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Jim Keller, who for 45 years has had a
hand in writing most of Furman's computer
programs, retired from the information
technology services department at the end
of fall semester. Jim was associate director of
the fledgling computer center when the
university's first computer arrived in 1967,
and from that point he made extensive
contributions to the growth of technology
at Furman. He served as a mathematics
instructor at the university from 1958-60,
then worked for IBM and NASA before
returning. A reception was held in his
honor November 30.

58
Harry Eskew of Macon, Ga., writes hymn
histories for "Noteworthy," the newsletter of
the Department of Music and Worship
of the Georgia Baptist Convention. The
histories are included on his website,
Singwithunderstanding.com.

64
Roger Capps, a retired missionary,
became interim pastor of Sea Island Chapel
on Hilton Head Island, S.C., in September.
Nancy Barker DuPree of Tuscaloosa,
Ala., continues to work at the University of
Alabama libraries. She is curator of the A.S.
Williams III Americana Collection of books,
maps, manuscripts, photographs and other
materials.

67
John Durst of Columbia, S.C., is the new
president and chief executive officer of the
South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging
Association, formerly the South Carolina
Hospitality Association. He is a former head
of the state Department of Parks, Recreation
and Tourism and worked most recently as
an executive with a public relations firm.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!
John Fricks of Jacksonville, Fla., founder
of Atlanta's Fricks/Firstone Advertising and
principal with the FrixGroup, Inc., has been
named president of Scott-McRae Advertising,
the oldest agency currently operating
in Jacksonville with expertise in financial,
legal, nonprofit, real estate, and travel
and tourism.

76
B. Michael Williams, professor of
percussion at Winthrop University in Rock
Hill, S.C., directed the Winthrop World
Percussion Ensemble in a showcase concert
at the Percussive Arts Society International
Convention in Austin, Texas, November 1,
as winners of the Percussive Arts Society
International World Percussion Competition.
Michael presented a clinic at the convention
titled "Mbira Connections: Harare to San
Francisco." He recently published six new
compositions for percussion with Bachovich
Music Publications and authored an article
in Percussive Notes magazine titled "John
Bergamo: Percussive Renaissance Man."

77
Lee Jones Farrar recently retired as
coordinator of the parish nurse ministry
at Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville.

79
John S. Green has completed his MBA
degree in marketing at Strayer University.
His wife, Jen, completed her Ph.D. from
the University of Connecticut. They have
resided in Bellingham, Wash., where she is
an assistant professor of second language
acquisition in the Department of Elementary
Education at Western Washington Univer-
sity. John plans to work in early childhood
education.

81
Frank Granger received his Ph.D. in adult
education from the University of Georgia in
December. The title of his dissertation was
"Ministry as Collaborative Engagement:
Organizational Learning in Teaching Con-
gregations." Frank is minister of education
at First Baptist Church of Athens.
MARRIAGE: Cecily Bradford Morris
and Robert Craig Ferguson, February 28,
2012. She is executive director of
Greenwood-Landor Performing Arts
in Greenwood, S.C.

82
Barry L. Ellis, director of bands at the
University of Wisconsin-Paisville, culmi-
nated his recent sabbatical with the release
of a CD, "The Music and Art of J. Clifton
Williams," at the Wisconsin Music Educators
Convention in October. The CD features
a number of previously released works by the
American composer, plus newly discovered
pieces. It includes two movements of "Sym-
phonic Dances" that had never been scored
for winds, one of which was scored by
Michael Brown '84, staff arranger with the
U.S. Army Band's "Pershing's Own."
The CD is available on iTunes and also at

84
BB&T Insurance Services in Cape Coral,
Fla., promoted David B. Owen to vice
president and director in the company's
commercial lines department.
Scott Royal is division vice president of
the U.S. Health Division of Azt Associates,
a global research and program implementa-
tion firm headquartered in Cambridge,
Mass. He oversees studies and projects
concerning many of the country's pressing
health issues, including HIV/AIDS, maternal
and child health, reproductive health,
patient safety, post-traumatic stress disorder
and other mental health problems, and
long-term care. Scott works in the firm's
Baltimore, Md., office.
Embassy National Bank in Lawrenceville,
Ga., has named Steven Walker senior vice
president. Steven has almost 25 years of
banking experience, most recently as
senior vice president and lending officer
at NOA Bank in Duluth, Ga. He is active
in Rotary and the Gwinnett Chamber of
Commerce.

86
Vivere, a Dallas, Texas-based health
management company, has added Mike
Lamb to its executive leadership team
as chief operating officer. Mike previously
spent 20 years in executive positions
at Automatic Data Processing.
Donna Duke Morrison of Tampa, Fla.,
was included in Watercolor Artist
magazine's 2012 "Ones to Watch" list,
published in the December issue. The
magazine's editors recognized 12 up-and-
coming watercolorists who demonstrate
eptional technical skill and unique quali-
ties of self-expression. Those recognized
were nominated by top instructors and
exhibition jurors. Visit Donna's website,
donnaarmorrison.net.
Paula Wright Prince, a first grade
teacher at Berea Elementary School
in Greenville, was named the school's
Teacher of the Year.
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THIS YEAR IS REUNION

Marian Weber Dittman has become vice president of academic affairs at Georgia Piedmont Technical College in Clarkston. She was previously dean of curriculum and special projects for Savannah (Ga.) Technical College.

