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**On the cover:** Class of 2014 graduates prepare to enter Walker Arena to receive their diplomas during spring commencement (Photo: Mike Wesson)

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## OPENING THOUGHTS FROM PRESIDENT PAUL CONN



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"The world rewards us for our accomplishments, but God rewards us for our faithfulness."

As I think of this simple but profound truth, my mind goes immediately to two friends: Rich and Helen DeVos. Most of you know the name DeVos, and we associate that name with accomplishment. Richard M. DeVos is one of the most successful business leaders in American history. With Helen—not just as his wife, but as a true partner in every sense—they have created a remarkable global business enterprise. The DeVos' talents for innovation and leadership have brought them a long and impressive list of honors and awards.

But, it is their faithfulness, more even than their accomplishments, which makes them such exceptional people. My wife Darlia and I are celebrating an important but unusual anniversary this month; it is the fortieth anniversary of our friendship with Rich and Helen DeVos. We first met them in May 1974, and soon came to regard them among our closest friends and as mentors in many different ways.

It was twelve years later that I became president of Lee, and Darlia and I went off to the mountains for a few days of prayer and soul-searching to prepare for the job ahead. During that week, there was a particular prayer we prayed often: "Lord, please send across our path the people we need to do Your work at Lee." Little did we know that God had already answered that prayer in our friendship with Rich and Helen DeVos.

From that time to this, we have traveled this remarkable journey with them. Forty years is a long friendship, and we have shared with each other many of the joys and the happiness—along with the occasional bumps—that have come along the way. What has been most impressive to me about Rich and Helen is not the many things they have achieved, or that they rub elbows with presidents and famous people, or their influence over so many people, but beyond all that, what really sets them apart is their unfailing faithfulness to the things that matter most—they are faithful to one another, to their families, to God and the church, to their basic values and commitments, and to the things and people in whom they believe.

The name "DeVos" has become a huge part of the Lee University landscape. On a purely personal level, they have invariably been an extremely important source of encouragement and inspiration to Darlia and me. They believe in the Lee dream—the dream that we can keep building a bigger, better, more effective university that sends out superbly trained graduates who will make an impact for the cause of Christ.

Anniversaries are times to reflect. For Christians, anniversaries are times to give thanks to God. This month, that's what Darlia and I are doing, as we trace the forty-year path of a unique friendship with a remarkable couple.





# Up & Close PERSONAL

Lee's spring commencement through the eyes of a graduate.

by Jillian Ellis



THE TIME I THOUGHT WOULD  
NEVER COME HAD FINALLY ARRIVED.

SPRING  
GRADUATION  
2014

I was sitting among over 450 fellow graduates waiting for my time to walk across the stage and receive a Bible signed by Dr. Paul Conn. We were inside the Walker Arena at the 2014 Lee University Commissioning Service—the first event of the largest graduation in Lee history.



The service began with a hymn, a welcome, and a prayer said by graduate Ryan Hartman. We then listened to six graduates give speeches that reminisced about their time at Lee. The speakers were Benjamin Counts, Justin Madden, Katharine McConnell, Katelyn Richards, Danielle Seals, and Brice Sharp. We heard stories of friends made at Lee, clubs that shaped the students, professors who poured into their lives, and more.

Madden, a graduating athletic training major, compared Lee to the tools used in athletic training. "The tools don't heal the athletes themselves," said Madden. "The tools help create an environment within the body God so magnificently created to heal itself. That's similar to how Lee works. It gives us an environment to let God work in us and grow."

While listening to the students speak, I was pushed to reminisce about my own Lee experience. Tears welled up in my eyes as I mentally walked through my dual enrollment years and freshman year of hoping to find my place, my sophomore and junior years of falling in love with the school and the people who make it so special, and finally my senior year of desperately trying to soak up every last second I had at Lee, and with the friends who changed my life. The fact that the Lord remained the center of my Lee experience was another one of the many blessings I reflected on during the speeches.



"My greatest hope today is that the testimony of our lives will reflect that we never had to return to the Lord," said Counts, graduating public relations major. "We walked out of here today, we lived it out, we stayed faithful, and we never left Him,"

Once the speeches ended, it was time to make our first trip across the stage. We received personally engraved and signed Bibles and returned to our seats for the closing comments.

Commencement lineup came early on Saturday morning. We met in the DeVos Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. and talked with friends until it was time to line up.

Once hoods and caps were perfectly positioned and our cell phones were strategically hidden within our regalia, we were ready to march into the Walker Arena. With heads held high and brilliant smiles, we entered the gym. Hundreds of proud relatives desperately attempted to get the attention of their graduate to take a picture and add to the multitude of flashes.

We took our seats and listened to opening remarks from Dr. Conn. He asked parents, grandparents, siblings, and children of the graduates to stand. As I looked around at these proud, smiling faces, I was reminded that they were the backbone of this graduation. Without them, several of the graduates, including me, never would have made it to this point.

We listened to the Lee Singers sing a beautiful rendition of "This Is My Father's World" then Dr. Carol Taylor, president of Evangel University, approached the platform for the Commencement address.

Dr. Taylor began her speech by stating that she was the only thing standing between the graduates and their diplomas, so she would be brief. While her address was brief, it was moving. Dr. Taylor spoke of the questions God asked Moses in Exodus. "What is



*Carol Taylor was this year's Commencement speaker.*



*Benjamin Counts*



# SPRING GRADUATION 2014

that in your hand?" she asked. Taylor compared Moses' staff to our diplomas, stating that if we take what is in our hands and give it to the Lord, it will be used for His kingdom. She challenged us to give our diplomas to the Lord as an offering.

Once Dr. Taylor finished, our time had come. We stood as departments and approached the stage. When my time came to walk across the stage, I was petrified. I could only imagine falling flat on my face as I walked up the rather shaky stairs. However, I managed to walk to Dr. Conn, shake his hand, and take my diploma. I was done. My college career was complete with one handshake.

I returned to my seat with my department and waited for the rest of the graduates to be seated. A few more speakers made remarks then Dr. William Estes gave the closing prayer. As he finished, I, along with the other graduates, said our final Lee University benediction. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen."

*Jillian Ellis is the daughter of Cheri and David Ellis and is from Cleveland, Tenn. On May 10, she received her degree in public relations with a minor in advertising.*







Slaughter



Greves



Sandberg

## 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.

### SHYLAH SLAUGHTER

Shylah Slaughter is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a writing emphasis. She was a member of Sigma Nu Sigma and the international English honor society—Sigma Tau Delta. Shylah has worked with the Admissions office on the Advancement Force and as a peer leader for first-year programs. After graduation, Shylah plans to work as a senior secretary at South Dakota State University.

## ZENOC. 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.

### ABIGAIL GREVES

Abigail Greves graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in biblical and theological studies. She was involved in Campus Choir and Convergence—a prayer community. Abigail worked as a floor leader, a resident assistant, and as a student worker for the School of Religion. Abigail was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the campus Koine Greek club, and the National Honor Society, Alpha Chi. She recently received the Theology Department award. Abigail plans to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Emory University.

## 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.

## ANNA SANDBERG

Anna Sandberg graduated magna cum laude with majors in both mathematics and chemistry. While pursuing her baccalaureate degree, she served in several roles in Sigma Nu Sigma, as president for the Lee Prime Mathematics Club, and as the captain of the women's tennis team. Anna completed an internship with NASA Glenn Research Center, and she was a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon—a national honor society in mathematics. After graduation, Anna will be attending Vanderbilt University to pursue a doctoral degree in material science engineering.

## Faculty Awards IN HIS OWN WORDS

Every year at spring commencement, President Conn congratulates his faculty colleagues who are winners of the top faculty awards. Here are the 2014 presentations... in Dr. Conn's words.



Stephenson

Jenkins

Hart

### Dr. Christopher Stephenson

"Dr. Stephenson has continued a productive life of research and scholarship, even while teaching a full load in the classroom. In the past year alone, he has published two articles in refereed journals, a chapter in an edited book, and presented academic papers at two professional conferences. The award for *Excellence in Scholarship* for 2014 goes to Dr. Christopher Stephenson."

### Ms. Ingrid Hart

"It may seem somewhat counterintuitive that a CPA and accounting professor would earn a reputation for being one of Lee's most caring, accessible, and popular professors, but that is certainly the case with today's recipient. For over a decade, she has set a very high standard, not just in the classroom, but also as a friend, counselor, adviser, and role model for hundreds of admiring students. Please join me in congratulating the winner of the 2014 award for *Excellence in Advising*, Ms. Ingrid Hart."

