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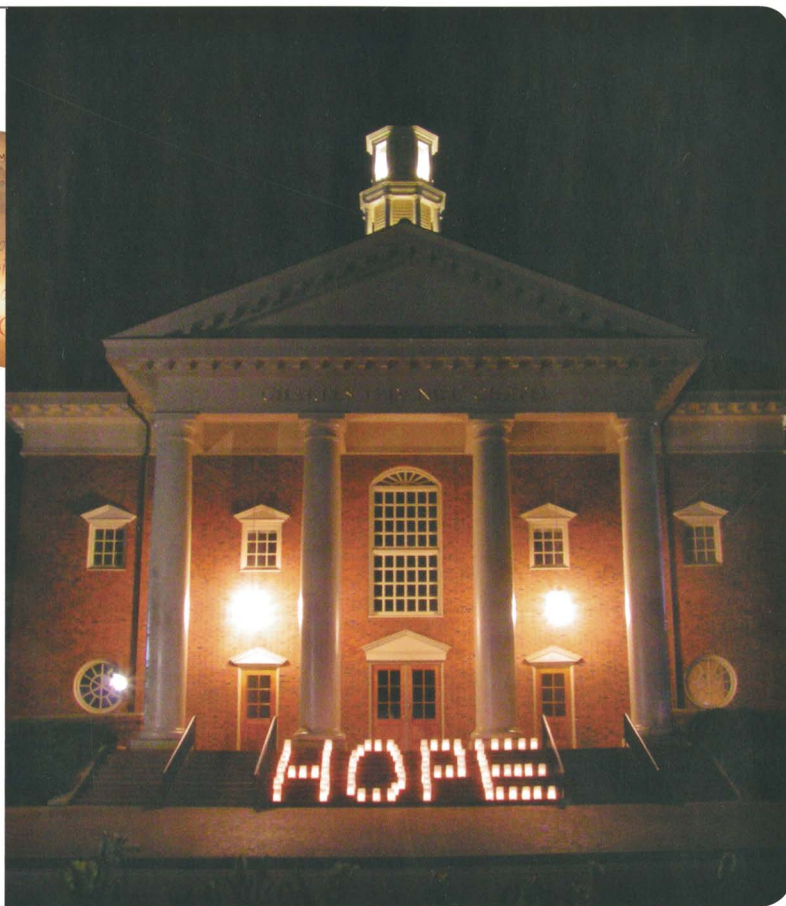
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Relay for Life

More than 1,000 students were joined by members of the Greenville community in the annual Relay for Life walk March 30 at Furman. First held in 2002, the walk benefits the American Cancer Society and this year set a record by raising more than \$70,000. Luminaries on the chapel steps and along the mall urged people to stop and reflect on the toll the disease has taken and the ongoing hope for a cure.



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Because of Furman's commitment to environmental sustainability, the Compton Foundation of California has invited the university to participate in a program that could provide \$35,000 fellowships for two graduating seniors each year.

Furman joins Princeton, Oberlin, Vassar and five other select colleges in nominating students each year for the Compton Mentor Fellowship program, which supports new college graduates as they "transform their academic studies into real world applications." Furman may nominate two seniors annually for the one-year fellowships.

Colin Hagan and Kartikeya Singh, 2007 Furman graduates and the university's first nominees for the award, were among the eight students selected as 2007 Compton Fellows.

Both have been deeply involved in environmental projects during their years on campus. Hagan, who is from Tyler, Texas, graduated this spring with a double major in political science and English, and Singh, a Greenville resident, designed his own major in ecology and sustainable development.

Each Compton Mentor Fellow is responsible for implementing a self-directed project and choosing a mentor who will provide "guidance, encouragement, and impetus for continued learning and service." The fellows are expected to demonstrate "imagination, intelligence, integrity and leadership" as well as a "commitment to compassionate and effective participation in the world community."

Hagan plans to examine ways to minimize

greenhouse gas emissions in South Carolina. Singh will target the development of responsible energy consumption projects, particularly in the Indian auto industry.

The Compton Mentor Fellowship program began in 2002 and has traditionally focused on the areas of environment and sustainability, peace and conflict resolution, and population and reproductive health. This year, the foundation added an emphasis on climate change and energy policy.

Based in northern California, the Compton Foundation began with the far-sighted and compassionate vision of Dorothy and Randolph Compton, a vision they later passed on to their children. Since 2002, 35 students have received Compton Mentor Fellowships.