CAMPUS RESTORATION PROJECT: NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE LAKE

The beauty of Furman's campus is legendary. I drive down Furman Mall every day just to experience the glory of its spectacular canopy of trees.

When my oldest daughter, Pearce '02, was a Furman student, she called me one day and, clearly upset, exclaimed, "Dad, they're cutting down the trees on the mall!!" I was somewhat shocked to hear this, but as a middle school principal at the time, I had learned not to react immediately to shocking statements.

I did not call the president's office to ask why Furman was chopping away at these stately symbols of the university. Knowing that Furman for the most part employs bright, thoughtful people, I assumed that the school was doing something that needed to be done.

I also surmised, thanks to my biology degree, that the tree thinning my daughter had described was probably done to improve the life spans of the trees and the beauty of the mall. The oak had evidently grown so tall over the years that they were impinging on each other and endangering their health.

Of course, the work was performed seamlessly. You can't even tell that almost every other tree on the mall has been removed.

This year, as part of its celebration of the "Year of the Environment," Furman will embark on another project that, were my daughter still enrolled, would likely have caused her to call with yet another complaint: "They won't let us feed the ducks anymore!"

No doubt this statement reads like blasphemy to many alumni and friends, but the reasoning behind the new policy is just as sound as the one for the thinning of the trees: Feeding bread (or whatever) to the waterfowl is bad for their health and for the health of the lake.

For years the lake was a popular swimming hole. Alumni from the '60s and '70s probably remember diving into the lake to take their swimming test — which they had to pass to graduate.

But those days are long gone. Today the lake is extremely polluted. One reason: The growing population of geese and ducks. At the start of this school year, the lake's avian population was six times larger than recommended for a body of water its size (28 acres).

In particular, Canada geese, once rarely seen, have made a remarkable comeback, especially in the Southeast. Their comeback has been so successful that they are becoming nuisances at golf courses, parks, college campuses and many other places, including Furman.

The lake and lakeshore are being fouled by the waterfowl, to the point that it is becoming a health hazard. When the wind blows in a certain direction, students can be heard grumbling about the stench emanating from the lake. And while being thrown in the lake on one's birthday is still a Furman tradition, many students come down with the "birthday flu" soon after going for their swim. Feeding the birds simply attracts more birds to the lake — and perpetuates the problems.

The most visible part of the lake restoration project will be changing the shoreline to add natural vegetation. As the project progresses, Furman will also take humane steps to reduce the waterfowl population.

The project is being developed by an inter disciplinary Lake Restoration Task Force. The group hopes the lake will become a valuable educational resource for Furman and the Greenville community. Although the cleanup is likely to take several years, the benefits will be long lasting and will make your future visits to the lake safer, healthier and much more enjoyable.

A more extensive article on plans for the lake will appear in a forthcoming issue of the magazine.

> Special note: We've barely completed Homecoming 2006, but the planning is already well under way for Homecoming 2007.

Classes ending in 2 and 7 will be celebrating reunions next year at Homecoming, which is scheduled for November 2-4. If you are interested in volunteering to be on your reunion committee or would like more information, please contact Tina Hayes Ballew '78, associate director of the Alumni Association, at tina.ballew@furman.edu or by calling 1-800-PURPLE3.

We hope to see you at Homecoming 2007!

— TOM TRIPLITT '76

The author is director of the Alumni Association.

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31 **Anne Pickens Collins** of Chester, S.C., has received the Order of the Silver Crescent, the state of South Carolina’s highest honor for volunteer and community service. A former newspaper reporter, she is an author and historian who has written or collaborated on eight books. Among the honors she has received are Service to Mankind awards from the Chester Sertoma Club and Old Hickory Sertoma District.

48 **NEXT REUNION IN 2008**

Ray Bell of Atlanta received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for continuous flying for 50 years without an accident or violation. Of continuous flying pilots, less than 200 have received the award.

51 **NEXT REUNION IN 2011**

Everette Smith retired as pastor of Lystra Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, N.C., in June.

53 **NEXT REUNION IN 2008**


60 **NEXT REUNION IN 2010**

Donald E. Ward of Irmo, S.C., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from North Greenville University in May. He is president of Benefit Controls of the Midlands and has been a trustee at North Greenville University. He is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenville.

63 **NEXT REUNION IN 2008**

John Singletary retired as pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Pittsboro, N.C., in July.

66 **NEXT REUNION IN 2011**

Ben Davis, president of Connie Maxwell Children’s Home in Greenwood, S.C., is the 2006-07 president of Baptist Child Care Executives, the national association of Baptist children’s homes. He recently concluded a term as president of the Southeastern Child Care Association.

67 **NEXT REUNION IN 2007**

The South Carolina Theatre Association presented Jim and Kay Thigpen the Lifetime Achievement Award for their contributions to theatre in the state. The Thigpins are co-founders of Trustus Theatre, the only professional theatre in Columbia.

ADOPTION: Tom and Linda Adcox, a one-year-old daughter, Stephanie, from Kazakhstan, June 20, Hendersonville, N.C.

68 **NEXT REUNION IN 2008**

Betty Shelton Walker was named the 2006 Staff Employee of the Year at Shorter College in Rome, Ga. She and her husband, Lewis Walker, were recognized for 20 years of service at Shorter, he as a professor of education and she as administrative assistant to the dean of the School of the Arts.

69 **NEXT REUNION IN 2009**

Larry Phillips of Taylorsville, N.C., is a Hispanic consultant with the Baptist State Convention.

Marshall Williams has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gardner-Webb University. He is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenville.

73 **NEXT REUNION IN 2008**

Alan Harvey of Decatur, Ga., ran the Big Sur International Marathon in California on April 30.

Samuel Lee has been named executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Greenville County. He previously was a vice president with Fuj Photo Film, Inc., of Greenwood, S.C.

74 **NEXT REUNION IN 2009**

Linda Heatwole Jacobs’ book *Summer of Fire*, published in 2005 by Medallion Press, earned the 2006 WILLA Literary Award for original softcover fiction. The WILLA awards recognize outstanding literature featuring women’s stories set in the West. Linda lives in Las Cruces, N.M.

Mark S. Patterson has been named president of Heritage Labs International, a medical reference laboratory specializing in immunology, chemistry and infectious disease testing. He is a co-founder of the lab, which is based in Olathe, Kan., and previously was its senior vice president for sales and marketing.

75 **NEXT REUNION IN 2010**

Steve O’Dell of Holly Springs, N.C., has become group director for project management in the cardiovascular and diabetes section of Quintiles in Research Triangle Park. The company conducts clinical studies for major pharmaceutical companies.

77 **NEXT REUNION IN 2007**

David Lane Huddleston has been appointed banking officer by Carolina First Bank in Greenville.

79 **NEXT REUNION IN 2009**

Susan Peterman DuPuis is assistant band director at Cari o Middle School in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Elizabeth Lynn Grimsley, chor al director at Mid-Carolina High School in Prosperity, S.C., has been inducted into the South Carolina Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. She served as president of SCMEA from 1999-2001 and as choral division president from 1995 to 1997. She is currently chair of the choral division of the All-State committee.

80 **NEXT REUNION IN 2010**

Elizabeth Powers Keller has become principal of Shool Creek Elementary School in San Diego, Calif.

David West has been appointed director of corporate development by Group & Pension Administrators, Inc. (GPA) in Dallas, Texas, one of the largest third-party benefit administrators in the Southwest. He was previously with Mercer Health & Benefits/ Marsh EBS, where he was a senior associate and vice president.

81 **NEXT REUNION IN 2011**

Thomas Fisher has opened Fisher Financial Strategies in Cambridge, Mass. The firm provides financial planning and investment advice and is a member of the Garrett Planning Network.