### Dr. Skip Jenkins

"The highest award for a Lee faculty member is chosen each year by a special committee, which includes students and faculty from six different departments. It honors excellence in teaching, and has been given for the past 42 years to honor the quality that Lee University values most highly. Our honoree this year joined the Lee faculty ten years ago, and has consistently challenged, inspired, provoked, nurtured, entertained, and enlightened his students in a way that marks him as a truly gifted classroom teacher. Our honoree has many abilities, and has recently been appointed to serve as chair of his department, but his highest calling and his greatest gifts will always be those of a teacher, and I take particular pleasure in awarding the 2014 *Excellence in Teaching* Award to Dr. Skip Jenkins."







*Much of the exterior of the Communications Building has been completed, such as this view of the western (Ocoee Street) side of the building. A portion of downtown Cleveland is visible in the foreground.*

## Progress Continues ON SOUTHSIDE EXPANSION

**T**he exterior of the new Communication Arts Building changes daily as brick masons apply their skills to completing the brickwork on Lee's latest addition to the campus.

The shape of the two-story academic structure is complete, and residents of the city of Cleveland can now clearly see how the downtown will be reshaped with the addition of the building at the corner of Ocoee Street and Central Avenue. Landscaping around the building will include new, wider sidewalks along Central and Ocoee.

Work on the interior also continues with HVAC nearly complete and sheetrock covering metal studs and miles of electronic circuitry. Communications faculty toured the facility on April 30 and could clearly identify classrooms, offices, a black box theater, and a Sandella's Café taking shape.

Across the street in the former First Baptist Church, interior renovations are well underway. The sanctuary is being retrofitted and remodeled to accommodate the future Pangle Hall, which will be the site of performances, meetings, and classes. In the former educational wing behind the sanctuary, plans are underway

to convert it into the new home of the Department of Business.

According to director of Operations, Cole Strong, "traffic calming" renovations to Church Street between Central and 6th Streets will begin later this summer. Changes to the street will include adding a grassy median similar to a portion of Parker Street between 11th and Billy Graham Ave.

The Communications Building and street alterations are projected for completion by the time students arrive for the fall 2014 semester this August.

## PRESIDENT CONN *Elected to* 15TH TERM

*President and Mrs. Conn have led Lee University as "First Couple" since 1986 and have been elected to serve another four years.*



**D**r. Paul Conn has been elected by the school's Board of Directors to serve a new term as president, beginning August 1. The action was taken in the board's session during the commencement weekend, according to Gary Sharp, chairman of the board.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Conn has accepted a new term as president," Sharp said. "He has led the university in many outstanding accomplishments, and we believe many more wonderful years are ahead." Sharp said the board's action was "unanimous and enthusiastic," extending Conn's appointment for a four-year term, beginning this summer and ending in 2018.

In accepting the appointment, Conn said: "I have a tremendous sense of gratitude for the board's support of me and what we are doing here at Lee. I'm grateful for the excellent faculty and staff I work with, and I honestly look forward to going to campus to begin every new day. We have lots of exciting goals in our future, and I couldn't ask for a more supportive or positive faculty and board to partner with on this journey."

Conn became president on August 1, 1986 after teaching for 15 years on Lee's psychology faculty. He is a graduate of Lee and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Emory University in psychology. He later served as a postdoctoral Visiting Scholar at Harvard University and has spent four years there in postdoctoral study. He holds the rank of professor of psychology and still teaches an undergraduate psychology course at Lee for 100 students each fall semester.

During his tenure as president of Lee, Conn has been elected by his presidential peers to serve on many professional boards. He has served on the national board of the Council of Independent Colleges, spent two terms on the executive committee of the Southern Association Commission on Colleges, served on the executive board of Appalachian Colleges Association, and was elected to three, three-year terms on the national board of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. In athletics, he served as president of the Southern States Athletic Conference before Lee left that organization to join the NCAA, Division II in 2012.

Lee University is currently in a capital campaign called the "Find Us Faithful" campaign which is nearing completion of a new \$10 million building for the Department of Communication Arts, and which will include the construction of a new School of Nursing by late 2016, along with other projects.

Conn is married to Darlia McLuhan Conn, who is a member of the adjunct piano faculty in Lee's School of Music. Together they have three children and ten grandchildren.



## BREADEN REPRESENTS LEE

*During*  
**“COLLEGE WEEK”**  
*on* **WHEEL OF FORTUNE**



*Courtney Breaden gets ready to spin on the iconic game show, Wheel of Fortune. She was the top winner on the show, walking away with over \$21,000.*

“It was crazy that I won that much money on it, but the thing that saved me was that I had that wild card. Pat [Sajak] told me to use it when I landed on the \$3,500, because it allows you to get \$3,500 for every letter you guess right,” Breaden said.

The senior said the money will likely go toward paying off student loans. The trip will be her honeymoon with her fiancé, Jordan Ramos, after they marry later this summer.

Breaden, an English education major from Marietta, Ga., who graduated on May 11, grew up watching the show with her mother.

“We always talked about how cool it would be to be on the show,” said Breaden. “I applied online and got an email about a year and a half later.” The producers asked her to send in a video interview, and from that, she was invited to audition in Atlanta.

Breaden asked Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn, to pay for her plane ticket to California during an “Ask the President” chapel, where students are encouraged to ask the president anything they want. Conn agreed to fund her ticket if she had the opportunity to go. One week before filming, Breaden received a phone call from Wheel staff, affording her the opportunity.

On Feb. 13, Breaden, along with her fiancé, her brother, and a friend, flew to Los Angeles for filming.

“I was a little intimidated when I arrived, because all of the other contestants were from Ivy Leagues and big state schools,” said Breaden. “I was proud to represent Lee among them all.” A viewing party was held in the Paul Conn Student Union on Lee’s campus where it was revealed what she won.

Breaden hopes to teach high school English and eventually become a guidance counselor.

Lee senior Courtney Breaden represented Lee with excellence by winning the largest prize during her appearance on the game show, *Wheel of Fortune*, as part of its annual “College Week” on April 10. Advancing to the bonus round, she didn’t guess the final phrase, but she did win \$21,800, thanks to a wild card, giving her \$3,500 per letter and a trip to St. Lucia.

Breaden was the only player who spun the wheel on the puzzle she solved.

# ROWLAND NAMED COMMUNICATION ARTS DEPARTMENT *Alumnus of the Year*

Editor’s Note: *Alumnus of the Year* awards were presented by each academic department at Homecoming and featured in the last issue of Torch. Ben Rowland was unable to attend at the time and was recently presented with his award.

Ben Rowland is the recipient of the first Alumnus of the Year award from the Department of Communication Arts at Lee. The 2002 graduate holds a bachelor of arts (B.A.) in telecommunications and was presented the award during a campus visit April 3, 2014.

“Ben set the bar pretty high for what the typical Lee student was all about,” said Mary Dukes, one of Ben’s instructors and currently a lecturer in Digital Media Studies at Lee. “His ingenuity and creativity knew no bounds.”

While a student at Lee, Rowland worked for his department as a lab assistant and directed a regional children’s TV show. Following his graduation, he worked in corporate video in Chattanooga and directed various multicamera shoots on the side.

Rowland then worked for the national TV series *The Best and Worst of Tred Barta* as an editor, postproduction supervisor, and producer for the series’ eight seasons. This series became the highest rated program on the Versus Network, which later became the NBC Sports Channel.

Rowland and his business partner, Will Wheeler, own and currently manage Yonder Blue Films, a production



*Pictured in front of Lee’s new Communication Arts building is Rowland with Lee faculty (l to r) Matthew Fisher, Mary Dukes, Rowland, Joel Kailing, and Dustin Cawood.*

company specializing in low-altitude aerial videography. The company regularly shoots for commercials, TV shows, and feature films. They have recently shot for Cartoon Network, USA Network, National Geographic, and the sequel to the Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels film, *Dumb and Dumber*.

Rowland, along with his wife, Kim, and daughter Skyla, currently resides in Georgia.

The award was presented to Rowland on Thursday, April 3, during a visit to Lee.

“Ben continues to exemplify Christian character and professional excellence,” said Dukes. “The Communication Arts Department is very pleased to present him with our 2013 award.”

—Jillian Ellis



## Dill ADDRESSES SENATE COMMITTEE in Washington

Marian Dill, director of Financial Aid at Lee, spoke before the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) on Thursday, March 27, at the invitation of the United States Senate.

The hearing, titled, "Strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for Borrowers," was held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing was to examine all aspects of the federal student loan programs, touching on issues ranging from origination, counseling, repayment plans, servicing, collections, and shared accountability.

Dill was asked to provide an overview of the current system from her perspective as a financial aid administrator, particularly focusing on aspects of the process that are working well for students and where

the process can be improved. She was also asked to provide any recommendations to strengthen the loan counseling process, streamline and simplify the current system, and improve loan servicing.



