House of Worship Extraordinary
The new greystone Lee University chapel is showcased in pictures.
Photos by Arlyne VanHook

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Opening Thoughts:
Dr. Paul Conn
Our new chapel is now open, and already it’s becoming part of our campus life.

I have been asked: “What will you use the chapel for?” Such an intimate space—about 300 people max—can’t be used for big events, and a home for those smaller-scale events is exactly what we have needed.

To illustrate, here are some of the student events which have already occurred in the new chapel in its first few weeks: a ‘prayer meeting’ for Campus Choir members; two worship services for the ‘small-group’ ministry in our dorms; an all-club dedication service for the Greek clubs; a ‘hymn sing’ for School of Religion students; back-to-back commitment services for our employees; one for our faculty, and another for our staff. None of these events would have fit very well in the 1800-seat Conn Center or even the 500-seat Dixon Center, which are used for regular chapel services on campus.

One of the most enjoyable events in the chapel this first month was an evening when we sang our favorite songs from the old “Red-Back Hymnal.” This hymnal has been used in thousands of Pentecostal and Baptist congregations since the 1950’s. For my generation and several others, it is the “Mother of All Hymnals.” Although we haven’t seen one in many years, and the church has long ago moved to other types of music, those songs from the Red Back still resonate in our memories. So we bought copies of that old hymnal, put them out in the pew racks of our new chapel, and spent an evening just singing together.

The chapel was filled, and it was a wonderful experience. People enjoyed it so much, we put a video of the service on Youtube, and within a week, over 2000 people had found it and watched it.

There have been other nights with other styles of sacred music. The place has already been a place of private prayer, of joyful celebration, quiet a cappella music from the liturgical tradition, ‘I’ll Fly Away’ with gospel guitar, the choruses of the contemporary youth culture, and the great hymns of the faith. It has also been a place of scripture, of exhortation, and of testimo- 

ny. In other words, it’s a church.

We didn’t realize, until we opened it, just how much Lee University needed such a place!
The new chapel at Lee University was dedicated during Homecoming 2011. Some people believe it is the most beautiful building constructed in Lee history. The details of the craftsmanship, from the ceiling to the pews, can best be described in pictures.

Photography by Arlyne VanHook.
Chapel Details:

- The natural stone on the chapel exterior was cut directly from a quarry in Texas and set by stonemasons from Atlanta. This type of stone is commonly called “Austin limestone”.

- The stained glass windows were created by Dennis Harmon, from the Emmanuel Studio, Inc. in Nashville.

- Architectural design was managed by ArCon, Inc., utilizing Steve Carroll of Rardin and Carroll Architects, Inc., as the church consultants.

- The “fellowship hall” and courtyard will be completed next spring and dedicated to the memory of Dr. John D. Nichols, honoring his friendship and spiritual partnership with businessman John Gregory.

Chapel Space

- Lower Level – 5,936 sq. ft.
- Main Level – 5,853 sq. ft.
- Mezzanine Level – 638 sq. ft.
- Total – 12,427 sq. ft.
Inaugural Events:

November 3:
Board of Directors preview service

November 4 and 5:
Alumni tours during Homecoming

November 5:
Official Ribbon Cutting and Prayer of Dedication

November 11:
Dedication services for Lee faculty and staff

November 13:
Community Open House

November 21:
“Red-Back” Hymnal Night

December 1:
Student small-group services

December 13:
“Sounds of Christmas” w/ Voices of Lee

December 15:
“Lessons and Carols” w/ Lee chorale
During any visit to the Lee campus in the last few years, my friends have often heard me say, “I wish I had gone to school here,” with the emphasis being the fact that the Lee of today bears so little resemblance to the Lee of the 1980s. I have nothing but fond memories of my time on the campus in the 1980s, but each new visit to campus now just brings such a greater sense of pride and accomplishment. I am left with nothing but admiration over the many facets of this transformation, even though I still would like to drive my car down Church Street once more and double park in front of Cross Hall. I admire the physical campus, the joy of the students I encounter, and the general buzz of activities provided. There are student ambassadors at every turn, and it is so wonderful to meet these students and hear of the dreams and plans that are incubating at this crucial time in their lives.

There were so many events planned for Homecoming 2011, it was easy to meet the needs and varied interests of my entire family. My two daughters enjoyed the breast cancer awareness “Volley for the Cure” event in the Paul Dana Walker arena on Friday night. Any excuse to dress in pink and cheer fits the bill for my nine-year old. My wife and older daughter braved the fog and chill for the 5K “fun run” on Saturday morning. My daughters also enjoyed the tailgating events, visiting the student union and the bookstore, as well as watching the great basketball win over Tennessee Temple!
For me personally, attending Homecoming provides a sense of connection. The Greek service club breakfast and the President’s Circle donor luncheon are great ways to connect with friends across the generations. It is now commonplace to see two and three generations of families at these events. Being part of the President’s Circle is an honor and a privilege, and it is always a thrill to be there when the alumnus and honorary alumnus of the year are presented.

The crowning moments for me this year were spent in the newly built chapel. Sitting at the corner of Ocoee and 11th Street, looking like it has been there for many years, the chapel is a worthy addition to the campus. I found myself drawn to the chapel at least six different times during the Homecoming weekend as there were concerts at the top of each hour during the day.

If ever a building on campus would be the conduit of connections and a marker of spiritual milestones, the Lee Chapel will no doubt serve the students, faculty, and community well in the years to come as such a bedrock place of faith.

In anticipation of the weekend, I thought of voices I would like to hear in the chapel. The one that most came to mind was Roosevelt Miller. I’m not sure there’s ever been a better match of a sweet tenor voice in a sweet-spirited man. So I had to indulge myself and a few friends to gather around my iPhone to hear him sing, “He’s the Lily of the Valley”—in a style that was signature Roosevelt. Combine that with an a cappella choral arrangement of “Abide With Me,” “Bach Cello Suite I Prelude” for the viola, and a stirring vocal solo of “The Love of God,” and you get just a small glimpse of some of the wonderful sounds that have only just begun to build a legacy at the Lee Chapel.

