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WE'RE NOT SAYING GOODBYE, JUST SO LONG FOR NOW

AT THE SPRING MEETING

of the Alumni Association Board of Directors in early March, we said goodbye to our outgoing president of two years, Clare Folio Morris '83.

Clare was elevated to the presidency in 2009, a year early, after the unexpected death of Randy Blackwell '63. She stepped in at a difficult time and did an outstanding job. As part of her work, she served on the presidential search committee and spoke on behalf of the Alumni Association at President Smolla's inauguration last October.

Clare was already a member of the Alumni Board when I came to Furman in 2002. Her son, Roe, who graduated from Furman this year, was in middle school when she joined the board. Furman is indebted to her for her loyalty and extended service.

Although we will miss Clare's leadership, we should not miss a beat as we welcome Chris Brown '89 as the new Alumni Association president. Chris is a real estate attorney in Greenville and is well known on campus for his tireless work with the Sigma Chi fraternity.

The board also elected two other members to its executive committee: Leslie Smith '91 as president-elect and Rebecca Armacost '89 as vice president.

Leslie lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and works for RailAmerica, a short-line railroad company. She is originally from New Jersey and came to Furman to play on the golf team. She reconnected with the university a few years back when she attended



an alumni retreat sponsored by the Lilly Center for Vocational Reflection.

Rebecca has been on the Alumni Board since 2006 and received the Alumni Service Award in 2005. She works for World Vision, a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization that helps children, families and communities overcome poverty and injustice. She is preparing to move to Florida from southern California. We're glad she's coming back to this side of the Mississippi.

In addition, the board bid farewell to five members who completed their five-year terms: Yates Johnson '59, Joe Moon '76, Ellison Smith '89, Cindy Black Sparks '80 and Bill Turrentine '64. They were presented a gift in appreciation for their work on behalf of alma mater.

We accept nominations for the Alumni Board throughout the year. If you know someone who would be a good board member, please send the name and supporting information to tom.triplitt@furman.edu.

YOU MAY THINK that I work only with alumni, but I'd like to give a shout-out to some of our best volunteers: Furman parents. We have amazing support from parents and grandparents, a number of whom are, not surprisingly, alumni. In addition to their financial support for the university, they are especially helpful in the admission process by hosting events and being great ambassadors for Furman.

We hope all alumni will consider themselves ambassadors for Furman. We had an excellent applicant pool this year, but Furman could still use your help. Take every chance you can to tell college-bound students and their parents about the university, and consider becoming a part of the Furman Admission

Network (FAN), a volunteer group that works closely with the university to locate and recruit strong prospective students.

I did five FAN interviews this spring and enjoyed it immensely. I met some amazing young people and got to "sell" Furman to them.

REUNION UPDATES: It's never too early to begin planning for Homecoming 2011, scheduled for October 21–23. The opponent for the football game will be Southern Conference foe Samford, a school that is quickly becoming a formidable rival. We will have special reunion events for classes ending in 1 and 6, and of course there'll be plenty of fun for folks of all class years.

While you're here, take advantage of the wonders of downtown Greenville. If you haven't been to the area in a while, you won't believe how downtown has evolved. And for cycling enthusiasts, Greenville is becoming quite the destination, so call the Alumni Office to learn about the city's cycling routes.

On a separate note, the 17th Furman Singers Reunion is set for June 17–19 under the direction of Bing Vick and Hugh Floyd, the past and current conductors. Rehearsals will begin Friday night, and the weekend will culminate in a Sunday morning performance at Greenville's First Baptist Church.

Registrations are being accepted through May 31. Visit <http://alumni.furman.edu> to learn more.

— TOM TRIPLITT

The author, a 1976 graduate, is director of the Alumni Association.

CLASS NOTES, SPRING 2011

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Joe Roberts, former assistant to the president at Furman, was named the Slew Hester Male Player of the Year by the United States Tennis Association Southern Region, which covers a nine-state area. Joe won a Division II national championship and three Southern championships in 2010 while competing in the 80s division.

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Ginger Kelley McKenzie, associate professor of education at Xavier University in Ohio, is a member of the American Montessori Society Board of Directors. She served on the Xavier Faculty Committee from 2007 to 2010 and was co-chair during 2009-10.

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Claude W. Hicks, Jr., has retired after 24 years as the first United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, which covers 70 of the state's 159 counties. He lives in Macon.

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Fran Ligler is completing a two-year term as chair of the bioengineering section of the National Academy of Engineering. She is the Navy's senior scientist for biosensors and biomaterials at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Former Furman president **David Shi** spent the spring as a Resident Associate Fellow at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, N.C., where he worked on a forthcoming book about alienation in modern American culture. The National Humanities Center, which hosts 35 Fellows from around the world each year, is a private, non-profit institution for advanced study in the humanities.

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Bruce Kleinschmidt has begun formation for the Catholic priesthood from the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. He will begin graduate studies in theology in January at the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Franklin, Wis., and upon ordination plans to serve as a priest in Fort Worth.

Jan Little received the Bonnie Hufford Award from the Tennessee Scholastic Press Association as the 2010-11 Media Adviser of the Year. Jan teaches AP English language and sponsors the newspaper and literary magazine at Brentwood High School in Nashville. She is a member of Sigma Delta Chi/Society of Professional Journalists and The Atlanta Press Club.

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T. Bart Gary of Marietta, Ga., an attorney with Freeman Mathis & Gary, has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 in the field of construction law. He was also recently listed in *Georgia Super Lawyers*®, published by *Law & Politics* and *Atlanta Magazine*.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

David LaVance of Raleigh, N.C., has been named to the board of directors of Integrated Environmental Technologies, Ltd. He is chair of the board and CEO of Scivanta Medical Corporation, a medical device company.

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David Branch, associate dean of the Darden College of Education at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., has been inducted into the York County (S.C.) Sports Hall of Fame. David was a track and cross country star at York High School and at Furman, where he is also a former health and exercise science professor.

Thomas Stephenson has been named provost (chief academic officer) of Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, effective July 1. Tom, the James H. Hammons Professor of Chemistry, has been on the faculty of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Swarthmore since 1985.

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Michael Guest was nominated by President Obama in February to serve a four-year term on the National Security Education Board. The NSEB oversees the National Security Education Program, which administers grants and supports efforts to encourage international studies. Michael is an independent consultant, working in an advisory capacity to the Council for Global Equality and to Deloitte Consulting LLP. He was a Foreign Service officer for 26 years before retiring in December 2007.

Mark Weston, a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, recently returned to the States from a nine-month deployment to Islamabad, Pakistan, where he worked at the U.S. Embassy for the Office of the Defense Representative Pakistan. He is currently working with the Reserve in the Washington, D.C., area as an emergency preparedness liaison officer for inter-agency coordination in support of the Defense Support to Civil Authorities mission. He has also returned to his civilian job as a pilot for a major airline.

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Sharon Crawley Bramlett, an attorney with the McNair Law Firm in Columbia, S.C., has been reappointed chair of the Council of Advisors on Consumer Credit. The council provides advice to the administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs and promotes compliance with the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code.

George Singleton received the 2011 Hillsdale Award for Fiction from the Fellowship of Southern Writers during the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Arts & Education Council's Conference on Southern Literature in April. George has published four collections of short stories, two novels and a book of writing advice. He teaches at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities in Greenville. Georgia state senator **Cecil Staton**, a Macon resident, received the Georgia Hospital Association's Legislator of the Year Award in February for his efforts to improve trauma care in the state.

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Mel Daniel recently joined Homeowners Mortgage in Greenville as a mortgage consultant.

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MARRIAGE: Vin Rampey and Jada Rebekah Owen, March 7, 2010. Vin is a first officer on the Delta Air Lines MD-88/90 aircraft. They live in Atlanta.