Nancy Edmonds Hannah, an attorney with Vann & Sheridan, LLP, in Raleigh, N.C., has been elected to the board of Legal Aid of North Carolina. She chairs the Wake County/Tenth Judicial District Bar’s Swearing-in Ceremony Committee and is a member of the Construction Law Section’s council, chairing the group’s pro bono projects.

Christopher Lauchner of Newton, Pa., has returned to the States after a yearlong deployment in Iraq with the Army Reserve’s 80th Division, which helped train the Iraqi forces.

82 **NEXT REUNION IN 2007**

John Clanton was guest conductor when the National Symphony Orchestra presented two outdoor concerts at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre in Washington, D.C., in July. John is director of the U.S. Army Chorus and a 2006 graduate of the NSO’s National Conducting Institute.

MARRIAGE: Clifford Smith II and Alicia Gomez, August 8, 2005. They live in Athens, Ga.
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83 NEXT REUNION IN 2008
MARRIAGE: Lee Belcher McFadden and Larry Owens, May 28. Lee is a corporate paralegal with Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., in Greenville. Larry is employed with IBM Global Services.


84 NEXT REUNION IN 2009
Stanford Jennings was enshrined in the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame May 22, becoming the 17th Furman alumnus to be inducted into the hall. He was the first football player in Southern Conference history to be named the league’s Player of the Year three times. A nine-year veteran of the National Football League, he works with New Balance in Atlanta and serves on the Furman board of trustees.

Brian Warford of Nashville, Tenn., has been named vice president of sales for the LSA Group, manufacturer of loudspeakers and amplifiers for the home electronics industry. He had been vice president of Nicholson’s Hi-Fi for more than 15 years.

88 NEXT REUNION IN 2008
Ricky Creech has become chief culture officer at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala. He oversees the pastoral care program, pastoral advisory council, mission integration committee and patient advocates, among other administrative duties. He had been executive director of the Birmingham Baptist Association.

BIRTHS: Alan and Maki Beckham, a son, Ray, June 27, Tokyo, Japan. Alan is an assistant professor at the University of Maryland University College-Asia.


89 NEXT REUNION IN 2009
Matthew Bostick of Piedmont (S.C.) Tax Service has become a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents.

Jennifer Marshall Champagne has been elected to the board of Shareholders of Cornerstone Bancorp, holding company for Cornerstone National Bank of Greenville. She is the bank’s senior vice president and chief financial officer.

Chris DeJarnett of Big Canoe, Ga., has been promoted to industry segment manager for higher education with Xerox Global Services. He coordinates the development and marketing of consulting and services for colleges and universities across North America.

ADOPTION and BIRTH: Mark and Gabriela Bustos Brucker of Augusta, Ga., adopted a daughter, Clara Jane, born August 26, 2005. They had a son, Benjamin Andrew, on March 9.

BIRTH: Greg and Leslie Joy Taylor, a daughter, Sidney Hampton, January 23, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

90 NEXT REUNION IN 2010
The band at Hightower Trail Middle School in Marietta, Ga., directed by Andrew Cole, was scheduled to be one of the featured groups at the University of Georgia Middle School Band Festival in December. As a member of the Cobb Wind Symphony, Andrew will perform at the January meeting of the Georgia Music Educators Association.

Eric and Courtney Carr Cowles have relocated from Texas to Redding, Conn. Eric works at the L’Oreal U.S. headquarters in Manhattan. He has been promoted to vice president of marketing in the company’s SkinCeuticals division.

MARRIAGE: Tracy Lynne Hulsey and Johnson Harper Bond, August 26. She is an attorney with the U.S. District Court and he is a Deputy U.S. Marshall. They live in Greenville.

BIRTHS: Andrew and Holly Harris Misirly, twins, Leah Kate and Andrew Mark, July 20, Atlanta.

BIRTHS: lan and Deanna Quattlebaum, a daughter, Larsen Elizabeth, June 26, Greer, S.C. lan is product manager with ScanSource. Randle and Noel Thomas Raggio, a son, John David, August 14, 2005, Baton Rouge, La.

Anthony and Melissa Stone, a son, Graham, May 22, Greer, S.C.

91 NEXT REUNION IN 2011
William Cook has been named a visiting assistant professor at the Charleston (S.C.) School of Law, where he has been an adjunct professor. He teaches property law and appellate practice. He most recently worked as an attorney at Hulsey Litigation Group, LLC, and is a member of the board of the Preservation Society of Charleston.

Margaret Riddle Scoomorie has joined the Greenville office of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd law firm. Her practice primarily concentrates on real estate, commercial transactions and corporate matters.

BIRTHS: Dan Whitsker and Page Anderson, a son, Sam Anderson, August 25, Decatur, Ga. Page is an assistant professor in the psychology department at Georgia State University.
Dan and Dana Jacobson Dokman, a daughter, Sloane Elizabeth, August 1, Minneapolis, Minn.

Greg and Shannon Rhodes Hill, a son, Holland McKee, March 19, Nashville, Tenn.

Cory and Christa Renfroe Hurley, a daughter, Patricia Grace, October 21, 2005, Atlanta.

92 NEXT REUNION IN 2007

Melanie Best Robinson has been named director of human resources by ImagePoint, a manufacturer and supplier of on-site sign products and services based in Knoxville, Tenn.

Derik ’93 and Erin Snyder Shelor live in Millersville, Pa., where Erin is an assistant professor of history at Millersville University. Derik has started Shelor & Sons, a publishing company.

BIRTHS: David and Maurisa Hooks Beaver, a son, Jonathon Thomas, April 22, Concord, N.C.

93 NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Geoffrey Wayne and Jane Keith Fritts, a son, Calvin Keith, August 29, 2005, Boiling Springs, S.C.

Lance and Meredith Lentz ’94 Lewis, a daughter, Sanders Katherine, June 5, Wilmington, N.C.

Kevin Johnson has become associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Boone, N.C. He also heads Micah Ministries, which provides training, resources and consulting in music, worship and spiritual formation.

MARRIAGE: Christie Rene Perry and Brian Leigh Carlson, June 17. They live in Fountain Inn, S.C., where he is a solutions manager at Fort Dearborn Company. She teaches at Simpsonville Elementary School.

BIRTHS: James and Charity Villa piano Higbe, a son, Addison James, September 16, Jacksonville, Fla. James is a division director with Technology Service Partners, Inc.

REMINDERS OF FURMAN’S DOWNTOWN ROOTS

The question usually comes up about midway through the conversation: Where was the “old” campus and how would I recognize it?

No matter their year of graduation, many alumni are curious about the Furman that existed before the current, “new” campus — which is now almost 50 years old.

The answer, of course, is that there were two old campuses — one for the women, the Greenville Woman’s College, and one for the men, Furman University. The schools coordinated in the 1930s but maintained separate campuses at opposite ends of downtown Greenville until the men began the migration to the present site in 1958. The women followed in 1961.

To preserve the connection between the old and the new, many organizations (Quaternion, Senior Order, Furman Singers), names (Ramsay, Judson, Manly, Poteat), buildings (Old College, the Shack), and even some of the bricks made the trip down Poinsett Highway to the new campus. But for hundreds of alumni, “Furman” is still “The Zoo” (the residence hall at GWC) and “Old Main” (the central building on the men’s campus).

Over time, the university’s former locations have changed to reflect the needs of Greenville and its citizens. The area where the GWC campus stood, on College Street, is now known as Heritage Green. It is the home of the Greenville Little Theatre, the county art museum, the Image Nation Children’s Museum of the Upstate, and the main branch of the county library.