89
BIRTH: Frank III and Laura Blanchard, a son, Daniel F. Blanchard IV, January 27, 2012. Frank is an equity member in the Charleston, S.C., law firm of Rosan Hagood, and Laura is a staff writer with Select Health of South Carolina.

91
Rick and Amy Collett, owners of Bright-Star Care of Chattanooga, Tenn., received the Brand Advocate of the Year award at the 2012 BrightStar Care National Conference in Nashville, Tenn. BrightStar Care is a home healthcare and staffing provider of both medical and non-medical homecare for private and corporate clients. The award recognizes the franchise as a future leader who consistently looks beyond their franchise to help others grow and succeed.

92
Tomiko Brown-Nagin’s book Courage to Dissent received the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation 2012 Legacy Award for nonfiction. The Legacy Award recognizes exemplary works of literature by black writers. The book, which has received several other major honors, offers a sweeping history of the civil rights movement in Atlanta. Tomiko is a professor of law and history at Harvard University. Artist Katie Walker, who regularly shows in galleries throughout the Southeast, had an exhibit titled “Journal Entries” in the Thompson Gallery at Furman in October.

94
Kelly Jackson Davis has been elected to a two-year term as a director at large on the national board of the Public Relations Society of America. Kelly is founder and chief executive officer of Davis Public Relations and Marketing, a full-service communications firm based in Columbia, S.C.

MARRIAGE: David Cook and Cynthia Fowler, September 29. They live in Saluda, N.C.

BIRTH: Bradley and Lila Anna Sauls, twin sons, Graeme Glaton and Heath McManus, September 10, Columbia, S.C.

95
Jeffrey Hammer of Simpsonville, S.C., is the area manager for North and South Carolina with SMART Technologies, a leading provider of collaborative solutions and a global leader in interactive whiteboards. Donald Raber assumed duties as provost of Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., in January. He has worked at the school since 2002, serving as chair of the political science department and most recently as dean of academic programs. He was president of the South Carolina Political Science Association from 2007-08 and editor of its Journal of Political Science from 2008-12.

96
United Drugs, the largest national member-owned Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization (PSAO), has named Rob McMahen president. He leads the PSAO services arm of American Associated Pharmacies through its United Drugs subsidiary located in Phoenix, Ariz. Prior to joining United Drugs, Rob served as vice president of clinical pharmacy operations for Amerigroup Corporation.

Susannah Rose recently co-authored “A Randomized Study of How Physicians Interpret Research Funding Disclosures,” published in The New England Journal of Medicine. She is a staff member in the Department of Bioethics at the Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic’s Center for Ethics, Humanities and Spiritual Care, and an assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University. She is also a fellow at the Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, where she earned her doctorate.

97
Wesley Dunaway graduated magna cum laude from Florida A&M University College of Law in March 2012 and was admitted to the Florida Bar. He practices law in Orlando in the areas of estate planning, elder law, personal injury, commercial litigation and employment law.

Patty Walters Laine of Gainesville, Ga., was elected probate court judge of Hall County in November.

Jim Pattillo has been named chair of the Defense Research Institute’s (DRI) Young Lawyers Committee. DRI is the largest organization in the country dedicated to the defense bar; its Young Lawyers Committee consists of 3,000 young defense lawyers from across the nation. Jim is a partner in the Birmingham, Ala., firm of Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Brian Nick has joined the public affairs team of the Moore & Van Allen law firm in Charlotte, N.C. Brian handled communications strategy for Pat McCrory’s victorious campaign for governor of North Carolina in 2012. Brian has also worked for Vice President Dan Quayle, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, and other GOP campaigns. After more than five and a half years with Heart of Florida United Way, Broc Rosser has assumed the role of Florida region president of CredAbility, a leading nonprofit financial counseling and education agency. Broc lives in Orlando.

Andrew Severson passed the Nevada Bar exam and has moved to Las Vegas to continue the practice of law.
BIRTHS: Grant and Arica James Smith, a son, Wyatt Lee, June 13, Woodbridge, Va. Michael and Amy Clapboard Testa, a daughter, Mia Elisabeth, July 18. They live in Durango, Colo.

99
Karmyn Laverghetta Garcia has earned a Master of Public Health degree in environmental health from San Diego State University.

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Brad and Allison Berry George live in Newtown Square, Pa. Brad has been made partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the firm’s tax practice in Philadelphia.
BIRTH: Clay and Lauren Hupp Garner, a son, Benjamin Hewes, October 2, Atlanta.

