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SMOLLA ERA OFF TO AUSPICIOUS START

HAVING JUST COMPLETED a rousing Inauguration Week at Furman October 17-24, beginning with a series of service projects among alumni throughout the Southeast and concluding with Homecoming Weekend, you'll forgive the staff of the Alumni Office if we join together for a collective sigh of relief.

But what a week it was! From the service weekend to the various activities surrounding the inauguration of Rod Smolla as Furman's 11th president (see page 2) and on to Homecoming, it was a period perhaps unsurpassed in university annals for sheer volume of activity and excitement.

What struck me most, though, was the way Furman people — faculty, staff, alumni, students — came together to pull off such an impressive array of projects, many of which had never been attempted before. Who would have believed what a great setting the main campus mall would be for the official installation? The good vibes generated that day and, indeed, throughout the week carried over into Homecoming, where once again the Furman faithful turned out to celebrate the past, marvel at the present and anticipate the possibilities to come.

Those of you who have met President Smolla and his wife, Michele, know that they have inviting personalities and a ton of positive energy, and that they have brought incredible style and enthusiasm to their demanding new jobs.

If the first few months of the Smolla Era are any indication, Furman's future is indeed bright.



RECENTLY I HEARD FROM MAC WALTERS '42, who was among the first people to move into The Woodlands at Furman continuing care retirement community. Located just a mile outside the campus off Old Roe Ford Road, The Woodlands, which has been open for a year and a half, has attracted a diverse population of individuals, many of whom, like Mac and his wife, Donna, have close ties to the university.

Mac practiced tax law for 50 years, including stints as the U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue and as an assistant attorney general. Since he's kept tabs on his new neighbors, we asked him to tell us about the variety of folks with Furman connections who now call The Woodlands home.

One is legendary Furman professor Charles Brewer, William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Psychology. While Brewer isn't ready to retire from teaching, he has already prepared for that eventuality with his new accommodations.

Helen and Moffett Kendrick are other early enrollees at The Woodlands. Moffett was vice president for development at Furman from 1967 to 1987, and Helen also worked at Furman in the audiovisuals department.

Among alumni living at The Woodlands is Ned Mabry '40, who had a distinguished 30-year military career during which he served under George Patton and was awarded the Legion of Merit. In the mid-1960s Ned commanded the largest expansion of the Army's officer candidate program since World War II.

After graduating from Furman in 1960, Martha Crawford Muncrief taught for a time in Atlanta. She went on to a career that took her to the Peace

Corps in Chile and ultimately to a Ph.D. in psychology from Ohio State University. She taught education and psychology at Oklahoma State University, Cornell and the University of Houston, from which she retired.

Chuck Evans '69 (M.A. '71), a longtime teacher in Greenville County schools, is another charter member. As a rabid fan of Furman athletics who is also involved in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a popular enrichment program for many area residents, Chuck especially enjoys The Woodlands' proximity to the campus.

What draws these and others to The Woodlands? In addition to the cultural, athletic and educational opportunities on campus, downtown Greenville, with its ever expanding attractions, is just a short drive away. Residents also have the opportunity to work with Furman students, many of whom volunteer at the retirement community or engage in research or internship opportunities there.

Moreover, The Woodlands offers a host of residential options. In addition to independent living, it provides long-term, customized care ranging from assisted living apartments and memory support to skilled nursing suites.

The Woodlands describes itself as "the retirement community of choice by nurturing a distinctive culture of enrichment for our residents."

To learn more, call (864) 371-3100 or visit www.thewoodlandsatfurman.org.

— TOM TRIPLITT

The author, a 1976 graduate, is director of the Alumni Association. Photo by Jonathan Andersen '09.

CLASS NOTES, FALL 2010

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Peggy Ellison Good was presented the 2010 Dan Foster Lifetime Achievement Award at the Hall of Fame Banquet of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club September 16. The award recognizes Greenville County residents who have made significant contributions to the community through volunteerism, teaching, athletics, the arts, coaching or mentoring. Peggy was recognized for her work in such areas as community improvement projects, education and the United Way.

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John Wood has been promoted to senior director of agency relations (law and regulatory affairs) with Ecolab Inc. of St. Paul, Minn., a global leader in cleaning, sanitizing, food safety, and infection control products and services. John is responsible for developing, maintaining and expanding key U.S. and Canada federal agency relationships in regard to regulatory policies, and assists in coordinating Ecolab's regulatory and legislative objectives. He is also Ecolab's representative on regulatory consortiums responding to agency-driven data call-ins, and leads various trade organization regulatory projects with respect to Canadian and U.S. regulatory agencies.

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Jim Howard, who coached high school football in Greenville County for more than 30 years, was honored in August as a role model and "Coach of Influence" by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jim now teaches elementary physical education in Henderson County, N.C.

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Tom Gais has been named director of the Rockefeller Institute of Government of the State University of New York

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Jeff Beggs has been appointed director of athletics for the Atlanta Public School System. This year he is also president of the Georgia Athletic Directors Association.

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Tim Hayes of Chester, N.J., senior vice president and region head for Bayer HealthCare's Consumer Care Division in North America, has been appointed to oversee the division's global business development efforts.

David A. Merline, Jr., a shareholder in the Greenville firm of Merline & Meacham, P.A., was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He practices in the areas of corporate law, employee benefits, mergers and acquisitions, tax law, and trusts and estates.

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Keith Lockhart has been named principal conductor of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Concert Orchestra. He made his debut with the group August 30 at London's Royal Albert Hall. The orchestra toured the United States this fall and performed in Furman's McAlister Auditorium November 13. Keith continues as conductor of the Boston Pops and is also artistic director of the Brevard (N.C.) Music Center Summer Institute and Festival.

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J. Carey Thompson has assumed duties as vice president for enrollment and communications and dean of admission at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. Carey is a former director of admission at Furman and was most recently vice president for enrollment and student planning services at Centre College in Kentucky.

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Robert Hill of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., president and chief executive officer of Acosta Sales & Marketing and a member of the Furman board of trustees, has been named to the *Supermarket News* Power 50 list, which recognizes the most influential executives and leaders in the supermarket industry.

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Michael Hurdle has been named a senior associate with the Bank of New York Mellon. He is also a pianist at Blakemore United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

David Ouzts has been appointed to the executive board of the Association of Anglican Musicians and chairs the Professional Concerns and Development Committee. He is sub-dean of the Memphis (Tenn.) chapter of the American Guild of Organists and serves on the LGBT Ministry Task Force for the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee.

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Jane Harris Downey of Columbia, S.C., was selected a 2010 SuperLawyer in the field of bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights. She was also selected by her peers as one of the "2010 Legal Elite" by *Greater Columbia Business Monthly*.

Kathleen Greer Rossmann, associate professor of economics and associate dean of first-year programs at Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama, was named interim provost of the school in August. She joined the BSC faculty in 1998.

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Dale Akins of Bluffton, S.C., has been given the prestigious AV® Preeminent™ rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the facilitator of a peer review rating process. The rating indicates that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence.

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Elizabeth Ouzts is working as an Oracle Business Intelligence functional analyst at Ingersoll Rand in Davidson, N.C.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2011

Randall David Cook of New York City was once again the writer for the annual Astaire Awards, which were presented in June in recognition of outstanding achievements in dance on Broadway and film. A member of the board of directors of the Japanese Exchange Teaching Alumni Association of New York, Randall was the keynote speaker for the third year in a row for new JET teachers as they prepared to embark for their year of work. As part of its national conference, the JET Alumni Association presented Randall's play "Sake With the Haiku Geisha" August 13 in Manhattan.

BIRTH: Benjamin and Kimberly **McDow**, a daughter, Mary Grey, June 26, Greenville.