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Scott Donald has moved to Austin, Texas, where he is on the piano faculty at Orpheus Academy of Music. He made his debut at New York's Carnegie Hall last October.

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Jeffrey Phillips of Wilmington, N.C., won the 2010 Ockham President's Award for outstanding service. He recently became senior project manager for Ockham's international operations, with a primary focus on the company's oncology research division. Ockham is a global contract research organization and functional service provider.

2010–11 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clare Folio Morris '83, president; J. Chris Brown '89, president-elect; Harriet Arnold Wilburn '74, past president; Rebecca Ann Armacost '89; Lynn Neely Bailey '78; N. Staten Bitting, Jr. '75; Frank W. Blackwell '90; Sidney R. Bland '59; Mary Lou Walch Cagle '69; Tricia Morgan Carswell '82; Paul D. Goebel '63; Michael L. Guynn '91; Shannon Scruby Henderson '75; Gail Laible Hughes '83; L. Yates Johnson, Jr. '59; Gwinn Earle Kneeland '89; C. Todd Malo '95; James N. Martin '79; Herman A. Matherson, Jr. '79; Andrew C. Medlyn '97; Matthew A. Miller '99; Joseph C. Moon, Jr. '76; William P. Morrow, Jr. '54; Emmett L. Patrick '56; Scott W. Raeber '92; Gordon D. Seay '61; Ellison L. Smith '89; Leslie L. Smith '91; Cynthia Black Sparks '80; Connie Gartrell Williams '74.

Ex-Officio and Other Members: Rodney Smolla, president; Michael Gatchell '91, vice president for development; Tom Triplitt '76, director of Alumni Association; Tina Hayes Ballew '78, associate director of Alumni Association; Cal Hurst '04, president, Young Alumni Council; Kyle Volkmann '11, president, Student Alumni Council; Patrick Wallace '11, president, Student Government Association; Shannon Cantwell '11, president, Senior Class.

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Thomas Kelley III was deployed to Afghanistan from March to September of 2010 as the science and technology advisor to Combined Joint Task Force Paladin. He returned to the States as director of external programs for the U.S. Army's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Management Office at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. If his request for voluntary retirement is approved, he plans to retire from the Army in December after 21 years.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Greg Hill of Nashville, Tenn., who most recently served as general manager and partner of Greg Hill Management/Red Light Management, has joined McGhee Entertainment as president. The company manages a host of music industry performers. Greg received Furman's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010.

Hunter Spotts has been named assistant medical director of Patient First-Perry Hall in Baltimore, Md.

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Garland Pierce, who has been associate general secretary of education and leadership ministries for the National Council of Churches, recently joined the staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, as senior assistant to the general secretary. He is a Ph.D. student at Claremont (Calif.) University.

Scott Raeber, a member of Furman's Alumni Association Board of Directors, has joined the brokerage services team of Thornton Oliver Keller Commercial Real Estate in Boise, Idaho. He most recently was project manager and director of sales with Brighton Corporation.

Letitia Hamilton Verdin, a former family court judge and prosecutor, has been elected to the Circuit Court bench

for Greenville and Pickens counties. She has served on the United Way's Young Philanthropist board, the board of Safe Harbor, the Youth Councils of Greenville and Greenwood, and the Greenville County Community Domestic Violence Council.

John Wilsey will join the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Forth Worth, Texas, in August as assistant professor of history and Christian apologetics.

BIRTH: **Jason** and Angelica **Underwood**, a daughter, Gabriella, February 1. They live in Fort Mill, S.C.

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Lisa Camps O'Shields has been promoted to director of tax with Cox Enterprises in Atlanta, where she has worked since 1998.

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BIRTH: Michael and **Denise Ransom Grabowski**, a son, Michael Edward, March 31, 2010. They live in Savannah, Ga. Denise has established Symbioscity, an urban planning firm that focuses on working with cities, neighborhoods, organizations and companies to implement a more sustainable future. She is also chair of the board of the Georgia chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

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David Feild of NAI Earle Furman in Greenville was recognized by the Greater Greenville Association of Realtors as 2010 Commercial Realtor of the Year. He heads the Greater Greenville Association of Realtors Steering Committee.

Karen Stanley, a certified public accountant in Raleigh, N.C., has become a partner with the audit practice of Langdon & Company, LLP. Karen serves on the Not-for-Profit Committee of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants.

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Edie Johnson presented the Posey and Jean Belcher Organ Recital at Furman January 27. She is the organist and music associate at Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., and is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Tennessee.

Tony and **Trina Rossman Smith** have moved to Savannah, Ga., where he is proprietor of Bonefish Grill. Trina received her Master of Library and Information Studies degree in 2010 from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and now works at South University.

BIRTHS: Kevin and **Leslie Fisher Bley**, twin sons, Ethan George and Ezra Fisher, October 20. They live in St. Louis, Mo., where Leslie is a licensed professional counselor.

Philip and **Paula Baxter Johnson**, a daughter, Sarah Jane, November 18, Birmingham, Ala.

Steven and **Paige Sutton Smith**, a son, Gray Sutton Smith, December 28, Greenville.

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Jeff Bollerman of New York City has joined the Second Advisory Group of Houlihan Lokey, an international investment bank. Jeff previously worked for SecondMarket, where he led the firm's private partnership business. His article "Rumble in the Jungle," about his participation in the World Elephant Polo Championships, appeared in the spring 2009 edition of this magazine.

BIRTHS: Scott and **Emily Slayton Fritz**, a son, Timothy Robert, October 20, Blacksburg, Va.

Brian and **Sharon Sikorski Sofield**, a son, Lucas Aidan, December 7. They live in Mauldin, S.C.

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Reggie Corley, a shareholder in Rogers Townsend & Thomas in Columbia, has been recognized as one of South Carolina's "Emerging Legal Leaders" by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly*. The magazine selected 10 attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and to their communities. Reggie is operations attorney for Rogers Townsend & Thomas' default services department. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar's House of Delegates and past president of the Lexington County Bar Association.

BIRTH: David and **Elizabeth Bell Boyd**, a daughter, Isabel Holland, March 28, 2010. Elizabeth is the head of Upper School at Charleston Collegiate School on Johns Island, S.C.

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David Ibsen of Charlotte, N.C., is a consultant for Patton McDowell & Associates, a firm that offers philanthropic counsel and organizational strategy to non-profit organizations in the Southeast.

Scott '97 and **Jennifer Moseley Saunders** have opened a Great Clips hair salon franchise in Greenville. They own two other Great Clips salons in upstate South Carolina and are planning to open three more.

MARRIAGE: **Shannon Farida Smoak** and Andrew Jacobs Dunn, February 19. She is employed by the Richland County (S.C.) Register of Deeds and he by AllSouth Federal Credit Union. They live in Lexington.

BIRTHS: **Greg** and Virginie **Gimenez**, a son, Elijah, December 22, 2009. Greg received his law degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in December 2010. Ben and **Margaret Slowikowski Smith**, a son, Thadeaus Cleveland, November 15. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Ben is an emergency medicine physician.

Win and **Stephanie McClelland Walstad**, twin daughters, Caroline Wilkes and Katherine Sibley, June 19, 2010. They live in Santa Barbara, Calif.

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MARRIAGES: **Emily Roberts** and Jeff Wilson, May 22, 2010. They live in Washington, D.C.

Tracy Towle and Jeff Humphrey, November 20. They live in Miami Beach, Fla.

BIRTHS: **Mark** and Carmela **Batluck**, a daughter, Chloe Ailsa, November 12, Mohrsville, Pa.

Thomas and **Amy Stout Cullen**, a son, Richard Gray, September 20. They live in Roanoke, Va., where Thomas is deputy criminal chief in the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Mark and Amanda **Gomsak**, a son, Jonas Conrad, July 30, Louisville, Ky.