01
Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe has become a shareholder with Bush Ross, P.A., a full-service law firm in Tampa, Fla. She serves as secretary of the Tampa Bay chapter of the Federal Bar Association and was recently named to the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America.
Courtney Denning and Bil Heflin, a son, William Clair Heflin, October 10. They live in Annapolis, Md.

02
MARRIAGE: Cara Hamm and John Staton, August 18. Cara is an optometrist in New Bern, N.C., and John is a Navy SEAL.
BIRTHS: Bobby and Joscelyn Fletcher Cox, a son, Seth Joseph, October 11. They live in Woodbridge, Va., where Bobby is an Army Congressional Fellow.
Mark ’03 and Laura Stirm Dubois, a son, Auden Beau, March 5, 2012. They live in Durham, N.C.

03
THIS YEAR IS REUNION!
Jennifer Kopp has been named president of the board of directors for the Georgia branch of the International Dyslexia Association. She specializes in working with students that struggle with reading and writing and continues to teach elementary students at St. Francis School in Roswell.
BIRTHS: Cameron and Katie Matthews Garvin, a son, James Calder, September 13. They live in Macon, Ga., where both Katie and Cameron are dentists.
Ben and Linda Bertling Meade, a son, Powell Benjamin, May 27. They live in Asheville, N.C.
Dan and Jennifer Murphy McInnis, a daughter, Quinn Marjorie, November 2. Jennifer teaches high school Spanish, and Dan is an elementary school principal. They live in Asheville, N.C.
Daniel and Meridith Lybrand Robinson, a son, 1 John Daniel, February 26, 2012. They live in Arlington, Va., where Meridith works with students who have chronic illnesses.
Thomas ’02 and Leslie Duesenberg Wyatt, a daughter, Leighton Anne, September 14, Alken, S.C.

04
MARRIAGE: Anne Michelle Letkerman and Mark Janed Angstadt, October 7. Anne is a museum technician at the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum in Atlanta, and Janed is a flight dispatcher for ExpressJet Airlines.
BIRTHS: Ryan ’05 and Joanna Rickard Henderson, a daughter, Elliana Crab Henderson, June 11. Joanna is director of work practice for the Cameron School of Business at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Ryan completed his MBA degree in May from UNC-Wilmington and is a branch manager with Scottrade.
Cameron and Haley Howard, a son, Cannon Monroe, September 22. They live in Tampa, Fla. Cameron is a diplomate with the American Board of Endodontics.
Robert and Debra Granberry ’05 Milam, a son, Clifford “Ford” Hoffr Milam, November 27. They live in Dallas, Texas.

05
Brian Bratton, a wide receiver for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, was named the winner of the 2012 Tom Pate Award at the CFL Gala in November. The award honors a player who displays outstanding sportsmanship and has made a significant contribution to his community. Brian has also started the Brian Bratton Football Academy in Greenville, a clinic that teaches young players the fundamentals of football in a safe and positive environment.
Tatiana Clay is a consultant with New Orleans entrepreneurs at the Louisiana Small Business Development Center.
Brian Fisher has been named vice president and general counsel with Greenville-based Regional Management Corp., a consumer finance company. Brian previously worked with the Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC firm in Greenville.

06
Shelly Jackson graduated with an MBA degree, specializing in museum management, from John F. Kennedy University in Berkeley, Calif., and now is the programs manager at Marin History Museum in San Rafael, Calif. She was recently awarded a NextGen Arts Professional Development Grant, which goes to emerging arts leaders.
Amanda Pascoe Streib graduated from Georgia Tech in May with a Ph.D. in algorithms, combinatorics and optimization. She and her husband have started postdoctoral studies at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md.
BIRTH: Ben and Carrie Wallace, a son, Wade Barnett, August 31, Macon, Ga.
'UNSUNG HERO' EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

AS A STUDENT AT FURMAN, Steven Weeks ’08 once received the “Unsung Hero Award” at the spring awards banquet for his behind-the-scenes contributions to campus activities and commitment to enhancing student life.

Fast forward to the fall of 2012. There Weeks was again, receiving another “Unsung Hero” award. Only this time he was honored on a national level.

Weeks and four others were recognized by Communities in Schools, a leading early intervention/dropout prevention program with close to 200 affiliates nationwide. The organization’s website says the Unsung Heroes Award goes “to site coordinators who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to students most in need of integrated services. With acts of love and transformation, these Unsung Heroes are the best in the country at what they do.”

Weeks, a site coordinator at Greer (S.C.) Middle School, works to identify at-risk students and ensure that they have the academic and emotional support they need. The Communities in Schools affiliate in Greenville nominated him for the award. He and the other winners, from Florida, New Mexico, Texas and Washington, were feted at a dinner in Arlington, Va., in September.

Weeks says winning the award was “a shock. You don’t really aim for rewards in the nonprofit field, but it was a huge honor.”

