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There was no way to know if it was going to work. The boy was only 4, and he couldn’t move. Not an inch.

Kyle Bartolini hadn’t been able to wiggle his toes or move his legs since the accident in 2003, when he’d found an unlocked gun at a Labor Day party and accidentally shot himself in the chest. Forget walking — Kyle’s spinal cord was so damaged he almost didn’t live.

In the 10 years Andrea Behrman had been researching locomotor training at the University of Florida, she and her
staff had never treated a patient so young, so severely injured. The therapy, which relies on an instinct in the spinal cord to learn patterns and, over time, to help people with spinal cord injuries relearn how to walk, requires hours of walking on a treadmill and over ground. A 4-year-old might not be able to handle it.

But the risk was worth it. Now 6, Kyle can walk with the aid of a walker, a vast improvement for a boy who was never supposed to walk again.

“There was not a good reason not to attempt this with this child,” recalls Behrman, sitting in her office, where pictures of Kyle and other patients are tacked to the cabinets above her desk. “It’s not 100 percent recovery, but it changes the trajectory of his life.”

Behrman has never been the type to shy away from challenges or avoid trying something new, though. Ten years ago, after reading studies detailing the gains researchers were making using locomotor therapy on animals, Behrman tried the new treatment on a patient with a mild spinal cord injury. Twenty sessions later, the man’s walking speed had doubled.

Since becoming a physical therapist in 1980, Behrman has made the transition from diehard clinician to teacher and now, finally, to researcher, something she scoffed at when she started her physical therapy training. But the same goal has driven her throughout her career: improving the practice of physical therapy.

In 1980, she sought to learn new ways to help her own patients. Now she spends her days working to help all patients with spinal cord or other neurological injuries recover the ability to walk.

“My goal is to change the face of rehab,” she says. “We’ve been stagnant. I don’t want to go back to the clinic and see what I’ve been seeing for years. We have new evidence upon which to change how we practice. It should start to look like something different, not what we were doing 20 years ago.”

“[Research] is not where I intended to go. The clinic still drives everything I do or ask. I try to take what we have and drive it back into clinical practice.”

She no longer has her own practice, as her patients are technically research subjects. But many of those “subjects” say Behrman has changed their lives.

“I can’t even tell you how much she has given my son,” says Jamie Bartolini, Kyle’s mother. “She’s much more to us than a therapist. She’s really a friend.”

Finding her path
Growing up in Chapel Hill, N.C., Behrman never pictured herself becoming a physical therapist.

“I went into undergraduate school at Furman thinking I was going to study languages,” she says. “I thought I would be a French major and go abroad. For some reason in my freshman year, I decided that would not be my path.”

Instead Behrman pursued a degree in biology, intending to become a wildlife biologist. But when she visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as part of an independent study course during her senior year, she realized wildlife biology wasn’t for her, either. She didn’t want to spend most of her time collecting data in the field, in isolation. Behrman wanted to work with people.

She had already developed a taste for helping people through the Collegiate Educational Service Corps (now the Heller Service Corps), Furman’s student service organization. While volunteering at a center for children with developmental disorders, she learned about different disabilities and toyed with the idea of going into adaptive special education.

But when she graduated in 1976, Behrman felt lost.

“I had a biology degree,” she says. “You could go on and get a master’s or wash test tubes somewhere.”

Inspiration came later that summer, after she injured her knee while working as a horseback riding instructor at a camp in Tuxedo, N.C. She had to have surgery, and after spending nine weeks in a cast, Behrman discovered her shrunken leg was stuck in the position it had rested...
Early in his training, Kyle Bartolini works to regain locomotor function. A harness system supports his body weight, and trainers assist with leg movements, posture, pelvic movements and weight transfer. A year later, Kyle shows how well he uses a rolling walker. Sensors and other devices record his muscle activity and limb motions.

A new class of patients
Behrman graduated from Duke in 1980, just in time for what she refers to as “the golden age of physical therapy.” Until the ’80s, most patients with spinal cord injuries had what were known as complete injuries, meaning they had no feeling or motor function below the point of injury, Behrman says. Therapy meant learning how to use a wheelchair or other adaptive device.

As knowledge improved about neurological injuries, first responders began stabilizing their patients’ heads and necks before moving them. This one action can keep a bad spinal cord injury from becoming a devastating one. Retaining any motor or sensory function below the point of injury, whether it’s wiggling toes or moving a leg, means the patient will have a chance to learn to walk again.

But at the time, therapists weren’t quite sure how to help these patients, who had what are called “incomplete” injuries. Behrman kept mental diaries of her patients, trying to figure out how to help this new class of patients who seemed to have more potential.

“I remember my first two patients with incomplete spinal cord injuries,” Behrman says. “They drive me today. They’re in my head.”

One of them was a 14-year-old boy, on the verge of independence, who was struggling to relearn how to walk after an injury. She had to push him — he was a teen-ager, after all — but the reward came as he regained movement. He returned a couple of years later to speak to a class Behrman was teaching. Listening to him, she couldn’t help but feel like a proud mother.

“I think the thing for us is we’re part of someone’s life, injected into it because of an event,” she says. “Then we step out and watch that person carry on and move forward.”
“No one in the physical therapy department had tried to work with neuroscience. I was the first to knock on their door and say hi. They, at the same time, were starting to have an interest in [translating their research to] humans.”

The teacher
By 1987, after seven years of practice, Behrman was ready for a new challenge. She’d always envisioned herself as a teacher, and indeed, teachers and physical therapists have the same basic goal: help students, then watch them move on and grow. So when Beaver College (now Arcadia University) in suburban Philadelphia offered her a spot on the faculty, Behrman accepted.

“We were looking for a strong clinical person,” remembers Rebecca Craik, chair of Arcadia’s physical therapy department. “Andrea’s reputation as an outstanding clinician was well known before we got her.”

Behrman taught the neurology portion of the physical therapy curriculum. She had never really taught before — just a few continuing education courses while working at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Virginia — but according to Craik, she was a natural in the classroom. She taught students how to clog when she wanted to show them how to learn. The students loved her, Craik says.

Behrman was popular outside class, too, once convincing a coterie of faculty to perform as the California Raisins at a party, singing “I Heard It Through the Grapevine” while wearing brown trash bag costumes.

She loved Beaver College, but to move forward in academia, Behrman had to go back to school to earn her doctorate.

Behrman had never planned on pursuing research. She chafed at the idea when she was at Duke, telling a research-oriented classmate, “Not me, I’m a clinician.” But with Craik’s encouragement, she decided to seek answers to those questions she still had in the back of her mind about patients with incomplete spinal cord injuries.

“I think my role in her life was to get her to put her clinical subjectivity aside and look at the problem objectively,” Craik says.

Behrman went to the University of Florida, where she could merge the two principles she wanted to study: how people learn motor skills and control their movements, and how that knowledge can be used to help injured patients.

It was a new concept, but two Florida researchers in different departments supported the idea and agreed to mentor her.

“She has so much enthusiasm and so much passion for the field, it spills over wherever she goes,” Craik says.

The scientist
While a doctoral student, Behrman found time to teach, serving as an instructor for the spinal cord unit in the physical therapy department of the University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions. After earning her doctorate in 1995, she joined the department’s faculty full time and quickly began collaborating with neuroscientists in the College of Medicine who were trying to understand the role of the spinal cord in walking.

“No one in the physical therapy department had ever crossed the street and tried to work with neuroscience,” she says. “I was the first to knock on their door and say hi. They, at the same time, were starting to have an interest in [translating their research to] humans.”

She collaborated with researchers in the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute, working on one of the first neurological projects that translated animal research into human subjects. But it would be her work with a patient that would push Behrman to study the therapy that would help people like Kyle Bartolini.

She’d read the research on locomotor training in animals. Scientists had discovered that the hind limbs of cats with complete spinal cord injuries — injuries that completely separate the brain from the signal-carrying spinal cord — could be retrained to walk again. The discovery amazed Behrman, whose mind raced, thinking of how she could use the information to help patients, particularly those with less severe, incomplete spinal cord injuries.

“It turns out there’s a network in the spinal cord that’s really smart,” Behrman explains. “We’re taking advantage of what’s called a central pattern generator.”

Behrman asked a patient if he’d mind trying the new form of therapy. The patient, who had a mild spinal cord injury, agreed.
Patients are connected to an overhead body support system. With the help of this system and the assistance of two trainers, they walk on a treadmill for hours at a time. The body support allows the patient to walk like a healthy person, retraining the spinal cord to repeat the motion.

Typical physical therapy for movement struggles involves walking over ground with the help of therapists, or learning to use walkers or crutches. Locomotor therapy is a bit more intense.

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Twenty sessions after she and that first patient began the training, he had doubled his walking speed. Instead of walking at the pace of an elderly person, he was close to walking at average speed.

"We learn throughout life, but people always thought the brain is where all the learning happens," she says. "Well, there can be retraining at the spinal level. But it takes intense repetition and practice."

**Seeing patients as people**

It was 10:30 a.m. on March 6, 2001, when Paul Schauble flew over the handlebars of his bicycle. But who's counting, the University of Florida psychology professor says of the injury that left him paralyzed, a quadriplegic.

From about the middle of his body down, movement was not automatic. He could shuffle, using a walker, but he wasn’t really walking. That slowly began to change seven months after his injury, when he enrolled in Andrea Behrman's locomotor research study.

It took months to get where he is today, but now Schauble can walk unassisted for short distances. He owes his success to Behrman and her team, he says.

"She looks at us as people first, then patients, and then subjects," Schauble says. "That's a refreshing perspective."

Jamie Bartolini agrees, saying that it wasn't just the locomotor training that helped her son, also a quadriplegic. It was everything else Behrman did, too.

For starters, Behrman was the only one who agreed to help Kyle. Other institutions Jamie called had turned her away because her son was so young and his injuries were so severe.

"He couldn't move at all," Bartolini remembers. "He was like a noodle."

Behrman gathered a special team of respiratory therapists and pediatric physical therapists to work with Kyle, and she devised creative ways to make his therapy fun.

"She took a chance on Kyle because of his age, and she gave him the chance of a lifetime," says Bartolini. "She just opened up her heart to him. It was so much more than just therapy. We feel so unbelievably fortunate."
“We hope soon that locomotor training will just be a part of rehab.”

Behrman does, too. Other institutions are using similar body-weight support systems for locomotor training, but the practice is not widespread.

Behrman’s overall mission is to change the way physical therapists practice, and to make her field better and more current using the latest scientific principles. The technology will change through the years, but it’s those key scientific principles, like understanding how the spinal cord learns patterns, that will help the most people, she says.

Currently Behrman is working on two clinical trials. One, funded by the National Institutes of Health, measures the difference between a locomotor training program and an at-home exercise program to help stroke survivors regain the ability to walk.

She is also leading a Veterans Administration Rehabilitation and Research Development-funded trial comparing the effect of locomotor training provided manually by therapists to training provided by a robotic device for people with incomplete spinal cord injuries. Both trials have the capacity to change the practice of physical therapy, she says.

Behrman’s success doesn’t surprise Craik, one of the mentors Behrman says altered the course of her life.

“I’ve watched her career skyrocket,” Craik says. “I wish I could clone her. We need more of her in this field.”

Andrea Behrman is a scientist. A teacher. A clinician. But the best moments of her career have been with the patients she has helped. The Paul Schaubles. The 14-year-old kids. And especially, the Kyle Bartolinis.

