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## Farewell to a longtime friend

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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

