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OF AFFINITY GROUPS, BOARD MEETINGS AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Another rousing Homecoming has come and gone, and with its passing I realized the need to address a new trend in alumni reunions.

Furman has a history of planning reunions around class years. More recently, however, alumni have approached us about arranging reunions among those with whom they shared not just a class year, but common interests and activities that spanned their entire college career.



Such groups are called affinity groups. The Furman Singers, with their biannual reunions, are a prime example, even though the Singers are a bit of an exception to the rule because they have held reunions for many years. Their longtime success demonstrates how people with a common bond, no matter their class year, enjoy the chance to gather and swap stories.

Others come to mind, among them the Furman radio station alumni. They have recently become very active thanks to the good work of Gary James '78, who has helped locate and involve many former WPLS/WFRN staff members. They held their second drop-in at this year's Homecoming. And there's the Droopers, a group from the outstanding Class of '76 who through the years have gathered all over the country. Their bonds of friendship have only been strengthened with the passage of time.

Fraternities and sororities also hold events for members old and new at most home football games, and many friends whose relationships started on their freshman hall find ways to reconnect as well. We are now working to establish an affinity group for

ROTC/military alumni and to reinvigorate the Undergraduate Evening Studies alumni crowd.

The Alumni Office sees it as our mission to help these kinds of affinity groups stay connected. So let us know how we can help you do so. And we would love to chronicle some of your stories in this column. Please feel free to share your reunion stories with me so that we can share them with others.

ALUMNI BOARD NOTES

The fall meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors was held Saturday, August 29. Led by new president Clare Folio Morris '83, we had one of the best meetings I can remember.

We welcomed four new members — Herman Matherson '79, Drew Medlyn '97, Gordon Seay '61 and Leslie Smith '91. We also elected Mike Guynn '91 as vice president.

Kathleen McKinney, chair of the board of trustees, gave the group an update on the presidential search process and asked for input on the search. David Shaner of the philosophy and Asian Studies departments gave us a brief overview of the Place of Peace and how it fits into Furman's strategic plan, then took the group on an informative tour of the former Buddhist temple and the Asia Garden.

Brad Pochard, director of admission, offered a presentation on the challenges of recruiting and selecting future classes of Furman students. Board members wrote personal notes of welcome to enrolled "legacy" freshmen, the new students whose parents or other relatives attended Furman.

One person who was sorely missed was Randy Blackwell '63, who died in May before he could complete his term as president of the board.

To honor Randy's memory and his contributions to Furman, the board voted to name the director's office in the Cherrydale Alumni House for him.

Randy and I spent many good times in that space. It's a highly appropriate way to recognize his years of service to the university.

FURMAN FODDER

Now for a quick but shameless commercial plug. The Alumni Office still has a few Furman cycling jerseys and bib shorts for sale. We also have a limited number of purple and white pearl necklaces with matching earrings available for purchase. They are well made and are a wonderful accent at Furman gatherings. To order, visit <http://alumni.furman.edu> or call (864) 294-3464.

Elsewhere, the Southern Conference has paired with Choice Hotels and Sherwin-Williams to offer league schools discounts on their products. Schools earn rewards when alumni, friends and parents use their products and identify which school they represent.

All of the money Furman earns from this program goes into the Furman United campaign, which provides financial support for students facing hardships caused by the recent economic downturn. By staying at Choice Hotels and using Sherwin-Williams products, you can help students remain at Furman. Visit <http://alumni.furman.edu> for details.

It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as your alumni director. Please contact me at tom.triplitt@furman.edu or call (864) 294-3464 if you have Furman-related ideas or concerns.

— TOM TRIPLITT '76
Director, Alumni Association

CLASS NOTES, FALL 2009

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Joe Roberts, a retired Southern Baptist minister and former assistant to the president at Furman, will be inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame in December. Joe captained the Furman team for two years and went on to excel in senior tennis. Since 1980 he has been ranked in the top 10 in every age division in which he has played, and for 19 years he has served as the ranking chairman for the Southern Tennis Association for the 55s and 65s age divisions. He has also been ranked in the top three in the 75s age division every year he has been eligible.

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J. Edwin Hendricks retired in the spring from the history department at Wake Forest University, where he began teaching in 1961. Ed is a past chair of the department and recently completed a term as president of the Historical Society of North Carolina. He is an expert in local and regional history and in the history of Wake Forest. To read more about his career, visit www.wfu.edu/wowf/faculty and scroll down to the "Class of the Finest" section.

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Harry Eskew of Macon, Ga., has been involved in several events celebrating the bicentennial of the birth of musician William Walker (1809–1875), the shape-note music book compiler who first published together the words and music of "Amazing Grace" and other folk hymns. Harry's bicentennial tribute to Walker was accepted for publication in the August 2009 issue of *The Choral Journal*.

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The sixth edition of *Research Methods in Physical Activity*, co-authored by **Jerry Thomas**, is scheduled to be released in the spring. The textbook is widely used at colleges and universities in the United States and has been translated into seven languages. Jerry is dean and professor in the College of Education at the University of North Texas in Denton.

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Mary Ann Kluttz Hanna has become broker in charge for Home Buyer Marketing Inc., a real estate company on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

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Terry Holliday has been selected as education commissioner for the state of Kentucky. He previously was superintendent of the Iredell-Statesville schools in North Carolina, where he was recognized for raising student achievement and reforming the state's testing system.

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CrossBooks Publishing has released the second edition of **Lucinda Secrest McDowell's** *Spa for the Soul*. The book uses biblical stories and practical examples to offer encouragement and rejuvenation. Cindy lives in Westerfield, Conn., and is the author of eight books. Visit her Web site, www.encouragingwords.net.

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Doug Becker of Greenville is among the first realtors in South Carolina to earn the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Green Designation. He works with Coldwell Banker Caine, where he was named the company's 2008 Rookie of the Year for its downtown Greenville office.

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Composer/producer **Steve W. Mauldin** was awarded the Master of Music Composition degree by Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., in August. Steve is well known in the Nashville music community and has recorded with such artists as Carrie Underwood, the Gaither Vocal Band, Seals & Crofts and Vince Gill. His master's recital of original classical music featured 40 musicians from the Nashville String Machine, four principal players from the Nashville Symphony, and a 35-voice choir. Learn more about his work at www.stevemauldin.com.

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Phillip E. Reeves, an attorney with Gallivan White & Boyd, P.A., in Greenville, is included in the 2009 list of *South Carolina Super Lawyers*. The magazine is a register of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

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David Castleberry has been appointed associate dean for the College of Fine Arts at Marshall University and has also been named director of the West Virginia Symphony Chorus. He is a longtime professor of music and director of choral activities at Marshall and a recipient of the university's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award. He serves as Southern Division president of the American Choral Directors Association and chaired the group's 2008 convention in Louisville, Ky.

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United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed **David Tolbert** as the Registrar of the United Nations-backed tribunal set up to try the perpetrators of recent political killings in Lebanon. The Special Tribunal for Lebanon is based in The Hague, Netherlands. David previously served with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, which is responsible for trying those accused of crimes committed during the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s. He was also the Secretary-General's special expert on UN assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials.

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Joshua Miller was named to *Charlotte Magazine's* "Best Doctor" list for 2009. He is the medical director for Southeast Pain Care in Charlotte, N.C.

David Odom, who helped begin a leadership initiative at Duke University Divinity School in 2007, is now executive vice president and chief operating officer of leadership education at the school. He is the founder and former president of the Center for Congregational Health in Winston-Salem, N.C., and is a recipient of Furman's Richard Furman Baptist Heritage Award.