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.

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Kara Stewart has become pastor of Living Christ Lutheran Church in Flagstaff, Ariz.

MARRIAGE: Monica Christine Rinkevich and Michael Eli Pathi, December 27. She owns a real estate investing firm, and Michael works for Microsoft. They live in Atlanta.

BIRTHS: Jeff and Melissa **Hammer**, a daughter, Sophia Caroline, August 17. They live in Simpsonville, S.C., where Jeff is a channel marketing manager for Servosity. Missy is a department assistant for the history and Asian Studies departments at Furman.

Stephen and **Heather VandeBrake '96 Hunt**, a son, Stephen III, July 7. They live in Monterey, Calif., where Stephen is attending Naval Postgraduate School in the field of operations research. Hadley and **Laurie Steitler Panzer**, a son, Ellison Walter Steitler Panzer, May 8, Asheville, N.C.

Ben and Stacie **Snyder**, a daughter, Brooklyn Avery, June 21. Stacie is a nurse at Spartanburg (S.C.) Regional Hospital, and Ben is an assistant professor of physical education at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

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MARRIAGE: Edward Riley and Emily Schankweiler, May 14. They live in Travelers Rest, S.C.

BIRTHS: Greg and **Kelly Riley Brooks**, a son, Riley Jackson, February 25. They live in Longmont, Colo.

Matt and Mari **Walker**, a son, Matthew, Jr., March 30. After 13 years with two certified public accountant firms, Matt has joined First Bank of Miami (Fla.) as senior vice president and controller.

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William Priestley is a graduate assistant in the athletics department at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., working as a broadcaster and technician. He is also studying for a master's degree in education.

Doug Reed has opened Electric City Eye Care in Anderson, S.C.

BIRTHS: Noel and **Caroline Dillard Brownlee**, a son, Benjamin Dillard Brownlee, October 23, 2009, Greenville. Caroline is an internist at Internal Medicine Associates.

Barton and Marcela **Jenkins**, a daughter, Courtney Anne, July 28. They live in Clover, S.C.

Jim and Amy **Pattillo**, a daughter, Abigail, May 14. Jim practices with the law firm of Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner in Birmingham, Ala. He has been named second vice chair of the Defense Research Institute Young Lawyers Committee and will serve as chair in 2012-13.

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BIRTHS: Thomas and Rosetta **Mowbray**, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, June 27, Greenville.

Jeff and Lauren **Youngs**, a daughter, Greyson Emery, August 27. Jeff is an operations manager for USIS, the leading provider of background investigations to the federal government. Lauren is a physical therapist with Amedisys. They live in Cumming, Ga.

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Aaron Merritt, a physical science teacher at Greenville High Academy, was one of 10 finalists for the 2010-11 Greenville County Teacher of the Year Award.

MARRIAGES: Heather Coffey and Christopher Farmer, July 3. They live in Leesburg, Va.

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Timothy Brown, drama teacher at Travelers Rest High School, was one of 10 finalists for the 2010-11 Greenville County Teacher of the Year Award.

Jason Hightower received the 2010 Reba Ferguson Memorial Rookie of the Year Award from the Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals. The award recognizes principals in their first three years of the profession who demonstrate strong leadership qualities. He is principal at Meeker Elementary School.

Helen Rice is an associate with the Alpharetta, Ga., law firm of Robinson & Miller, P.A. She practices estate planning, probate, guardianship, real estate, corporate governance and business law.

MARRIAGE: Ann Louise Eubanks and David William Schmitt, July 24. They live in St. Louis, Mo., where she is a physical therapist with Peg Therapies Inc. and he works at Monsanto World Headquarters.

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Jeffrey Wilhelm practices real estate law with the Pittsburgh, Pa., firm of Reed Smith.

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BIRTHS: Chris and **Angie Glotzbach Bryson**, a daughter, Lily Reagan, June 16, Charleston, S.C. Gregory and **Heidi Bullock Dickens**, a son, Parker Penn, June 26, Brevard, N.C.

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Vance Jenkins (M.A.) has been appointed to the English faculty at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville. He also teaches in the Undergraduate Evening Studies program at Furman. He has been admitted to the doctoral program at Drew University, where he will begin his studies in the summer of 2011.

Leigh Ann Williamson and Christopher Allan Oden, May 16. They live in Columbia, S.C., where she is employed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and he by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

BIRTH: Jamar and **Cameisha**

Merriweather Barnes, a son, Joel Elijah, June 20. They live in Lithonia, Ga.

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Tyler Thigpen of Cambridge, Mass., began the Mid-Career Master in Public Administration degree program in July at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Jordan Tidrick recently moved to Shenyang, China, where she teaches high school science at the Shenyang Pacific Academy. The academy is a new school for Chinese nationals seeking Western-style education in preparation for college in the United States, Canada and Europe.

MARRIAGE: **Ashley Wayne Lowder** and Maya Eva Lake, March 27. He is employed by Sunland Distribution and she is self-employed. They live in Greenville.

BIRTHS: Jeff and **Kate Hamner Elkins**, a son, Jude Benson, June 28, Atlanta.

Pete and Shana **King**, a daughter, Anna Marie, May 11, Alexandria, Va. Pete practices business law and estate planning, and Shana teaches in the Fairfax County Schools.

Matt '96 and **Jennifer Elliott Mathis**, a daughter, Ansley Cate, June 27. They live in Gaffney, S.C.

Will and **Reid Breckenridge '01**

Murphy, a daughter, Bennett Elizabeth, June 6, Greenville.

Robert and **Kimberly Craig Proctor**, a son, Levi Ellis Slate, March 16. Kimberly is director of admissions for the Clemson University MBA program.

Noel and Dayna **Schoonmaker**, a daughter, Nora Kate, July 20. They live in Valdese, N.C.

Michael and **Emily Smith White**, a son, Samuel Carlton, July 30, Durham, N.C.



JEREMY FLEMING

TOP HONORS FOR SUSAN SHI, JEANNE DAVIS

FURMAN SHOWED ITS APPRECIATION for Susan Thomson Shi, the university's First Lady from 1994 to 2010, by awarding her an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree during Opening Convocation September 2.

Shi (left in photo), who holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of North Carolina, was recognized for her superb work as an ambassador for Furman and for her extensive contributions to public education in the city and state. Having served on many boards and panels that have worked to improve and expand opportunities for the state's students, she is currently involved with the South Carolina Institute for Child Success, a collaborative effort among agencies, educational institutions and non-profit groups through which the physical, emotional and developmental needs of the state's young children will be addressed.

In addition, the university presented the Bell Tower Award to Jeanne Saunders Davis '56 of Lexington, N.C.,

for her commitment and devotion to alma mater. Described as "a role model for Furman volunteers," Davis is a member of the executive committee of the Advisory Council and a past member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She has been a class agent and a member of the Annual Giving Council, and she has been active in reunion planning, the Paladin Club and the Furman Admission Network.

The smiley-face stickers she and Shi wear are in tribute to Davis' late husband, Lonnie.

Furman also announced that during the summer it had awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Mamie Jolley Bruce of Greenville. She provided the founding gift for the Bridges to a Brighter Future program, which for almost 15 years has helped high school students from economically challenged backgrounds realize their dreams and pursue their personal and educational goals. (See page 26.) Bruce was not able to attend the convocation.

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Matthew Link of Richmond Hill, Ga., has joined the orthopaedic department at Fort Stewart Army Hospital.

Richard McAdams is a writer for The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

BIRTHS: Morgan and **Megan Palmer Camp**, a daughter, Grace Caroline, April 26. They have moved to Raleigh, N.C., where Morgan is a radiologist at Duke-Raleigh Hospital.