Dr. Paul Conn relayed a quote from Winston Churchill in his opening remarks during the first service in the new chapel: “We shape our buildings; thereafter, they shape us.” Though I am a former chemistry major who can barely draw a simple Benzene ring, there are lessons I learned in the old science building that continue to shape my life today. A building’s footprint is so much more than the brick and mortar. I have no doubt that the new chapel will be such a place where lives are shaped.

I would highly encourage all Lee alumni to make Homecoming part of their future plans. Come revisit the beauty of the campus in fall, but what is most important is to visit and pay homage to the places and people who have shaped your life. The events, the friends, the memories, and most of all, the connections you maintain will be strength for your journey.

Upsilon Xi will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2012. In fact, many of the modern Lee social service clubs, campus clubs, and choral groups will soon be celebrating 50th anniversaries, followed by the centennial of Lee just a few years away in 2018. So, look forward to many more celebrations to come!

Robert E. Daugherty II lives in Atlanta and is a member of the Lee University Board of Directors.
Dr. Allan Lockerman was named Honorary Alumnus as part of the 2011 Homecoming festivities. Lockerman is copastor of First Baptist Church of Cleveland, and a student favorite for his chapel appearances and pastoral care to the Lee family. When the First Baptist Church facilities were adjacent to the Lee campus, many students attended services and have continued since the 5,100-member church moved several miles north to a new campus in north Cleveland. Lockerman received his doctorate (D.Min.) from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, his master’s degree (M.Div.) from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and his bachelor’s degree (B.S.) from the University of Georgia. He has also served as pastor of churches in Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama. Originally from Atlanta, Ga., Lockerman and his wife, Alice Brown Lockerman, have three children, Robert Allan, Jeffrey Allan, and Jennifer Kay. He has served on the Executive Committee in the Georgia and Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Lockerman authored When Good Enough Is Not Enough: Pursuing the Promised Life, which is available for purchase at www.amazon.com.

Each year since 1960 Lee University has recognized a former student for his or her outstanding services to the community, achievements in arts and sciences, in business, public or academic life. The 2011 Alumnus of the Year is Darlia McLuhan Conn.

Daria was the second of three children, and the only daughter born to Rev. M.G. McLuhan and Merle Reesor McLuhan. She was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. In 1949, her family moved to Minot, North Dakota, where her father, Dr. Mac, as friends called him, served as president of Northwest Bible College. In 1953, her father was offered the opportunity to revive a failing school in Kroonstad, South Africa. The family lived on the African continent, including Salisbury, Rhodesia (modern day Zimbabwe), throughout Darlia’s middle and high school years. She graduated high school in 1962, received a performer’s diploma from Trinity College of Music and returned with the family to the United States in 1964.

It was then that Darlia enrolled in Lee College, where not long after arriving, she joined the Lee Singers as the pianist. It was there that she caught the eye of an earnest ministerial student named Paul Conn. In Conn’s words, he described what he saw in the new pianist from Africa: “I was a sophomore without a clue, when I saw her walking alone on the sidewalk toward the music building. She obviously had ‘it’—whatever that is. I stopped so I could look at her. I felt like howling at the moon.” Paul and Darlia married in 1967. They moved to Atlanta where Paul enrolled in graduate school. It was in Atlanta in 1969 that Darlia had the first of her three children, Vanessa Rae. When Paul finished his graduate work, they returned to Cleveland, and Paul began teaching psychology at Lee College. Darlia had two more children, Heather and Brian, before finishing her bachelor’s degree [B.A.] in music in May 1977. For 14 years, Paul and Darlia were a faculty family at Lee.

In some ways, the reason for this award began in August of 1986 when Paul and Darlia were given the opportunity to lead a small and struggling Lee College. It was a big change from the flexible private life of a faculty family. It was a decision to go “all in” and would take the kind of commitment that one learns on the plains of western Canada and the South African mission field.

During the next 25 years, Darlia would not only serve as the first lady of Lee University, supporting, counseling, praying for, and maybe sometimes correcting her president husband; but also she would become personally involved at almost every level of the university. From serving on the music faculty, accompanying student recitals, attending athletic events, worshiping in chapel, serving on committees, and traveling to see performing groups on the road, Darlia has been an essential part of the renaissance of Lee University over the past 25 years.
Paul Duncan served Lee College for fifteen years as the dean of students (1971–1986) and laid a foundation for student services that combined maintaining high campus-life standards while beginning the focus of student services upon the growth of the Lee College student as a whole person—spirit, mind, and body. Paul Duncan is the gold standard for hands-on Christian service, dedication, and loyalty to those he serves. As one becomes acquainted with this somewhat quiet, self-deprecating leader, with a wry sense of humor, and marvelous intellect, it becomes easy to understand that he has always been served by the Lord in God, his love for his wife, Tannis, and their children, and his love of serving others. This becomes obvious as one reviews Paul Duncan’s life.

He was born into a Christian home in Starkville, Mississippi, and accepted Christ during his freshman college year. Along with being a devoted Christian, Paul has always been a sports fan and an outstanding athlete himself. In high school, he was a standout player in football, basketball, and baseball. In fact, during his senior year, his high school won the conference championships in all three sports in which he participated. He graduated high school at the age of fifteen. Once he was accepted, he applied himself to develop ways to minister to each student groups (and their sponsors) to provide a well-rounded and stimulating array of activities, concerts, and special events. He took an active role in the Campus Discipline Committee and worked to find ways to ensure that students whose behavior violated school guidelines were held to accountability; at the same time, he applied himself to develop ways to minister to each of the troubled students. In addition, Duncan strongly emphasized a comprehensive first-line counseling program to provide additional support for the student body. Perhaps one of the most complicated but rewarding programs he initiated was interscholastic fellowship with students from Lee, Bryan College, Covenant College, and Tennessee Temple. The friendly competition came to be known as the “Broccoli Bowl” and created a great deal of student fellowship among the four schools.

When asked about his walk with Christ, Paul Duncan will quickly tell you that God’s faithfulness to him and abundant blessings to him and his family are his greatest treasures. It is very common to hear him say, “I have been blessed abundantly.” He and Tannis are not content to just enjoy God’s blessings, but they delight in sharing God’s blessings with others. Both are volunteers in several community organizations, including the local Right to Life organization.

