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DEALING WITH TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

The precarious state of the national economy continues to provide challenges for institutions of higher education. Furman is no exception.

Through careful planning, the university has been able to develop balanced budgets for this year and next — without laying off employees or eliminating academic programs. Among the steps Furman has taken are delaying purchases of non-academic equipment, instituting a reduction in operating budgets, enacting a hiring freeze and deferring some maintenance needs. At the same time, the university was able to increase its financial aid budget by more than \$400,000 for 2009-10 in an effort to ensure that all qualified students will be able to enroll in the fall.

As President David Shi said in a letter to parents in March, “Our challenge — and our commitment — is to reduce expenditures while sustaining the quality of the educational experience. We are determined to continue to maintain small class sizes and offer the high quality education you and your students expect and deserve.”

The university has established a Web page, www.furman.edu/finance, that provides information about how Furman (and higher education in general) is dealing with the economic crisis. The site is updated regularly and includes information on such topics as financial aid options for prospective students and how Furman manages and draws from its endowment.

Dorothy Harrison Lohr '41, December 3, Ann Arbor, Mich. She taught school for five years and then changed professions to clerical and administrative services. She later worked for 22 years at the University of Michigan, where she retired from the Department of Classical Studies.

Margaret Pardue Morgan '41, November 28, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Florine Williams Gantt '42, December 28, Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was an elementary teacher and principal for 39 years in South Carolina schools, retiring in 1981.

John Belton Hammond '42, March 5, Greenville. He retired as comptroller of the Woolen Worsted Division of J.P. Stevens Company. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Judson Cooley “Pete” Martin, Sr. '43, November 2, Greenville. He was the former owner of Martin’s Woodworking and retired from C.L. Cannon, Inc. He served in France during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart.

James Felix Clardy '44, January 27, Charlotte, N.C. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in the European Theatre during World War II. Afterward he entered the securities industry with McCarley and Co. in Charlotte. In 1960 he formed Southeastern Securities, which merged with Hornblower & Weeks in 1963, where he served as manager of the Southern Division. He was elected general partner in 1965 and was on the firm’s executive committee. He retired in 1987 as resident manager of the Charlotte office of Paine Webber (now UBS). He was a trustee

and member of the Board of Visitors at Charlotte Country Day School, was past president and treasurer of Wing Haven Foundation, and volunteered for the Tutor Able literacy program for the YMCA. He was chair of District 10 of the National Association of Securities Dealers and was an arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange.

Clifford Irvine Smith Morrow '44, December 31, Charleston, S.C. She had taught first and second grades at Fremont and Z.L. Madden elementary schools in Spartanburg, S.C., and was known for her talent at teaching reading.

Marion Robinson '44, February 2, Medford, Ore.

Linda Franks Abercrombie '45, February 19, Laurens, S.C. She was a talented musician and athlete and was active with the Martha Franks Singers. She was May Queen at Furman.

William E. Fowler '45, January 19, Charleston, S.C. He served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, participating in the first assault on Iwo Jima and in the landings on Okinawa. He also witnessed the surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay. After leaving the Navy he began a career as an educator, serving in both the Virginia and South Carolina schools. He was one of the first residents of Kiawah Island and was active in the formation of the town of Kiawah. He was the first town administrator and was a charter member of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club.

Shirley Morris DuPree '46, December 19, Greenville. She was a member of the Junior League of Greenville, the Assembly and the Quadrille.

Mary Elizabeth Pettigrew King '46, March 2, Greenville. After graduating she enrolled for training in medical technology, a new field at the time, with the Kentucky Department of Health. She was one of the first to be affiliated with the National Association of Medical Technologists. In the early 1950s she was employed at

Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, La., and worked closely with the team that established national blood banks. She retrained in 1969 in medical technology and then worked for 20 years before retiring in 1990. Her husband, Joe King, is professor emeritus of religion at Furman.

William Hazzard Barnwell II '47, February 6, Charleston, S.C. A retired cardiologist and professor at the Medical University of South Carolina, he was credited with initiating the cardiac rehabilitation program at the university. He practiced cardiology at MUSC until July 1995 and was director of cardiac rehabilitation for the next nine years before retiring. He practiced general family medicine in Mount Pleasant, S.C., until 1965, and completed a fellowship in cardiology at the University of North Carolina in 1969. He was an Army Air Force veteran.

Dorothy Jane Martin Fleming '47, December 14, Cleveland, N.C. She was a social worker in the Carolinas for more than 30 years. She was superintendent of public welfare for Rockingham County, N.C., from 1959 to 1961, and directed the Iredell County (N.C.) Department of Social Services from 1965 until she retired in 1981. She was president of the North Carolina Association of Directors of Social Services. Active in the Altrusa Club of Statesville, N.C., and the Daughters of the American Revolution, she was a local director of the Bank of Iredell and United Carolina Bank.

Isabella O’Dell Williams '47, January 5, Easley, S.C. She was a longtime substitute teacher with the Greenville County School System.

Gene Blair Aiken '48, December 19, Greenville. She was a member of the Clarice Wilson Garden Club and the Furman Alumni Lunch Group.