“That’s probably going to carry me to my death,” she says with a smile. “The thing I like about rehab is it’s the total person. It’s affected their entire life. It’s happened, and we go forward.”

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Gathering of the Clans

FURMAN PLAYS HOST TO SCOTTISH GAMES AND HIGHLAND FESTIVAL.

Fans of parades, bagpipe music, sheep-herding, caber tossing and large men in kilts found plenty to their liking at Furman on Saturday, June 10, when the university hosted the Greater Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Festival.

Despite the heat and unrelenting sun, an enthusiastic crowd estimated at 15,000 turned out for the daylong pageantry and competitions. The rugby pitch near Cherrydale was the primary staging area for most of the showcase activities, while the infield at the Irwin W. Belk Complex for Track and Field was the site for the athletic events.

The Games served as the venue for a major competition among 25 pipe bands, as well as for the Southeastern Regional Amateur Scottish Athletic Championship. Throw in such other staples as Highland dancing, Border Collie demonstrations, weaving and sword-making demonstrations, historical displays, food (meat bridies and pasties, anyone?) and children's events, and you had a spectacularly successful experience for all in attendance, including Mark Sanford '83, governor of South Carolina.

Festival officials indicated that participants came from across the nation, Canada and Scotland, and that close to 75 clans were represented.

The festivities actually began on Friday night with a parade of the participants through downtown Greenville, a city whose history has quite a Scottish flair. And amid the pomp and ceremony that accompanied the Saturday events, one spectator was moved to shout, "Makes you want to grab a saber and slay an Englishman."

A wee bit extreme that might be, but the comment was typical of the enthusiasm that welcomed the event to the city and to Furman.
The march of the clans featured a wide variety of appropriately bedecked representatives; a Border Collie made final calculations in preparation for its moment in the sheep-herding demonstration; athletes competed in seven contests, ranging from throws of 28- and 56-pound weights to a caber toss, in which competitors flipped a large log end-over-end; pipe bands used the occasion to show their precise steps and formations.

Photos by Charlie Register
A young alum reflects on her year in Kabul, where she worked to provide crucial educational and healthcare support to the war-torn but resolute populace.

was sent to Kabul in May 2005 to work on a project dedicated to improving healthcare services for the people of Afghanistan. The program, called Rural Expansion of Afghanistan's Community-based Healthcare (REACH), was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by my company, Management Sciences for Health (MSH).

What I found upon my arrival was a city striving to overcome the ravages of more than 20 years of war. At first, I had difficulty adjusting to the sights and sounds of Kabul. For example: Five times daily, the Mullahs' calls to prayer reverberate throughout the city as followers pull out their rugs and face Mecca to pray. For several weeks after my arrival, I awoke daily at 4 a.m. to a baritone Mullah reciting the Q'ran, breaking the silence of dawn.

Soon, however, I came to embrace the city's uniqueness. On every street corner, steam and smoke roll out of the glassless windows of blue kiosks filled with the scent of freshly baked naan, the traditional Afghan bread. Splatters of Indian-inspired pinks, greens, yellows and oranges cover the manliest of dump trucks, whose frames are bordered by delicate jeweled and jingling chains. Along the streets, man-powered carts overflow with the reds and yellows of tomatoes and mangoes.

Even the sound of the city's hustle and bustle is special. Mostly one hears vehicles — diesel trucks, cars, vans and army Hummers. The horn is used to communicate, not to warn: "I just moved 15 feet!" (HONK!); "15 more!" (HONK! HONK!). Motorcycles buzz around, their sunglassed drivers wearing turbans plus a second cloth that covers their mouths to fend off the fumes and dust. The high-pitched, ever present clang of bicycle bells serves as the only hope for a cyclist amid the chaotic traffic.

In some ways, Kabul is actually typical of other large cities, with its ice cream trucks on hot summer days, ambulances with sirens roaring, and buildings and shops spilling over with Western-style goods. But what Kabul lacks is more obvious: traffic lights, electricity, a functioning garbage removal system — and wealth. Its people live on an average of $2 per day.

Nevertheless, Afghans are incredibly hospitable. Even if they have only a small amount of food for their
families, they'll invite you to eat with them. They love to laugh and celebrate and argue to the point of futility. They're fiercely independent and patriotic.

This independent spirit is what spurred Afghan resistance to Russian colonization — and fueled war in the country for 23 years. After the Taliban regime was ousted in late 2001, Afghanistan was in shambles. Its infrastructure was destroyed and its capital was a skeleton of a city. Mines covered the countryside, making reconstruction an arduous process.

Afghanistan also has the second highest maternal mortality rate in the world. Sixteen hundred of every 100,000 women die from giving birth. The average life expectancy is only 43 years.

This is where REACH comes in.

REBUILDING HEALTHCARE
Management Sciences for Health, which was awarded a three-year contract to work in Afghanistan, is involved in projects throughout the developing world. It is dedicated to collaborating with healthcare policymakers, managers, providers and consumers to increase the effectiveness and sustainability of health services by helping to improve management systems, promoting access to services and assisting the Afghan Ministry of Public Health in developing public policy.

I began working at MSH in October 2003, shortly after graduating from Furman. During my senior year I was an exchange student in South Africa, where I volunteered at a Women's AIDS Center. That experience actually helped me land the job at MSH. After working in the field operations office and providing support for a variety of projects, I was sent to Kabul.

REACH, which started in May 2003, has more than 500 employees and is presently the largest USAID-funded healthcare project in the world. Our goal is to improve the lives of women of reproductive age and children under five in Afghanistan by helping the government rebuild the healthcare system.

We have provided support and technical expertise in policy development, healthcare training for doctors, nurses and midwives, and distribution of pharmaceuticals and health products, such as contraceptives and bed nets. We have implemented a literacy program that has trained more than 8,500 women to read and write. We also act as a grant
To learn more about the REACH program and Management Sciences for Health, visit the Web at www.msh.org/afghanistan.

management body to Afghan and international non-governmental organizations that provide medical services and training in clinics and hospitals.

As executive assistant to the program director, I was the primary liaison between MSH and the USAID mission in Kabul. My job focused on maintaining good relations and communication between the project, my company and USAID. My duties gave me a great opportunity to be involved and to understand every aspect of a very large and complex project.

I spent 13 months in Kabul before returning to the States in late June. Our project is now winding down, and I am helping to manage the process.

In reflecting on the things I learned and the memories I collected in Kabul, two lessons stand out: Women's rights should not be taken for granted, and Afghans are determined to live life simply and safely.

THE POWER OF LITERACY

Cultural and religious norms in Afghanistan allow little independence for women. They typically have no rights to property, and it is unacceptable for them to live alone or to share an apartment with other women. They must rely on male family members or their husbands for stability and, in most cases, for financial security.

Marriages are usually arranged, and most women never meet their husband-to-be before their wedding day. Once married, women are required to follow their husband's wishes. The husband has the final say in whether the wife is allowed to work, see family members or even walk to the market.

Women often marry at a very young age. Indeed, I met several girls who had been married at the age of 12 or 13. By age 15 they already had children. I will never get used to seeing a child with children of her own.

Afghan women are confined to their households and are rarely allowed to work. Many are still culturally required to wear the burka or to cover their entire bodies (except their faces) when in public, even in 100-degree heat. Domestic violence is prevalent, and women have few options if they are abused.

The oppression of women increased after the Taliban took control in the mid-1990s. Women were not allowed to leave their homes, much less attend school. This period in Afghan history has left a major gap in women's education. Only 24 percent of the population is literate, and of this group, women represent only 5 percent.

When REACH arrived, it implemented a literacy program for adult women. Those who completed courses in health, social studies and mathematics qualified to apply for community health worker training and for some form of midwife training. Even in the face of security challenges and husbands who didn't approve, women often flocked to the classes.

When one woman's husband would not allow her to attend, she concocted a plan. Every morning she would pretend to fetch water, while secretly hiding her books in her dress. She would then go to class and stay for as long as she felt she could without her husband becoming suspicious.

After a few weeks, she started making lifestyle changes. She began to use boiled water and stopped leaving food uncovered. Her husband was impressed with her new hygienic work ethic and asked where she had learned such things. She replied that she had learned from the women at the watering hole who had attended the literacy classes. When he heard this, he immediately dragged her to the class and demanded that she be allowed to enroll.

Another woman's brother had died in the war 10 years before. When he left home, he had left behind a note for his sister to read if something were to happen to him. For 10 years she had been unable to read
the note — until she had literacy training. Today, she keeps the note with her at all times.

These kinds of stories pushed my project's work forward. In spite of the challenges women in Afghanistan face, they are the strongest people I have ever met. They know how to laugh even in the bleakest of situations, and they value education and take great pleasure in learning.

Because of their desire to be heard and to gain equality, these women were the most inspiring part of my time in Kabul. They instilled in me an enormous appreciation for how women are treated in the United States and a strong belief in the importance of supporting women's rights around the world.

**AN INDOMITABLE SPIRIT**

Although both visitors and natives still face danger in Afghanistan — fighting continues among tribal groups, violence has increased in recent months and Taliban insurgents continue to cause security problems in some provinces — I experienced nothing but hospitality and kindness from the Afghan people. They want nothing more than to have a home, a family, a stable job and a safe country.

During my year in Kabul I witnessed many successes and improvements, thanks to the drive of the Afghan people to make their country a better place. The USAID-funded project, which covered 14 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, has helped to almost double both the use of contraceptives and the rate of mothers receiving skilled birthing care. The immunization rate of children under two has almost tripled. More than 6,000 community health workers have been trained, and more than half of them are women. Through the literacy training program, 8,500 adult women can now read and write. Eight hundred midwives have been trained, and more than 7.1 million people now have access to health services that were virtually nonexistent before 2003.

Progress is evident in other areas as well. Today, 25 percent of the Parliament consists of women. It is common to see young girls walking to school. Roads, schools and clinics have been built, and the private sector is on the move.

Only a few years ago, shelves in Afghan markets stood empty; now a variety of goods are available. Industry is reviving as well-known companies flock to Kabul. These developments would not be possible without the desire of the citizens of Afghanistan to help their country move forward.

Yet much remains to be done. Afghanistan continues to lack qualified healthcare workers. Rural clinics are often understaffed and overcrowded, and women are still less likely to receive care because male doctors cannot attend to them due to cultural norms.

Roads in rural areas are often impassable or nonexistent, making it difficult for villagers to have access to medical services, education and basic social services. Electricity remains sparse. Education is on the rise, but the government lacks enough qualified teachers to meet the need. Women's rights are a major concern, and corruption is easily tempting to a people with so little.

However, after observing firsthand the spirit of the country's people, I believe that Afghanistan is on the verge of a rebirth. Someday soon, I predict, tourists will return to enjoy the sights and sounds of Kabul — and to share a cup of tea with a graciously hospitable people.

The author, who majored in psychology and German at Furman, will enroll this fall in the nursing program at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, after which she plans to pursue a master's degree in international public health. Her goal is to continue to work in the field of international development.
From the day she arrived at Furman in September 2002, Nadezhda Dimitrova Savova of Sofia, Bulgaria, cut a swath through the campus that few before her have matched.

A talented artist and writer, fluent in four languages, she made waves immediately as an on-line journalist for the Admissions Office, where she shared her energy and high-octane personality in long, lyrical postings about the joys of college, from classes to residence hall life to parties (oh, how she loves to dance) and everything in between. She embellished her entries with an equally extensive bank of photographs — almost all of them featuring her, mugging exuberantly for the camera.