Bill F. Balzano, Ph.D., followed Paul Duncan as dean of students at Lee in 1986 and is currently headmaster at Tennessee Christian Preparatory School in Cleveland, Tenn.
Walking down the ped mall the other day, I noticed a line of students formed in front of an energetic guy selling T-shirts that said, “Respect the Stache.” The “stache,” of course, refers to the ubiquitous mustache of President Conn, a detail that requires no explanation on the Lee campus.

I have to laugh. Paul Conn’s mustache is decades older than the kids who wear it plastered on their chests. President Conn, mustache included, has become a cultural icon on the Lee University campus.

This place has bloomed during Dr. Conn’s 25 years of leadership, and being a “hands-on” kind of person, his fingerprints are all over every aspect of campus. Add to that his rapport in the classroom and the pulpit, his obvious energy in the presence of students and his undeniable affection for them, and you have all kinds of people clamoring for any product that bears his resemblance.

Take for instance one of the new eating venues on campus. In the space that had been used for Pizza Hut, Sodexo (Lee’s food service provider) has created a pizzeria called “Papa Conn’s Pizza.” They designed a logo that has a caricature of Paul Conn flipping pies, which they put on T-shirts and handed out free one day after chapel. They created a successful marketing scheme for selling pizza—genius! It doesn’t hurt that the pizza tastes good, too!

One of the most creative examples of Dr. Conn’s wild popularity showed up during the winter of 2006 when it snowed in Cleveland. I stepped outside the Vest Building to watch our international students see snow for the first time. Meanwhile their classmates from the north, worked skillfully on the lawn of the Paul Conn Student Union (where else?) to pack the icy snow into a snowman that was unmistakably made in the image of Paul Conn—complete with mustache, of course. Even I got my picture made beside that thing! It was a work of art.

I’m going to say it—Paul Conn has truly become an iCONNic figure at Lee. (Go ahead. Groan.) His name and face are so widely recognized on campus, so respected by the student body and by the people who work at Lee and serve those students, and there’s so much affection that flows back and forth between the campus and Dr. Conn that his image carries with it huge, positive, cultural significance for us all.

Now, pass me a bowl of that Paul Conn banana pudding.

Stephanie Taylor has been executive assistant to President Conn since 1997.
College of Education Receives NCATE Accreditation

The Lee University Helen DeVos College of Education was recently accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). NCATE’s dual mission is accountability and improvement in education preparation. Through the rigorous, performance-based system, the College of Education provided multiple evidences of competent teacher candidate performances and effectiveness of its more than 25 teacher-education program tracks.

The evaluation of Lee’s undergraduate and graduate education programs included an on-site visit, program reviews, curriculum and facility evaluations, and interviews with administrators, faculty, students, alumni, and local school partners. The NCATE examiners commended Lee for its integration of diversity and cross-cultural learning, as well as its commitment to service learning. The program also got high ratings for the facilities and the qualifications of the faculty.

Dean of the Helen DeVos College of Education, Dr. Debbie Murray, said, “We are so proud that this national organization has recognized and affirmed our efforts in preparing capable young men and women for their increasingly complex roles in leading student learning. To be recognized is a distinct honor for Lee University and for our community.”

The additional accreditation will not only be beneficial for the institution as a whole, but also for individual graduates seeking further specialization or entry into the profession.

“When Lee graduates apply for jobs around Cleveland, they are very successful, because the school administrators in this region know that our program produces good teachers,” said Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, vice president for academic affairs. “However, if they apply for jobs in Maine or California or someplace where no one knows about Lee, it helps to have the stamp of approval from a national organization that has determined that we have a quality program.”

Lee Hosts Business Accreditation Conference

Lee University was host to the 2011 Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Southeastern Council Region 3 Conference September 22-24.

The conference theme was “Sustaining Excellence Through Quality Business Education,” and the conference considered important regional issues such as the strategic plan of the Southeastern Council and a number of issues affecting its future.

Lee president Paul Conn was the keynote speaker, while business faculty members Dr. Bill Jaber and Dr. Mava Wilson led a breakout session. The Voices of Lee were the featured musical guests. Dr. Dewayne Thompson, chair of the Department of Business at Lee, was named president of the Southeastern Council of the organization earlier this year.

ACBSP is the leading specialized accreditation association for business education, encouraging excellence through research and practical experience among faculty and students. Lee’s Department of Business has been officially recognized by the Southeastern Council since 2008.
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Amber Kienlen was crowned this year’s Miss Parade of Favorites. Kienlen, who was representing Image Step Team, was escorted by Dante Massengil. Her talent was an original spoken word, and she also walked away with the interview and dance awards. Kienlen is from Cleveland, Tenn., and attended Bradley Central High School. She is in her senior year at Lee University and is majoring in Biology. During Kienlen’s time at Lee, she was president of UMOJA, was Miss Diversity 2009, and is a tour guide for the Admissions Office. After Lee, she hopes to continue her studies and become a physician assistant.

Kelsey Buttrey (Zeta Chi Lambda women’s social service club), Laura Smith (Theta Delta Kappa men’s social service club), Courtney Harmon (Omega Alpha Phi women’s social service club), and Emile Swanson (Alpha Gamma Chi men’s social service club) rounded out the top five. Other contestants were Emily Light, representing Upsilon Xi men’s social service club; Stephanie Weaver, representing Delta Zeta Tau women’s social service club; Megan Swartout, representing Sigma Nu Sigma women’s social service club; Rachel Sawyer, representing Pi Kappa Pi men’s social service organization; and Cyvannah Doll, representing Epsilon Lambda Phi; women’s social service organization.

The show, held in the Lee University Conn Center on November 12, was directed by Porsha Gilliam. Other members of the steering committee included James Vassell and Noel Oliver-Prince. Gilliam chose “Back to the Beat” as this year’s theme. The theme focused on the history of hip-hop and was a celebration of the diversity found at Lee University. Gilliam stated, “I think that POF was the best experience of my life and really a great stepping stone for me.” The contestants, escorts, and steering committee worked all semester to present the audience with a high-energy, entertaining show.

