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THE FURMAN NETWORK IN ACTION

LAST NOVEMBER, Furman's Young Alumni Council joined forces with the Alumni Association, career services and the internship office to sponsor a career networking event for students and alumni.

The first hour gave alumni a chance to get to know each other and exchange contact information. During the second hour, students were invited in to talk with the alumni about their work.



At one point two graduates, Tom LeGrand '94 and Mandrallius Robinson '06, struck up a conversation. Tom, a former Furman football player, current Furman parent and son of two alumni, is the youth minister at Inman (S.C.) First Baptist Church. Manie is a sports reporter for *The Greenville News* — and bears a striking resemblance to Michael Jordan.

They quickly discovered they shared a love for sports. And their chance meeting has led to an exciting collaboration: the "Lettermen's Lounge," a one-hour weekly radio talk show that features news about Furman and Greenville-area athletics.

The project began as a podcast in January and recently has been picked up to air Monday evenings (streamed on-line) from 7 to 8 p.m. on Greenville radio station ESPN 1440-AM (www.espn1440.com).

Many of you know about the UFFP (Unofficial Furman Football Page, www.uffp2.com), where fans (and foes) of Furman football and other Furman sports chat on-line and exchange rumors, in-depth analysis and good-natured (usually) commentary about Paladin

athletics and sports in general. Others of you have likely signed on to athletics-related Furman pages on Facebook.

Now, with Lettermen's Lounge, there's another source for news and views about Paladin athletics and the world of sports. And we have to agree with Tom LeGrand, who is justifiably proud that "two Furman graduates are doing groundbreaking work in this field, especially here in Clemson Country."

To learn more about the Lettermen's Lounge, visit www.lettermenslounge.com or send a note to tom@lettermenslounge.com.

Why do I tell you this story? To show how the Furman network can work. We hope you'll find ways, as Tom and Manie did, to take advantage of the connections you have as an alumnus/a of this university.

IN JUNE I HAD THE PLEASURE of traveling to China with the chair of Furman's Department of Asian Studies, Kate Palmer Kaup, and 11 alumni and friends. During our two-week journey we spent time in Suzhou, Shanghai, Tibet, Xi'an and Beijing.

Kate, who holds a dual appointment in Asian Studies and political science (and who was profiled in the Fall 2009 issue of this magazine), is wonderfully well-connected in China, so we got to know the country much more intimately than the average tourist. We also met with eight young Furman alumni who were living and working in China.

To learn more about our experience, visit <http://furmanchinatrip2010.blogspot.com>.

The Alumni Office is working to develop more travel programs for alumni and friends. Watch for an announcement about future opportunities.

AFTER WE RETURNED FROM CHINA, we saw another example of Asian Studies in action. In July Furman sponsored an intensive two-week Chinese language and culture camp for high school students who have taken at least one year of Chinese.

The Startalk Chinese Language Camp was designed to help the participants take their language skills to new levels. Students studied and lived with native Chinese teachers, interacted via webcam with high school partners in China, and worked with Chinese-speaking camp counselors.

Students did everything from making documentaries to preparing authentic Chinese food. And they were able to keep their webcams so they can stay in touch with their language partners in Suzhou. The camp was supported by a National Critical Language Initiative Startalk grant.

This special program is yet another selling point alumni can use to help the university recruit outstanding students. One of Furman's strategic goals is to increase its applicant pool, and alumni can help spread the good news. So make sure to encourage any prospective college students you know to consider Furman. They'll like what they see!

PRESIDENTIAL VISITS: New Furman president Rod Smolla, who took office July 1, will be traveling the country during the next few months, looking to meet as many alumni as possible. His schedule is still being determined, but be on the lookout for an announcement about an event in your area — and then plan to attend.

— TOM TRIPLITT '76
Director, Alumni Association

CLASS NOTES, SUMMER 2010

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Charles W. Linder, a former member of the Furman Alumni Board, has received the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine's 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Loyalty. He is a retired associate dean and professor emeritus of pediatrics at the medical college, where he completed a fellowship in 1969. He then joined the faculty and went on to serve as assistant hospital administrator, chief of staff and medical director of MCGHealth in addition to his academic duties. Since his retirement in 2001, he has served as a volunteer faculty member.

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Elizabeth Harrill Mitchell, president of the Maine 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 LePage and three independent candidates in the November elections.

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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.

Fleetwood Loustalot of Hattiesburg, Miss., was inducted into the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame July 24. He was a star runner and hurdler for the track team, 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.

Roy Talbert, professor of history at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C., is the first person appointed to the school's Lawrence B. and Jane P. Clark Chair.

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Janet Clark of Pittsboro, N.C., retired December 31 from the University of North Carolina hospital system, where she had served as chaplain and bereavement coordinator.

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Mike Blackmon received the Emmett Hutto Service to Driver Education Award given by the South Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. Mike is a teacher and coach at Wade Hampton High School in Greenville.

Ken Shigley is author of the 2010 edition of *Georgia Law of Torts: Trial 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.

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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 **Richard W. Riley** '54 during the Clinton administration.

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Alan Austin of Greenville has established an investment banking firm, Mt. Vista Capital, Inc.

Larry Nordlinger recently joined dataBridge in Asheville, N.C., as vice president of sales. DataBridge is a SharePoint firm.

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Gene Golding of Columbia, S.C., has earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Carolina.

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Juneau-based Alaskan Brewing Co., founded and owned by Geoff and **Marcy Bradley Larson**, 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 involvement and active endeavors.

David Tolbert became president of the International Center for Transitional Justice in March. The ICTJ works to redress and prevent the most severe violations of human rights by confronting legacies of mass abuse. David was most recently registrar for the United Nations' Special Tribunal for Lebanon, based in The Hague, Netherlands. During almost 15 years with the UN he also served as a senior legal advisor, deputy chief prosecutor and assistant secretary-general. Visit www.ictj.org.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

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

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Zach Kelehear, an education administration 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 1991-98, during which time he won the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching. He also served briefly as director of the Paladin Club.

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Michael D. Stewart received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Kansas in May. He teaches at the School of Advanced Military Studies in Fort Leavenworth.

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

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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 1992 and a six-time member of the U.S. Solheim Cup team. She is now a television golf analyst.

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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Angelo Richardson earned a Master of Science degree in national resource strategy from the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces, which provides graduate level education to senior members of the U.S. armed forces, government civilians, foreign nationals and private industry. The National Defense University is the Department of Defense's premier educational institution and prepares military and civilian officers for senior leadership roles with the U.S. government.