Here was someone who was having the time of her life — and didn't mind letting the world know it.

"I was so fascinated by everything," she says today in her husky, richly accented voice. "I was soaking in everything and more, and I just wanted to talk about all of it — the food, the flowers, the birds flying by."

After that first year, it was time to explore the world outside the Furman bubble. She spent the next three years (summers included) doing just that — in Washington, D.C., Spain, Cuba, Peru, Mexico, South Korea, Chile, and points between and beyond. "She probably set a record for participating in the most study away programs," says Benny Walker, vice president for enrollment.

When the end came on June 3, 2006, she walked away with her mega-watt smile still in place and her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Spanish, Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude. Oh, and the Donaldson-Watkins Medal for General Excellence, awarded annually to the outstanding woman graduate.

More than one person has called her a force of nature, given her zest for life and determination to wring every possibility out of her undergraduate experience. Others coined an even more descriptive phrase for her: Hurricane Nadia.

Her impact on those she met, on campus and off, is not likely to be lost any time soon.

"She is one of my favorite students in my 35 years at Furman," says Walker.

"One of the most memorable students during my 23-year career at Furman," is the way political science professor Cleve Fraser describes her.

So how was Furman fortunate enough to embrace — and be embraced by — Nadia Savova?

Step back a few years to a time when Nadia, hoping to study in America, was ramping up her college search. While taking the
BRACE YOURSELF, WORLD. HERE COMES NADIA SAVOVA.

SAT, she asked a young man sitting nearby where he was sending his scores. His reply: “Furman.”

Her response: “What’s a Furman?”

Turns out that her friend knew another Bulgarian student who had attended Furman. So Nadia, who was already thinking liberal arts, decided to give this place called Furman a shot. After investigating further and liking what she saw, she submitted her application.

Her college choice came down to Furman and Bates, a leading liberal arts school in Lewiston, Maine. “Furman was a little bigger, and it was in the South, where I knew people were friendly,” she says. “I was also thinking of majoring in art, and Furman’s art building and department were impressive.”

The biggest influence on her decision, she says, was the persistence of William Lavery, professor of history and director of international education, and admissions director Woody O’Cain. Their openness and honesty — and the offer of a full-tuition Goodwill Scholarship — helped seal the deal.

Once she arrived, she found that her interests and intellect meshed with Furman’s emphasis on engaged learning and on providing nontraditional avenues through which students can pursue their educations. And she thrived in the liberal arts environment.

“You have so much open space for development, so much freedom and so many opportunities to explore new things,” she says. “I needed that.

“In Europe, you tend to be limited to one field and the educational process is more restrictive. Here, I could find myself.”

Certainly, people had no trouble finding her. She quickly became a leader in FUISA, Furman’s association of international students, and in the Model United Nations program. She worked with the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership. She held three teaching assistantships. She
When studying and traveling abroad, Nadia Savova always sought to make personal connections with the local citizenry. In Chile, she joyously joined a demonstration in support of Michelle Bachelet, who was elected the country’s first woman president in January.

worked several on-campus jobs, from food services to the language resource center, and sent money home to her family.

She also taught art classes in Furman’s Learning in Retirement program. Trained in the Eastern Orthodox tradition of icon painting, a strictly regimented style that she has practiced since the sixth grade, she shared her talents not just with the FULIR students, but with her peers and teachers — and with the people of Chiapas, Mexico.

As a recipient of a Witness for Peace Delegation Scholarship, she traveled to Chiapas in the summer of 2005 to study the effect of neo-liberal policies on indigenous people and small farmers. While there, she offered workshops in icon painting and doll making for women and children who could then sell their art to alleviate their poverty.

Sofia Kearns, associate professor of Spanish, says, “What made Nadia different and special was her desire to explore beyond the boundaries of Western culture and to immerse herself in other cultures” — and to connect with the people she met along the way.

Especially, it seems, with children. In Peru, for example, Nadia interned with Amnesty International and helped develop public health programs for children in the slums of Lima. On a trip to Chile, she volunteered at an orphanage for abused girls — and joined with other Furman students to start a non-profit organization to provide ongoing aid to the children. (See accompanying story).

Now that she’s come to Furman and seen the world, or at least a lot of it, she’s continuing to prepare for a career that will combine her interests in human rights, cultural policy and education. She enrolls at Princeton University this fall to pursue a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology.

The plan, she says, is “to complete two years of coursework, then do field research in Africa — I haven’t been there yet — and write my dissertation. In five years, I’ll be Dr. Savova.”

After that? Benny Walker says, “Because she is so multi-talented, she will have many opportunities. I’m not sure where she will end up, but I have no doubt about the ultimate outcome or the impact she will have on the people around her.”

And as Cleve Fraser says, “Her curiosity is boundless, her desire to make new friends is genuine, and her spirit is unquenchable and almost uncontainable.”

Combine that with her thirst for knowledge and desire to help others, and what do you have? Says Fraser, “I have every expectation that Nadia will be the first female president of Bulgaria.”

Stay tuned for future chapters in the Chronicles of Nadia.
STUDENTS BUILD SUPPORT NETWORK FOR CHILEAN CHILDREN’S HOME.

Roughly 250 Furman students take part in a study abroad program each year. The trips typically feature tours of historical locations, plus opportunities to stray from the beaten path to explore small towns and natural attractions.

Submerged in a different culture, students return to campus with hundreds of digital images, a different outlook on life and, perhaps, the e-mail address of a new international friend. Few, however, develop any lasting ties in their host country.

Lindsay Woolf, Nadia Savova and Morgan Jones became exceptions during a 2006 winter term program in Valparaiso, Chile, that focused on community and environmental health.

On January 21, a 15-minute bus ride took the trio and 21 other Furman students to a dilapidated two-story house, known as Hagar Maria Goretti, that was home to 40 abused and neglected girls ranging in age from 4 to 18 years. Many were victims of sexual abuse, abandoned by their parents or removed from dysfunctional homes.

The visit was organized by Jane Powell, wife of Frank Powell, the health and exercise science professor who accompanied the group to Chile with Veronica Yockey, his departmental colleague. Jane Powell took along a collection of Spanish-language children’s books to donate to the home. The plan was for the Furman group to spend time reading and playing games with the children.

Some of the Furman students spoke little Spanish and didn’t know what to expect. Unaccustomed to visitors, the timid children seemed even more nervous.

But in a small courtyard adjacent to the center, the barriers soon came down. The girls, hungry for attention, quickly warmed to the students, who began reading them stories.

In looking around the house, Woolf, Savova and Jones, all members of the Class of 2006, were shocked by the cramped living quarters, limited lighting and lack of hot water. A planned two-hour stay turned to four.

After leaving the home, the Furman group passed a hat and collected more than $200. Days later, students returned with clothes, toiletries and school supplies purchased from a nearby department store. They also met with the director of the house to discuss its needs.

“They [the donations] were just a band-aid. We wanted to do more,” says Woolf. “We wanted to do something that would make a lasting impact.”

So Jane Powell, a retired school administrator, arranged a meeting with a local attorney and with Todd Temkin, a U.S. native who heads a non-profit organization, the Foundation of Valparaiso (www.fundacionvalparaiso.org).

During the next few weeks, Woolf, Savova, Jones and Powell devised a plan to create Hills of Hope, a U.S.-based non-profit organization that would raise funds for the home and channel donations through the foundation. Powell donated $10,000 of inheritance money to jump-start the project.

Furman also sent a check for $3,000, which came after a unanimous vote by the student group to stay in a hostel instead of a hotel during a side trip to Argentina. The $3,000 was the difference in the cost of hostel and hotel accommodations.

Savova says the name “Hills of Hope” was derived from the hilly terrain of Valparaiso. “These children are in tremendous need of some love and attention,” she says.

Before incorporating Hills of Hope, Jane Powell met with the home’s director to develop a long-term plan for the center. She hopes that Hills of Hope will provide a structured framework that will spark financial support from both Chile and the United States. Her church, St. Mark’s Methodist in Seneca, S.C., has provided funds and books for the home.

Currently, the home receives only $1,800 a year from the Chilean government for each girl, plus modest donations from the community. “Our ultimate goal is to help them build a new facility and expand programs,” she says.

Although Savova, Jones and Woolf have graduated, they remain connected and are continuing to work on behalf of Hogar Maria Goretti. Woolf’s boyfriend, Trey Grainger ’07, has developed www.hillsofhope.org, a Web site that features photos from the Furman trip, a summary of the group’s fund-raising efforts, and a brief history of the home.

— John Roberts
AN ARTIST’S GIFT

ANITA BURROUGHS-PRICE USES HER MUSICAL TALENT TO PROVIDE COMFORT, SOLACE AND HOPE.

She pulls a small Celtic harp from the back of her station wagon, safely snug inside a black canvas case, tucks it under her arm, then walks up to the townhouse door with a smile on her face.

Inside, her friend in a pink robe and short white hair is waiting in the dim hallway, a little tired and unsteady on her feet the day after her latest round of chemotherapy.

“Hi! It’s so good to see you,” Anita Burroughs-Price says loudly, and hugs the woman.

“It’s good to see you, too,” Kelly Lewis says, fixing her deep, dark eyes on the harpist before leading her down the hall into the den. “Thank you for coming.”

Burroughs-Price keeps the conversation going as she unpacks the harp, made for her by an English luthier who has also built harps for the Irish group The Chieftains. It is a little more than waist-high when she sets it on the carpet, an ornate swirl of blond wood painted with spiritual scenes.

“What do you want to hear today?” She has played for her friend many times since the breast cancer returned last year. Lewis settles into a plush green chair and covers her lap with a quilt.

The harpist sets up right next to the chair, so you can feel the vibrations, she says. Burroughs-Price adjusts a few levers, then runs her fingers over the 34 strings as she plays “O Mio Babbino Caro” by Puccini.

It reminds the two women of the time they first met, about two and a half years ago in Italy, when Burroughs-Price was playing on a cruise ship tour that Lewis attended with her husband, retired appellate court judge John “Jack” Lewis, Jr.

It turned out that they had a connection: Kelly Lewis was the governor’s appointment to the board of the North Carolina Symphony, where Burroughs-Price has been a member since 1986.

Burroughs-Price found that playing
for the terminally ill and for people in dire circumstances was uplifting, even though she might be sad to see someone go. It has given her entry into some of life's most precious moments — family reconciliations, for instance.

"I don't want to sound like a Hallmark card," she says. "But you think how blessed every single day is. If you love somebody, don't wait six months to tell them."

She doesn't charge to play. It's her way of sharing a musical gift. It is also, she eventually confides, a way of healing past wounds in her own life.

Often people ask her to stay just a little longer and play another piece, or to make a tape for them. That's why she decided to record a CD of some of those most-requested songs. It took a long time to finish, and Burroughs-Price credits the patience and encouragement of her husband of 21 years, Dennis Price, and that of Kelly Lewis.

"Do you know 'The Spirit Song?'" Kelly Lewis asks. It is a hymn that was played at her father's funeral.

Burroughs-Price plays the piece and follows it with "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Lewis reaches over and places her hand on the harp's spruce soundboard as she plays.

A big blond cat, Lord, wanders through the room and jumps on Lewis' lap.

Burroughs-Price and Lewis traveled together again on a tour, to the United Kingdom in 2004, and Lewis urged her to finish the CD, which had been plagued with technical hurdles. The disc, "Healing Touch," was released that December. Proceeds are shared with Interact, the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, and with New Orleans musicians who have come to the North Carolina Triangle. Lewis bought nine or 10 copies.