Michael '95 and **Christine Powell Kellett**, a daughter, Marian Lyre, December 2. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Alana Biggers was scheduled to graduate from the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Medicine in May with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Richard Venton Bridges III of Fort Mill, S.C., recently earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Winthrop University.

David Koysza has been made a member of Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham law firm in Greenville. He practices business litigation and commercial bankruptcy.

Edward Waller is company commander of the 1221st Engineer Clearance Company currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

BIRTHS: **Heyward** and **Whitney Goodwin Bouknight**, a daughter, Ellsworth "Ellie" Julianne, December 9. Heyward is an attorney at Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, N.C.

THE MEASURE OF A MENTOR



I JUST WANTED TO THANK you for including the article on Lt. Gen. John Mulholland in the winter *Furman* magazine. John is most definitely a larger-than-life guy and a leader we all have to thank for our ongoing success against those who would do the world harm.

I also wanted to comment that, even though John says he was a "square peg in a round

hole" at Furman, he is definitely a "square peg in a square hole" in the Army — and we even used that term back then in Furman ROTC. I was part of a small but lucky group of military cadets within John's Ranger Battalion my freshman year (1977–78). We were amazed at his having already completed Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger schools.

I didn't realize it at the time, but looking back I believe I learned more from John that year about being a leader, being persistent, being committed, and doing the honorable thing than I have from any other person or organization since. I am now a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, and I still frequently think back to that year with gratitude and appreciation. In fact, from that small group came one general and three colonels, maybe more. Not a bad measure of a mentor.

Furman has a strong history of great officers coming out of its Army ROTC program, and I hope the university continues to support it. There are many ways to learn and serve, and the military continues to lead the way with great examples like Lt. Gen. John Mulholland.

— COL. CHRIS LAUCHNER '81
U.S. Army Reserve, Wrightstown, Pa.

GOOD ISSUE

I AM A 1984 FURMAN GRADUATE and just read the winter *Furman* magazine cover to cover. Every article was so fascinating and informative. I work at an elementary school and we are working on our magazine now, so I know how much work goes into writing, proofing and finishing a magazine.

Thank you for your outstanding work. The magazine makes me an even prouder FU alum.

— JULIE KRUG DILWORTH '84
Nashville, Tenn.

Andreas and **Emily Wilson Lawrenz**, a son, Henry Gabriel, May 12, 2010, Munich, Germany.

Jason and **Sarah Lyman Mobraten**, a son, Silas James, July 11, Maiden, Mass.

Greg and **Cameron Millsaps Patton**, a daughter, Flannery Kate, January 25. They live in Travelers Rest, S.C.

Trey and **Jennie Tootle Sharp**, a daughter, Madeline Sophia, September 12. They live in Duluth, Ga. Trey is a computer programmer, and Jennie teaches first grade at Parsons Elementary School.

Chandler and **Sara Norman Todd**, a son, Caleb Norman Todd, July 8, Greenwood, S.C.

02

Michael Green of Morgan Hill, Calif., has accepted a position in finance with Apple Computers.

Leslie Leung is associate manager of program planning at Carnegie Hall in New York City. She was previously artist manager at Schmidt Artists International. She is pursuing a certificate in arts administration from New York University's School of Continuing Professional Studies.

MARRIAGES: Scott Blount and Alexandra Witzenberger, May 29, 2010. Scott works for Lancaster Pollard & Co., an investment and mortgage bank servicing the senior living and non-profit hospital sector. They live in Austin, Texas.

Maria Croley and James Thomas Madden, Jr., December 18. They live in Smyrna, Ga. Maria is scheduled to graduate in July from Kennesaw State University's Master in Educational Leadership program, with a concentration in technology.

BIRTHS: Tim '01 and **Lauren Killey Briles**, a daughter, Emma Kate, February 11, Greenville.

Jeff and **Joy Hansberger Clarke**, a daughter, Haley Victoria, March 2, 2010, St. Louis, Mo. Joy works part time as grants manager at Mission St. Louis.

Beau and **Hilary Eldred Seagraves**, a daughter, Abbott Elizabeth, February 10, Athens, Ga. Hilary is a nuclear pharmacist with Triad Isotopes, and Beau is assistant director for student conduct at the University of Georgia.

03

Monica Bell joined the staff of the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia last September as an Arthur Liman Fellow. The fellowship program supports graduates of Yale University Law School interested in spending a year working on public interest legal issues. Monica is focusing on policy advocacy and law reform.

Jennifer Self earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Washington State University and is now completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salem, Va., specializing in the treatment of trauma-related disorders.

MARRIAGES: Matt Davidson '04 and **Natalie The**, December 11. Matt is a professional golfer competing on the Nationwide Tour. Natalie recently completed a doctoral degree in public health at the University of North Carolina.

Justin Fincher and Maricruz Rahaman, October 2. They live in Tallahassee, Fla., where Justin is pursuing a Ph.D. in computational biology at Florida State University.

BIRTHS: Leo and **Adelaide Duffey Fackler**, a son, Davis, March 8, Greenville. **Chris '04** and **Casey Hannifin Field**, a daughter, Marion Wright Field, December 1, Knoxville, Tenn.

Kyle and **Amanda Royal Snipes**, a son, Hudson Campbell Snipes, September 21, Greenville. Amanda is an occupational therapist with Stepping Stones Therapeutics, LLC.

Tom '01 and **Leslie Duesenberg Wyatt**, a son, Hayden Grice, February 25, Aiken, S.C.

04

Eric Cain has become program director for the Lilly Center for Vocational Reflection at Furman. He has been a pastoral resident at Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta and has worked with the Lilly Center's Summer Connections program for entering freshmen.

Eric and **Kristen Mullins '06 Devine** live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Eric is underwriting manager for the New York and Boston regions of an environmental insurance firm, and Kristen is a senior account executive with a fashion company.

Leslie Harrell Tumlin was chosen the 2010–11 Warren T. Jackson Elementary School Teacher of the Year and Elementary Teacher of the Year for Atlanta Public Schools. A fourth-grade teacher, she is pursuing a master's degree in reading, language arts and literature, with an ESOL endorsement, at Georgia State University.

MARRIAGES: Christina Barger and Brian Hurst, August 7. They live in Birmingham, Ala. Christina is assistant director of the genetic counseling training program at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and Brian is an attorney.

Stephanie Nielsen and Anthony Dowell, October 9. Both earned Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from Mercer University and work as pharmacists for Walgreens. They live in Atlanta.

Courtney Schinke and John Cashman, October 2. Courtney is an assistant editor at Harvard Business Review Press. They live in Somerville, Mass.

BIRTHS: Sean and Lindsey **Atkinson**, twin daughters, Margaret Jane and Eloise Elizabeth, February 20. Sean completed his Ph.D. in music theory from Florida State University and is now an assistant professor of music at the University of Texas-Arlington.

Hagan and **Dana Pope Jordan**, a son, Luke Preston, February 24, 2010. They live in Suwanee, Ga., where Hagan is a territory manager for EndoChoice, Inc.

05

Alice Martin Barbour of Charlotte, N.C., recently earned a Master of Education degree from Winthrop University.

Kristi L. Engelman received her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina and is now a postdoctoral research assistant at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Bernadette Allegood Skodack graduated from Eastern Michigan University in December with her second bachelor's degree in music therapy. She is a board-certified music therapist and is establishing a music therapy program at the Eisenhower Center, a residential facility in Ann Arbor, Mich., for individuals who have suffered traumatic brain injury.

MARRIAGES: Brian Bratton and Ashley Brooke Shockley, January 15. She is employed by Redemption World Outreach Center in Greenville. Brian is a wide receiver for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

Erin McCormick and Jeremy D. Tindle, January 15. They live in Fountain Inn, S.C. Jeremy works at C&S Wholesale and is a sergeant with the Army National Guard.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

MARRIAGES: Katherine Hutchinson and Benjamin Ross McCollum, November 13. They live in Columbia, S.C.