Eric Spitler of Alexandria, Va., has been named counselor to the chairman and director of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Securities and Exchange Commission. He most recently served as director of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

2009-10 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clare Folio Morris '83, president; J. Chris Brown '89, president-elect; Michael L. Guynn '91, vice president; Harriet Arnold Wilburn '74, past president; Rebecca Ann Armacost '89; Lynn Neely Bailey '78; N. Staten Bitting, Jr. '75; Frank W. Blackwell '90; John M. Block '63; Mary Lou Walch Cagle '69; Bobby E. Church '78; Paul D. Goebel '63; Shannon Scruby Henderson '75; L. Yates Johnson, Jr. '59; Gwinn Earle Kneeland '89; J. Cordell Maddox '54; 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; Heyward M. Sullivan '59; William N. Turrentine '64; Connie Gartrell Williams '74.

Ex-Officio and Other Members: David Shi '73, president; Michael Gatchell '91, vice president for development; Tom Triplitt '76, director of Alumni Association; Jane Dungan, associate director of Alumni Association; Tina Hayes Ballew '78, associate director of Alumni Association; Andrew Yowler '10, president, Student Alumni Council; Ben Able '10, president, Association of Furman Students; Rick Harris '10, president, Senior Class.

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Richard Cash has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in South Carolina's Third Congressional District. A resident of Easley, he is an entrepreneur and small-business owner. Visit www.sendrichardcash.com.

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Chuck Ambrose, president of Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, N.C., since 1998, was among a group of graduate school alumni from the University of Georgia recognized by the school for their contributions to society. Chuck earned an Ed.D. degree in higher education from Georgia in 1989. He serves on numerous boards and committees, including the North Carolina Zoological Society and the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church. He has also chaired the NCAA Division II President's Council.

Soprano **Karen Parks**, an internationally acclaimed vocalist and recording artist, has been named voice instructor at the Greenville County School District's Fine Arts Center. Visit her Web site, www.karenparks.com.

Robert Watson has retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years of service and is now a defense industry consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va. **MARRIAGE: Jane Dalton Ostrye** and Torri Ann Richards, August 8. They live in Northwood, N.H.

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Idella Goodson Glenn, director of multicultural affairs at Furman, has earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Clemson University.

C. Stuart Mauney, an attorney with Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A., in Greenville, is included in the 2009 list of *South*

Carolina Super Lawyers. The magazine is a register of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Bonnie Borshay Sneed and her husband, Richard, have moved to Edmond, Okla. Bonnie has been named director of choral activities at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and Richard is in his second year as a full-time lecturer at the University of Central Oklahoma.

MARRIAGE: Kimberly Braff and Kent Igleheart '85, July 18. They live in Roswell, Ga., where Kent is the town's mayor pro tem.

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BIRTH: Peter and Gail Stedronsky Bove, a son, Philip Anthony, April 27, Winter Park, Fla.

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Donna Ledford Tesner, a special education teacher at Slater-Marietta Elementary School, was recently named the Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year by the Greenville County branch of the International Reading Association.

ADOPTIONS: Rex and Stephanie Doyle Trevitz, a daughter, Katherine Olivia, and a son, Jake Walden, June 29. The children are siblings of a child the Trevitzes adopted 10 years ago. Rex and Stephanie are foster parents in Lexington County, S.C., and have adopted six children from foster care. Stephanie is the lead special needs elementary teacher at Caughman Road Elementary School. She is a national board-certified teacher and works as an exceptional needs specialist consultant with attorneys in South Carolina. Rex is a data security analyst for BlueCross BlueShield.

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Jairy Hunter completed a Physician Executive MBA from the University of Tennessee. He was also inducted into the inaugural class of Fellows in Hospital Medicine by the Society of Hospital Medicine, the pre-eminent organization representing hospitalists in the United States. Jairy is medical director at Coastal Inpatient Physicians, a hospitalist group at Trident Health System in Charleston, S.C.

Joseph Smith serves as an elder pastor at Victory Road Evangelical Free Church in Norfolk, Neb.

Roderic Taylor, principal of Dutch Fork Middle School in Irmo, S.C., has been honored for outstanding performance in a two-year training program of the School Leadership Institute. He was one of three graduates of the 2009 class who were selected to receive the Tenenbaum Award from the South Carolina Department of Education. Roderic has been principal at Dutch Fork for the past four years.

MARRIAGES: Daniel Francis Blanchard III and Laura Olenik, June 6. They live in Charleston, S.C., where Frank is an attorney and shareholder with Rosen, Rosen & Hagood, LLC, and Laura is a staff writer with Select Health of South Carolina.

Margaret "Peg" Boulay and Bruce Newhouse, February 14. They live in Eugene, Ore.

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BIRTHS: Daniel and Marti Clark Thomas, twin daughters, Katherine Rose and Sarah Margaret, June 2, Charlotte, N.C.

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BIRTHS: Don and Jennifer Clardy, twins, a daughter, Lane Rebecca, and a son, Abe Weldon, June 16. Don is wealth management advisor with Clarity Financial in Greenville.

SERVICE TO AMERICA HONOREE'S WORK MAKES PEOPLE'S LIVES SAFER.....

Fran Smith Ligler '73 of Potomac, Md., was one of 30 finalists for the 2009 Service to America Medals, which pay tribute to the nation's federal workforce by recognizing individuals who have quietly made significant contributions to the country. She was recognized in the Career Achievement category. Honorees are chosen based on their commitment and innovation, as well as the impact of their work. The 2009 finalists came from more than 20 federal agencies.

Ligler is a former member of the Furman board of trustees. This article appeared in the June 1 issue of The Washington Post as part of the newspaper's "Federal Players" series. Reprinted with permission.



As senior scientist for biosensors and biomaterials at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), Ligler leads a group that invents and develops portable, automated sensors, which work by detecting toxic substances at a very low level to warn of their presence. In addition, she builds partnerships with other agencies and private sector partners to put these sensors to use.

"More than just leading a team, Fran inspires people," says Joel Schnur, former division head at the Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering. He met Ligler when he interviewed her more than 20 years ago for a position in the new interdisciplinary department at the NRL that would focus on the self-assembly of biomolecules.

"I thought this was an interesting vision," says Ligler. "I could see that this was where breakthroughs were happening. So I joined Joel and, after a year, started the program in biosensors."

Ligler is known as someone who can bring people together to see projects through to completion. "Fran has successfully created a common language so that people from different sectors can understand each other," says Banahalli Ratna, division head at the Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering.

"She has put together teams with very different backgrounds to work on a central goal."

Ligler holds 24 issued patents and has nine pending. She has also published 169 refereed journal papers, three books (with another forthcoming), 38 chapters and 66 full-length papers in conference proceedings.

One of her current projects involves developing a blood cell counter that will be more affordable and flexible than others currently in use. This device may enable scientists to test for diseases from the patient's bedside, instead of having to send tests out to a laboratory.

"I love my job for the adventure, the continuing exploration into new possibilities," says Ligler. "I also enjoy the opportunity to study scientists — the most curious, motivated and uninhibited species on the planet!"

Chris Myatt has worked with Ligler since 2004 and now has 10 staff members at his company, Precision Photonics, dedicated to commercializing her sensor technology. "This sensor technology will have an enormous impact on medical testing," he explains. "It will allow patients to get test results immediately and get on with their lives."

Ligler's efforts have enabled countless others to develop new devices. "I have demonstrated that it is possible to make small, automated sensor systems that have inspired others to build upon my work to develop tools that are fast, affordable and on-the-spot," she says.

Twenty-three years after entering government, Ligler still thinks working in government can be fun. But, more than anything, her service proves it can make people's lives safer.

When Fran Ligler joined the government in 1986 to work in the field of biosensors, she never imagined that she would stay longer than a few years.

"Before entering government service, I had five job offers," says Ligler. "So I took the one that sounded the most fun — working in government."

