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THE LAST GIFT

PAULA LEE

Randy heard the December 9, 2004 National Public Radio interview with Beth Nielsen Chapman on *All Things Considered*. The piece had to do with Chapman's recently released CD "Hymns." Randy knew that I had attended Catholic schools, and that I would have sung many hymns in Latin. After hearing the interview, he was sure that this was something I would enjoy, and that I probably would inevitably sing along with the hymns. He ordered the CD, and presented it to me some time early in January 2005, though I'm not sure exactly when. He was right about my reaction to the CD!

There are a number of hymns that I recognize, but which I never sang, but others were staples of Catholic education and choir singing back then. Randy commented on the beautiful harmony in many of the songs. Having sung the alto part in choir, I had to agree completely. But the hymn which "knocked my socks off," so to speak, was one in English, "O God of Loveliness," which I had sung in primary school, and which I loved dearly. I hadn't heard it sung since about 1960, although I remembered the tune. I think it's stunningly beautiful the way Chapman does it, and the harmony is outstanding. I decided to include this one in the Memorial Service because it's in English, and because it's my favorite of all. This CD is the last gift I received from Randy.

O God of loveliness, O Lord of heaven above,
How worthy to possess my heart's devoted love.
So sweet thy countenance, so gracious to behold
That one, one only glance to me were bliss untold.

To think Thou art my God, O thought forever blest!
My heart has overflowed this joy within my breast.
My soul so full of bliss, is plunged in the rolling sea,
Deep in the sweet abyss of holy charity.

O loveliness supreme, and Beauty shining bright,
O ever flowing Stream and Ocean of delight,
Thus faith by which I live, my truest Life above
To Thee alone I give my undivided love.

Amen.¹

1. Beth Nielsen Chapman, *Oh God of Loveliness*, on *Hymns* (BNC Records/Emergent 2004).



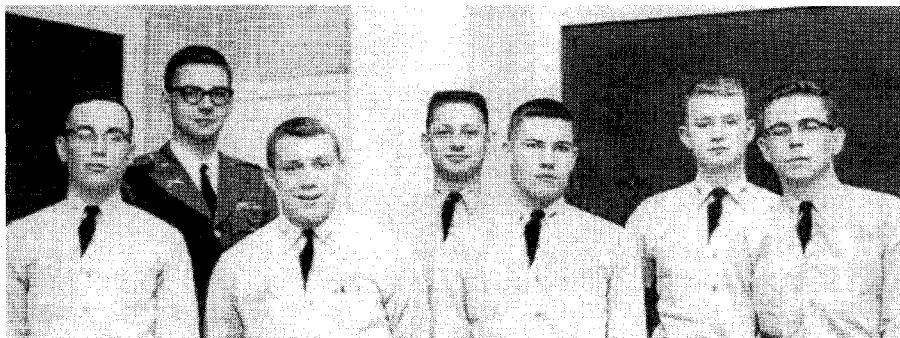
Randy and Paula Lee, 1980.

RANDY HALE LEE*Guide Sergeant, Company B*

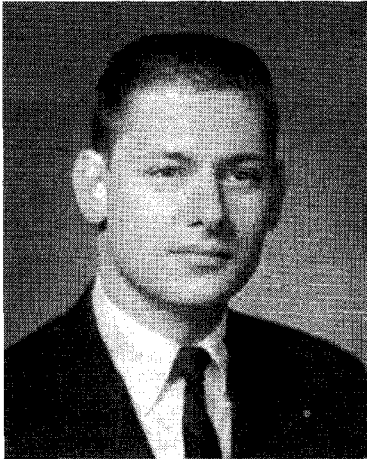
Randy was treasurer of the Library Club and the secretary of the Dramatics Club. He was a photographer for the *Week*. He also participated in the French Club and the Taggart Club. A resident of Baltimore, Maryland, Randy dayhopped to McDonogh for eleven years. During these years he was on the Conduct Roll for six years. Randy hopes to enter the field of law or politics after college at Washington and Lee University, the University of Virginia, or William and Mary College.



The French Club



The French Club—McCulloch, Kilgore, Weaver, Lee, Magee, Crowell, Hemler.



RANDY HALE LEE

901 Nottingham Rd., Apt. 3-A,
Baltimore, Maryland. Seminars
in Literature Committee 3, 4;
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity
Baseball Manager 1, 2; Varsity
Swimming Manager 2, 3, 4; Var-
sity Soccer Manager 2, 3, 4; Li-
brary Assistant 4; Dormitory
Counselor 4; Baker Scholar 1;
Fancy Dress Vice-President 3;
Dean's List.