Dill's comments on Capitol Hill were aired live on C-SPAN.

"I was honored by the invitation from Senator Lamar Alexander," said Dill. "I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to advocate for improvements in the federal student aid programs."

The hearing, which was televised live at 10 a.m. EST on C-SPAN, focused on four panelists, including Dill.

—Jillian Ellis



## STEPHENSON ELECTED Leader of SPS Group

Dr. Christopher A. Stephenson, assistant professor of systematic theology at Lee, was recently elected group leader of Ecumenical Studies, one of nine disciplines of the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) at an annual meeting in Springfield, Mo.

As group leader, Stephenson will, for a three-year term, assist the SPS officers in implementing each annual meeting's conference theme and help determine the recipient of the SPS annual Pneuma Book Award.

The Ecumenical Studies group is devoted to the pursuit of Christian unity through the academic study of Pentecostalism's relationships to other Christian churches, including theological similarities and differences among them.

—Mary Beth Callahan

## THREE Receive CWC AWARD

Erin Beims, Kory Vance, and Mary Mathias-Dickerson were recently presented with the 2014 Dr. Charles W. Conn Servant Leadership Award and Dr. Charles W. Conn Service-Learning Faculty Award, respectively, for their exemplary work in service-learning.

The Charles W. Conn Servant Leadership Scholarship was established in 2003 to honor the late President Dr. Charles W. Conn. As part of the university's efforts to emphasize the importance of serving others, the award is given annually to rising seniors who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to service during their time at Lee.

Students who receive this scholarship give a portion of the proceeds to a charity of their choice. Beims is a humanities major from Huntsville, Ala. Since coming to Lee she has served in the Tutoring Center, on the Service Council, as a teaching assistant in the School of Religion, and as a student worker and group fitness instructor at Lee's Campus Recreation Center.

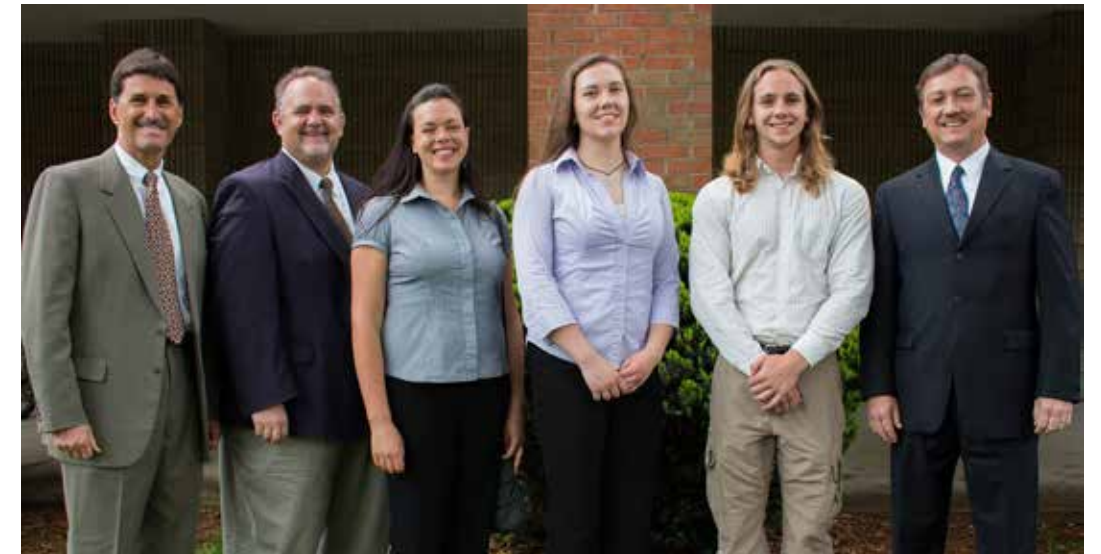
Vance, an exercise science major from South-

east Missouri, has been active in the Student Leadership Council for three years. He has been involved in the planning of Urban Outreach experiences and other service opportunities such as Operation Christmas Child and Great Strides. He has served in the Leonard Center as a student worker for the statewide VISTA leader.

Mathias-Dickerson has been an assistant professor of art since 2011. Her drawing classes traditionally visit area assisted living facilities to draw portraits of the residents as part of her service integrated teaching. The students mat and frame the portraits and give them to the residents or their families.

Beims and Vance are the tenth group of students to receive this award, while Mathias-Dickerson is the sixth faculty member to be honored.

—Jillian Ellis



L-R: President Conn, Vice President Mike Hayes, Mary Mathias-Dickerson, Erin Beams, Kory Vance, Vice President Walt Mauldin.

## MOFFETT DEVELOPS Behavioral App

Dr. Kimberly Moffett, associate professor of special education at Lee, recently developed BehaveWrite, a behavior data collection system and application (app).

The app is designed to work with teachers and faculty and other personnel to improve behavior decisions in schools and other professional environments.

The idea for the app came when Moffett, a behavioral analyst for the State of Tennessee, was working with local school systems.

She found that teachers had difficulty keeping up with data in their classrooms when that data was kept on paper.



The program, which was officially completed in the fall, launched at a conference in Florida in January, and was part of a larger expo at the International Council for Exceptional Children Convention in Philadelphia.

—Britain Mieth



## Faculty Facts

### MORGAN NAMED Director of Library Services

Dr. Louis F. Morgan has been named director of Library Services by the Lee University Board of Directors, effective July 1. Morgan replaces Barbara McCullough who is retiring after 45 years on the Lee library staff.

McCullough began her career at Lee in 1969, and served many years as assistant director of public services. Named interim director in 2007, she has been the director of the Squires Library for the past six years.



Morgan, a native of Morgantown, Mississippi, has spent virtually his entire professional career at Lee, starting at 10 hours per week as a student assistant in the Dixon Research Center. He graduated from Lee in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and communications. In 1999, he was hired as an archivist in the research center. He joined the Lee faculty in 2003 after earning a Master

of Science degree in information science. In 2009, he was awarded a Ph.D. in organizational leadership from Regent University where he was also named outstanding graduate in the program.

In 2003, Morgan moved into the librarian post, where his initial role was helping develop the library instruction program and the library's public relations. In 2008, he was promoted to oversee the library's various public services departments and staff, and in 2010, became assistant director of Library Services.

In 2007, he was recognized with the Excellence in Advising Award, one of Lee's three academic awards presented to faculty. He also received the 2010 Charles W. Conn Historical Writing Award. He currently serves as president of the Historical Society of Church of God Movements, and he is a member of the American Library Association and the International Leaders Association.



### BROWN RECEIVES AWARD

#### *Elected to Position*

Dr. Kevin Brown, professor of English at Lee, was recently honored by Snake Nation Press and Sigma Tau Delta, an international English honor society. Brown received the Violet Reed Haas Award for his new book of poems, *A Lexicon of Lost Words*, and was elected to a four-year term as Southern Regent for Sigma Tau Delta.

The book is based on words from the Oxford English Dictionary that have fallen out of use. Brown found the words while reading Ammon Shea's book, *Reading the OED*.

As one of the six regents within the Sigma Tau Delta system, Brown's duties will include promoting the development and activities of the society within its specific regions. As members of the Board of Directors, regents serve on standing and ad hoc committees, act as liaisons between the chapters of their regions and the central office, and work with their student representative and associate student representative to encourage chapter development and activities, and assume responsibility for over 850 active chapters.

Brown is the only member of Lee's faculty to be awarded each of three major faculty awards: Excellence in Advising ('10), Excellence in Scholarship ('11), and Excellence in Teaching ('12).

—Jillian Ellis



### Susan Rogers, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, PASSES AWAY

Lee University professor of British Literature, Dr. Susan Rogers, passed away on May 4, 2014, after waging a brave battle with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. She was 49.

She had been a member of the Lee faculty for 20 years. She received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Lee in 1986, followed by a master's degree and a doctoral degree from the University of Alabama.

"Susan was a superb classroom teacher, a caring professor who invested freely in her students' lives, as well as a beloved friend to so many colleagues," stated President Conn. "She will always be remembered with great respect and love, not just by those who worked closely with her, but also by many other close friends from all across campus who have drawn inspiration and joy from her courage and faith."

Dr. Jean Eledge, chair of the Department of Languages and Literature said, "Susan Rogers exemplified what it means to quietly, deeply impact others with her intellect, her wisdom, and her life. Her students and her colleagues understood and respected the authenticity of who she was and what she stood for in every area. She impacted us in life-changing ways while a professor and colleague at Lee; she inspired us, and will continue to do so, with the way that she lived out her life with unwavering courage, dignity, strength, and faith."