More than two decades later, she is still in government, where she has invented and developed multiple sensor systems to tackle real-world problems. Her most influential contributions have been with fiber-optic biosensors, which detect environmental pollutants and hazardous chemicals, and flow immunosensors, which are used to detect drugs, explosives and pesticides.

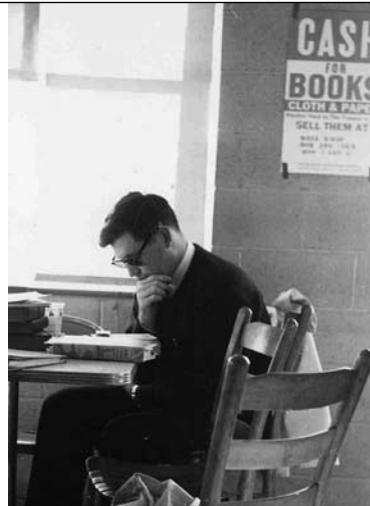
Extensive field work has been done with Ligler's sensors to study the detection of explosives contamination in groundwater, surface water and soil at military bases. They have also been used to diagnose infectious diseases, monitor the air for biothreat agents, identify pathogens in the food supply and support environmental clean-up efforts.

MONEY AND COLLEGE: A TIMELESS ISSUE?

Money is on everyone's minds these days. College students learn quickly how to pinch a penny. Given the tenor of today's times, the question arises: Are money-saving techniques timeless?

During your years at Furman, what did student life cost? How did you make ends meet? The Special Collections and Archives Department of the James B. Duke Library is interested in tracking this information by collecting financial traces of days past, such as scholarship statements, textbook receipts, and ticket stubs to athletic events or concerts.

If you are interested in donating such items, contact Danielle Fisher '09 at (864) 294-2194 or e-mail danielle.fisher@furman.edu.



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Christy McMillin-Goodwin, associate minister for education and missions at Oakland Baptist Church in Rock Hill, S.C., has been named moderator-elect for the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She is a past moderator of the CBF of South Carolina.

Carl Sullivan was recently promoted to managing editor of *Newsweek.com*, the on-line complement to the weekly magazine.

BIRTHS: **Rob** and **Kristi Archer**, a daughter, Kamrynn Grace, May 7, Spokane, Wash. Rob received his master's degree in education from Whitworth University in August.

Johan and **Lisa Bunce Enslin**, a daughter, Chloe Maria, March 26. They live in Summerville, S.C.

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James D. Galyean has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in South Carolina's Third Congressional District. A resident of Anderson, he practices law with the Nexsen-Pruett firm. He was formerly an aide to the late

Sen. Strom Thurmond and to Sen. Lindsey Graham and an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of South Carolina. Visit his Web site, www.voteagalyear.com.

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Matthew McCutchen recently completed a Ph.D. in music education at Florida State University. He and his wife, **Nash Pearson McCutchen**, have moved to Tampa, where he is the associate director of bands at the University of South Florida. She works in marketing for Florida State's College of Education.

BIRTH: **Brett** '95 and **Jill Petryshyn Paden**, a son, Joseph Ira, November 3, 2008, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Sam and **Camille Gibson** '98 **Rabon** live in Cullen, Va. Sam received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May.

Hunt Rounsavall, an attorney in Louisville, Ky., and owner and principal of the Rounsavall Title Group, LLC, a real estate title company, was crowned the 2009 America's Mr. U.S. August 1 in Vicksburg, Miss.

MARRIAGE: **Melissa Morgan** and **Patrick Kelley**, May 16. She is associate editor of *byFaith* magazine and he is director of international housing finance for Habitat for Humanity. They live in Decatur, Ga.

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Charles Mayfield (M.A.), former principal of Ware Shoals (S.C.) Junior and Senior high schools, has returned to Greenville County as principal of J.L. Mann High School.

U.S. Marine Corps Major **Chris Perrine** is a joint strategic communication plans officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs at the Pentagon.

MARRIAGES: **Patrick Brown IV** and **Amber Perry**, April 11. They live in Atlanta.

Amy Cooper and **Bryant Joseph Pickney**, December 27, 2008. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.

BIRTHS: **Greg Lukasik** and **Gina Carreno-Lukasik**, a daughter, Natalia Nichol Carreno-Lukasik, July 2. They live in Boynton Beach, Fla. Greg and Gina recently completed their Ph.D. degrees. Both are sociology instructors at Florida Atlantic University.

Todd Keith and **Sherry Crowe**, a son, Jon Riley Keith, September 15, 2008. They live in Midwest City, Okla.

Tony '94 and **Kim DeVillier Glass**, a son, Ewan Padraig, May 20. Kim, an elementary school technology coordinator in Gwinnett County, Ga., completed her Ph.D. in educational leadership at Mercer University. Tony is vice president of mortgage for Pulte Homes in Atlanta.

Thomas and **Silvia Heise Sims**, a daughter, Caroline Grace, July 25. Thomas has started the chief year of a general surgery residency program. Silvia works for the Memphis (Tenn.) Children's Clinic.

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Jim Elgar is finance director for the Gerry Purcell campaign for insurance commissioner of Georgia.

Will Moorhead of Travelers Rest, S.C., is president and owner of All Clear Emergency Management Group, a consulting firm specializing in emergency and disaster planning, public health preparedness and business continuity planning. Visit www.allclearmg.com.

Michael Proulx cycled more than 5,000 miles over the summer to promote the Brita Climate Ride 2009, a 200-person, five-day charity bike ride from New York City to Washington, D.C., held September 26-30. The ride raised money for several environmental groups that are working to educate Americans about the impact of climate change and to mobilize politicians to enact climate change and energy policies. Michael is a past Ironman participant and an active outdoorsman. Visit www.5005miles.blogspot.com to learn more about his ride from Oregon to Manhattan. Learn more about the climate ride at www.climateide.org.

BIRTHS: Alexander and **Marla Cook Grady**, a daughter, Mary Paige, June 2, Savannah, Ga.

Brian and **Karen Hill Martin**, a daughter, Kendall Jane, July 13. They live in St. Augustine, Fla. Karen is a human resources manager for Austin Outdoor, LLC.

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Kyle Bumgardner is director of business development for Charlotte, N.C.-based WebsiteBiz, an on-line marketing strategy firm.

James Sikes III recently completed a Ph.D. in developmental biology at the University of Maryland and accepted a postdoctoral research appointment at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he is studying regeneration and stem cell biology.

BIRTHS: **Will** and Amanda **Cox**, a son, William Conner, August 6, 2008. They live in Smyrna, Ga. Will, who served in the U.S. Army from 1998 until 2008 as a Medevac officer and pilot, recently took command of the 1/832nd Medical Company Air Ambulance for the Georgia Army National Guard.

Beth Keefauver and Keith Bowman, a son, Boone Keefauver Bowman, July 29. They live in Asheville, N.C. Beth is a candidate for a Ph.D. in English at the University of Tennessee.

Kem and Allison **Wilson**, a son, Charles Kemmons IV, July 8, Memphis, Tenn.

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Tad Daggerhart has been awarded an Annenberg Graduate Fellowship to continue his studies in the writing program at the University of Southern California Film School. He holds a master's degree in professional writing from Western Carolina University.

Ryan Lewis has joined the faculty of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., as an assistant professor of music. He was previously an instructor of music at Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C., and also taught at the University of South Carolina.

Stephen and **Debbie Regan '00 Long** have moved to Richmond, Va., where he has assumed duties as an assistant professor of political science at the University of Richmond. Debbie is owner and operator of Cohesive Communications, a public relations consulting business.

MARRIAGE: **Amber Mann** and Shawn Smith, May 30. Amber teaches in the Fort Mill (S.C.) School District.

BIRTHS: Evan and **Paige Thurmond Bass**, a daughter, Lillian Carol, February 19, Charlotte, N.C.

