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CLASS NOTES, SUMMER 2010

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62 Elizabeth Harrill Mitchell, president of the Marine Senate and the first woman in America to serve as both a state Senate president and state House speaker, won the Democratic nomination for governor in the June primary. She will face Republican Paul Laferrere and three independent candidates in the November elections.

65 THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Donald Cherry, longtime professor of biological sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, has been named professor emeritus. He began working at Virginia Tech in 1973 and is author or co-author of more than 200 research publications in the field of eco-toxicology. He has made a number of presentations at national and international conferences and been the principal investigator for grants and contracts exceeding $4 million.

Renee and Gregory G. Miller, M.D., was induced into the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame July 24. He was a star runner and hurler for the Track Train, winning seven individual Southern Conference championships and helping the Paladins to four team titles. Now

retired after more than 35 years in the automobile industry, his extensive civic activities include service as a Lamar County election commissioner and as a member of the board of the state Election Commission.

Tallbert, professor of history at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C., is the first person appointed to the school’s Lawrence B. and Sara P. Clark Chair.

73 Mike Blackmon received the Emmett Hutto Service to Education Award given by the South Carolina Department of Education and Traffic Safety Education Association. Mike is a teacher and coach at Wade Hampton High School in Greerville. Ken Shipley is author of the 2010 edition of George Law of Torts: Final Preparation & Practice. The publisher, Thomson West, is a leading producer of books on the practice of law. Ken is an attorney in Atlanta and president-elect of the State Bar of Georgia.

Paul Stroup became chief executive officer of the Mecklenburg County (N.C.) ABC Board in May.

73 Frank Holleman, an attorney in Greenville, is the Democratic nominee for South Carolina Superintendent of Education. He served as chief of staff and deputy U.S. Secretary of Education under President W. Bush. Holleman ’74 served during the Clinton administration.

77 Alan Austin of Greenville has established an investment banking firm, M.T. Vista Capital, Inc.

78 Lanny Nordin recently joined the Greenville, S.C., office of Ropes & Gray.

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George Singleton, author of four collections of short stories and two novels, was inducted into the South Carolina Academy of Authors in April.

81 Zach Kelekhe, an education administrator professor at the University of South Carolina since 2005, has been named the school’s faculty athletics representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He taught education at Furman from 1991-08, during which time he won the Alister G. Furman, Jr., and Janet Erle Furman Award for Mentoring Teaching. He also served briefly as director of the Furman Club.

83 Douglas D. Stewart re-attended A.M. in history from the University of Kansas in May. He teaches at the School of Advanced Military Studies in Fort Leavenworth.

84 Blair Bass of Charlotte, N.C., became vice president of the Transaction Operations Group with UnitedHealthCare in April. He was formerly a principal of Alumna Consulting (USA), Ltd.

87 Dottie Pepper was inducted into the Palm Beach County (Fla.) Sports Hall of Fame in March. A three-time All-America golfer at Furman, she went on to win 17 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournaments, including two major championships. She was the LPGA Player of the Year in 1990 and a three-time winner of the U.S. Women’s Open Cup team. She is now a television golf analyst.
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In June I had the pleasure of traveling to China with the chair of Furman’s Department of Asian Studies, Kate Palmer, and 11 alumni and friends. During our two-week journey we spent time in Suzhou, Shanghai, Tianjin, Xi’an and Beijing.

Kate, who holds a dual appointment in Asian Studies and political science (and was profiled in the fall 2009 issue of the magazine), is wonderfully well-connected in China, so we got to know the country much more intimately than the average tourist.

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Arielle Klinefelter was named for the second time to Outside magazine’s annual “Best Places to Work” list, published in the May issue (www.outsideonline.com). The company ranked 17th out of 50 on the list and was the only Alaskan business selected. The magazine compiled the list with the help of the Outdoor Industry Association and Best Companies Group. Companies were selected because of their efforts to enhance their employees’ enjoyment of environmental and social responsibility and action endeavors.

