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Furman grad included among Feminists Who Changed America

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Maurice Dwight Duncan is a performance coach and personal trainer with Performance QSA in Greenville. The Erwin-Penland advertising and marketing firm of Greenville has promoted Jeff Henry to account executive for the Verizon Wireless account.

Elizabeth Nasca has accepted a position as vice president of marketing and public relations at SENIOR Solutions, a nonprofit senior citizen service organization in Anderson, S.C.

MARRIAGES: Bailey Edwards and Justin Nelson, July 29. They live and work in Athens, Ga. Bailey as a minister at First Baptist Church and Justin as a staff member with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. They are pursuing Master of Divinity degrees at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta.

Andrew Lee Harrill and Judith Smith, February 10. They live in Forest City, N.C.

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Alicia Archie is a lab technician at the Greenwood (S.C.) Genetic Center.

Paul Baylor Deal is a student at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Nolan Greene is an AmeriCorps volunteer in Columbia, S.C. He is a project leader, assisting with fundraising, grant writing, internal communications and community/corporate involvement.

Blake McKie works with JDH Capital in Charlotte, N.C.

Shannon Elizabeth Moore lives in Charlotte, N.C., where she is an account executive with Countrywide Home Loans.

MARRIAGES: Chesley Adams and Barron Tench, October 14. They live in Anderson, S.C.

Timothy Michael Lyons and Stacy Simpson, January 6. Tim is a staff accountant with McKnight Frampton CPAs, LLC, in Charleston, S.C.

Elizabeth Virginia Monahan and Daniel Hals, June 24. Beth is a social studies teacher at Melbourne (Fla.) Central Catholic High School.

Daniel Duncan and Mary Elizabeth Parkinson, June 24, 2006. They live in Charleston, S.C.

Lindsey Rebecca Ross and Philip Stephens, May 13, 2006. They live in Columbus, Miss., where Lindsey is a nursing student at Mississippi University for Women and Philip is training to become a pilot in the Air Force.

DEATHS
Gladys Moore Finkenstadt ’33, December 2, West Columbia, S.C. She had retired as a teacher in Oconee County (S.C.) schools.

Elizabeth Stansell Blakely ’34, January 16, Piedmont, S.C. She and her husband were co-owners of Blakely Dairy and were honored by The Progressive Farmer with the Master Farm Family Award in 1959.

James Clarence Gilbert ’34, January 28, Cleveland, S.C. He was a retired agent for Liberty Life Insurance Co. and was a charter member of the Berea Lions Club.

FURMAN GRAD INCLUDED AMONG FEMINISTS WHO CHANGED AMERICA

Susan Hardy Aiken ’64, University Distinguished Professor of English at the University of Arizona, is included in a new volume, Feminists Who Changed America 1963-1975, published by University of Illinois Press.

The book features biographies of 2,200 women and men whose actions helped create the modern women’s movement and make permanent changes to entrenched customs and laws. Editor Barbara J. Love headed the massive project in partnership with Veteran Feminists of America, a non-profit organization created to document the “Second Wave” feminist movement and motivate younger generations.

“The foremost criterion for selection in the book was being a change-maker,” Love said. “More than previous social revolutions, ours grew from the struggles of thousands of individuals to erase thousands of separate forms of discrimination in every sector of society.”

Historian Nancy F. Cott, who wrote the book’s foreword, says that the individuals profiled in the book “compelled the rest of the world to change perspective and … to see things through women’s eyes.” Author Kate Millet says the book “will be the basic text on American feminists of the late 20th century.”

The entry about Aiken emphasizes her efforts to develop and introduce undergraduate and graduate courses on women’s literature after she arrived at the University of Arizona in 1973. “Aiken was deeply involved with both feminist scholarship and academic activism to help bring about feminist changes,” her biography notes. “In addition to her work with the women’s studies program and later with the Southwest Institute for Research on Women, Aiken regularly taught and lectured … on feminist approaches to literature and culture.”

She was also recognized for working “to introduce feminist scholarship to courses throughout the campus.” Her efforts led to publication of a book, which she edited, titled Changing Our Minds: Feminist Transformations of Knowledge, published by State University of New York Press.

Aiken, who holds a Ph.D. from Duke University, has published numerous articles on women and gender theory in such journals as PMLA and Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society. She is the author of Isak Dinesen and the Engendering of Narrative, published by University of Chicago Press, and is co-author of Dialogues/Dialogi: Literary and Cultural Exchanges Between (Ex) Soviet and American Women, published by Duke University, and Making Worlds: Gender, Metaphor, Materiality, published by University of Arizona Press.

Aiken, who is currently at work on an archivally based study of antebellum plantation culture, was also selected for inclusion in the “Pioneer Feminists of America Database,” housed in the Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College.