Washington and Lee University, 1966 (Senior Picture)

Washington and Lee University, 1966 (Soccer Team Manager)



Front Row: Rogers, Shinkle, Kirkpatrick, Cap-
tain Henry, Captain Redmond, Horner, Larus,
Fletcher, Skinner. *Second Row:* Schaefer, Krum-

perman, Smith, Schenkel, Craig, Harrold, Briggs,
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Armstrong, Tooker, Burrows, Manager Lee.

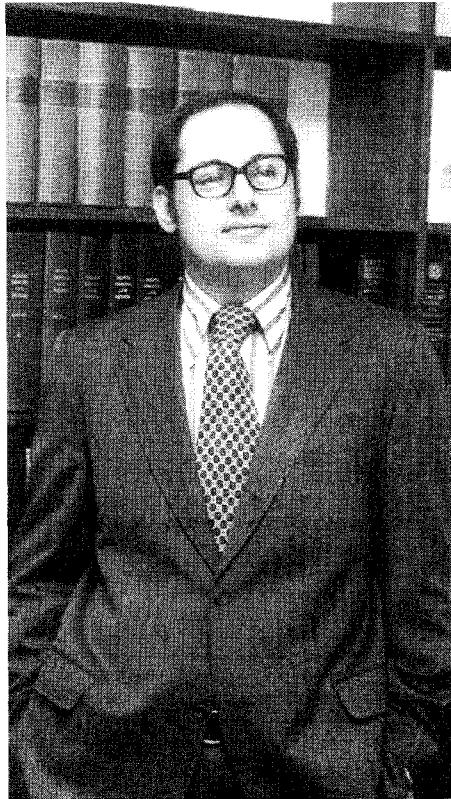


Photo: Mike Lochow

Lee is a native of Maryland. He attended college and law school at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., where he received a B.A. in 1966 and a L.L.B., summa cum laude in 1969. Among other academic honors, Professor Lee can claim membership in Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif.

Lee decided upon a teaching career while still in law school. Anticipating the need to bring a background of practical experience to the classroom, he set out to gain this experience both in the private and public sectors of the legal profession.

After admission to the Maryland Bar in 1969, Lee became an associate in the Baltimore law firm of Semmes, Bowen, and Semmes. He described his work experience there as "typical of an associate in a general practice firm," though he did take special interest in the areas of labor relations and labor law.

In January 1972, he was appointed an Assistant Attorney General of Maryland in the Civil Division where his duties ranged from opinion writing and the preparation of legislation to the defense of public work projects in litigation instituted by environmentalists.

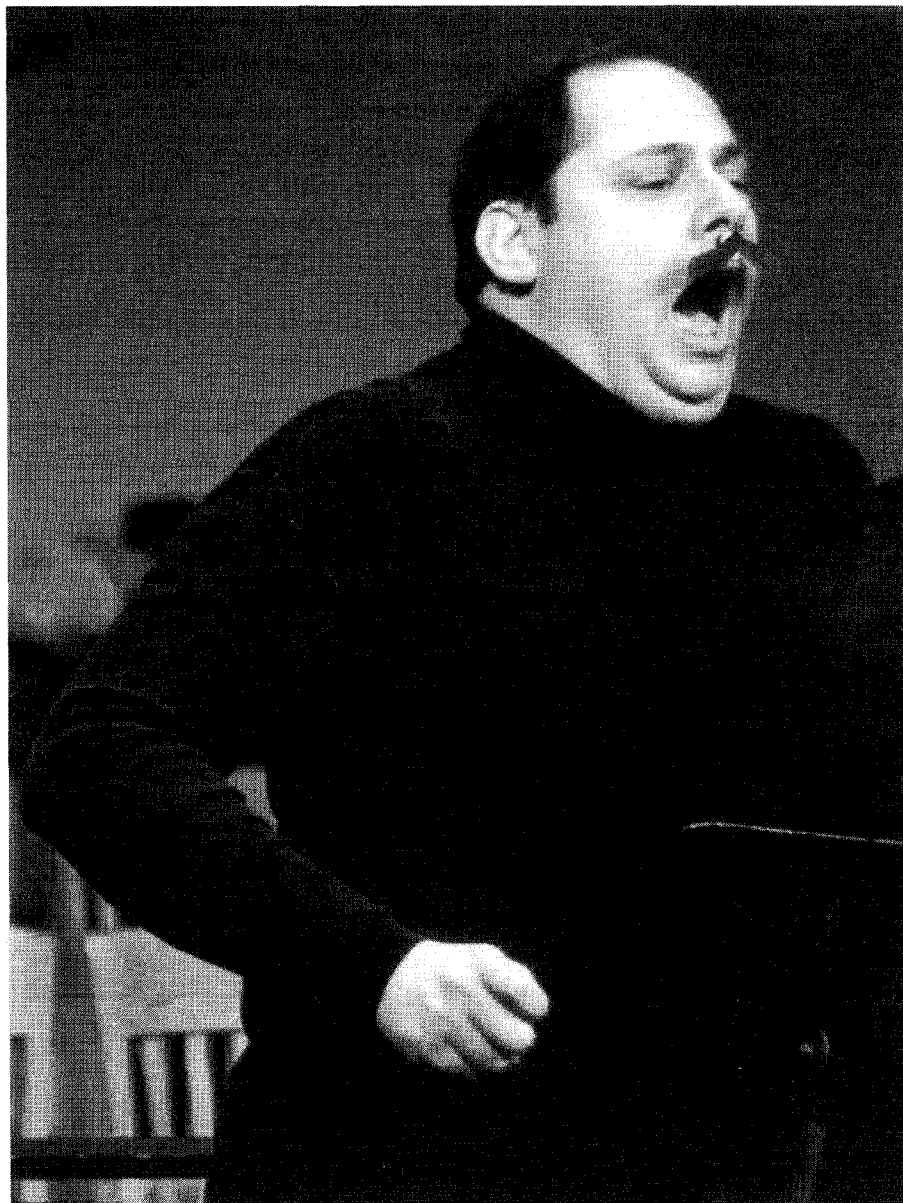
More recently, Lee was assigned as general counsel to the Maryland Port Authority Administration, an agency of the Maryland state government which regulates maritime commerce in Maryland waters and owns and operates terminals in the Port of Baltimore. His duties were similar to those of a general corporate counsel.

