in the rotation and finished with an 8-1 mark.

The Lady Flames punched their ticket to the NAIA Softball National Championship final site with a dominating performance in the Opening Round tournament held at Lee's Butler Field. The Lady Flames defeated Bethel College (Ind.), and Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.) twice to win the bracket and earn the right to battle for the national title.

At the NAIA Softball National Championship final site in Columbus, Ga. the third-seeded Lady Flames drew Williams Baptist College (Ark) in the opening round. Pitching set the tone for most of the contest until the fifth inning when the Lady Flames gave up a pair of unearned runs en route to a 3-1 defeat. That set up a matchup with SSAC foe Auburn-Montgomery in the loser's bracket. Lee jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage but a three-run sixth inning by the Lady Warhawks and missed opportunities on the offense end proved too big of a hole to overcome as the Lady Flames season came to an end with a 4-2 loss.





## Tennis Teams Wrap Up Season

The Lee men's tennis team finished the 2013 season with a 4-5 record while the women's squad ended their campaign with an overall mark of 4-7 and a No. 24 ranking in the final NAIA regular season poll. Both teams battled tough competition in the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) and uncooperative weather for much of the year.

The men's team was led by seniors Patrick Kim and Fabio Medina. Medina would also team up with junior Richard Gamble in the No. 1 doubles spot. For the women, seniors Tarah Garner and Katie North were named co-captains of the women's squad in 2013. Walters would also occupy the No. 1 singles spot for the second consecutive year and finished with a 5-6 record.

Both teams saw their seasons come to an end with an opening round loss in the SSAC Tournament in Montgomery, Ala. The men's squad fell to No. 14 Belhaven while the women's team dropped a close contest to No. 14 College of Coastal Georgia, 5-3.

## Butler Tournament Highlighted by \$10,000 Hole-in-One

Lebron Sterchi, a retired coach and principal, could not have selected a better time to put a "1" on his scorecard. Playing in the annual Lee University Stanley Butler Shootout, Sterchi selected a 4-iron hybrid for his shot on the par 3, 168-yard hole. He had come close to a hole-in-one over the years.

"I knew I had hit the green and the ball was rolling toward the hole, but I lost track," he admitted. "All at once my partners started shouting, 'It went in the hole. It went in!'"

Retrieving his golf ball from the bottom of the cup not only made his long-standing dream come true, it was worth a cash prize of \$10,000 given to anyone with a hole-in-one on No. 8 in the tournament.

Sterchi has two plans for his winnings. He's going to take his wife of 41 years on a nice trip, and then after giving Uncle Sam his share and allowing the church a percentage, he'll begin trying to replace his 1997 Blazer.

The overall team winners of the Shootout with a 57 were Gary Rominger, Matt Crowder, Tarry Walker, and Harry Ledford. Bob McIntire, Marty Rowe, Pam Rowe, and Jayne Maupin posted a 60 for second place, while Orville Robinson, Jeff Salyer, Larry Carpenter, and Ryan Hulton claimed third place with a 63.

The first flight winners were declared after a scorecard playoff. Don Crews, Pete Thompson, Eddie Crews, and Blake Crews claimed the top prize with a 68. Chase Thompson, Travis Godfrey, Gabe McGraw, and Greg Phillips settled for second with their 68. Jason Browning, Chris Fox, Jeremy Thayer, and Mike Garrod took third with a 69.

The longest drive prize went to Pam Rowe. Jeff Davis was closest to the pin at No. 2. Tripp Bettis was the closest at 14, and Eddie Crews rounded out the prize winners by being closest to the pin at 16.



Athletic Director Larry Carpenter and \$10,000 Hole-In-One winner Lebron Sterchi



## Women Golfers Champs of SSAC

For the second consecutive year, the Lee women's golf team is champion of the Southern States Athletic Conference, and nearing *Torch* press time, was getting ready to tee-off in the NAIA National Championships.

The Lady Flames fired a two-day, 36-hole total of 640 and won by 13 strokes over second place College of Coastal Georgia.

"I'm really happy that we could send our seniors out of conference the right way. Winning back-to-back conference championships is something these girls can always be proud of," Maupin stated.

Alexander, Skinner, and Shelton were named SSAC All-Tournament. Kristin Bourg, Rakestraw, Shelton, and Skinner are members of the NAIA Scholar team, while Alexander, Bourg, Rakestraw, Shelton, and Skinner are SSAC Scholars.