Funeral services were held May 6, 2014, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church where she was a member and served as a reader.

### PHILLIP MOREHEAD Retires AFTER 48 YEARS

This spring the School of Music celebrated the work of Professor Philip Morehead as he retired after 48 years of teaching at Lee University.

Morehead came to Lee College in August of 1966 and quickly became an integral partner, building a dynamic program of musical training and performance. To many, he is known as "The Theory Man," but he is also credited with Lee's first Jazz Band in 1978.

Morehead was an accomplished performer and teacher of trumpet, serving for many years as the principal trumpet of the Chattanooga Symphony. In recent years, he also served the School of Music as instrumental coordinator and teacher of music theory and brass methods.

The celebration of his work culminated with a retirement dinner on May 12 with colleagues and friends. At the dinner, Dr. Phillip Thomas, chair of the Department of Musicianship Studies, announced the establishment of the Philip Morehead Scholarship Fund. This endowed scholarship will serve as a lasting tribute to this outstanding teacher, mentor, and friend.

—William Green, Dean, School of Music







Relay team members react as they cross the start line of the Boston Marathon in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. The relay ended for the team at the line, but was symbolically completed two days later as four of the team crossed the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

# CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE to BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

RUNNERS COMPLETE 1,000-MILE JOURNEY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHARITIES

by Matthew Carlson

*Editor's Note: On April 12-19, a group of runners from Cleveland, Tenn., composed mostly of Lee alumni, ran a relay for charity of more than 1,000 miles. The following are the accounts of two of the runners)*

One of my new favorite quotes from Dr. Seuss relates to an amazing journey I just completed with some incredible Clevelanders, most of whom are Lee alumni. The quote says, "Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened." I cried when this trip was over, but those tears represented joy, accomplishment, new friendships, and most of all, having had a sense of purpose in showing God's love to so many people.

The journey began about a year ago when a small group of local runners felt we had to do something in response to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. We wanted to show



Logistics Coordinator Ivey Lawrence prepares a ceremonial check for presentation to the Dream Big Foundation in Boston.



Fred Garmon, right, presents a check to Bob Emerson of the One Step Ahead Foundation

solidarity for the running community and let the folks in Boston know we felt their pain through this tragedy. We would stand with them united, showing the world that the "Boston Strong" spirit resonates in all of America.

The idea that materialized was for a group of runners (26 to represent the 26 miles of a marathon) to raise money and deliver it in person, running nonstop, relay style, from Cleveland, Tennessee, to Boston. After months of planning, the Run Now Relay began on the Lee campus with a ceremonial launch from the annual 65 Roses 5K on the morning of April 12. For the next eight days, five vans of runners played "leap-frog" through nine states, 72 cities, and just over 1,000 miles to present checks to two charities. In addition, at the end of the relay, four of the runners participated in the Boston Marathon, completing the epic journey.

The journey was filled with midnight runs through the countryside or getting lost on the streets of cities like Philadelphia; Washington, D.C.; and New York. Despite the challenges, what arose from this group and from so many individuals we met along the way was a spirit of goodness in the hearts of people in America.

After eight days of nonstop running, the relay reached its "finish line," which was actually the start line of the Boston Marathon in Hopkinton, Mass. Around noon on April 19, the final group of runners came into view and was joined for the last

Team members show solidarity on April 15 at 2:43 p.m., the moment the bombs detonated in 2013.



stretch by the entire Run Now Relay team. Dressed in our iconic "highlighter" shirts, hugs were exchanged, media interviews were conducted, and group photos were snapped, followed by the first of two presentations to charities for which we raised over \$65,000.

My story continued as three of us had been chosen to represent the Boston-based nonprofit, Dream Big! in the running of the 118th Boston Marathon two days later. A fourth runner from the team was former Lee cross-country runner, Johnny Clemons, who qualified for the race. I was proud to be one of the four to represent the runners who had journeyed with us on the first 1000 plus miles, completing this entire journey on the streets of downtown Boston where a year earlier, tragedy struck.

The emotions of crossing the finish line are very hard to explain. However, I'm not sad because it's over; I'm smiling because this journey happened, and I was one very small part of an incredible group of people. It was truly an amazing journey of being able to show God's love to a broader community.

*Lee alums composed more than half of the relay runners and support team. Here, they pose at the start of the Boston Marathon in Hopkinton, Mass. on Saturday, April 19 (back row, l-r): Clark Campbell '06 (support), Allen Nope '95 (support), Corey Diwel '01, Dana Ayers '01, Cameron Fisher '84, Jaime Zimmerman Barks '03, Don Bennett '74, Kyle Page '05. Second Row: Ivey Lawrence '13 (support), Tricia Gillum Sherlin '06, Melissa Steve '08, Vanessa Dixon Torrence '92, Robert Green '01. Front Row: Mike Watkins '80 (support), Fred Garmon '80, Duane Goff '00, Matt Carlson '00, Johnny Clemons '09.*



# EMOTIONS APLENTY

By Kyle Page

When the question was posed to the group of runners about participating in this unique opportunity, I quickly said, "I'm in." Those words were unretractable at that point; however, I didn't think it would really come to fruition. As months passed, the reality of the journey became clearer. The Run Now Relay Team was running to Boston.

As our journey began, I found out most of our team members had more than running in common. We were also alumni of Lee University. We were sent off with cheers, music, celebration, and spirit. Everything seemed to be perfect, and we hoped all the training and effort would pay off.

During the next eight days, I was faced with a series of emotions. My group did not have the opportunity to sleep the first night of the trip. We had trained to run six miles per day for eight days, but we had not factored in a lack of sleep, elevation changes, rain, sleet, or cold weather. Despite exhaustion, the "Purple Pavement Pounders," were full of drive and purpose.

About midway, we were striding through Washington, D.C. By this point, everyone was tired, weary, sore, irritable, stinky, but blessed—blessed to have the opportunity to run to Boston for a cause that transcended any one of us as individuals. At this point, we had raised around \$60,000, which crushed our initial goal of \$50,000. After a brief pause for some festivities in the nation's capital, the relay began again headed up the Atlantic coastline.

Unlike Virginia, as we ran north, it seemed as if the cities came together and people were everywhere, which meant that crowds grew and opportunities to share our story became greater. We traveled through places I had never seen and came in contact with people from every walk of life. We even had the awesome experience of being featured on Good Morning America. As



The group ran 24/7 until reaching Washington, D.C., at which time they came together for a short presentation and ceremonial "group run" on the Mall from the Washington Monument to the Capitol steps.



Runners of the relay encountered many conditions, but most were rural roads along shoulders. Pictured is Duane Goff as he takes a road in northeast Tennessee near Davy Crockett State Park.



Fred Garmon, left, takes one of his many "selfies" with members of Run Now and the crew of ABC's Good Morning America in Central Park. A feature on the Run Now Relay ran on the April 19 nationwide broadcast of GMA.

Boston grew closer, the shouts began to ring, "Boston Strong; Tennessee Tough!" The looks in the eyes of others grew more confident with each stride.

It seems impossible to explain the feeling when we arrived in Hopkinton—26.1 miles from Boston. Our team had arrived and achieved our goal! The emotions of a year of planning, fundraising, training, and hurtingting all came to a head: It was worth every stride of the way!

Back in Cleveland two weeks removed from the experience, I found myself in conversations with people asking me: "What did you take away from this experience?" I still find myself getting choked up every time I think about the kindhearted people we encountered along the way. We had generous sponsors of our vans, drinks, and food. All the news affiliates that carried our story allowed the donations to grow. If not for these supporters and many others, we never would have been able to make the journey happen.

## BOSTON STRONG, TENNESSEE TOUGH!

To learn more about Run Now Relay, including access to hundreds of photos, media coverage, and other items, visit [www.runnowrelay.org](http://www.runnowrelay.org).

# GREAT STRIDES NETS RECORD YEAR

By Delaney Walker, CLEVELAND DAILY BANNER

Supporters of the Great Strides Walk and 65 Roses 5K recently met at Lee University's Centenary Room for the annual postrace luncheon. Lee has been sponsoring the event for cystic fibrosis research now for 12 years.

The gathering soon turned into a celebration as it was announced that the combined efforts of all those involved raised over \$88,000.

Vanessa Hammond said the most significant amount of fundraising comes from the teams.

"We used to break these up into corporate teams, campus teams, and CF family teams, but those are starting to mix and merge together," Hammond said. "Some teams have runners and walkers ... They are all combining, which is a wonderful thing to see."

She recognized the top six teams' fundraising efforts.