Erik '02 and **Heather Townes Madsen**, a daughter, Claire Frances, March 16. Erik recently completed the M.D./Ph.D. program at Washington University in St. Louis (Mo.), earning a Ph.D. in molecular cell biology. He has begun a residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Boston. Erik Ching and **Cathy Stevens**, a daughter, Halle Cathryn Mikel, February 3, Greenville. Erik is a history professor at Furman, where Cathy is coordinator of the Riley Institute's Center for Education Policy and Leadership.

Jonathan and **Katherine Hawkins Watts**, a daughter, Lydia, July 15, Dallas, Texas.

02

Rudy Currence of Rock Hill, S.C., a Disturbing Tha Peace Records artist, visited more than 40 colleges in 15 states during his 2010 spring college tour leading to the release of his album "Black Keys and Blue Skies." Visit www.rudycurrenceonline.com.

Kristin Guilliams has become chief resident of pediatric neurology at Washington University (St. Louis Children's Hospital) in Missouri.

Becky Simonds McSwain of Bradenton, Fla., has been named one of the top volunteers in the country by Northwestern Mutual for her dedication to Young Life of Manatee County. A \$10,000 grant was given to the organization on her behalf from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation



NEW CAREER PATH?

WHEN A FURMAN STUDY AWAY GROUP making a stop in Donegal, Ireland, came across this storefront this fall, they did a double take. Had the university's recently retired president decided to chuck his plans, move overseas and open a medical clinic, where he would dispense wisdom and engage patients in everything from acupuncture to massage? The notion seemed far-fetched, and yet the name was the same. Perhaps more telling, the building and sign were green — and wasn't Shi all about sustainability?

Upon further inspection, however, the group discovered that the clinic's proprietor had no Furman connection. And additional legwork on this side of the Atlantic uncovered a number of David Shi sightings, confirming that he has remained in the States to retool, write, and prepare to teach again.

as part of the company's Community Service Award program. She is a Northwestern representative with The Teague Financial Group.

April Neslund Mucci recently became program coordinator for Leadership Polk, a county-wide program in central Florida. She lives in Lakeland.

Josh Patterson received his Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of South Carolina in August.

His dissertation focused on the literacy learning experiences of boys in single-gender classrooms.

MARRIAGES: **Michelle Muro** and Andrew Heck, May 29. They live in Greenville.

Jennifer Willis and Jon Girard, April 17. They live in Alexandria, Va.

BIRTHS: David and **Erin Lyttle Do**, a daughter, Claire Elise, July 3. They live in Antioch, Tenn.

Brock and **Carace Parmley MacKay**, a son, Finley MacNeil, August 5, Fort Thomas, Ky. Brock is a landscape architect with Viox & Viox, Inc., and Carace is a pediatrician with Pediatric Associates of Northern Kentucky.

Doug and **Mary Teal Mitchell '07 O'Neal**, a daughter, Lucy Mae, March 11, Greenville.

Beau and **Hilary Eldred Seagraves**, a son, Robert "Burke" Seagraves III, August 6, 2009, Athens, Ga.

Matt '03 and **Molly Stokes Staab**, a daughter, Lillian Belle, November 20, 2009, Greenville.

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Mindy Jones has joined the National Council on Aging in Washington, D.C., as community and new media manager. NCOA is the leading non-profit services and advocacy organization for older Americans.

Holly Chudalski Sharp is direct ministry representative with Young Life in Greenville.

MARRIAGES: **Maggie Battcher** and Jason Hollis, June 5. They live in Roberta, Ga. Maggie is band director at Crawford County Middle and High School, and Jason is a LAN support specialist at the home office of Georgia Farm Bureau.

Kathryn Paige Harden and Elliot Max Tucker-Drob, June 19. They are assistant professors of psychology at the University of Texas.

Elizabeth Ashmore Snipes and Weston Bradley Rochester, May 22. They live in Springfield, Mo., where she is an assistant professor of art at Missouri State University and he is an attorney.

BIRTHS: **Jonathan** and **Kelley Fitzgerald Caskey**, twin sons, Rhys Fitzgerald and Owen William, February 12, Spartanburg, S.C.

Lloyd and **Emily Flores**, a daughter, Elyse Jensine, June 7. They live in Irmo, S.C.

David and Megan **Mathis**, twin sons, Coleman Richard and Carson Thomas, July 1, Minneapolis, Minn. David is a theological assistant to pastor-author John Piper.

Eugene and **Anne Marie Tominack '02 Sibal**, a daughter, Lennox Marie, February 5. Eugene is a dental student at the Medical University of South Carolina. Anne Marie is an attorney in the U.S. Air Force stationed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Russell and **Mary Beth Lemmons Young**, a daughter, Emary Claire, March 16, Greenville.

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Cameron Howard of Tampa, Fla., graduated from Nova Southeastern University in June with a certificate in endodontics and a master's degree in dental science. His wife, Haley, graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine-Georgia. Cameron has joined a group in the Tampa area, and Haley is pursuing a pediatrics internship at the University of South Florida.

Matt Lynn is Latin American project coordinator for BiblioWorks, an organization based in Asheville, N.C., that provides funding to equip and build rural libraries in Bolivia, train library workers and teachers, and promote literacy. Before joining BiblioWorks, Matt served in the Peace Corps for two years. Visit www.biblioworks.org.

Art work by **Nikki Pressley** is featured in the California Biennial exhibition, which runs through March 13 at the Orange County Museum of Art. Nikki is one of more than 40 artists and collaborative groups included in the exhibition, whose goal is to present new developments in contemporary art and showcase emerging artistic talent.

Lori Ann Forrest Ricklefs has graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. She is pursuing an internship at Charleston (W.Va.) Area Medical Center.

Franklin E. "Trey" Warren III has been promoted to vice president of Q10|Professional Mortgage Company.

He has been with the Greenville-based commercial mortgage banking firm for six years. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute and is active in the Upstate ULI Young Leaders group.

MARRIAGE: Mandy Atkinson and Gordon Stallard, April 3. They live in Simpsonville, S.C. She teaches French at Laurens District 55 High School.

BIRTH: Christopher and **Joyce Monforte Hollins**, a daughter, Meredith Joyce, February 11. They live in Franklin, Tenn.

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Caroline Bentley has been named assistant women's tennis coach at Furman.

A three-time all-Southern Conference selection in both singles and doubles during her undergraduate days, she recently earned an MBA degree from the University of Alabama, where she was a volunteer assistant coach. She has also been an assistant at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Justin William Cash earned a Master of Laws degree in taxation from American University's Washington College of Law.

Michelle Kannan has become manager of alumni relations at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va.

Kristin LaRoche has been named grants administrator in the Office of Sponsored Programs at Clemson University.

Jessica Hawley Sharp graduated from Converse College in July with a Master of Arts degree in teaching in early childhood education. She is interim director of the Child Development Center at the YWCA of Greenville.

MARRIAGES: Tina Denmark and Justin James Myers, August 21. They live in Prairie Village, Kan., where Tina is a healthcare information technology consultant and Justin is a chef for the Hyatt.

Jim Eubanks and **Komal Patel '06**, August 21. Jim, who was profiled in the spring 2009 issue of *Furman* magazine for his work as the youngest abbot of a Buddhist order, completed chiropractic study at Logan University in St. Louis, Mo., while earning a master's degree in sports science and rehabilitation and becoming a certified strength and conditioning specialist. He and Komal have moved to

ONE ALUM'S FURMAN HERO STORY

IN THE SUMMER ISSUE of *Furman* magazine, we asked you to send us your story (or stories) about your Furman hero — the professor, administrator or coach whose guidance, influence or counsel had a lasting impact on your life.