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Meredith Wilson Burton, director of the Furman Civic Development Center, has been named one of 13 teacher advisors for Scholar's Books for 2010. She provides feedback to the publisher about the types of books that families and children are interested in and about how to help children develop home libraries. She is a member of the state board of the South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children and serves on an educational advisory panel at North Greenville University.

After serving as interim head of Ponder- Gault School in Charleston, S.C., since June of 2009, Debra Egleston, Jr., was appointed head of school in March.
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Clay Folio Morris ’93, president; James R. Brown ’89, president-elect; Heritage Arnold Williams ’74, past president; Rebecca Ann Amos ’13; Lynn Bailey ’78, N. Staten Biting ’47, Ph.D; Frank W. Blackwood ’90, Sidney B. Bland ’50, Mary Lou Banch Cade ’88, Kris Morgan Carrell ’02, Paul D. Goodson ’72, Michael L. Guarriello ’93, Sonny Shudde Henderson ’75, Gayle Libbey-Hughes ’83, L. Yates Johnson ’13, John G. Earls Kneeland ’91, Dr. Todd Malo ’95, James C. Martin ’90, Herman A. Mathers, Jr. ’78, Andrew C. Medlin, ’79; Matthew A. Miller ’93; Joseph C. Mason, Jr. ’78; William P. Munnor ’94, Brett A. Patriceli ’96, Patrick W. Raker ’92, Gordon D. Seay ’80, Elionia L. Smith ’88, Leslie L. Smith ’91; Cynthia Black Sparks ’93, Connie Garrett Williams ’74.

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Lance and Shannon are employed at the March of Dimes of Atlanta. He was regional director of fundraising for the Georgia Chapter of the March of Dimes from 1981 to 1997. He was also a member of theBT Wealth Management investment committee. Paul Satterwhite, a partner with Touch Blackwell Sanders, a litigation and business

sensives law firm in Springfield, Mo., was included in Springfield Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 Class of 2010, which recognize his accomplishments as a business and community leader. In 2010 he was named a Fellow & Kansas Rising Star by his peers. He is also the chair of the board of the Family’s Village Center and is a member of the Springfield Public Schools’ Edison SBAC advisory committee.

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Garthco and Stacy Schorr Chandler, a daughter, Louris, April 11, Garner, N.C. Reapers and Susanna Wellman Combs, a son, Cooper Wellman Combs, December 7. They live in Chicago.

Wyatt and Thaeruqa Routhough, twins, Denby and Dilly, April 14. They live in Columbia, S.C.

Briana Lewis and Elizabeth Kirven Ottinger, a daughter, Elizabeth “Lizzy” Kirven Ottinger, April 23, Birmingham, Ala. Cameron and Jerven Bunyan, a daughter, Lexie Carol, April 15, Columbia, S.C.

David and Amy Ledbetter Yarrington, a son, Carter Mason, April 24, High Point, N.C.

2010 THIS YEAR IS REUNITED! J. Carl Gregg has been called as pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Owings, Md. He was formerly associate pastor of Northminster Church in Homestead, Fla. Teodor Simonoff has been named regional finance director for the Rowan University Department of Languages and Literature North America in Missouri.

BIRTHS: T.J. 10 and Erin McClelland, a son, Julian McClelland, November 22. They live in Dunwoody, Ga. William and Donna Pepper ‘01 Frances and Robert, children Charles and Owen and McGowan, May 27, 2010. Will completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology and head and neck surgery at Wake Forest University and is now on staff at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Ryan 8 and Kelly Robinson Jovers, a daughter, Caroline Rose, December 9, Tucker, Ga. Carla and Katie Gamble Russell, a daughter, Margaret Jane, May 21, Charlotte, N.C.

Carl J. Laun is the new men’s soccer coach at Harvard University, where he has been an assistant for two years. Before going to Harvard, he was an assistant at the University of New Hampshire for seven years. Having completed his Ph.D. at the University of Montana, John has accepted a tenure-track position at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, where he teaches structural geology. Jennifer Scholz Smith has begun a pre-doctoral internship with the Housing (Texas)/Independent School District.

