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CONSTITUENT RELATIONS OFFICE UNITES PROGRAMS

AFTER A PERIOD OF RESTRUCTURING, we are pleased to announce that the former Furman Alumni Office is now part of an expanded group, the Office of Constituent Relations.

The restructuring brings such development programs as donor relations, parents programs and the Advisory Council under the same umbrella with alumni relations. It also almost doubles the size of our staff and improves our ability to share information and support each others' efforts.

The newest member of this revamped team is Leo Fackler '03, who joined the office just before Homecoming as associate director. He previously worked in student affairs at Erskine College, and is already making major contributions to our efforts.

Leo, one half of an all-star Furman couple (his wife is Adelaide Duffey '03), describes his return to Furman as "an inspirational experience. In many ways it still feels just like home. Most campus traditions have not changed, and the fountains are still crisp and clean.

"But there are new buildings, programs and, obviously, faces. And it's clear that President Smolla's vision and the advancements being made across campus are going to propel Furman to new heights.

"A major component of all this will be the level of engagement of our alumni, and particularly our young alumni. In the coming months we'll be hosting events for young alumni and working to revitalize volunteer leadership around the country, so alumni should watch for news about Furman people coming to their area — and be ready to attend."



Constituent Relations staffers, from left: Tom Triplitt '76, Patty White, Leo Fackler '03, Tina Hayes Ballew '78, Nancy Liebezeit, Judy Wilson, Allison McCann Foy '05, Theresa Cureton.

One program everyone in our office is already knee-deep in planning is the Leadership Summit, scheduled April 19–21. The summit will bring together all of Furman's leadership groups — from the Alumni Association Board of Directors and Young Alumni Council to the university's trustees and other boards and councils — for a weekend of meetings and programs. The capstone event will be Friday, April 20, when we have our annual "Night of the Stars" for major donors at Greenville's Westin Poinsett.

AFFINITY CARD CHANGE: A big thank you to everyone who has used the Furman Alumni Association Bank of America credit card. For years the affinity card program has paid Furman a small amount based on usage, with the proceeds going into an account to support scholarships for children and grandchildren of alumni.

Unfortunately, with new credit card regulations and changes in the banking industry, Bank of America is canceling the affinity program because Furman is not

a large enough customer. I am currently working to arrange a similar program with another bank. In the meantime you may continue to use your Bank of America card, assuming you've kept up your payments. (That's a joke, folks.) But Furman will no longer benefit.

WHAT'S CALLING YOU NOW?: This summer, the Center for Vocational Reflection (Lilly Center) will sponsor the fourth installment of its popular Alumni Retreat. Scheduled July 19–22, it will feature talks and discus-

sion sessions with current and former members of the faculty and staff, while offering participants the chance to reflect on their lives and career journeys. It's a great opportunity to spend a weekend at alma mater, and to build and renew relationships with members of the Furman family. Visit www.furman.edu/lilly or write rolyn.rollins@furman.edu to learn more.

RECOGNIZING MENTORS: The next time you visit <http://alumni.furman.edu> (the Alumni Association website), look for the "Tribute to Furman mentors" link. There you'll find stories by alumni about the most influential person from their Furman days. A few of these stories have already been published in this magazine. Maybe they'll inspire you to submit an article about your own favorite Furman mentor. If so, we'll be glad to add it to the page.

— TOM TRIPLITT

The writer, a 1976 graduate, is executive director of constituent relations and alumni programs.

CLASS NOTES, WINTER 2012

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Nancy Dew Taylor of Greenville won the 2011 Linda Flowers Literary Award from the North Carolina Humanities Council for “Mill Creek Suite,” a sequence of poems about a young North Carolina farm couple in the early 20th century. Her work was selected from more than 130 entries of poetry, prose and nonfiction. “Mill Creek Suite” appears in the winter-spring issue of *North Carolina Conversations*, the council’s magazine. Nancy also received a cash prize and support toward a weeklong residency at Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities in Southern Pines, N.C.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Carole Coates of Boone, N.C., retired last June after more than 20 years as executive director of the High Country Workforce Development Board, a policy and leadership group serving a seven-county region in northwestern North Carolina.

Ed Good of Greenville, a member of the Furman board of trustees and president of Hampton Development Co., was one of four entrepreneurs honored by the Greenville Tech Foundation in September. Each year Greenville Tech honors local entrepreneurs for their business success and community contributions. Ed is chair of Public Education Partners and Hollingsworth Funds Inc., and serves on the boards of the Upcountry History Museum and the Greenville Housing Fund.

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T Thomas and his wife, **Kathie Brown** ‘70 **Thomas**, who served for almost eight years as coordinator and finance and communications assistant, respectively, for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma, have returned to France where T is pastor of L’Eglise Evangélique Baptiste in Argenteuil. T remains executive director of His Nets, a nonprofit that fights malaria through the distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Africa.

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Mike Blackmon received the 2011 Driver Education Teacher of the Year Award from the South Carolina Driver Education and Traffic Safety Association. He is a teacher and coach at Wade Hampton High School in Greenville.

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Leigh Scott of Germantown, Md., recently became director of development for the American Hiking Society in Silver Spring, Md. She manages the society’s relationships with many corporate partners, including outdoor retailers such as The North Face, Merrell, Columbia, REI and others.

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Madeline Rogero was elected mayor of Knoxville, Tenn., November 8. She brings extensive experience as a community development director, county commissioner, nonprofit executive and urban planner to the office. She is the first woman to be elected mayor of Knoxville and the first woman elected mayor in one of the “big four” cities of Tennessee (Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga). Learn more at www.madelineformayor.com.

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Bob and **Cindy Berry Mossey** are in their second year as owners of the Great Harvest Bread Company in Marietta, Ga. **Von Reynolds** was recognized in November for his 25 years of service at Seneca (S.C.) Baptist Church, where he has been full-time pastor since 1990.

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Michael W. Garfield was recently named by Florida-based Health Management Associates to lead Tennova Healthcare in Tennessee. He oversees six hospitals and other healthcare facilities in the Tennova system. He most recently served as a division vice president with Community Health Systems in Nashville.