The Communities in Schools website says, “It seems Steven Weeks was born with the helping-youth gene deeply embedded in his DNA. Steven works tirelessly with more than 40 at-risk students. His passion to see youth overcome obstacles, be empowered, and achieve in life means building strong relationships, learning what each student’s unique needs are, and providing the services that remove barriers standing between the student and high school graduation.”

Weeks does a little of everything for the students he works with, serving as a father figure, tutor, college advisor, guidance counselor, mentor and friend. He makes home visits to better understand the challenges students and their parents face, and he follows up with former students to check on their progress.

“Some of my students have truly depressing home situations,” he says. “They are often moving around, and at least 90 percent are on free and reduced lunch. We work to teach them to become confident and self-motivated. We tell them to aim really high. “You see yourself in the kids sometimes and really care about their futures. These are my kids.”

Weeks earned his Furman degree in philosophy and religion and considered becoming a youth minister before deciding he’d prefer to work in a school setting. He joined the Greer Middle staff in August 2008.

Amy Clifton Keely, after-school programs director for Communities in Schools in Greenville, told The Greenville News, “It seems Steven Weeks was born with the helping-youth gene deeply embedded in his DNA. Steven works tirelessly with more than 40 at-risk students. His passion to see youth overcome obstacles, be empowered, and achieve in life means building strong relationships, learning what each student’s unique needs are, and providing the services that remove barriers standing between the student and high school graduation.”

“Steven is always willing to take on whatever role or responsibility he needs to take on to help a child become successful. He really just doesn’t look at failure as an option for the kids that he serves. He really believes in them and does whatever he can to help them believe in themselves.”

Nancy Cooper, longtime coordinator for volunteer services at Furman, agrees. “Steven has a servant’s heart,” she says. “He always puts others first and is always the first person to help someone. He never wants to be in the spotlight, but he is always shining the light on others.”

Adapted from an article by Kate Hofer Dablos ’09 for the Alumni Association website. Photo courtesy Amy Clifton Photography.

Margarete Allio graduated from Charleston (S.C.) School of Law in May and was sworn into the South Carolina Bar in November. She has joined the Charleston office of Stasmeyer, Inc.

Courtney Thomas completed her Ph.D. in chemistry at UCLA and is starting a post-doctoral fellowship at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale in Lausanne, Switzerland.

MARRIAGES: Ashely Hogge and Brett Schneider, October 6. They live in Portland, Ore.

Shannon Stark and Bryan Taylor, June 23. They live in Phoenix, Ariz. Bryan is a management consultant with Deloitte, and Shannon is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Arizona State University.

Laura Wall and Brooks Lindsey, September 29. They live in Macon, Ga.

BIRTH: Sam and Linda Ketsche Williamson, a son, Bennett Mozley, May 25, Greenville.

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Maryanne Henderson of Durham, N.C., is pursuing Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work degrees in the dual degree graduate programs at Duke University and the University of North Carolina.

Jenna Buckman is one of three recipients of the 2012 Schnorrharn Scholarship presented by the University of Texas Southwestern School of Health Professions in Dallas. Recipients of the $500 award are selected based on academic excellence, leadership and volunteer work. Jenna is studying physical therapy.

Matt Casella, a first-year chemistry teacher at Travelers Rest (S.C.) High School, is one of two recipients of the 2012 Childers Education Foundation Teaching Excellence Award from Furman. The $1,500 award recognizes effective teaching and dedication and commitment to the teaching profession. It was established by Alfred G. Childers ’80 and his wife, Marybeth Bunting ’80 Childers.

Eric Chamberlin passed the Tennessee Bar exam and has been licensed as an attorney in the state. He is general counsel for Cumberland Medical Center, an acute care hospital in Crossville.
Evelyn Diane McKinney has joined the law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Birmingham, Ala., as a first-year associate. She is a member of the corporate and securities practice group.

**MARRIAGE:** Dixon Dabbs and Kate Hofler, November 3. Kate is Web communications coordinator at Furman, and Dixon is operations manager with GloryCycles.com.

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**MARRIAGE:** Kyle Mensing and Jessica Mote, October 13. Kyle is commercial development director for the Greer (S.C.) Development Corporation.

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Global Location Strategies of Greenville, a site selection and economic development firm, has promoted Monty Turner to the position of consultant. Formerly a business analyst with the company, he now focuses on site selection project execution, client relations and strategic analysis.

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Richard Graybill is pursuing a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at the University of Illinois. He is a lab partner with James Wade, who was also his lab partner at Furman.

Adelaide Haase has joined the staff at G55, LLC in Dumfries, Va., as an intelligence analyst. She interned with the company last summer. The company provides management and technical services to a range of clients across federal and commercial markets.

Allison Harwood, a first-year third-grade teacher at Lone Oak Elementary School in Spartanburg, S.C., is one of two recipients of the 2012 Childers Education Foundation Teaching Excellence Award from Furman. The $1,500 award recognizes effective teaching and dedication and commitment to the teaching profession. It was established by Alfred G. Childers ’80 and his wife, Marybeth Bunting ’80 Childers.