Walker Simmons and Katie Dellecker, April 10, 2010. They live in Dallas, Texas.



Chad Bennett (second from left) with members of the Furman-L.A. network, from left: Elise Lineberger '10, Briana DaMota '10, Katy Wynn '09, Andrea Holt '09 and Reid Gormly '04.

BENNETT ESTABLISHES FURMAN-TO-L.A. PIPELINE

AFTER GRADUATING FROM FURMAN

In 2003, Chad Bennett took his degree in communication studies, packed his car, left his hometown of Charleston, S.C., and drove across the country to Los Angeles to enter one of the fiercest job markets in the world. He knew one person in the City of Angels: his sister.

"I set out on that journey not knowing where it would lead me," says Bennett. "But when you leave Furman you have no doubt that you will get a great job and be successful. I left with the confidence that I was armed to do anything."

As a student Bennett worked for two years in Furman's career services office, where he says he learned firsthand the value of networking in landing a job. So he applied the skills he'd acquired to his L.A. job search and soon was hired for a position with Reveille, a production and development company responsible for such television shows as "The Office," "The Biggest Loser" and "Ugly Betty."

He has since risen steadily in the company hierarchy. Today he is Reveille's vice president of brand development, overseeing the merchandising, licensing and development for its reality shows. Among other areas, he manages "The Biggest Loser's" eight-figure, multi-platform health and lifestyle brand.

And he has used his influence to create a Furman-Reveille pipeline.

"I wasn't aware of a big Furman network out in L.A., so I wanted to open up that industry for our community," he says. "I knew Furman students would be hard-working, smart and professional, and when

I got my job it made sense for me to see how we could establish an internship program at Reveille."

Working primarily with Susan Zeiger, internship director at Furman, Bennett has helped place 10 Furman students in internships with Reveille, including three this summer. Three of the interns have gone on to take full-time positions with the company. "Out of the many interns that we have all year long," Bennett says, "the ones who have gotten hired are those from Furman."

Which speaks well for Furman students, since the entertainment business is highly competitive. John Barker, director of career services, says, "There are so many people that want to get into that field that employers know they can be selective and will use their internship program to identify candidates for their full-time, permanent positions."

Furman has publicly recognized Bennett's efforts. During Homecoming last fall, the university presented him the Wayne and Rubye Reid Award for his contributions to the career development of students.

But as Bennett says, the students aren't the only ones who benefit from the internships. "Internship programs offset a company's workload and also groom people to become employees as the company grows. The students get the experience, but it also benefits the company. It's a win-win."

Take Briana DaMota '10, who was offered a full-time job after interning at Reveille for just seven weeks. She is currently executive assistant to the managing director of domestic television and digital.

She says she'd wanted to work in the entertainment industry since high school, but she didn't expect her plan to become a reality so quickly. "I came to L.A. to go to graduate school at the University of Southern California, but working at Reveille gave me the opportunity to live out my dreams immediately," she says.

Then there's Katy Wynn '09, who interned and then worked full time at Reveille before landing her current "dream job" as production coordinator for Conan O'Brien's talk show on TBS. "I'm so thankful for my time at Reveille," she says. "It gave me a foundational knowledge of the entertainment world and helped me build the skill set I needed to succeed in late night TV."

For DaMota, Wynn and others from Furman, these opportunities came about because Chad Bennett understood the value of on-the-job training for students and opened the door for them to demonstrate their abilities. As he wrote in *Furman* magazine in 2004, "You can trust the Furman network to help you pursue the career and life that you have always dreamed of."

— KATIE LEVANS

Adapted from an article in Volume 7, No. 1, of Engage magazine, a publication of the Office of Admission. The author, a 2007 graduate, is studying for a master's degree in human nutrition at Winthrop University. Read her blog, www.sweettaterblog.com.

LOVEL EMBRACES CNN TRIATHLON CHALLENGE

WHEN NINA BARNETT LOVEL '74 decided to apply for the CNN 2011 Fit Nation Triathlon Challenge, she wrote the program's producers and said, "I'm just a plain ol' baby-boomer, circa 1952, 'raised-right,' nurtured in the genteel South, loved and educated by fabulous parents who taught me to cross my legs at the ankles, chew with my mouth closed, and keep my elbows off the table."

She followed that descriptive, light-hearted note with an audition video, in which she informed the world that "Fifty-eight is the new twenty-eight, so we better get busy."

No doubt her sense of humor helped draw the attention of the folks at CNN, who called her December 24 to say she was one of six people nationwide to be selected for the challenge.

Today she's in the midst of a six-month training regimen that will culminate August 7 at the New York City Triathlon, where she and her fellow trainees will swim 1,500 meters in the Hudson River, bike about 25 miles along Manhattan's West Side Highway, and finish with a 10K run through Central Park. All recorded, of course, for posterity.

And she's rarin' to go. "The goal is to set examples for viewers around the world that normal, everyday people are capable of adopting a healthy lifestyle, getting in shape and accomplishing goals," she says. "I want to prove that my generation can get off the couch, move around and feel better."

Lovel, who lives in Rome, Ga., coordinates research and information management at Georgia Northwestern Technical College. She's also the senior member of the "Six-Pack," as she and her fellow triathletes have been dubbed.

They will compete in New York alongside Sanjay Gupta, chief medical correspondent for CNN and host of "Medical News." Lovel is also working with Frances Largeman-Roth, a dietitian and senior nutrition editor for *Health Magazine*, and Laura Cozik, athletic director of the Fit Nation Triathlon Challenge.

CNN provides each participant with a six-month gym membership, bicycle, uniforms, wet suits, and expenses during the New York event. While they train, they're taping and blogging about their efforts, and making

occasional appearances on the network to discuss their progress. They've also come together twice for five-day boot camps.

Lovel, who majored in biology at Furman, is not entering the challenge off a sedentary lifestyle. She is a longtime recreational swimmer and an avid kayaker, and last summer she ran her first 5K race. She has since run four more.

But she believes the Triathlon Challenge will propel her to a new level of fitness. "I consider myself just plain lucky to be chosen," she says. "I hope to set an example for others, gain self accomplishment, and be healthier than ever."

"My children are very proud already. I have a two-year-old granddaughter, and I hope when she gets older, she will be proud of me too."

Visit www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/fit.nation to keep up with Lovel's progress.

Adapted from an article provided by Georgia Northwestern Technical College. Photos by John Nowak/CNN.



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Monica Handa graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law and passed the Virginia Bar exam. She is an attorney, specializing in litigation, with Patrick Henry LLP in Fairfax, Va.

Helene Herbert completed a master's degree in oboe performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She is currently enrolled in a double master's program at the university, working toward a master's degree in arts administration and a Master of Business Administration degree.

Jessica Taylor of Arlington, Va., has been named editor of the *National Journal's* "House Race Hotline," a comprehensive summary of news, polls and political data on all 435 Congressional races. She also writes a twice-monthly House-related column for *National Journal Daily*. She was previously an assistant editor at POLITICO. Jessica returned to Furman in March to participate in a Riley Institute program on "Politics and Media: Politicking in the Age of Instant News."

Rachel Whitten is a recruiting coordinator with A Christian Ministry, a Denver, Colo.-based organization. She previously was associated with Young Life, was a case manager with the Coalition for the Homeless in the Denver area, and worked at Hope House, a residential facility for teenage moms.

MARRIAGE: **Stefani Coleman** and **Sequan Griffin**, September 9. They live in Bristol, Tenn., where Stefani works in asset management with Touchstone Wireless. Sequan works at Exide Technologies and is training to enlist in the Army.