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Chad Fetzer has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. He serves as minister of students and families at First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

MARRIAGE: **Mary Ella Mahoney** and

John Lee Davidson, May 1. They live in Orlando, Fla., where she is an oncology medical science liaison and he is a contracts manager for IAP Worldwide Services.

BIRTHS: Jim and **Liz Aurilio Fenton**, a daughter, Rory Lynn, October 15, Summerfield, N.C.

Justin and **Joanna Western Griffin**, a daughter, Jessy Lynn, November 24, Whitwell, Tenn.

Brince and Holly **Wilford**, a son, George Rayburn, April 23. They live in Nashville, Tenn. Brince is a partner with Covenant Capital Management.

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Christopher B. "Topper" Doehring has been appointed vice president of medical affairs at St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers in Indianapolis, Ind. He went to work for St. Francis in 2003

and has been associate director of the hospital's family medicine residency program. In 2009 he was appointed medical director of St. Francis Medical Group, an organization of more than 120 physicians who collaborate with St. Francis to serve patients throughout Indianapolis and south-central Indiana. He is currently pursuing a graduate degree in medical management at Carnegie-Mellon University.

MARRIAGE: **Brian Cox** and **Kristin**

Kuehnert '05, May 8. They live in Atlanta where Kristin is a paralegal with the firm of Hill, Kertscher and Wharton. Brian works as a video editor.

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Erin R. Mahan has been promoted to the senior executive service of the U.S. government and appointed to the position of chief historian of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

John Wilsey of Barboursville, Va., completed his Ph.D. in philosophy of religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His dissertation was on the significance of religious liberty in the founding of America.

BIRTHS: **Roger** and **Caroline**

Munnerlyn Ferrell, a son, Isaiah Hutton, December 8. Roger is executive director of the Clear Creek Baptist Association in Anna, Ill.

Marty and Susan **Weems**, a daughter, Savannah Marie, July 18, 2009, Chandler, Ariz. Marty is a vice president for Athletes' Performance.

Lance and Shannon **Wilder**, a son, Declan O'Brien Wilder, May 23. Both Lance and Shannon are employed at the University of Georgia, he on the English faculty and she as director of the Office of Service Learning.

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Melissa Drummond of Woodruff, S.C., a Spanish teacher at St. Paul Catholic School, received a travel scholarship to Costa Rica through the South Carolina Foreign Language Teachers' Association. One of the requirements of the scholarship was to present a session at the annual conference of the SCFLTA, which she did in March. The presentation was named the best at the conference, and she was invited to give the talk again at the regional Southern Conference on Language Teaching conference in 2011. Her eighth grade Spanish students recently earned top state rankings in several categories of the National Spanish Exam.

Shawn Heath joined the Tallahassee, Fla., office of GrayRobinson, P.A., in April as a shareholder in the litigation practice group. Prior to joining GrayRobinson, he practiced construction and real estate law with Guilday Tucker Schwartz & Simpson, P.A. He serves on the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law, and Construction Law committees of the Florida Bar and is a member of the Trial Lawyers section.

BIRTH: **John** and Lisa **Johnson**, a son, John IV, April 18. They live in Honolulu, where John has been a software engineer for 14 years and Lisa works with their underwater photography business, One Breath Photography. Visit www.onebreathphotography.com.

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On May 1, **David Prophitt** became regional director of fundraising for the March of Dimes of Atlanta. He was previously area executive director of northwest Georgia for the American Cancer Society.

Brian Wooten, director of the Center for Student Leadership and assistant professor for university studies at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, is chair-elect of the board of directors for the National Association for Campus Activities.

MARRIAGES: **Emily Thayer** and Brian Crenshaw, April 10. They live in Alpharetta, Ga. She is a finance manager at AT&T Mobility and he works in IT consulting for CGI.

Crissie Lynn Smith and Bryan Keith Wood, May 15. She is accounting supervisor at *The Greenville News* and he is safety coordinator at Rescom Construction.

BIRTH: **Will** and Molly **Waring**, a daughter, Annesly Elizabeth, June 3, 2009, Summerville, S.C.

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MARRIAGE: **Deborah Harnish** and Dan LaRoche, January 16. They live on Johns Island, S.C., where she is a licensed social worker with Our Lady of Mercy Community

Outreach. He is general manager of Lucy's Red Sky Grill.

BIRTH: Charlie and **Sandi Padgett**

Riddle, a daughter, Marina Elaine, December 9. They live in Goose Creek, S.C. Sandi is a freelance grant writer and Charlie is the health and safety officer for St. Paul's Fire District.

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In April, Bennett Thrasher PC, the fourth largest Atlanta-based accounting and audit firm, announced that **Scott Craig** has joined BT Wealth Management, LLC, as director of portfolio management.

He is also a member of the BT Wealth Management investment committee.

Paul Satterwhite, a partner with Husch Blackwell Sanders, a litigation and business

services law firm in Springfield, Mo., was included in *Springfield Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2010, which recognizes his accomplishments as a business and community leader. In 2009 he was named a Missouri & Kansas Rising Star® by his peers. He is vice chair of the board of the Family Violence Center and is a member of the Springfield Public Schools Envision SPS/Advisory Team Committee.

BIRTHS: Dann and **Anne-Marie**

Sanders Angeloff, a son, Danny Valentino III, April 27, Newport Beach, Calif.

Ashton and **Leigh Booth Paoletti**, a daughter, Anna Davis, April 7, Greenville.

Allen and **Laurie Blossom Tubbs**, a daughter, Audrey Jane, December 18, Atlanta.

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Meredith Wilson Burton, director of the Furman Child Development Center, has been named one of 15 teacher advisors for Scholastic 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 Porter-Gaud School in Charleston, S.C., since June of 2009, **DuBose Egleston, Jr.**, was appointed head of school in March.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD ADDS FOUR MEMBERS

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

welcomes four new members to its board of directors for 2010-11: Sidney Bland '59, Patricia Morgan Carswell '82, Gail Laible Hughes '83 and Todd Malo '95 (left to right).

Bland recently retired after 45 years as a history professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., where an endowed scholarship bears his name. Holder of a Ph.D. from The George Washington University, he co-chaired the JMU American Studies program for 29 years and was president of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society from 1981 to 1997. He is the author of a host of books and scholarly articles.

Carswell, an English major at Furman, is associate dean of the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where she serves on the boards of the



Salvation Army and the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. She co-chaired the 25th reunion for the Class of '82 and served on the Furman Parents Council and the Parent Campaign Committee. Her daughter, Mary Lindley Carswell, is a 2009 Furman graduate.