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**DEATHS**

Mary Givens Hankinson ’38, October 13, Apollo Beach, Fla. She was an elementary school teacher in the Pinellas County (Fla.) School System for 20 years and was retired from the Internal Revenue Service.

Leslie Eugene Matheson ’40, July 31, Cheraw, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was retired from Jackson Oil Company as an accountant.

Marie Elizabeth Taylor Smith ’40, November 23, Columbus, S.C. She was an elementary school teacher and an avid golfer and bridge player, and was active in church and civic organizations.

Catherine Mann Truesdale ’40, December 4, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Kittie was retired from a 20-year career as a teacher in Greenville County.

Elizabeth Montague Gaffney Tyson ’41, October 24, Greenville. She worked at Woodlawn Memorial Park for more than 40 years and was a lifetime member of the Greenville Women’s Club.

Dorothy Mae Noblett McLawhorn ’42, September 14, Greenville. She was a piano teacher and church organist and was active in local garden clubs.

Lucy Buckheister Bettis ’43, October 16, Buffalo, Wyo. She worked in education and became a librarian in rural McColl, S.C. In 1970 she joined the staff at the Lancaster (S.C.) County Library and continued to work there until she retired in 1986. She was active in United Methodist Women.

Myers Hampton Hicks ’43, November 2, Florence, S.C. He attended Furman on a football scholarship but left in 1942 and completed his bachelor’s and medical degrees at the University of Virginia. He interned at Duke University and did his residency at the University of Virginia. He went on to practice internal medicine until 1988, after which he started Mercy Medicine Clinic, where he treated those in need of medical services who could not afford care.

He was a Fellow in the American College of Physicians and served terms as chief of staff at McLeod Memorial and Florence General hospitals. He was director of Lay Renewal Ministries for Presbyterians for Renewal, was president of the Florence Rotary Club, worked for Habitat for Humanity, and led the financial campaign for the Florence Family YMCA.

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**DAYTON RIDDLE WAS LONGTIME TEAM PHYSICIAN**

**AS TEAM PHYSICIAN** for Furman athletics for more than 40 years, C. Dayton Riddle, Jr. ’53 was a familiar figure along the sidelines at Paladin games both home and away.

And while his talents were highly regarded by the university, he was a leader in the Greenville medical community as well. For many years he was in private practice with the Piedmont Orthopaedic Clinic, was academic chair of the orthopaedic surgery department in the Greenville Hospital System, and was assistant chief of staff at Shriners Hospital. When he died January 17, he was chair emeritus of orthopaedic surgery at GHS.

Riddle, the son of a longtime Furman biology professor, served as an examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, as president of the South Carolina Orthopaedic Association, as a member of the South Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners and the House of Delegates for the South Carolina Medical Association, and as treasurer of the Greenville County Medical Society.

He earned the Bradshaw-Feaster Medal for General Excellence upon graduating from Furman and went on to be first honor graduate at the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed military service as a team physician at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Furman honored him in 1987 with the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award for his high ideals and service to others, and MUSC presented him its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2004. The Frank H. Stelling and C. Dayton Riddle Orthopaedic Education and Research Laboratory at the Clemson University Biomedical and Bioengineering Translation Research Center was established in 2010, and the Clemson-Greenville Hospital System Patewood campus sponsors a lecture series that bears his name.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, three children and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the C. Dayton Riddle, Jr., Endowed Scholarship at Furman.
Mary Evelyn Goody McCrory ’43, October 31, Greenville. She was the first cellist to earn a bachelor’s degree from Furman and went on to play with the Greenville Symphony Orchestra for 40 years. She was also a member of the foothills Symphony and played in the Berea First Baptist Symphony. She was director of the weekday kindergarten at John Knox Presbyterian Church for many years and taught music both privately and in the public schools.

Dorothy David Browning ’44, November 21, Greenville. She was active in Greenville Women’s Club and Stone Lake Garden Club.

Virginia Merritt Hawkins ’44, December 4, Columbia, S.C. She was a kindergarten teacher and a preschool leader for the South Carolina Baptist Convention. She was a past president of the Ministers Wives Association of Greenville.

Edward Lowry Babb ’45, May 5, Charlotte, N.C. Lou served in the U.S. Army in World War II and during the Korean War. Following his military service, he held sales and management positions in the textile and chemical industries. He was a longtime member of Dilworth Rotary Club, which he served as president. He volunteered at the Shepherd’s Center and was an Eagle Scout.

Ruth Walton Kemp ’45, October 26, Pompton Plains, N.J. She worked in various positions in the advertising industry in New York.

Dorothy Cook Riddle ’45, November 6, Mount Pleasant, S.C. She worked with Providence-Jarrard Company in Greenville for a number of years. She was active in book, bridge and golf groups, and was a member-at-large of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mary Frances Woodward Dennis ’46, November 7, Atlanta. In both Greenville and Atlanta she was actively involved in volunteer work through the Junior League and various other organizations.