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Erin Cain of New York City serves as production assistant with Peacock Productions at NBC Universal, Inc.

Scott Shuford, who led the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry at Furman since 2008, recently became the Greenville area coordinator for the organization.

BIRTH: Tracey and **Ryan Glenn** (M.A.), a son, Jackson Ryan, August 19, Pickens, S.C.

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In June, **Christopher Becker** will enter the Bank of America Global Commercial Banking Program in Atlanta as an analyst.

Alexa Harrison received her master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism last August. She most recently worked in Los Angeles for *Variety*, the entertainment industry trade publication.

Paige Marie Taylor received her master's degree in education from Vanderbilt University in December.

MARRIAGES: **John William Castleberry** and **Emily Harby**, August 7. They live in Cumming, Ga.

Sarah McCord and **Colin Andrew Murch** '08, December 18. Colin is a U.S. Army officer.

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Stephanie Smith is teaching and working for Joy to the World Ministries in Dzuwa, Malawi, Africa, through August. She chronicles her work at <http://stephaniesmith1168.blogspot.com>.

DEATHS

Lucius Delk '31, December 18, Greenville. He was a manager in the textile industry, and after retiring from textiles was administrator at First Presbyterian Church in Danville, Va., for 16 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel.

William Burns Renfrow '33, December 12, Oberlin, Ohio. After earning his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Duke University, he taught at Florida State for a short time before becoming a researcher at the United Gas Improvement Company in Philadelphia, Pa. A year of postdoctoral work in organic chemistry took him to the University of Minnesota in 1940, and in 1941 he began teaching at Occidental College near Los Angeles. He joined the faculty at Oberlin College in 1944 and remained there until he retired in 1978. He continued to do research and served several terms on the Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society. He was also an avid tennis player.

L. Berry Woods, Sr. '34, January 12, Fountain Inn, S.C. He owned and operated Berry Woods Ford from 1956 to 1981.

Lucille Lancaster Branscom '37, January 24, Spartanburg, S.C. She was a retired registered nurse and was active in the Wildwood Garden Club and in service to cancer patients.

Dorothy C. Kelly Collier '37, December 29, Richmond, Ky. She was active in her church and an avid bridge player.

John Randolph Bettis '38, February 1, Orangeburg, S.C. He began his career with the Charleston (S.C.) Water Works before being called to active duty with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was involved in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach and

in the Battle of the Bulge. After the war he returned to Charleston Water Works and remained there for 45 years, retiring as general manager and chief engineer. He was national director of the American Water Works Association and president of its Southeastern section. The organization presented him its highest honors, the Fuller Award and the Wiedeman Award. He was also director of the Water Pollution Control Board and president of the state association. A member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Charleston for 45 years, he received the Paul Harris Award from the Charleston Rotary Club.

Elizabeth Thomason Culbertson '38, February 18, Greenville. She was a teacher in Greenville County schools for 35 years and was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa teacher sorority.

Sarah Frances Terry Waldrep '38, February 14, Laurens, S.C.

Bertha Louise Smith Cain '39, January 12, Mount Pleasant, S.C. She taught at Berkeley High School, where she and her husband coached a state champion girls' basketball team. She also taught and was librarian at Moultrie High School and then at Wando High. She co-authored a history of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and was the church's librarian. A watercolorist, she was a member of the Sea Gull Gallery.

Virginia Roper Fomby '39, December 26, Orangeburg, S.C. She was a teacher and was active in community organizations, including the Orangeburg Assembly.

Wilborn Burriss Rucker '39, November 14, Fayetteville, Ga. He was a World War II veteran in the Army Air Corps in England. He was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration for 39 years and retired in 1980 as chief of the Airway Facilities Division of the Southern Region.

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Lorrayne Inabinet Burlington '40, November 30, Orangeburg, S.C. She was an elementary school teacher and a member of the Alpha Kappa Delta teacher sorority.

John P. Mull, Jr. '41, February 12, Phoenix, Ariz. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941 and by the end of World War II was a captain and executive officer of the 48th Troop Carrier Squadron, 313th Troop Carrier Group. He remained in the Reserve until 1958. In 1946 he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation, rising first to head the Top 10 desk, then becoming the strategic air commander of the Alaska office. He worked with the FBI branch in Phoenix from 1965 to 1969, when he retired.

Robert Ernst Poerschke '41, December 3, Concord, N.C. A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary, he was a Navy chaplain attached to the U.S. Marine Corps during the occupation of China at the close of World War II. Afterward he spent a year as director of religious activities at Furman and then served churches in North Carolina, Florida and Alabama. In 1966 he joined the faculty at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina, where he was professor of Christian education until his retirement in 1990. He and his wife, **Katherine Kendrick** '45 **Poerschke**, established a fund at Southern Seminary in the 1970s in memory of their parents. In 2001, in memory of Katherine, Bob transferred the Kendrick-Poerschke Memorial Fund to Furman to support the religion department.

Robert Edward Proctor '42, February 14, Mount Pleasant, S.C. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942, completed flight training and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1943. He was deployed to England from 1943 to late 1944, flying 201 combat hours and 52 missions. Honorably discharged in 1945, he remained in the Air Force Reserve until

1953, at which time he returned to active duty as a flight instructor in Florida and an operations officer in Korea. He then returned to the States and was a photo intelligence officer in Texas and California. Other duty assignments took him to North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, and his last assignment was as a facility and missile systems officer with Titan II missiles at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. He received many military honors, among them the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star. After retiring in 1978 as a lieutenant colonel, he became a woodcarver and artist, with many of his graphite drawings and paintings appearing in gallery showings. He was a member of the Antique Auto Club of Cape Canaveral and was a lifetime member of Masonic Lodge #111 in Rock Hill, S.C.

Genevieve Taylor Poe '43, January 15, Greenwood, S.C. She served on numerous boards and committees in her church and was a member of the Ivey Garden Club and the McKissick Study Club.

Betty Cline Devon '44, January 10, Greenville. She worked for many years as a laboratory technologist and supervisor at several Atlanta area hospitals. After Congress passed the Hill-Burton Act to improve hospitals, she traveled around Georgia in the 1950s to help train personnel and establish labs in rural hospitals. In 1963 the Georgia Society of Medical Technologists named her Medical Technologist of the Year. She was an educational coordinator for Scientific Products Corp., and in 1978 she founded NOVED, Inc., to provide medical technology seminars and conferences in the Atlanta area.

Coley Livingston Leopard '44, January 11, Anderson, S.C. He was a retired Baptist minister as well as former administrator to the Ministries of the Elderly, a division of

the Georgia Baptist Convention. He held pastorates in South Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia.

Robert Sydney Cooper '45, December 31, Spartanburg, S.C. Active in ministry for more than 70 years, he was pastor of churches in Kentucky, South Carolina and Washington, D.C. He was pastor of First Baptist Church of Laurens, S.C., for 27 years and was named pastor emeritus. After his retirement, he served several churches as interim pastor and became the chaplain at Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center in Laurens.

Nelson Lee Phillips '45, February 18, Pelion, S.C. He spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, then graduated from John Marshall School of Law in Atlanta. After spending 20 years as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he retired and became head of the criminal justice department at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, S.C. He was active in his community and was Worshipful Master of Sinclair Lodge 154 and Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star-New Brookland. He was a member of Masons, Shriners, the South Carolina Military History Club, and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Eleanor Sue Barton Allen '46, March 1, Greenville. She was a community volunteer and an active bridge player.

Anne McDowell Black '46, December 8, Luray, Va. After two years at Furman, she enlisted in the Army and served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. After completing military service she joined the staff of Page Memorial Hospital, where she was head housekeeper for 25 years. She went on to open Anne's Treasure Chest, a second-hand clothing store for children.