Hughes, who lives in Hebron, Conn., earned her Furman degree in mathematics. She was a financial analyst with Aetna Life Insurance



Company before becoming a stay-at-home mom. She is on the board of Cherish the Children Foundation and the Connecticut Chapter of Reeve Foundation, is a cabinet member of the Hospital for Special Care, and has been a mentor to a sixth-grade student in Hebron.

Malo graduated in 1995 with a degree in geology. Active with the Building and Grounds Committee of Greenville's Poinsett Club, he is also



involved with Furman's Riley Institute and Young Benefactors. A past president of the university's Young Alumni Council, he works in business development with SYS Constructors.

Members who rotated off the board this year were John Block '63, Bobby Church '78, Cordell Maddox '54, Heyward Sullivan '59 and William Turrentine '64.



Tim Spitz of Pittsford, N.Y., was runner-up at the 2009 U.S. Mid-Amateur golf tournament. Tim also won the 2008 Rochester (N.Y.) Tournament of Champions and was runner-up in 2009.

Fayette and **Lisa Benners Williams** have moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where Fayette is a surgeon with Facial and Oral Surgery Associates.

BIRTHS: **Brady** and Jennifer **Gilbert**, a son, Noah Donnan, January 18. They live in Travelers Rest, S.C.

Brian and **Claudia Wood Strow**, a son, Thatcher Marten, August 31, 2009, Bowling Green, Ky. Brian and Claudia are both associate professors of economics at Western Kentucky University, and Brian holds the BB&T Endowed Chair at the WKU Center for the Study of Capitalism.

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Michael P. Harrison of Monmouth, Ill., recently completed his Ph.D. in Spanish at the University of California-Irvine and is an assistant professor at Monmouth College.

BIRTHS: Bryant and **Suzanne Sloan Lind**, a son, Beckett Sloan Lind, September 9, 2009. They live in Arden, N.C., where Suzanne is a respiratory representative for Merck & Co. Bryant owns and operates Amalga Corporation, an executive search firm.

Seth and **Meredith Jackson '00**

Ramaley, a son, Jackson Leinbach, March 16. They live in Smyrna, Ga.

Chuck and Suzanne **Vincent**, twins, Charles Edward III and Sophia Marie, March 23, Atlanta. Chuck is a senior systems analyst for Turner Broadcasting and Suzanne is vice president of internal communications at SunTrust Banks, Inc.

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Briana Lewis has accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor of French at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.

BIRTHS: **Lee** and Anne **Bell**, a son, Lee Augustus III, December 1, Nashville, Tenn. Stephen and **Jaime Albert Campbell**, a daughter, Claire Elyse, November 20, Sacramento, Calif. Stephen is a C-17 pilot at Travis Air Force Base and Jaime is completing a pathology residency at the University of California-Davis Medical Center.

Geoffrey and **Stacy Schorr Chandler**, a daughter, Nora Lois, April 11, Garner, N.C. Reagan and **Suzanna Wellman Combs**, a son, Cooper Wellman Combs, December 7. They live in Chicago.

Wystan and Shenaqua **Houghton**, twins, Denby and Dilly, April 14. They live in Columbia, S.C.

John and **Elizabeth Kirven Oettinger**, a daughter, Elizabeth "Libba" Kirven Oettinger, April 23, Birmingham, Ala.

Cameron and Jennifer **Runyan**, a daughter, Leisel Caroline, April 15, Columbia, S.C.

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

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J. Carl Gregg has been called as pastor of Broadview Baptist Church in Owings, Md. He was formerly associate pastor of Northminster Church in Monroe, La. **Teodor Simeonov** has been named regional finance director for the River Business Unit of LaFarge North America in Missouri.

BIRTHS: **T.J.** '99 and **Erin McCasland Castello**, a daughter, Sofia Lucile, November 22. They live in Dunwoody, Ga.

William and **Donna Peppers '01 Frazier**, twin sons, Charles Dorsey and Owen McArthur, May 27, 2009. Will completed his residency in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery at Wake Forest University and is now on the staff of Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Ryan '01 and **Kelly Robinson Jowers**, a daughter, Caroline Rose, December 9, Tucker, Ga.

Clarke and **Katie Gamble Russell**, a daughter, Margaret Jane, May 21, Charlotte, N.C.

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Carl Junot 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 Mexico for seven years. Having completed his Ph.D. at the University of Montana, **Johnny MacLean** 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 psychology internship with the Houston (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 Bacon** and Kelsey Withers, April 18, 2009. He is an attorney with the Charleston, S.C., office of McAngus Goudelock and Courie LLC.

Carrie Ann Fisher and Reid Thomas Sherard, April 24. They live in Greenville where he is an associate attorney at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, and she is an assistant U.S. attorney.

April Longley and David Alley, September 12, 2009. They live in Alexandria, Va.

BIRTHS: **Steve** and Laura **Burdine**, a daughter, Charlotte Rose, August 17, 2009. 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 Eden, N.C.

Paul and **Heather Lundell Dorrance**, a son, Caleb William, May 15, 2009. They have moved to Columbus, Miss., where Paul is an instructor pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

Chris and Katherine **Phillips**, a son, Caleb Hamilton, November 2. Chris completed a rheumatology fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and has started a practice in Paducah, Ky.

Mark and **Katherine Brittain Sandvos**, a son, Nolan Anthony, October 18, St. Louis, Mo.

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Bryce Parrott of Nashville, Tenn., has become director of process improvement with Hospital Corporation of America.

BIRTHS: Wes and **Lauren Heath Bryant**, a daughter, Nora Reese, April 25, Greenville.

Mark '03 and **Laura Stirman Dubois**, a son, Elliott Montgomery, May 21, 2009. They live in Durham, N.C.

Jonathan and Beth **Ewing**, a son, Keaton Paul, April 9, Savannah, Ga. Jonathan is a commander in the 3rd Infantry Division, currently deployed to Afghanistan.

Michael and **Garner Lee Stead Green**, a son, Grant Thomas, April 29, New York City. Mike is a finance manager at Polo Ralph Lauren, and Garner Lee is on leave from her position as academic dean at Harlem Link Charter School.

Sims '00 and **Kate Wright Key**, a daughter, Ansley Kathryn, September 24, 2009. They live in Oakland, Calif., where Sims is an architect with ELS Architecture.

Brian and **Jennifer Perri Kovach**, a son, Dominic, February 21. They live in Flowery Branch, Ga. In July Jen was inducted into the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame. She is the only golfer to be named Southern Conference Women's Player of the Year three times and holds the school record

DATING AND WAITING: ONE WOMAN'S QUEST FOR 'THE ONE'

MEGAN CARSON GRADUATED from Furman in 2000 with an excellent education, great friends, and a fairy tale vision of the man she hoped to marry: tall, mannerly and Christian.