Megan Smith has joined the staff of the Center for American Progress, a Washington, D.C., think tank, as an associate director for press relations with a focus on economic and health care issues. She previously served as communications director for Doctors for America.

MARRIAGES: William Thomas Bason and Kerley Whitlow, April 18, 2008. He is an attorney with the Charleston, S.C., office of McGuire Guinn Stout, and Cuisine LLC.

David Ann Fisher and Reid Thomas Stearn, April 14, They live in Greenville where he is a associate attorney at McElhinny McKune Ray & Scutchin, LLP and she is an associate U.S. attorney. April Longley and David Alley, a daughter, Madison Page, December 2, 2010. They live in Alexandria, Va.

BIRTHS: Steve and Laura Burdine, a daughter, Layla Acacia, February 17, 2007. They live in Columbia, S.C. He is completing a sports medicine fellowship, after which he is scheduled to join a family medicine practice in Gaffney, S.C.

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Men possessing those traits seemed common during her college years, when she wasn’t ready to settle into a relationship, but they became more difficult to find once she moved back to her California hometown and began to navigate the complex world of dating.

“She was originally reticent about trying a dating service but was quickly swayed by the number of people who found love on-line. ‘If it could work for them, it could work for me, she says. So she signed up and hoped that only her close family and friends would find out.

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‘I didn’t take for granted that I’m fortunate to be published, or that anyone is interested in my story,’ she says. ‘I’m still shocked that anyone other than my parents bought it.’

People relate to her experiences, she says. She receives frequent e-mails from fans and hears stories when her book signs, including one this spring at Furman. ‘That was unbelievable for me, having a singing telegram at the mailbox at Furman where I used to get my mail,” she says. “It was an out-of-body experience.”

Fourteen years earlier, Carson had traveled across the country to enroll at Furman thanks to parents who encouraged their kids to broaden their horizons. After older brother Keith ‘97 settled at Furman, she thought he might go elsewhere to forge her own identity, but a visit to the campus sealed the deal.

‘The people I met were so friendly, and they really made me feel like they wanted me to be there,’ she says. Brother Drew attended Furman as well and graduated in 2003.

The book showcases her love for her Furman years—especially its style. ‘I fell in love with the South and its preppy wardrobe,’ she writes. ‘Crewnestneckers, polo shirts with popped collars, Louis with plaid shirts, khakis … what’s not to love?’

She soon realized, though, that Furman was distinctive in its Southern-leaning fashion sense and old-fashioned values didn’t always mesh with her college-style expression. “I was trying too hard, and these sweet Southern boys saw right through my efforts,” she writes.

Carson continues to write—she still blogs at http://megancarson.com—but hasn’t decided on her next project. ‘The first one just came to me. I didn’t set out to do it,” she says. A book about finally meeting her match would make an ideal sequel, but perhaps that story would be better left untold: “I may want to keep that between the gentleman and me,” she says, with a laugh.

In the meantime, in addition to promoting the book, Carson teaches Advanced Placement world history at Capstone High School, her alma mater in Vista, Calif. She earned a master’s degree in education from Concord University while finishing her Year of Blind Dates.

Although the book hasn’t done a fairy tale ending, Carson says, ‘I used to think my life would be great once I had the right relationship, but now I know the same issues will be going on. I’ve learned about important things to me not just in a relationship but in life in general. I’m still learning, but at the same time, I really enjoy my life where it is right now.”
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The experience didn’t go quite as she had hoped, but she is grateful for what she learned. “Before, I wanted to speed up the process,” she says of finding her soul mate. “But I don’t have that sense of urgency anymore. It’s going to happen with the right person at the right time.”