- Life Care Centers of America raised more than \$3,600.
- Team Hannah raised more than \$4,000.
- Dalton's Gang raised more than \$4,000.
- Hammond Family & Friends raised more than \$4,000.
- Life Care Center of Cleveland and Garden Plaza at Cleveland raised more than \$4,800 through nacho bars and dress-down days.
- Team Nathan raised more than \$6,300.

According to race coordinator Bill Estes, there were 682 official runners at the April 12 early morning race. He also announced the largest ever 1K fun run.

The race reportedly raised \$14,872 in fees and donations and 71 of the 155 volunteers participated in the race. Estes highlighted the importance of community tie-ins.

One aspect of the race day proceedings was a great surprise to the organizers: Run Now Relay's check presentation of \$2,600. The money equated to \$100 per each of the 26 participants. The group started the relay to Boston from the 65 Roses 5K start line.

"That was very humbling," Estes said. "Again it is those [community] tie-ins that we have been able to relish. We've benefitted from them."

Lee University President Dr. Paul Conn closed the luncheon with a word of thanks saying, "This is a giving community that has such energy to do good things. Out of all that, you chose to get involved in the cystic fibrosis cause. On behalf of Lee University, on behalf of this partnership with the community, we appreciate it."



Before their departure that morning, the Run Now Relay Team presented a check for \$2,600 to Great Strides, representing the 26 runners participating in the 1,075 mile relay from Cleveland, Tenn. to Boston, Mass. that launched that morning.



## DIVISION OF ADULT LEARNING SPOTLIGHT:

# Wallace FINDS ROAD BACK TO LEE

The thought of returning to school to complete a degree is daunting for many adults. For those with successful careers, it might seem unnecessary. For May graduate Kevin Wallace, it was a matter of divine direction.

"I truly felt God's conviction to finish what I had started," Wallace said. "I knew I had to come back, because my [congregation] deserves the best pastor I can be."

Wallace found the opportunity to do just that at Lee University's Division of Adult Learning (DAL). Designed with working adults in mind, the DAL offers a second chance for many students who share Wallace's conviction to finish, or begin, their education completely online.

"Lee's online learning model allowed me to raise a family and do the work of ministry with the mobility and flexibility to get an education," Wallace said.

Wallace's Lee journey began in 1997 as an on-campus freshman who was called to preach. Two years later, the young evangelist was conducting a nine-week revival that lasted through what should have been the first semester of his junior year. At the time, Wallace felt compelled to withdraw from Lee. That revival spawned more revivals, which eventually led to a pastorate at what is now Redemption Point Church in metro Chattanooga and his election to the Church of God International Council of Eighteen.

Despite his success, Wallace said he never questioned whether he needed to come back to Lee. He simply needed the pathway the DAL offered. In fact, he has already committed to continuing at Lee in the Master's in Ministry Studies online program.

"I didn't need a diploma to be a pastor, but I needed this experience to take my church to another level of effectiveness in ministry," Wallace said. "I made Kingdom connections in my second educational wave that I will have throughout my life—friends and mentors who continue to pour into and shape my life. I am a better leader because of my Lee experience."

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## LEE Awarded NURSING SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Lee University has received a grant to establish the Tucker Foundation Endowed Scholarship for Nursing.

"It is exciting as this is the very first scholarship for nursing students," said Dr. Sara Campbell, dean of Lee's new School of Nursing. "The interests of the Tucker Foundation align with goals of the school that focus on preparing students to meet community needs."

The scholarship was funded by the local Tucker Foundation, and will be awarded to one student per year to be known as the Tucker Scholar in Nursing. Recipients will be selected by a Nursing Scholarship Committee comprised of nursing faculty with input from the Student Financial Aid Office. Eligible candidates must be accepted officially into the school, be residents of Cleveland/Bradley County or Chattanooga/Hamilton County, and have demonstrated financial need. Tucker Scholars will retain the scholarship for the duration

of their time in the School of Nursing, provided they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

Beginning this fall, Lee will offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree that includes a traditional four-year track, as well as a one-year track for registered nurses (RN) who are already working professionals. By 2018, the School of Nursing plans to have more than 240 students and a full cadre of faculty members. The nursing school will be located initially in the Science Math Complex with plans for a new building by the fall of 2016.

The primary objective of the Tucker Foundation is to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations to produce in young people the character and skills required to live a productive and happy life, along with organizations that conserve essential elements of our natural environment forever.

—Jillian Ellis



Sharp



German



Shelton

## THREE TAKE HOME Athlete of the Year AWARDS

For the first time, Lee University has female cointerwinners of the women's Charles Paul Conn Athlete of the Year Award. Golfer Courtney Shelton and basketball standout Hollie German share the honor, while Brice Sharp is the recipient of the male award. The awards are presented annually to individuals who best exemplify the athletic, academic, and spiritual leadership of Lee University student athletes.

### SHARP'S AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

A four-year member of Lee men's basketball, plus being injured and receiving a red-shirt year; started in 16 of 26 games during senior season; helped Flames make four-straight appearances in NAIA National Tournaments; 2012 NAIA Pattison Scholarship Award/2012 Champions of Character Award; named to Musco Lighting Character of Character Team; and helped Flames win 91 games during his four-year career.

Said Sharp, "It is an honor and privilege to receive this award. I am thankful to Lee University for developing me into a student athlete that I always dreamed of being."

### GERMAN'S AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

A 3.98 GPA in Math/Secondary Education; 2014 WBCA NCAA Division II All-American; 2014 CoSIDA NCAA Division II All-American; 2014 NCCAA Player of the Year; 2014 Region Player of the Year; 2013 WBCA All-American; 2013 NAIA First-Team All-American; three-time Scholar Athlete Award winner; and all-time leading scorer in school history with 2,300 points.

Said German, "I am extremely honored and humbled to be receiving this award along with my two other fellow athletes. I wanted to leave this program knowing that I had done my best athletically, academically, and spiritually in order to make a difference in the lives of the people around me."

### SHELTON'S AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

A 3.975 GPA with a political science major; accepted to the following law schools: Wake Forest University, the University of Tennessee, and Emory University; led the team to the first of four national tournament appearances; led the team to the 2014 NCCAA National Championship; and was the 2014 NCCAA individual national champion; two-time SSAC Player of the Year; two-time SSAC medalist; 10 career collegiate wins—the most of any player in program history—three-time SSAC All-Conference; NAIA Academic All-American; two-time NAIA First Team All-American; led the team to 19 team wins in 40 career tournaments; and was president of Lee University's first Student Athlete Advisory Council.

Said Shelton, "It's an honor to be the cointerwinner of the Female Athlete of the Year Award with Hollie, who had such a fantastic career at Lee while on the court, as well as in the classroom. I am so grateful for such a supportive coach (Maupin), team, and Athletic Department that made my career here possible and allowed me to exceed all of my own expectations."



## Lady Flames Finish First IN FIRST YEAR OF NCAA PLAY

In their first year of NCAA Division II and Gulf South Conference (GSC) play, the Lady Flames finished with a 25-6 overall mark and a first-place finish (18-2) in conference play. Lee scored a 49-34 victory at No. 16 Delta State University to take over first place on Feb. 13. From there, the Lady Flames would never look back as they finished the GSC portion of the schedule with 14 consecutive wins to close the regular season atop the conference standings.

Senior Hollie German led the way for the Lady Flames all season long as she wrapped up her out-