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Tom Martel of Myrtle Beach, S.C., was elected the state’s Emergency Medical Service Medical Director of the Year for 2011. **Brig Spearman** of Front Royal, Va., recently retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after 27 years of civilian and military service. His awards and decorations include the John A. McCone Award, the Career Intelligence Medal and the Intelligence Star. He continues to work as an independent consultant within the intelligence community.

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Susan Mangels has joined Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., as director of corporate and foundation relations. She was previously president of Lexington College, a women’s hospitality management college in Chicago, for 14 years, and now serves as a trustee of the college.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Jane Harris Downey of Columbia, S.C., is listed in the 2011 edition of *South Carolina Superlawyers* and *Business Elite*.

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Mike (Bureau) MacLeod’s short story “Horn Hunter” was published in *Best of the West 2011: New Stories from the Wide Side of the Missouri*, an anthology from University of Texas Press. Mike is a combat correspondent and paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, N.C. His photo essays appear regularly on the Department of Defense website and other military venues, and he was named the 2010 U.S. Army Forces Command Journalist of the Year. He taught in the biology department at Furman in the mid-1990s.

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Lisa Stevens Gilford was recognized as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California for 2011 for her work as lead counsel to Toyota in the recall class actions pending in the Central District of California. Lisa, a partner in the Los Angeles office of Alston and Bird, was also recognized in 2010 and 2011 as one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in California. She is a past president of the National Association of Women Lawyers, the oldest women’s bar organization in the country.

Leif Murphy has assumed duties as executive vice president and chief development officer of LifePoint Hospitals in Brentwood, Tenn. He joins the company from DSI Renal, Inc., where he was president and chief executive officer.

Doug Welch has become chief executive officer at Doctors Hospital in Augusta, Ga. He has been in the healthcare industry for more than 20 years, most recently with HCA’s Medical Center of Lewisville, Texas.

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BIRTH: Max and Shannon **Austin**, a daughter, Molly Maxwell Austin, September 19. Max is president and owner of Austin Mortgage Group, a brokerage firm in Mountain Brook, Ala.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Tomiko Brown-Nagin will join the Harvard University Law School faculty this summer as a professor of law. She will also serve as an affiliate of the history department. She is currently the T. Munford Boyd and Justice Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Professor of Law and Professor of History at the University of Virginia, where she co-directs the Legal History Colloquium and teaches courses on American social and legal history, constitutional law, education law and policy, and public interest law. *Furman* published an article about Tomiko, “Courage to Dissent,” in its Spring 2011 issue.

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MARRIAGE: Magda El-Tobgui and Michael Patrick, May 21. They live in Alexandria, Va.

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MARRIAGE: Derek Oliver and Camilla Wier, June 11. Derek is director of psychology training, a predoctoral internship and postdoctoral residency program, at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Jason W. Searl has been promoted to shareholder in the Orlando, Fla., law office of GrayRobinson. He has been appointed to the City of Orlando Municipal Planning Board and has been named to a one-year term on the board of directors of the Blankner School Foundation, which provides the school with technology enhancements, summer service and reading camps, academic enrichment programs and music equipment. He has been elected vice chair of the Orange County Redistricting Advisory Committee, works with the Heart to Heart organization, and is a graduate of Leadership Orlando.

BIRTHS: Brian and **Dawn Villanueva Levy**, a son, Robert Spencer, July 11, Woodstock, Ga.

Amy and **John David Owen**, a son, Samuel David, November 16, 2010, Birmingham, Ala.

Michael-Todd and **Tanya Foster Wilson**, a daughter, Hannah Grace, July 15. They live in Lawrenceville, Ga.

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Kelly Sydney of Smyrna, Ga., competed in Ironman Arizona on November 20 and finished the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile marathon run in 14 hours and 18 minutes. She trained for nearly 11 months and competed in honor of cancer sufferers and survivors. She raised more than \$5,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

BIRTHS: Rich and **Christyne Bourne**

Brennan, a son, Michael Aiden, August 28,. They live in Washington, D.C.

Todd and **Anne Reeves Reich**, a son, Reeves Kirkland, November 16, 2010, Atlanta, Ga.

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Leigh Unterspan, an English teacher at Travelers Rest (S.C.) High School, has been named the school's Teacher of the Year. She was the subject of a recent feature in *The Greenville News*.

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BIRTHS: Jake and **Cara Rhodes**

Bostrom, a son, Jonathan Paul, November 2. Jake is an ophthalmologist and Cara a family physician. Both practice in Greenville. John and **Jennifer Todd Carty**, a son, Jack, October 16, 2010. They live in Lyman, N.H.

Corey and **Ginny Farry Hughes**, a son, Elgin Walton, August 24. Corey has his own law practice in Greenville.

Erik and **Hilary Doermann Rodgers**, a daughter, Emma Anne, January 24, 2011. They live in Langhorne, Pa.

01

Jennifer Scholz Smith received her Doctor of Psychology degree in clinical psychology from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology and is a postdoctoral fellow in a private practice in Cartersville, Ga.

MARRIAGE: Patricia Southard and Daniel Greenstein, September 4. They live in Takoma Park, Md. Tricia earned a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland and is a library manager. Dan is a proofreader.

BIRTHS: Chris and **Helen Baxter**

Brown, a daughter, Emma Anne, September 1. They live in Moore, S.C.

Brandon and **Katie Fey '02 Drafts**, a daughter, Leah Kate, September 2. Brandon will begin a cardiology fellowship at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C., in July.

Duane and **Laurie Conway Garrett**, a son, Duane, Jr. (DJ), June 17, Lewisville, Texas.

Drew and **Katie Wyatt Johnson**, a son, Brooks William, August 15, Smyrna, Ga. Jared and **Heather Flanagan Ross**, a daughter, Hannah Taylor, May 18, Tallahassee, Fla.

Tyler and **Brandi Marsh Van Leuven**, a daughter, Anna Shaw, May 6, Tallahassee, Fla.