Chad and **Laura Rigdon Johnson**, a son, Zachary Reese, December 6, 2008, Suwanee, Ga.

Martin and **Christina LaFevers Lopez**, a daughter, Marabella Elizabeth, April 7. They live in Clarksville, Tenn.

Lee and **Katherine Hall Martini**, a daughter, Isla Suzanne, March 19, Decatur, Ga.

John and **Katherine Fitch Pennylegion**, a daughter, Mead Elise, January 20. John recently took a job with Covenant Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Sam and **Brannon Morris '98 Schroerlucke**, a son, Bo Zachary, February 5. They live in San Diego, Calif.

Randy and **Summer Dilgren Teegardin**, a daughter, Jane Laterre, July 21, Charleston, S.C.

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Jake Bostrom has joined Southern Eye Associates in Greenville. He recently completed his ophthalmology residency at the Dean McGee Eye Institute.

Ben '99 and **Ansley Campbell Vinson** are attorneys in Atlanta. She is with the firm of O'Kelley & Sorohan, and Ben is with McKenna, Long & Aldridge.

MARRIAGES: **David Cole** and Tiffany Leigh Oliver, June 21, 2008. They live in Westminster, Md. David is organist and director of music at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Andrew Foy and Kay Henry Hill, August 29. They live in Arlington, Va. Andy is an attorney with the firm of Fish & Richardson P.C., and Kay is an attorney with the Finnegan firm.

Mark Gomsak and Amanda Cox, May 16. They live in Louisville, Ky. Mark is with Fisher & Philips LLP, a national labor and employment law firm.

Melody Williamson and Jamey Fox, October 24, 2008. She is self employed as a certified diabetes educator and insulin pump trainer, and he is in medical equipment sales. They live in St. Louis, Mo.

Shawn Ryan Willis and Elizabeth Prim Smith, June 27. They live in Columbia, S.C., where he is a partner in the law firm of Whitener, Wharton & Willis, P.A., and she is a speech language pathologist with Palmetto Health Richland.

BIRTHS: **Jeremy** and **Anna Lang Cass**, a son, Charles August, November 19, 2008. Anna is an epidemiologist in the Greenville Hospital System and Jeremy is an assistant professor of Spanish at Furman.

Tim and **Michelle Vasant Chamberlain**, a daughter, Mia Jane, March 12. Tim is production underwriter for ACE USA in Roswell, Ga.

Keith and **Meredith Moore '02 Dangel**, a son, Henry Michael, July 16, Durham, N.C. Meredith is an instructor in English at North Carolina State University and Keith is a spinal implant distributor.

Michael and **Summer Copeland Kotkin**, a daughter, Faith Elizabeth, February 20, Oviedo, Fla.

Gil and Anna **McSwain**, a daughter, Madelyn Grace, January 20. They live in Bradenton, Fla. Gil is an orthopaedic trauma consultant with Smith and Nephew Orthopaedics.

David and **Carrie Lyle Williford**, a daughter, Lyla Marie, June 25. They live in Greer, S.C.

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Josh McKoon, a lawyer in Columbus, Ga., has filed to run for the District 29 seat in the Georgia state senate. He is former chair of the Muscogee County Republican Party.

Jennifer Scholz Smith completed her doctoral coursework in clinical psychology at Argosy University in Atlanta and is employed as a therapist and psychological assistant at West Georgia Psychological Services.

MARRIAGE: **Charlotte Anne Moore** (M.A. '02) and Carlton Russell Lay, February 7. She is a national board-certified teacher at Heritage Elementary School in Travelers Rest, S.C. He is a designer and principal with Hybrid Design, a firm he and his brother founded.

BIRTHS: Erik and **Mandy Beutell Pace**, a son, Jack Anderson, February 7, Powder Springs, Ga.

Lisa and **Jason Stenger**, a son, Colin, May 27. They live in Dallas, Texas.

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Todd Carroll, formerly with the Nelson Mullins law firm in Columbia, S.C., has joined Hall & Bowers, LLC, in Columbia. The firm specializes in commercial litigation and public policy law.

Jason Pagan finished his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Washington University in December 2008 and now works as director of performance consulting at Psychological Associates in St. Louis, Mo.

Clair Travis was ordained an Elder in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church at the 2009 meeting of the Holston Annual Conference June 15 in Lake Junaluska, N.C. She has begun a new appointment as minister of Grace United Methodist Church in Soddy Daisy, Tenn.

MARRIAGES: Angelina Calareso and **Rand Weyler**, June 20. They live in Lynnfield, Mass. She is a Bible teacher at Lexington Christian Academy, coaches youth volleyball and is working toward her master's degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Rand works for New England Lab.

Jay Thomas Hewitt and **Andrea Cuff**, June 20. Jay recently joined the staff of Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Kathryn "K.P." Donehoo and **Christopher Keenon**, June 26. They live in Geneva, Ill. She is a fourth grade teacher and he is employed with Houghton Mifflin.

Rebecca Gwendolyn Rush and **Rodrick Antonio Elkins**, December 20, 2008. She is pursuing an International MBA degree at the University of South Carolina. He is working toward a Master of Sports Science degree with the United States Sports Academy and is on the staff of Newberry (S.C.) High School, where he coaches football, track and field, and strength and fitness.

BIRTH: Brandon '03 and Julie Esser Barrett, a son, Beau Andrew, August 19, Chandler, Ariz.

03

Chad Bennett has been named vice president of brand development and production for Reveille, a Los Angeles-based independent television and film production studio. He oversees on-line initiatives, sponsorships and cross promotions for Reveille's reality shows, including "The Biggest Loser."

Jessica De Graffenreid of Millersville, Md., was recently named executive director of America's Future Foundation, the premier network of libertarians and conservatives in their 20s and 30s. AFF, which has chapters in Virginia, Minnesota, Colorado, Tennessee and Illinois and is forming chapters in Texas, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, focuses on leadership development, policy ideas and networking.

Kelly Nalley (M.A.), a Spanish teacher at Fork Shoals School, was named Greenville County's 2009-10 Teacher of the Year.

MARRIAGES: Jonathan Brown and **Jessica Asmer**, August 15. Jonathan was recently named assistant director of the Paladin Club at Furman.

Meridith Lybrand and **Daniel Richard Robinson**, April 25. They live in Sneads Ferry, N.C. Daniel is an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and Meridith is a child life specialist at Levine Children's Hospital.

Bryan Jeffress Mitchell and **Meredith Edens Holzbach**, May 16. They live in Greenville.

Dustin Corey Ousley and **Lee Rhodes Whittington** '05, June 20. They live in Hickory, N.C. Dustin is employed by Fred T. Foard High School.

Stanley Sulkowski and **Amy Boatwright**, March 27. They live in North Charleston, S.C.

Todd Youngs and **Amy Murphy**, March 21. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla. Todd has earned both a master's degree in business administration and a Master of Science degree in finance from the University of Tampa. He works for Franklin Templeton Investments, and Amy works for the Home Shopping Network.

BIRTHS: Nathan and **Jamie Pendry** '01 **Adams**, a son, Andrew McMillian, August 14, Savannah, Ga. Nathan is an Army officer stationed at Hunter Army Airfield.

Jeremy and **Elisabeth Moore Uecker**, a daughter, **Dorothy Anne**, May 4. Jeremy is finishing his Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Texas.

04

Sean Edward Atkinson completed his Ph.D. in music theory at Florida State University and is an assistant professor of music at the University of Texas-Arlington.

Neal Collins has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in South Carolina's Third Congressional District. A resident of Easley, he is an attorney with Willson, Jones, Carter & Baxley, a workers' compensation defense firm. Visit www.nealcollins.com.

Lindley Sharp Curtis has become associate minister and minister to senior adults at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Having graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida, **Adam Dixon** has moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he practices at Dixon Center of Chiropractic. **Noble** and **Marti Morris** '06 **Judy** live in Nashville, Tenn., where he works with Worth Property Management.