Among the earliest responses we received was one from John James, a retired Baptist minister and member of the Class of 1944. Now 87 years old, James, who lives in Charlottesville, Va., recalls a seminal moment from his senior year.

"The one person who actually changed my way of thinking was [sociology professor] Laura Ebaugh,"



he writes. "On one of her tests, she asked, 'Who are the Negroes?' Like a nut, I answered, "The Negroes were put on Earth to serve white people." When she returned the test to me, she scribbled on it something like, 'Where did you get this idea?' This began a remarkable change in my attitude toward African-Americans."

John James told his story in one short paragraph. Even after 66 years, he still remembers how one pointed question from Miss Ebaugh (photo) led him to rethink his attitudes and reconsider his opinions.

Isn't this a major aspect of what a liberal arts education is supposed to do — teach us to think

about, examine and re-examine ideas, however uncomfortable the process may be? To take what we learn and apply it in our daily lives?

These are the kinds of stories that we're continuing to collect. If you are willing to share your tale about the person (or persons) who set the standard for a Furman education in your mind — who inspired an "aha" moment in you — we'd like to hear about it.

Please send your story to jim.stewart@furman.edu, or mail it to Jim Stewart, Marketing and Public Relations, Furman University, Greenville, S.C. 29613. We plan to publish the stories in some form, either on-line or in the magazine.

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.

Charlotte, N.C., where he is an associate at Priester Chiropractic Clinic and director of the Bodymind Studies Institute, which is devoted to the study of human performance training in sports, business and healthcare. Komal earned a nursing degree from Barnes-Jewish School of Nursing and is a critical care nurse with the trauma unit of Carolinas Medical Center.

Betsy Fischer and Will Rayel, November 21, 2009. They live in Gaithersburg, Md.

Nathan Henry Thomas Patton and **Karen Louis Sandberg**, July 3. She received her master's degree in school psychology from the University of Georgia, where she is enrolled in the doctoral program. They live in New Rochelle, N.Y., where he teaches.

BIRTHS: **John** '03 and **Paula Bible Chesworth**, a son, Jack, July 22, Knoxville, Tenn.

Jason and **Abigail Landis** '04 **Kuder**, a son, Clayton Ware, May 18. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Rob and **Lauren Welch** '04 **Langley**, a daughter, Cameron Grace, June 17. They live in Dallas, Texas. Rob, who received his MBA with distinction from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, works for the Riverside Company. Lauren is a nurse.

Brent '04 and **Megan Robinson Lineberry**, a son, Elijah Grant, April 19, Atlanta.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2011

Hale Edwards (M.A.), a social studies teacher at Riverside Middle School, was one of 10 finalists for the 2010-11 Greenville County Teacher of the Year Award.

Dee Moss completed his MBA degree at Augusta (Ga.) State University and is employed by SunTrust Bank in Augusta.

Tony Neely is enrolled in the doctoral program in organic chemistry at the University of South Carolina, working

on the use of the tobacco mosaic virus as a bionanoparticle. His wife, **Lauren Mobley** '07 **Neely**, works at The Oaks in Orangeburg, a retirement community.

MARRIAGES: **Dana Boltuch** and Anthony Saxon, May 22. They live in Bear, Del. Dana is working on a Ph.D. in physics and astronomy at the University of Delaware, and Tony is a Linux administrator for TruPosition.

Jessalyn Davis and Craig Garvey, August 7. They live in New York City where she is an associate with the law firm of Latham & Watkins LLP.

Tessa Kay Jaeger and McNeill Palmer Kirkpatrick, June 19. They live in Nashville, Tenn. He is a neurology resident at Vanderbilt University and she is a middle school librarian in Robertson County.

Amanda Lea Owens and Jefferson Mitchell Duncan, July 24. She is a Spanish teacher at Wade Hampton High School in Greenville, and he is a social studies teacher at J.L. Mann Academy.

Claire Speer and Patrick Blake, July 24. Claire is a client partnership manager with Agile in Atlanta.

BIRTHS: Philip and **Lindsey Ross Stephens**, a son, Philip Avery, May 23. They live in Riverview, Fla.

Tom and **Lauren Ourt Wieme**, a daughter, Kristen Joy, July 3. They live in Augusta, Ga., where they work as physician assistants.

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Ian Duggan has graduated from law school at the University of South Carolina and was scheduled to be commissioned an officer in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps this fall.

Adam Dymond (M.A.) is now assistant principal for Rocky Creek Elementary School in Lexington, S.C.

MARRIAGES: **Phillip Braun** and **Laura Padfield**, June 26. Phillip is studying marriage and family therapy at Louisville

Presbyterian Theological Seminary and is scheduled to graduate in December. Laura is a study abroad advisor at the University of Kentucky.

Jackie Gehner and Kevin Stackpole, May 29. They live in Atlanta.

Laura Caitlin Godfrey and Michael Russell Morris, June 26. They live in Boston. She teaches voice lessons at Needham High School and also works as an office assistant at Revolution Partners/Morgan Keegan. Michael is the support manager for Roam Data, Inc.

Meredith Camby and Chris Hartman, July 3. They live in Clarksville, Tenn., where Chris is a captain in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Campbell.

Anne Rone and Eric Carl McGovern, April 3. They live in Columbia, S.C.

Paul Wisneski and **Devon Michael**, May 22. Devon is pursuing a teaching certificate for secondary English at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, and Paul is a service advisor for Stillman Volvo in West Chester.

BIRTH: **Mandrallius** '06 and **Parthenia Luke Robinson**, a daughter, Zoe Parthenia, July 4, Greenville.

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Joanna Hawley has earned a master's degree in wildlife and fisheries biology from Clemson University, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. with an emphasis in quantitative ecology.

Christina Henderson has enrolled in the master's degree program in public affairs at Princeton University. She previously worked for North Carolina senator Kay Hagan.

MARRIAGES: **Cameron Babbitt** and **Vaughn Layne**, August 7. They live in Morgantown, W.Va.

Christopher Jackman and **Lindsay Lark** '09, May 15. They live in Greenville.

Adam Sanders and **Dana Weidenfeller**, June 26. They live in Durham, N.C. Adam teaches social studies

at Chapel Hill High School and is pursuing his master's degree in counseling. Dana is a grant manager in the medical school at Duke University and is studying for an MBA through East Carolina University.

Jennifer Watson and Carter Barfield '07, June 26. Carter is a graduate assistant football coach at the University of Kentucky, and Jenny is an elementary school teacher. They live in Lexington.

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Matt DeLaney graduated from the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester in June with a Master of Science degree in finance.

Patrick Morgan, a graduate student at Appalachian State University and former middle-distance runner at Furman, won the Bluegrass 10K race held July 3 in Lexington, Ky.

MARRIAGES: **Claire Carlton** and Patrick Gibson, June 10. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where Claire works with Teach for America.

Kristen Confer and **Joseph Tenini**, May 22. They are graduate students at the University of Georgia in Athens, Kristen in the Master of Social Work program and Joe in the mathematics Ph.D. program.

Arthur Wesley Holtzclaw and **Deborah Roos**, August 7. They live in Charlottesville, Va.

Alexander Pinson and **Ellen Lightsey** '08, June 26. Ellen has completed a master's degree in international relations and religion at Boston University, where she received the prize for excellence in international relations. Alexander enrolled this fall at the Charleston (S.C.) School of Law.

SILENTLY THEY SHARE THE MUSIC OF LOVE

PRISCILLA SOFEY HARRIS IS A MUSICIAN.

She sings. She plays the clarinet. She directs the choir for 5-year-olds at First Baptist Church of Greenville, where she also coordinates the children's choir programs.