Last summer Burroughs-Price learned for the first time that Lewis, who had confided to her on the last tour that she had once fought off cancer, had suffered a serious setback. She began bringing her harp to the couple's West Raleigh townhouse, where they stay when they are not in their home in the Pitt County community of Farmville. She chooses music based on Lewis' mood each day.

"He likes music, too," Lewis says of the cat in her lap. "He doesn't want to miss the concert."

"I once played for a friend who told the cats to run away because he'd been told harp strings were made out of cat guts," Burroughs-Price says, and both women laugh.

Lewis rests her head and closes her eyes, while the harp carries her from "Fly Me to the Moon" to Bach to Pachelbel.

"What's my favorite Easter hymn?" she asks her husband, who has been listening nearby.

"'Christ the Lord is Risen Today,'" he says without hesitation.

"Yes, you can't get any more beautiful than that," Lewis says.

The harpist concludes with "Simple Gifts," a Shaker hymn that is a familiar tune in Copland's "Appalachian Spring." When she is done she wishes her friend a happy Easter and hugs her.

"Thanks for being my friend," Lewis says.

Jack Lewis packs up the harp and carries it to the car, but the harpist lingers in the hallway with her friend for several long minutes. They speak quietly, and they hug one more time.

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Kelly Lewis died July 20.
$15 million Duke grant supports student aid, capital and operating needs

Furman has received a $15 million grant from The Duke Endowment, a third of which will be used to create an endowed fund to provide aid for Furman students who experience unexpected financial difficulty while enrolled at the university.

Furman officials said that the remaining $10 million will be used to support the new science center and other capital projects and operating needs. The $15 million grant will be paid in $3 million increments over the next five years.

"It is no exaggeration to say that much of the respect Furman enjoys as an academic institution is due to the beneficence of The Duke Endowment," said Furman president David Shi. "This magnificent grant, the largest the Endowment has ever given to Furman, is yet another example of the Endowment's bold generosity. We remain eternally grateful for The Duke Endowment's continuing support."

The Duke Endowment Financial Hardship Fund will ensure that students with family financial emergencies are able to remain enrolled at Furman. According to Benny Walker, the university's vice president for enrollment, approximately 10 percent of returning students each year experience some sort of financial emergency.

"The loss of a parent's job or complicated health issues in the family are examples of the problems some of our students face once they're here," Walker says. "This new endowment fund will assist those students and their families with the costs of remaining at Furman."

According to The Duke Endowment's stipulation, the remaining $10 million of the grant can be used to fund capital projects at the university. One major project currently under way is the Charles H. Townes Center for Science. Construction began on the 213,000-square-foot, $60 million science complex in the spring. It is expected to be completed by the fall of 2008.

The center is named for Charles H. Townes, a noted scientist and 1935 Furman graduate who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1964 for his groundbreaking work that led to the invention of the maser and laser. Townes helped design the science complex.

Furman is one of four institutions of higher education in the Carolinas to receive annual financial support from The Duke Endowment for general operations and for special projects and programs. The other schools are Davidson College, Duke University and Johnson C. Smith University.

The Endowment was established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke. Its mission is to serve the people of the Carolinas by supporting selected programs of higher education, healthcare, children's welfare and spiritual life.

Since 1924 The Duke Endowment has awarded Furman more than $100 million in grants. Endowment support sustained Furman through the difficult years of the Depression, when the university was, in the words of former president W.J. McGlothlin, "absolutely dependent on the Duke fund." Funding from the foundation also helped make it possible for Furman to coordinate with Greenville Woman's College in the 1930s and to pursue the development of the present campus.

Since the move to the unified campus in the late 1950s, Furman and the Endowment have been partners on a wide range of initiatives, from construction projects (including the expansion and renovation of the James Buchanan Duke Library) to the purchase of scientific and technological instrumentation. The James B. Duke Scholars program has made possible the education of hundreds of students, and the Endowment has provided extensive funding for faculty development, library improvements, student research and many other areas.

As President Shi said in 1999 during the foundation's 75th anniversary celebration, "The Duke Endowment's support has served as the catalyst for Furman to become the vibrant institution it is today."
Kresge award: $1 million challenge for Townes Center

The Kresge Foundation has awarded Furman a $1 million challenge grant that will go toward renovation and expansion of the Charles H. Townes Center for Science.

As a condition of the grant, Furman is required to complete funding for the project by September 1, 2007. The university still needs to raise approximately $7.5 million in private funds.

Construction began on the $60 million science complex in the spring and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2008.

"We've been diligently raising money for the science complex, and this generous grant from The Kresge Foundation provides us with even greater momentum to realize our goal," says Furman president David Shi.

The Townes Center will consist of two new buildings and a renovated John L. Plyler Hall, the university's existing science building. The complex will house the departments of biology, chemistry, earth and environmental sciences, and physics. The science center will also include the departments of mathematics and computer science in Richard W. Riley Hall, which will be connected to the new halls.

The Kresge Foundation, based in Troy, Mich., is an independent, private foundation with $3 billion in assets. It was created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. Through its grant-making programs, the foundation seeks to strengthen nonprofit organizations by catalyzing their growth, connecting them to their stakeholders and challenging greater support through grants.

As of June, The Kresge Foundation had awarded 49 grants totaling $29.4 million in 2006.

Singers, Pops to reunite for Christmas concerts

A little more than 10 years after the Furman Singers traveled to Boston to perform in a July 4 concert with the Boston Pops under the baton of Keith Lockhart '81, the two groups are once again preparing to work together.

This time, the Pops and the Singers will combine for four Christmas concerts November 29-December 2, during the Pops' annual Christmas tour. Their performances will include a concert on Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Furman's Timmons Arena.

The Singers are also scheduled to join the Pops for concerts on November 29 in Schenectady, N.Y., November 30 at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., and December 2 in Danville, Ky. The Pops requires a 60-voice ensemble, so special auditions will be held in the fall to determine the touring choir from among the 100-voice group.

Bingham L. Vick, Jr., conductor of the Singers since 1971, says that he and Lockhart had discussed a reunion of the Singers and the Pops on several occasions, but timing and conflicts with the university's academic calendar proved to be impediments. This year's arrangements allow for the Singers to miss a limited number of classes, and with proper planning the disruption to the students' academic schedules should be minimal.

Lockhart and the Pops have performed on several occasions at Greenville's Bi-Lo Center, and he has conducted the Furman Symphony Orchestra in McAllister Auditorium. The December 1 concert will be his first appearance with the Pops at Furman.

The 2006 season marks Lockhart's 12th at the helm of the Boston Pops. He was appointed the group's 20th conductor in February 1995, succeeding John Williams. Since 1998 he has also served as music director of the Utah Symphony.

In June the Brevard (N.C.) Music Center announced that Lockhart will become artistic advisor of the center's summer institute on October 1, 2007. Lockhart attended the summer institute in 1974 and '75, studying piano and bass clarinet. He is a recipient of the center's Distinguished Alumni Award and has served on its board of trustees. His parents live in Brevard.

Reserved seat tickets for the Furman performance are scheduled to go on sale October 14 at a cost of $50 and $25. For details call (864) 294-3097 or visit www.timmonsarena.com.
Retiring professors represent combined 107 years of service and commitment to Furman reports

Buford shared passion for critical thinking

As a freshman at Furman in the mid-1970s, I enrolled in Tom Buford’s Introduction to Philosophy course. With his even-tempered intensity and carefully developed presentations, Tom introduced me to what was to become my passion and eventually my career. The general pattern of the course is still vivid. Tom would present one side of an issue in a convincing, compelling manner. The next day, we would examine the opposing position and discover there were similarly persuasive reasons for holding it.

I was profoundly impressed by this approach, because the emphasis was on learning how to think. In the courses I had later with Tom and in my work with him as a colleague, I came to see that this emphasis on teaching undergraduates how to learn was one of his passions. This same commitment surfaced regularly in department meetings, as Tom made sure that we would fully consider the educational value of any new policy or decision.

During the intro course, we addressed such topics as the philosophy of religion and the arguments for God’s existence. In analyzing St. Anselm’s ontological argument, Paley’s argument from design, and Kant’s arguments that God’s existence cannot be proved, Tom’s presentations were neither dogmatic lessons in rational Christianity nor calculated challenges to religious faith. They were calls to think critically about religious belief.

Indeed, Tom’s deeply felt personal beliefs further increased the philosophical value of this work for students. His belief and commitment are reflected in his years of service to Greenville’s First Baptist Church as a member, deacon and teacher, and they are evident in the book he wrote on the parables of Jesus, Ambushed on the Road to Glory. Tom’s example has helped me and many other students to better understand how to combine deeply felt religious beliefs with a love for philosophy, when oftentimes they seem to be in tension with one another.

In addition, Tom has devoted a significant portion of his professional life to the study, interpretation and development of Personalism, an important movement in American philosophy. He has edited the Personalist Forum, written a book titled Personal Philosophy: The Art of Living, and co-edited a collection of essays called Personalism Revisited: Its Proponents and Critics.

Tom may be retiring after 37 years at Furman, but he is likely to rank among the busiest “retirees” around. Aside from maintaining an active intellectual life, he will no doubt continue to pursue his many interests, which range from music (he is a cellist) to flying (he is a skilled pilot and flight instructor).

I will close by wishing Tom and his wife, Dee, many more happy years of enjoying each other, and by stating that it has been a distinct privilege to have known Tom as a teacher, colleague, fellow church member, philosopher and friend.

— Mark Stone ’78, Philosophy

Lavery a perfect fit for history department

William J. Lavery was born to be a member of Furman’s history department, a department shaped by the brilliant and witty excellence of D.H. Gilpatrick and the open-armed concern for students expressed by his protégé, Winston Babb. When Bill arrived in 1968 he showed respect for and an understanding of what his forerunners had accomplished, as well as a zeal to emulate them.

I met Bill at a luncheon for new faculty members in 1968, and for the next 38 years I watched him have a tremendous impact on students, colleagues, administrators and friends of Furman. Powered by his enthusiasm and pleasantly booming voice, he was a dynamic lecturer who used his vast and ever-growing knowledge to interest, inspire and educate.

His specialties were Russia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, but what made Bill especially successful was that he could reach out to students in a way that made each feel special. His excellence was formally recognized in 1986 when he received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching.

Bill’s appeal carried over to social occasions. He was often recruited for student events, as anyone desiring to guarantee a lively party was sure to include Bill and Ava Lavery. And although Bill can do the professorial pontification as well as anyone, he also has the sensitivity that comes only with being a sincere listener, and his concerns are genuine.

He was a trailblazer in Furman’s study abroad programs. He took students to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in the early 1970s when such ventures were rare, especially for small liberal arts colleges. He developed exciting academic programs that helped shape the interests and broaden the world views of students, and he was generous in recruiting colleagues to participate in and strengthen these programs. Since 1996, when he was appointed director of international education, Bill has been instrumental in bringing hundreds of eager, able and dedicated students to Furman from across the world.

The names Lavery and Block were linked throughout our years at Furman. Because we both came from Chicago, joined the same department at the same time, taught European history to many common students and shared many interests, including tossing barbs at each other, people would talk about Lavery and Block (I preferred Block and Lavery) as though we were a team.

This was always most flattering to me. Bill Lavery is the best, most successful undergraduate professor I have ever known, and he has had a life-changing impact on countless students.