Pablo Migone was ordained into the priesthood June 20 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, Ga. He has been appointed parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warner Robins, Ga.

Latoya Mitchell defended her dissertation titled "Dissecting the Roles of Distinct Dendritic Cell Subsets in the Immune Response to the Intracellular Bacterial Pathogen, *Listeria monocytogenes*" in August. She is scheduled to receive a doctoral degree from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Wake Forest University in December. She has begun a post-doctoral fellowship at the University

of Alabama-Birmingham where she is working on the immune response to *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, bacteria that can cause such problems as strep throat, ear infections, bacterial pneumonia, sepsis and gangrene.

John Mussetto has accepted an associate position at the law firm of Mooneyham, Berry & Karow, LLC, in Greenville.

Lindsey Mecca Nicely is pursuing a master's degree in statistics at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She is a metrics analyst for human resources at MeadWestvaco Corporation.

Shannon Roe has relocated to Syracuse, N.Y., to study for a master's degree in public administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

Dorothy French Young attends the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical health sciences and is also working as the facility's supervisor of business operations for cardiovascular services.

MARRIAGES: Joseph Paul Dion and **Chelsea Elaine Burnett**, May 22. He is the middle school pastor at Grace Church in Greenville, and she is a student at Clemson University.

Hayes Grier and **Kyle Stuart Richter**, June 20. They live in Greenwood, S.C. She works in the Abbeville County School District, and Kyle is employed by Greenwood Christian School and Antioch Baptist Church.

Rebekah Potts and **Dave Nash**, March 21. They live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sheri Watson and **John Albright**, July 11. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where she teaches at Trinity School and he works in investment banking for Wachovia/Wells Fargo.

BIRTH: Ted and **Laura Miller Willard**, a daughter, **Kate**, August 2, Austin, Texas.

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Courtney Kennedy has earned her Master of Science degree in nursing from the Medical College of Georgia.

Adam J. Resmini graduated *cum laude* from Roger Williams School of Law in May. He was a rule 9 student attorney in the Criminal Defense Clinic, which represented indigent Rhode Island citizens in pending criminal cases, and was vice president of the Rhode Island Association for Justice. He is employed at the firm of Ronald J. Resmini Esq. and lives in Barrington, R.I.

Rebecca Singleton taught second and third grade students for two years at the Buenos Aires (Argentina) International

Christian Academy. She has returned to the States and is teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language, as well as coaching cross country and track, at Homewood High School in Birmingham, Ala.

MARRIAGES: **Johnna Allen** and **Sterling Frierson** '02, May 30. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. He holds an Ed.S. degree in educational administration and supervision from Tennessee State University and is an academic counselor for the Vanderbilt Department of Athletics.

Kenneth Jay Anthony and **Kristen Elizabeth Fischer**, October 25, 2008.

They live in Columbia, S.C. Kristen is the director of research and business development for The Center for Carolina Living. Jay graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law and works as a law clerk to Justice Costa Pleicones at the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Caroline Cook and Adam Roderick Gordon, September 6, 2008. Caroline is a senior marketing associate for Cvent, a Web-based event management software company located in McLean, Va.

Mary Rachel Farrow (M.A.) and Brandon Scott Dean, June 27. They live in Greenville. She is a second grade teacher at Fork Shoals Elementary School and he is employed by Milliken.

Brigette Nicole Lindsey and **Derek Marsh Gleason** '07, April 25. She is a medical student at the Medical University of South Carolina and is completing a Master of Public Health degree at the University of South Carolina.

Cassie Markham and **Gaines Sturdivant II**, August 15. They live in Nashville, Tenn. He works for Red Light Management and she for J. McLaughlin.

Elizabeth Pelletier and Kenneth Dasher, June 28, 2008. They live in Cary, N.C.

Gabrielle Roberts and Thomas Sweets, July 11. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

BIRTH: Jeff and **Bethany Hooker Eyrich**, a daughter, Madison Avery, June 26, Atlanta.

FAREWELL TO A LONGTIME FRIEND.....

Almost 11 years ago, the powers that be at Furman decided that the university should begin publishing its magazine on a regular basis, four times a year.

I was put in charge of the project.

I had been editing *Furman Reports*, a 12-page, quarterly tabloid, for the previous three years. For some reason I assumed that working on a magazine wouldn't be much different.

I was so wrong it's not worth getting into.

At least one thing I did right, though, was to contract with Copia Design in Greenville to design the magazine. There I met Jane Dorn.

From the spring of 1999 to the summer of 2009, Jane oversaw the design of every issue of *Furman* — including the 2006 redesign, which earned strong reviews and several awards.

Jane was the perfect counter to my scattered ways. I was prone to panic; she was an island of serenity. I griped and whined; she listened patiently, patted me on the head and moved on. She offered constant encouragement and endless good cheer. And she pulled off more last-minute deadline miracles than I can count.

For 10 years we were teammates and partners, colleagues and friends. Jane even spent the last two years across the hall from me after she joined the Marketing and Public Relations staff in August of 2007. That was when the rest of the office got to experience the pleasure of working with her.

But nearby Anderson University knew Jane, too. She had taught graphic design there for several years earlier this decade, and her eyes would light up whenever she talked about working with such talented young people. Her students and colleagues were so taken by her classroom skills that she was named the school's teacher of the year — unheard of for a part-time instructor.

So when she stepped into my office last April, shut the door and told me that Anderson had offered her a full-time position, I knew right away what her decision would be. She began teaching there this fall.

This article is illustrated by the covers of the first and last issues of *Furman* that Jane designed. We would have run a photograph of her, but few (if any) exist because she adamantly refuses to allow her picture to be taken. Even though she's a really attractive person. Take my word for it.

Fortunately for you and for the magazine, her departure is made easier by the presence on our staff of Roxanne Chase, an extremely talented designer in her own right. With this issue Roxanne begins putting her personal stamp on *Furman*. Says Jane, "She'll take it to a whole new level."

As the editor, I've been lucky to work with capable folks and great people like Jane and Roxanne. And their mutual admiration society has helped to make this transition relatively seamless.

So welcome, Roxanne. And thanks for everything, Jane. Watch the curls.

— JIM STEWART, editor



06

Lydia Balmos Casey received a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May.

Jamie Jones Hedges of Conway, S.C., has received a master's degree from Coastal Carolina University, where she is a lecturer in mathematics.

Kim Jackson has earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

MARRIAGES: Shane Michael

Birckbichler and Lynsay Erin Mathis, July 11. She teaches in the Greenville County School District and he is a financial advisor with Corporate Benefits Inc.

Brandi Nicole Childress and **Parker**

Adam Ariail '04, August 22. They live in Easley, S.C. She is vice president of Houston Childress Real Estate and he works for Healthcare Services Group.

Karen Clark and Matthew Reynolds, July 12, 2008. They live in York, S.C.

Dixie Lynn Clayton and **Ryan McClure**, July 11. They live in Smyrna, Ga.

Tony Lee Neely, Jr. and **Lauren Marie Mobley** '07, June 27. She is employed by The Oaks in Orangeburg, S.C.

Ben Wallace and Carrie Beth Barnett, May 23. They live in Macon, Ga.

Lindsay Woolf and **Jeremy Trey Grainger** '07, August 30, 2008. They live in Decatur, Ga.

BIRTHS: Laurin and **Melissa Jimenez Nocks**, a daughter, Lila Grace, March 11, Greer, S.C.

Mark and **Meredith Duncan** '05 **Richmond**, a son, Elijah Mark, May 17. They live in Travelers Rest, S.C.

07

Weston Belkot has completed his Teach for America commitment in St. Louis, Mo., and is currently participating in the October World Race, an 11-month mission trip to 11 countries around the world. Visit <http://westonbelkot.theworldrace.org>.