Music was one of her majors at Furman, from which she graduated in 1992.

Clearly, music has shaped her life, perhaps as profoundly as the fact that both of her parents are deaf. Her mother was born deaf, and her father lost his hearing at eight months during a bout with spinal meningitis and a 105-degree fever.

They've never been able to hear their daughter sing or play. And yet Billy and Suzanne Sofey always attended her performances.

"I try not to think too much about them not being able to hear me," Harris says. "They've always been so supportive."

Harris started playing the piano when she was in the first grade. She came home one day and there it was in the living room, a gift from her grandmother, a Cable upright, the same one Harris plays now.

When Harris practiced, her mother would stand beside her and rest her hand on the top to feel the vibration. "I get my musical ability from my mother," she says. "People think that's strange."

But her mother was a majorette at the Mississippi School for the Deaf, where her parents met, and can dance better than half of the hearing people Harris knows.

"She signs music beautifully," Harris says.



Her mother signed "The Lord's Prayer" at Harris' wedding, and through the sunroof of the church came a beam of light that fell right on her. "It was like God was sending sunrays to light her up like an angel," Harris says.

Her mother hadn't known whether she could do it on such an emotional day. But there she was, once again sharing music with her daughter.

Harris' father had a surprise of his own during the wedding festivities. At the rehearsal dinner, he played a tape of his daughter as a small child singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

"I didn't remember my dad had this," she says. "The fact he wanted to record me as a child and he couldn't even hear it was amazing to me."

She considers having deaf parents a blessing. They showed her people can overcome anything if they work at it. Once a fellow student expressed

surprise that Harris was not embarrassed by her parents, and Harris' grandmother said, "It's all in the way you perceive it."

Harris thought she wanted to teach, but not music — math, her other major at Furman. She taught for three years before realizing it wasn't right for her.

She and her husband, John Harris '91, a Furman math professor, have a daughter, Sophie, and a son, Will. She taught both children to sign as babies, long before they could talk. Will could sign 60 words on his first birthday.

"The brain is ready to communicate, but the vocal chords are not," she says.

Over time, Harris began serving as an interpreter for various organizations, Furman students, and patients in the Greenville Hospital System. Sometimes she signs for PTA meetings or parent conferences with the Greenville County Schools. "I feel good when I'm doing it, to give back and help people," she says. "Deaf people don't take that for granted."

And Harris doesn't take for granted the undying support her parents have offered her through the years. She holds onto something her mother is fond of saying: "One day when I'm in heaven, I'll be able to hear you."

— LYN RIDDLE

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MARRIAGE: Caroline Gustafson Davis and John Robert Albea, June 19. They live in Durham, N.C. Caroline attends the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, and John works in construction management.

DEATHS

Caroline Inman Crain '31, July 3, Hendersonville, N.C. She was a secretary for the March of Dimes and was pianist at Enoree Baptist Church for 48 years.

Bessie Margaret Barton McCarrell '32, June 19, Travelers Rest, S.C. She retired as a first grade teacher at Slater-Marietta Elementary School.

Nancy McCain Clarke '37, June 12, Louisville, Ky.

Betty Harris McGinnis '37, August 20, Greenville. She was active in church and community affairs, was a member of the Retired Officers Wives Club (military), and was on the board of the Sarah Gossett Nursing Home.

Evelyn Keith Rodgers Easterling '38, June 8, Greenville. She was a retired teacher with the Greenville County School District.

Lenora "Pug" Russell Curry '39, June 20, Anderson, S.C. She was a bookkeeper for Carolina Optical Supply.

Dorothy Barton Lyday '39, July 25, Bryson City, N.C. A teacher, she was a lifetime member of the Swain County Hospital Auxiliary and of the Bryson City Chapter of the American Association of University Women, and was a past board member of Marianna Black Library. During World War II she worked for the FBI.

Amelia Beason Woods '39, July 16, Greenville.

Harry P. Covington '40, July 1, Bennettsville, S.C. A retired farmer, he was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving on transport ships.

Benjamin Franklin Hawkins '41, July 4, Columbia, S.C. He was a Southern Baptist minister who served as pastor of Park Baptist Church in Rock Hill, S.C., from 1944 to 1958 and of Fairview Baptist Church in Greer, S.C., from 1958 to 1967. He was superintendent of missions in the Greenville Association and director of stewardship development and cooperative program promotion for the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. He was director of missions for the Palmetto and the Reedy River Baptist associations, a past president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and its Pastors Conference, and former vice president of the General Board. He was a trustee of North Greenville College, Connie Maxwell Children's Home and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also served as a chaplain to the South Carolina National Guard and was a member of the Masonic Order. Furman awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1983.

Lois Bolding McCrary '41, May 30, Asheville, N.C. She began her career as a home economics teacher in Liberty, S.C., and later was the manager and buyer for Bell's Gatehouse. She was active in civic causes and was a member of the Children's Welfare League.

Helen Miller Paul '41, June 1, Sullivans Island, S.C. She was a former Miss South Carolina and an avid tennis player. A longtime member of the Ladies Benevolent Society, she was active in civic and charitable causes.

Dorothy Brunson Green '42, July 15, Forney, Texas. She was a teacher and guidance counselor.

Mary Black Hill '45, July 19, Amelia Island, Fla. She had many artistic interests, including acting, painting and dance. After she moved to Atlanta in 1944 to work as a chemist for the U.S. Army and then for the Food and Drug Administration, she became an important part of the city's burgeoning dance scene as a teacher, as a performer with the Ruth Mitchell Dancers, and as a member of the Atlanta Arts Council. She retired from the stage in the mid-1960s but continued to teach ballet for another decade.

Sarah Lang Schober '45, March 1, Berlin, Vt. She was an elementary school librarian for 25 years in West Caldwell, N.J., before retiring to the family farm in Berlin. She was a volunteer with numerous organizations, including schools, church, League of Women Voters, New Jersey Education Association, American Association of University Women, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Berlin and Vermont historical societies.

Ellen Hodgens Bridges '46, June 7, Jacksonville, Fla. She was a teacher whose career began in New York City. She later spent 20 years in Augusta, Ga., where she taught first grade and was involved with the Harry Jacobs Chamber Music Society.

James Stuart Hepler '48, June 29, Bennettsville, S.C. His Furman studies were interrupted by World War II, when he entered the U.S. Army and served three years in the European theatre. After completing his undergraduate education he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. All of his pastorates were in South Carolina, ending at First Baptist Church of McColl, from which he retired in 1982. Thereafter he continued to work as an interim pastor.

Elsie "Jean" Martin Holland '48, August 26, Weddington, N.C. She was a teacher.

Thomas Clyde O'Donnell, Jr. '48, July 24, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 until the end of World War II and was a flight engineer on A-26s and B-17s. He went on to work for Liberty Life Insurance Company, retiring from its treasury department after 38 years.

Dorothy Mitchell Pittman '48, May 8, Pickens, S.C. She was retired from the Pickens County School District as a third grade teacher, spending most of her career at Ben Hagood Elementary. She was also a guidance counselor at three elementary schools. She was a member of YMCA Silver Sneakers, the Pickens County Historical Society, Upcountry Quilters Guild, and Quilters of South Carolina.

Frederica Keys Trovillion '48, August 26, Lakeland, Fla. In 1947 she and her husband, Frank, were two of five rehabilitated polio patients invited to participate in an International Conference on Polio. She was involved in many community projects, including serving on the boards of the Junior League of Greater Lakeland, VISTE and Lakeland Habitat for Humanity. She was a founding member of her church, where she played piano for the children's choir.

Harry Howell Clyborne, Sr. '49, August 15, Greenville. He was retired from Metromont Materials.