Men possessing those traits seemed common during her college years, when she wasn't quite 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.

Her dating travails became a blog that had her friends in stitches or groaning in sympathy. Soon, an acquaintance's father was offering her a book deal. The result: *A Year of Blind Dates*, published late last year by Regal. Subtitled *A Single Girl's Search for 'The One'*, the book details Carson's year of meeting other singles through what she wryly calls "The World's Best Dating Service."

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 with men that in the book earn nicknames like F-Bomb Bill, Messy Hands Mike and Penthouse Pete. "I'm still out there dating, and I'm open to a thoughtful setup," she says.

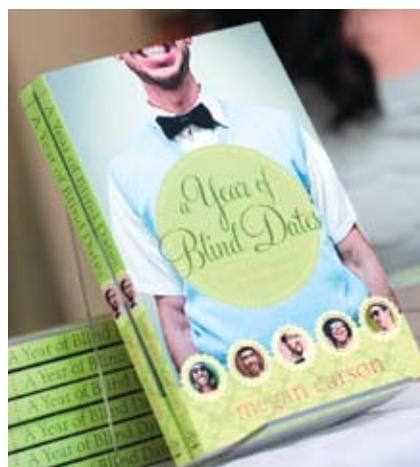
She was originally reticent about trying a dating service but was quickly swayed by the number of people who find love on-line. "If it could work for them, it could work for me," she says. So she signed up — and hoped that only her close family and friends would find out.

Carson went on a few interesting dates, but they got progressively worse. Friends found her musings so entertaining that they encouraged her to blog about

her experiences, and the year of dating she began in secret became 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 con-



tract in May 2008 and spent the summer fleshing out her blog entries.

"I don't take for granted that I'm really 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 their stories at book signings — including one this spring at Furman. "That was unbelievable for me, having a signing near 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 '98 settled on Furman, she thought she 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. "Crewneck sweaters, polo shirts with popped collars, loafers with plaid skirts, khakis . . . what's not to love?"

She soon realized, though, that when it came to dating, her Southern-leaning fashion sense and old-fashioned values did not always mesh with her California-style aggression. "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 Capistrano Valley High School, her alma mater in Mission Viejo, Calif. She earned a master's degree in education from Concordia University while finishing *A Year of Blind Dates*.

Although the book doesn't have 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 what's important to me not just in a relationship but in life in general. I'm still waiting, but at the same time, I'm really enjoying my life where it is right now."

— LEIGH SAVAGE

Leigh Gauthier Savage '94 is a freelance writer in Simpsonville, S.C.

for best career stroke average among women's golfers. She won two individual conference championships.

Andy and **Carrie Pascual**, a son, Alejandro Taylor V, May 25. They live in Norcross, Ga.

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Kelly Nalley (M.A.) has been named South Carolina Teacher of the Year for 2010. She teaches Spanish at Fork 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 Griffin, 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

Eric Cain received a Master of Divinity degree from the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in May and has accepted a position as Maddox Pastoral Resident at Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta.

In May, **Stephanie Nielsen** graduated from Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and has become a pharmacist with Walgreens in Atlanta.

MARRIAGES: **Elizabeth Baxley** and Grady Blount III, December 19. They live in Taylors, S.C.

Hamilton Bridges and Mary Ann Barrett, February 6. They live in Atlanta.

Charles Trevor Hall and **Meghan Diane Hazelwood** '05, September 12, 2009. They live in Charleston, S.C., where she is employed with the First Circuit Solicitor's office and he with Enterprise Corporation.

Robby Hendry and Sydney Cummings, April 11. Both Robby and Sydney received their M.D. degrees from the Medical University of South Carolina in May. They have moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is a resident physician in neurology and she is a resident physician in family medicine.

Grant Nicholson and Teresa Dawson, April 23. They live in Atlanta where he is director of sales and marketing for the private wealth management Atlanta division of SunTrust Bank.

Jason Timothy Strand and Lindsey Arlene Hammond, May 15. They live in Greenville where Jason is employed by Michelin North America and Lindsey by the Greenville Free Medical Clinic.

BIRTHS: **Buddy** and **Sarah-Ann Turpen Davis**, a son, Trey, January 19. They live in Brentwood, Tenn., where Buddy is completing his residency in orthodontics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Jim and **Carmen Band Sawyers**, a son, Noah Crawford, January 19, Wilmington, N.C.

05

THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Adam and **Diana Estes Ligler** have moved to Charlotte, N.C., where Adam, a graduate of Eastern Virginia Medical School, has begun a residency at the Carolinas Medical Center. Diana recently

graduated from Old Dominion University with a Master of Arts degree in applied linguistics.

In May, **Kenneth Surkin** received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School, where he will complete his residency.

Joe Waters of Taylors, S.C., is the Democratic candidate for the District 22 seat in the South Carolina House of Representatives. He will face Republican Wendy Nanney in the November elections. Joe is director of adult education and parish mission at Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

MARRIAGES: **Brett Merrill** and Ginny Thornton, December 19. They live in Smyrna, Ga.

Meredith Ellen Pittman and Jonathan Power, April 30. She graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in May with an M.D. degree and a Master of Science degree in clinical investigation. She is pursuing a residency in pathology at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

BIRTHS: **Josh** and **Meredith Edwards Green**, a son, Henry Dayton, February 18. Josh is a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School and practices in the capital markets group of McGuire Woods LLP. Meredith is scheduled to graduate from Wake Forest University School of Law this fall. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Geoffrey and **Emily Greyard Mitchell**, a son, Cannon Greyard Mitchell, March 26, Tucson, Ariz. Geoff earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in cancer biology from the University of Arizona, where he will be a post-doctoral fellow. Emily graduated from the University of Arizona with a Master of Education degree and works as a publisher's representative with Pearson Higher Education.

06

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 Pickens, S.C.

Patrick Arnett has earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Waterville, Maine, where he is completing a residency and she is a nurse.

Kate Atwood 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.

Phillip Liles recently graduated from Elon University School of Law in North Carolina. He and his wife, Venus, a graduate of Duke University Law School, live in Raleigh, N.C.

Andrew MacConnell received a Master of Science degree in chemistry from Furman in August 2009.

MARRIAGE: **Ashley Nicole McCall** and Joseph LaShaun Washington, July 25, 2009. Ashley earned a Master of Arts degree in communications from Trinity University in Washington, D.C., and works as a public affairs specialist for the Department of Defense (Pentagon), U.S. Army. Joseph is a federal law enforcement officer.

