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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 various 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 Elon College, and is already making major contributions to our efforts.

Leo, one half of an all-star Furman couple (his wife is Adelle Duffey ’03), describes his return to Furman as “an inspirational experience. In many ways it still feels like home. Home campus traditions have not changed, and the fountain is still crisp and clean.

“But there are new buildings, programs and, obvi- ously, 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.

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 pro- grams. The capstone event will be Friday, April 21, when we will announce the name of the “Sonic” for major donors at George W. Pavitt Pavilion.

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 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 able to cover the cost of the program.

The New Year is a great time to re-examine your giving plans and to support the special people who have made Furman a big part of your life.

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Constituent Relations staffers, from left: Tom Triplitt ’76, Arvy White, Judy Keeler ’03, Tina Hayes Ballew ’78, Nancy Liebezeit, Judy Wilson, Allison McCann Foy ’05, Theresa Cureton.