The land on University Ridge once occupied by the men’s campus is today shared by County Square (the office complex for county government) and the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities.

Historical markers erected at each site in 1975 inform the curious about Furman’s downtown heritage — and are the only indications that the two campuses existed. Furman continues to maintain the markers out of respect for the university’s history and traditions.

— BETSY MOSELEY ’74
Director of Planned Giving

For directions to the sites of the former Furman and GWC campuses, e-mail betsy.moseley@furman.edu.
Christopher and Julie Howdeshell, a son, Grafton Thomas, May 9, 2005, Hattiesburg, Miss. Chris is an associate attorney with Pittman Law Firm.

Earl and Amy Snedaker, a son, Jack, April 24, 2005, Lake Mary, Fla.

94 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Mark Grabarczyk is now associated with Upstate Cardiology PA in Greenville.

Marc St. John is lead communications engineer at Mitre Corporation, a think tank in McLean, Va. His wife, Allison Rinker ’96 St. John, received her doctorate in clinical psychology from George Washington University, where she teaches.

MARRIAGE: Mark Souther and Stacey Shul, July 15. They live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

BIRTHS: Bill and Melanie Krone Armstrong, a son, William Matthew, August 23. Bill is an engineer with GE-Gas Turbine Operations in Greenville. Melanie was previously associate director of the Furman Alumni Association.

Chris and Angela Glotzbach Bryson, a daughter, Emma Kay, May 6, West Columbia, S.C. Angela is a sales representative with Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc.

Scott and Dena Sloan Gambrell, a son, Aidan Michael, April 21, Greenville.

Jeffrey and Nicole Ferrini Klimek, a daughter, Kendall Nicole, May 19, Naperville, Ill. Jeff is owner of Techno-Structure Incorporated.

Christopher and Tara Lamond, a daughter, Lucy Jean, November 30, 2005, Washington, D.C. Chris is employed by Federalist Group, L.L.C.

Brian and María Aiesi Pokluda, a son, Wesley Allen, February 22, Coppell, Texas.

95 NEXT REUNION IN 2010

Heather Emmet Cudmore of Melbourne, Fla., is study abroad director at Florida Institute of Technology.

Michael Fontaine has been named a client advisor in the New York office of Deutsche Bank. Alex Brown, the U.S. Private Client Services division of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management. He was previously a vice president with Credit Suisse Private Client Services.

Kiné Fails Geathers has become principal at Sandtown Middle School in Atlanta. She was previously a curriculum assistant principal at Banneker High School and a counselor at North Springs High.

Eric and Laressa Teal McCarty are owners of The Light Photography in Johnson City, Tenn. Their work has been chosen for publication in several major magazines. Visit their Web site, www.thelightphotography.com.

Derek Oliver, a U.S. Army psychologist, is currently assigned to Camp Bucca, Iraq, with the 21st Combat Support Hospital, where he provides health care services to detainees.

MARRIAGES: Andrea Bigner and Barry Koslow, March 4. Andrea is employed at american Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Ryan Hough and Ana Kincaid, December 3, 2005. Ryan is regional manager for Carolina Fresh Farms. They live in Lyman, S.C.

David Lanning and Adriana Bolanos-Davila, January 1. They live in Simpsonville, S.C., and David works as a development project manager with B.S.A. International.

Laura Steitler and Hadley Panzer, September 3, 2005. They live in Asheville, N.C.

BIRTHS: Daniel and Anne Yaggy Bishop, a son, Brennan Paul, February 6, Montclair, Va.

James and Wendy Gibson ’00 Duncan, a daughter, Addison Grace, March 15, 2005, Gaithersburg, Md.

Cass and Laura Chalmers Netherton, a daughter, Ava Corinna, March 15, Atlanta.

Thomas and Carrie Codega Pomin, a son, Thomas Paul III, August 10, Atlanta.


Rogers and Christine Stinson, a son, Rogers Lesslie III, March 29, Fort Stewart, Ga.
BIRTHS: Addison and Caroline Kocher ‘00 Dana, a son, Addison Albright II, April 17, New York City.
Bill and Lyndi Plant Freund, a daughter, Madison, June 18, 2005, Taylors, S.C.
Lyndi is director of finance for Centex Destination Properties.

TJ and Stephanie Young McGoldrick, a daughter, Elliott Rae, May 29.

MARRIAGES: Mandy Collinger and Anyan Parsons, June 17. They live in Franklin, Tenn., where Mandy owns a music public relations company.
Kimberly Greisch and Patrick Byrne, July 16, 2005. Kim teaches at Hunter Street Elementary School in York, S.C., and Patrick is a sales manager for Wachovia.
Rafal Kazimierz Kamieniecki and Catherine Anne Funderburk, July 22. They live in Travelers Rest, S.C.

Helen Rich and Patrick Cavasin, June 17. They live in New Orleans, La. Helen is scheduled to graduate from Tulane University in the spring with an M.D. degree and a master’s in public health.
Leah Versteegen and Joel Brown, June 11, 2005. They live in Boise, Idaho, where Leah is a physical therapist with St. Luke’s Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Services.

BIRTHS: Jason and Julie Akers, a son, Evan James, May 24. Jason is in his third year of a radiology residency at the University of Cincinnati.
Britt and Nikki LaCount Brandt, a son, Riley Campbell, June 18. Nikki, a cost accountant with ScanSource, Inc., in Greenville, earned the certified public accountant designation in March.
Jonathan and Kimberly Jolly Chasteen, a daughter, Ela Kate, July 18, 2005, Greenville.

Jeff and Mary Moore DeLoach, a son, William Isaac, May 12, 2005, Athens, Ga. Jeff is an attorney with Forston Bentley and Griffin.
Leonard and Stephanie Duke Ezell, a son, Jackson Paul, July 19, Athens, Ga. Michael and Tricia Casto Fuller, a daughter, Morgan MacKenzie, August 1, Cullman, Ala.
Charles and Jenna Bates Shive, a son, William Tanner, February 7, Greenville.
Chris and Elizabeth Hankla Smith, a son, Reuben McNab II, June 24, Nashville, Tenn.
Liz is a registered dietitian at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
Randy and Summer Dilgren Teegardin, a son, Matthew John, August 24, Charleston, S.C.

Next Reunion in 2010
Rebecca Hendrich of Knoxville, Tenn., has earned a Master of Arts degree in professional counseling from Argosy University. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision.

Jennifer Corby Holson has earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Georgia.

Izetta Simmons of Silver Spring, Md., is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

MARRIAGES: Russell Chamblish and Rebecca Stetler, June 24. They live in Birmingham, Ala., where Russell is marketing director for the Mason Corporation.

Melissa Lynn Freeman and Warner Douglas May, June 3. Melissa received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University and is now a cardiac nurse at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Atlanta.

James Hudson Howell and Melinda Chao, June 3. They live in Jacksonville, Fla., where Hudson is business development director for Fidelity National Financial.

Emily Leahy and Chris Walker, August 12. They live in Alexandria, Va. Emily is the coordinating producer for Home and Garden Television’s “I Want That.”

Lee Mack Smith and Susan Lovelace Clemmons, July 8. She is a technical information specialist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He is pursuing a Ph.D. degree in American religious history at Emory University and is the academic advisor in residence at Emory College in Atlanta. He is a minister in the American Baptist Church.

Deborah Leigh Sorrow and Jeff Spitley, April 22. They live in Hanover, Md.

Deborah works as a special agent in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management/Federal Investigative Services Division.

BIRTHS: Brian and Joan Warfuel ’01 Brewer, a daughter, Mary Helen Grace, May 24, 2005, Brunswick, Ga.