As they enter retirement, Bill and Ava are building a house in Charleston, S.C. Charleston’s gain will be Greenville’s loss, and there will be a noticeable void at Furman activities of all kinds.

— John Block ’63, Professor Emeritus of History
Asian Studies blossomed under Leavell’s leadership

The story goes that in 1974 Furman hired Jim Leavell because the dean at the time, Francis W. Bonner, had on a trip to Japan mistaken Jim for a missionary who had made a strong impression. Whatever the case, Jim Leavell would prove to be one of the most distinguished hires in Dean Bonner’s distinguished career.

Jim was Furman’s first Asia specialist — a “landmark appointment,” in the words of Ed Jones, his former history department colleague. Jim taught courses cross-listed in four departments (history, Asian Studies, art, religion) and has been one of the university’s most popular professors. Over his 32-year career he was twice named the student government’s teacher of the year, and in 1996 he received the A Lester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching.

A passionate advocate for expanding the global scope of the university’s curriculum, Jim was instrumental in developing the Asian Studies major and chaired the department from 1995 to 2000. Today Furman has the largest Asian Studies department of any undergraduate college in the South, thanks in large part to Jim’s efforts.

His leadership in promoting international understanding has extended beyond Furman. In 1979 he founded the South Carolina International Consortium and was its president for almost 10 years. He is a past president of the Southeast Regional Conference of the Association of Asian Studies and has had a long and rewarding involvement with ASIANetwork, the largest Asia-related consortium in North America. In 2000 he received a grant to launch the South Carolina Center for Teaching about Asia, a program geared toward high school teachers. He has directed the program since its inception and will continue to do so.

During the early 1970s, while a Fulbright Scholar in Japan, Jim, an active outdoorsman, was invited to participate in an intense religious pilgrimage with a group of Buddhist mountain Shugendo ascetics. He took up the offer, braving treacherous mountain paths and icy waters, because he realized the opportunity would combine two things he truly loves — investigation of religious practice and long-distance hiking.

This experience sparked in him a fascination with pilgrims and pilgrimages that would inspire him to walk routes in China, Tibet, India, Egypt and Palestine. His wife, Judy, herself a valued Furman employee for many years, often accompanied Jim on these expeditions. She will join him again this fall as he concludes his Furman career in Spain, where he plans to lead Furman students along the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

Jim Leavell has had few equals at Furman. We will miss his calm, reasoned approach, sage advice and Texas charm, but his impact on his colleagues and students will endure, for years to come.

— Sam Britt ’72, Asian Studies/Religion

The board of trustees has approved a sabbatical for president David Shi that will begin in mid-September and run through mid-May.

Tom Kazee, vice president for academic affairs and dean, will serve as acting president in Shi’s absence. Linda Boone Bartlett, associate academic dean, will serve as acting dean of the faculty.

During his sabbatical, Shi plans to work on the eighth edition of his America: A Narrative History (W.W. Norton), the nation’s best-selling history textbook, and to design a freshman seminar that he plans to teach upon his return. He will also continue his duties as chair of the board of directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

NAICU, with nearly 1,000 members nationwide, is the unified national voice of independent higher education, representing private colleges and universities on such policy issues as student aid, taxation and government regulation.

Seven alumni are among the 10 new trustees who joined the board July 1.

Two of the new class of trustees, Angela Walker Franklin ’81 and Gordon Herring ’65, have previous experience on the board. Franklin is vice dean and associate vice president of academic and student affairs at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, and Herring is a Greenville investor and a former chair of the board.

Those who will begin their first terms are Greenville attorney Meri Code; Ed Good ’67, a Greenville developer; Francie Heller, a businesswoman from Greenwhich, Conn.; Celeste Hunt Patrick ’77 of Charleston, S.C., associate professor of pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina; Greenville businessman Linton “Buddy” Puckett ’65; Dudley Reynolds ’75 of Birmingham, Ala., president and chief operating officer of Alabama Natural Gas Corporation; Stewart Spinks, a Greenville businessman; and Lizanne Thomas ’79, an attorney in Atlanta.

Carl Kohrt ’65, president and CEO of Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio, is the new chair of the board. Greenville attorney Kathy McKinney is vice chair, and Emily Sanders of Greenville is secretary.

Board members who completed their terms this year are Atlanta attorneys Randy Eaddy ’76 and Jim Ney ’64; Greenville businessman Carroll Rushing; Martha Stoddard Selonick ’72, a physician from Baltimore, Md.; Elizabeth Peace Stall, a civic leader in Greenville; and Kemmons Wilson, a businessman from Memphis, Tenn.

The trustees have also voted to name the Alumni Service Award in honor of the late Gordon Lyles Blackwell, Sr. The award is presented at the annual Homecoming breakfast to recognize outstanding service to alma mater. Blackwell, a 1960 Furman graduate who served as a trustee and as president of the Alumni Association, died March 13.
Beginning with Opening Convocation on September 13, Furman will sponsor a yearlong series of programs, lectures and events to emphasize environmental citizenship and encourage the development of greater environmental consciousness within the university community and beyond.

To launch the Year of the Environment, Opening Convocation will feature a talk by Brad Wyche, a Greenville environmentalist and executive director of Upstate Forever, a non-profit group that combats sprawl and encourages smart growth. During the convocation Furman will award an honorary degree to Arthur Blank, president of Home Depot and owner of the Atlanta Falcons. Blank focuses much of his philanthropic efforts on sustainability and environmental initiatives.

On September 25-27, the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership will host a conference titled “The Environment: Critical Issues in the 21st Century.” The conference will feature a presentation by former U.S. Sen. John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth. Assorted activists, journalists, business leaders and policy experts will also be on hand for talks and panel discussions on issues of state, national and global import. For details, visit the Web at www.furman.edu/riley.

Student involvement is vital to the success of the university’s sustainability initiatives. With this in mind, Furman is introducing a new concept in residential living: the Environmental Community of Students. ECOS is designed to increase students’ understanding of environmental issues both on campus and worldwide.

Twenty incoming students who have expressed interest in the environment were invited to live together in a residence hall. Participants will enroll in Furman’s introductory course in environmental science and are expected to be leaders in the sustainability efforts on campus.

Frank Powell, professor of health and exercise science and academic coordinator of sustainability initiatives, will be the ECOS advisor. The students will work closely with established student organizations, such as the Environmental Action Group (EAG), and with the Environmental Sustainability Committee to develop new projects. Among them: Campus Sustainability Day, scheduled for October 25.

Returning students are already in tune with Furman’s sustainability efforts. Each year since 1999, eight students have lived in the Eco-Cottage, located beside the lake along the road to the Bell Tower. The Eco-Cottage features a range of energy-saving devices, from solar panels to low-flow showers, and the project affords students and professors an opportunity for real-time research into the effectiveness of energy conservation and sustainable living.

Students are also working to produce alternative fuels for campus use. Members of EAG operate a small facility in which they convert waste vegetable oil from the dining hall into bio-diesel, a clean-burning alternative fuel source that helps meet the university’s diesel fuel needs. In addition, EAG is exploring student interest in offsetting Furman’s energy costs through an annual student fee, which would go toward the purchase of renewable energy credits.

This year Furman has hired an intern, James Wilkins, to work with students and accelerate projects such as an organic garden and a new composting initiative. Wilkins recently earned a master’s degree in environmental studies from Antioch College.

Construction at Furman continues to follow the cost-effective, sustainable, energy-efficient approach that guided such recent projects as the James B. Duke Library and Herman N. Hipp Hall. With the $60 million Charles H. Townes Center for Science, scheduled for completion in 2008, the university is creating a complex that will serve as a “living building and laboratory.” The Townes Center, which will include two revamped buildings (Plyler Hall and Riley Hall) and two new buildings, will have such environmentally sensitive features as a solar aquatic treatment facility, solar thermal panels, rainwater collection and day-lighting systems.

In his 2006 President’s Report, which focuses on campus sustainability, President David Shi points out that the board of trustees has unanimously endorsed Furman’s efforts “to strengthen our commitment to the environment by promoting sustainability through educational programs, campus operations and construction practices, and public awareness initiatives.” In 2004, the university’s revised strategic plan emphasized sustainability as an “essential commitment” and “overarching strategic goal.”

Pursuit of that goal, Shi says, “requires neither pinched frugality nor holier-than-thou virtue. Its basic requirement is a deliberate ordering of priorities so as to distinguish between the necessary and superfluous, the useful and wasteful.”

To learn more about how Furman is ordering its environmental priorities, visit the Web at www.furman.edu/sustain.
Admissions magazine earns top honor

Alumni might be surprised to learn that Furman magazine isn’t the only magazine the university produces. Over the last 18 months, in partnership with Stamats Communications, an enrollment management firm in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the Admissions Office has published its own full-color magazine for a specific crowd: the 15- to-18-year-olds who are prospective Furman students. Engage, which is printed in the fall, summer and spring, highlights the university’s strengths in a fast-paced format designed to appeal directly to the younger generation.

Most colleges produce an annual viewbook filled with glossy photos of campus scenes and an ample supply of institutional boilerplate about academic programs and student life. Furman produced a viewbook for many years, and with considerable success.

But in looking for an edge in the increasingly competitive world of college recruitment, Furman decided to revamp its central publication for prospective students. Instead of depicting the variables of a Furman education in one all-encompassing publication, the university decided to use a series of magazines to convey the excitement and variety inherent in the Furman experience.

Each issue of Engage presents new stories about Paladin personalities and programs and the possibilities a Furman education offers. It features students and professors describing their lives at Furman, from internships to English 11, and ties their stories to Web extensions, video clips and other on-line references.

While being timely and topical, Engage also demonstrates the constantly evolving nature of a Furman education in a manner that a static, unchanging viewbook can’t.

Engage appears to be doing its job well — at least in the opinion of one group of publications professionals. The magazine recently received a Grand Award from the APEX Awards for Publication Excellence and Writing That Works, an annual competition that honors excellence in publications work. The foremost standard for judging is the quality of a publication’s writing.

Paul Zastrow of Stamats, the primary writer for Engage, was singled out for his efforts. Zastrow and his colleagues at Stamats work closely with the admissions and marketing and public relations offices at Furman to develop and produce each issue.

If you would like a copy of Engage — or better yet, if you know of a prospective college student who might be interested in receiving a different kind of promotional publication — e-mail jim.stewart@furman.edu.

University awards 716 degrees at Commencement

Furman presented 648 undergraduate and 68 master’s degrees during graduation exercises on Saturday, June 3.

The Scholarship Cup, given each year to the graduating senior with the highest academic average, went to John Robert Dickson of Gaffney, S.C., a double major in chemistry and biology, and Christopher Barrett Osborne of Lexington, Ky., a double major in history and political science. Both completed their college studies with straight-A, 4.00 grade-point averages.

In addition, Dickson received the Bradshaw-Feaster Medal for General Excellence, awarded to the outstanding male graduate. Nadezhda Dimitrova Savova of Sofia, Bulgaria, a summa cum laude graduate in political science and Spanish, received the Donaldson-Watkins Medal as the outstanding woman graduate. (For more on Savova, see page 16.)

Allison Jarrett, a magna cum laude graduate from Nashville, Tenn., delivered the Commencement address and urged her fellow graduates to use their educations to “breed justice, sow truth, spread roots of love, and inspire daring acts of creation.” Her complete speech is available on-line at www.furman.edu/press/pressarchive.cfm?ID=3842.