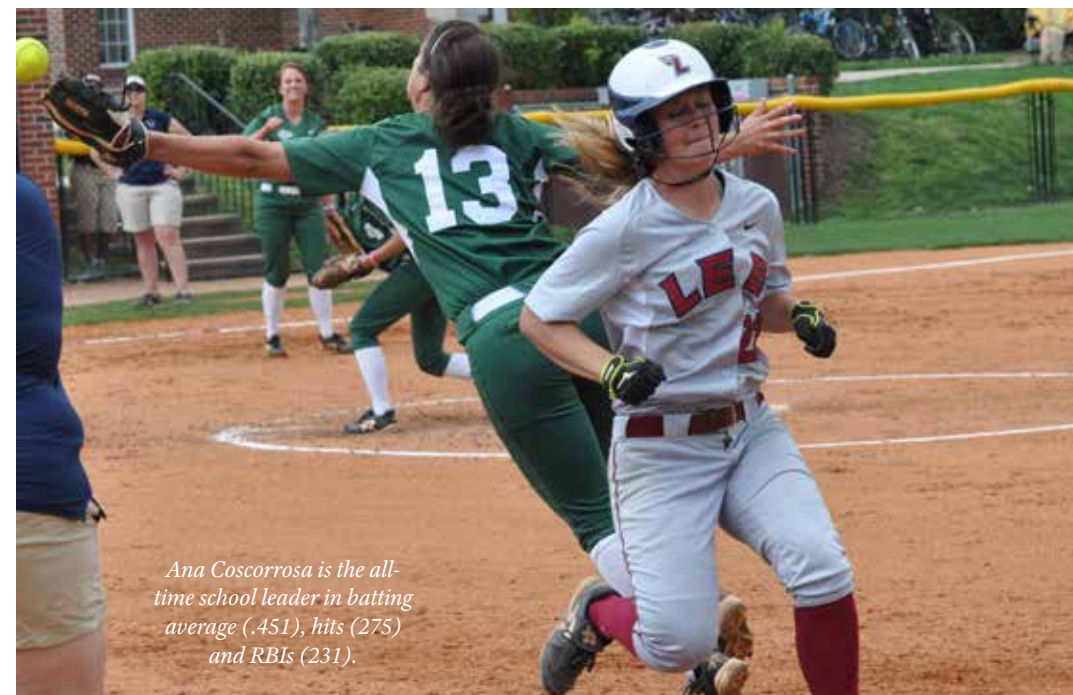
standing career in grand style. The guard became the all-time leading scorer in Lee women's basketball history, racking up 2,300 career points. Following the NCCAA National Tournament, German was honored as the NCCAA Player of the Year after averaging 22.8 points per game during the 2013-2014 campaign. German also earned a spot on the 2013-2014 Capital One Academic All-America® Division II basketball team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Fellow seniors Rachel Lockhart, Karley Miller, and Myriah Illes joined German in playing key roles in Lee's success over the last four years. The senior class racked up an incredible 114-20 overall record and a 54-2 mark at home. The foursome won 43 straight home games and saw tremendous success in postseason play as they finished as NAIA National Runner-up (2013) and NCCAA National Runner-up (2014) in consecutive seasons.

Despite one region loss, Lee would qualify as the No. 1 seed in the NCCAA National Tournament, which was held in Winona Lake, Ind. The Lady Flames defeated Grace College, 66-58 in the opening round, and outlasted Roberts Wesleyan, 72-70 in the semifinals. The victory would set up a fourth meeting with rival Union in the NCCAA Title Game. Union would pull away late to seal a 73-64 victory. For the second straight year, the Lady Flames finished as National Runner-up.

*Rachel Lockhart was a senior standout for another successful women's basketball team.*

## COSCORROSA SETS *School Records*



*Ana Coscorrosa is the all-time school leader in batting average (.451), hits (275) and RBIs (231).*

Led by senior utility player Ana Coscorrosa, the Lee softball team wrapped up their first year of NCAA Division II play with a 25-24 mark, finishing at 13-14 in the Gulf South Conference (GSC). Lee ended regular season play, winning seven of 10 and scoring conference series wins over No. 20 North Alabama, as well as West Alabama, Union, and West Georgia.

A big reason for the success was the consistent production of Coscorrosa. The lefty slugger led the team with a .471 average while drilling 10 home runs, along with 73 RBIs. Coscorrosa ended her four-year career as the all-time leader in batting average (.451), hits (275) and RBIs (231) in school history.

A final award came at the end of the season as Ana was named National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Player of the Year. The senior from Zulia, Vene-

zuela received the honor a day after being named to the NFCA NCAA Division II South Region First Team.

Sophomores Amanda Lynn and Lexie Dean provided a spark at the top of the order for Lee. Junior Dominique Hannah also appeared in every contest, while sophomore Angie Hughes led the Lady Flames with 16 victories against 13 losses.

The Lady Flames entered postseason play by traveling to Clinton, Miss. to take part in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Mid-East Regional Tournament. The Lady Flames came up just short in the championship as they fell to Union by a final score of 5-4.

The 2014 campaign marked the twelfth consecutive season of 20-plus victories for the Lee softball program. In her 12 seasons at the helm, Head Coach Emily Russell has compiled a 483-191 (.716) record.

## BUTLER *Shootout* Raises Funds FOR ATHLETICS

The foursome of Dustin Gill and Andy and Jack and Steve Williams fired a sizzling 18-under par 54 to win the Annual Stanley Butler Shootout at Chatata Valley Golf Club in Cleveland.

The team of Tom Maupin, Al Miller, Jeff Davis, and Mike Usery finished in second place with a 57 and won a scorecard playoff over the third place of Jeff Holden, Billy Thacker, Jordia Waller, and Clint Taylor, who also shot a 57.

Overall, 24 teams participated in the annual event to help support the Lee University athletic program.

"What a great day it was for Lee Athletics," said

Lee's head golf coach, John Maupin. "I am always impressed by how well supported Lee University and our Athletic Department is...it says a lot about the history and future here when you have so many people willing to be involved. It's awesome to have so many of our supporters gathered in one place, and enjoying time together on the course. We couldn't have asked for a better day, and I am already looking forward to another great tournament next year."

Zack Riggins fires away as George Nerren looks on during play in the annual Stanley Butler Memorial Golf Tournament.



## HALF OF *Hudson Duo* STEPS ASIDE



Andrea and Kevin Hudson have served as coaches for the volleyball team for 23 years.

One of the nation's top husband and wife coaching teams will not be working together at court-side when the 2014 Lee University volleyball season opens this fall. Head Coach Andrea Hudson will begin her twenty-fourth year with the Lady Flames, and her husband, Kevin, has been by her side during 23 of their 24 years.

Kevin Hudson recently announced he will give up his assistant coaching duties and will be, "Putting more effort into the (Lee) recreation program and helping develop the students in that program, along with more time on the home front. There are a lot of reasons for the move, both professional and personal, but the decision is really about personal things that I want to devote more attention to."

Together, the Hudsons have posted one of volleyball's best records—731 wins against just 231 defeats during 23 years. The record includes seventeen conference championships, six NAIA regional crowns, and advancing to the NAIA National Tournament for 10 straight seasons, putting the Lady Flames in the national spotlight. He was named the AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2009.

Kevin explained that he will not completely disappear from the Lee volleyball picture. "For the immediate future, I plan to help with the transition in the coaching staff and still support the program. I'm not leaving Lee, so there aren't major changes coming for the time being."

"Luckily for me, he will still be around to give off-court advice and pop in occasionally to help us work on things he specializes in," Andrea said of her husband's departure. "There is no doubt in my mind that he loves Lee University, but he will just spend more time now in his other job in recreation to help make Lee a better place for our students."



## *Cavett Resigns* HELM AFTER 17 SEASONS

Veteran Lee University men and women's tennis coach, Tony Cavett, recently resigned both his positions after 17 years with the university.

"I plan to continue teaching tennis, and I want to join a group in the East Tennessee area that is interested in promoting and developing the growth of the sport I have loved for so many years," said Cavett.

Cavett plans to continue teaching tennis, and he emphasized his appreciation for the many student athletes he has worked with and the success and friendship they have enjoyed over the years. He also thanked the administration for its support.

"Coach Cavett has been a mainstay of our tennis programs for the last 17 years," commented Lee Athletic Director Larry Carpenter. "His teams were known for achieving a high level of academic success while being competitive on the courts. He has been an integral part of our Athletic Department, and we wish him the best."

Lee President Paul Conn stated: "Tony has been a wonderful colleague, and led our tennis program through a period of outstanding success. He will always be a big part of the Lee University athletic tradition, and as he leaves, we are saying goodbye to a wonderful friend who cares deeply about students and the sport of tennis."

During his 17 seasons at Lee, his clubs posted a combined record of 300-252 (146-137 men, 154-116 women). Both teams had winning records for six consecutive years. Cavett embraced coaching students who were standouts in the classroom. He helped mentor 42 NAIA Scholar Athletes and produced one NAIA First Team All-American.

## TEAMS POST *NCAA* *Tournament Wins*

The Lee men's golf team captured the first of their three tournament titles by repeating as champions at the Coastal Georgia Invitational. The Flames fired a tournament record of 857 in the 54-hole event to capture the championship at the Sea Island Golf Club's Retreat Course. The team claimed its biggest prize ever in the 54-hole Skyhawk Classic at the Paris Landing State Park course. Setting a school record with a 285-271-284 - 840 (-24) in the 54-hole event, the Flames won over host Tennessee Martin (874) by seven strokes.

"I thought we proved that we could play with some of the best NCAA Division II teams in the country, and that will be important for us moving forward," Head Coach John Maupin said. "We have had some memorable rounds over the years, but shooting a 271 as a team and winning a Division I tournament hosted by UT-Martin will definitely rank high on the list."