02

THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Dulaney Wible Farkas has joined Hertzbach & Company, P.A., of Owings Mill, Md., as director of marketing. The company is an independent, full-service accounting and business consulting firm.

Andy Pascual joined the faculty of Emory University School of Law as an adjunct professor of law and a coach of the school's Mock Trial teams. He continues to work as an assistant district attorney in DeKalb County, Ga.

MARRIAGES: Colin David Bonfiglio

and Laura Elizabeth Snyder, September 24. They live in Nashville, Tenn. David is an occupational therapist at the Pi Beta Phi Rehabilitation Institute at the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center. Laura is a physical therapist with the Williamson County Medical Center in Franklin.

Megan Dunigan and **Kevin Klein**, November 12. They live in Greenville.

BIRTH: David and **Erin Lytle Do**, a daughter, Samantha Grace, December 7. They live in Antioch, Tenn.

03

BIRTHS: Matt and Taylor **Dobbs**,

a son, Anderson Everett, November 27. Matt is completing his radiology residency at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and will begin a neurology fellowship at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., in June.

Jake and **Katherine Tumbleston Kransteuber**, a son, Grady Allen, August 23, Greenville.

Jeremy and **Elisabeth Moore Uecker**, a daughter, Sally Louise, September 17.

They live in Chapel Hill, N.C., where Jeremy works as a postdoctoral fellow with the Carolina Population Center. He earned a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Texas.

04

Sarah Grivas West lives in Decatur, Ga., and is an associate attorney with McKenna Long & Aldredge. She earned her law degree from Georgia State University.

MARRIAGES: Alicia Niles and Anson Kanjira, October 9. Alicia is director of development for the Department of Internal Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Chris Siler and Jessica Mooney, October 15. They live in Greenville.

BIRTH: Jim and **Carmen Band**

Sawyers, a daughter, Carlee Jane, October 4. They live in Wilmington, N.C.

05

Kristi Engelman has become a senior research scientist with Honeywell and works out of the company's Colonial Heights, Va., facility.

Trey Sullivan and his wife, **Andi Thomas '07 Sullivan**, live in Washington, D.C., where Andi is pursuing a graduate degree in international affairs at American University and Trey is doing a chaplain residency at Georgetown University Hospital. Both graduated from Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology last May with Master of Divinity degrees. They received the McAfee Community Ministry Award, and Andi received the Griffin B. Bell Award for Community Service.

MARRIAGE: April Raymer and **Sam Tooker '06**, May 30. April is assistant women's soccer coach at Furman.

BIRTH: Adam and **Elizabeth Welden Winger**, a daughter, Jennings Ann, August 17, Birmingham, Ala.



PETER McCANDLESS; JENNIE DWYER (INSET)

A COAST-TO-COAST TREK FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.....

MANY PEOPLE WILL GO to great lengths to help a friend, but few would go as far as Alastair McCandless '97.

He's walking 3,600 miles — all the way across America — to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project in honor of Ken Dwyer '98, a U.S. Army Special Forces officer wounded in August of 2006 in Afghanistan. Dwyer was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade and lost his left hand and left eye, among other injuries.

For McCandless, the trek is both a way to support a great cause and a time for personal renewal.

After spending 14 years in the food service industry, he felt he needed to pursue something more fulfilling. He came up with the idea of "taking a long walk" to raise awareness and funds for a worthy program.

He was still undecided on which organization to support, though, when he placed a call to Dwyer, his Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brother at Furman. "I was asking him what I should do to train for a long walk, because he's in Special Forces," says McCandless. "He would know what I needed to do to walk 20 miles a day."

Dwyer provided more than training tips. He told McCandless about the Wounded Warrior Project, which played a major role in his own recovery — and suddenly McCandless had his cause. He decided to walk from Delaware to California along the northern route of the American Discovery Trail, with a goal of raising \$25,000 for the WWP.

Dwyer, now back on active duty as a major in command operations, says, "I told him it would take a while to train, but he has certainly done it, and I'm impressed with what he's trying to do."

McCandless, a Greenville resident, has proven he was more than just talk. Starting April 23 in Cape Henlopen, Del., he made his way over the next six months to Omaha, Neb., more than halfway to his destination. Then he decided to take a break to avoid traversing the rugged Rocky Mountains during the dead of winter. In April he plans to return to Omaha to resume his walk,



Dwyer (left) and McCandless head to the trail.

which will include 12,000 feet of elevation. Assuming all goes well, he'll finish this fall at Point Reyes National Seashore near San Francisco.

During the first portion of his walk, McCandless maintained a pace of 20 miles per day while carrying a 40-pound backpack. Along the way he lost 30 pounds. Each night he looked for a campsite, a church, or a person willing to take him in. He says he was amazed by how much help people offered when they learned what he was doing and why.

"The best thing is, this has taken away a lot of the cynicism I had. It's been so amazing the extent people will go to help. It's renewed my belief in mankind."

As for his cause, the Wounded Warrior Project helps thousands of injured soldiers and caregivers by providing such programs as stress recovery workshops, caregiver retreats, employment assistance services and peer mentoring.

Jennie Randall Dwyer '97, Ken's wife, says that even the small services have a big impact. She learned about the WWP during the blur of the first few days after Ken was injured, when he was at Walter Reed National

Military Medical Center. Just when the family needed it, they received a backpack filled with basics like underwear, gym shorts, shirts and deodorant.

"Ken was evacuated with nothing but his uniform," she says. "And packing was the farthest thing from my mind. I had an almost three-year-old son, and I was four months pregnant. But as soon as he needed these things, the Wounded Warrior Project was there. It made life easier."

Having mastered use of his prosthetic hand, Ken says he can now do everything he used to do, including play baseball with his son, 8-year-old Timothy, using a technique he learned by watching one-handed pitcher Jim Abbott. Daughter Julia, 5, grabs his prosthesis without a second thought and has even slept with it on occasion.