Furman also presented the annual Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman awards for meritorious teaching and advising. The teaching awards went to John Harris ’91, associate professor of mathematics, and Lon Knight, Charles Ezra Daniel Professor of Chemistry. The advising awards went to William Pierce, professor of health and exercise science, and Sandra Roberson, associate professor of business and accounting.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of their graduation, members of the Class of 1956 were invited to lead the Commencement march into Paladin Stadium. Approximately 30 members of the class returned for the occasion.
In tribute: Economist Ray Roberts, 1929-2006

Ray Crouse Roberts, Jr., professor of economics at Furman from 1969 to 1994 and acting vice president for academic affairs and dean in 1994-95, died May 5 while visiting his son Mark in Hamilton, Va. He was 77.

An avid runner in earlier years, Ray worked out regularly and was in fine health until he collapsed of a “heart event” while helping his daughter-in-law with yard work. Son Eric says that on the day Ray died, he had enjoyed a wonderful visit with Mark’s children and that “his last day couldn’t have been better if it were scripted.”

Born in Burlington, N.C., Ray earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from Duke University and a master’s and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. In the early 1950s he served on active duty in the Marine Corps and remained in the Marine Corps Reserves until the late 1970s, retiring with the rank of colonel.

Before coming to Furman, Ray, known to family members as “Bob,” taught at Old Dominion, North Carolina and Duke, and was the first dean of the School of Business Administration at Winthrop. He was appointed the Frederick W. Symmes Professor of Economics upon his arrival at Furman in 1969.

An able administrator, he chaired the Department of Economics and Business Administration for three terms, during which he oversaw the implementation of the “new curriculum” introduced in the late ’60s and was instrumental in strengthening the economics, business administration and accounting curricula.

Ray was admired by colleagues and students alike. Chris Borch ’78, a California businessman, recalls earning his first “A” at Furman in Ray’s class.

“Dr. Roberts helped open for me a love of learning,” Chris says. “During my senior year, Dr. Roberts was my advisor and encouraged me to apply to the Wharton School for graduate study. To my surprise, I got in — largely, I’m sure, due to a letter Dr. Roberts wrote for me to a former teaching colleague who was on Wharton’s admissions committee. When I look back over the years since I was a freshman in Dr. Roberts’ class, I realize that he was instrumental in helping me find my way in life.”

In addition to his duties as department chair and dean, Ray became intimately familiar with the workings of the university by serving on most of its important faculty and administrative committees. In the process, he culled this piece of wisdom: “The less I know about what goes on around here, the happier I am.”

Ray was active in the Southern Economic Association and the Industrial Relations Research Association. He served for many years as the business manager/treasurer of the Piedmont Economic Club and was frequently called upon to act as a consultant in the Carolinas and Virginia on textile industry industrial engineering matters and labor issues.

Ray was also generous to the university he served so capably. A few years back, when he was closing out his tree farm in northern Greenville County, he donated hundreds of young trees that are now planted all over the Furman campus. During its spring meeting, the board of trustees voted to recognize Ray’s generosity by naming the road leading from the Lay Physical Activities Center to South Housing “Ray Roberts Lane.”

Upon his retirement, Ray gave me a collection of classic economics texts. This collection, displayed in a bookcase in the Economics, Business and Accounting suite, now serves as a lasting memorial to him.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Ray’s love of chocolate — in candy, cake or ice cream. And he had an endearing way of remembering the birthdays of his Furman colleagues, even after his retirement.

Phil Winstead, retired director of institutional research at Furman, says, “With Ray it was more than just being academic colleagues. It was genuine friendship that developed over more than 25 years. It was going to Travelers Rest for a hot dog at lunch time. It was his truck and helping all three of our daughters move furniture from one apartment to another. It was his never saying no when help, professional or personal, was asked of him. Ray was a true friend.”

In addition to his wife, Alice, of 11 Rainstone Drive, Greenville 29615, Ray Roberts is survived by sons David, Eric ’81 and Mark; daughter Rebecca Folkers; five grandchildren; and a brother.

—— Richard A. Stanford ’65

David C. Garrett, Jr., Professor of Economics
American racial order. Some anthropologists, such as Activist Anthropologists, turn out that J. Edgar was active in challenging the free pass - than if you, like Margaret Mead, are revealed anthropologists who were in any way psycho will be immensely valuable to illustrate Lincoln's entire life, he eventually concluded that slavery had to be abolished. Readers interested in the minute details of Civil War battles will find Goodwin's book disappointing. Those who enjoy studies of the human psyche will be immensely rewarded.

- A. Scott Henderson, Education

David H. Price, Threatening Anthropology: McCarthyism and the FBI's Surveillance of Activist Anthropologists (Duke University Press, 2004). This is a fascinating study of the anthropologists who were spied or informed upon after World War II, and often had their careers destroyed. It turns out that J. Edgar was less interested in whether you actually were a Marxist — Leslie White, for example, got a free pass - than if you, like Ruth Landes, were in any way active in challenging the American racial order. Some anthropologists, such as Margaret Mead, are revealed in a new light, while others come out unexpected heroes.

- Brian Siegel, Sociology

William Placher, Callings (Lawrence Erlbaum, 2005). The author, a theologian, New Testament scholar and teacher, has collected some of the most profound personal narratives of Christian history into an anthology of wisdom for contemporary questions of vocation. With highly readable and compelling introductions to four epochs of thought within the Christian tradition, Placher raises issues of calling that are vitally important today, such as individual and communal calling, general and special calling, contemplative and active calling. This book is a rich and provocative resource for both lay and clergy and for both individual and group study regarding Christian calling. An extensive study guide containing ideas for discussion, action projects and journaling is available at www.ptev.org.

- Elaine Nocks, Psychology

Gary E. Parker '76, Distant Shores (Howard Publishing, 2006). Parker, pastor at First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., has written 13 novels and three novellas. He has been called the "Christian Book-seller Association's source for sweeping sagas of faith and family." His latest is set just after the Civil War and features the intertwining stories of a plantation owner, former slaves and a Richmond businesswoman. It is the third in the Southern Tides trilogy, following Secret Tides and Fateful Journeys. Parker is a past finalist for the Christy Award, which honors the best in Christian fiction.

- Linda Heatwole Jacobs '74, Rain of Fire (Medallion Press, 2006). Jacobs, one of the first women to work as a field geologist for Exxon Corporation, dedicates her novel to those "who have devoted their lives, and risked them, to study the deadly potential of modern volcanoes." The story centers on the reawakening of the world's largest volcano, located beneath Yellowstone National Park, and a geologist's efforts to convince park officials of the seriousness of the threat. Former Yellowstone superintendent Bob Barbee describes the book as "superb storytelling." Jacobs and her husband, Richard, own a consulting company in New Mexico. Visit her Web site, www.readlindajacobs.com.

Lucinda Secrest McDowell '74, Spa for the Soul (Broadman & Holman, 2006). The publisher says, "You can call ten thousand health spas for a massage and manicure, yet after such a special treatment session, still feel the need for more lasting refreshment. Spa for the Soul is for women who seek an oasis where spiritual and emotional health can be rejuvenated. Here, the spa metaphor blends biblical teaching and modern application for true restoration." McDowell, who lives in Wethersfield, Conn., is a Christian speaker and author of a number of motivational books. Visit her Web site, www.encouragingwords.net.

Al Cadenhead, Jr. '68, God's Call to Be: When Being Precedes Doing (Smyth & Helwys, 2005). Ken Garfield of The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer says, "Cadenhead reminds us that we can feel the power of God's love in the quiet moments [where] we learn not just to appreciate God's love but to more deeply appreciate the life He gave us." Jim Pitts, former chaplain at Furman, adds that Cadenhead "takes us on a journey to the spiritual highwaters of being a child of God . . . If your occupation has become an overwhelming preoccupation and your identity is dependent on your job, then this book is for you." Cadenhead is pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Jerry Autry '64, General William C. Lee: Father of the American Airborne (Airborne Press, 2005). Lee has been called the unsung hero of D-Day, having devised the airborne portion of the invasion. He was the first commander of the 101st Airborne Division. This new edition, subtitled The Unsung Hero of World War II, features historical photos, letters and telegrams and is an update of the original coffee-table book published in 1995. Autry, who is from Lee's hometown of Dunn, N.C., is a master parachutist and a veteran of 29 years in the military, including two tours in Vietnam. Now retired, he lives in San Francisco.

Margie Willis Clary '53, The Beacons of South Carolina (Sandlapper Publishing, 2006). Through personal stories, recollections, archival records and photos, the author recounts the history of the 10 light-houses still standing along the South Carolina coast — and reminds us of the important role they played in the state's history. Clary, who lives in Charleston, S.C., is the author of five books. To learn more about her work, visit the Web at www.bookstorytell.com.

Robert H. Ayers '39, The Bible and Contemporary Theology: The Quest for Truth and Relevance (Edwin Mellen Press, 2006). As Sandy Dwayne Martin of the University of Georgia says in the book's foreword, Ayers insists that one should study both the Bible and contemporary theology "with a commitment to truth and in confidence that each has relevance for the contemporary world." Martin adds, "This important work makes a very valuable contribution to helping thoughtful persons deal with the continuing tensions between faith and reason." Ayers is professor emeritus of philosophy and religion at the University of Georgia, where he was one of the first recipients of the Sandy Beaver Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Major grants will help DLA and Bridges programs offer enhanced services

Two community service initiatives sponsored by Furman have received generous grants that will help them expand their programs.

The Diversity Leadership Academy, which aims to help South Carolina's corporate and community leaders better understand the diversity of the communities in which they work and live, has been awarded a $500,000 grant from The Wachovia Foundation to provide scholarships for minority participants.

An outgrowth of the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership, the DLA was first held in the Greenville area in the fall of 2003 and has since spread across the state. The DLA held its first program for the Charleston area this spring, and a forthcoming program has been scheduled for the Columbia area in the state's midlands.

"Each class of Diversity Leadership Academy participants includes leaders from a wide range of organizations and backgrounds. This generous gift from Wachovia will make sure the cost of the program is not a deterrent to anyone," says Don Gordon, professor of political science and director of the Riley Institute. "The DLA has become the state's premier diversity management program, and this financial support from Wachovia will only make it stronger and more inclusive."

The inaugural DLA program in 2003 included about 40 participants. Since then more than 200 community leaders have been involved in the program.

Each group meets one day per month over five months to engage in learning exercises, build leadership skills and develop the ability to identify important diversity issues and bring about effective solutions. The groups are also responsible for pursuing community projects, which have included improving the transition of international students into middle schools and providing a Spanish translation service for EMS.

Kendall Alley, Wachovia's regional president for South Carolina, says, "Our hope is that through programs like this we can enhance diversity awareness among the leadership in the South Carolina business community and foster an appreciation for the similarities we all share."

The DLA was developed with the aid of the Atlanta-based American Institute for Managing Diversity. In addition to Wachovia, it is supported by a consortium that includes the Coca-Cola Co. of Atlanta, Michelin North America and Furman.

The Bridges to a Brighter Future program has received two separate grants that will establish endowments to fund salaries for teachers and to launch an on-campus tutoring program.

A $100,000 gift from the Greenville-based Graham Foundation establishes the "Bridges to a Brighter Future Graham Foundation Endowment." Annual proceeds from the account will be used initially to fund salaries for full-time science and art teachers.

In addition, a $48,000 grant from the Jolley Foundation will be used to pilot a tutoring program that will be held one Saturday a month during the school year.

