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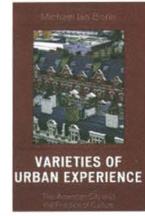
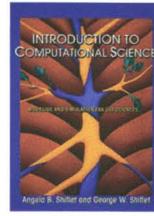
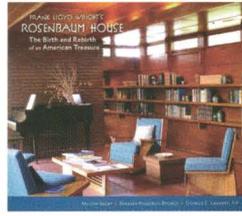
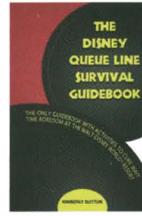
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FROM ALUMNI

David Axe '00, *Army 101: Inside ROTC in a Time of War* (University of South Carolina Press, 2007). The publisher calls this book an insider's "critical look at the dual lives of ROTC student-cadets," or "undergrads with guns." Axe focuses on the Gamecock Battalion at the University of South Carolina, where he "follows the unit through the exercises and experiences that are designed to recast the cadets as junior officers in America's long war on terrorism." John W. Gordon, a professor at the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, says the book is "an honest portrait of the young people who choose to become Army officers in this age of the global war on terror and willingly sign up to confront the hazards of deadly combat in Iraq and Afghanistan." Axe, a freelance journalist, is also the author of *War Fix* (NBM Publishing, 2006), a critically praised graphic novel based on his experiences as an imbedded war correspondent in Iraq in 2005.

Kimberly Button '97, *The Disney Queue Line Survival Guidebook* (Infinity Publishing, 2006). This unique Walt Disney World Resort travel guidebook offers entertaining activities to help alleviate the boredom of standing in lengthy queue lines at the company's four Florida theme parks. Button has tailored trivia questions, scavenger hunts, word searches and hidden Mickey hunts to the theme of every attraction queue line at the parks. She was accepted to the Walt Disney World College Program while at Furman and continued her career with Disney as a cast member in the Entertainment Division. She also worked in sales and marketing with the

company and as an assistant to the cruise director on the Disney Cruise Line's *Wonder*.

Milton Bagby '69, Barbara Kimberlin Broach and Donald E. Lambert, *Frank Lloyd Wright's Rosenbaum House: Birth and Rebirth of an American Classic* (Pomegranate Communications, 2006). Pomegranate is the leading publisher of books about Wright's life and designs. According to Bagby's Web site (www.miltonbagby.com), "Wright built a little house in Florence, Ala., for Stanley and Mildred Rosenbaum in 1940. Sixty years later, the city of Florence saved the house from the wrecking ball." The book describes the design, construction, remodeling and restoration of the house into what is now a museum. Bagby lives in Nashville, Tenn., where he is a writer and does voiceovers and narration for radio and television.

Angela Buzzett Shiflet '69 and George W. Shiflet '69, *Introduction to Computational Science: Modeling and Simulation for the Sciences* (Princeton University Press, 2006). This is the first textbook designed for an introductory course in computational science, a field that incorporates the sciences, computer science, mathematics and engineering. Bill Satzer, an intellectual property scientist with 3M company, wrote on *MAA* (Mathematical Association of America) *Reviews* that "practical knowledge of computational science is increasingly important in the sciences and engineering, and most particularly biology. *Introduction to Computational Science* is a marvelous introduction to the field, suitable even for beginning undergraduates." The authors hold

endowed chairs at Wofford College; Angela heads the computer science department and George is chair of biology. Angela received the Krell Institute's Undergraduate Computational Engineering and Sciences Award for 2006 for her work on the book.

Jerry Yates '63, *Memoirs of A Baby Boomer in Poetry* (Authorhouse, 2006). A resident of Everett, Wash., the author earned a degree from the Medical College of South Carolina and went on to a career as an obstetrician and gynecologist. He also served as a clinical professor at the University of Washington. His book is the story of his life told in verse, from childhood days on his grandfather's farm to the present.

M.C. "Mickey" Beckham '61, *A Time Revisited: Blue Collar Boys, High School Football, Girls and Rock 'n' Roll* (BookSurge Publishing, 2006). *The Rock Hill* (S.C.) *Herald* describes this book as "autobiographical fiction" from Beckham, a Rock Hill native and former high school player who writes about the fun and travails of the local team in its pursuit of a state championship during the 1950s. *The Herald* says that Beckham captures "the time, the mill village, the love of football" and many other nuances in his novel. He is a former college development officer and was the first director of the Paladin Club at Furman.

Anne McCuen '47, *Including a Pile of Rocks* (South Carolina Historical Press, 2005). This meticulously researched and highly readable book chronicles the first 100 years of the Glassy Mountain and Hog Back Mountain areas of upper Greenville

County, often referred to as the "Dark Corner." Much of the research derives from the author's own family history. McCuen, who majored in chemistry at Furman, is known for her encyclopedic knowledge of local land records.

FROM FACULTY

Michael Ian Borer, editor, *Varieties of Urban Experience: The American City and the Practice of Culture* (University Press of America, 2006). The publisher says that this collection of essays examines "the city as an identity marker, an artist's muse, a cultural hybrid, and a place many call home. . . . Most importantly, these essays acknowledge the hard work required to keep something as large and complex as a city running. The authors show how people practice culture and the ways that culture is expressed through myths, rituals, images, and places." Borer, an assistant professor of sociology, holds a Ph.D. from Boston University. He joined the faculty in 2005.

David Spear, *The Personnel of the Norman Cathedrals, 911-1204* (University of London Institute of Historical Research, 2006). The publisher says, "This volume complements the *Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae* [an index of the cathedral clergy of England and Wales], providing a chronology for the personnel of the seven Norman cathedrals — Avranches, Bayeaux, Coutances, Evreux, Lisieux, Rouen and Sees — in the ducal period. It includes extensive biographical information for clergy of all ranks, from canon to bishop." Spear, an expert in medieval history, has taught at Furman since 1982 and holds the William E. Leverette, Jr., Chair in History.