Alyson Krokosky earned her Master of Science degree in human genetics from the University of Michigan and is employed as genetics information coordinator for Genetic Alliance, a health advocacy nonprofit in Washington, D.C.

Liz McSherry is museum educator at the newly opened Children's Museum of the Upstate in Greenville. She previously worked in University Collections at Furman.

MARRIAGES: Megan Carson and Edward Kilb, June 27. Megan teaches fifth grade in Berkeley County, S.C. Edward is a resident physician at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Sarah Elizabeth Denton and Benjamin Elleau Niemitz, April 11. They live in Bay St. Louis, Miss., where she is the resource coordinator for Lagniappe Presbyterian Church and he is a construction supervisor for Habitat for Humanity.

Lori Beth Hedrick and Joshua Bennett Sink, May 23. He is a naval flight officer assigned to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. She recently earned a master's degree in music from Florida State University.

Ryan Masse and **Laura Banks** '08, June 7, 2008. Ryan is an ensign in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Charleston, S.C. He is an instructor at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command. Laura works for White Oak Manor Nursing Home as the assistant director of activities.

Laura Kathryn Mohrmann and **Gordon Benjamin Hicken** '08, June 27. They live in Simpsonville, S.C. Laura is assistant director of bands at Greer High School and Middle School. Gordon is pursuing a master's degree in percussion performance at the University of South Carolina, where he is a graduate assistant in the band program.

Tyner Leigh Ray and Ezekiel Bruce Lollis, August 1. Tyner works in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Spartanburg (S.C.) Regional Hospital, and Zeke works in the human resources office at Clemson University.

08

Hugh Williamson has been named a production manager with Down to Earth Energy, a biodiesel plant in Monroe, Ga.

MARRIAGES: Erin Clark and Travis Galloway, June 28. They live in Boiling Springs, S.C. Travis teaches at Duncan Elementary School and Erin is associated with Converse College, where she teaches piano to pre-college students.

Brittany Everhart (M.A.) and Alexander Kingsbury, June 13. Brittany is an elementary school teacher with the Greenville County School District. Alexander is owner of a landscaping company.

William James Feemster and Carmen Elizabeth Crigler, May 30. They live in Greenville.

Darcy Herlong and **Adam Slizewski**, July 11. They live in Charleston, S.C., where Adam is an officer with the city's police force and Darcy is a first-year student at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Liz Meehan and **Paul Trotter** '06, May 2. They live in Augusta, Ga.

09

Katie Blaker has been hired by the Erwin-Penland agency in Greenville as a studio artist, serving on the Verizon Wireless account.

Meredith Owen is admissions coordinator for the newly opened Children's Museum of the Upstate in Greenville.

Robert Victor is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Greenville.

MARRIAGES: Whitney Bost and **Allen Charles Curtis** '08, August 1. Whitney is a development assistant with Atlanta International School.

Tiffany Gibson and **Taylor Cox** '08, May 17. They live in Spartanburg, S.C.

DEATHS

Charles M. McGee, Jr. '34, August 25, Clemson, S.C. He served in the Army Air Corps in North Africa during World War II. Upon returning home he earned a master's degree from Duke University, then went on to teach English at Clemson University from 1946 to 1978.

Sarah Mason Stewart '37, May 24, Laurens, S.C. She was a retired educator who taught at Highland Park and Belleview elementary schools in Rock Hill, S.C. She was an organist and pianist for her church and for nursing homes in the area.

Donald R. Thompson '37, June 25, Sea Cliff, N.Y. He was a mathematics teacher and track and cross country coach at North Shore High School until his retirement in 1975. For many years he and his wife volunteered at Muttontown Preserve, where they shared their knowledge of nature with groups of school children. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

John Nathan McCarley, Jr. '38, June 2, Asheville, N.C. During World War II he was an officer and flight instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Following his military

service he opened McCarley and Company, a securities and investment banking company, in Asheville. It was the first North Carolina brokerage firm to become a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and by 1979 the company had grown to 17 offices in the Carolinas. McCarley and Company eventually joined forces with Interstate/Johnson Lane, which later joined Wachovia Securities. He retired from Wachovia Securities in 2003. He served as president of the Securities Dealers of the Carolinas and chairman of the Investment Bankers Association of the Mid-Atlantic States. Active with the Chamber of Commerce, United Way and YMCA, he was inducted into the Broker Hall of Fame in 1992.

Lillian Rainwater Glass '39, June 25, Florence, S.C. Her love of dance led her to study at the Schuster-Martin School of Drama in Cincinnati, Ohio, and with the corps de ballet of the Cincinnati Summer Opera Company. She also studied at The School of American Ballet and the Michael Fokine School of Ballet in New York. She returned to Florence and opened the Lillian Rainwater School of Dance. She was involved in local music, literary and garden clubs.

Mary Bolt Cole '40, June 6, Greenville.

Ruth League Traynham '40, June 11, Greenville. She worked at Halfacre-Osborne and Amy Pride clothing stores for many years until she retired at the age of 82. She was a member of the Greenville Historical Society.

Louise Gray '41, May 25, Columbia, S.C. She was employed by the Red Cross and the South Carolina State Forestry Commission. She also served as chief of social work at the South Carolina State Hospital. During the 1960s she led an effort for legal regulation of social workers in the state.

DEALING WITH H1N1 UNCERTAINTY

In higher education, few events have caused as much hand-wringing and hand-washing as H1N1.

As students flowed back to U.S. campuses this fall, college administrators mobilized emergency preparedness committees and began to pose questions that until recently were unthinkable:

- What happens if we close the campus?
- If we suspend classes, how are students going to make up the work?
- Should we quarantine infected students?

Through mid-October, Furman had experienced a moderate number of flu-like cases on campus, according to the university's student health services office. None of the cases reported had been confirmed as the H1N1 strain of the virus because of the way the state Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) does follow-up testing, concentrating on hospitalized patients.

The cases at Furman included students with Type A influenza and normal flu symptoms, such as a cough and fever.

While the H1N1 virus is milder than most strains of flu, college personnel, students and faculty are still concerned. Federal officials estimate that 30 percent to half of the U.S. population could catch the virus, with the potential for 30,000 to 90,000 deaths.

Still, many are skeptical about the disease's strength, and with reason. Nations in the southern hemisphere weathered the H1N1 flu season over the summer without much upheaval or calamity.

Connie Carson, vice president for student life at Furman, says intense media coverage — some of it sensational — often stokes public concern, particularly among parents.



JONATHAN BRITT

"There is nothing more important to someone than their children," says Carson. "Most people believe you should err on the side of caution. I think it's better to over-prepare and over-communicate to your community than the alternative."

No one can dispute that the virus is having an impact on some college campuses. At the University of Kansas, for example, some students infected with the strain were quarantined. Emory University isolated 50 students who had the H1N1 virus in a separate dormitory, where school workers brought them food. Closer to home, scores of students at South Carolina, Clemson and the College of Charleston have come down with flu-like symptoms.

Carson and her staff spent the fall emphasizing to students the importance of taking preventative measures. The university has also created a "Response to the H1N1 Virus" Web page, which is frequently updated, at www.furman.edu/influenza.

— JOHN ROBERTS

This article appeared in its original form in Inside Furman, the university's internal 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.

Jonathan C. Brown, Jr. '42, July 12, Greenville. He was pastor of Holly Hill (S.C.) Baptist Church from 1946 to 1948, when he became a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. He went on to serve with the U.S. Marines in both the Korean and Vietnamese conflicts, rising to the rank of commander. He retired from the military and served two pastorates in Saluda County, S.C.

Elizabeth McMahan Campbell '42, June 4, Flat Rock, N.C. She worked as a surgical nurse at Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital in Easley, S.C.

