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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A dramatic cover photo graces this issue, and the article on the campus eclipse experience is so well done. The sidebar on Guy Ottewell, a veritable polymath, fascinated me, and I am honored to have my poem beside his artwork. Since he is also a poet, I hope he thought it was a worthy combination! That his son's name is also the name of one of L. D. Johnson's sons seems a happy and fortuitous coincidence.

The article on Fran and George Ligler clearly exemplifies the incredibly important accomplishments of some of Furman's alumni. That WOW factor surely ripples widely among the scientifically initiated, as well as those who are not. My nephew's significant other is currently a graduate student at NC State in the area of biomedical engineering, and I fervently hope that she will at some point in her studies be exposed to Fran Ligler's light and manifestly intelligent creativity.

Connie Ralston '70

IN THE KITCHEN AT WHITE OAKS

I received my copy of Furman yesterday and, even though I am not an alumnus of Furman, I found it to be of great interest. There is one item I feel should be clarified. As I read your article on "In the Kitchen at White Oaks" it seemed to me to give the impression that Dr. Plyler and Dr. Blackwell had resided in White Oaks. This is not the case. John and Martha Johns were the first couple to reside there. I remember John telling me how Furman had to have exterminators to treat the house before assayers would come in to evaluate its contents. After this, the house was prepared for him to move in. He was followed by the Shis, Kohrts and now the Davises. I may be mistaken, but I remember only four presidents (not five) as having resided in White Oaks.

Sincerely,
W. Eugene Bondurant



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EDITOR'S NOTE

As W. Eugene Bondurant points out in his letter above, Presidents Plyler and Blackwell did not reside at White Oaks, but five Furman presidents have lived there as stated in the Furman magazine fall issue. The families of Presidents Johns, Shi, Smolla and Interim President Kohrt called White Oaks home, and it is now home to the Davises.



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