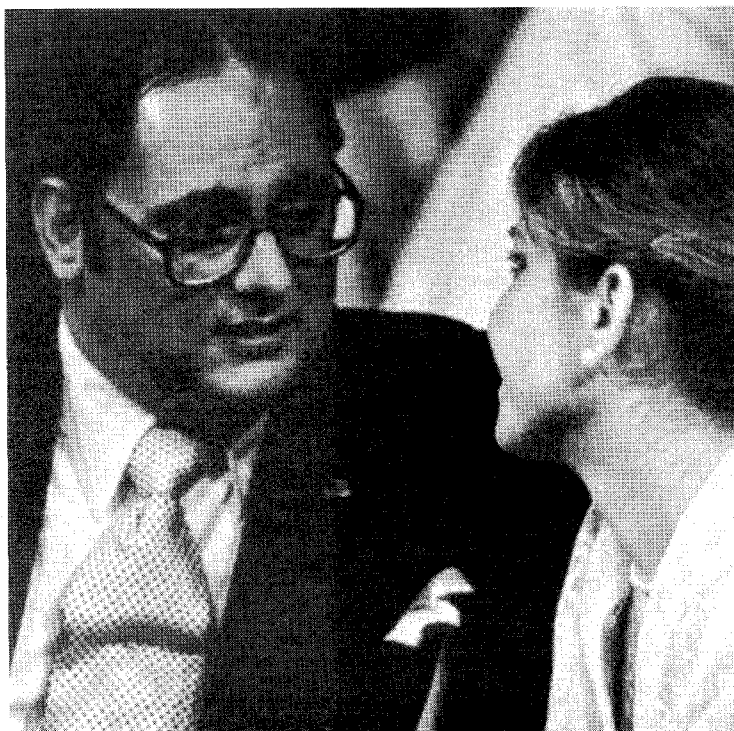
When asked to comment about UND law students, Lee said that while his experience has been limited to half a semester, he is enthusiastic about the interest his students show in class, but has been disappointed by how few students come to his office, outside of class, to ask questions or discuss topics covered in class. It is his impression that the faculty is not being fully used as a "resource" from which students may draw information and experience. Quoted from the Radamanthus (1975).











Randy Lee [Charles Davis] discusses business with Joel Moritz [General Prince Mikhail Alexandrovich Ouratiev].



The 1980 Crookston Jail Law Book Rescue



An unidentified helper, Bill Gray, another unidentified helper, Swain Benson, Randy Lee, Dick Greenwood, Rick Carver and Karen Klein "take five."



They left the heavy boxes for Prof. Lee and Karen Klein.



Randy Lee, appearing incognito.