Research Team: (l to r) Orit, Williamson, Webb, McMillian, and Dirksen.

Excavating the Rock Shelter (l to r) Erin Williamson, Mary Carol McMillian, Brooke Orit and Allie Webb

Erin Williamson sketching Fremont Petroglyphs

Parade of Favorites 2011

Lee Group Contributes to Archaeology Dig

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On the trip, McMillan said, “I learned so much about the history of the ancient people who lived where we were working. Every discovery was an exciting and eye-opening experience.”

Growing interest in archaeology has led Lee to other archaeology projects, including Lee professors Dr. Richard Jones’s work with an old Cherokee removal fort near Tellico, Tenn., and Dr. Dan Hoffman’s contributions to excavating a fortress in Mudaybi, Jordan. Lee University has opened a Center for Archaeology Studies at 533 Trunk St. on the Lee campus.
Library Adds New Café

Joining other major gathering places on campus, the Squires Library has added a café where students can enjoy a variety of refreshments while browsing the library offerings. The new café is located behind the circulation area near the front entrance, where bound periodicals were kept previously.

The food service was relocated to the library this fall following the installation of Einstein Bros. Bagels at the Humanities Center over the summer. Operated by Sodexo, it offers coffee, salads, sandwiches, cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit, pastries, candy, and other drinks and snacks.

Library personnel worked with the Art Department to display student artwork in the new dining area, which has been named “Snacks in the Stacks Café,” a name submitted by Lee student Clara Maxcy.

Library Director Barbara McCullough noted, “We are grateful to the Lee University administration and Sodexo for making the library one of the new food service locations on campus.” Enjoy the convenience of the new café as you study, reflect, take a break, or meet together with friends.

The library joins several other buildings on campus which have food services outside the Deacon Jones Dining Hall. They include the Paul Conn Student Union (Jazzman’s, Chick-fil-A, Subway®, Papa Conn’s Pizza), Science and Math Complex (Dunkin’ Donuts), Humanities Center (Einstein Bros. Bagels), and the School of Religion (Simply-to-Go).

Lee’s PR Program Receives CEPR Accreditation

The Lee University Public Relations Program under the Department of Communication and the Arts recently earned international accreditation from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), receiving a Certification in Education for Public Relations (CEPR).

Certification was conferred at the PRSA International Conference Assembly luncheon on October 15 in Orlando, Fla. Accepting the award was associate professor of communications Dr. Patty Silverman.

CEPR accreditation has been awarded to only 31 schools, with Lee representing the first Christian university to receive this certification. CEPR is a voluntary program of quality-assurance endorsement for studies in public relations at colleges and universities worldwide. The university’s PR program was evaluated on eight standards: (1) curriculum, (2) faculty, (3) resources, (4) students, (5) assessment, (6) professional affiliations, (7) relationships with universities, and (8) diversity and global perspectives.

“This accreditation is a positive validation of the strength of our program and the sacrifice and vision of Dr. Silverman and her students, as well as our former public relations alumni,” said Dr. Michael Laney, chair of Communications Dr. Patty Silverman.

The Jamie Caulk Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in Jamie’s memory.

Student Dies in Nashville Accident

Jamie Caulk, a senior telecommunications major from Michigan, died October 20 at Vanderbilt University Hospital following an automobile accident a few days earlier.

In an email to the Lee University family, President Conn said, “His many friends among Lee students and faculty have prayed for him as he struggled to survive in the Vanderbilt Hospital ICU. Our prayers now join Jamie’s parents and four siblings as they deal with this terrible loss.”

A busload of students and staff traveled to Saline, Michigan, for Jamie’s funeral, and a campus memorial took place in November. Caulk was best known on campus as the young man who appeared on-screen in the “Lee Update” videos before chapel during this past semester. He was also a member of Theta Delta Kappa men’s service club.

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The Voices of Lee recently traveled on a cruise ship with well-known television evangelist and pastor Dr. Charles Stanley where the group performed for the In Touch Conference. The Voices and Director Danny Murray (far left) pose with Pastor Stanley on board the MS Amsterdam of the Holland America line sailing from Seattle, Washington, to Alaska and Victoria, British Columbia. Also joining the cruise were Lee Board of Directors member Bill Higginbotham and his wife, Janie, along with Mrs. Deacon Jones (Faye).
Fall Convocation Featured Livingston, Sterbens

Lee Theatre Performs Comedy Tartuffe

The Lee University Theatre Program presented the fall production of Tartuffe, a comedy by the playwright Molière. Performances were November 4-6 and November 10-12 in the Dixon Center auditorium. Dr. Christine Williams, assistant professor of theatre, directed the play.

Molière’s Tartuffe is a masterwork by France’s most celebrated comic playwright set in the realm of 17th century Parisian high society during the reign of King Louis XIV. The character of Tartuffe represents those members of society who preach religious piety, but do not themselves live by the morals they try to force upon others. Popular for over 300 years because of its timelessness, the performances were a hit on campus, in the community, and with the Homecoming crowd. The production was staged with period costumes and featuring a rich visual spectacle to match the engaging dialogue.

Annual Missions Week Benefits Haiti

The theme for this year’s Dee Lavender Missions Week was “Lee for Haiti,” and focused attention on and sent aid to LaSaline Church in Port-au-Prince. Since 1991, Missions Week has been carried out in honor of a Lee University student, Dee Lavender, who died on a summer missions trip to Panama just before her 21st birthday. Missions Week projects have been in place for nearly 20 years, and a week devoted to missions has been part of Lee programming since the 1940s.

During the week, chapel services and guest lecturers provided students with information about Haiti and other missions opportunities. Missions Week T-shirts were extremely popular, with all profits and other donations going directly to help the Haitian community.

In May 2012, a group of Lee students will travel to Port-au-Prince to help rebuild the church and serve the Restavek Freedom Foundation, founded by Joan and Ray Conn in 2006. This organization works to end restavek, a harsh and prevalent social system that has placed an estimated 300,000 Haitian children in domestic servitude. For more information about the Restavek Freedom Foundation, visit www.restavekfreedom.org.