Ken, who joined McCandless for a few days during the first leg, is back on deployment status. "People ask why I'd want to do that," he says. "But it's like an athlete who trains his whole life to compete in the Olympics, and then someone says you can't compete anymore. For me, not deploying would be like not competing." If he isn't deployed, he and Jennie, who currently live in California, hope to be in San Francisco when their friend completes his journey this fall.

As for McCandless, when acquaintances questioned his sanity, he knew there was one person who understood that our only limitations are those we set for ourselves. "Others didn't think he could do it," says Ken. "But I told him, 'You can do whatever you put your mind to.'"

— LEIGH GAUTHIER SAVAGE

Visit www.thoughtsaskew.blogspot.com to read McCandless' account of his walk and to donate to his effort. The author, a 1994 graduate, is a freelance writer in Simpsonville, S.C.

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 frequently 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 e-mail to alumni@furman.edu. Selected information submitted to the online alumni registry (<http://alumni.furman.edu>) is included in class notes.

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MARRIAGES: **Andrea Albea** and Michael Vallencourt II, June 18. They live in Middleburg, Fla.

Robby Bowers and Hayley Simmons, July 23. They live in Alpharetta, Ga. Robby, who holds a Ph.D. from Auburn University, is in his third year of medical school at Emory University, and Hayley is an English teacher at Woodward Academy.

BIRTH: Matthew and **Stephanie**

Reese Goldman (M.A. '09), a daughter, Charlotte Reese Goldman, September 14. Steph is a second grade teacher at Rollins Elementary School in Augusta, Ga.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Ryan Friend recently accepted an offer to join F&M Bank and Trust in Dallas, Texas, as a vice president.

Monica Handa has joined the law firm of SmolenPlevy in Vienna, Va. She previously practiced with Patrick Henry LLP in Annandale, Va.

Caroline Moore received a Master of Arts degree in professional communication from Clemson University and now works for Red House Global Brand Architects in Atlanta.

Michael Scullin received the 2011 Edwin B. Newman Graduate Research Award from the American Psychological Association. The award, given annually by Psi Chi and the APA, is presented to the psychology graduate student who submits the best research paper published or presented at a national, regional or state psychological association. Michael has defended his dissertation at Washington University in St. Louis and earned a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University.

MARRIAGE: **Kate Deal** and Stuart Miner, June 4. They live in Decatur, Ga.

08

Nathaniel Sizemore of McLean, Va., has graduated from Vanderbilt Law School and been admitted into the Virginia Bar. He is an associate with Watt, Tieder, Hoffer & Fitzgerald.

Adam and Darcy Herlong Slizewski live in Charleston, S.C., where Darcy is a third-year medical student at the Medical University of South Carolina. In September she was invited to join Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical school honor society. Adam made the Charleston City Police Department SWAT team in August.

MARRIAGES: **Laura Martino** and **Mike Morison**, January 8, 2011. Mike is employed with Ernst & Young in Atlanta. Laura is pursuing a Master of Science degree in nursing at Emory University and expects to graduate in December.

Karen McDonald and John Olson, May 28. Karen is the volunteer coordinator for Habitat for Humanity in Greenville, and John is a mechanical engineer for Techtronic Industries.

09

Frances Flowers graduated from culinary school in Rhode Island and accepted a job at Lenbrook Retirement Community in Atlanta, where she is supervisor for the fine dining department.

MARRIAGES: **Lucie Rosenberg** and **Wayne House** '10, June 11. They live in Evans, Ga.

Cheryl Marie Boles and Stephen Kraus, June 4. They completed training at the French Culinary Institute in New York City and are opening a bakery and bistro in Travelers Rest, S.C.

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Patrick A. Wallace joined McGuire-Woods Consulting in Richmond, Va., last June as a research assistant.

DEATHS

Rubye Emerson Mouchet '33, October 31, Anderson, S.C. She taught in the elementary grades in Anderson County for 43 years, the last 23 in Anderson District 5. She was a member of the South Carolina Retired Educators Association and the Anderson College Alumni Association and was a charter member of the Anderson County Woman's Club.

Paul Franklin Beacham, Jr. '35, September 17, Greenville. He worked for Maxwell Brothers Furniture Company for 40 years, then was office manager for Rawlins Oil Company. He served on the Visitors Board of Presbyterian Homes and was a member of the Greenville Exchange Club.

Harold Turner Southern '37, September 18, Winston-Salem, N.C. After earning a master's degree from the University of Michigan he began his business career in 1938 with John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in Boston. He later moved to Winston-Salem to work for Security Life and Trust, which became Integon. A three-sport athlete at Furman and a fine tennis player, he would go on to win numerous singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships and to play competitive tennis to age 90, when he was ranked No. 4 nationally in his age group. His daughter is Furman women's tennis coach Debbie Southern.

Maurice Gray '38, September 16, York, S.C. During World War II he served in the Navy as a bomb disposal officer in the Mariana Islands. Afterward he began a teaching career in Andrews, S.C., where he taught elementary school music for 13 years. He moved to York High School in 1964 and taught chemistry and physics until retiring in 1985. He also served as choir director at several churches in the York area. He was president of the York Rotary Club in 1975 and became a Paul Harris Fellow. He authored the long-running column "Now and Then" for the *Yorkville Enquirer*.

WALKING THE LINE: O'DAY FINDS RIGHT ECO-BALANCE

IN THE WORLD OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, there are two types of attorneys — those who sue the polluters, and those who defend them.

Then there's Steve O'Day.

The 1976 Furman graduate has managed to build a career in which he does both. One day, he might represent a company that operates oil pipelines. The next, his client could be a nonprofit group that advocates for tougher laws to protect streams and rivers.

"I don't know any other environmental lawyer who's been able to walk that fine line between defense work representing corporations and also representing aggressive environmental organizations," says Sally Bethea, an Atlanta environmental activist who attended Furman from 1969 to 1971.

O'Day was a political science major at Furman and wrote his senior thesis on an environmental controversy related to the trans-Alaska pipeline. He went on to Harvard Law School, where he became a member of the environmental law society.

Afterward he joined the firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, an association he maintains to this day. In 1991 he established the Atlanta firm's environmental practice. Now, O'Day chairs the firm's environmental law and sustainability practice groups, as well as its real estate and construction services group.