07

Leonard Galloway (M.A.) is the new principal of Varennes Academy of Communications and Technology in Anderson County, S.C. He most recently was assistant principal of Nevitt Forest Community School of Innovation.

Eric Helms begins work this fall toward his Master of Fine Arts degree in poetry at Columbia University School of the Arts in New York City.

Bruce Alan Nessler, Jr., has earned his J.D. degree from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University in Birmingham, Ala. He was first in his class and graduated *summa cum laude*.

Ed Westbrook and his father are building a micro-brewery in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Westbrook Brewing Co. is expected to open in September. According to the Charleston *Post and Courier*, Ed started brewing beer in his senior year at Furman and continued the practice while pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Clemson University.

MARRIAGES: Bonnie Leigh Baird and Matthew Hydrick Stabler, March 6. They live 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 Graham Butler, May 15. They live in Atlanta.

Linda Ketsche 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 St. Francis Health System in Greenville.

Farra Olivia Southern and Kenneth Bennett Dorman, April 30. She is scheduled to receive a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of South Carolina in December. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where he is employed as a financial specialist with Wachovia Bank.

BIRTH: Scott and Darlene Bayles Currier, a son, John Wheeler, April 27, Greenville.

08

Sarah Clay Bryant graduated from Duke University's Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing program and works as an oncology nurse at Duke Hospital.

Eva Sclippa is pursuing a double master's degree in art history and library and informational sciences at the University of North Carolina.

Courtney Stewardson has been named assistant volleyball coach at Radford (Va.) University. For the past two years she was a graduate assistant at the University of Delaware, where she earned a master's degree in educational leadership.

MARRIAGES: Amy Lynn Greenwell (M.A.) and William Thompson Bryson, May 1. They live in Simpsonville, S.C. She teaches second grade at Mauldin Elementary School and he is sales manager of Outside In Leisure Products.

Matthew MacCaughelty and **Stephanie MacDonald**, April 10. They live in Pineville, N.C.

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

Caitlin Montgomery and Timothy McLeod, August 21, 2009. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

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

09

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

MARRIAGE: Elizabeth Kell and **David Sedell**, May 22. They live in Sarasota, Fla.



INAUGURAL LEAD-IN: DAY OF SERVICE

FURMAN WILL INAUGURATE Rodney Smolla as its 11th president Friday, October 22, at 10 a.m., to launch a festive 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 asked 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 jane.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 Mall, weather permitting. The ceremony 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 have an accurate head count.

All Homecoming schedules and information will be available on the alumni website in early August. Brochures will be mailed about the same time. A reminder: Classes after 1980 will NOT receive a mailed brochure. Specific information for those classes will be available on-line only.

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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 and work as a private tutor. The Fulbright is the United States' flagship international educational exchange program.

Jason William Ethridge received an assistantship 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 five weeks in Hancock, Maine, at the Pierre Monteux Orchestra festival, where he presented weekly concerts as a conductor and orchestra member.

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 received a \$35,000 Compton Mentor Fellowship to conduct a yearlong research project on sustainability and reforestation in Guatemala. The fellowship is the nation's premiere postgraduate award in sustainability. He is the fifth Furman student to be named a Compton Mentor Fellow since 2007.

MARRIAGE: Katie Fairman and Phillip Garrott, May 14. They have moved to Suzhou, China, where they teach English at Soochow University.

DEATHS

Ruby Berry Brabham '33, May 16, Allendale, S.C. She taught school for more than 33 years.

Dorothy Chase Smith '38, April 17, Chester, S.C. She taught elementary school in South Carolina for 39 years. A talented vocalist and sponsor of the Chester Little Theater, she was active in the Chester Education Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Genealogy Society.

William J. McLeod '40, 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 1975. He began the practice of law in 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 1966 to 1978, where he was vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and a member of the General Joint Conference Committee, among other appointments. Active in Dillon civic affairs, he served as city recorder, president of the county board of education, and as a member of the hospital advisory board and library board. He was Citizen of the Year in 1978 and Dillon County Veteran of the Year in 2006.

Jack L. Bloom '41, 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 attorney and had a private practice in Greenville for more than 50 years.

A. Harold Cole '41, March 29, Lexington, S.C. He was elected general secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist

CENTRAL MISSOURI TAPS AMBROSE AS PRESIDENT

CHUCK AMBROSE '83, president of North Carolina's Pfeiffer University since 1998, has been named president of the University of Central Missouri. He was scheduled to assume his new position August 1.



In announcing the appointment, UCM board president Richard Phillips described Ambrose as "a very astute and effective leader. He will bring 12 years of successful experience as a university president to this campus."

Said Ambrose, "It is with incredible personal and professional enthusiasm that my family and I receive the invitation to become part of the University of Central Missouri family. The university's mission was well represented in the commitment of everyone we met throughout the search process."

UCM, located in Warrensburg, was founded in 1871 and has approximately 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

At Pfeiffer, a private university affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Ambrose was a passionate advocate for the institution's emphasis on preparing servant leaders for lifelong learning. Under his direction Pfeiffer's enrollment almost doubled, operating revenues grew by nearly 90 percent, annual support doubled and the university implemented service learning programs across the curriculum. Pfeiffer has received extensive state and national recognition for its service efforts, including the U.S. Presidential Honor Roll for Service Award four consecutive years.

As for his new position, Ambrose says that he is prepared to deal with any problems caused by the recent economic downturn, adding that all institutions of higher learning have been affected by the country's financial hardships.

"We may have different pieces to move around," he told the *Sedalia Democrat*, "but the bottom line has to be a commitment to being good stewards with the resources we do have to provide a quality education for a growing number of students."

Ambrose, a past chair of the President's Council for NCAA Division II, earned his Furman degree in sociology and went on to receive his doctorate from the University of Georgia. He was for a brief time director of the Paladin Club, Furman's athletic fundraising arm, and has also held senior administrative appointments at Western Carolina University and Carson-Newman College. Furman presented him its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006.

In 2003 he and his wife, Kristen Allen Ambrose '83, completed a 1,000-mile bicycle ride along the East Coast that raised more than \$200,000 to fight breast cancer, of which Kris is a survivor.

Convention in 1969 and held that position until 1982. During his tenure, 128 new churches were started in the state, church membership grew by 85,000, and donations to the Cooperative Program tripled. He oversaw the planning of the state convention's White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro and was credited with starting an annual conference on Bible study and preaching that continues each summer at Anderson University. From 1962 to 1969 he was assistant general secretary-treasurer of the state convention, and before that he was state student director in both South Carolina and North Carolina. He also served as executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Christian Higher Education and held pastorates at churches in South Carolina, Indiana and Alabama.

