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A team for all seasons

Graham Seagraves ’00 is someone who doesn’t take no for an answer. His tenacity led to the creation of a “blue collar team” for the Elite 8 in the NCAA tournament in his senior season and it’s the reason he and his wife larrell ’00 made a significant lead commitment to build a soccer field house. Their gift was intended to be the catalyst for other soccer alumni and the growing legion of avid Furman soccer supporters to reach the $1.6 million mark needed to make the project a reality.

In March 2014, the dream was realized. Greenville entrepreneurs and community leaders Martha and Stewart Spinks made the capstone commitment that took the campaign to its goal. The Spinks Field House, set to break ground in Spring 2014, honors their contribution and their commitment to Furman, scholarships and Greenville.

"It is great to see my mom and dad step up to this opportunity,” said Steve Spinx, longtime friend of Head Soccer Coach Doug Allison. “Soccer has been a big part of my life and helping Doug and Furman build a facility that will match the program’s quality is very gratifying."

“Our family has enjoyed a friendship with Doug Allison since he came to Furman 20 years ago,” said Stewart Spinks, founder and Chairman of the Board of the Spinx Company, Inc., who also has served as a member of Furman’s Board of Trustees. “We’ve seen the results of sustained excellence in the program, and more importantly, the results on the lives of the young students who have found success in their athletic and academic lives at Furman. Our hope is to see the programs continue to flourish on the national stage for many years to come.”

“Projects like this take commitment to a whole new level,” said Seagraves. “And I am proud that so many have come forward to support the program. To have the final gift from Martha and Stewart Spinks, whose own story of perseverance and team effort mirrors the team, is all the more gratifying.”

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Furman taught me about sacrifice, character, passion and selflessness. It made me the man I am.

—GRAHAM SEAGRAVES ’00