Jeremy and Anna Lang Cass, a daughter, Adalene Abigail, August 11. Jeremy is an assistant professor of Spanish at Furman and Anna is a research associate in quality management with the Greenville Hospital System.

Michael and Stacey Hamilton Morgan, a daughter, Sydney Lee, July 1, 2005, Woodstock, Ga.

Giff and Ashley Clark Ransom, a son, Samuel Atticus, March 19, Raleigh, N.C.

Ashley ’01 and Jennifer Bales Stowe, a daughter, Elizabeth Jayne, July 6, Aiken, S.C. Ashley is currently conducting hydrogen fuel research at the Savannah River National Laboratory.

Timothy ’01 and Melanie Gladding Van Steenburgh, a son, Connor Scott, September 24, 2005, Gainesville, Fla.

Next Reunion in 2011
Brendan and Erica Kitchen Betts have moved to Raleigh, N.C., where he is the head age-group coach for the Y of the Triangle Area Swim Team. Erica earned a master’s degree in women’s studies from Georgia State University and is the development coordinator for Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina.

Joe Biedlingmaier has joined defense contractor Northrop Grumman in McLean, Va., as a project manager.

Kyle and Christal Stieb ’03 Jones have moved to Arlington, Texas. Kyle is music director at First United Methodist Church of Mansfield, teaches voice and piano at the Arts Institute of Mansfield, and has contracted with the Dallas Opera to sing in productions of Verdi’s “Nabucco” and Wagner’s “Lohengrin.”

Trey Kenne received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Medical College of Georgia and is currently doing a one-year general practitioner’s residency in Augusta, Ga.

Melanie Currin Lucero graduated from the University of Georgia in May with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

MARRIAGES: Carrie Elizabeth Beaty (M.A. ’03) and James Edward Johnson, June 17. They live in Greenville where he is employed with Old Colony Furniture Company. She has earned her national board certification and teaches fourth grade at Blythe Academy.

Miranda Louise Beutell and Paul Erik Pace, June 2. They live in Powder Springs, Ga.

Dan Butler and Crystal Lovan, March 24. Dan practices with the McNair Law Firm in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Brooke Jackson and Shawn Blair, December 10, 2005. They live in Orlando, Fla.

David Hill Kolsza and Catherine Carol Black, July 1. She teaches in the Greenville County school system and he is with the Wyche Burgess Freeman and Parham law firm.

Mary Traylor Larus and David Hall, June 10. They live in Smyrna, Ga. Mary is client service administrator with Nease, Lagana, Eden & Culley, Inc., and David teaches at Schenck School.

Brooke Steinke and Brad Smith, June 17. Brooke, who is studying for a master’s degree in special education, teaches at Wren Elementary School in Piedmont, S.C.

Next Reunion in 2007
Justin Alexander is a paralegal with Sam Harms Law Firm in Greenville. He is currently secretary and immediate past chair of the Upstate Young Republicans and serves on the county’s Republican Executive Committee.

Elizabeth Bernard received her J.D. degree from Wake Forest University in May and works as an attorney with the firm of Leitner Williams Dooley Napolitan in Nashville, Tenn.

Hong Bui earned his medical degree from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and is a pediatric resident at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Jacquelyn Cornet is a research fellow with LMI in McLean, Va. She earned a master’s degree in coastal environmental management from the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences.

Jean Crow and Laura Lunde Ringo are co-directors of Partners for Active Living, a non-profit organization in Spartanburg, S.C., that promotes pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly communities.

Having earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Katherine Fry is an endodontic resident at Tufts University in Boston.

Courtney Horner ’02 Kenna graduated from the University of South Carolina-Aiken in May with a Master of Science degree in clinical psychology.

Ryan Saunders lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., and works as product manager with Bright House Networks.

Abby Sellers has become board certified as a women’s health nurse practitioner and works in high risk obstetrics in the Greenville Hospital System.

Vance Smith of Orlando, Fla., earned an M.B.A. degree from Crummer Business School at Rollins College. He is a senior associate with the Trammell Crow Company.

MARRIAGES: Alaina Burgess and Josh Morris, May 20. They live in Snellville, Ga., and Alaina teaches orchestra at Lanier Middle School.

Hilary Eldred and Beau Seagraves, May 27. They live in Clinton, S.C., where Beau is director of residence life and summer programs at Presbyterian College.

Lauren Huguet and William Derek Bush ’03, June 3. Derek is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at Duke University. Lauren works in the executive M.B.A. program at Duke’s Fuqua School of Business.

Elizabeth Ingram and Joey Shands, July
MED STUDENTS DECIDE TO RIDE COAST TO COAST FOR A CURE

An off-hand remark from one medical student to another led to their decision to take a cross-country bicycle ride to support cancer research.

Ben Ristau, a 2004 Furman graduate, and Jeremiah Tracy, his first-year classmate at the University of Connecticut medical school in Farmington, were chatting last December about their summer plans. If they were going to do something “different,” the summer of 2006 was the time to do it, they reasoned, since there would be no more summer breaks until they completed their medical studies. Ristau (blue shirt) tossed out a suggestion: a bicycle trip across the United States.

The idea quickly morphed from a casual “what if?” to a plan, as they decided to use the trip to raise money for a cause that was close to both their hearts. They selected Lea’s Foundation for Leukemia Research, a non-profit organization in nearby Hartford, and the University of Connecticut Health Center as the beneficiaries of their fund-raising effort.

Tracy’s mother, Elizabeth, had died of cancer when he was 18, a factor that had led him to pursue a career in medicine. Ristau, who majored in psychology at Furman, had spent 2004-05 conducting research on myeloma at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Bryn Erin Rose and Rodney Coleman Robison, May 21. They work at IC Rose and Associates in Greenville, she as a project manager and he as a field service representative.

Christina Soldo and Ryan Lindstedt, May 20. Christina is a personal trainer on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and Ryan is regional sales manager for a horticulture company. Their wedding was featured on WETV’s (Women’s Entertainment) Platinum Wedding series in early September.

Sarrin Towle and Rob Warfield, June 10. They live in Naples, Fla.

BIRTHS: Ryan (M.A.) and DeLesline Caulder, a daughter, Olivia Evelyn, April 23. Ryan was awarded his wings as an aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps in June prior to being transferred to San Diego, Calif., for additional flight training.

Lawson and Michelle Clary, a son, Hudson Drew, June 19. Lawson is an athletic academic advisor at Clemson University.

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Mahan and Ashley Dickson ‘04 Ellison are working this year with the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET). Whitney Dallas Jones recently became assistant volleyball coach at Jacksonville (Fla.) University. She has earned a master’s degree in sports management from Georgia State University.

Mick Larkins is a technical artist with Hi-Rez Studios in Atlanta and is the author or co-author of software tutorials on Maya, which is used to create computer-generated three-dimensional animation and special effects.

Chris Lowery is an engineer in the systems operations department of the Knoxville (Tenn.) Utilities Board.

Marc and Michelle Roberts Masters live in Piedmont, S.C. She earned her M.B.A. degree from Clemson University and is employed as controller and treasurer with the Regional Management Corporation.

Heather Prince received her Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May and is a candidate for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She lives in Bethesda, Md.

Brett Shumate graduated magna cum laude from the Wake Forest University

Despite the demands of medical school they were able to train throughout the spring and early summer. On July 1 they embarked from San Francisco. Traveling through the heartland of America and stopping along the way to visit friends and acquaintances — and to absorb the sights — they made excellent time, averaging 95 to 100 miles per day.