To illustrate the dichotomy of his practice: In 2002 he successfully defended Hickson Corp. in a lawsuit that said the chemical-trucking company was liable for the majority of cleanup costs for an arsenic acid spill in a Chattanooga, Tenn., railyard. For the Southern Environmental Law Center, he challenged the construction of a bridge across sensitive marshlands near Savannah, Ga.

O'Day probably couldn't maintain this incongruous balance if he were affiliated with a different firm, Bethea says. He and his group have represented her organization, the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, in several lawsuits filed against city and county governments to block permits for things like waste-water discharge.

"These permit appeals are the heart of the problem in Georgia," she says.

Smith Gambrell openly supports the work that O'Day and his team conduct. "We are one of the few large law firms willing to work with public interest



Steve O'Day received the Ogden Doremus Award for Excellence in Environmental Law at the GreenLaw Environmental Heroes Celebration in October. GreenLaw supports environmental causes in Georgia. Photo by Kay Hinton.

clients, as well as private clients," says managing partner Steve Forte. "This rare combination illustrates our belief in the importance of improving the environment."

For large firms, the client base typically consists of big companies and their executives. The filing of environmental lawsuits on behalf of plaintiffs is usually handled by small firms or nonprofit legal clinics.

"If you look at large law firms in Atlanta, we're the only one that does *pro bono* work for environmental advocacy groups," O'Day says. "Some firms feel if they represent environmental advocacy groups, their paying clients might not like that too much because it might be adverse to their business interests."

If the economy recovers and metro Atlanta returns to the turbo-charged growth of the 1990s and 2000s, the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper should be able to keep O'Day busy. UCR is especially vigilant about monitoring real estate development and the local governments that issue permits for new projects. Often, with O'Day's legal advice, UCR challenges development permits on the grounds that they favor developers at the expense of clean water.

Together O'Day and UCR won just such a battle last June, when they challenged a permit issued to Forsyth County to discharge sewage into the Chattahoochee River. O'Day successfully argued that the state did not consider the high levels of phosphorus and bacteria present in the sewage, and therefore should not have issued the permit.

Smith Gambrell represented UCR in the case for free, and there is no possibility for the firm to be awarded attorney fees at the end of the case. Says

Bethea, "We've funded all the out-of-pocket costs and we've probably spent \$40,000 on this case, but Smith Gambrell has probably spent four times that amount."

In the unlikely event that the litigation faucet dries up, O'Day also oversees an entirely different type of environmental practice at Smith Gambrell. He and his team advise schools and companies on how to collect rainwater and on sustainability initiatives such as writing requirements for green construction. The sustainability practice group is also involved in projects to develop alternative energy sources.

Protecting the environment is not the most popular pastime in some quarters. Presidential candidates have even taken dead aim at environmental causes, proposing to temporarily moth-ball various regulations or to shut down the Environmental Protection Agency because of what they see as its job-killing regulations.

O'Day, who was recently named chair of the board of the Southern Environmental Law Center, describes these proposals as "penny-wise and pound-foolish. When you truly look at the economics of environmental regulations, they save a lot more money than they cost. If you're not just focused on one company or one industry's out-of-pocket costs, and you look at society as a whole, environmental regulations are always beneficial."

— ANDY PETERS

The author, a 1992 graduate, lives in Decatur, Ga., and writes for American Banker, a financial services industry publication.

Ruth Barton Habbersett '38, December 1, Media, Pa. After graduating from Duke University School of Nursing, she worked at a military base hospital in Virginia and later in private-duty nursing in Pennsylvania. She was a founding member of the local Country Gardeners Club.

Stanmore Brooks Marshall III '38, November 21, Belton, S.C. He was associated with Marshall Enterprises.

Dolores Tedards Littlejohn '39, November 24, Tallahassee, Fla. She was active in the Los Robles Woman's Club and the American Association of University Women.

Frances Hendley O'Connor Bradford '41, August 11, Charlotte, N.C. She worked with J.A. Jones Construction Company and with Bank of America.

Thelma Seigler Richardson '41, November 23, 2010, Sumter, S.C. She was a member of the Sumter Garden Club and a charter member of the Sumter Legal Auxiliary.

William Jennings DeLany '42, November 24, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Air Corps and studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to become a meteorologist. In 1946 he returned to Greenville to teach mathematics and to coach tennis at Furman. With his brother, he eventually opened DeLany Sporting Goods in Greenville, and the business thrived for more than 30 years. His family established the DeLany Mathematics Medal, which is presented to a Furman student who excels in math.

Lawrence William Farry '42, November 28, Pickens, S.C. He was an officer in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving as a platoon leader under General Patton from Normandy to Germany. He was highly decorated for his service and was medically retired after being wounded in battle. His war injuries required that he give up his professional football contract with the Philadelphia Eagles. He then moved to Pickens and became co-owner of Hendricks Hardware and worked as a builder. He also was the first post-World War II coach of the

Pickens High School football team. He was a magistrate, a member of the board of Cannon Memorial Hospital, and a Jaycee. After retirement he volunteered with Cannon Memorial Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels and other community groups.

B. Elmo Scoggin '42, October 1, Raleigh, N.C. He was for many years a respected professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., from which he retired in 1984. With his wife of 70 years, Hannah, he lived in Israel from 1949 to 1954 as a liaison from the Baptist church to the Jewish community. He would eventually work on 30 archaeological digs in the country and serve as a guide for hundreds of students and friends on tours of the Holy Land. In the early 1980s he was asked by North Carolina Gov. James Hunt to establish the N.C. Council on the Holocaust. After retiring from teaching he volunteered for many years with a local public radio station, spending much of the time as host of a program called "Music in the Night." In 2008 he received the Wake County Larry B. Zieverink Volunteer of the Year Award.