Margaret Bonham Haynes '41, December 6, Vero Beach, Fla.

Carol 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 Tatum Welch '42, April 23, Spartanburg, S.C. He served in World War II as a Naval aviator on the USS Saratoga in the Pacific theater and was active in the Naval Reserves following the war, retiring with the rank of commander. He went on to work as a general manager of PYA Distributing and as a sales manager for Acme Distributing before retiring as a consultant to the Spartanburg County Council. Active in civic affairs, he was president of the Spartanburg Sertoma Club and for three terms was district governor of Sertoma International. He was a charter member and president of the Retired Officers Association and the Sales and Marketing Executive Club and was a member of the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Visitors of the Presbyterian Home in Clinton, S.C., and the Board of Advisors of the Mental Health Association of the

JULIA SPARKS EXEMPLIFIED COMPASSION, COMPETENCE

WHEN JULIA SPARKS retired in 1993 after working at Furman for 39 years, the crowd at her retirement reception was the largest anyone at the time could recall.

The turnout was emblematic of the enormous respect her colleagues on the faculty and staff had for "Ms. Sparks," who spent much of her career overseeing Furman's employee benefits program. When she died June 5 at the age of 81, the university community mourned the passing of a woman who modeled professionalism, competence and compassion.

She joined the university's staff in 1954 as a payroll clerk and cashier, then moved to the new campus in 1958 as business office supervisor and administrative assistant to the assistant business manager. Later she became personnel administrator and manager of the university's

retirement programs, endearing herself to current and retired employees with her unfailing consideration and attention to individual needs. She retired as assistant personnel director.

Moreover, Julia Sparks was passionately devoted to her employer. As her obituary stated, "She was intensely proud of her association with Furman, supporting its academics and athletics. Julia loved the people and the place. She never tired or complained about going to work because Furman was part of her family."

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, John and Margaret Sparks Bolt '73 of Morgantown, West Va., as well as two grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, two sisters and a brother. Memorials may be made to Furman or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Upper Piedmont and Spartanburg Urban Rehabilitation. He chaired the Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation Board and in 1969 was recipient of a certificate for outstanding contributions to the city.

Martha Sims Carpenter '43, April 19, Greenville. She was active in community affairs and was the first woman elder of both Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Enoree Presbytery. She was a former president and honorary life member of Women of the Church and was an ordained Stephen Minister.

George Milum "Bud" Testerman '44, March 16, Rogersville, Tenn. After service with the U.S. Army in World War II, he owned Testerman Motor Company. He was a charter member and president of the Rogersville Kiwanis Club and was director and chair of First National Bank. He was president of Community Chest, was active in starting the local United Way and was chair of the Hawkins County Republican Party for many years. He served on the boards of Holston Electric and Hawkins County Memorial Hospital.

Beverley Lawrence Vertrees '44, May 27, Ames, Iowa. She taught piano and directed children's and adult choirs for many years. She formed and led a church bell choir for 25 years, accompanied dozens of students at district music contests, and sang with the Heartland Senior Services Songbirds. She also published two mystery novels.

Louise Lively Hendricks '46, March 30, Easley, S.C. She worked with the Pickens County legislative delegation for many years and served on the Pickens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Cynthia Todd Parker '46, May 5, Athens, Ga. She was for a time an instructor at Anderson (S.C.) College (now University). In Athens she worked with the American Cancer Society, serving on the board of directors and as an officer of the organization's auxiliary. She was also involved in campus activities at the University of Georgia, where her husband taught.

Mercer Truett Bridges '47, February 17, Augusta, Ga. His college career was interrupted by World War II, when he entered Navy flight training school and later the officer corps of the U.S. Marines. He was a night fighter pilot in the South Pacific from 1942-45 before returning to the mainland to complete his service as a test pilot in California. After the war he completed his Furman degree and went on to attend graduate school at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. He enjoyed a productive musical career in which he performed in television ads, on records and in nightclubs. In 1959 he moved to Augusta and began studying toward a medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia. After graduating in the top tier of his class in 1963, he did an orthopaedic residency and then began clinical practice as a founding member of Orthopaedic Associates of Augusta. He worked in England with Sir John Charnley, the pioneer of hip replacement surgery, and in New York City with specialists at the Hospital for Special Surgery. In recognition of his contributions to his profession,

he was elected president of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society. Throughout his medical career he maintained an interest in music, and during his surgical internship and residency he served as a church choir director. He retired from medical practice in 1987 but remained active in Augusta music circles, serving as president of the Harry Jacobs Chamber Music Society.

Charles Henry Ellis '47, April 2, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army 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.

Marian Martin Johnson '47, April 10, Roanoke, Va. She was a lifelong educator, teaching in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, where she retired. A longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Iota Master Chapter of Roanoke, she was also a member of the Electa Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Frances Eloise Brigman Epps '48, May 10, Latta, S.C. She taught first grade in the Latta schools for more than 35 years and was a member of the Hyman Grange.

Kirby J. Quinn, Jr. '48, March 22, Greenville. He was founder and president of Town House Galleries interior design firm. His commissions consisted of both commercial and residential interiors throughout the East Coast, from Maine to Sea Island, Ga.

He was an associate member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

Sarah Reid Surett '48, March 29, Greenville. A talented flower arranger, she was associated with John Roberts Florist in Greenville.

Wilda Patton Pettigrew Thackston '48, Fountain Inn, S.C. She was retired from Bell South as a sales representative.

Martha Pitts Redden Martens '49, March 26, Newport News, Va. She was a flower arranger and nationally accredited flower show judge. A past president of the Clarice Wilson Garden Club, Greenville Garden Club and Greenville Woman's Club, she received numerous awards for her floral creations.

Jesse M. Ray '49, April 5, Greenville. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He graduated from Furman after World War II and from the University of South Carolina law school after the Korean War, eventually practicing law in Greenville from 1955 to 1998. He also served 17 years as U.S. commissioner and U.S. magistrate. He was a member of the South Carolina Bar, the Greenville County Bar and the S.C. Trial Lawyers Association. In retirement he became an advocate for those in need and handled a number of *pro bono* cases.