Education Awarded Diversity in Teaching Grant

Lee University’s Helen DeVos College of Education and Graduate Studies in Education were recently awarded a highly competitive “Diversity in Teaching” grant by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). The project, entitled “STEPS: Systematic Techniques to Equalize Personnel in Schools,” is led by Professor of Education and Project Director Dr. Gary Riggins.

STEPS seeks to recruit and train highly qualified minority teaching candidates to staff high-need schools in high-needs areas such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The project aims to address the shortage of underrepresented groups among the teaching ranks and to affirm teachers who embrace diversity as an instructional tool.

In the past ten years, Lee has prepared over 500 teacher candidates in the 14-month long Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) graduate studies program. The grant will primarily pay for student scholarships to the program, and most of the students will be placed in local school systems for teaching assignments.

This project is funded under an agreement with the state of Tennessee. Funds are provided over a two-year period from August 2011 through July 2013, with $100,000 awarded from THEC, and $114,882 committed from Lee institutional funds toward the project. “The STEPS grant will make it possible for some very gifted professionals who are currently employed to consider teaching as an alternative career,” said Dr. Debbie Murray, dean of the College of Education. “The real world perspective these men and women bring to the classroom enriches the teaching-learning process.”

In addition to tuition support, STEPS scholars will receive intensive faculty mentoring from STEPS faculty, including Dr. Delia Price, Dr. Reba Barkley, Dr. Ashley Smith, and Dr. Joann Higginbotham.
Dr. Gary Riggins, professor of education, was recently elected president of the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools for 2011-2012.

"I am truly honored and humbled by my colleagues’ confidence in my ability to lead this organization," said Riggins. "These are exciting times to be in graduate education. This leadership opportunity is also a chance for Lee to be part of the discussion of how graduate education will shape and be shaped in the future." Riggins has been directly involved in the education and training of teachers and students for over 25 years. In addition, he has served as a human relations consultant in 15 countries and across the United States and as an educational administrator in Songo, Sierra Leone, Africa, where he established and staffed the first secondary school in the Koya Chiefdom.

Brown Wins Poetry Contest


His work garnered significant praise from Poet-in-Residence at the University of Dayton Herbert Woodward Martin, who said (of Exit Lines), "His work is part of a larger, personal search that all artists engage. It is a narrative journey, and he is a worthy partner in the exploration of what it means to be human and to remark in all things we bear and see. In Holy Days, Brown has recorded and recontextualized the days we live, and the result is a remarkable achievement that bears witness to the power of words to transform the world of the reader." Brown has authored one book of poetry, Holy Days: Poems. His work garnered significant praise from Poet-in-Residence at the University of Dayton Herbert Woodward Martin, who said: "This is a powerful, emotional, and spiritual work that speaks to the human condition in a way that is both universal and deeply personal." Brown has authored one book of poetry, Holy Days: Poems. His work garnered significant praise from Poet-in-Residence at the University of Dayton Herbert Woodward Martin, who said: "This is a powerful, emotional, and spiritual work that speaks to the human condition in a way that is both universal and deeply personal.

Guerrero Earns Ph.D.

Carmen Guerrero, assistant professor of Spanish, recently received her doctorate (Ph.D.) in Colombian literature studies at the University of Florida. Guerrero joined Lee’s Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages in 2007. Her dissertation research traces a progression on various aspects of Colombian women’s life writings. This includes their consciousness of the function of writing, their selection of a specific genre or a hybrid of genres, their agency, and their construction of identities. In addition to teaching Spanish courses at Lee, she also works as the Spanish Placement Test administrator and the Spanish Writing Center coordinator.

Chien Receives Lincoln Center Honor

Dr. Gloria Chien, an internationally acclaimed pianist and an associate professor of music at Lee, was recently presented a prestigious honor from the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center to participate in their highly competitive Chamber Music Society Two program. Following a rigorous application and audition process, twelve members, including Chien, were chosen from an international pool of more than two hundred applicants, with fifty-three invited to participate in live auditions.

The Chamber Music Society Two program provides outstanding young performers in the early stages of major careers unparalleled professional opportunities. During their three-year residency, members participate in all aspects of musical life at CMS, including national and international tours; radio and television broadcasts; recordings, and performances in Alice Tully Hall, the Rose Studio, and the Kaplan Penthouse. In 2009, Chien was the founder and creative mind behind String Theory, a partnership between Lee and the Hunter Museum of American Art for their annual concert series. String Theory combines classical music and visual art to provide an innovative artistic experience for the Chattanooga community.

Moyen and Melton Create Freshman Guide

Lee University professors Dr. Eric Moyen and Dr. Matthew Melton recently edited a new textbook for Lee freshmen. Published by Lee University Press, College Life: Your Next Chapter, is a compilation of essays written by Lee faculty that offers freshmen advice and information needed for success on campus.

The book was oriented around the theme of students writing their own success story at a Christian liberal arts institution. Some essays address topics specific to the Lee University culture such as global perspectives, service learning, and student strengths and calling. Others address general topics such as study skills, time management, and social involvement on campus.

Moyen explained, "One goal was to get students to understand that the decisions they made during their first semester have a great impact on their time at Lee. The other goal was to give the practical knowledge that they need to navigate this new environment. "We hope to frame student thinking and attitudes toward taking charge of their college success from the moment they walk in the door at Lee University," Melton added. Moyen is professor of Communications and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, while Moyen is an associate professor of education and director of First-Year Programs.
Women’s Teams Score Big in Fund-Raisers

During the past ten years, Lee’s athletic programs have ranked with the best in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Their accomplishments have garnered their fair share of attention, but in recent years, several teams have joined hands with the community in an effort to raise funds for the ongoing battle against cancer. The following showcases the way the teams fight hard to win in more ways than one.

Heading into the 2011 Volley-for-a-Cure campaign, the Lee women’s volleyball team has raised almost $80,000 over the past four years.

