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just some of the questions that will help you determine your college fit.

*It's okay not to have it all figured out right away.* My college list has been changing for years, and even by the time this issue is published another college has probably been added to or removed from my list. I wasn't really sure what career I wanted to pursue until last year, and even now I'm still exploring my options. In today's world, there's an expectation for teenagers to plan out the rest of their lives before they've even earned a diploma, but you don't have to know it all. You have time to discover yourself and your passions and how they fit into your college choice. Don't feel pressured to make important decisions immediately — you have the rest of your life to make those.

*Get started early.* It's easy to procrastinate, but you'll really feel the pressure of college applications during your senior year if you wait last minute. Even if you're not sure which college you're attending, gather the basic requirements for most institutions. First, you'll need one or two letters of recommendation from your teachers. It's important to build relationships with your teachers early on so you have someone to turn to when the time comes. Second, you might need the long, dreaded personal essay. The Common Application offers space for a 650-word essay on various topics. While big, public colleges usually don't require this, you might need smaller, supplemental essays if you're applying to different types of schools or special scholarships. Start thinking about the extracurriculars, life events, and values that are the most important to you and that will be easy to write about. Lastly, keep your grades up and take standardized tests. All colleges will ask to see your transcript, which includes grades from 9th grade on. It's very important to maintain your grades throughout high school because they do matter. Start studying for the ACT (and PSAT) early and start taking them in 10th and 11th grade. Find practice tests online and review concepts you're unfamiliar with regularly. No one likes studying, but these tests could ensure your acceptance or give you thousands of dollars in scholarships.

I hope that this advice will help you feel more confident and prepared for the college application process. Know that there are always people around you willing to help, whether they're college students, family, friends, or staff. This journey doesn't have to be scary; it's preparing you for the best years of your life. Keep your head high, and believe in yourself no matter what!

## Letter from the Editor by Alyssa Vassel

As a senior, I have been almost completely consumed by exploring and applying to colleges. I hear "What school do you want to go to?" and "What do you want to study?" every single day (no exaggeration). While I feel as if I have things somewhat under control, I still wish I had gone about this process differently. As I navigate my last year of high school, here are some pieces of advice I wish someone had given me before I started my journey to college.

*You have to think about what's best for you.* It sounds obvious, but this sentiment can very easily slip our minds. You might want to pick the school that all of your friends are going to, that's closest to/farthest from home, or that's prestigious, but it might not always be the best option. Just because a school is perfect for others or in theory doesn't mean it's perfect for you. When thinking about college, you should feel that you'll truly be happy there, because it'll be the next four years of your life. Can you see yourself having fun with new friends on campus? Will you be able to find a balance between work and play? Can you and your family afford it? Will it set you up for your future career? These are

## All Around Lee by Katelyn Brocato

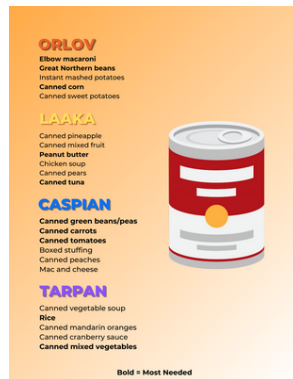
November is another exciting month at Lee! Here's what we have coming up:

- 11th Graders take the ACT WorkKeys test on **Thursday, November 2**
- Basketball Pictures & Make-Up School Day Pictures on **Tuesday, November 7**
- 11th Graders take the ACT WorkKeys test on **Thursday, November 9**
- Progress Reports come out on **Wednesday, November 15**
- Thanksgiving Holiday! **NO SCHOOL! Monday, November 20 - November 24**
- Booster Club Ham Sales on **Tuesday, November 21**

The deadline for Initiative Club's October Project, the food drive for the Care Station, has been extended. The house with the most items donated by November 13 will win homework passes.

Boxes for Operation Christmas Child are due November 15.

Crown Club is collecting coats for those in need. If you would like to receive a service hour, bring **ANY SIZE COAT** to school starting November 1st. The deadline is November 15.



## New Teacher Spotlight by Tatum Young and Lily Gist

We've got some awesome new teachers joining us at Lee this year, and we can't wait to get to know them better in the next few months. We sat down for a chat with Coach Lauren Snyder, and here's the scoop:

**Q: Where are you from?**  
A: I am from Grenada, MS.

**Q: What do you do at Lee Academy?**  
A: I am the soccer coach, track coach, assistant basketball coach, and World Geography teacher

**Q: How has the transition to Lee been?**  
A: Pretty easy, and I thank Mrs. Walker for that.

**Q: Describe one thing you're doing with your classes that makes you excited.**  
A: In World Geography, I'm having them pick a country and they will bring a food dish from their country.

**Q: What is your favorite part of the school day?**  
A: Leadership with Tatum and Lily.

**Q: Do you have any pets? What are their names?**  
A: Two pitbulls: Rock and Bella.

**Q: How do you unwind after work?**  
A: A piercing hot shower.

**Q: Do you have any hidden talents?**  
A: I can juggle.

## Colt and Filly Sports by Tatum Young

Junior high football is officially over. They defeated Rossville on October 17th to keep their undefeated season alive and win the District Championship. Go Colts!

The Varsity football team has also reached the end of their season. They had a big win over Oak Hill on October 20th to ensure that the first round of playoffs would be at home. Their last game was a hard-fought one against Wayne Academy on October 27th with a final score of 58-54. We're so proud of your hard work boys, you've been a great team to watch!