John H. Pace, Sr. '50, February 11, Lexington, N.C. He was a World War II veteran of the European theater, earning two Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal and the Purple Heart. Afterward he worked with the U.S. Postal Service for five years, then entered the ministry. He served seven churches in the Carolinas and was pastor of Reeds Baptist Church from 1969 until his retirement in 1991. He also wrote two church histories and served on the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Charles Howard Painter '50, May 19, Anderson, S.C. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a retired finance broker, a Hejaz Shriner and a Mason.

Robert Nelson Shigley '50, May 27, Atlanta. He joined the Army Air Corps and during World War II flew 36 combat missions as a B-17 waist gunner based in Italy. After earning his college degree he taught in high schools in Alabama and Georgia and was a principal of schools in those states and in Tennessee. He earned his doctorate from the University of Alabama and went on to serve as assistant school superintendent in Douglas County, Ga. From 1966 to 1972 he was a division director of the Georgia Department of Education, where his responsibilities included administration of funding and development of Fernbank Science Center and the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, supervision of the Governor's Honors program, and a host of other programs dealing with special education, teacher education and certification. He was principal of Douglas County Comprehensive High School from 1972 to 1974 and then served as director of Pioneer Regional Educational Services Administration. After retiring from Georgia public education in 1978, he worked with schools in Alaska and served as a superintendent in Nome.

Fannie Marion Darby Bunn '51, March 15, Asheville, N.C. She was a sergeant in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She was co-owner with her husband of Bunn Antiques in Asheville and also taught at a number of schools in the Asheville area until retiring in 1980. She was a member of the North Carolina Retired Teachers Association, 2nd Chance YMCA and the Preservation Society, and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

James V. Edwards '51, June 2, North Charleston, S.C. He was on the North Charleston City Council from 1974 to 1986, serving as chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee. After an unsuccessful run for mayor in 1990, he was elected to another four-year term on City Council in 1991.

In addition to his political involvement, he was a customer account representative with the North Charleston Sewer District.

John Workman Touchberry '51, April 26, Rosman, N.C. After earning graduate degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary, he completed clinical pastoral training at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. He was ordained in 1955 and served his first church in Cordova, S.C. While later working in student ministry as director of Georgia Seagle Hall at the University of Florida, he joined the United Church of Christ and was called to be the minister of Faith United Church of Christ in Clearwater, Fla. He moved to Lansdale, Pa., in 1973 to become senior minister of St. John's United Church of Christ, where he remained until retiring in 1999. He was founder of Interfaith Community Services and Community Housing Services and was on the boards of Helpline and the American Heart Association. In 1989 Lancaster Seminary presented him the Allan S. Meck Award for Excellence in Parish Ministry. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Lansdale Rotary International in 1992 and also received the North Penn Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. In 1993 he received the Lansdale Jaycees Community Service Award.

Ramelle Heriot Bolt Hudson '52, May 4, Oviedo, Fla. She was a talented pianist and organist.

Patrick Henry Riddick '52, May 22, Columbia, S.C. He served two tours of duty with the U.S. Army in Korea, achieving the rank of first lieutenant, then enjoyed a long career in banking that began with Bankers Trust of South Carolina and ended with his retirement as a vice president of NationsBank.

Sara Elizabeth Sims '52, March 9, Greenville. She spent her career teaching elementary school and retired from Blythe Elementary, where she taught fourth and fifth grades.

William Patterson Peebles '53, March 27, Duncan, S.C. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and retired from Mayfair Mill after 38 years of service. He was a member of the Spartanburg County District 5 School Board for 13 years and was a ranger at Willow Creek Golf Club.

Charles "Dusty" Rhodes '54, March 31, Greenville. A 24-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He was retired from Greenville Technical College and was a member of the Ruritans.

William Haud Ballenger, Jr. '55, April 2, Simpsonville, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a former

co-owner of Industrial Maintenance & Mechanical Services and eventually retired from Jacobs Engineering.

Bobby J. Bogan '57, May 13, Greenville. He retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after 23 years of service. He was a member of the Lions Club and Woodmen of the World.

Roy Dale McDade '57, March 16, Greenville. He was owner and operator of McDade Tile Company and was an artist. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Richard Lewis Estes '58, April 9, Greenwood, S.C. He was retired from Allied Signal Inc.

Hiram Lloyd McElrath '58, May 10, Hemingway, S.C. He served two tours of duty in the U.S. Navy, then went into the ministry and was a pastor of churches in Louisiana and South Carolina. He was senior pastor emeritus of Georgetown First Baptist Church.

Jerry Augustus Privette '58, March 15, Concord, N.C. He was a pastor of Baptist churches in six states and also was a consultant in the Architectural Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. He later spent 21 years as a professor of Christian education at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Charles Kenneth Glenn '59, May 9, Morristown, Tenn. After attending Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., he spent 40 years in the ministry as a pastor and missionary. His first assignment with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was to Wiesbaden, West Germany, from 1971-75. In 1976 he was Professor of Old Testament Ethics at the Liberia Baptist Seminary in Monrovia and the following year he became pastor of the Christian Fellowship House in Ahwaz, Iran, where he served until U.S. citizens were evacuated

in late 1978. He worked in Munich from 1979 to 1985, then returned to the states to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church in Bellevue, Neb. In 1990 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Golden Gate Seminary, and in 1994 he returned to his native Georgia as pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church in Watkinsville.

In 1997 he moved to Morristown, where for four years he led the senior adult ministry at Manley Baptist Church.

Charles Edward Lynn '59, March 10, Greenville. After serving two years in the U.S. Army in Germany, he served for five years in the Army Reserves. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, leaving in 1967 to work at Greenville Memorial Gardens. He eventually co-owned perpetual care cemeteries throughout the Southeast with Holder-Lynn Association and served as the national president of the Pre-Arrangement Interment Association of America from

FOR THOSE WHO MADE THE GREATEST SACRIFICE

IN JULY OF 2007, Craig Waldon's son, Wayne, was hit by a projectile from a detonated roadside bomb on the outskirts of Baghdad.

Days later, the 2004 Furman graduate and army captain had his leg amputated above his right knee.

Like his son, Craig Waldon '71, director of research in Furman's development office, completed Furman's ROTC program and was commissioned as an officer upon graduation. He has many friends who served in Vietnam.

So updating Furman's Doughboy memorial is a natural fit for him.

The Doughboy currently memorializes Furman alumni killed during the first two World Wars. Waldon and Lt. Col. Bill Price (military science) are collecting names of alumni who died in Korea, Vietnam and subsequent military engagements, with plans to add their names to the memorial.

Built on the downtown campus in 1920, the Doughboy was one of numerous such statues erected across the nation to commemorate World War I

veterans. It depicts a soldier with a grenade in one hand and a rifle with bayonet in the other.