The Bridges program, which began in 1997 thanks to a gift from Greenville benefactor Mamie Jolley Bruce, serves economically disadvantaged Greenville County students in the ninth, 10th and 11th grades. The program's goal is to provide promising students with the essential tools that will help them complete their high school educations, prepare for college, and allow them to become productive members of the workforce and citizens of the community.

The 75 students who participate annually in the program are nominated by teachers and guidance counselors. They attend a four-week tutoring and mentoring program each summer at Furman, where they work on academic skills and learn about the importance of such traits as responsibility, empathy and service to humankind.

The program's older students receive guidance in the college admissions process. Furman students serve as counselors for the summer program.

Bridges director Tobi Swartz and her staff follow up with the students throughout the academic year, monitoring their progress and visiting them at their schools. The Saturday tutoring program will help foster and maintain further interaction.

Since the program's inception, 100 percent of its participants have graduated from high school or earned their high school equivalency diploma, and more than 90 percent have gone on to higher education.

To learn more about the program, visit the Bridges Web site at www.furman.edu/bridges.
C. Ray Wylie, Jr., a distinguished professor and scholar who chaired the mathematics department at Furman during the 1970s, made a substantial financial contribution to the university upon his death in 1995.

Now Furman will benefit from yet another major bequest from the Wylie estate.

The most recent gift of $875,000 will create the Wylie Mathematics Endowment, which will "enhance student and faculty professional experiences" in the Department of Mathematics. The university received the final distribution from the estate following the death of Wylie’s widow, Ellen Rasor Wylie, on January 24.

The latest bequest increases the total value of four different Wylie programs to $3.5 million. Wylie established three of the programs — the Mathematics Scholarship, Mathematics Tournament Fund and Scholar/Athlete Scholarship — prior to his death.

Wylie Scholarships in Mathematics are worth up to $10,000 per year. Recipients have a mathematics/verbal combined SAT score of at least 1350 or an ACT score of at least 32. This fall, Furman will have 26 Wylie Scholars.

The Wylie Mathematics Tournament Fund provides permanent funding for Furman’s annual mathematics tournament, which attracts high school students from throughout the Southeast. The Wylie Scholar/Athlete Scholarship benefits students who demonstrate outstanding academic ability and who participate in varsity athletics.

"From the time the first Wylie Scholars in mathematics came to Furman in 1980, Ray and Ellen Wylie have been deeply committed to the support and enhancement of the students, faculty and programs in the department," says Marty Cook, chair of the math department. "This gift will ensure that the Wylie name continues to be synonymous with Furman’s commitment to attract and develop the very best mathematics students possible."

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ray Wylie earned bachelor’s degrees in mathematics and chemical engineering from Wayne State University and a Ph.D. from Cornell University. He taught at Ohio State University, the Air Force Institute of Technology in Ohio, and the University of Utah before joining the Furman faculty in 1969.

He chaired the mathematics department from 1970 to 1976 and retired in 1978 as the William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Mathematics. He received the university’s Bell Tower Award in 1986. Furman awarded him an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1994.

A lifelong fitness enthusiast, he became active in the Senior Olympics after his retirement and won a number of medals in National Senior Olympics competitions. In 1994 he was named upper South Carolina’s male senior athlete of the year.

He was the author or co-author of nine textbooks, three volumes of poetry, two collections of logical puzzles and many scholarly articles.

Ellen Rasor Wylie, a native of Laurens County, S.C., earned degrees from Winthrop and Duke and taught mathematics at Winthrop, Flora MacDonald (now St. Andrews Presbyterian College) and the University of South Carolina. A scholarship fund at Winthrop is named in her honor.

In 1982, Furman presented Sullivan awards for humanitarian endeavors to Ray and Ellen Wylie.

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**New system boosts Development efforts**

In an effort to better serve Furman alumni, students, parents and friends, the Development Office recently improved its technology systems.

The department is now equipped with "The Raiser’s Edge," a software program produced by Blackbaud, a South Carolina-based firm. "The Raiser’s Edge" will allow Furman to serve alumni and friends more efficiently and accurately.

Although converting university data and gift information has been a tedious process, the new system will allow the Development Office to process gifts more quickly and securely than ever. During this transition time from the old system to the new, Furman greatly appreciates your patience and apologizes for any delay you might experience in receiving gift acknowledgments or mix-ups in the university's mailings to you.

If you would like to submit new contact information or a mailing address change, or if you have questions or concerns regarding your recent gifts, please call data coordinator RaeNae Nay at (864) 294-3488 or e-mail her at raenae.nay@furman.edu.
Role model

Quarles compiles extraordinary record as coach at Maryville High

Over the past 30 years, the Furman football program has produced more than 60 coaches who have achieved great success on the field. But you would be hard pressed to find anybody who has been more successful at winning football games than George Quarles.

Quarles, a 1989 graduate who started at wide receiver for Furman's 1988 national championship team, is entering his eighth season as head coach at Maryville High School in Tennessee. In his first seven seasons, his teams won five 4A state championships and compiled a 93-9 record.

That's a 91 percent winning percentage.

Tim Sorrells '81, Furman's offensive coordinator, can only laugh when he considers such numbers. "I don't think there has been a football coach anywhere — not Knute Rockne, not Vince Lombardi — who won 90 of his first 100 games," Sorrells says. "George has done a remarkable job as a head coach, and we certainly hold him up as a poster boy around here."

But the 93-9 record actually fails to reflect just how successful Quarles has been. Throw out his first season at Maryville in 1999 (10-3) and the first four games of 2000 (0-4), and Quarles has a mind-boggling 83-2 mark, with 30 straight wins over the past two years and three perfect seasons in the last four. Quarles has been voted the region's top coach six times and, in 2005, was named the Tennessee Titans High School Football Coach of the Year.

So how does a coach produce such success in a sport where the ball is designed to bounce in funny and unpredictable ways — and with teams that, according to observers, don't always have the most talented players?

"If I knew that," Quarles says with a grin, "I would bottle it and sell it and make a million dollars."

Quarles may not be talking, but others have ideas. Whether it's Furman coaches who scout his games or Maryville sportswriters who cover his teams, they say the same thing: Quarles doesn't have anything resembling an ego, and he is one of the nicest people you are likely to meet.

"He knows how to bring out the best in everybody and doesn't let ego get in the way, either on the field or off," says John Brice, sports editor of the Maryville Daily Times. "All the players will tell you they not only leave as better football players, but as better young men."

Sorrells, who has seen Quarles in action, says, "George is a steady guy, and those guys make the best coaches. He doesn't get too emotional whether things are going good or bad. The players know they can count on him to act a certain way, and that he will treat them right."

Quarles also holds a special place in Paladin football lore. During the championship run in 1988, Furman played at Marshall in the second round of the playoffs. Late in the first half of a scoreless tie, Quarles snuck behind the defense and waited patiently — and pretty much alone — in the back of the end zone for a Frankie DeBusk pass. When it arrived — after DeBusk had spent what seemed like hours scrambling to find a receiver — the touchdown helped propel Furman to a 13-9 win.

Quarles remembers the pass as the "fair catch."

"Frankie threw it up there, and I wasn't sure it was ever going to come down," Quarles says. "To make a play like that was one of the highlights of my college career."

Quarles spent a year as a graduate assistant at Furman before serving four years as an assistant at Cedar Shoals High School in Athens, Ga., and at Eastside High in Greenville. He moved to Maryville in 1995 as an assistant and became head coach in 1999. Along the way, he met his wife, Leslie. They now have a 2-year-old son, Jack.

But it was his time at Furman that had the greatest impact on him.

"Any success I've had in coaching I owe to Furman," Quarles says. "I learned that X's and O's are certainly important, but I remember how well the coaches treated us, how they acted as mentors and good role models. I've tried to remember that now that I'm a coach."

— Vince Moore
Diamond in the rough
How the Furman athletic logo came to be

In the spring of 1973, $25 would put a lot of gas in Dennis Zeiger's 1969 Plymouth (gas was only 70 cents a gallon). For Zeiger, then a junior art major at Furman, this mini-windfall would also support several trips to the Rainbow Drive-in for late night snacks.

The source of Zeiger's $25? His paycheck for designing a new logo for the Furman football team.

Coach Art Baker had taken the helm of the Paladins a few months previously, following a long stint by Bob King. Baker and his staff, which included future Paladin mentors Dick Sheridan and Jimmy Satterfield, were anxious to come up with a new look for the football team.

Zeiger, a native of Hendersonville, N.C., who was working his way through Furman, was eager to earn some extra pay to supplement his partial track scholarship and part-time job in the Furman print shop. So he jumped at the chance to develop a new design that would represent the football team.

He remembers the request coming from assistant coach Steve Robertson, who asked for "a logo we can put on our football helmets. Something simple, like the Dallas Cowboys' star logo."

In most cases, logo development requires a number of layouts, followed by multiple iterations of the preferred version. But not this time.

Zeiger recalls, "The Diamond F was the only layout I came up with. I liked it and so did Coach Baker."

The now-familiar "Diamond F" made its first appearance on the football field in the fall of 1973 and debuted in its first off-field use during Zeiger's senior art exhibit the following spring.

Dennis Zeiger's design has stood the test of time.

The rest is history. Indeed, for some people the Diamond F has become a more familiar symbol of the university than the Bell Tower!

Zeiger went on to a career in advertising and marketing in the Greenville area. But it's fair to say that his signature work, and no doubt his most enduring, is the $25 Diamond F logo.

— David Koss '74

The author, a track teammate of Zeiger's during their student days, is account director with Jackson-Dawson Marketing Solutions in Greenville.

Mastny acquired by Indians; Davidiuk, Hodinka sign

June graduates A.J. Davidiuk and Ryan Hodinka recently earned a chance to play professional baseball.

If they're fortunate, they'll make it to the show — and follow in the footsteps of pitcher Tom Mastny '03.

On July 24, the Cleveland Indians announced that they had purchased Mastny's contract from the AAA Buffalo Bisons, where Mastny had compiled a 2-1 record and 2.61 earned-run average in 24 relief appearances. Mastny, an All-American at Furman and the 2003 Southern Conference Pitcher of the Year, was an 11th-round draft choice that year by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Davidiuk, a shortstop and third baseman, was chosen by the San Diego Padres in the 29th round of the June 7 major league draft. He was the consensus 2006 Southern Conference Player of the Year after batting .362 with 11 home runs and 48 RBI. He holds the school career record for doubles and ranks second in hits, fourth in runs scored and RBI, and ninth in home runs. He graduated cum laude with a degree in neuroscience.

Hodinka, a left-handed pitcher, signed a free agent contract with the St. Louis Cardinals soon after the draft. He had a 9-2 record and 4.53 ERA in 2006 and finished his Furman career with a 22-10 mark, good for third all-time in school history. He earned his degree in political science.

Two other Furman alumni currently playing professional baseball are pitcher Danny Rueckel '02 of the Washington Nationals' AAA team in New Orleans, and third baseman Matthew Betsill '05 of the Minnesota Twins' Rookie League team in Elizabethtown, Tenn.
Many reasons to stay in touch

In accordance with its mission statement, the Board of Directors of the Furman Alumni Association strives to "represent the opinions, needs and interests of the entire alumni constituency to the university."

To this end, new members are nominated and elected by the board each year with an eye toward the diversity of its constituency in terms of class years and geography. While approximately 40 percent of Furman alumni reside in South Carolina, more than 50 Furman Clubs are located throughout the United States, and we have "virtual" clubs in Europe and Asia. To meet the newest members of the board, see page 37.