*Courtney Shelton was medalist in SSAC Tournament.*



*Men's Golf Team at the SSAC Championships.*

## Golf Team Finishes Sixth in Nationals

Lee senior Matt Emery is a first team All-American for the second straight year and junior Hunter Vest was named to the second team of the 2013 NAIA Men's Golf All-America teams, as selected by the NAIA-Men's Golf Coaches Association All-America Committee. A total of 45 student-athletes were honored with 15 individuals being named to each of the three teams.

By placing sixth at the NAIA National Golf Championship in Salem, Ore., the Flames will leave a mark that will never be broken: highest finish ever in the NAIA National Championship by a Lee men's golf team (1190). "With this being our final NAIA National Tournament, I am happy

that these guys could end it on such a positive note," said Coach John Maupin.

Matt Emery had a 76 in the final round, and his 294 was good enough for a 16th-place finish in the individual competition. Hunter Vest climbed to 24th position after his 71 gave him a 296 effort. JB Eksteen and Peyton Sliger (301) tied for the 40th spot. Sliger continued his fine play, posting a 73. Eksteen came in at 76.

With freshman Florian Loutre leading the way, Lee posted rounds of 282, 284, 285 (851) and won the championship by four strokes over Faulkner University (855). Coastal Georgia (863) rounded out the top three finishers in the 11-team tourney.



## Eskew, Lanter Capture Athlete of the Year Awards

Women's soccer player Clair Lanter and baseball's David Eskew have been named the winners of the 2013 Lee University Charles Paul Conn Athlete of the Year Award.

The awards are presented annually to individuals who best exemplify the athletic, academic, and spiritual leadership of Lee University student athletes.



Eskew,  
Conn,  
and  
Lanter

### Lanter's accolades include:

- Three-Year Captain and first-ever sophomore to serve as Lee women's soccer captain
- Three-Time SSAC All-Conference Member, 2009
- Second-Team NAIA All-American
- Four-Year Starter
- Three-Time National Champion
- 3.97 GPA with lowest grade being an A- as a very tough political science major
- Two-Time Participant in Model UN
- Volunteer at Austin Hatcher Foundation
- Only Lee University student to win NAIA A.O. Duer Award

"Clair has been an integral part of our successful women's soccer program, playing on three of the NAIA National Championship teams," said Lee athletic director, Larry Carpenter. "She is an outstanding student and has been actively involved in community service projects while at Lee. She is an outstanding role model for the youth in our community."

"Clair is one of the most unique individuals that I have ever met," said Lee women's soccer coach, Matt Yelton. "She does not bend and change based on the crowd that she is in, but she is always herself, no matter what. In my 16 years of college coaching, Clair is a player that I will always hold up to future teams as the example that I would like for our players to strive toward."

### Eskew accolades include:

- Graduated with honors (3.53 GPA) and a B.S. in accounting in May.
- Named NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 2012 and 2013
- Named to SSAC Scholar-Athlete team in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013
- David participated in many community service outreach projects as a member of our program, including renovating local baseball fields, reading programs, food distribution programs to the needy, etc.
- Five-year player in the Flames program and part of four World Series teams. The teams he has been on have compiled a current record of 250-62-1 record.
- Named to SSAC All-Freshman team and named SSAC Freshman of the Year in 2010 (record 6-1, including a win against Embry-Riddle to put team into World Series title game in 2010).

"Although David has dealt with injuries throughout his career, he has shown a resilience and competitiveness that you expect from a winner," said Carpenter. "After being hit in the face with a line drive that would have ended many careers, David stepped back on the mound and has continued to be a vital part of our team. His hard work on the field carries over to the classroom where he excels, twice being named an NAIA Scholar-Athlete. We will certainly miss David as he moves on to begin his career."

"David's career has been one of overcoming one obstacle after another," said baseball coach, Mark Brew. "He has suffered so many setbacks that were out of his control. I pay him the ultimate compliment when I say he is the most resilient player we have ever had in our program. His career has been all about overcoming adversity, and he has done so when many would have quit."





*Working together in moving to NCAA—from left, seated—Audra Iannarone, Administrative Assistant to VP for Administration; Cathy Thompson, University Registrar; Erin Looney, Director of Academic Affairs; Marian Dill, Director of Financial Aid; Andrea Patrick, Director of Admissions; and LeAnn McElrath, Business Analyst. From left, standing, Paul Cretton, Compliance Coordinator; Mark Wickam, Faculty Athletic Representative; Larry Carpenter, Athletic Director; Dr. Walt Mauldin, VP for Administration; and Michael Ellis, Scholarship Compliance Coordinator.*

## Drive to the NCAA: A Family Affair

Lee University's move from the NAIA to NCAA Division II and the Gulf South Conference might be best labeled as a "family affair."