Edwin Luther Copeland '44, November 19, Raleigh, N.C. Before enrolling at Mars Hill College in 1940 to prepare for the ministry, he worked with family members in the logging industry. He continued his education at Furman, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Yale University. From 1949 to 1956 he was a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, holding the positions of chancellor of Seinan Gakuin University, professor of the history of Christianity, and associate pastor of Seinan Gakuin Baptist Church. In 1956 he returned to the States and took a position as professor of Christian missions and world religions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He participated in the efforts of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ from 1965 to 1975, when he was reappointed as a missionary to Japan and resumed his positions at Seinan Gakuin. In 1980, at the end of his term, he

returned home and worked as a visiting professor of missions at Baptist seminaries and universities. He published widely on such topics as world religions and world missions, the importance of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, the history of the Baptist denomination, the ethical crises facing Christianity and missions, and the importance of social justice. Among his numerous publications was his autobiography, *Memoirs of a Geezer: From the Timberwoods and Back*. He was deeply involved in the civil rights movement and participated in the ordination of Addie Davis, the first woman ordained as a Southern Baptist pastor.

Dorothy Ann Carwile Woodhurst '44, November 23, Augusta, Ga. During World War II she worked at the air base in Del Rio, Texas, and then with the Army Engineers in Atlanta. In the 1950s she was a television personality in Augusta, known as "Miss Dorothy" on "Romper Room." She also taught kindergarten and music in the Richmond County School System for 30 years. She was active in her church and community, serving as president of the Opera Guild and the Symphony Guild. She was chairwoman of the Augusta Symphony Cotillion, was a tour guide for Historic Augusta, and was president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. She served on the Furman Alumni Association Board of Directors and was president of the Augusta Furman Club.

Mary Walsh Massingale '45, September 20, Fayetteville, N.C. She was a retired school teacher, having taught at Dreher High School in Columbia, S.C., and in the Fayetteville city school system. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Anna Madge McLendon Mayer '45, September 16, McComb, Miss. She was a registered nurse and a member of a number of local social clubs. In 1959 she was honored by the *Enterprise-Journal* newspaper of McComb as Mother of the Year. She worked for a time with the *Greenville*

News-Piedmont and was a staff nurse at Harper Hospital and Women's Hospital in Detroit, Mich. After moving to McComb, she was staff nurse at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center.

Barbara Gresham Cutts '48, November 17, Pendleton, S.C. She was a longtime volunteer with the Girl Scouts and an honorary member of the Daughters of the British Empire.

Kathryn Wells Timmons '48, November 23, Greenville. Kitty was active in many community organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Wildwood Garden Club and Greenville Women's Club. She served on the Furman Advisory Council, the board of the Sarah Gossett Home, and the Christ Church Episcopal School Board of Visitors.

Woodward Rion Dixon, Sr. '49, November 14, Hartsville, S.C. His education at Furman was interrupted by World War II, when he joined the U.S. Coast Guard as a radio operator and served in various stations around the world. After completing his education he began a career with International Shoe Company, building stores and training salesmen in the Southeast. In 1961 he was transferred to the West Coast where he served as vice president of the Western region, based in San Francisco. He left the business world when he felt called to become a missionary, studying first at Columbia Theological Seminary. He was commissioned as a Presbyterian missionary and sent to Central America, Haiti, Zambia and Mexico, where he completed medical studies at the University of Michoacan. He returned to South Carolina in 1975 and began practicing medicine in Darlington County. He served as president of the Darlington County Medical Society before retiring from practice in 2002.

Annie Barnes Benton '50, November 4, Florence, S.C. She taught in private and public schools throughout the Pee Dee area of South Carolina.

Rance Eugene Pusser '51, November 1, Savannah, Ga. He served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. After his military service ended, he worked for Underwood Corporation and Dictaphone Corporation in Columbia, S.C. He was also a manager for Dictaphone in Raleigh, N.C., and Norfolk, Va., and went on to be a district manager in Columbus, Ohio, and in New Orleans. In Columbus he led the country in sales, becoming president of the company's Achievement Club. He chose early retirement to become a dealer for Dictaphone in Savannah, Ga., under the name of Dictation Plus, and later opened Accurate Mailing Systems. A Rotarian for more than 50 years, he was a member of the Savannah Yacht Club and former commandant of the Marine Corps League. He also ran three marathons, including the Boston Marathon.

JC Hendrix '52, November 11, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan during World War II. After completing his college degree he was employed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, where he worked for more than 30 years.

James Furman Pollock '52, September 16, Pawleys Island, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from Belk Department Store after 40 years of service. He was a Rotarian and served on the Board of Education in Georgetown, S.C.

William Hubert Barefoot '53, November 7, Columbia, S.C. He was a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II. His career included teaching and coaching at Maiden High School for 10 years before entering the insurance industry with the Horace Mann Company, from which he retired after 27 years. He earned the Chartered Life Underwriter designation and was named Agency Manager of the Year for three consecutive years. He was an avid golfer and volunteered with The Gideons International.

Kenneth Mendal Newton '54, October 12, Greer, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was pastor emeritus of Washington Baptist Church.

DAN JOYNER, FURMAN'S BIGGEST FAN

WHILE WATCHING C. DAN JOYNER work the crowd one day at a Furman basketball game, a student commented admiringly, "He has to be the world's most enthusiastic person."

It was an accurate statement, as few people could ever match Joyner's love of life and genuine enjoyment of others. A sign in his office summed up the Joyner philosophy: "Whenever you see someone without a smile . . . give him one of yours."

When Joyner died January 8 at the age of 74, he was remembered for his civic leadership, infectious personality, and love for his hometown of Greenville — and Furman.

A 1959 Furman graduate, Joyner put his leadership skills and gregarious nature to work during his student days as a cheerleader and student body president. He was elected to Quaternion, the select men's society.

After three years in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps, he returned to Greenville and launched Prudential C. Dan Joyner Co., which he built into one of the Upstate's most successful real estate firms. Through the years he contributed his expertise and wisdom to countless agencies and institutions, from the Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Greenville Hospital System to First Baptist Church and the Community Foundation of Greenville.

But Furman held a special place in his heart. "I'd find time for Furman University before anything else," he once said. He was a member of the board of trustees during the presidencies of John Johns, David Shi and Rod Smolla, and his responsibilities included service on the trustees' athletics committee.