“We became familiar with the Mary Ellen Locher Scholarship Foundation after I was invited to volunteer at a golfing event they were sponsoring in Ooltewah,” said Coach Andrea Hudson. “This foundation awards scholarships to college-age students whose parents have somehow been affected by breast cancer. We’re trying to help relieve the financial strain it sometimes causes the families.”

The annual event began as a simple volleyball match, plus selling pink T-shirts to ‘Pack the Stands with Pink.’ “It has now grown so large in the community that the Cleveland and Bradley County mayors declared our pink-match day as the ‘Paint-the-Town-Pink Day. Local restaurants and schools wore our pink shirts that day in honor of these brave men and women who have had cancer touch their families.’

During the years, several other events have been added that have become a great draw for the evening, including a silent auction, the annual Pink Party, Flamingo Flocking by the Plastic Surgery Clinic, and the Breast Cancer Survivor Luncheon.

Hudson added, “The exciting thing about what we have done is seeing other sports at some of the area high schools get involved with this challenge. We now have different types of sports taking part. This year Walker Valley High School had their first annual Pink Bowl Powder Puff game. They raised more than $11,000. Currently, we have two players who receive money from this foundation, so we know what an impact this organization has made.”

Women’s basketball coach, Marty Rowe, said ‘Hoops for Hope’ helps raise funds for Autism Awareness and supports the LUDIC center at Lee. “This is a fund-raiser that we started three years ago and was spearheaded by former Lee assistant Mindy Riser after her son Kade was diagnosed as autistic. We partner with Dr. Tammy Johnson and her staff at LUDIC to use this game as a way to bring more attention to the need for autism awareness and also to financially support LUDIC’s great work.

Also, women’s basketball supports the ‘Pink Zone.’ Rowe says it is held during the month of February, “and is a national cause by all women’s basketball teams to bring awareness to breast cancer. We’ve been doing this since its inception eight years ago, and it’s obviously very important to me since my mother was stricken with the disease in 2004. We also help support volleyball’s ‘Volley for the Cure’ because it’s a great cause, and Coach Hudson does a wonderful job with raising funds and awareness.’

Lee’s director of athletics, Larry Carpenter, summed up the efforts of the athletic programs and how they have gotten involved with the community. “I appreciate the hard work our coaches and athletes put into making each of these events successful,” he commented. “Using athletics as a platform to help those afflicted by cancer or autism is a way for our athletes to put things in perspective and realize how fortunate they are to have good health and athletic abilities.”
Coach Matt Yelton and his women’s soccer team have only been involved with the “Kickin It for Kids With Cancer” event, and raised $28,000 this year. All the proceeds go to the Austin Hatcher Foundation of Chattanooga to fund Hatch’s House of Hope.

“In two short years, we have gotten community involvement through the local elementary and high schools, as well as securing several corporate sponsors to back the event,” noted Yelton. “In addition, we were able to do two weeks of give-aways on a local radio station (WCLE), and that helped in creating awareness within the community about the event.” He added, “My wife, Tamara, has really spearheaded the start and growth of the event. The idea to play the game came about through our friendship with the founders of the foundation, Dr. Jim and Amy Jo Osborn. However, the growth into what it is now is directly due to Tamara’s efforts. We now have 10 other college and universities committed to doing benefit games in 2012, and we are hoping to eventually grow that number to 40 or 50.”

“Kickin It for Kids With Cancer”

EVENT: “Strike Out Cancer for Willie Mae and Friends”

This year the softball team raised over $2,000 for the American Cancer Society, as well as Kennedy Griffith and Anita Wetter. “This is our seventh year to host the tournament,” said Coach Emily Russell. We had a bake sale with items that the girls made and donated, and each girl sold 7-shirts to people on campus or to their families. It was a beautiful day.

The Lady Flames have been directly touched by cancer. Willie Mae Howard, mother of former player Hollie Howard, lost a battle to cancer. She was one of the most devoted supporters of the softball program. The late Rick Payne is another cancer victim. He’s the father of current player Katie Payne. Anita Witter is the cousin of Lee assistant coach, Taylor Horseman. She is currently undergoing treatment at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Texas.

EVENT: Achten Breaks National Assist Record

Senior All-American Jamie Achten has broken the NAIA National Assist Record. She claimed individual ownership of the mark as the second-ranked Lady Flames defeated Spring Hill College, 6-0, in the quarterfinals of the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) Tournament. Over the past four seasons, the 2010 NAIA National Player of the Year has dished off 84 assists and collected 79 goals. She has already moved into second place in Lee’s all-time goal mark, which is owned by Janaina Novaes (118).

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The next issue of Torch will report on the women’s try at a fourth NAIA national championship.
Surging Women’s Golf Making Headlines Again

The Lee women’s golf team captured the attention of the entire nation with a superior performance in the classroom during the 2010-2011 school year. Now, Coach Marty Maupin’s club is pushing toward the same type of accomplishments on the links.

The Lady Flames took part in four tournaments this fall and walked away with the top trophy in three and placed second in the other one. Maupin’s squad became the first Lee women’s squad to shoot under 300 (289) in tournament competition. After setting the mark in the opening round, the Lady Flames stunned the field in the final round of the BSC (Birmingham) Southern Shootout, by establishing another record with a 288 and finished with a blistering 577 total over the 36 holes, par 70 Highland Park layout.

Courtney Shelton, a sophomore from Franklin, Tenn. claimed medalist honors. Shelton, who opened with a 73, came back with an impressive 3-under-par 67 on Monday, and her even par 140 was good enough to get into a playoff with Columbus State’s Kimesha Anthony and Nikki Crowley, and Shorter University’s Lisa Persson.

“We are a close-knit group,” said Maupin. Besides the Birmingham tourn-ey, the Lady Flames also won the Bluegrass Classic and the NAIA Preview. “We showed so much depth; having six players shoot in the 70s (BSC Tournament) really makes this group special. It has been a fantastic fall and the last two tournaments should help us in the rankings. It just shows how hard work and consistency pays off.”

Shelton is joined by juniors Kristin Bourg, Sloane Skinner, Chelsea Rakestraw, sophomores Geandra Almeida, and freshman Madison Alexander.