The term "Doughboy" 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 adobe soil. The soil often discolored the soldiers' uniforms, giving them a doughboy-like appearance.

Five hundred and forty Furman men — almost the entire student body of what was then an all-male school — volunteered for service during World War I. Six died — Pvt. Thomas J. Lyon, Jr., Pvt. Otis Brodie, Lt. John H. David, Lt. Charles S. Gardner, Sgt. Charles E. Timmons, Jr., and Cpl. Talmadge W. Gerrald. Their names are inscribed at the base of the Doughboy. In the late 1940s a plaque was added bearing the names of Furman students lost during World War II.

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 lake.

Over the years, however, the statue was vandalized several times, and in the late 1990s its rifle-wielding left hand was broken off.

In 2003 the statue was replaced with a sturdier bronze model and relocated near the Lay Physical Activities Center, across from the Bryan Center for Military Science. The original Doughboy is on display at the Greenville History Museum.



— JOHN ROBERTS

Contact craig.waldon@furman.edu to help with the Doughboy project. Reprinted from the May 2010 issue of Inside Furman, the internal university newsletter.

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.

1987-88. In 1997 he retired from Oaklawn Memorial, which he co-owned with his daughter. In retirement he sang with Saints Alive and served as the group's president. He was a longtime Mason and Shriner, was a member of the Elk Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars, was a former president of the Augusta Road Ruritan Club, and was a high school sports official. The Charles E. Lynn Bridge in Smith Mountain, Va., was dedicated in his honor in 1998.

Charles Talmadge Settlemeyer III '60, March 25, Simpsonville, S.C. He was a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and a past state president of the Military Officers Association.

Harvey W. Capps, Jr. '61, March 19, Cordova, S.C. He was a farmer and a member of the Young Farmers Association and the Orangeburg Area Cattleman Association. He served on the board of directors with the Farm Bureau and was a member of the Elks 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 1965, he was a pastor from 1965 to 1969. In 1970 he changed careers and became a sanitarian for the Lynchburg (Va.) Health Department, where he worked until his retirement in 1995.

Beth George Wright '61, May 10, Sherman-Denison, Texas. The first woman to receive a chemistry scholarship to Furman, she began her career at the Agricultural Research Service Laboratory in Watkinsville, 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 Olin Robertson '64, March 11, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was retired from Anchor Motor Lines.

David Kelley Pepper '66, April 18, Taylors, S.C.

Ike Brissey '67, June 9, Anderson, S.C. He was deputy director of Anderson County Emergency Services and for 28 years was a volunteer firefighter with the Hopewell fire station, which he served as chief for six years and where he was named Fireman of the Year. A former president of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, he was instrumental in founding the Anderson Touchdown Club and Leadership Anderson, and was a past president of the Anderson City Rotary Club.

D. Sandra Reames '67, April 15, Easley, S.C. She was employed by Henderson Advertising Agency in Greenville and later was an assistant in the Department of Social Services for South Carolina.

Robert Lewis Swofford '69, March 12, Clemmons, N.C. Highly regarded for his passion for research and teaching, he spent nearly two decades as a chemistry professor at Wake Forest University, where he received the Advisor of the Year Award for his mentoring of students. He was also known as an exceptional singer. His family requested that memorials be made to Furman.

Alice Floree Rozier Cromer, M.A. '74, April 26, Greenville. She taught at Lake View (S.C.) High School before working for the U.S. Marine Corps Officers' Mess at Camp Lejeune, N.C., during World War II. She also worked at Pasadena Presbyterian Church in Arcadia, Calif. After returning to South Carolina, she taught kindergarten at Sara Collins Elementary School in Greenville until retirement.

Charles Michael Skipper '74, May 8, Warwickshire, United Kingdom. He studied photography at Parsons School of Design in New York City and taught photography in Oxford, England, for many years.

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.

Sallie Jean Buurman Callaway '76, April 23, Greenville. She earned post-graduate certificates with honors in art 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 Eastside 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 theatre, and worked with fitness and nutrition businesses in the Upstate.

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

Leo Jackson "Jay" Harvey III '87, April 18, Gaffney, S.C. He was owner and operator of Harvey's Drive-In and was a church music director.

J. Andrew Basham '90, March 21, Virginia Beach, Va. He passed the Virginia Bar in 1993 and practiced law in the Tidewater area.

BEST PRACTICES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS

In 2007, The Riley Institute at Furman completed a wide-ranging study of public education in South Carolina. The study revealed that the great majority of South Carolinians believe it is crucial to provide the state's children with the best public education system possible.

The institute and its Center for Education Policy and Leadership (CELP) have now taken the study a step further and provided a clearinghouse where educators and legislators can examine the most successful policies and practices in public education. "WhatWorksSC" can help legislators develop public education policy, inform businesses and non-profits about how best to assist schools, and show educators how to model the most successful practices in their districts, schools and classrooms.

Information about seven key recommended action areas in WhatWorksSC is being released on-line each month through December at <http://riley.furman.edueducation>. The study's action areas focus on transforming public schools into community learning centers, improving learning in the early years, incentives to recruit, retain and support effective teachers, successful dropout prevention strategies, building strong school leadership, individualizing education for students, and helping students overcome academic challenges.

On April 21, the Charleston Post and Courier published this editorial about the Riley Institute's efforts. Reprinted with permission.

WITH STATE TEST SCORES rising only slightly and district budgets shrinking dramatically, South Carolina's public schools can clearly benefit from the timely research of Riley Institute at Furman University.

The institute, named for former South Carolina governor and former U.S. Education Secretary Dick Riley, is compiling information about educational programs that have proven successful in the state's schools and producing a guide on how to replicate them.

The effort builds on the institute's 2007 study, which found wide public agreement on public education's importance to the state's future. This



new phase, called WhatWorksSC, will be issued in increments, documenting what works (and what doesn't). It should save districts money and time.

For instance, the Charleston County School District recently announced early results of special new initiatives to address troubling rates of illiteracy 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 WhatWorksSC can help lawmakers maximize the positive impact of education funding — a particularly critical challenge with continuing shortfalls in state revenues forcing painful cuts in education funding.

The research also can show businesses and non-profits the way toward more effective private-sector support for public education. School partners should be more willing to lend a financial hand if they are more confident their dollars will make a difference.

Over the next eight months, the institute will release policy papers and case studies in seven areas, including early education, transforming public schools into community learning centers, recruiting and retaining effective teachers, and dropout prevention.

Every car manufacturer says it has the best car for you. But you wouldn't buy one without a test drive and some more research.

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.