Lee's Compliance Coordinator Paul Cretton says the entire campus, including admissions, registrar, IT systems, financial aid, academic services, and the president's office have spent time together going over the NCAA policies and procedures.

Cretton; athletic director, Larry Carpenter; senior women's administrator, Andrea Hudson; faculty athletics representative, Dr. Mark Wickam; and Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn have already attended NCAA meetings and visited colleges that are already members of the NCAA.

A group, including Cretton, Carpenter, Conn, Admissions Director Andrea Patrick, Registrar Cathy Thompson, and Financial Aid Director Mariann Dill traveled to Indianapolis June 4-7 for an NCAA Regional Rules meeting.

In the meantime, Cretton continues to conduct meetings with the Lee coaching staffs. "The NCAA requires that all our coaches take and pass a recruiting test before they are allowed to recruit off campus," said the compliance coordinator. "All our coaches (head and full-time assistants) will also receive first aid and CPR training."

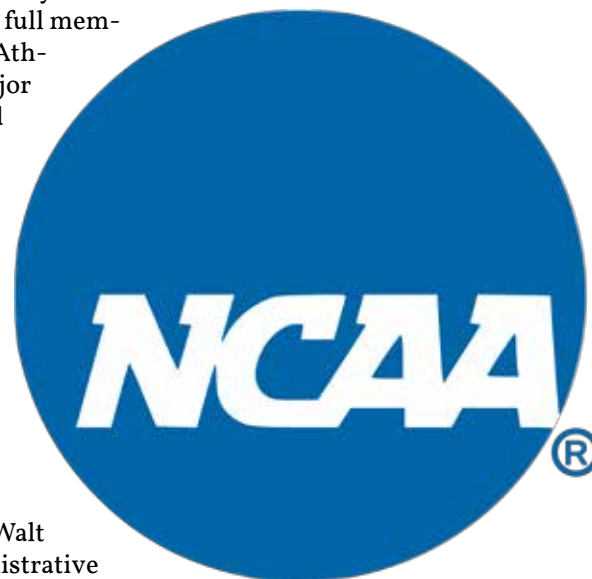
In early May, Cretton made a presentation to the entire Lee faculty. "The NCAA wants us to make it clear they are not just about athletics,

and we tried to stress that point. The Gulf South also wants us to be in full compliance before we begin league play next fall."

He noted that there are many changes as Lee continues to move away from the NAIA rules and toward full membership in the NCAA. "Athletes must declare a major by their junior year and be taking classes that allow them to progress toward that major," said Cretton. "Also, a student athlete can take only six hours of summer school or online courses."

Cretton praised the work of several individuals who have been on board to make the process work. "Dr. Walt Mauldin and his administrative assistant, Audra Iannarone, have spent a ton of hours preparing hundreds of pages of paperwork that must be submitted to the NCAA."

As Lee continues to work daily on the challenging move, Cretton emphasized that he will continue to seek the cooperation of the entire Lee family. "They are doing a great job," he again noted, "but we still have a great deal of work ahead of us."





## Men's Basketball Finishes at 30-4

The Lee men's basketball team continued their run of success during the 2012-2013 season with a 30-4 overall record and an eighth consecutive trip to the NAIA National Tournament. The Flames were co-champions of the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) East Division and ranked No. 8 in the final NAIA coaches' poll.

Senior Will Barnes led the way for the Flames averaging 19.97 points per game. Barnes was honored as an NAIA First Team All-American and named SSAC Player of the Year. Big Steve Bennett, Duran Blue and Patrick Shaughnessy were also key contributors during their final season with the Flames.

Head Coach Tommy Brown was named a finalist for the Don Meyer National Coach of the Year Award. Brown's teams have amassed 20-plus wins in each of his eight seasons at the helm. The Flames were ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation and rattled off 15 consecutive wins during the 2012-13 campaign.

Lee entered the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City, Mo. as a No. 3 seed. The Flames soundly defeated Voorhees (S.C.), 67-49 in their first round matchup before being upended by Montana Western, 73-83 in the second round.



