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2010–11 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.