Geraldine Atkinson Moore '42, July 18, Kingsport, Tenn. A standout tennis player and musician at Furman, she went on to enter the U.S. Navy as a WAVE. She was assigned to the Charleston (S.C.) Navy Yard as a communications officer and later served at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco. After the war she worked at Tennessee Eastman in Kingsport and was a church musician.

Frances Lancaster Pearson '43, August 11, Woodruff, S.C. She taught at Woodruff High School for 20 years and was a "Pink Lady" at B.J. Workman Memorial Hospital.

Woodrow Pinson '43, February 21, Orlando, Fla. He was a minister at Baptist churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina and Illinois before retiring in 1979. He then went into mission work and served as an interim pastor in the Orlando area. He was moderator for the Greater Orlando Association and served on the annuity board for the denomination.

Dewey Proctor '43, July 2, Mullins, S.C. He was a standout running back for the Furman football team and a two-time all-state player who was named All-Southern in 1942. He played in the Blue-Gray game and was voted Most Valuable Player in the annual Carolinas Bowl Game. He played football with U.S. Navy teams for three years after graduating from Furman,

including a stint overseas with an all-star team. He went on to play professionally with the New York Yankees and Chicago Rockets. After his football career ended in 1949, he served for 26 years as chief of police in Mullins. He was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982.

Carolyn Montgomery Moser '44, April 17, Satellite Beach, Fla.

Mary Alice Bolen Slaton '44, June 20, Plainfield, Ind. She was an educator, having taught at Plainfield High School and retired from Shortridge High.

Thomas O. Hall, Jr. '45, July 20, Florence, S.C. He began his career at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., before joining the faculty at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as an assistant professor of Old Testament Studies.

He eventually moved to Richmond, Va., where he became a professor at what is now Virginia Commonwealth University. At VCU he helped develop both the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, which he chaired for 17 years, and an honors program. He received the Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award from the Virginia State Council of Higher Education. He also received the university's Distinguished Service Award and was listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Outstanding Educators of America*.

Gettis D. Wood '45, July 17, Columbia, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was in the Naval Reserve until 1958. He joined the staff of First National Bank of South Carolina in 1949 and spent his professional career with that institution and its successors, South Carolina National Bank and Wachovia National Bank. He rose to senior vice president and head of the statewide Credit and Investment Division, and was named director emeritus of Wachovia upon his retirement. He was active in community and professional organizations, including the Sertoma Club, the Columbia chapter

of the American Institute of Banking, and the Richland-Lexington Commission for Technical Education. He was a commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and was active with the United Way of the Midlands. He was on the board of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the chamber's Committee of 100 for industrial development. He was also controller of the building committee for the Columbia Museum of Arts and was a member of Furman's Advisory Council.

Virginia Hester Cochran '46, August 20, Greenville.

Rosa Elizabeth Bridgeman Jones '46, June 10, Spartanburg, S.C. She worked for more than 40 years with the U.S. Postal Service in three South Carolina towns. She was also employed by the S.C. Shirt Factory and S.C. Mills and was a member of the Pilot Club of Spartanburg, the National Association of Postmasters and the National League of Postmasters. For many years she served as editor of *The Sandlapper*, the League magazine.

Charles James Fuller Manly, Jr. '48, June 29, Greenville. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II and also served in the Korean War. He was employed by J.P. Stevens from 1948 until 1982. He was a Mason and a member of Hejaz Tribe.

John Lawrence Neville '48, July 9, West Union, S.C. He was a merchant and was for many years a volunteer fireman. He served several terms on the West Union Town Council and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Edwin R. Quattlebaum '48, June 4, Laurens, S.C. He was a retired Baptist minister, having served churches in Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina, and was director of missions for Welsh Neck Baptist Association in Hartsville, S.C.. He was a member of the Civitans of Hartsville and was one of the founders of Raceway Ministries.

Paul Alvin Stephens '49, July 22, Campobello, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served in five battles and campaigns and was decorated with five Bronze Stars for his service in the European, African and Mediterranean theaters. He went on to pastor several Baptist churches and organized Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Campobello, which he served as pastor emeritus.

Angel Pablo Aguilera '50, July 8, 2008, Sarasota, Fla. He was a retired educator, having taught in Florida, Georgia and Mexico, and was active in mission work.

Charles Saylor '50, June 7, Greenville. He joined the U.S. Navy after high school and served in various locations during World War II. He was a retired salesman for Grant Textiles. He was a past master

of Wade Hampton Masonic Lodge, past captain of the Hejaz Marching Patrol, and past president of the South Atlantic and Southeastern Shrine Patrol associations. He was a former executive committee member for Hejaz Temple, as well as a member of 12 Shrine Temples throughout North America. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Betty McSwain Knox '51, July 7, Atlanta. She was an elementary school teacher and was active in community outreach programs. She was a hostess at Intown Community Assistance, which supplied food, clothing and small household items to those in need. She was a member of the volunteer staff of the *Bond Community Star* newspaper from 1974 until 1998.

William Clyde Bates '52, August 9, Greenville. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired accountant.

Betty Marshall Bedenbaugh '52, June 11, Greenville. She and her late husband were retired Southern Baptist missionaries to Tanzania. She was an active member of the Greenville Lions Club.

Caroline Sligh Dargan '52, August 17, Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was the first woman ordained a deacon in the history of First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach.

J. Wesley Drawdy, Sr. '52, July 5, Cherryville, N.C. He served with the Merchant Marines and was selected for Officer Candidate School. He eventually served as a ship's second officer. After his military service he attended law school and

went on to practice for several decades in Columbia, S.C. He was a member of numerous social, literary, benevolent and scientific organizations.

Dick Campbell '53, June 9, Halls, Tenn. He coached basketball on the high school and college levels for many years, with college stints at North Greenville Junior College (now University), Carson-Newman, The Citadel, Xavier University and Belmont College. He was a member of the Greater Knoxville (Tenn.) Sports Hall of Fame and of the athletic halls of fame at North Greenville and Carson-Newman.

Henry H. Smith, Jr. '53, June 22, Columbia, S.C. He had a 20-year military career with the U.S. Army and was a master aviator whose assignments included tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam.

H. TED DAVIS, TEACHER AND SCHOLAR

When H. Ted Davis '59 died May 17 at the age of 71, his friends and colleagues at the University of Minnesota, where he spent his academic career, could not say enough about his contributions to the institution.

Minnesota president Robert H. Bruininks described Davis as "an extraordinary scholar, a revered teacher, and a sage leader who served the [university] and the field of chemical engineering and materials science with remarkable distinction."

After graduating from Furman with a degree in chemistry, Davis earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1962. He joined the faculty at Minnesota in 1963 and over the next 46 years served in a variety of roles, among them chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, dean of the Institute of Technology (College of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Mathematics) and, at his death, director of the Biotechnology Institute, where he helped to raise the profile of the university's research in such areas as biofuels and renewable energy.

As department head he was widely admired for his management skills and gracious manner, and he



was credited with building the program into one of the nation's best. As dean he was instrumental in developing and expanding new programs in biomedical engineering, computer engineering and other areas.

Frank Bates, current chemical engineering department head, said that in his role as dean

Davis "brought a terrific combination of respect for excellence and collegiality to a complicated and diverse faculty in an era when everybody talks about interdisciplinarity but few know what it is. He's not just a great faculty member and a great dean, he's a great man."

Davis was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1988, and in 1997 he was named a Regents Professor, the university's highest recognition for faculty excellence. In 2008 he was a member of the first class of inductees into the Minnesota Science and Technology Hall of Fame. He was author or co-author of three textbooks and hundreds of research papers.

Davis was highly regarded for his genuine warmth, sense of humor, fairness and enthusiasm for teaching and research. His wife, Kathy, told the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, "For him, work was like play."