Rowe Looks to Seniors, German to Fill Leadership Roles

Over the past two seasons, Coach Marty Rowe has lost two of his women’s basketball all-time leading scorers. Katie Nelson tallied 2,060 points during her four-year tenure, while Brooke McKin-non finished in 2010–2011 and posted 2,216 career points. With 6-foot-1 Kayla Carlisle also lost to graduation, Rowe, whose Lady Flames have averaged 28 wins over the past seven seasons, will be calling on several players who will need to step up and assume greater roles. “We need seniors Angela (Spann) and Kally (Bridg) to be good leaders,” said the veteran coach, “But what is more important, we need sophomore point guard Hollie (German) to want to take up a lot of the responsibilities McKinnon handled.”

“We think our overall depth is really good this year,” Rowe continued. “Losing a long-time assistant as good as Mindy (Kiser) is never easy, but being able to add someone of the quality of Jan (Spangler) is great for our program. Our players are at ease with our coaching staff, and I can see so many positives to the situation.” The 2011-2012 staff also includes Caleb Hindman and Brooke McKinnon.
Cross Country Teams Competing at High Level

Entering 2011, the Lee University cross country teams were looking to reload both squads that lost several experienced runners from the 2010 teams. Between the two groups, 14 new runners have stepped in to compete at a high level, along with veteran returning athletes. Senior Maggie Opelt has grabbed the Lee cross country headlines in 2011 with several solid performances and conference honors. Twice, Opelt has been named the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) Women’s Runner of the Week and set the Lee 5k record with a time of 17:49.55 at the Royal Cross Country Challenge.

Both squads opened the season with wins at the Lee University Invitational, August 27. Opelt paced the women’s field, taking first place in the 5k race. Lee’s four other runners all finished in the top 10, securing the opening win for the Lee ladies.

The Flames also took first place at the Lee tournament, led by a second-place finish by junior Mike Walker. Said Ahmed and Blake Justice also finished in the top 10, landing at fourth and seventh, respectively.

Since the opening meet, both squads have turned in solid performances, competing against schools from across the NAIA and NCAA. Walker also earned SSAC Runner of the Week honors, taking the men’s award on October 23 after an eighth-place finish at the Southeast Cross Country Classic in Rome, Ga.

Men’s Soccer in First Season Under Furey

Behind first-year coach, Paul Furey, the Flames soccer team clinched another postseason appearance, as well as a winning season and their highest win total since 2007. The Flames kicked off 2011 with a 3-1 loss to then-No. 3 University of Rio Grande. The Lee men quickly bounced back, rattling off six straight wins, including a 3-0 win over No. 12 Bryan College, and the Southern States Athletic Conference opener at Spring Hill College, 5-2.

Following the opening victory, the Flames began a stretch of some of the toughest competition in the nation with a 4-0 loss at then-No. 2 University of Mobile. The Lee men then dropped one-goal losses to No. 11 William Carey, No. 5 Belhaven, and No. 18 Auburn-Montgomery. After a pair of bounce-back wins, the Flames dropped another one-goal match, losing 1-0 to No. 15 Southern Poly.

The never-say-die Flames again came back with a pair of wins, beginning with a double overtime thriller over Truett-McConnell College, 2-1. They then won at Shorter University, 5-3, to clinch a postseason appearance with two conference games remaining. At Senior Day, October 29, a strong class, including Mohamed Aden, Stefano Barriga, Josh Inglis, Nicholas Lowrey, Stanley Magweno, and Gilbert Ruiz were recognized for their contributions to the Lee soccer program.

Strong Senior Class Continues Volleyball Success in 2011

The seven members of the 2011 Lady Flames volleyball senior class have likely achieved the most of any group in Lee’s volleyball history. This season has seen a continuation of that success as the Lady Flames have clinched the SSAC East Division championship, and they are currently ranked No. 4 in the NAIA.

Courtney Culbreath, Arlene Ferreira, Gretchen Higdon, Christa Hutchison, Kelsey Leffew, Sarah Smith, and Stephanie Todd were all honored in a senior-night ceremony, Friday, November 4, as part of the Lady Flames’ Volley-for-a-Cure event.

The senior class has been outstanding, both on and off the court, over the past three seasons. The 2009 and 2010 teams both reached the semifinal of the NAIA National Tournament, the first such appearances in program history. The 2010 team also produced the first No. 1 overall NAIA ranking in program history. They have earned the SSAC regular season and tournament championships in each of their three previous seasons.

Individually, five senior ladies have been named NAIA Scholar-Athletes: Ferreira was named an NAIA First Team All-American in 2010, and five were named All-SSAC Performers.
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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1940s - 1960s
Alice Hazel Corey Milligan '49, formerly of Federalsburg, died on August 21, 2011, at the Talbot Hospice House in Easton, Md. She was 92. She worked as a seamstress, retiring from Hurlock Sportswear in 1982. She was also a member of the Park Lane Church of God in Federalsburg, serving as a Sunday school secretary and teacher.

William Evan Holcombe '50 died on July 3, 2011, in Spartanburg, S.C. He was a former pastor and church executive in Kentucky and also worked with Colonel Harland Sanders in the early development years of the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise. He is survived by his wife, Julie Daughdrill Holcombe, and two daughters.

Betty Ogle '55 was recently presented with the “Citizen of the Year” award for Sevier County, Tennessee.

Walter P. Atkinson '57 passed away on November 1, 2011, at the age of 77. He was a well-known leader in the Church of God, having served a term as general secretary-treasurer for the denomination. He is survived by his wife, Julie Daughdrill Holcombe, and two daughters.

1970s
Willa Lynn Smith '72, Bedford Smith '68, and Micah Smith ’93, read Torch with Dale Earnhart Jr. at the Atlanta Motor Speedway on Labor Day.

Eddie Robbins ’76 completed the Chicago Marathon with his daughter, Tiffany, on October 9. Wearing a picture of Torch, he was honoring his father-in-law, Dr. Charles W. Conn, after raising funds for the Alzheimer’s Association. The Chicago Marathon had been a goal after losing 110 pounds two years ago and becoming a runner. Eddie is currently working on a short book about his weight loss experience called ‘All My Strength.’ Eddie and Cathy '76 live in Cumming, Ga.