The Lee women's golf team finished the 2013-2014 campaign with four tournament victories while finishing in the top-5 in every event. In addition to the national medalist honor, Courtney Shelton won the Lady Flames Shootout at Lee's home course (Cleveland Country Club). This spring the senior would add tournament win No. 10 to her successful resume with a victory at the TSYS Collegiate Classic in Columbus, Ga.

The Lady Flames competed in the GSC Championship in Tunica, Miss. to wrap up the season. Maupin's club was a full 25 shots clear of the fourth-place finisher, West Alabama (651).

Courtney Shelton won 10 tournaments during her career at Lee.



Coach John Maupin, standing, and Hunter Vest eye a putt.







Tyquan Roberts

## FLAMES CLOSE CHALLENGING NCAA Debut Season

The Lee men's basketball team finished their first season of competition in NCAA Division II and the Gulf South Conference (GSC) with a 10-16 overall mark. They finished 6-14 in the rugged GSC.

The Flames had early successes, opening conference play on Dec. 16 by defeating West Florida, 82-76 to open up the GSC era with a victory. Lee would score another milestone victory three days later with a 72-59 victory over No. 25 Valdosta State. The contest marked the first victory against a NCAA ranked team in program history.

After a series of setbacks to start back play in January, the Flames scored the most thrilling victory of the year on Jan. 23 when they topped West Georgia 83-80, thanks to a last-second 3-pointer by Cory Billingsley. The victory snapped a six-game losing streak.

Junior-transfer Tyquan Roberts provided a spark off the bench for Lee in 2013-2014. The forward from Greensboro, N.C. averaged 11.7 points and 4.6 rebounds per contest while being named to the NCCAA All Mid-East Region Second Team.

Coach Tommy Brown would also rely heavily on the veteran leadership of senior Brice Sharp and junior Chad Lee. Sharp finished his career as a shutdown defender who usually drew the opposition's best scorer, while the always aggressive Lee led the team with 5.5 rebounds per game.

## BASEBALL FINISHES SECOND IN NATIONALS; Bales Captures Award

The Flames recently completed their 14th straight winning baseball season with a second-place finish against Fresno Pacific University in the NCCAA World Series in Mason, Ohio. Overall, Lee recorded a 37-17 record and placed fourth in its first year of competition in the powerful Gulf South Conference and in NCAA Division II play. Mark Brew's club won 12 of its final 14 contests.

Not only did the 2014 team score 37 wins, but it also walked away with several individual honors. Lee senior pitcher Jeremy Bales was named the winner of the NCCAA's top baseball award, the Hank Burbridge Outstanding Potential Christian Leadership Award. Bales also enjoyed a superb year on the mound, being a major part of Lee's winning record, the NCCAA Mid-East Region title, and runner-up in the World Series.

"This award excels above any other award that I could ever win because it is an award for spiritual leadership, baseball, and academics," Bales explained. "I have a passion for the game of baseball and love every part of it. If I can serve Jesus Christ and play baseball at the same time, then that sounds like a pretty good deal to me."

Senior shortstop Josh Silver wrapped up two superb seasons and earned a slot on the World Series All-Tournament Team. Jeremy Stawychny (8-4 and with a 2.39 earned run average) was selected second-team NCCAA All-American. Senior Derrick Pitt batted .338, pacing the Flames in home runs (4), hits (67), triples (3) and tied teammate Zachery Hawkins with 41 runs batted in and 37 runs scored.

Coach Brew was honored after his team defeated Delta State (Miss.) on April 5. The 5-3 Gulf South win was Brew's 400th in his eighth year as head coach of the Flames.



Jeremy Bales fires a pitch for the Flames. The senior was a leader on and off the field.

## INDOOR, OUTDOOR TRACK TEAMS NOTCH *Running Wins*

Cayce Bryan and the Men's 4x800 meter relay team highlighted Lee's Indoor Track season, bringing home a pair of national championships competing at the NCCAA National Championships in Bourbonnais, Ill. Bryan took home the top honor in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16.65. Bryan anchored the final leg of the relay team, joined by Brianna Prugh, Emily Bryan, and Jessica Childers. The ladies finished in second place with a time of 9:35.25.

The Flames also garnered championship honors with the performance of the 4x800 meter relay team of Justin Knuth, Terris Elliott, Adam Gullette, and Emmanuel Kipchumba. With a time of 8:05.23 the foursome took first place a full three seconds ahead of runner-up Olivet Nazarene University.

Coach Caleb Morgan reflected on the championship performances of his runners saying, "I'm really pleased and grateful to get my first national championship as a head coach. I just can't say enough about how strong those guys looked out there."

With two national championship performances, the Lee Indoor Track teams enjoyed their best season in just the fourth year of intercollegiate competition.

Outdoors, Mike Walker earned his second NCCAA All-American honor to run Lee University's total to six in three events at the 2014 NCCAA Track & Field Championship at Barron Stadium.

Walker improved upon his qualifying time (9:21.56) by six seconds, finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and gained All-American status for the second time in two days.

"Mike ran a great race, finishing in a new personal and school record," Morgan said. "I couldn't be prouder of what he has accomplished in his time at Lee. He came out of high school as an average runner and flourished in the last year and a half, earning three All-American honors and graduating with three school records."

Earlier, Walker ran the first leg with Adam Gullette, Terris Elliott, and Emmanuel Kipchumba, as well as the final pieces of the 4x800 meter relay. The foursome earned All-American honors with a second-place finish.



Mike Walker was a standout for the Flames in the NCCAA National Outdoor track meet that was held in Rome, Ga.



# Group Heads to the 'Emerald Isle' During Spring Break

by Brian Conn



*Lee students navigate the path down the hill from Dun Angus, a cliffside ring fort dated to the Iron Age.*



"For myself, I always write about Dublin, because if I can get to the heart of Dublin, I can get to the heart of all the cities of the world. In the particular is contained the universal."

The great twentieth-century Irish writer James Joyce penned these words about the city of his birth and the setting for most of his writing. He felt that, by finding meaning in a specific, singular story and place, we can learn something about ourselves that defies national, ethnic, and cultural boundaries. In a way, the process he is describing resembles the goals behind Lee University's global perspectives program. Students can choose from dozens of opportunities to travel into widely varied cultures, but we require that they take at least one trip, with the hope that the particular trip can show them something universal about understanding other cultures.

The Ireland spring break trip took its seventh run to the Emerald Isle in early March. All majors are invited on this annual ten-day trip, touring the three provinces of the Republic of Ireland. The group travels by coach, visiting the busy city of Dublin, the country charm of Killarney, the university town of Galway, and Connacht's quiet coastal city of Westport, meeting local residents, walking among ancient structures, and learning about what makes Ireland unique. The experience includes an investigation into Irish history and Irish writers like Joyce, to discover Ireland's influence on Western society.

Each student is required to interact with native residents and to write reflective journal entries and case study reports from each locale. In addition to that, students take a healthy dose of museum touring and sightseeing. So many historical landmarks and stun-

ning vistas are concentrated into that one island that it is impossible to see it all. We try to make the most of our ten days.

This year's trip had unbelievably sunny weather. The only inclement conditions we encountered were on the face of Croagh Patrick—a mountain and pilgrimage site outside Westport—where sixty-mile-per-hour winds forced our hiking group to turn back a little over half way to the top. The rest of the time was calm and bright. From the cliffs of Dun Angus on the Aran Islands to the famous drive around Sleat Head on the Ring of Kerry, we had lovely countryside and seaside views for a week, as though we had stumbled into a storybook. We entered a bustling Dublin near the end of the trip when the city was gearing up for St. Patrick's Day. Also in Dublin, the group experienced unforgettable moments, from touring the cavernous Trinity College Library and its Book of Kells exhibit, to watching a gaelic hurling match between Dublin and county rival Kilkenny.

Perhaps the words of one student from this year's trip can help to describe the journey on which we hope to launch all of our students. Before departure, junior Amanda Miller wrote:

*This will be my first time leaving the country, so that adds another sense of wonder and amazement to this whole experience. Time will not be wasted. I want to spend every moment possible soaking in everything I can experience of the different culture. Seeing more of God's wonderful creation, feeling even more alive and seeing that there is more than just this little American bubble will be wonderful.*

After our return, she said, "Thinking back on it, it seems like a dream... but I am thankful it wasn't and that those memories are ones to cherish."

Brian Conn is director of Public Information at Lee University.