Said Smolla, "All of us are going to miss Dan more than we can say. His influence obviously went far beyond the Furman campus, and there is no question that Greenville is a better place for Dan having lived and worked here. For that, we were as proud of him as he was of Furman."

In addition to his trustee work, Joyner served as president of the Paladin Club and the Alumni Association. He was instrumental in the successful effort to bring Joe Williams to Furman as basketball coach in 1970 and in the construction of Paladin



Stadium in the early 1980s. More recently he chaired the committee that worked to improve seating for basketball in Timmons Arena. The C. Dan Joyner Family Athletic Scholarship is awarded annually to a Furman student-athlete with financial need.

"Dan Joyner was an icon for Furman athletics," said Gary Clark, director of athletics. "He was part of the bedrock support of the university, and his optimism and can-do attitude allowed us to accomplish many things that otherwise would have been extremely difficult."

Joyner received the Alumni Service Award in 1967, and in 1986 he was elected to Furman's Athletic Hall of Fame. The porch at the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability is named in honor of Joyner and his wife, Katherine Poole Joyner '60.

In a 1989 interview, Joyner described the secret to his success: "There's no substitute for hard work. And it's important to be close as a family, to do things together, to be involved in your community. We all take a lot out of our communities. If you care, you want to give something back."

In addition to his wife, Joyner is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorials: First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, S.C. 29601, or Joyner Family Athletic Scholarship at Furman, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

— JIM STEWART

Joe Keller Smith '54, November 10, Greer, S.C. He retired after serving 25 years in the 178th Field Artillery of the South Carolina National Guard. He was also an entrepreneur, operating several businesses in Greer and Greenville, and was known as "Mr. Joe" by his customers.

Vernon David Wade, Sr. '55, November 11, Greenville. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, after which he worked in information technology with Springs Mills, Liberty Life, Greenville County Schools, South Atlantic Life Insurance Company, and Tel-Man. He was also a fire commissioner for the Wade Hampton district for 12 years. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels and the Greenville Hospital System and was a Hejaz Shriners Hospital guide.

Ruth Geraldine "Jerry" Williams Yeoman '56, February 14, 2011, Victoria, Texas. She was a retired computer analyst.

Jerry Leo "Slim" Wilhite '60, November 6, Greenville. He was formerly with JeffCo Enterprises.

Kemuel Wayne Shipp, Sr. '61, May 22, Kennesaw, Ga. Kem entered the insurance field in 1965. After working in management with Metropolitan Life and Paul Revere Insurance, he opened Kem Shipp Insurance in 1971 and ran the business for 26 years. In 1972 he began Shilo Enterprises Holding Company and owned and operated a Chevron Oil station, a country store, an ice cream parlor and a log home contract company. He served as past president of the Kennesaw Business Association, as a director of the Kennesaw Optimist Club, and was on the board of the North Cobb Rotary Club. He was a member of the Greater Acworth Business and Professional Association and was on advisory boards of several Georgia schools. In 1992 he was elected to the Georgia state legislature, serving the 38th District. He was secretary-treasurer of the Cobb County legislative delegation in 1993-94, vice chair in 1995-96, and chair in 1997-98.

William Walter Downes '64, November 9, Landrum, S.C. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Lamar C. Harrier '64, March 26, 2011, San Antonio, Texas. Jim was in the Air Force for 20 years as an intelligence officer specializing in directing covert intelligence operations against the Soviet Union during the Cold War era. He retired as a lieutenant colonel, returned to school for a degree in counseling, and then worked as a psycho-therapist.

Penny "Treasure" Barrow Brant '65, May 11, Goose Creek, S.C. She taught for many years in the gifted and talented program of the Berkeley County public schools.

Linda Danielson Ellis '65, December 1, Hickory, N.C. She was a tireless volunteer for such groups as the Children's Resource Center and Hickory Service League. She was also active in the Catawba Science Center and the Hickory Choral Society. At First Presbyterian Church, one of her many contributions was leading the effort to develop a booklet that provided information for dealing with emergencies.

Dennis Jepson '65, December 6, Lebanon, Mo. He played football at Furman and went on to a career in production management with companies in Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia and Missouri. He was an officer in the Ohio National Guard and was a longstanding certified member of the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

Ann Cannon Webb '67, December 7, Irmo, S.C. She taught English at Crayton Middle School for several years before staying home to raise a family. She eventually earned a master's degree in library science from the University of South Carolina and went on to spend many years as the media specialist at Congaree Elementary School. She was active as a reader to the blind for *The Baptist Courier* and volunteered with Sharing God's Love.

Margaret Scaife Bridges, M.A. '70, November 12, Greenville. After graduating from the University of South Carolina, she served as a Christian education worker in Elizabeth City, N.C. After earning her master's in library science at Furman she was librarian at Bethel Elementary School for more than 20 years. She was a Girl Scout leader and a charter member of Francis Asbury United Methodist Church.

Nancy Southerlin Lewis '73, December 3, Mauldin, S.C. She was a retired special education teacher for Greenville County Schools, having taught at Bryson Middle School and Carolina High School. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Christopher Jay Richards '73, November 1, Columbia, S.C. A talented musician, he worked as a guitarist, vocalist and music teacher and performed frequently in the Columbia area and throughout the Southeast.

Pamela Elaine Poetter '75, October 1, Savannah, Ga. She began her career in education in the admission and records office at the University of Tennessee-Nashville. From there she moved to the University of South Carolina and then Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she entered the field of writing, editing and print production. In 1988 she moved to Savannah and became the first director of publications and communications at Savannah College of Art and Design. She was founding editor of *The Georgia Guardian*, a weekly community newspaper published by SCAD which received the Georgia Press Association's highest award for general excellence. She was also a video producer and oversaw a weekly television program, SCAD-TV. Most recently she served as senior vice president for marketing and enrollment management at SCAD, initiating a number of new programs and advising the university's communications, public relations and recruiting efforts.