Carson still enjoys dating, despite some disastrous encounters. “I’m not going to let people who say that writing about my experiences, and the year of dating she began in secret become public information. She was surprised to find that writing about each date was helpful. “It became so therapeutic for me, to process it in that way,” she says. After a few months, she hadn’t found the man of her dreams, but she had something beyond her wildest dreams—a book deal. She signed the contract in May 2008 and spent the summer fleshing out her blog entries.

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— LEIGH SAVAGE

Leigh Gauthier Savage ’94 is a freelance writer in Simpsonville, S.C.
Colberg in Atlanta. She has become a pharmacist with Walgreens Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a graphic design firm in Anderson, S.C., Cleveland Elementary School and David Furman in August 2009. They live in Charleston, S.C., where he is completing his residency. Kate Altwed received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in June. Meg Goodwin has obtained her M.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and started a three-year residency program with Duke Pediatrics in Durham, N.C. Philip Lines recently graduated from Elon University School of Law in North Carolina. He is now practicing dentistry in Columbia, S.C. Bonnie is a leasing agent at Columbia Property Management and Matt recently completed law school at the University of South Carolina. Amanda Griffin and Gregory Butts, May 19. They live in Atlanta. Linda Katsch and Sam Williamson, May 18. They live in Greenville where Jason is employed by McNeel North America and Lindsey by the General Electric Medical Clinic. Buddie and Sarah-Ann Turpin Deets, a son, Tyler, January 19. They live in Brentwood, Tenn., where Buddie is completing his residency in orthopedics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Jim and Carmen Band Sawyers, a son, Noah Claireck, January 19, Wrennington, N.C. 05

This year’s reunion: Adam and Diana Estes Ligier have moved to Charlotte, N.C., where Adam, a graduate of Eastern Virginia Medical School, has become a pharmacist with Walgreens in Atlanta.

MARRIAGES: Elizabeth Barley and Grady Bourke, December 18. They live in Charlotte, N.C. Hamilton Bridges and Mary Ann Barrett, February 6. They live in Atlanta. Charles Trevor Hall and Meghan Diane Hassetwood, September 12, 2010. They live in Charlotte, S.C., where she is employed with the First Citizens’ office and he with Enterprise Corporation. Robby Hendry and Sidney Cunningham, April 11. Robby and Sidney received their M.D. degrees from the Medical University of South Carolina in May. They have made their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is a resident physician in neurology and she is a resident physician in family medicine.

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Elizabeth Marler Armstrong received a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in May. She is now practicing dentistry in Polson, S.C.

Patrick Arnett has earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He is married to his wife, Jennifer, live in Valdosta, Ga., where he is completing his residency and she is a resident in pediatrics.

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INAGURAL LEAD-IN: DAY OF SERVICE

FURMAN WILL INAUGURATE Rodney Smolla as its 11th president Friday, October 22, at 10 a.m., to launch a feature Homecoming Weekend. But the inaugural events will technically begin the weekend before, when the university is sponsoring a nationwide Furman Day of Service.

On Saturday, October 16, alumni are invited to join other Furman folks in improving their community while presenting a shining example of one of the university’s core values: service.

If you’d like to organize a service project in your area, call the Alumni Office at (864) 294-3464 or e-mail jenye-dungan@furman.edu. Alumni, parents and friends in cities all over the country (and even the world) are expected to participate. Furman hopes you’ll be part of the fun.

Afterward, plan to come to Furman the following weekend for the inauguration and Homecoming. Rumor has it that President Smolla’s installation may be held on the beautiful Furman Fall, weather permitting. The overtures will be followed by lunch for everyone. Since the inauguration is linked to Homecoming, alumni are invited to come early, spend Thursday night in Greenville, and attend Friday’s inaugural events that lead into the traditional activities Friday night. Special Homecoming hotel rates will apply Thursday as well. Visit http://alumni.furman.edu to make your reservation so the Alumni Office can guarantee special rates. Parents and friends in cities all over the country (and even the world) are expected to participate. Furman hopes you’ll be part of the Furman Day of Service.