Charles Marvin Hendricks, Jr. '46, February 21, Alpharetta, Ga. He graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1948 and was a member of the U.S. Navy Medical Corps from

Edward B. Simpson '39, December 11, 2009, Hendersonville, N.C. He served with the Air Force in the Pacific Theatre during World War II and retired from Mobil Oil Corporation in 1977.

Geraldine Walden Bishop

Zimmerman '39, January 21, Inman, S.C. She was a first grade teacher at Inman Elementary School, retiring in 1980 after 25 years of teaching. She was active with the Inman Junior Women's Club and the Inman Better Homes and Garden Club, which she served as president.

1948 to 1954. Afterward he was a resident in internal medicine at the Veteran's Hospital and was an assistant in medicine at Tulane University's Charity Hospital in New Orleans. He established a private practice in internal medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before accepting a position as staff physician at the V.A. Medical Center in Dublin, Ga. He remained there for more than 20 years and was chief of the medical service from 1965 to 1983. He earned board certification as a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine and as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Eleanor Owens Roper '46, January 18, Easley, S.C. She taught in Easley/Pickens County schools and was a PTA life member.

Edward Sanders '46 (M.A. '50), December 26, Charlotte, N.C. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II before returning to Furman to complete his undergraduate and graduate degrees. A lifelong educator and advocate for human rights, he began his career at Central High School in 1951. He taught history and served as athletic director before becoming the school's principal, and he was instrumental in the successful desegregation of the school. He opened Garinger High School in 1959 and served as its principal until 1971. In 1974 he played a major part in the successful execution of court-mandated busing requirements. He went on to serve as area superintendent for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system and as superintendent of the Darlington (S.C.) school system.

Eloise Crenshaw Trammell '46, January 25, Greenville. She was a retired accountant and had been a partner with her husband in J.H. Trammell Real Estate Company.

Clara Roselle Dill '47, December 18, Greenville. She was a retired librarian.

Lawrence Clifton Dillard '47, December 13, and **Ruth Pettigrew Dillard** '47, March 10, Easley, S.C. They were married for 62 years. Lawrence was in the U.S.

Army during World War II and took part in the Battle of the Bulge. At the end of his military service he returned to Furman to complete his degree. He then sold real estate for the Furman Company for 14 years and taught science at J.L. Mann High School for 20 years. Ruth was a longtime church nursery worker.

Martha Louise Smith '47, February 19, Belhaven, N.C. After teaching elementary school for five years, she became a missionary to India in 1952 and remained there for 25 years. She later worked in Durbin, South Africa, before retiring in 1992.

Grace Clain Dougherty '48, December 11, Washington, Pa. She was a registered nurse at Hunterdon Developmental Center in Clinton, N.J., retiring in 1992. She was a member of the Columbia Presbyterian Nursing Alumni Association.

Paul Clifton Greer, Jr. '48, December 10, Brevard, N.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a retired certified public accountant, having served Furman for 41 years.

Calvin S. Staggs '48, January 12, Campobello, S.C. He was retired from Springs Industries.

Bettijo Cox Bowe '49, January 20, Lehigh Acres, Fla. She was a teacher and served in the ministry for more than 50 years.

June Norton Chavers '49, December 5, Savannah, Ga. She was an avid gardener and accomplished seamstress.

William R. Gaul '49, February 9, Lyman, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then worked for Lowenstein Corporation until his retirement in 1986.

Robert Wynn Putman '49, January 29, Houston, Texas. A U.S. Army veteran, he worked as a mechanical engineer and was retired from Brown & Root.

Bruce Wilton Stroupe '49, February 12, Spartanburg, S.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was retired from Milliken & Company as director of recruiting.



CHOICE McCOIN, LONGTIME EDITOR OF CLASS NOTES

WHEN CHOICE McCOIN '57 died February 15, longtime readers of Furman publications lost a valued friend.

For 30 years Choice oversaw the class notes section in both *Furman* magazine and *Furman Reports*, a quarterly tabloid published for 25 years. As we wrote in early 2000 when she decided to retire from her Furman duties, "Many would view the position of class notes editor as more a chore than a job, considering the number of items that must be processed, reviewed and edited. But Choice's sense of responsibility, conscientious attention to detail and determination to get the facts straight prove that she views class notes not as a laborious task, but as a labor of love."

Upon her retirement, the Alumni Association recognized her years of service with a gift and luncheon.

In addition to her work with class notes, in the early 1970s Choice filled in for a time as editor of *Furman Reports*. She also established the university's Gilpatrick History Prize in honor of two legendary professors, Delbert and Meta Eppler Gilpatrick. The award goes annually to a woman for outstanding work in history.

Choice earned her Furman degree in history and held a master's degree from Emory University. She taught English and social studies at Hughes Junior High in Greenville and at Greenville Technical Education Center.

Known for her civic-mindedness, she was the first woman to head the Greenville County Historical Association, serving twice as the group's president, and was the author of *Greenville County: A Pictorial History*, published in 1983. Active in Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, she was also involved with the Little Theatre, Civic Ballet and the Thursday Study Club, and was the founder of the McCoin Book Club.

Gracious, courteous and thoughtful, Choice was a true lady. She gave generously of her time, talent and resources to the university she loved, and she will be remembered for her good humor, professionalism and sincere concern for others.

— JIM STEWART

BEHLKE WAS POUNDERS' LEADER

AT HIS FUNERAL MARCH 21 IN GREENVILLE, Marvin Behlke '61 was remembered as a wonderful family man, strong leader, caring role model, and loyal supporter of Furman football.

Behlke, who died of cancer March 18, was also credited with being the primary force behind the establishment of the "Purple Pounders" Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a Paladin football player chosen as the outstanding scout team player of the previous season.

The term "Purple Pounders" came from the 1955–57 teams coached by Homer Hobbs, a demanding taskmaster whose aspirations for the football program didn't exactly mesh with the realities of a small liberal arts college. During the Hobbs Era, Furman was 6–24 against a brutal schedule that included such teams as Army, Auburn, Florida State and West Virginia, plus annual battles with Clemson and South Carolina.

Despite — or because of — the team's struggles, the players developed a close bond. "Purple Pounders" originally referred to the scout team, whose job was to run the opposition's schemes in practice each week and get "pounded" by the first team. Eventually, a Pounder became anyone who played at Furman under Hobbs.

In the late 1990s the Pounders began holding reunions, and soon they decided to do something to ensure they would not be forgotten. Thanks in large part to Behlke's leadership, they raised funds to establish the scholarship. The endowment value has now surpassed \$270,000.

To recognize Behlke's efforts, the university issued a proclamation March 14 stating that, henceforth, "The Purple Pounders Endowed Scholarship will be awarded in honor of Marvin R. Behlke, Sr." Several of Behlke's teammates were on hand to present the citation to him.

Behlke, who was co-captain of the 1960 squad, went on to a long career with the Social Security Administration. After retiring in 1996, he worked as a realtor.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Barr Cave Behlke '59, two children, six grandchildren, and a sister. Memorials: the Purple Pounders Scholarship at Furman, or McCall Hospice House, 1836 W. Georgia Road, Simpsonville, S.C. 29680.



Wilton Maurice Evans '50, December 31, Easley, S.C. He was a psychologist in the U.S. Army, after which he was the general manager for several country clubs in the Carolinas.

William Thurlow Gregory III '50, January 25, Manning, S.C. A real estate developer, he was president of Palmetto Dunes Development, the original developer of Palmetto Dunes on Hilton Head Island, S.C. He also developed Reflections Subdivision in Columbia, S.C., and contracted with the owners to develop Stoney Point Golf Course and Subdivision on Lake Greenwood. In 1992 he contracted to develop Wyboo Plantation and Golf Course on Lake Marion.

Nancy Worrell Hicks '50, December 26, Cary, N.C. She was an assistant vice president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association and also worked in the legal and real estate fields.

