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CLASS NOTES

elected president of the South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children.

Kim Button lives in Orlando, FL, and works as a freelance journalist, TV correspondent, author, and blogger. Her TV work includes FOX News and national and regional television programs. She is founder of GetGreenBeWell.com and KimandCarrie.com.

Scott Allen Jarrett has been promoted to director of choral activities at Boston University, where he currently serves as director of music for Marsh Chapel. His appointment includes faculty posts in the School of Theology and the School of Music. He is also music director of the Back Bay Chorale, one of New England's leading volunteer choruses.

1998

Travis Johnson has obtained an MD from the Medical University of South Carolina, and an MPH in global health from Harvard School of Public Health. He has worked the last three years in a multifaceted project in Uganda, and is currently working as a UNC faculty physician in Hendersonville, NC.

Brock Rosser left employment with Heart of Florida United Way last fall to pursue work in public policy and nonprofit advocacy as the new executive director of the Florida Nonprofit Alliance.

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After graduating from Furman, Mary Kathryn Gochnauer attended The Ohio State School of Veterinary Medicine, and then returned to North Carolina to join the Mobile Large Animal Veterinary Service, which has



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have been married 42 years and am convinced that women have generally different perspectives, but increased teamwork has helped us understand each other better. Men are much more involved with their families now and there is less pressure to be 'tribe leader.' Women don't have to 'be men' to succeed professionally, and men get to 'have feelings' now, too. In my field in particular, bioengineering, women are about 50 percent of the students and 30 percent of the young faculty—a trend that is spreading to other fields of engineering. Bioengineering is so collaborative it is chopping down the barriers between disciplines."

Fran Ligler '72, PhD, has been called a pioneer in the fields of biosensors and microfluidics, having the opportunity to prove biosensors can be used for addressing a wide variety of detection problems from food safety to environmental pollutants to infectious disease diagnoses. Ligler is the Lampe distinguished professor at the NC State/UNC-Chapel Hill Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering. In 2014, she was elected as a Councilor of the National Academy of Engineering. Ligler is married to **George Ligler '71**, PhD, and is an accomplished equestrian, completing two 50-mile races on horseback this fall with George as her pit crew.

been a mainstay of large animal care in the area for the past 39 years.

Amy Kern (MA) of Greenville has been named principal at Mitchell Road Elementary School.

Eric Williams (MA) has been named principal of Wade

Hampton High School in Greenville, SC.

2003 Yendelela Neely Anderson, a partner with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton in Atlanta, GA, is serving a threeyear term on Families First's board of directors. **Steven Edward Buckingham** has joined the Perkins Law Firm in Greenville as an attorney in the corporate, employment, and litigation groups. He has also taught trial advocacy for five years as an adjunct professor at Furman, and is a coach of Furman's award-winning Mock Trial program.

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