Barnes



## Lee Presents Check for Local Veterans Park

Lee University baseball coach, Mark Brew, third from right, recently presented Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland, third from left, with a check for \$10,000 that will go toward the future site of a Veterans Park at Spring Creek, which will honor all veterans, past and present, in Cleveland and Bradley County. The money was raised with the sale of T-Shirts and other fund-raising events at the Lee Baseball

Military Appreciation Day on April 6 at Olympic Field. Veterans from all branches of military service were honored at the event. Others present for the check presentation were (from left) Larry McDaris, Bradley County Veterans Service Office director; Christy Griffith, Bank of Cleveland; Mayor Rowland; Stan Lawson, developer of the property where the park will be located; Scott Taylor, CEO, Bank of Cleveland; Coach Brew; and Kay and Ed Cowan, owners and operators of Jenkins Deli. The Veterans Park will be located a half mile from the Lee campus and connected via a greenway.





## Flames Finish Third at NAIA World Series

*Lee's Mark Silva puts the tag on an Embry-Riddle runner in NAIA College World Series action in Lewiston, Idaho.*

Lee's final departure from the NAIA came with a third-place finish in the NAIA College World Series the last week of May. The baseball Flames defeated host Lewis-Clark State, 14-11, dropped a heart-breaker to Embry-Riddle, 5-4, battled back to whip Missouri Baptist 12-2 and were eliminated by No.1-ranked Faulkner University, 8-4.

It marked the seventh straight year that Coach Mark Brew has taken a Lee baseball team to Lewiston, Idaho and his Flames have never finished lower than fourth. They tallied an impressive record 51-12 and senior David Eskew and junior Cameron Brewster were named to the NAIA Scholar Athlete team.

Going into the World Series, the Flames were ranked No. 3 in the final NAIA poll and co-champions of the rugged Southern States Athletic Conference tournament.

The team placed Andy Hills, Derrick Pitts, Jose Samayoa and Josh Silver on the All-SSAC team. Five more

earned second teams honors, and Silver was named to the SSAC Gold Glove team. Jeremy Bales, Cameron Brewster, Kyle Briner, David Eskew, Brandon Rader were named SSAC Scholars, while Brewster and David Eskew were honored as NAIA Scholars. Brady Renner and Smith were listed on the All-SSAC Tournament team and Rader earned the Co-MVP award.

The Lee bats exploded for 84 hits in the final five games of the SSAC and the NAIA Opening Round tournaments. However it is the pitching that has had the professional scouts following the Flames this season. Lee has three starting pitchers with 10 or more wins, Smith (11-3), Terry (10-1) and Samayoa (10-1). The staff is leading the NAIA in almost every pitching category and owns and earned run average of 1.78. Baseball America recently ranked Smith as the 107th top professional prospect and Hillis was right behind at 179th.



# Pioneer Lee Coach Jack Souther Passes

A well-loved and respected former member of the Lee coaching staff, Jack Souther, passed away in April.

“Coach Souther made an immediate impact on the Lee athletic program and served as an important part of our coaching staff for 30 years,” said Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn. “He really cared about all sports and continued to support all the programs, even after his retirement. He was straightforward, and you always knew where Coach Souther stood.”

Lee athletic director Larry Carpenter said, “When Coach Souther arrived on campus (in 1983), we had no idea the impact he would make on Lee athletics. His energy and enthusiasm quickly produced our first women’s national championship as the Lady Flames basketball team won the 1985 NCCAA title. Coach was passionate, honest, and loyal to his athletes, fellow coaches, and Lee. We will miss him tremendously.”

Souther coached women’s basketball from 1983–1993. His overall record was 218–132. He coached men’s golf (1992–2008) and was instrumental in the startup of the first Lee softball program, as well as coaching the team from 1987–1990.

He is the only Lee coach to ever serve as head coach in three different sports.

Souther’s 2004 men’s golf team won the TranSouth Conference tournament and advanced to the NAIA nationals. His golf teams went on to be ranked with the top clubs in the nation and qualified for the NAIA national tournament for five consecutive years (2004–2008).

The Lee family saluted Souther in 2006 when the intramural softball field was officially named “Jack Souther Field,” and women’s basketball continues to host the annual “Jack Souther Classic.”

Souther continued to support all the athletic programs after officially retiring from his coaching duties. His words of encouragement to the coaching staffs and athletes were always present.