Margaret May Ferris '49, June 29, Palatka, Fla. She was an English teacher at Osceola Middle School for 32 years. She also taught in Denver, Colo., and in Palatka. A longtime volunteer with Meals on Wheels and at Munroe Regional Medical Center, she was a member of the Retired Teachers' Association and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Claude Daniel Finley, Jr. '49, June 2, Union, S.C. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He began his 40-year career with Arthur

State Bank in 1950 and retired as executive vice president. He served as treasurer of American Legion Post 22 for more than 50 years, was a former member of the Union Rotary Club, and was a former director and treasurer for the Union County United Way.

Eleanor “Peetsie” Rhame Gullede

‘49, August 22, Greenville. She was a charter member of the Furman Singers under the direction of her father, DuPre Rhame. She was an employee of Greenville Technical College and was a past president of the Greenville Dental Auxiliary. Her family designated the DuPre Rhame Voice Scholarship Fund at Furman as a memorial option.

Margaret Welch Mardre Brockman

‘50, June 11, Greenville. She was a substitute teacher for the Greenville County School District and later worked as an adjuster for Allstate Insurance Company. As a retiree she volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Greenville Free Medical Clinic, and for almost two decades she volunteered at Project Host Soup Kitchen.

Elizabeth Dobson Ellis ‘50, June 24, Greenville. She taught English for 28 years, 26 of them in Greenville County.

Frances Irene Nuite Lofton ‘50, June 18, Mount Pleasant, S.C. A teacher, writer, horticulturist and floral designer, she was owner of Lofton’s Landscape Nursery for 30 years. She was an award-winning member of the Poetry Society of South Carolina and frequently conducted poetry sessions during the annual Spoleto Festival in Charleston. She published three books of poetry and a children’s book, as well as a book about dealing with grief. In her later years she taught English as a Second Language to elderly students.

Philip Garvin Pou, Jr. ‘50, July 23, Saluda, S.C. He served on the Board of Regents of Liberty University and was employed by Ford Motor Company for

many years. Later he was a salesman for Beach Ford in Norfolk, Va. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Mary Lou Ellis Wilburn ‘50, August 3, Union, S.C. A retired educator and guidance counselor with the Union County School System, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Criterion Book Club, and Friends of the Library.

Louis Gardner Green ‘51, August 12, Greenville. After completing military service in Tokyo, Japan, he began his business career with Liberty Corporation in Greenville. He worked for Protective Life Corporation in Birmingham, Ala., and later moved to New Orleans, where he was a partner in an antique business and a member of the board of the New Orleans Symphony.

Hovie Dee Revis, Jr. ‘51, July 6, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army with the last horse-mounted cavalry of World War II, stationed in Italy. After attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary he was a Baptist minister for more than 60 years. He was a past president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and served on the Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Helen Jeffords Barham ‘52, August 1, West Columbia, S.C. After serving as a resident counselor at the University of Florida, she was a librarian and reading specialist in schools in Richland-Lexington (S.C.) District 5 and Richland District 1. She finished her professional career as the director of prevention for the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. In 1991 she received the South Carolina Association for Health Education Award. She also spearheaded the 1991 LRADAC Red Ribbon Campaign. After retirement she worked for several years with the adult literacy program in



MULHOLLAND: COMMITMENT KEY IN AFGHANISTAN

THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN is one of will and commitment, and the side with the greatest desire for victory will ultimately prevail.

That’s the blunt assessment of Lt. Gen. John F. Mulholland, Jr., a 1978 Furman graduate who serves as commander of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Under the auspices of the Riley Institute, Mulholland spoke October 11 before a packed crowd in Younts Conference Center.

“At the end of the day this will be about our will, our commitment as a military, and our commitment as a nation to give the Afghan people the peace they deserve,” said Mulholland. “No people, at least in the modern era, have suffered as much as they have.”

The country, he said, has been decimated by years of conflict and neglect, and its extreme weather conditions (bitter cold, frequent sandstorms) and geography (nearly impenetrable, mountainous terrain) make providing assistance difficult.

The Taliban, a radical Islamic group, took over Afghanistan in 1996 following a four-year civil war and began harboring terrorist groups, such as al Qaeda. In late 2001 NATO and U.S. forces quickly overran the Taliban after it refused to stop shielding al Qaeda members or to turn over Osama Bin Laden. Mulholland was involved in the 2001 action.

In recent years, however, with the United States increasingly focused on Iraq, the Taliban and al Qaeda have regained traction. “Afghanistan got off the radar screen,” said Mulholland. “Whether we lost an opportunity there will be debated for many years.”

Before assuming his current position, Mulholland, who received Furman’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009, was commanding general of Special Operations Command Central at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. He has served as chief of the Office of Military Cooperation at the American Embassy in Kuwait, and commanded the Joint Special Operations Task Force during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

— JOHN ROBERTS

Furman magazine plans a more expansive profile of Mulholland in a forthcoming issue.

Columbia, and in 1979 she received the Col. S.L. Finklea Award for her volunteer work with the American Cancer Society. She helped breast cancer victims through the Reach to Recovery Program and was a longtime volunteer with the Lexington Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary.

Mollie Geneva Lee Whisenhunt

'52, June 9, Orangeburg, S.C. She served as youth director of First Baptist Church of Greer, S.C., education director of Northside Baptist Church of Orangeburg, and secretary for Estate Life Insurance Company and Hygrade Meat Products of Orangeburg. She was a church organist and clerk for 40 years, was a member of Edisto Fork Grange, and was county director for the Orangeburg Homemakers Extension Club and Council. She was also a partner in Dairy Equipment Co.

Betty Jean Seymour '53, June 6, Richmond, Va. She was a minister, teacher and scholar, and for more than 40 years was a soloist in the choir of River Road Baptist Church in Richmond. After graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary she was a campus minister at four colleges between 1955 and 1966, and she was a founding member of Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry. From 1960 to 1966 she was director of religious activities at Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, and from 1971 until her retirement in 2003 she taught in the religious studies department at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. At Randolph-Macon she was the first full-time woman faculty member and was named assistant dean of students,

in which capacity she worked with the first women admitted to the school. She went on to be the school's first tenured woman faculty member, the first woman to chair a department, and the first woman to achieve the rank of full professor, and she was co-director of the school's first women's studies program. A three-time recipient of the school's Thomas Branch Award for Excellence in Teaching, she also received the S.N. Gray Distinguished Professor Award, the Exemplary Teaching Award from the United Methodist Board of Higher Education, and, in 2003, the Faculty Certificate of Appreciation. Upon her retirement the B.J. Seymour Alumna Award was established in her honor. In 2009 Randolph-Macon awarded her an honorary degree.

Lawrence Olin Way, Jr. '53, June 30, Holly Hill, S.C. He was commissioned a Navy ensign in 1953. After his discharge, he was a cotton and grain farmer from 1955 to 1980. He established Holly Hill Milling Company, Inc., serving as owner from 1957 to 1980, and later became involved in purebred cattle ranching. He was on the board of directors of the American Beefalo Association and was named Premier Breeder of the Year in 1982. Later he became involved in addiction counseling and served as intensive treatment coordinator at the Tri-County Commission in Orangeburg. He also served on the board of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of South Carolina from 1974 until his death.

ELIZABETH McDAVID CAMPBELL, 1917–2010

WHEN ELIZABETH McDAVID CAMPBELL '38 died September 6 in Naples, Fla., she left behind an exceptional legacy of advocacy for children. Her caring and creative assistance and hands-on efforts enabled many young people to overcome the challenges of poverty, emotional distress, illiteracy and abuse.