Clyde Talley Porter '51, February 20, Greenville. He taught in the Pickens County (S.C.) schools and was active in his church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mary Rector Crowder '52, December 25, Millen, Ga.

Sylvester James Hendrix '52, December 23, Pleasant Grove, Ala. He was a Flying Tiger with the U.S. Air Force during World War II, then was briefly associated with the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball organization before entering Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1947. He was a minister for 60 years and was among the first Southern Baptist ministers to desegregate his church. For his contributions to racial conciliation, he was awarded a key to the city of Fairfield, Ala. At the time of his death he was pastor emeritus of South Park Baptist Church.

Burke Alvah Lee '52, January 22, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army, after which he worked as an agent with State Farm Insurance for 55 years.

Barbara Ann Langford Hayes '53, February 17, Columbia, S.C. She taught school for 33 years, first at Hand Junior High School and then at Crayton Middle School, where she was Teacher of the Year twice. After retiring she volunteered with a host of community, church and service groups. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Alpha chapter) and the Eau Claire Music Club.

William Robert Hudgens '53, December 5, Spartanburg. A U.S. Navy veteran, he graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1957, then served his internship at the University of Virginia and his residency at MUSC. He was a pediatrician with Pediatric Associates for 41 years.

Anne Price Blakely '54, February 11, Greenville. She taught French and history, most recently at Greer (S.C.) High School. She was an organist and an avid bridge player and gardener.

Charles Henry Rabon '54, February 8, Kershaw, S.C. He was ordained into the ministry in 1954 and served Baptist churches in Indiana and the Carolinas. In 1972 he joined the South Carolina Baptist Convention as the first director of the Pastoral Ministries Office, a position he held until 1994. He also served the denomination as president of the Pastors Conference, moderator for several state associations, and member of the General Board and Nominating Committee. He was a trustee of Bethea Baptist Home, a member of the Advisory Council of North Greenville College, and a board member of the Alumni Association of Gardner-Webb University. In his later years he assisted Connie Maxwell Children's Home as ambassador and fundraiser. In 1981 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Charleston Southern University, and in October 2009 he was named to the Gallery of Distinguished Alumni of Gardner-Webb.

Virginia Anne Rivers Wood '55, December 23, Dawn, Mo. She was a former teacher.

Sidney Broadus Cooper, Jr., M.A. '57, January 8, Columbia, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II before becoming a teacher, principal and district administrator in Anderson County, S.C. His career in education spanned 39 years, 27 of which were with the State Department of Education.

Eddy B. de Armas '59, January 24, Travelers Rest, S.C. He became a citizen of the United States in 1969 and worked for the U.S. Postal Service, from which he retired.

William Thomas Fowler '59, October 10, Raleigh, N.C. He worked in security for the North Carolina state government.

Wylie Ronald Harbin '60, March 11, Greenville. He served in the South Carolina National Guard in the 1960s and worked in sales in the electrical business. He was also active with the Buddy Howard and Rodney Howard racing teams and for several years was the pace car driver at Greenville-Pickens Speedway.

Frank D. Hunt, Jr. '60, January 21, Greenville. He was formerly with Jacobs Engineering.

Charles F. Cobb '61, March 1, Spindale, N.C. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was

a minister and missionary for 55 years. He served churches in the Carolinas and in Ohio, where he also spent 12 years as a missionary and taught Bible classes at Boyce Bible School and in the Mansfield Prison. He retired to Rutherford County, N.C., in 2000, and was interim pastor of several churches and interim director of missions for the Sandy Run Baptist Association. He served in the South Carolina National Guard.

Gary A. Smoak '61, December 31, Columbia, S.C. He was a pastor of many Baptist churches in South Carolina. When not involved in full-time pastoral work, he was a county administrator in several counties in the Carolinas. He was active in

Rotary International for 20 years, serving as president of the Monroe, N.C., chapter in 1998. In the early 1990s he was appointed to the South Carolina Solid Waste Advisory Council, and he was active in the United Way and other civic organizations. In 2004, at the age of 65, he earned his doctorate from Erskine Theological Seminary.

Helen Elizabeth Pearl Summerlin Wilkins '62, January 28, Biloxi, Miss. She worked at the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce and at Keesler Air Force Base. She wrote for the *Air Force Times* and was a member of the Arlington Ladies at Arlington National Cemetery.

ONE TEACHER'S INFLUENCE: DOROTHY RICHEY

A few issues back we asked for your stories about your favorite Furman teachers, mentors and "heroes." This is the first of a series of articles we plan to run with this theme. If you have a similar story to share, please send it to jim.stewart@furman.edu.

SPEECH PROFESSOR DOROTHY RICHEY

was by far my most impressive influence at Furman in the 1950s.

She was a smallish, rather intense woman with wire-frame glasses perched on her nose. She had a patient, precise, rather formal speaking voice, with every word deliberately selected, and a half-pursed mouth that always seemed on the verge of primly stifled laughter. A cruelly twisted hand had ended her professional acting career.

As a first-semester freshman rat, I chose to avoid the maximum amount of sophomore hazing at the men's campus by spending as much time as possible across town at the Woman's College, especially in the evenings. Richey made this possible by casting me in the first play, giving me a juicy role with a comic drunk scene. She was later to warily entrust me with famous roles in works by Shakespeare, Wilde, O'Neill and Maxwell Anderson.

My competency for these parts came up short,

but she made sure those shortcomings were not due to lack of preparation. She re-taught me how to stand, to move, to speak, to think about what I was reciting. My career path wasn't going to be the theater — something about lack of talent and commitment, as I recall — but she gave me a delightful lifelong hobby and an appreciation for what makes good theater good and, infrequently, great.

When I hear my director daughter patiently explaining to her students or adult actors some bit of stage technique, I hear Richey's voice making the same point.

We were not close friends. There were no chatty conversations over coffee or visits to her home. The traditional professor/student gap was more difficult to bridge in those days, and I think her intrinsic formality would have precluded it, anyway. But she wrote me warm notes and gave me occasional liberties, like letting me nap on the faculty lounge sofa after I had been up all night producing *The Hornet* newspaper.

In my senior year, when I was no longer its editor, *The Hornet* ran an article essentially accusing her of being a member of (gasp) the American Civil



Liberties Union and choosing plays to fit a certain ideology, which was absurd and made her students very angry. Richey's ideology was excellence. She quite rightfully ignored the controversy, and I don't know whether anything came of it. I do know that she held the only doctorate in the speech department but was never its head during at least three changes. Whether or not the job was ever offered or refused I do not know.

She retired sometime in the early 1960s, moved to Florida and wrote an autobiography, *Twice Told Tales*. When I read it a few years ago, I was saddened that only about 10 dispassionate pages were devoted to her Furman years.

Dorothy Richey was one of the two or three non-family members in my life who gave me gifts that keep right on giving today and even into the next generation — gifts and lessons that have been passed on to people she never knew, like my director daughter.

— AL McNEELY

The author, a 1957 graduate, is a retired advertising executive living in Columbia, 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 on-line alumni registry (<http://alumni.furman.edu>) is included in class notes.

Clifford Guy Archibald, Jr. '63, January 16, Glendale, Ariz. After service in the U.S. Army he moved to Arizona, where he was an electrical contractor and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was an avid golfer and played in senior tournaments.

David Otis Tomlinson '64, January 10, Baltimore, Md. For 27 years he was a civilian professor of American literature at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He was also an ordained deacon in the Episcopal church.

William B. Foster, Sr., M.A. '65, December 24, Spartanburg, S.C. An Air Force veteran, he was attached to the airborne paratrooper units during World War II, participating in the D-Day invasion and also the invasion of southern France. Following the war he served as air base director of personnel and squadron commander, among other duties. He retired from the Air Force as a major in 1960 after 21 years of service. After

earning a degree in secondary education and a master's in public administration, he taught for 23 years in Spartanburg County.