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03 Kelly Nancy M.A. has been named South Carolina Teacher of the Year for 2010. She teaches Spanish at Shoals Elementary School in Greenville County.

Along with the award, she received $25,000, one year's use of a BMW, a Dell computer and other prizes. She will also take part in a yearlong program with the state Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement.

MARRIAGES: Elizabeth Crouch and Zachary Adam McDowell, November 7. They live in Grifton, Ga.

Robin Kelly Irvin and David Brian Locke, June 5. Robin is a music teacher at Sue Cleveland Elementary School and David is the founder and owner of Locke Design, a graphic design firm in Anderson, S.C., where they live.

BIRTH: Brandon '04 and Ellen Monroe Colberg, a daughter, Makayla Monroe Colberg, June 2, Charlotte, N.C.

04 Caln received a Master of Divinity degree from the MUve School of Theology at Mercer University in May and has accepted a position as Matthew Pastoral Resident at Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta.

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Adam and Diana Estes Ligler have moved to Charlotte, N.C., where Adam is a board member of Eastern Virginia Medical School, has been a residency at the Carolina Medical Center. Diana recently graduated from Old Dominion University with a Master of Arts degree in applied linguistics.

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Linda Katsche and Sam Williamson, May 8. Having recently graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University’s Master of Health Administration program, Sam is now working for Bon Secours Virginia Medical Center in Jackson, and Myra is pursuing a Master of Health Administration degree at George Washington University.

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Todd McClure and Sally Heckethorn ’09, October 24. They live in Bradenton, Fla.

Caitlin Montgomery and Timothy McLend, August 21, 2010. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

William Rosenblatt and Myra Dennis ’09, May 30. William is a medical student at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Jackson, and Myra is pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathy degree at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

09 Ashley Neumann has become a certified concierge at the Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Plantation in Greensboro, Ga. She previously held a concierge job in Colorado.

MARRIAGE: Elizabeth Kell and David Sedell, May 22. They live in Saratoga, Fla.
April-Andrew has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach English in Germany in 2010-11. She will spend the academic year at a high school in Lower Saxony, where she will teach English and work as a private tutor. The Fulbright is the United States’ flagship international educational exchange program.

Jason William Ethridge received an appointment to support graduate study beginning this fall toward a master’s degree in orchestral conducting at the University of Maryland. This summer he was invited to spend four weeks in Hancok, Maine, at the Penobscot Orchestra festival, where he presented several concerts as a conductor and orchestral violinist.

Katherine Schichtel directed this summer’s leadership program of the Lakeland (Fla.) Economic Development Council, which serves as an introduction to Lakeland for local interns and new hires. This fall she plans to begin studying for a master’s degree in healthcare administration at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Cameron Tommey earned a $35,000 Compton Mentor fellowship to conduct a writing project on sustain-ability and reforestation in Guatemala. The fellowship is the nation’s premiere postgraduate award in sustainability for students of color.

William J. McCreath ’60, May 8, Dillon, S.C. After graduating from law school in 1942, he entered active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, serving until 1946. He joined the National Guard in 1949 and was called to active duty during the Korean War. He retired as a brigadier general in 1973. He was the practice manager of Dillon in 1946 and continued to practice until his election as a family court judge in 1978. He also served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1946 to 1979, where he was vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and a member of the General Joint Committee on Appropriations, among other appointments. Acton in Dillon civic affairs, he served as city councilman, president of the county Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Newberry advisory board and library board. He was City Chairman in 1978 and Dillon County Veteren of the Year in 2006.

Jack L. Bloom ’61, May 8, Greenville. He served in the military during World War II and retired from the Army Reserves with the rank of colonel. He was an attor- ney and had private practice in Greenville for more than 50 years.

A. Harold Cole IV, March 29, Lexington, S.C., was named a Compton Mentor Fellow since 2000.

Paulo Bochicchio ’78, December 6, Vers Beach, Fla.