A native of Greenville, she earned a degree in history from Furman three months after marrying Robert S. Campbell, Jr., of Gaffney, S.C. Their partnership lasted until Bob's death in 2003. Bob was the founder of Campbell Limestone Co., which in 1968 merged with Vulcan Materials, the world's largest supplier of crushed stone.

The Campbells, models of business acumen and generosity, were strong Furman supporters. A scholarship program named for them provides financial support to 12 students annually. In return,



the students commit to be tutors and mentors to local children.

Tobi Swartz, who oversees the Campbell Scholars (as well as the Bridges to a Brighter Future program), says the scholarship "combines financial support to students who need assistance to attend Furman with an experiential work opportunity. The Campbells understood the importance of teaching college students the value of service. Not only are the Campbell Scholars' lives changed

through their experience, but they enrich the lives of the children they work with."

Bob and Betsy Campbell were also members of the Richard Furman Society, which consists of those who provide annual unrestricted gifts of \$10,000 or more to Furman, and the Heritage Society, made up of individuals whose planned gifts will benefit the university. In addition, the Campbells supported a number of initiatives at Clemson University, where the Betsy M. Campbell Learning Symposium for Teachers

and the Betsy Campbell Carriage House at the South Carolina Botanical Garden bear her name.

Her generosity and civic-mindedness extended to other areas. She was a leader in the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Gaffney, the first president of the Gaffney Friends of the Library, and a founder of the York (S.C.) Place Episcopal Home for developmentally impaired children, which honored her with its Henry B. Richardson Award. She was also a strong supporter of Camp Kanuga, an Episcopal camp in North Carolina.

She received honorary degrees from Limestone College, Clemson and, in 2002, from Furman, which recognized her support of the university and her work on behalf of children. In 1998 she received the Order of the Palmetto, the state of South Carolina's highest civilian award.

As her obituary stated, "Betsy believed in helping young people teach each other values, attitudes and skills that would enable each of them to contribute in their community as envisioned by our Creator."

Mildred Crymes Young '53, May 31, Georgetown, S.C. She was owner and manager of Hitching Post Farm in Greenville from 1967 to 1983. She was also an educator in the Greenville County School District for more than 30 years. Holder of a Ph.D. in gifted education from the University of Georgia, she was instrumental in developing programs for the gifted and talented.

Kaye Adams Cook Lamport '54, August 1, Raleigh, N.C. She was a longtime community activist. She served on the first Town of Wake Forest (N.C.) Good Neighbor Council and the Wake Forest Tree Board, and was an officer on the Wake Forest Community Council. She held multiple offices and leadership positions in the Wake Forest Area Ministers Association, the Town of Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, and in the Wake Forest Schools PTA. She was minister of education at Wake Forest Baptist Church and active in the Raleigh Baptist Association, and she started a program of seminary extension classes at Central Prison. She held offices in the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, volunteered in the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs, and was a member of both the North Carolina Art Museum Society and the North Carolina Symphony Society. Listed in *Personalities of the South*, she received the 20th Anniversary National Leadership Award from the Society of Distinguished High School Students. In Boiling Springs, N.C., where her husband taught at Gardner-Webb University, she was elected board chair of the Gardner-Webb Christian Service Organization.

Terri Garoni Parillo '54, August 6, Greenville. She was a teacher and assistant principal at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School for 30 years. Upon her retirement she was named an emerita member of the school's board. She was listed in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* and *Outstanding Young Women of America*.

She served as a volunteer with Birthright of Greenville and Meals on Wheels.

James Charles Saylor, Jr. '54, August 9, Williamston, S.C. After serving in the U.S. Army in the Philippines from 1945 to 1947, he worked at Marathon Oil in Belton. He then became a teacher and supervisor and retired from Anderson County (S.C.) School District 5. He was a ham radio operator and amateur photographer.

Faye Robertson Walls '54, August 30, Landrum, S.C. She retired from the Greenville County School District after more than 40 years of teaching.

Hampton Murray "Bill" Williams '54, July 30, Abbeville, S.C. He retired in 1989 as a freshwater fisheries biologist with the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department. He received his training as a fisheries biologist at the U.S. Fish Hatchery in Welaka, Fla., and was director of the South Carolina State Fish Hatcheries before moving to Abbeville in 1962. There he was active in community affairs as founding president of the Friends of Abbeville County Libraries and as a participant in Abbeville Community Theatre for 40 years. He boxed in the lightweight division of Golden Gloves and was a member of the Sports Car Club of America, the National Rifle Association, the American Fisheries Society and the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

Joe Wilson DeVore, Sr. '55, June 26, Aiken, S.C. After service with the U.S. Army in Germany, he went into banking and retired as executive vice president of Regions Bank, formerly Palmetto Savings Bank of South Carolina. He served as senior lending officer and senior credit officer for the South Carolina division of Regions Bank and was a former senior vice president of Bankers Trust of South Carolina. In addition to his banking

WEB-BASED OPTION FOR TRANSCRIPTS

THE ACADEMIC RECORDS OFFICE at Furman now offers a Web-based transcript ordering and e-transcript delivery service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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career, he was retired chairman of the Aiken Technical College Commission, past president of the Aiken County Heart Association, founding president of Aiken Junior Achievement, past treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, an originating board member of Helping Hands, and a charter member and past president of Kiwanis Club of Aiken.

Joe Edward Cooper '57, June 12, Greenville. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam era and retired as executive vice president of Greenville Technical College. He was also director of finance for Taylors First Baptist Church.

Ann Elizabeth Godshall Jones '57, June 18, St. Augustine, Fla. She was active in Episcopal church work and served on the board of the Woman's Exchange.

Charlyne Justis Easterly '58, June 25, Morristown, Tenn. She began her career teaching biology, chemistry and tennis in Vero Beach, Fla. After moving to

Morristown she taught high school science before going to work with homebound students. Hamblen County Schools presented her their highest award for teaching excellence in special education. She served on the Southeast Aging Committee and on the board of Senior Citizens of Morristown.

Keith A. Shelton '58, July 24, Halifax, Va. Following in the footsteps of his father, Lynn, he was the owner and publisher of *The Gazette-Virginian*, a thrice-weekly newspaper in Halifax County. He was described by a colleague as "a consummate newspaperman and a wonderful Virginia gentleman." Under his leadership the newspaper received numerous Virginia Press Association awards, and he was highly regarded as a mentor to young journalists. Active in civic and community endeavors, he was an officer in the National Guard, a former United Way president, a strong supporter and coach

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of youth sports, and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was a former president of Furman's Alumni Association Board of Directors and a member of the university's Advisory Council and Order of the Paladin.

Clyde David Henry '62, June 22, Lancaster, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran, he retired from Springs Industries as director of product development after 35 years of service.

Walter O. Luertzing, Jr. '64, September 4, Millville, N.J. He was a longtime librarian, first in New Orleans and then, for most of his career, in Cumberland County, N.J. There he was called "Mr. Library" by young people who enjoyed the tours he conducted of the facility. He was also a film buff and helped establish a film club called "The Reel Thing."

Ann Bartlett Cannon '65, July 8, Chamblee, Ga. She transferred from Furman to the University of Georgia, where she studied journalism and worked as a photojournalist and beat reporter covering the Athens area for WSB-TV in Atlanta. After graduation she accepted a position in the advertising department of the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta. From 1966 to 1969 she worked for Georgia Tech as a spokesperson for the school and host of a campus-wide radio show. Active in church work, she produced a series of Sunday school lessons for teachers and students which came to be used as a standard text by many churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. She went on to author more than 25 books exploring Christianity for teenagers and their teachers. In 1987 she received an Excellence in Writing Award from the Southern Baptist Convention, and in 1993 the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association presented her the "Big Assist Award" for her work with young people.