*President Conn and Coach Souther*





## 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

**Lois Perry Rouse '55** lives in O'Neill, Neb., with her husband, Delbert Rouse. Together they have three married children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Lois is currently retired and would enjoy hearing from Lee friends via Facebook.

**Sharon Smith Apopa '79** works as the executive director of Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute. She also serves as the elder of Operations with Shekinah Worship International Ministries at Shekinah Worship Centre in Bermuda. She is cofounder of Twin Ministries, which provides change management, training, counseling, and ministry to people in pain.


**Donald Bailey '83** retired last year from the state of Tennessee after 30 years of service as a social worker. Donald lives in Red Bank, Tenn., where he is taking classes at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



*Lee University's Dr. William Effler (right) took Torch on a ride on the back of a camel in Israel where he was a supervising professor on a Global Perspectives tour for a group of Lee students in May.*




Tirado

 **Arlene Arroyo Tirado '84** (center) is a proud parent of two new Lee alumni, **Jessica** and **Jeannie Tirado**, who both graduated in 2012. Arlene is an at-home business entrepreneur, lives in Orlando, Fla., and has been married to Herman for 28 years. Arlene says, "I loved my time at Lee. . . It was the best decision I could have made for my life at that time, and I am so proud to have had my daughters attend my alma mater. When I was at Lee, I grew closer to the Lord and I was able to see my two daughters grow in Christ in innumerable ways."

**Timothy Cranfill '87** is the director of Pastoral Care at Mission Trail Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Tex. and is the system director of bereavement services for the five-hospital Baptist Health System. Tim is also an adjunct faculty member at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in the area of counseling and pastoral care. He and his wife **Rebecca Higgins Cranfill '91** have two children.





 Former Lee Professor **Bobby G. Johnson '50**, passed away on March 5, 2013. He was 86 and living in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Bob and Betty married on January 13, 1948, before moving to Cleveland to attend Lee College. After completion of his doctorate a few years later, he returned to Lee College and served as dean of the Education Department. He was instrumental in establishing Lee's first student teaching program. Some of his richest moments were spent in teaching, preaching, administrating, and sharing the gospel in creative and practical ways, from Tennessee to Missouri to Alaska to Texas to Virginia to North Dakota, then on to Ohio and back to Tennessee.

Bob and Betty were the parents of three sons and four daughters: Regina Isom, Yaunna Higgins, Dennis Johnson, and Rebble Johnson, all of Cleveland, Tenn.; Byron Johnson of Waco, Tex.; Tanya Hall of Richmond, Va., and Jill Micco of Mount Juliet, Tenn. God blessed his family with 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service was held on March 7, 2013, at the Lee University Chapel. The family requests that memorials be made to Lee University School of Education, Attn. Central Gifts, 1120 N. Ocoee Street, Cleveland TN 37320-3450.



### **Jay Peoples '91**

was recently named principal of the new Helena High School in Shelby County, Ala. He has led Chelsea High School as its principal for the last five years and will be taking the next 15 months getting Helena High School opened and, "to make sure we make it an innovative, world-class, student-centered high school." Jay is married to **Dava Walker Peoples '91** and they live in Hoover, Ala.



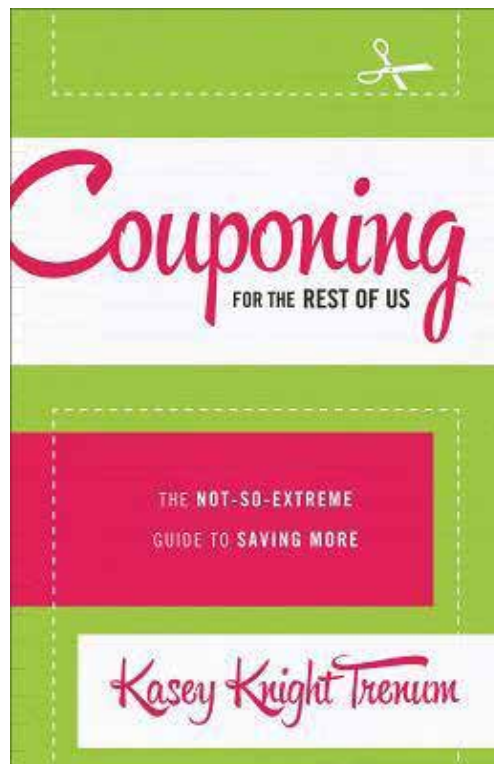
### **Daniel Pagán '91** and

his wife **Ingrid '93**, live in Texas where Daniel is serving in the military as an Air Force chaplain. They have two children—one who is enrolled at Lee and another planning to attend this fall. Daniel says, "My wife and I enjoyed attending Lee. We met there and have made Lee our family tradition. We have fond memories of our professors, chapel services, and friends."