Carole Poole White ’41, April 16, Sumter, S.C. After graduating from the Duke University School of Nursing, she served on the university hospital’s nursing staff.

Jack Tatuch Welch ’47, April 23, Spartanburg. S.C. He served in World War II as an air pilot on the USS Samaritan and later spent time active in the Naval Reserves following the war, retiring with the rank of commander. He went on to work as a general manager of P&K Distributing and as a sales manager for Acme Distributing before retiring as a consultant for the Spartanburg Area Council. Active in civic affairs, he was president of the Spartanburg Serenta Club and the Upstate chapter of the district governor of Sertom International. He was a brunch president and honorary life member of Women of the Church and was an ordained Stephen Minister.

George Milum “Bud” Testerman ’44, March 5, Rogersville, Tenn. After service with the 369th U. S. Marine Corps, serving in both the Pacific and Europe, he moved to Augusta and began studying for a medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia. In 1946 he began his medical practice as a founding member of the Augusta Orthopedic Group. He was a night fighter pilot in the South Pacific from 1942-45 before returning to the mainland to complete his service as a general for the U.S. Army. After the war he completed his medical degree and went on to attend graduate school at Columbia University in New York City. There he enjoyed a productive medical career in which he performed in television ads, on Hatchie and in movies. In 1953 he moved to Augusta and began studying toward a medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia. After graduating in 1958, he began his occupational therapy career’s at the University of South Carolina Hospital for Special Surgery. In recognition of his contributions to his profession,
I receive the invitation to become part of the University of Central Missouri. He was president of the University of North Carolina’s flagship international campus since 1998, has been named president of North Carolina’s Pembroke State University since 1975. He began the practice of law in 1940, “but the bottom line has professional enthusiasm, competence and compassion. He was a night fighter pilot in the South Pacific and raised more than $33 million for the United Way and was chair of the University of Georgia’s College of Social Work. After graduating in 1953, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving until 1946. He was a charter member and president of the Philadelphia Orchestra. He was a charter member of the University of Georgia’s College of Social Work. After graduating in 1953, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving until 1946. He was a charter member of the University of Georgia’s College of Social Work. 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Charles Henry Ellis (’47, April 2, Greenville) was a veteran of World War II, serving during World War II, working with chaplains behind the front lines in the Pacific region. A talented musician, he worked with the Greenville County School District and was an organist at several churches in Greenville.

Maria Martin Johnston (’47, April 10, Greenville, S.C.). She was a lifelong educator, teaching in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, where she retired. A lifelong member of the Long Phi Sigma Sorority and Alpha Xi Delta Chapter of Roselle, she was also a member of the Electa Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Frances Eloise Brigman Epps (’48, March 22, Greenville). She was a talented flower arranger, a Hejaz Shriner and a Mason. She served in the U.S. Army during World War II but remained active in community service. In addition to her political involvement, she was a customer account representative with the North Charleston Savion District. John Workman Touchberry (’51, April 26, Greenville, S.C.). He was U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Spartanburg District County School Board for 13 years and was a volunteer at Wilder Golf Club Community.

Charles “Dusty” Rhodes (’54, March 10, Greenville). He was a retired broker, a Hejaz Shriner and a Mason. He was a retired Democrat. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany, where for four years he led the senior minister at Maryville Baptist Church.

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Sara Elisabeth Sims (’52, March 9, Concord, N.C.). She was a member of Baptist churches in north and south and was also a convert in the Institutional Baptist church at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Greenville, Tenn. She later became a pastor at First Baptist Church.