Linda Estes Griffith '65, August 7, Mauldin, S.C.

Harold Leslie "Tad" Parmelee III '65, June 18, Sycamore, Ill.

Anne Wylie Sparks '66, July 13, Lansdale, Pa. She taught French for more than 25 years in the North Penn School District, retiring in 2007.

Robert Mac Watson, Sr. '66, August 12, Charleston, S.C. An all-Southern Conference soccer player at Furman and an avid outdoorsman, he worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to provide training in the reservoir manager program in four southeastern states. He also worked as an insurance agent with Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company, was a builder for several years, and sold real estate..

Linda Elizabeth Taylor '67 (M.A. '69), July 31, Manning, S.C. She was a retired special education teacher.

Louise Booth Taylor '70, June 28, Greenville. She was an employee of Greenville County Schools, serving as both a librarian and school psychologist. For years she was a member of the summer staff of YMCA Camp Greenville, and in 1987 she received the Greatest Grandmother of the Year Award at the South Carolina State Fair.

Ronald Belvin Wingard, M.A. '70, August 28, Cayce, S.C. He retired from the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, where he was a clinical psychologist. He served in the U.S. Air Force and also in the South Carolina National Guard, from which he retired as a chief warrant officer.

Margaret Katherine Rion '72, May 31, Black Mountain, N.C. She had worked as an occupational therapist at Madison Manor Health Care in Mars Hill, N.C. Later she was a member of Executive Women International and Daughters of the King Crusillo.

Eleanor Suggs Rice, M.A. '73, June 12, Greenwood, S.C. She was a principal and public school educator for many years.

William "Bilbo" Crawford '76, June 19, Zachary, La. He was a longtime chemical engineer with Georgia-Pacific. An active outdoorsman and two-time world record spear fisherman, he died while free diving in the Gulf of Mexico.

Jane Lynn Bright, M.A. '76, September 9, Spartanburg, S.C. She taught French in the Spartanburg and Cherokee County (S.C.) schools before earning a Doctor of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary. After her ordination in the Presbyterian Church USA, she served three churches. At the time of her death she was associated with Owings Presbyterian Church, while also working as an associate chaplain with the Greenville Hospital System and as volunteer chaplain with the Spartanburg County sheriff's office. She was a member of Foothills Presbytery.

George J. Schneider, Jr. '76, August 27, Greenville. After more than 25 years with Smith Barney, he and his wife, Deborah, owned and operated the Peddler Steak House near Furman. The family indicated memorials may be made to the golf teams at Furman.

Keith Ellis '80, September 9, Nashville, Tenn. He was a musician, teacher, conductor, clinician and adjudicator. Most recently he was assistant band director at the University School of Nashville and an adjunct faculty member at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. He was formerly associate professor of music at Belmont University and also taught at David Lipscomb University. Before moving to Nashville he was assistant director of bands at the University of Mississippi. He received the Outstanding Band Director Award from Phi Beta Mu and the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts and the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts. His professional memberships included the American Federation of Musicians, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, International Trumpet Guild and Music Educators National Conference. The family requested that memorials be made to the music program at Furman.

BRIAN CRISP, EDUCATOR AND COLLABORATOR

THE CHARACTERS OF BRIAN CRISP'S

childhood read like a Flannery O'Connor story: developmentally delayed adults, battered women, runaway teens and recovering addicts. An aunt that exclusively wears silk pajama sets, consumes mass quantities of Southern Comfort, and drives a John Deere lawnmower for transportation. A former beauty queen for a grandmother. And Oscar, the one-legged French handyman, who suffered from a broken heart and literally became part of the family when he moved into the Crisps' home in Horse Shoe, N.C.

"As a child, I thought Oscar single-handedly rebuilt France after World War II. During one September malaise in the back yard, [my mother] Estelle unearthed more mystery than mud when, knee-deep in water, she asked gently, 'Oscar, do you still have family in France?' This middle-aged man had lost more than a limb in the war," Crisp writes in his blog, "In the Family Way" (<http://inthefamilyway-south.blogspot.com>).

"Oscar lived with us until he had to move into a nursing facility. That is family, be it blood or not. Estelle taught us to look beyond flaws, stick together and make it all better. It doesn't matter if you can't hold a buzz saw, manipulate a ratchet, or if you just have one leg. Still you matter."

That notion of equality and community has driven Crisp since his days at Furman, where he earned an English degree in 1996 — and where, he says, a class in medieval literature with William Rogers introduced him to concepts of collaborative learning that have consistently recurred throughout his career.

His journey has been a non-traditional one, taking him to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned degrees in theology and music; the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, to study curriculum design and instruction; and Minnesota College of Art and Design, for classes in design and marketing. Along the way he was ordained and worked with three denominations. He even presented a paper at a hip hop conference about the connection between the hymns of Englishman Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and the music of Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls.

Crisp's eclectic interests extended to other areas. While he was in seminary, a professor introduced him

to Orff-Schulwerk, a theory, Crisp says, "that gives children the ability to compose the music they want so they better understand the fundamentals and are able to use music as a language to make meaning of the bigger world. There was a lot of theory and music history, but it was also fun and hands-on and experiential. And everyone was sort of acting and learning within the group dynamic."

He would later spend seven years at St. Paul Academy in the Twin Cities, working with colleagues in education and the arts. While there he serendipitously bought a book, Louise Cadwell's *Bringing Learning to Life: The Reggio Approach to Early Childhood Education*, which introduced him to an educational philosophy developed in post-World War II Italy in the town of Reggio Emilia.

The Reggio approach values a curriculum that emerges from a combination of children's interests, in-depth studies of concepts from the group, teachers as partners and learners alongside the children, and the classroom environment, often referred to as the "third teacher." In 1991 *Newsweek* hailed the Reggio Emilia school system as one of the 10 best in the world. Today it's the innovative basis for Google's on-site preschool for its Silicon Valley employees.

"Rather than giving children the right answer or forcing them to come up with the right answer, the Reggio approach asks them to construct theories and ideas that might not necessarily be right, but are new and able to be supported," Crisp says. "It teaches children to learn about themselves within their social schema."

Crisp continued exploring themes of authentic classroom connections and real world experiences as a context for learning as academic dean of a school in Louisville, Ky. Then, at a conference, he met Louise Cadwell. She flew him to St. Louis and offered him a job in the Reggio Collaborative, where he worked with several schools in music, curriculum design and professional development.

"It exposed me to a real collaboration of how to work. And then I had the opportunity to go into consulting full time, which felt like a good thing to do," he says. "I was torn about how to take the excitement of the collaborative and constructivist approaches



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of Reggio and Orff-Schulwerk and make them work together, not just in the lives of 600 students in St. Louis, but in the lives of thousands of students all over the United States."

These days Crisp is back in North Carolina finishing his second book, an ethnographic study of how children relate to and learn music. He recently launched his own firm, Crisp Consulting & Coaching (www.crispconsults.com), which helps families choose the school that's the best fit for their student and implement what he calls "intentional parenting for lifelong learners."

"My parents were so intentional. I once asked them what they were thinking when they were raising me," says Crisp, an only child. "My mom said they wanted me to know that I could do anything I wanted in life as long as I put my mind to it and got educated, and that everybody deserved equal chances even though they didn't have equal opportunities."

This philosophy of service and community is one reason the Reggio approach resonates with him. "Our house was always full of people, even though there were only three of us. When they were scared of their families, it was my family that took them in," he remembers. "I really appreciated that because it taught me that everyone has issues, but it doesn't mean you stop caring. It actually means you care more."

— NANCY R. FULLBRIGHT

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