Robert Cheatwood Fay '68, October 27, Marietta, Ga. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. After he returned to the States he began a teaching career at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta, where he remained for 40 years. A talented gymnast during his Furman days, he is credited with starting the HIES gymnastics team and helping to start the school's baseball program. He was also an accomplished magician.

Robert Henry Patterson '69, December 23, Chesapeake, Va. He was a Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent, working undercover for the Violent Crimes Squad while assigned to field offices in New Orleans, La., and Philadelphia, Pa. While working in Norfolk, Va., he was an investigator in the White Collar Crimes Program before assuming the

role of training coordinator, in which he established liaisons with local and state law enforcement partners. He retired in 2004.

Elizabeth Webster Frye, M.A. '70, January 13, Whispering Pines, N.C. In the early years of her career she taught English and history in public schools before becoming a counselor. She was part of the Moore County Interagency Council in the 1970s and chaired the Parent Education Committee. She was a longtime member of Beta Tau chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa education sorority and, as a member of the Scholarship Committee, was instrumental in initiating and sustaining the Beta Tau Scholarship and in developing mini-grants for members. She enjoyed a long association with the Sandhills Tennis Association, serving as president of the group and helping to organize the state Sandhills Junior Tournament. She was also a member of the State Ranking Committee for 16-year-olds.

Melvin Edward Calvert '71, December 12, Inman, S.C. He was a Methodist minister at churches throughout South Carolina. Prior to his ministerial service, he worked as an industrial engineer and served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army.

John Paul Brown, Jr. '72, February 3, Greenville.

Robert H. Bell '76, August 18, Mauldin, S.C.

John Cell '76, January 24, Columbia, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran, he performed with the Atlantic Fleet Band and the CinClantFlt Brass Quintet. He went on to play trombone with many different groups in the Columbia area. He was also a math expert and Portuguese interpreter.

James Robert Dunaway '77, February 5, Green Sea, S.C. He was director of bands at Woodruff (S.C.) High School from 1977 to 1987 and at Green Sea-Floyds High School and Middle School from 1988 to 2011. At Green Sea-Floyds High he was voted Teacher of the Year in 1997. He was a member of the South Carolina

Music Education Association, the South Carolina Band Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference and the American School Band Directors Association.

Walter Cottingham Henry, M.B.A. '77, November 8, Central, S.C.

Charles Marion Hanley '78, October 12, Anderson, S.C. He had worked for Owens Corning Fiberglass.

Joan Pecorale Schauder, M.A. '89, January 27, Taylors, S.C. She was a reading teacher at Camperdown Academy in Greenville, a reading specialist at Blythe Academy, and a special education resource teacher at Greer Middle School.

Daniel Paul Mimms '93, December 24, Seneca, S.C. He was president of Mimms Realty and Development and a member of the Tri-County Board of Realtors. He also served as president of Palmetto Partners and Palmetto Capital.

Angie Edwards Haver '95, January 29, Macon, Ga. A talented artist, she was the operations manager and interior designer at Market Square Shopping Center.

Jimmy Carnes, March 5, Gainesville, Fla. He coached track and field at Furman from 1962 to 1964 and went on to become an Olympic coach and the first executive director of what is now the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. In 1963 he led Furman to the Southern Conference indoor and outdoor championships. Following his tenure at Furman, he coached at Florida from 1964 to 1976. He was an assistant coach on the men's 1976 U.S. Olympic team and was named head coach of the 1980 team that boycotted the Moscow Olympics. He served on the board for International Special Olympics and was inducted into the USTFCCCA Hall of Fame in 1998 and the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2008. He was also a member of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame and the Georgia Hall of Fame. Since 2008 the USTFCCCA has presented the Jimmy Carnes Distinguished Service Award to individuals who have given extraordinary service to the association and the sport.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? SAFFELL'S SCENARIO HITS AIRWAVES

REALITY TELEVISION SHOWS often highlight the worst in human behavior, from screaming housewives to scheming D-list celebrities. But at least one show aims to catch people at their best, doing what's right by standing up for others.

ABC's "What Would You Do?" features actors playing out awkward or immoral situations while cameras record how unknowing bystanders respond. Will they intervene and stand up for what is right? Often they do.

The program, hosted by John Quiñones, recently held a contest inviting viewers to submit their ideas for a scenario to be presented on the show. Out of 12,000 entries, one of the five submissions chosen was that of Amy Saffell '04.

Saffell, who was born with spina bifida and has used a wheelchair her entire life, suggested a scenario in which a young woman in a wheelchair is harassed in a grocery store by a well-meaning but condescending fellow shopper. Such treatment is one of the many frustrations Saffell has encountered, but as a regular viewer of the show she says that the only episode she'd seen dealing with wheelchair issues was one about handicap parking.

"Not a week goes by when I don't experience someone thinking that I'm far less capable than I really am," Saffell wrote in a piece for ABC.com. She thought viewers should see how people in wheelchairs want — and do not want — to be treated, and thought a feature bringing those issues to light would be a great fit for "What Would You Do?"

ABC agreed. After receiving Saffell's submission in November, they called her in early February and invited her to New York for the taping of her segment, which aired February 22. Saffell and her mother enjoyed five days in the Big Apple, taking in Times Square, 5th Avenue, Tiffany's, "LIVE! With Regis and Kelly," and *Driving Miss Daisy* with Vanessa Redgrave and Morgan Freeman.

Saffell, a communication studies major at Furman, also spent time before and during the trip advising the producers of "What Would You Do?" on how her story should work. "They wanted a lot of specific input," she says. "They were careful to handle the situation with as much respect as possible. It was gratifying to know the issue was being taken seriously."



Amy Saffell (left) and actress Shannon DeVido share ideas in preparation for the shoot.

Saffell watched the filming of her story from a back room as an actress in a wheelchair was greeted cheerfully by another actress playing a naïve and over-zealous "Samaritan."

"What is your name?" the woman asked brightly. "How old are you?" Speaking as one would to a small child, the woman patted the wheelchair-bound actress' head, gushed over her, and insisted on pushing her wheelchair and carrying her groceries for her.

"This is stuff you've really heard?" an incredulous Quiñones asked Saffell.

Yes, it is. One incident Saffell recalls was a woman in an airport who insisted on pushing her to the restroom, yelling all the way for people to move, and then asking Saffell's mother once they were near the stall, "Aren't you going to help her?"

Saffell, who'll be 29 in June, says that people

often assume she is younger or less capable than she really is. But she says she faced few problems during her Furman years. As manager for the men's basketball team, she says she felt very much accepted, and recalls a time when the players were moving some equipment and asked her to carry three basketballs. Needing two hands to wheel her chair, it was difficult, but she did it, and was

glad that the players just assumed she could.

Many of the bystanders in the "What Would You Do?" segment made the same assumption, stepping in and telling the condescending woman to leave the actress portraying Saffell alone.

Responses to the show have been gratifying, Saffell says. People with disabilities have contacted her via Facebook, saying, "Thank you. This is my story too." Even the actress playing the harasser said she learned a lot from the episode.

Saffell hopes that the show will help increase the public's understanding of how individuals with disabilities can be capable and independent. She's a perfect example: She lives alone, drives her

own car, and works in sales and marketing for EMI, a Christian record label near Nashville, Tenn.

Saffell, who was Ms. Wheelchair Tennessee 2007, spends much of her free time volunteering with an organization for disabled youth, helping kids gain independence and self-confidence. But she is also changing perceptions "just by getting out there," she says.

"Whether it's advocacy work or going to the grocery or out to dinner, it's just showing people you can do all the day-to-day things everyone else can do," she says.

Visit <http://abcnews.go.com/WhatWouldYouDo> to see Saffell's story.

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