Michael Vernon Rice '75, November 18, Greenville. After graduating from Furman, he attended Northwestern University and as a graduate student sang with the Chicago Symphony Chorus. For 20 years he was a tenor soloist at Greenville's Westminster Presbyterian Church, and he was for many years accompanist for the Greenville Chorale and other performing groups. He dedicated three decades to the education of young singers as a voice teacher at the Fine Arts Center of Greenville County Schools. He also taught French in the Greenville gifted and talented program for two years, and was an accompanist and singer on various concert tours throughout Europe. He was first runner-up for the Greenville School District Teacher of the Year award in 2003-04 and was a participant in the 2000 International Course and Festival for Choral Conductors held in Bulgaria. He was a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing; Phi Sigma Iota, the national romance language honor society; and Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity.

Arenda Carter Bingham '76, April 4, 2011, Stafford, Va. She was a psychologist for Prince William County Schools for 25 years and was a member of the National Association of School Psychologists.

James Steven Deese '76, September 8, Pageland, S.C. Steve worked with Duke Energy as a computer system consultant for 35 years. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America and was a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

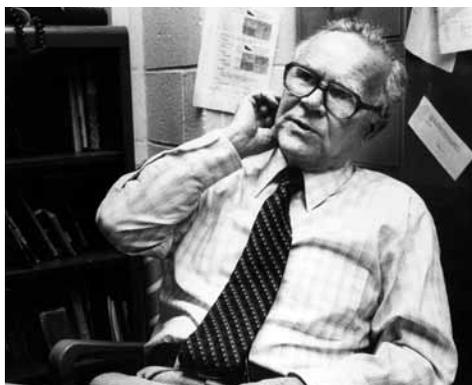
IN REMEMBRANCE: T.C. SMITH, BENNY REECE

THE SIGN ON T.C. SMITH'S office door read "Shalom, y'all."

To Peggy Haymes '82, this greeting represented "a succinct blend of his warmth and whimsy, acknowledging his knowledge of biblical languages and his Southern roots. It was a perfect greeting and benediction, conveying peace rooted in relationships."

Taylor Clarence Smith, religion professor at Furman from 1966 to 1980, died peacefully November 15 at the age of 96. Four days later, at a memorial service in Greenville, former university chaplain Jim Pitts shared Haymes' story, as well as those of many others who testified to Smith's keen intellect, sense of humor and gracious manner.

Smith held degrees from Louisiana College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and did additional study at Oxford University, Union Theological Seminary and Hebrew Union College. Before coming to Furman he taught at Southern Seminary, the University of Chicago, and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. He was a Navy chaplain during World War II and retired as a captain after 30 years in the Naval Reserve.



Furman was his last professional stop, but after he retired he maintained an active scholarly life. He was the author of 13 books and had another in progress, about religious themes in Shakespeare.

While Smith never wavered in his scholarly pursuits, Pitts pointed out that his friend didn't exactly embrace modern technology. "He insisted on typing on a standard upright typewriter," Pitts said. "He was not computer savvy, but he was accessible by phone, and I was always giving out his phone number to

people doing research or seeking academic guidance. Just a week before his death I connected him with a person doing research on the march on Selma during the national civil rights struggle." Smith was proud of his participation in the march.

Tony McDade '79 submitted this memory: "Who can forget the first time that you witnessed a T.C. Smith lecture in which he explained obscure allusions, from the Talmud to Shakespeare, while writing furiously across the chalkboard in Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic and occasionally — thank God — English? The sheer enormity of his intellect and the unfathomable depth of his devotion to social justice were indeed inspiration at its finest."

Pitts said he once told a group of young scholars that Smith, who was in the room, was such a fount of information that he was "faster and more accurate than Google." The crowd laughed with appreciation. After they left, Smith turned to Pitts and asked, "Who is this Google? Are you talking about Barney Google?"

A brilliant mind. A beacon of integrity. A model of wit and wisdom, courage and compassion. Such are the gifts T.C. Smith leaves his family, students and colleagues.

WHEN BENNY REECE retired in 1990 after 29 years as a Furman classics professor, the story was told that he preferred to teach upper-level classes in what was then the library's Bradshaw Room. He felt the atmosphere — classic books, leather-bound chairs, oak tables — was more conducive to the study of Latin than the sterile Furman Hall classrooms.

In this refined setting, Reece's students would often sit transfixed as he effortlessly and eloquently read the ancient texts from his own translations.

Reece, who died December 29 in Bay Minette, Ala., at the age of 81, was a graduate of Duke University, where he was an accomplished athlete (baseball and track). After earning his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina, he spent a year as a Fulbright Fellow in Germany and then taught at Mercer University before



coming to Furman in 1961. As department chair for many years, he helped build and expand the classics program.

Rex Crews '81, who teaches classics at UNC, wrote of his gratitude to Reece "for his unwavering support and confidence in me."

During his student days, Crews said, few students majored in classics, so many of his courses with Reece involved one-on-one instruction. "Dr. Reece's deportment, even in these situations, was quite formal," he said. "He always addressed me as Mr. Crews.

"When teaching, he wore a suit and tie and always displayed in his character what the Romans called *dignitas* and *gravitas*. A man of few words but by no means shy or retiring, he quietly but firmly demanded our best work at all times. In keeping with his dignity (and to our amusement), during class translation

periods, anything that was risqué was read aloud only in Latin!"

Crews added that "one of the things I found most interesting about Dr. Reece was his personality outside the classroom. He was a passionate collector of antiques and attended area flea markets and estate sales to add to his amazing collection. On these occasions, he dressed in a blue jean jacket and cowboy hat — a look quite at odds with his classroom persona, but one I found delightful."

Reece's interests extended to other areas, among them gun collecting, short-wave radio, and jazz. He also collected the English and American first editions of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's books, and he even spent a sabbatical studying the works of Charles Dickens.

In 1989 he published a book, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood Solved*, in which he applied his knowledge of mythology to suggest a solution to Dickens' final, unfinished work.

Clearly, Benny Reece was a man of gentility and refinement.

— STORIES BY JIM STEWART