On August 17, they rolled triumphantly into Farmington to the rousing cheers of friends and family. They brought a celebratory end to the trip on September 2 with a ride from Farmington to Milford, Conn., where they rolled to a stop in the shallow waters of the Atlantic.

The results? They raised more than $25,000 (so far) toward leukemia and lymphoma research. They experienced the trip of a lifetime. And they earned the satisfaction of knowing that they had done something tangible for the greater good.

To read their account of their journey (with photos), visit http://coasttocoastforacure.blogspot.com.
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School of Law and is now a clerk for Chief

Judge Edith Jones of the Fifth Circuit Court

Appeals in Houston, Texas.

Lauren Simmons

is a Young Adult

Volunteer with the Presbyterian Church,

USA, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She

works with Whitehouse Presbyterian

Church in youth and children’s ministries

and with the 174 Trust, a community

outreach program. Visit her blog, 


Jeremy Uecker

of Austin, Texas, earned

a master’s degree in sociology from the

University of Texas and is a pre-doctoral

trainee in the school’s National Institute

of Child Health and Human Development.

Tracy Wells

earned her Master of

Theological Studies degree from Harvard

University and is an intern with the

Episcopal Church in Omaha, Neb. The

documentary “Divided We Fall: Americans

in the Aftermath,” for which she served as

communications director (and which she

wrote about in the Winter 2006 Furman

magazine), is now touring the United

States, Canada and England. Visit the

Web site for the film, which examines hate

crimes in America after the 9/11 terrorist


Katie Woolf

is assistant conductor for

the Radcliffe Choral Society at Harvard

University in Boston, Mass. She earned a

Master of Music degree from Boston

University.

MARRIAGES:

Megan Ayers

and Jesse

Bridges, June 24. Megan is assistant

director of admissions at Furman.

Brian Stephen Bridges

and Katie Anne

Hunt, July 22. They live in Charleston, S.C.,

where Brian is employed at Carolina

Orthotics and Prosthetics. Katie is a senior

at the Medical University of South Carolina

College of Dental Medicine

Erin Caldwell

and Jeff Zellmer 04, June

3. Erin is a marketing consultant with

Thunder Road Brandworks in Charlotte,

N.C., and Jeff is a radio/television producer

with Fox Charlotte (WCCB).

Anna Gene Garrett

and Clint Verner,

June 17. Anna is associate director of

special gifts at Belmont University in

Nashville, Tenn.

Stephanie Haik

and Steve Greenwell,

May 20. Stephanie is a technical

representative with NIKE in Dallas, Texas.

Sarah Leever

and Robert Verdier,

September 17, 2005. Sarah is a systems

analyst with Fort Dearborn Company.

They live in Simpsonville, S.C.

Edward William Overdyke

and Holly

Janet Brown, June 3. They live in Atlanta

where he is a financial planner/insurance

specialist with Capstone Financial Partners/

Mass Mutual and she is an employee

benefit sales consultant with UnumProvident.

BIRTHS:

Share and Karla Cheshier

Cannon, a son, Drew, February 8, Greer,

S.C. Karla works in human resource

services and recruiting with Human

Technologies, Inc.

Jon and Becca Gunter 04 Wood, a son,

Brennan David, August 14, Tallahassee, Fla.

Jon was granted military leave from Mosul,

Iraq, to be home for his son’s birth. He

is part of a U.S. Army mission helping

to shape the Iraqi army.

04 NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Katherine Lee Bachman

earned a master’s

degree in social work from the University

of Georgia. She works in program support

with Children’s Restoration Network,

a non-profit organization that assists

homeless children and their mothers

in Metro Atlanta.

Christina Barger

completed her master’s

degree in genetics counseling at the

University of South Carolina School of

Medicine and now works as a counselor

at the University of Alabama-Birmingham

Hospital.

At the 2006 Southeast Regional Emmy

Awards, Melissa Bayles, a producer at

WYFF-TV in Greenville, received her first

Emmy. She was a co-winner of the award

for Specialty Assignment Report (News

Feature).

Eric Cain

teaches in the Talented and

Gifted Department of Alpharetta High

School in Fulton County, Ga. He graduated

from Wake Forest University as a Master

Teacher Fellow and was awarded a master’s

degree in secondary social studies education.

Susan Heimburger

was scheduled to

begin study in September for a master’s

degree in higher education and student

affairs at Ohio State University

Latoya Michelle Mitchell,

a third-year

graduate student at Wake Forest School

of Medicine, has passed the candidacy

exam for a Doctor of Philosophy degree

in microbiology and immunology.

In May she presented a portion of her thesis work

at the annual meeting of the American

Association of Immunologists held in Boston.

Anna Price

is a graduate research assistant

working toward a Ph.D. in the Department

of Health Promotion, Education & Behavior

at the University of South Carolina.

Jimmy West

is a special agent with the

Georgia Bureau of Investigation in Decatur.

Julie Wright

has joined the Bemis Center

in Omaha, Neb., as communications officer,

with responsibility for public relations,

marketing and special events. She recently

completed a master’s degree in arts

management from the H. John Heinz III

School of Public Policy and Management

at Carnegie Mellon University.

MARRIAGES:

Richard Burnette

and Alicia Brindley, August 5. Alicia is a manager

with Walgreens and “Blue” is studying for

an M.B.A. degree at Colorado State Uni-

versity. He then plans to attend law school

Mark Curtis

and Lindley Sharp, May 13.

They live in Durham, N.C.

Eric Peter Guth

and Meghan Leslie

Arnold, June 17. Eric teaches at Christ

Church Episcopal School in Greenville.

Brent Lineberry

and Megan Leigh

Robinson 05, May 27. Megan is program

director for children’s ministries at North-

side United Methodist Church in Atlanta

and Brent is Internet store manager for

High Country Outfitters.

Jonathan Adam Moore

and Kristen

Elizabeth Koteles, May 31. They live

in Greer, S.C.
Corey Lee Ottosen and Anna Kathryn Kirby ’05, July 29. They work in Bloomington, Ind., she as an associate instructor of Spanish at Indiana University and he as a paramedic with Bloomington Hospital and Columbus Regional Hospital.

Joanna Rickard and Ryan Henderson ’05, August 12. “Tanner” is a stockbroker with Scottrade in Wilmington, N.C., where they live. Joanna earned a Master of Education degree in college student affairs administration from the University of Georgia and is a program manager with the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Alumni Association.

**05 NEXT REUNION IN 2010**

Michael Overby completed a one-year program in human rights at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City through the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program. He is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in international affairs at the Elliott School of George Washington University.

**MARRIAGES:** Ian Bramhall and Cindy Whitcomb, July 23, 2005. They live in Greenville.

Nicholas Bruce and Christina Minotty, May 20. They live in Mesquite, Texas.

Linda Marie Bruzhalski and Matt Turner, April 29. Linda is a process specialist with Milliken and Company. They live in Greenville.

Meredith Edwards and Josh Green, August 12. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where Josh is a law student at Vanderbilt University.

Diana Estes and Adam Ligler, July 8. Diana is a Spanish teacher at Nansesmond-Suffolk Academy in Suffolk, Va.

Christopher Flury and Emily Reinhold, May 6. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Emily Catherine Greyard and Geoffrey Cannon Mitchell, June 10. They live in Tucson, Ariz., where Geoff is a Ph.D. student in the University of Arizona’s cancer biology program and Emily is a field representative for Leadership Institute.

Elaine Harris and Corey Crowder, September 3, 2005. They live in Taylors, S.C.

Nathan Hatcher and Katie Koczwar ’06, June 24. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla., where Nathan is a second-year law student at Stetson University.