*Students stroll on the dockside beach on Inishmore, waiting for the ferry back to Galway.*



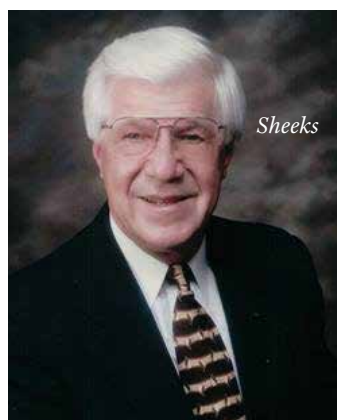
*The Lee group got a chance at tickets to a hurling match at Parnell Park between Dublin and Kilkenny.*



# WHO'S WHERE

**Stanley Smith '53** lives in Anderson, S.C. with his wife, **Earlene, '53**. Both graduated from Lee Academy as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Stan retired in 1997 after 25 years as an assistant vice president of credit and financing for a major lumber supplier. They attend High Praises Church of God. Last November, the Smiths celebrated 60 years of marriage.

**Bill Sheeks '54** passed away March 19, 2014. He was a former state youth leader, state overseer, and assistant general overseer for the Church of God. He was retired and living in Cleveland, Tenn. Dr. Sheeks was married to Eleanor, and they had two children, **Cheryl Stansky '79** and **Randy '87**, who is a faculty member at Lee. During his tenure as an assistant general overseer, he served as executive liaison to the Lee Board of Directors.



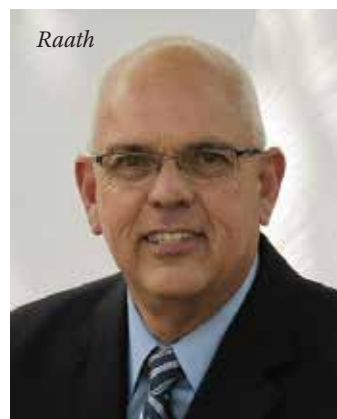
Sheeks

**Richard Beatty '68** of East Franklin Township, Pa., passed away on March 5, 2014. At the time of his death, Rev. Beatty was pastor of the Cornerstone Assembly of God in West Kittanning, Pa., and was president of the Kittanning Ministerial Association. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn.

**Roland Charles Stone '72** passed away on November 8, 2013, in Smithfield, N.C. He retired in 2006, after decades of pastoring several churches across North Carolina. Upon his retirement, he founded the Roland C. Stone Humanitarian Foundation International. His surviving wife,

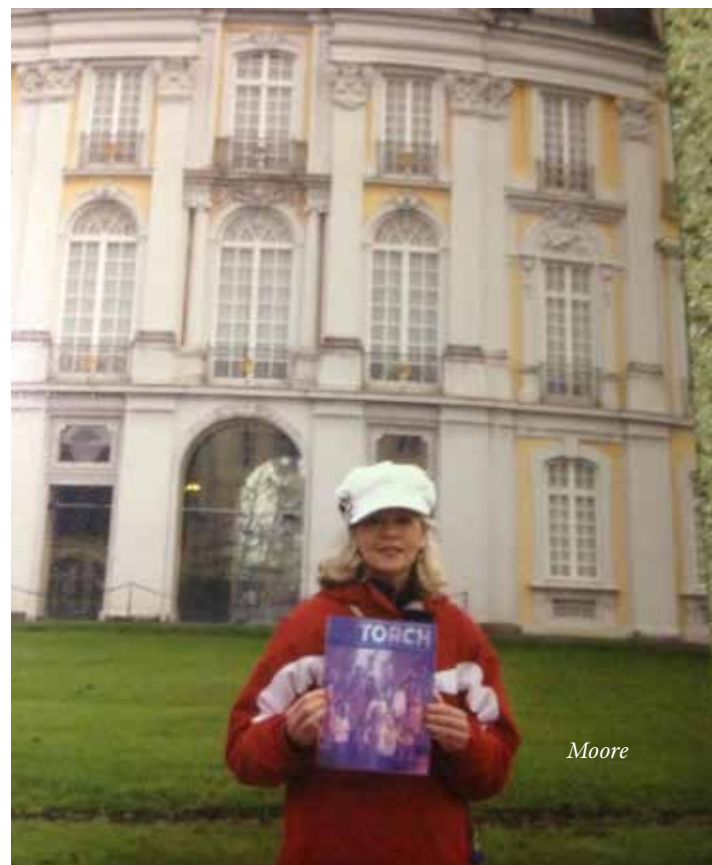
Jean, their daughter Melody Mitchell '83, and grandchildren, will carry on the work of the foundation.

**Ethan Raath '74** and his wife, **Teresa, '74**, live in Denver Colo. As owner/consultant of Highwire Leadership ([www.highwireleadership.com](http://www.highwireleadership.com)), Ethan provides leadership development, coaching, and consulting. Before moving to Denver, he was a professor in the Religion and Communication Arts Departments at Xavier University, and he is now an adjunct professor at Regis University, teaching courses in faith and justice. A Presbyterian minister for 36 years, he retired in May. Teresa is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital.



Raath

**Jannese Woodard Moore ('78)** took Torch to Le chateau d' Augustusbury in Germany, where she recently traveled with a mission team. Dr. Moore and her husband, Jim, live in Seymour, TN and both work for the Sevier County School System. They have two children.



Moore

**Dee Yoder '80** lives in Mansfield, Ohio where she works with Mission to Amish People as a volunteer and formerly wrote the Amish newsletter for the organization. She recently wrote a fictional book, *The Miting*, based on stories of former Amish who leave their communities to begin anew. Their home was the recent focus of two PBS documentaries on the Amish. Dee began writing again at the age of 50 and recently signed a three-book contract with the Amish series through Kregel Publishing.

**Jeff McFalls '91** passed away on March 8, 2014, after a lengthy battle with lung cancer. At the time of his death, he pastored Medart Assembly of God in Crawfordville, Fla., where just 24 hours before his death, he performed a wedding ceremony. He leaves behind a wife of nearly 25 years, Libby Brown McFalls '92, and three children.

**Patrick and Jodie Swinson Wooten '92** and **Robert '92** and **Marla Nash Sharp '93** and their families reunited in Irving, Tex. at Grace Pointe Church where the Wootens have pastored for 16 years to celebrate the future of Bridges, a nonprofit started by the Sharps and other Lee alumni who support several schools and other missions efforts in Honduras.


Wooten/  
Sharp


Hurt





## WHO'S WHERE

 **Jonathan Hurt '95** of the First Special Operations Wing was recently awarded the Air Force's Military Chaplain Association (MCA) Distinguished Service Award for 2013. The award recognizes ministry excellence of chaplains of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Veterans Affairs, and Civil Air Patrol. Jonathan serves as Deputy Wing Chaplain in the First Special Operations Wing in Hurlburt Field, Fla. He has two daughters.

 **Darren Schalk '01**, a resident of Cleveland, Tenn., recently released his debut nonfiction book, *Dear God, We Need To Talk*, through Orlando-based publisher Charisma House. Subtitled, *Wrestling With God on Questions of Life and Faith*, the book is an exploration of God and faith through the lens of a young Christian leader. Darren is curriculum editor for the Church of God of Prophecy International Offices and associate editor of One Accord Resources, Inc. He and his wife Kristi have three children.

**Charli Crawford Duff '06** is the head softball coach at Ardmore Senior High School in Ardmore, Okla. Her husband, Derek, teaches at Ardmore Middle School and also serves as the pastor at Mary Niblack Road Baptist Church.



Schalk

**Laura Feltner '07** lives in Dayton, Ohio, where she recently earned certification as a pharmacy technician.

**Emma Perret '08** lives with her husband, Jason, on the Big Island in Hawaii where she works as a third-grade teacher at Makua Lani Christian Academy.

## We Need YOU to be in Who's Where!

Who's Where continues to be the most read section of Torch, but we need YOUR entry to make it even better! Send us your news: weddings, special anniversaries, new jobs, promotions, educational accomplishments, retirements, births, awards...you name it! Don't forget to include the last year you attended Lee, and a high-resolution photo, if you like (but not required)!

If you are headed to an exotic location or milestone activity, take Torch along and send us your photo with it. Torch loves to travel!



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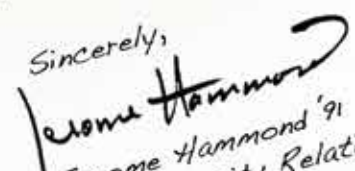
How is it going? Did you get into that grad program? How are the kids? Is your recovery going well? Are you staying with the company? Were the adoption papers approved? How does it feel to have a high-school student in the house? Sorry you lost your parents last year. How is the church? Too soon to mention 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 can read about a way that many alumni are supporting Lee. It's a simple plan that works if you are a part of it. The QR code below takes you to a short video that explains why your support is so important. I hope you'll watch it.

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

Sincerely,

  
Jerome Hammond '91  
VP, University Relations



<http://www.lee-alumni.com>





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