Furman recognized Davis' contributions to academia in 1985 when it elected him an honorary member of the university's Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's leading academic society.

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Among his many decorations were the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. After retiring from the Army he became manager and superintendent of the Fort Jackson Golf Club in Columbia. He later worked as superintendent of grounds and special services for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

Kenneth R. Lawson '55, August 15, Asheville, N.C. He was a salesman for New York Life Insurance Company and a self-employed builder. He was also a Baptist minister and was pastor of congregations in Asheville, Forest City, N.C., and New Orleans.

James Thomas Hembree '56, August 3, Taylors, S.C. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he was employed as a senior underwriter at Liberty Life Insurance Company, retiring in 2000 after 41 years of service. He was a Sunday school superintendent for 20 years and was active with church recreational programs.

Lawrence Beaufort Graham '56, July 26, Anderson, S.C. He joined the U.S. Army in 1959 and served in the Chaplain Corps, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served in Vietnam and received numerous decorations, including the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit. He was a minister with several Baptist churches in South Carolina and was a supply pastor for churches in the Carolinas and Georgia. At the time of his death, he was chief bailiff at the Anderson County Courthouse. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Hubert E. Bishop, Sr. '57, July 27, Easley, S.C. A Baptist minister, he was a pastor of several churches in South Carolina and Texas over 55 years. His longest pastorate was 21 years at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Easley. Following his retirement, he held three interim pastorates and was a member of the prison ministry team of First Baptist Church of Easley. He was also a Certified Honorary Chaplain for the Pickens County Stockade and with Hospice of Easley. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Claude L. Black '57, April 5, Orlando, Fla.

Clarence L. "Miffy" Smith '57, May 28, Piedmont, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army and was the retired owner of Smith's Grocery.

Doyle Victor Burgess '58, July 21, Greenville. He worked in financial management for many years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Guy Overcash '58, September 2, Anderson, S.C. He was a Baptist minister in Anderson County for 50 years, 36 of which were spent at LaFrance First Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Hiram Masonic Lodge and was a Shriner and member of Woodmen of the World. He served as a chaplain with the Billy Graham Crusade and was a past member of the Emory University Board of Chaplains.

Jimmy V. Williams '59, August 11, Simpsonville, S.C. He was a founder of SpecFab Services, Inc.

Ann Carlton Helgerson '62, June 23, Greenville. A lifelong volunteer, she served as treasurer of the Junior League and was on the county library board.

Susan St. John Steger '67, May 27, Macon, Ga. She was associated with the firm of Martin, Snow, Grant and Napier for five years before opening a private law practice specializing in juvenile and family law. In 1974 she was influential in establishing the Women's Crisis Center of Macon-Bibb County and served as the center's president for several years.

Rutledge S. Morris '70, June 17, Spartanburg, S.C. He was retired from Draper Corporation, a division of North American Rockwell. He was the commissioner of the Westview-Fairforest Fire District for two years and was a member of the Fairforest Ruritan Club, which he served as president. He was a member of the Textile Data Processing Organization.

Paul Linwood Carr '72, August 7, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict, then went on to teach Spanish at Wofford College, Georgia Southern College, the University of South Carolina, Erskine College, and at two high schools. He was an accomplished musician and singer and was active in local theatre groups.

Ronald Dean Hughey, MBA '78, June 24, Taylors, S.C. He retired in 2005 as district administrator for the Greenville County Health Department, where he served for more than 30 years. He was a hospital registrar for five years in the U.S. Air Force.

Ziad Fawaz Saad '79, July 8, Charleston, S.C. He was the former owner and operator of Amusement Promotions, Inc., and the Grand Piano Restaurant.

Rebecca Cox McKinley '80, July 3, Atlanta. A talented tennis player during her high school and college days, she was an avid photographer and was well known as the team photographer for the Marist School's boys' and girls' soccer teams. Read about her battle with cancer at www.caringbridge.org/visit/beckymckinley.

Jeff Snipes '81, July 20, Boiling Springs, S.C. He was a captain of the Furman football team and a member of the first two Furman squads to win Southern Conference championships. He went on to serve as an assistant coach at Furman and North Carolina State University before taking the head coaching position at Boiling Springs High School, where he was also director of athletics.

Brenda Faye Story, M.A. '86, June 28, Taylors, S.C. She was an English teacher at James F. Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C., for 34 years. She was also a corporate trainer for Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C., and was an accomplished pianist.

HE'S A PLAYER OF NOTE IN NASHVILLE'S MUSIC SCENE

Greg Hill remembers standing in line for concert tickets as a kid.

His children, however, have never been to a concert without laminated passes hanging from their necks. They recently met the Jonas Brothers, and 8-year-old Hayes got to be in the music video for Rodney Atkins' song "It's America."

"They have no concept of how special it is," says Hill, surrounded by framed records and tour posters in his office on Music Row in Nashville, Tenn. "The things my kids are exposed to, I would have given up body parts for."

The Hill kids — Blair, Hayes and Holland — can keep their body parts because Daddy is president of Red Light Management. As such he coordinates the careers of some of country music's leading artists, among them Atkins, Phil Vassar and Heidi Newfield.

Phone calls with famous musicians and jetting off to awards shows are ordinary activities for Hill, a 1991 Furman graduate who is now a major player in Nashville's major industry. "It's almost surreal," he says, keeping one eye on his office's flat-screen television tuned to "Great American Country."

From his Furman days, when he frequently played acoustic rock and folk at Al's Pump House — a bar beside Pete's Restaurant on Poinsett Highway — Hill knew he wanted to be in the music business. He wasn't sure what that meant, however. At the time, he says, "I'm not even sure I knew there was a music business beyond singing and writing songs."

During college he performed throughout the Southeast, both solo and with a band from his hometown of Athens, Ga. Some of his classmates told him he was going to hell for playing in bars, but despite the strict culture and conservative bent of Furman at the time, he says he had plenty of fun in school.

"I wasn't the best student," Hill says, "but I loved it."

After graduation he married Shannon Rhodes '91 and pursued a master's degree in music media and industry at the University of Miami (Florida). Hill was the only person in his master's program who had not majored in music as an undergrad, but he feels his political science degree is an asset in the music business.



Greg Hill (right) with Rodney Atkins, the Academy of Country Music's top new male vocalist of 2006.

"It's always about politics," he says, reflecting on contract negotiations and his roles on the boards of both the Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association. "Just about everything is a people business."

He was working in music publishing at EMI (next door to his current office at Red Light Management) as vice president of writer development when he decided to strike out on his own by starting Greg Hill Management. His success led him eventually to enter into a partnership with Red Light.

Managers are the CEOs of every artist's career — advising and directing, overseeing tours, watching the charts, negotiating with the labels. And Hill chooses the artists he represents carefully. Knowing he has to be ready to answer the phone at 2 or 3 a.m. if there's a bus accident on the road or a problem with a concert venue, he exercises what he calls his "no idiot" rule.

"If I'm going to give up my time or move around my vacation," he says, "I'd better like the person."

As it turns out, there is much to like about the people with whom he works. Nashville is different from New York or Los Angeles, he says, because everyone in the industry works within a square mile

of one another along 16th and 17th avenues, near Vanderbilt University. It's a strong community of colleagues. "Some of my biggest competitors are some of my best friends," Hill says. "It's a friendly competition."

Far beyond mere collegiality, however, his work has brought him opportunities the average person only dreams about. He has socialized with Robert Redford, golfed with Huey Lewis and accompanied artists to the White House when they played at events like the National Christmas Tree Lighting and National Adoption Day. He has stood in the Oval Office and even bowled in the White House bowling alley.

Such events, while exciting, are just part of the job for Hill.

"It gets to be normal," he says. "You get spoiled; you don't even think about it. It's a job you love, but it becomes a job."

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