Bethany Hooker and Jeff Eyrich, June 24. Jeff is a building engineer in Atlanta, and Bethany is a publisher’s assistant with August House Publishers, Inc.

David Jennings Hughes and Rebecca Ann Murchison ’06, August 5. He is a wellness coach at Zest Quest Associates in Travelers Rest, S.C., and she teaches at Liberty Elementary School.

Melanie Elizabeth King and Thomas Chase Samples, May 20. Both are students at the University of Georgia. Melanie is a graduate research assistant while pursuing a Master of Arts degree in teaching, and Chase is a second-year law student.

Emily Posey and Zach Loror, May 6. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

Holly Sanders Spann and Jonathan Henry Watkins, July 1. They live in Greenville. She is a client representative with Marsh USA, Inc., and he is a sales consultant with ScanSource, Inc.

Heather Marie Tarpley and Wade Hampton Godfrey III, June 2. Heather is an exercise physiologist at North Greenville Fitness in Travelers Rest, S.C. They attend Greenville Technical College and is employed by Best Buy.

**06 NEXT REUNION IN 2011**

Connor Snowden Atkinson is an investment banking analyst with Wachovia in Charlotte, N.C.

Julia Cleveland is pursuing a Master of Science degree at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.

Leah Elizabeth Coakley is a volunteer for Americorps, assigned to Tacoma, Wash., through August 2007.

Paul Baylor Deal is site director for the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Kyle Flanders teaches English in Kyrgyzstan with the Peace Corps.

Amanda Grapes is senior technician with Georgia Olmen’s Services, Inc., in Stockbridge.

Sherry Greene lives in Greenville and works as a marketing associate with Level 1.

Jillian Grimsley has joined Jeff Dezen Public Relations in Greenville as an assistant account executive.

Dax Griggs is a leadership consultant for Pi Kappa Phi in Charlotte, N.C.

Kelsey Grodzicki attends Stetson University College of Law in Florida.

Mikael Jacobs is a consultant with Health Planning Source. He lives in Morrisville, N.C.

Leah Keyes is pursuing a master’s degree in choral conducting at Louisiana State University.

Katherine King teaches at Brushy Creek Elementary School in Greenville.


Ross Mullinax attends the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile.

Quynh Ngoc Pham is an associate with McGladrey & Pullen in Charlotte, N.C.

Katie Piburn is pursuing a master’s degree in writing and publishing at Emerson College in Boston.

Stephanie Reese teaches in Spartanburg County (S.C.) School District 1.

Mandallius Robinson is a sports reporter with The Greenville News.

Kathryn Salley has joined Linning-Smok Public Relations in Greenville as account manager.

Loch Saslow is a student at Elon University School of Law.

Jennifer Shores has joined Showcase Marketing in Greenville as a production artist.

Katie Webb of Rural Hall, N.C., is employed with Teach for America.

**MARRIAGES:** Jessica Jean Ke Kolden and Jeremy Spencer, June 10. They live in Greenville where Jessica is office manager with Waddell & Reed.

Cynthia Arwen Ford and Judson Hurlbert, July 1. Cynthia is an assistant director of operations with The Princeton Review in Vienna, Va.

Heath William Garris and Ashley Elizabeth Duggins, July 15. Heath is a graduate assistant in biology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

**DEATHS**

Ruth Boger Jones ’30, August 20, Brunswick, Ga.

Claudine Thomas Chisolm ’35, August 28, Brunswick, S.C. She taught school for 48 years before retiring in 1976.

James Thomas Crane ’37, July 1, Greenville. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he opened a dental office in Greenville and practiced for 47 years.

Lorena Johnson Evans ’37, June 29, Abbeville, S.C.

Dorothy Imogene Truesdale ’37, August 6, Kershaw, S.C. She taught in the public schools of Marlboro, Lancaster and Kershaw counties until her retirement in 1979. In addition to teaching French and English, she was also a librarian.

Harvey Morrow Campbell ’38, August 19, Tupelo, Miss. He taught chemistry and biology and was dean of men at North Greenville College before entering dental school. He practiced in Tupelo for 44 years and was a life member and Fellow of the Mississippi Dental Association and the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontists. He was a past president and Fellow of the American College of Dentists and a Fellow of the International College of Dentistry. He was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, past president of the Tupelo Kiwanis Club and was a recipient of the Legion of Honor as a 45-year member. He was a member of the Lee County Cattlemen’s Association and the Rural Community Development Council.
Raymond Smith '38, August 21, Charleston, S.C. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked for more than 50 years as a chief financial officer for several automobile dealerships and was a member of the Charleston Area Automobile Dealers Association. As a youth he became the youngest person in the Carolinas to earn the Eagle Scout designation.

Alice Mobley Callison '39, June 26, Greenwood, S.C. She was a former member of the American Legion and Self Memorial Hospital auxiliaries and volunteered with the Girl Scouts.

Dorothy May Snipes Thomson '39, July 2, Greenville. She served for many years on local, regional and national boards of the YWCA and led the Greenville Y through a major construction and relocation project. She taught natural history and outdoor life at summer camps in the Blue Ridge Mountains and helped establish the Greenville Natural History Association.

F. Ray Dorman '40, July 30, Eustis, Fla. He worked in a number of Florida schools, including Bolles in Jacksonville, the University of Florida in Gainesville and The First Academy in Orlando. He was director of development for Lake Highland Preparatory School and former president of the Christian Endowment Foundation. His military career included service in World War II, the Korean War and on the LSM "Lucky 17."

Mabel Morsbach Meiners '40, July 29, Cincinnati. She taught for years in Cincinnati Public Schools, including 13 years at the Madisonville School, and also taught language arts and social studies on educational television. She retired as a supervisor for the department of instruction. She authored a history book for fifth-graders, another on Communism for junior and senior high schools, and a third on prominent African-American men and women.

Paul Haynesworth Bullington '41, July 9, Lugoff, S.C. He was pastor of Southern Baptist churches in South Carolina from 1945 to 1989, followed by 10 years as an interim pastor in Kershaw, S.C. He was a member of the committee that helped establish Baptist College of Charleston (now Charleston Southern University). He was pastor emeritus of Holland Avenue Baptist Church in West Columbia and Springvale Baptist Church in Lugoff. A scholarship fund has been established in his name at Gardner-Webb University.

Robert William Fitzer '41, July 8, Cedar Bluff, Va. He was retired from the Tazewell County (Va.) school system, having taught for more than 30 years. He was also a former principal at Baptist Valley Elementary School and served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

William Edwin Tucker '41, August 27, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army in ALUMNI FELLOWS ON THE JOB

Six young alumni didn’t have to look far for a job last spring.

The university has launched an Alumni Fellows Program to help meet staffing needs and provide career development opportunities to recent graduates. The Fellows are guaranteed full-time employment for a year and have the option to remain for a second year.

The 2006-07 Alumni Fellows are, from left:

Darsey Culpepper '06 (Marketing and Public Relations). Darsey, who majored in art, is a member of the department’s graphic design team.

Rod Kelley '06 (Housing). A business major, Rod helps to coordinate Furman’s Engaged Living program, which involves 100 freshmen with faculty and staff in a specially designed living and learning community.

Kim Bass '06 (Career Services, Intern Programs, Alumni Association). Having completed a major in psychology, Kim’s primary responsibility is to network with Upstate alumni and business groups to develop career and internship opportunities for Furman students.

Jason Strand '04 (Marketing and Public Relations). Jason majored in English and is a writer and editor for university publications. He and Darsey have already developed a newsletter for Furman parents.

Robert Knox '03 (McAlister Auditorium). Robert is putting the skills he developed as a computer science major to work as assistant technical director of McAlister Auditorium.