Injured List: Graham Lott, Ethan Peyton, Ben Pennington, Brooks Lewis, Will Yara, Payton Burton (still played)

The Varsity girls basketball team has started their season. They started off playing in Delta Academy's pre-season tournament on October 17th. They won their first game against North Delta, but came up short in their second game against Calhoun Academy. The Fillies have continued their season by playing in Indianola's pre-season tournament. On October 24th, they defeated Washington School. On October 26th, they beat Canton Academy 36-25. The Colts and Fillies play Marvell Academy at home on Thursday.



Pictures by Meredith Whitworth



## Senior Spotlights by Kelly Chow



### Warner Lively

Warner Lively has attended Lee since the 7th grade. He scored a 21 on the ACT. He is a member of the football and golf teams. When asked who his favorite teacher was, he said it would have to be Ms. Lagnese because “she makes learning fun and has a good sense of

humor.” He plans to major in Agriscience at Mississippi State.



### Kenzie Cook

Kenzie Cook has attended Lee since the 9th grade. She was awarded MVP and Best Hurdler for varsity/junior high track. She was on the Homecoming court in the 9th grade and was crowned Homecoming Queen this year. She is a member of Crown Club, a member of the Colt Chronicle Newspaper Staff, and the editor of the Lee Academy Yearbook. She plays

soccer, track, and cheer. When asked about her favorite memory at Lee, she said that her favorite memory was in August when she ran around the hall with Emmie in tree costumes. She plans to major in business at Mississippi State.



### Lily Gist

Lily Gist has attended Lee from K-3 to 4th grade and from 7th grade on. She was a favorite show nominee in the 9th and 10th grades, a class favorite in the 11th grade, and on the Homecoming court in the 10th and 12th grades. Lily is a member of Crown Club,

Initiative Club, and the Colt Chronicle Newspaper Staff. She is a varsity cheerleader and the Student Body Treasurer. She plans to major in Fashion Marketing at Southern Miss.



### Parker Mazelin

Parker Mazelin has attended Lee since the 7th grade. He has been on the Honor Roll and the Headmaster’s List for several years. Parker scored a 28 on the ACT. He plays football. When asked about his favorite memory, he said, “My favorite memory at Lee was beating Marshall in football my junior year.” He also said that his

favorite teacher is Ms. Lagnese. His advice for the underclassmen is to “enjoy it while it lasts because it doesn’t last long.” He plans to attend Delta State.



## Fashion by Lily Gist

Orange. Orange is one of the harder colors to pull off and pair with. It's in the same boat as red, being a harsh color. Orange is a really fun color to wear... if you know how to pair it. Personally, I'm a big fan of pairing orange with pink, but other good combinations include: orange and blue, orange and mint, orange and tan, and orange and lavender. Most people stay away from oranges because "they can't pull off orange," but literally anyone can wear orange. It's a rare color that looks good on dark and pale skin. People with warm undertones in their skin tend to pull off orange more than people with cooler skin tones. However, if you are on the paler side, you can still wear a lighter orange that doesn't contrast with your skin as much.



## POP into 2000's Culture by Morgan Hollowell and Kenzie Cook

### Music

Once again, starting off an article with Taylor Swift! On October 27, Taylor Swift released the re-recording of her fifth album "1989." "1989 Taylor's Version" includes five songs from "the vault." Vault tracks are songs Taylor wrote but did not put on the original album. Four years ago, Taylor Swift released the song "Cruel Summer" from her album "Lover." Even four years later, the song is so popular that it hit number one on the charts! Bad Bunny just released his newest album "Nadie Sabe Lo Que Va a Pasar Mañana" on October 13, 2023. This album is his third album to reach number one on the Billboard charts.

### Celebrity Gossip

Matthew Perry, whom you may know from *Friends* as Chandler Bing or *17 Again* as Mike O'Donnell, passed away on October 28th in his own home. How did Matthew Perry die? At this moment, the cause of death is alleged to be drowning. However, a further Los Angeles County Medical Examiner's Office investigation will confirm the exact details behind how he died. A preliminary report notes "other significant conditions" contributed to his death.

## Movies by Hallie Reece Pitts

It's time for November movies! Hopefully we all loved the movies played in October, but now there are even more exciting movies to look forward to. Who wouldn't love to sit inside and watch a movie on a chilly fall day in November? I know I would, so here is a list of movies that might interest you!

**Locked In (November 1st)** - A romantic crime thriller pitting unhappy newlywed Lina against her rich, coldhearted mother-in-law Katherine. An affair sets off a chain reaction that will result in a love triangle, a murder and plot to bring Lina down. But who is the real victim and who can Lina trust?

**Terrifier 2 (November 1st)** - After being resurrected by a sinister entity, Art the Clown returns to the timid town of Miles County where he targets a teenage girl and her younger brother on Halloween night.

**All Of The Light We Cannot See (November 2nd; Series!)** - Tells the story of the extraordinary power of human connection. Over the course of a decade, this limited series interweaves the lives of Marie-Laure Leblanc, a blind French girl taking refuge with her uncle during WWII, and Werner Pfennig, an brilliant German teenager with an expertise in radio repair. Through a shared secret connection, they find faith in humanity and the possibility of hope.

**Priscilla (November 3rd)** - The love story of Priscilla Beaulieu and Elvis Presley.

**Christmas With Jerks (November 7th)** - A middle-aged child star, passed over for her comeback role, goes to her sister's house to hide out, but when she discovers an injured stuntman, dog-sitting for the holidays, she'll have to help him win back his ex to get him out of the house before Christmas.