Mildred Crenshaw Johnson ’46, October 1, Moore, S.C. She was retired from the Milliken Jordon Plant in Greenville with 35 years of service.

Jeanne Thomason Newton ’46, September 19, Muhlenberg Township, Pa.

Cora Perkins Shipman ’46, October 7, Matthews, N.C. “Cookie” worked as a salesperson for Ivy’s Department Store, as a bookkeeper for Southern Baking, and as a secretary for United Way. She was a gifted craftswoman.

Howell Cantrell Toole ’46, November 24, Greer, S.C. Hal was a retired realtor and automobile salesperson and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Frances Genevieve Smith Dabbs ’47, September 29, Charlotte, N.C. She retired as a claims supervisor after 30 years in the insurance industry.

Mills Ferguson Nunn ’47, November 13, West Columbia, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired as a commissioned officer from the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Office of the Judge Advocate General. He earned a law degree from the University of South Carolina and was a member of the South Carolina Bar for more than 60 years. He was active with the Columbia Executive Club, the American Legion, and the Colonel Thomas Taylor Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

Margaret Lipscomb Ulmer ’47, September 25, Lexington, Ky. She was a member of several women’s clubs and of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Wallace A. Mullinax ’49, October 13, Greenville. Wally served in World War II as a U.S. Navy hospital corpsman attached to the 2nd Marine Division. He began a career in radio in 1944 and joined WESC in Greenville in 1949, remaining there for 41 years and retiring as vice president of sales. While at WESC he aired one of the first rhythm and blues programs in the Carolinas, was a pioneer talk show host, and in the 1960s was among the first broadcasters to program a full-time country music format. He also helped make broadcasts of motorsports and college football games available through syndication. After leaving WESC he co-founded WMTY in Greenwood, S.C. He was president of the South Carolina Broadcasters Association (SCBA) and of its Educational Foundation and was elected to its Hall of Fame. In 2012 the SCBA established a scholarship in his name at Furman. His civic contributions included service on the Greenville County Council, the Greenville Memorial Auditorium Board of Directors and the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission. He was a trustee of North Greenville University, where he taught broadcasting and media sales. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Centers for Language Disorders in Greenville and of the James E. Daniel Post #3 of the American Legion, and was among the founders of Crime Stoppers of Greenville County. He was president of the Greenville Sales and Marketing Association. Among the many honors he received were the G. Richard Shurto Award for Journalism from the University of South Carolina, the Silver Medal Award from the Greenville Advertising Federation, an Abe Lincoln Merit Award from the Southern Baptist Radio/Television Commission, and the South Carolina American Legion Service Award. In 1992 he was included in Who’s Who in American Advertising.

JANIS CROWE: A GENEROUS SPIRIT

JANIS ADAMS CROWE, longtime instructor in the Furman English department, died December 23 after an extended battle with endometrial cancer.

Born in California, she earned her undergraduate degree summa cum laude from Vassar College and a master’s degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Besides Furman, she taught for several years at Clemson University.

Gil Allen, Crowe’s departmental colleague, described her as “a generous spirit” who worked “to convince freshmen that good essays needn’t conform to the simplistic five-paragraph template they’d learned in high school. She had genuine affection for her students, and she gently but firmly demanded the best work they were capable of producing.”

Active with the Greenville Literacy Association and the county Democratic Party, Crowe served for six years on the book selection committee of the South Carolina Association of Librarians. She sang with the Greenville Chorale and the local Quodlibet Singers, and was described in her obituary as “a lifelong animal lover, a supporter of humane farming, and a loyal fan of the Atlanta Braves.”

In addition, she was a U.S. figure skating test judge at the gold level in singles and pairs and at the international level in ice dancing. She was president of the Greenville Figure Skating Club for seven years and was an ice skating instructor with Special Olympics.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley Crowe, professor emeritus of English at Furman, and by her children, Simon ’96 and Kirkie.
MARY SIMMS FURMAN LEAVES GENEROUS LEGACY

WHEN FURMAN AWARDED Mary Simms Oliphant Furman an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 2007, it recognized her as a “dignified and intellectually vibrant woman” who demonstrated “a lifelong love of learning, and a lifelong generosity to her community and her alma mater.” With her husband Alester G. Furman III, a member of the university’s founding family, she contributed much toward the betterment of the school and the community.

When she died January 22 in Greenville, she left an extensive educational, civic and cultural legacy.

She was the great-granddaughter of William Gilmore Simms, the South’s leading antebellum poet, novelist and historian. She and her mother, Mary Simms Oliphant, were co-authors of several editions of The History of South Carolina and South Carolina: From the Mountains to the Sea, textbooks used by generations of students in the state.