Adam Murphree '06 (Computing and Information Services). Adam, who completed a double major in English and computer science, is developing academic software and assisting with video production work.
World War II and was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service. He received his optometric license in 1948 and practiced in Greenville for 48 years. He was president of the South Carolina Optometric Association in 1959 and received the association’s Optometrist of the Year Award in 1973 and a Special Service Award the following year. He was president of the state Board of Examiners in Optometry and was a life member of the American Optometric Foundation. He was president of the Sertoma Club of Greenville and past post commander of Greenville American Legion ③. He was a director and secretary of the Poinsett Savings and Loan Association.

Roy Lee Walters ④1, September 10, Monroe, N.C. He was a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps, was a member of the 1st Marine Division of World War II and retired after 29 years in the Reserves. He was co-founder and president of Monroe Oil Company and later founded Royal Oil Company and Royal Distributors. He was a member of the Masons, Shriners, Optimists and Jaycees, as well as president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Margaret Elizabeth Wright Williams ④1, July 23, Honea Path, S.C. She taught science and mathematics for more than 40 years before retiring from Honea Path Middle School. She was also a florist. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels, served on the Honea Path Cemetery Foundation and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Honea Path Civitan Club presented her the Citizen of the Year Award in 1999.

Julius Aiken ④3, August 15, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, receiving the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. After his military service he received his law degree and practiced in Greenville for more than 60 years. He was a temporary Family Court Judge and was a member of the county and state Bar associations. He was a life member of the Monaghan Lodge Ancient Free Masons.

Sybil Donnan Peters ④3, July 7, Columbia, S.C. During World War II the president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Charlotte, N.C., asked her to help with the war effort by working in the bank’s war bonds department. She later taught in the Charlotte and Columbia public schools.

C. Frank Pittman, Jr. ④3, September 1, Pickens, S.C. He was employed by South Carolina National Bank, where he was the vice president over the corporation and manager/chief executive officer over the Pickens branch until his retirement in 1980. He served on the boards of Cannon Memorial Hospital and of North Greenville College. He was in the U.S. Army during World War II and was active in the American Legion. He was a member of the Pickens-Liberty Lions Club, was named Lion of the Year in 1997 and was named Pickens Citizen of the Year in 1987.

Frank Randolph Rivers ④3, July 27, Sarasota, Fla. He was a medic in the U.S. Army during World War II, losing a leg in a land mine explosion at Normandy. His teaching career began in 1947 when he became a biology and chemistry teacher at Sarasota High School. He went on to be assistant principal at Sarasota High, then principal at Central School and Phillippi Shores Elementary, where he served for 23 years. He was a state representative for the Florida Education Association and a member of the National Education Association.

Ralph Ragsdale Chandler ④5, September 3, Ware Place, S.C. A Baptist minister, he retired in 1982 as a counselor with South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation. He was elected to the Greenville County school board in 1976 and was twice elected chair during his two terms on the board. In 1998 he received the Order of the Palmetto, the state of South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, and in 2005 the Greenville school board unanimously approved naming a new middle school in his honor.

Marian DeCoursey Aughtry ④6, June 8, Greenville. She was a former member of the Heritage Green board and former secretary of the Greenville Historical Society. She served two terms on the City Beautification Commission and was a member of the Kanuga Board of Visitors in Hendersonville, N.C., and the board of the Sara Simpson Gossett Home. She was also a member of the Republican Women’s Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a nationally accredited landscape design consultant and a flower show student judge.

Thomas Earl Vaughn, Sr. ④6, June 25, Lexington, S.C. He was a Baptist minister for more than 60 years at churches in four South Carolina cities. He retired from the S.C. Baptist Convention as the field representative of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board. He was a dramatist and in retirement served numerous churches as interim pastor.

Jack Wallace Cole ④8, June 14, Greenville. He was a priest in the Anglican Church of America and was the vicar of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Greenville. He also served parishes in Tennessee, Texas and Sumter, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

William Harleston Julian ④8, June 9, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was retired from Mechanic’s Choice.

Edna Elizabeth Barton Cox ④9, August 27, Anderson, S.C.

Janie Elizabeth Davis Currie ④9, March 11, Lake View, S.C. She was a retired supervisor caseworker and acting director of Dillon County Social Services.

William Edward Lay, Jr. ④9, August 20, Greenville. He was retired from The Liberty Corporation, having served as senior vice president of administration and on the board of directors. He had been president of the Administrative Management Association and was chair of the Greenville United Way for 1972. He received Furman’s Alumni Service Award in 1970 and was a past president of the Paladin Club. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Norman Merrell ④9, June 14, Hendersonville, N.C. He was a Baptist minister in the Carolinas, Tennessee and Texas. After leaving full-time ministry, he served two interim pastorates in North Carolina.

Paul Nix, Sr. ④9, August 19, Rock Hill, S.C. A Baptist minister, he pastored South Carolina churches in Anderson, Barnwell and Pickens and retired from Washington Street Baptist Church in Winnsboro, S.C. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Rhonald Hodges Baggott, Jr. ④, August 19, Moncks Corner, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a retired superintendent/bolmaker with Combustion Engineering, Inc. He was past president of Boiler Makers Union 687, a former member of the Charleston (S.C.) City Council and a former Mason.

James Berry Tankersley, Sr. ⑤0, July 15, River Falls, S.C. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, after which he began a career in law enforcement. He retired as an agent with the U.S. Treasury Department in the Alcohol Tobacco Tax Division. He was a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Association and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was a Mason and a Shriner and a member of Sam Poe Lodge, Hejaz Temple and Hejaz Director’s Staff.

Horace David Turner ⑤0, August 4, Simpsonville, S.C. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and had retired from the W.R. Grace Company where he worked as a cost accountant.

James Lamar O’Steen ⑤1, June 17, Columbia, S.C. He retired from BellSouth in 1986 and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Stan Lee, Jr. ⑤2, August 6, Piedmont, S.C.
Alfred E. "Jack" Watkins ’52, September 13, Greenville. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired from Texaco Oil Company in Houston, Texas.

Joseph Allen McCullough III ’52, June 21, Honea Path, S.C. He built and operated a dairy farm and was an accredited farm and land broker. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and on the board of Christ School for 25 years.

Martha Moore Crabtree ’54, June 11, Cincinnati. She had a 50-year association with the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as a voice teacher and administrator. She held the posts of assistant dean of women, coordinator of musical activities and facilities, and assistant to the dean. She was president of the CCM Alumni Association from 1984 to 1987. She was a national finalist in the 1959 American Opera Auditions and in 1976 was a soprano soloist with the Cincinnati Ballet in “Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts,” a piece for the nation’s Bicentennial. She was a soloist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church for 23 years.

Charles Alvis Edwards ’64, August 6, Greer, S.C. He was a business owner and was involved in various civic and community organizations in Columbia, S.C. In retirement he returned to his hometown of Greer where he and his wife, Martha, researched and wrote a unique crossword puzzle dictionary, Crossword Solutions (self-published).

Dee Riles Bielecki ’55, July 8, Salem, S.C. She retired after 32 years as teacher of dependent children of military and federal employees in Puerto Rico and 15 years as professor of English at North Greenville College, which awarded her an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 2004. At the time of her death she was commissioner of the South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service, and was a member of the board of the School District of Oconee County. She also worked as women’s page editor of the Greenville News-Piedmont. She was active in the Salem Lions Club, the Marine Corps League Women’s Auxiliary and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Donald Lee Knighton ’55, August 6, Greenwood, S.C. He was an Air Force veteran and had retired from Monsanto, Greenwood Plant, as a supervisor. He was also an ordained Baptist minister.