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FOR THOSE WHO MADE THE GREATEST SACRIFICE

In July of 2007, Craig Waldron’s son, Wayne, was hit by a projectile from a derelict roadside bomb on the way home from school. The time of the attack was used by European soldiers to describe their U.S. allies. At the time many American soldiers entered the European campaign from a training base in Texas that was known for its white soil. The attack also killed the ordnance officers, uniforms, giving them a doubting-ground appearance. U.S. troops for the entire student body of what was then an all- male school—volunteered for service during World War II. At a time when games were popular, and the public was not yet accustomed to the Doughboy, made of copper, was transported to the current campus in 1957 and installed as the centerpiece of a small circular drive beside the Furman ALUMNI NEWS
He was an associate member of the Coasts, from Maine to Sea Island, Ga. His commissions were in Greenville. He was founder and practiced in six states and also was a convert in the Alexandria Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and from 1955 to 1998. He also served as an assistant professor at Furman University in the late 1990s.

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Harold Edward Davis 01, May 2, Concord, Va. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a medic in the Korean Conflict. After graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1965, he was a research chemist with Eastman Kodak for his mentoring of students. He was also known as an exceptional singer. His family requested that memorial should be made to furman.

Alice Florence Roster Cromer M.A., ’76, April 26, Greenville. She taught at Lake Junaluska Community College in Greer, where she taught kindergarten at Sara Collins Elementary School in Greer.

J. Andrew Basham 03, May 21, Virginia Beach, Va. He passed the Virginia Bar in 1993 and practiced law in the Tidewater area.
and the Orangeburg Area Cattleman of Cordova, S.C.  He was a farmer and a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Mess for the U.S. Marine Corps Of Bradford, Md.  He was a captain and a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the B-52 Team and the Orangeburg Area Cattleman Association.  He served on the board of directors of the Farm Bureau and was a member of the Ski Club.

Harold Edward Davis '61, May 2, Concord, Va.  He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a medic in the Korean Conflict.  After graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1960, he joined the U.S. Army in 1960 and was a first lieutenant in the 1960s. In 1960 he changed careers and became a sanitarian for the Lynchburg (Va.) Health Department, where he worked until his retirement in 1995.

Berthold George Wright '90, May 10, Sherman-Denton, Texas.  The first woman to receive a chemistry scholarship to Furman, she began her career at the Agricultural Research Service Laboratory in Wakulla, Ga., and then moved to the National Animal Disease Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.  Later she worked as a research chemist with Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y., and taught chemistry at the College of Charleston (S.C.).  James Glenn Robertson '84, March 11, Greenville.  She worked for Bausch and Lomb, Duracell Chemical Company and Amoco.

Leo Jackson “Jay” Harvey III '87, April 18, Guangdong, S.C.  He was a Seeing eye dog and a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Furman Club.

Robert Reid Breckenridge MBA '75, May 22, Georgetown, S.C.  He worked for Jacobs Engineering Group, for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Huntsville, Ala., and for Lockheed Martin Corp. in Marietta, Ga.

Salle Jean Bouma Callaway '76, April 23, Greenville.  She earned post- graduate certificates in horticulture in art and history and languages at both the Goethe Institute in Goettingen, Germany, and the University of Vienna.  She was a translator for international businesses, trade associations and other concerns while living in Austria, and taught German, Spanish and English at East Carolina High School in Greenville.  She moved to Massachusetts, where she taught nursery school arts and received many commissions for her art work.  She was active in community theater, and worked with fitness and nutrition businesses in the Upstate.

Cynthia Marie Yakin May '83, May 19, Greenville.  She worked for Bauch and Lomb, Duracell Chemical Company and Amoco.

Education decisions deserve at least that same scrutiny.  The Riley Institute is to be commended for providing a resource to help school officials learn what works to improve public education in our state.

For instance, the Charleston County School District recently announced early results of special new initiatives to address troubling rates of truancy among students.  The program’s goal is to improve students’ reading by at least two grade levels in one year.  The initial outcomes show nearly a third of the students in the program making gains of more than one grade in reading from fall to winter.  District chief academic officer Doug Gepford said he is pleased in some respects but will make adjustments in others.  The Charleston district’s experience can help instruct similar initiatives across the state.

And whatWorkSC can help lawmakers maximize the positive impact of education funding — a particularly critical challenge with continuing shortages in state revenue forcing painful cuts in education funding.