### **Kasey Knight**

**Trenum '96** recently authored, *Couponing for the Rest of Us*, published by Revell and available on amazon.com. She also hosts "Time 2 \$ave / Time 2 Give," a frugal and couponing blog ([www.time2saveworkshops.com](http://www.time2saveworkshops.com)). Her weekly column can be read in Scripps newspapers nationwide, and her work has been featured in *Parade* magazine. She has a personal passion for seeing women, men, and families find financial freedom, be empowered to improve their lives, and become purposeful givers. She and her husband, Gary Trenum '97 and their children live in Cleveland, Tenn.









 **Emanuel Cocian '99** recently joined Holland and Hart of Denver, Colo., in its Energy, Telecom, and Utilities Practice Group. Previously, Emanuel was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado. In his new role, Emanuel will advise clients on public utilities matters, as well as energy law, energy resource plans, natural gas, electricity, and telecommunications matters. Emanuel says, "I'm excited to be part of Holland & Hart, a firm that is well recognized and respected throughout the Rocky Mountain region."


**Chris Weeks '97** is married to Sara, and they have two children. Chris has been a youth pastor for the past five years at Real Life Church in Macon, Ga.


 **Gratzuela Hacman '01** married Robert Keew on June 10, 2012. They are now living in Greenville, S.C., where Gratzuela teaches high school mathematics.

**Heidi Brown Cooper '02** is a teacher in Cleveland, Ohio, as well as a Premier Designs jewelry stylist. She has been married for five years and attends Parma Park Church of God.

 **Justin Knowles '03** receives a medal of honor for humanitarian work from the governor of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Justin is the administrative director for the BUILD- A-CITY Project, which aims to build homes and infrastructure for a displaced community. Justin and his wife, **Donna Valenzuela Knowles '02**, live in Phnom Penh with their two sons.

**Caleb McAllister '07** and his wife, Liza, live in Alto, Ga., where they have a new son, Isaiah Travis McAllister, born on June 27, 2012.

 **Grant Fisher '08** and his wife, **Nichole Fisher '12** welcomed their new son, Hudson Elwood, on March 30, 2013. The family lives in Thompson's Stations, Tenn, and are both employed with Parallon Business Solutions, a subsidiary of Hospital Corporation of America in Nashville, Tenn.

 **Phillip Nitz '11,12M**, (on right in photo at top) performed lived on stage with country superstar Carrie Underwood (left) during the Country Music Television (CMT) Awards on June 5, 2013 in Nashville. Phillip also arranged the vocals for the song, "See You Again," performed by Underwood and members of the Christ Church Choir. Phillip serves as worship leader/arranger for Christ Church, located in Nashville. Other Lee alums involved that night included Christopher Phillips '03, director of Worship and Arts at Christ Church, and Shelley Stroud Justice '96, a member of the choir. Mark Childers '87 and Jonathan Hamby '92 serve as Underwood's guitar player and piano player respectively. Underwood went on to win Video of the Year that evening.





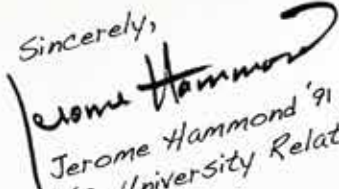
Dear alumni,

How is it going? Did you get into that grad program? How are the kids? Is your recovery going well? Are you staying with the company? Were the adoption papers approved? How does it feel to have a high-school student in the house? Sorry you lost your parents last year. How is the church? Too soon to mention the wedding budget? What are you thinking as far as retirement? Is grand parenting really that great?

We want to know because being an alumnus doesn't simply mean you went to Lee. It means that an important life-long relationship was formed, and relationships need dialogue. Tell your story and share it with the rest of the Lee family. Let the University know when you need prayer. Come to Homecoming once in a while. Send Support. Send your kids. This is what it means to be an alumnus.

On the back of this Torch you will see some ways to stay in touch. Below is a QR code and address that link to a new video about being an alumnus. It's about 12 minutes, so grab some coffee.

Stay in touch and we'll see you at Homecoming.

Sincerely,  
  
 Jerome Hammond '91  
 VP, University Relations





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