Bobbie Redick ’60, June 21, Cleveland, S.C. She was a piano teacher and a rural postal carrier.

Louise Quilliam Miller ’63, September 6, Gaffney, S.C. She was a French teacher at Heritage Christian School for 15 years and was listed in Who’s Who of American Teachers.

Harry Thomson Waikart, Sr. ’63, June 9, Columbus, S.C. He served on active duty with the U.S. Army Military Intelligence for two years and then for 38 years in the Army Reserve, where he taught in Command and General Staff School. After retiring from military duty, he worked for South Carolina Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn in Washington. He earned a J.D. degree in 1970 and was a trust officer and vice president of new business for C&S Bank in Columbia for 13 years. He went into private law practice in 1983, and in 1987 he opened the Fiddler and Waikart law firm. He was a Mason and a member of Broad River Lodge 218.

Ransom Lewis Bryan, M.A. ’64, July 11, Brunson, S.C. He was a coach, teacher and principal for 38 years in schools in the South Carolina counties of Aiken and Edgefield. He was an active member of the Brunson Lions Club.

Edna Alice White ’64, August 24, Greenville. She served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, after which she worked for Ballenger Paving Company, Leonard Edward Cave ’67, July 11, Jefferson, Md. He was a nationally known sculptor whose works have been shown throughout the United States (including the White House) and in Japan. At the time of his death his work was included in a show at the New Art Center in New York City. Having taught at Georgetown University, he had worked for Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools since 1985. He joined the staff of Northwest High School in Germantown, Md., in 1998 as an art resource teacher in the art and music department.

James William Duncan ’67 (M.A. ’74), August 24, Taylors, S.C. He taught in Spartanburg County Schools and was owner and manager of Two Birds Antique Shop in Landrum, S.C. He served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Maude Esther Holton ’67 (M.A. ’72), August 5, Greenville. She taught at Lake Forest Elementary School where she was a former Teacher of the Year. She was elected to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honorary society of women educators, and was a lifetime member of the Greenville County Educators Association, the South Carolina Educators Association and the National Educators Association.

Chris Gallos ’71, March 8, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mary Butler Garrett, M.A. ’73, July 26, White Rock, S.C. She taught English and drama in high schools in Greenville and Lancaster, S.C., for more than 30 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honorary society of women educators, and the American Association of University Women.

Pamela Upton ’77, June 21, Durham, N.C. She was employed for more than 24 years by the University of North Carolina Press, most recently as a managing editor.

Thad Dean LaVance ’78, July 7, Duluth, Ga. He was an entrepreneur.

Valerie Huch Reynolds ’81, July 24, Columbia, S.C.

Ellen Hartsfield ’82, August 17, Jacksonville, Fla. She had worked for the Internal Revenue Service as a taxpayer advocate.

Vicki Bullock Sartorius ’84, September 8, Herndon, Va. After graduation she was a missionary with the Southern Baptist Convention’s North American Mission Board at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va., serving the embassies and consulates in nearby Washington, D.C. She then joined the Meetings and Expositions Department of the American Physical Therapy Association and for seven years coordinated meetings and national and international conventions in the United States and Canada. She left the APTA in 1995 as director for exposition services. She later taught piano lessons, focusing primarily on developing skills in pre-teen children, and was associated with the Fairfax-Loudon Music Fellowship, which she served as treasurer.

Henry Jackson Flanders, Jr., June 20, Temple, Texas. He taught religion at Furman from 1950 to 1962, chairing the department and serving as university chaplain. He was pastor of First Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, from 1962 to 1969 and chair of the religion department at Baylor University from 1969 to 1992, when he retired. He also taught law, ethics and morality for nearly three decades at Baylor Law School. A founder of the College Association of Baptist Teachers of Religion, he was a past president of the Baylor Alumni Association. The university named him a Distinguished Alumnus in 1986, and in 1995 he received a Baylor Retired Faculty Award.
THE SECRET OF HOGAN’S SWING: ALUM’S BOOK EXPLAINS ALL

Legendary golfer Ben Hogan, who died in 1997, was one of the greatest ball-strikers the game has known. And while Hogan left behind a finely detailed blueprint of his much-admired swing — his book, *Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf*, remains a classic of golf instruction — there has always been speculation that Hogan did not reveal everything he knew.

The list of folks who have proffered a guess as to what constituted Hogan’s “secret” includes former caddies, golf writers, teachers and, of course, Hogan’s fellow golfers. The secret, they surmised, was the position of the right knee during the swing, allowing the body to slide forward rather than turn during the downswing, or opening the clubface just a bit at address. Thomas Bertrand, a 1979 Furman graduate, has joined the decades-old conversation in a big way. His book, *The Secret of Hogan’s Swing*, hit stores in October and is likely to be the subject of some controversy. Co-written with Printer Bowler, author of *The Cosmic Laws of Golf*, and published by Wiley & Sons, the book promises to divulge that one piece of information that Hogan kept to himself.

“I think the book will be a little controversial because people have such a sense of what Hogan’s swing was all about, what made him such a great ball-striker,” Bertrand says. “I just hope to help people understand where Hogan was coming from when he was talking about his swing.”

So how did the 49-year-old Bertrand come to know Hogan’s secret? How can he claim to have discovered what Hogan’s contemporaries could only speculate about?

It’s a long story, and it’s no stretch to say it began at Furman. Bertrand, a native of New Jersey, transferred to Furman in 1977 after attending community college in the state and playing on the school’s championship golf team. He chose Furman because it had a golf course and was located in a temperate climate.

But the financial aid package he needed to play golf for the Paladins never fully materialized, and he got a part-time job instead to help pay the bills. Still, he enjoyed his Furman experience and graduated in 1979 with a degree in political science.

After graduation, Bertrand and two buddies — Steve Salvatore ’80 and John Riley ’81 — slowly made their way across the country, playing golf during the day and working in restaurants at night. They finally settled in California, and while Salvatore and Riley ultimately made their way back to the East Coast, Bertrand remained in the Golden State. There he met John Schlee, a former PGA Tour winner perhaps best known for finishing second to Johnny Miller in the 1973 U.S. Open.

Schlee had developed a close relationship with Hogan and listened carefully as the master expounded on the intricacies of the golf swing, including the one bit of instruction that Hogan had never revealed publicly.

Bertrand began working with Schlee in his Maximum Golf Schools in the early 1980s, first as a pupil and later as an instructor. Since Schlee taught the Fundamentals of Hogan’s swing, Bertrand learned them as well.

Bertrand’s relationship with Schlee waxed and waned over the next 15 years; Schlee tried to play the Senior Tour, and Bertrand eventually left Maximum Golf Schools to open a restaurant. But Bertrand never forgot what Schlee had taught him, especially the “missing link” in Hogan’s instruction.

Schlee died on his 61st birthday in 2000 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer’s. That’s when Bertrand began to think about writing a book that would detail everything he had learned about Hogan’s swing.

“Once John died, I felt it was important to tell people what I know,” says Bertrand, who lives in Vista, Calif., with his wife and three children, and is back teaching golf at the Olympic Resort. “I wrote this book in honor of John and what he passed on to me.”

If you expect Bertrand to provide you with that single piece of advice that will suddenly allow you to hit the ball like Hogan, you will be disappointed. Instead, the book’s text and instructional photos offer an exhaustive, finely detailed description of how Hogan swung the club, from set-up to follow-through.

According to Bertrand, there is within that sequence a new piece of instruction that, for the first time, makes Hogan’s swing thoughts complete. And while he will say that it has to do with how Hogan was able to square the clubface so consistently at impact, you’ll have to buy the book to learn more.

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