Neys honored for loyalty, commitment

Furman University
Christopher and Julie Howdeshell, a son, Grafton Thomas, May 9, 2005, Hattiesburg, Miss. Chris is an associate attorney with Pittman Law Firm.

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

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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 Shull, 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 Maria Alesi Pokluda, a son, Wesley Allen, February 22, Coppell, Texas.

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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 development project manager with B.S.A. International.

Laura Stietler 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, December 28, 2005, Gaithersburg, Md.

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

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

Jay and Catherine Zachar Rowzie, a son, William Mackey, June 28, South Riding, Va.

Brandon and Lisa Sanders, a son, Noah Campbell, May 13, Cumming, Ga.

Rogers and Christine Stinson, a son, Rogers Lesslie III, March 29, Fort Stewart, Ga.

NEYS HONORED FOR LOYALTY, COMMITMENT

Furman recognized Jim and Carol Nichols Ney’s service to their community and to their alma mater at Opening Convocation September 13 when it presented them the Bell Tower Award.

The award recognizes exceptional achievements and meritorious service to the university. In presenting the award (right), president David Shi emphasized the Neys’ “loyalty, generosity and selfless commitment to improving the lives of others,” as well as their “significant and lasting contributions” to Furman.

Jim Ney ’64 is an Atlanta attorney who recently completed his second term on the Furman board. He is a founding partner in the firm Holt, Ney, Zatcoff & Wasserman and has been designated one of the “Best Lawyers in America.” In 1995 the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce presented him its “Outstanding Community Service” award. Carol Ney ’67 has worked with Jim to support civic, community and educational projects throughout the Atlanta area.

At Furman the Neys are former chairs of the Richard Furman Society, for donors of $10,000 or more annually. Under their direction the society more than doubled its membership. They were also the driving force in developing the Atlanta Furman Club into the model for the other 50 groups in the Furman Club network.

The Neys have provided substantial financial support for numerous university projects and are active in the Furman Partners scholarship program. Two of their three daughters, Lynn Ney Smith ’84 and Karen Ney Tracy ’88, are Furman graduates.