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Furman ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI BENEFITS: A REMINDER OF WHAT FURMAN OFFERS YOU

FOR SOME REASON I have the cheer “It’s great to be a Furman Paladin!” playing over and over in my head. Maybe it’s because we’ve just welcomed the Class of 2010 into the Alumni Association. We’re delighted to have yet another outstanding group of young people as part of our alumni base.



Or maybe it’s because we’ve experienced a wave of nostalgia over the last few months in anticipation of the June 30 retirement of David E. Shi ’73 and his wife, Susan Thomson Shi ’71, after 16 years as Furman’s outstanding First Couple. This spring we held several events to give alumni, parents and friends in different areas of the country a chance to express their appreciation to the Shis for their leadership and service to alma mater.

Even though we are sad to see Susan and David go, there is an air of expectancy on campus as we await the arrival of Rod and Michele Smolla as Furman’s next leaders. Although change can be unsettling, in this case the campus mood is one of eager anticipation as Furman prepares to launch a new era.

AS FURMAN ALUMNI, we need to remember that we are part of an amazing institution. We stand on the shoulders of giants who came before us, and each year we send new giants out into the world to do great things.

We also should remember that Furman doesn’t forget its alumni once they receive their diplomas.

The tangible and ongoing benefits the university provides for alumni include:

- Homecoming every year, with organized class reunions every five years.
- A free lifetime subscription to *Furman* magazine.
- A lifetime e-mail forward account with yourname@alumni.furman.edu, available through the Alumni Association at <http://alumni.furman.edu>.
- Alumni events on campus and in your part of the world through Furman Clubs or other special offerings. As an example, we will be bringing President Smolla to select areas beginning this summer. If we make it to your neck of the woods, please plan to join us. We want him to get to know our amazing Furman family, and vice versa.
- Free access to the Office of Career Services, headed by John Barker. The office has a wide array of resources from which you may draw, and you can request lists of alumni, parents and friends of the university in hundreds of career fields.
- An outstanding internship program under the direction of Susan Zeiger. If you’re looking for an intern, Furman students are eager and willing to acquire firsthand job experience.
- Bookstore discounts. Alumni who register for this new program will receive a 15 percent discount on apparel purchases, as well as periodic discounts and promotions not available to the general public. To register, call the University Store at (864) 294-2164.
- Golf course benefits. Through December 31, 2010, alumni who are verified through the university may receive a Furman Golf Club metal bag tag (one

time only) as well as a sleeve of Titleist Pro V1 balls (good anytime through the end of the year). All you have to do is start before 3 p.m. and pay the regular greens fee. For \$500, alumni may also acquire a pass that allows them to play at Furman at faculty/staff rates for five years from the date of purchase. Call the Furman Golf Club, (864) 294-9090, to learn more.

Furman wants to keep you informed of the many exciting university activities in which you can be involved. But we need your help to do so. If you haven’t already, please send your up-to-date e-mail address, phone number and employment information to alumni@furman.edu.

IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY to make plans for Homecoming. This year’s festivities are set for October 22–24, with Southern Conference rival Tennessee-Chattanooga as the football team’s opponent. We will hold special reunions for classes ending in 0 and 5 and celebrate the 50th reunion of the Class of 1960!

Homecoming will be even more of a must-attend event because it will feature the inauguration of Rod Smolla as Furman’s 11th president. As of this writing, the inauguration is scheduled for Friday, October 22, at 10 a.m. in Timmons Arena.

More details will follow this summer, either through the mail or the Alumni Association Web page. It should be another great fall weekend at Furman and in Greenville, so make plans to attend!

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