1980s
Rolando Cuellar ’81, and his brother, Armando, visited Iguazu Falls, Misiones, Argentina, earlier this summer where Torch got sprayed by one of the great natural attractions in South America. Cuellar is an associate professor of intercultural studies at Lee.

Donna Hastings Mills ’67 and her nephew Thomas Crowe, a current Lee student, brought Torch to the Major League All-Star baseball game in Phoenix, Ariz., in July 2011.
My mother followed my dad and volunteered. My dad enlisted in the Navy and was in the 103rd Battalion of the Seabees. Dad drove a taxi, and shortly had enough money to buy a car. Dad had connections with people at the Navy base in Jacksonville, Florida, so they left Tennessee and went to Jacksonville. I was born there, premature, weighing only three pounds. My mom turned to prayer, as she did all her life, to petition God to save my life, which He so graciously did. My Dad became quite the entrepreneur, and at one time had three barbershops in Jacksonville. They worked very hard. When it came time for me to go to college, my dad had suffered major health setbacks and was in the Veterans hospital in Albany. There was no money for me to go to college. I intended to get a job and help support the family.

However, my mom was determined that I was going to school. She had kept up with Lee College and made me apply. I did not apply to any other school. I was not interested in college and only wanted to work. I applied for loans and scholarships, but heard nothing from the school. I started applying for jobs, but my mother was relentless. When we would go to see my dad, she would challenge me all the way about school. Finally, she said, "We are just going to drive there." I said, "Drive where?"

"To Lee College," she said. Even though I said "No way," my mom was so determined that I gave up just to prove her wrong.

We drove 11 hours from Jacksonville to Cleveland, and she prayed and sang all the way. It was the longest 11 hours of my life, and I was cold, hard, and cynical. I remember washing my face at the service station, because we had no money for a hotel room. We drove to campus, and as I opened the door of the administration building, the switchboard operator said, "You are Priscilla. I recognize you from your picture. We have been trying to get in touch with you. We have wrong contact information, because everything keeps coming back. Your package is complete, and I will take you to the Admissions Office. I can tell you that all your loans are approved, and we have scholarship money for you as well." My mother was waiting outside in the car, praying.

Lee was the perfect place for me, and I flourished. I grew and matured and had unbelievable teachers. Majoring in English, my classes were small. Looking back, it was some of the richest times for learning in my life. I was a D2 and had the cutest college sweetheart, Randy, and such wonderful friends, like Mickey Kadar, Maxine Adkins, Marty Engstrom, Carol Morgan, Don and Dale Goff, and Nadine Parabec. I became editor of the Vindagua my senior year—the first female editor of the yearbook. We produced the Parade of Favorites as well. It was an exciting and wonderful time.

It was because of my mother’s faith and her belief in the life of Lee College that gave me a foundation that has lasted all my life. I went on to finish my doctorate in English, and I have taught everything from special needs children to graduate students in an executive MBA program. I was an invited presenter for the Oxford Round Table Forum at St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, one of 40 women from around the world. I stood in Oxford Hall where Nelson Mandela and Mother Theresa have stood and spoke on "Women’s Careers: The Presumptions and Burdens of Proof." I was a guest professor for a semester at the University of Caen in France where I lectured on the topics on "Doing Business in the Dominate American Culture." I am a regular columnist for the Jacksonville Business Journal and write on education, careers, and related business topics. I have a consulting practice, Berry & Associates, and do executive coaching, leadership training, and strategic marketing—all because of my mother’s faith and prayers!

On March 23, 2011, my mother, Verla McDaniel Berry passed, as she had lived, for 92 years, in perfect peace and serenity. Her story is worth telling:

Mom was the oldest of nine children. She was the caretaker of the large family in the Georgia town of Iron City, just outside Bainbridge. She married my dad when she was 15, and they began their life together as sharecroppers. I have heard the stories of picking cotton, and it sounded like an arduous life. After one year, my parents left Iron City and moved to Belle Glade; that was the perfect peace and serenity. Her story is worth telling:

Alumni Reflections: Her Vindagua and Mine
By Priscilla Berry ’68

Lee Shrub ’83, took Torch on a recent visit to Puerto Rico with his wife, Julie. Dr. Shrub is the president of Minnesota West Community and Technical College in southwest Minnesota, a college that participates in student and faculty exchange with Inter American University in San Juan.

1990s

Sharon Garland Hensley ’93 received the master of science in nursing degree from Towson University in Towson, Md., on May 27, 2011. She is currently enrolled in a family nurse practitioner program at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., where she teaches nursing and works at Chambersburg (Pa.) Hospital as a pediatric nurse. Sharon is married to Richard, and they live in Falling Waters, W.Va. Sharon says, "I am grateful for the opportunity I had to attend Lee and for the Christian principles that were instilled in me." You can contact Sharon by email at nur-see1@hotmail.com.
Danielle Bryan ‘08 recently started a position as case manager at Life Bridges, Inc. in Cleveland, Tenn. Danielle is also pursuing a master’s degree through Davenport University. Danielle says, “Lee University is a special place for me. I met my best and dearest friends at Lee and learned the true meaning of community and service.”

Jacob Ogle ‘04 has been hired as a professor in mathematics at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan. from Knoxville, Tenn. He earned his undergraduate degree in mathematics at Lee, then went to the University of Tennessee for graduate school, finishing with a doctorate in the summer of 2011. He and his wife, Casey, now live in Salina.

Seven Intercultural Studies student interns from Lee recently traveled to Cambodia where they worked on an integrated farm under the sponsorship of People for Care and Learning. Students from L to R: Isaac Lutz, Matt Nelson ‘09, Catie Nelson ‘11, Lindsey Dempster, Emily Medlin, Caitlin Wolverton (holding Torch), Lauren Gilliam, and professor Tom Doolittle ‘77.

There are many ways to plant a seed at Lee University. For more information, contact 423-614-8310 or ur@leeuniversity.edu.
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