Mrs. Furman was influential in developing Greenville’s first arts festival and worked on a number of local restoration projects. She was active in the Carolina Foothills Garden Club and the Junior League, serving both as president, and with her husband provided generous support to the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities, the Upcountry History Museum, the S.C. Nature Conservancy and Greenville’s Peace Center for the Performing Arts. She was a member of the Tuesday Study Club, the Cercle Franco Américain, the Debutante Club of Greenville, the Assembly and the Quadrille.

She attended Greenville Woman’s College for two years in the late 1930s, then studied for a year at the Sorbonne in Paris before earning a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina. She later received a master’s in French literature from the University of North Carolina, where she performed with the Martha Graham Dance Company.

She helped plan and design several Furman buildings, including Daniel Chapel and Earle Infirmary. Furman Hall, the main campus thoroughfare, is named for her and her husband. Their four daughters established a scholarship in their honor at the university.

In addition to her daughters, Mrs. Furman is survived by five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Memorials: Mary Simms Oliphant and Alester Garden Furman III Scholarship at Furman; Christ Church Episcopal, 10 N. Church St., Greenville 29601; or a charity of one’s choice.

Connie Purser Stalnaker ’49, September 17, Abbeville, S.C. She held various office positions in the Abbeville area and retired from the Milliken-Sharon Plant. Percy Frank Walters ’49, November 9, Monroe, N.C. He graduated from the Baltimore School of Dental Surgery and won the Dr. Kelsey Award for professional demeanor. He was a member of the Gorgas Odontological Honorary Society, Psi Omega fraternity, and the Phi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a national honorary dental society. After working as a dentist in the U.S. Navy and supporting the Marines in Korea and Japan, he began his private practice in Monroe in 1955 and became known as the “gentle dentist” to local families. He continued to practice dentistry into 2012. He was president of the Optimist Club, the Cancer Society and the Friends of Union County Library. In 2005 he published a novel, Scott’s Ark.

Hazel Gaddy Bumgarner ’50, October 18, Tallahassee, Fla. She earned a master’s degree from Arizona State University and was a teacher and librarian in public schools in North Carolina, Nevada and Arizona. For several years she was an adjunct faculty member in library science at Western Carolina University. She also taught at the University of South Carolina.

Landrum H. Fowler ’50, February 26, 2012, North Augusta, S.C. He was a Baptist minister who served churches in Thomson and Langley, S.C. He was also secretary for the Kilpatrick Baptist Association for many years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific Theater.

Robert I. Miller ’50, November 22, Greenville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and the U.S. Merchant Marines. After his military service he was a co-founder of and partner in AAA Supply Company. He was a former president of the Peaceantburg Setoima Club and was an avid tennis player and hiker.

Blossom Craft Burgamy ’51, October 1, Macon, Ga. She studied voice at the Juilliard School and performed as an opera singer in New York. She went on to teach music in Bibb County (Ga.) schools for more than 27 years. She was a regent of the Mary Hammond Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Syderas Ross Sanders ’51, September 30, Elgin, S.C. She was for many years an educator in Greer, S.C., and in Elgin. She was a gifted musician and served as organist at Blaney Baptist Church.

William C. League ’52, October 29, Fairfax, Va. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts degree from Pepperdine University, then served 22 years as a chaplain in the U.S. Army, 20 of those on assignments with the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon retiring from the Navy he practiced real estate in North Carolina and taught real estate for 18 years in Northern Virginia.

Paul M. Pridgen, Jr. ’53, October 28, Chapin, S.C. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church of North Charleston, S.C., in 1951.

He was a fourth-generation Baptist minister and served churches and institutions in the Carolinas. In 1962 he succeeded his father as pastor of First Baptist Church of North Charleston. Together they served the church for 62 consecutive years. He was a strong advocate for religious liberty and the separation of church and state and worked to build bridges of understanding across race, religion, class and gender. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Baptist College of Charleston (now Charleston Southern University) in recognition of his leadership and ministry in the church and community.

Mary Gage Hammond Dobbins ’54, November 15, Greenville. She was retired from Gage’s gift store.
CLASS NOTES POLICY

BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER of submissions and clippings Furman receives for the magazine's class notes section and the time needed to review, compile and edit so much information, news items are not published until five or six months after they are submitted.

Furman magazine does not publish dated items (anything more than 18 months old at time of publication) or engagement announcements.

When sending news for class notes, please include your spouse's or child's name, whether your spouse is a Furman graduate, and the date and city where the birth or marriage occurred.

When sent electronically, news about alumni couples who graduated in different years is included under the graduation date of the submitter. In other cases it goes under the earliest graduation date. It is not listed with both classes.

Send news to the Office of Marketing and Public Relations, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613, or email to alumni@furman.edu. Selected information submitted to the online alumni registry (http://alumni.furman.edu) is included in class notes.

Jack Allen Green ’54, September 26, Simpsonville, S.C. He was a World War II veteran who served in the South Pacific. While attending Furman on the GI Bill, he was ordained to the ministry in 1953. He served as an evangelist for 58 years.

Joseph Marion Powell ’55, October 6, Moncks Corner, S.C. He attended the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, after which he entered the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1988. His innovations in dental materials research, clinical work and various commands were the foundation of his 30-year Air Force career, but his lasting legacy was the design that standardized all service dental clinics, which he completed as a special consultant to the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General. He retired to his hometown, Moncks Corner, and started a successful design and building practice that he maintained for more than two decades.

C. Bruce Shaw, Sr. ’55, October 14, Greenville. A standout high school athlete, he was named South Carolina Athlete of the Year in 1951. He worked as a sales associate in the pharmaceutical industry and retired from Medique. He was also active as an American Legion baseball coach.

Ralph Wilson McKinney, Jr. ’56, October 30, Shelby, N.C. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he graduated from Furman and went to work in the U.S. Treasury Department, from which he retired.

Gary Gettys Wells ’56, October 2, Greenville. After attending linguistics school in Monterey, Calif., he served in U.S. Army Intelligence as a Russian linguist stationed in Berlin during the Cold War. He went on for a 40-year career in international sales of textile machinery for the John D. Hollingsworth Company. In retirement he remained active as a consultant in the textile industry.

Charles Judson Martin ’58, November 23, Charleston, S.C. After earning an advanced degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was pastor of churches in Indiana and in the Charleston area.

Allen E. Bates ’61, October 10, Etowah, Tenn. He attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and went on to a 54-year ministerial career in South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

Phyllis Marlowe Pinson ’61, September 20, St. Louis, Mo.

Clark Eugene Bennett, M.A. ’62, November 2, Charlotte, N.C. Gene served in the U.S. Army from 1943–45 and received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Afterward he became a tool maker and machinist for GM in Endicott, N.Y., and was program director for the Boys Club of Greater Endicott. He earned his master's degree in psychology from Furman and went on to be executive director for the Cherokee County Boys Club in Gaffney, S.C., assistant superintendent of John De La Howe School in McCormick, S.C., and psychologist-therapist for the Alexander Children's Center in Charlotte. He was a life member of the American Psychological Association, the Mecklenburg Psychological Association and the North Carolina Psychological Association.


Eugene McGill ’65, September 29, Snellville, Ga. He was a star high school athlete and a member of the first Lincoln County state championship football team in 1960. After completing his college education, Butch spent many years in industrial sales and pursued several other occupations, including operating a barbecue restaurant. He also worked in designing and installing marble and tile and opened the McGill Tiling Company.

Elizabeth Howell McElrath, M.A. ’68, October 23, Greenville. She retired as principal at Crestview Elementary School. A member of Delta Kappa Gamma, she volunteered with the Greenville Hospital System's Allen Bennett Hospital and with Meals on Wheels.

Donald Arren Waldrep ’72, November 14, St. George, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

John Wilson Hines Clark ’73, October 16, Charlotte, N.C. Chip worked for Ford Motor Co. and for Walmart.

Eugenia Jones Potter, M.A. ’74, October 20, Greenville. As a military wife, she accompanied her husband to various duty stations before they returned to Greenville in 1960. She taught elementary school for 10 years and was headmistress of the Lower School at Christ Church Episcopal School. She also served one year as interim head administrator for St. Joseph's High School. In retirement she was a guardian ad litem and chaired special events for various non-profit organizations. She began several small businesses, including a mediation firm and a service offering etiquette classes to young executives of local companies. At the age of 75 she completed the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.

Arthur E. Anderson III ’78, September 27, Bernardsville, N.J. Artie embarked on a career in sales that took him all over the continental United States and Europe. He worked in the consumer package industry for multinational companies such as Coca Cola, Uniliver and Dannon before forming his own specialty food importing company, Bri-AI.

William Carl Schilling ’79, October 27, Bluffton, S.C. He became a charter fisherman at the Boca Raton (Fla.) Hotel and The Cove. From 1985 until 2006 he managed the in-water, dry storage and refurbishing operations of Schilling Boathouse on Hilton Head Island, S.C. In recent years “Captain Bill” participated in various Hilton Head Island events and ran fishing charters.

Robert A. Jones ’80, November 18, Whitesboro, N.Y. He was employed by FedEx.

Wilbur Kent Greer, MBA ’82, October 10, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army before beginning a career with Union Carbide in Charleston, W.Va. He eventually retired from Cognis as a chemical engineer. He was a charter member of the Mauldin Rotary Club.

Robert Gerd Ridgeway ’82, M.A. ’86, October 10, Greenville. He was owner and operator of Gehrt, Inc., and a lobbyist with Sol Invictus Project. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Piedmont Area MENS.

Scott Frederick Miller ’84, September 20, Statesboro, Ga. After a 20-year career in the food and beverage industry, he turned his love of coffee and his hobby of roasting coffee beans into a new career, the Ogeechee River Coffee Company.