The board uses task forces to explore ways to best represent alumni interests in areas such as student recruitment, career services, faculty relations, Homecoming and reunions, and fund-raising. These task forces help us focus on another part of our stated mission: to "promote ever-increasing involvement of alumni in the life of the university."

Opportunities for involvement abound. Alumni are invited to:

- Work with the Admissions Office to interest prospective students in Furman.
- Volunteer as mentors or provide internships for enrolled students.
- Network with other Furman graduates through university-sponsored events.
- Support the efforts of the Development Office. Alumni donations are essential to maintaining the university's day-to-day operations, building the endowment, constructing facilities and providing scholarship support.
- Submit nominations for the Alumni Board, Young Alumni Council, Board of Trustees, and the Distinguished Alumni and Alumni Service Awards.

Individually and collectively, we are also called upon to "serve as guardians of Furman's heritage, tradition and identity." What an awesome responsibility.

The Alumni Board wants to be your voice and to report your needs and interests to alma mater. So let us hear from you! Sign up to participate in alumni events in your area or on campus, and volunteer to help with those events.

I encourage each of you to become an involved member of the Furman constituency. Visit the Alumni Association Web page at http://alumni.furman.edu to read the Alumni Board's entire mission statement and to add your name to the alumni registry.

Furman provides a variety of ways for alumni to stay in touch. Call the Alumni Office at 1-800-PURPLE3 or (864) 294-3464; e-mail alumni@furman.edu; or write the Alumni Office, Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

And now that you know how to contact us, let us know the best way to reach you by making sure Furman has your current home address, e-mail address and phone number. Let's stay in touch!

— Harriet Arnold Wilburn '74

The author, who resides in Greenville and was formerly an admissions counselor at Furman, is the new president of the Alumni Association.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Just a reminder . . .

Homecoming is October 20-22! Make your way back to campus for football, fun, good times and plenty of festivities! Classes ending in 1 and 6 will be holding special reunions, so if you haven't made your reservations yet, call 1-800-PURPLE3 or visit http://alumni.furman.edu for more information.

Tee off at Furman

You don't have to limit your visit to the Furman golf course to the annual Homecoming alumni tournament.

Any time you're interested in enjoying a round at the Furman links, go on-line in advance to the golf course Web page at www.furman.edu/golf. There you'll find information on greens fees, promotions and course news, and you can sign up for a tee time right then.

This fall the pro shop will be expanded to include a full-service grill, with a deck and patio. The new food service area will offer a menu of sandwiches, appetizers and other items.

Learn more about the golf course by visiting the Web page or by calling the pro shop at (864) 294-9090.

Furman Club update

The summer was filled with many club activities, including a career networking event in New York City, a reception in Atlanta for the Furman Singers before their departure for their tour of Italy, a wine tasting at Total Wine & More (owned by David Trone '77) in Chantilly, Va., a preview of the Boston Pops' July 4 Spectacular in Boston (featuring conductor Keith Lockhart '81), and a summer music concert in Winston-Salem, N.C. "Summer Send-offs" were also held in assorted cities to welcome first-year students into the Furman family.

Now, with the arrival of fall, comes Furman football!!! Furman Clubs will kick into high gear, so watch for information on tailgate parties in Chapel Hill, N.C. (September 16 vs. North Carolina), Conway, S.C. (October 7 vs. Coastal Carolina University), Boone, N.C. (October 28 vs. Appalachian State) and Elon, N.C. (November 4 vs. Elon).

To learn more about these and other Furman Club events, call Jane Dungan, associate director of the Alumni Association, at 1-800-PURPLE3, or visit the Web at http://alumni.furman.edu.
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Midway Baptist Church in Gaffney, S.C., recently held a celebration to commemorate M.B. "Bobby" Morrow's 50 years as a Southern Baptist minister. Bobby has been serving as interim pastor at the church. During the celebration he was presented the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded by the state of South Carolina.

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Sonny and Keeter Horton of Greenville were designated by Furman as 2006 recipients of the Distinguished Service Award from the Southern Conference. Each of the 11 league schools selects honorees for the annual award based upon their overall contributions to the school. The Hortons are members of the Furman Heritage Society and have provided exceptional financial support to the athletic program and the marching band. They were major contributors to the Bell Tower restoration project and supplied the lead gift for Paladin Plaza at the entrance to Paladin Stadium. They received Furman’s Bell Tower Award in 2003. Sonny is a member of the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame.

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For the 12th consecutive year, the biography of Bob Townes is included in the publication Who’s Who in America.

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Next reunion in 2007
John Durst has been named to head the Columbia office of Carolina Public Relations/Marketing, Inc., one of the largest independent public relations firms in the Carolinas.

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Next reunion in 2009
Coleman Arnold, chief of surgery at Memorial Hospital and a general surgeon with University Surgical Associates in Chattanooga, Tenn., has been recertified by the American Board of Surgery. This is his third certification, placing him among only 171 surgeons to recertify three times during their career. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the Harwell Wilson Surgical Society, the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Chattanooga Academy of Surgeons and the Tennessee Medical Association.

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This year is reunion!
George Ligler of Potomac, Md., received the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics’ highest honor, the RTCA Achievement Award. He was recognized for outstanding management and technical leadership of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast and satellite based navigation system initiatives for which he has produced international aviation standards over the last decade. RTCA is a non-profit agency that brings industry and government together to address the needs of the worldwide aeronautical community.

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Next reunion in 2007
Bill Broadway, owner of Broadway Digital Prints in Wilmington, N.C., was commissioned to produce 30 prints for an exhibit titled “Today’s Pioneers: Women Photojournalists in Iraq and Afghanistan.” The exhibit, which runs through September 17 at the Museum of Photographic Arts in San Diego, Calif., features work by award-winning photographers Andrea Bruce and Stephanie Sinclair. Visit Bill’s company Web site, www.broadwaydigitalprints.com.

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Next reunion in 2009
Sandra Looper Poore has become payroll manager for the City of Charlotte (N.C.). She was previously employed with Belk Store Services.

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Next reunion in 2010
Charles Halladay Lackey is the new superintendent of Franklin County (Va.) schools. He was most recently superintendent of Laurens County (S.C.) School District 56.

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Next reunion in 2007
Valerie Enlow Hendrickson has been named director of the middle school at Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville. She began teaching at the school in 1991 and had been assistant middle school director since 1999.

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Next reunion in 2008
Jeanine Skinner of Wake Forest, N.C., has opened Music Academy South.

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Next reunion in 2009
Jeff Beggs, who has been involved in high school athletics in Georgia for 27 years, the last 10 as athletic director at Winder-Barrow High School, received the state’s 2006 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Award.
Next reunion in 2010

In February, Mac Brunson, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, since May 1999, accepted a call to be pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla. Prior to the Dallas pastorate, he served Green Street Baptist in High Point, N.C., and was president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1997 and 1998. He was also president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastor’s Conference in 2003 and has been chancellor of Criswell College in Dallas. ■ Debbie Durant Locklair graduated from Leadership South Carolina, the state’s oldest and most respected leadership development program. She and two other participants were elected by the 2006 class to serve a two-year term on the program’s board of trustees. A licensed professional counselor, she is administrator of McLeod Medical Center in Dillon, S.C. ■ Leslie Branch Raymer of Decatur, Ga., earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She is affiliated with the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Next reunion in 2009

Andrew Klepchick, executive vice president of Synovus and president and CEO of Synovus, Financial Management Services in Atlanta, has been elected to serve a five-year term on the board of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation. ■ C. Stuart Mauney, an attorney with Gallivan White & Boyd PA in Greenville, has been elected to another term as a 13th Judicial Circuit delegate in the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates, which establishes policy for the state bar association. ■ BIRTH: Christopher and Balbeer Sihra Bourne, a daughter, Sofia Kaur Sihra Bourne, June 27, 2005, Beaufort, S.C.

Next reunion in 2010


This year is reunion!

Lola Catoe Hart has been hired by Greer (S.C.) State Bank as vice president and controller. She previously held a similar position at First Savers Bank. ■ H. John Walter III (M.A.) has been named associate head of school at Greenville’s Christ Church Episcopal School, where he had been middle school director since 1988. ■ MARRIAGE: Kristen Duggan and Jim Weathersby, July 29, 2005. Kristy is senior counsel with Cox Communications Inc. in Atlanta. ■ BIRTH: Zan and Amy Love, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, October 8. They live in Waxhaw, N.C., and Zan works in real estate for DR Horton.

Next reunion in 2008

Allan and Betsy Bennett live in Murrells Inlet, S.C. Allan is a physician with Clinical Pathology Consultants. ■ Larry Grady (M.A. ’91) has become athletic director and head football coach at Chapin (S.C.) High School. He was previously athletic director at White Knoll High School in Lexington, S.C. ■ Lynne Faulkner Smith earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She is affiliated with the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. ■ BIRTH: Tommy and Jenifer Little, a daughter, Blair Elizabeth, May 19, Tampa, Fla.

Next reunion in 2009

Kristie McCollister of Alpharetta, Ga., is director of operations with DASH INC., a non-profit organization that partners with churches to help with curriculum, vision and implementation of relevant student ministry.

Next reunion in 2010

Chad Fetzer and his family have moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., where he serves as minister of students and families at First Baptist Church. ■ Martha Clark Thomas received her master’s degree in English from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and is self-employed as a technical writing consultant. ■ MARRIAGES: Kenneth Stevens Corts and Harriet Arnold Wilburn ‘74, president; Randolph W. Blackwell ’63, president elect; Clare Folio Morris ’83, vice president; James H. Simkins, Jr. ’78, past president; Rebecca Ann Armacost ’89; Venita Tyus Billingslea ’81; John M. Block ’63; Edna Wells Boyd ’54; J. Chris Brown ’89; Rosalie Manly Burnett ’49; H. Furman Cantrell ’61; Bobby E. Church ’78; David S. Cobb ’90; Allen Cothran ’01; George L. Johnson ’68; Vicki Biekscha Johnson ’93; L. Yates Johnson, Jr. ’58; William A. Lampey ’41; Charles W. Linder ’59; J. Cordell Maddox ’54; Joseph C. Moon, Jr. ’76; Ellison L. Smith ’89; Cynthia Black Sparks ’80; Heyward M. Sullivan ’59.

Ex-Officio and Other Members: David E. Shi ’73, president; Donald J. Lineback, vice president for development; Tom Triplitt ’76, director of Alumni Association; Jane Dungan, associate director of Alumni Association; Tina Hayes Ballew ’78, associate director of Alumni Association; C. Todd Maio ’95, president, Young Alumni Council; Tynor Ray ’07, president, Student Alumni Council; Carre Beth Wallace ’07, president, Association of Furman Students; Will Bryan ’07, president, Senior Class.
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This year is reunion!
ADOPTION: Anita Roper, a son, Eli Samuel Roper, born February 18. Anita is youth program coordinator with United Crescent Hill Ministries in Louisville, Ky.
BIRTHS: Evan and Shannon Brooks, a daughter, Georgia Steele, March 9, Denver, Colo.
Rebecca Ringer and Brian Estridge, a daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, February 21. Rebecca is a Ph.D. candidate in musicology at the University of North Texas and teaches at Collin County Community College in Dallas. In September she is scheduled to present a paper at an international symposium and festival celebrating the work of composer Robert Schumann, to be held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.
Paul and Tristenne Wessel Robin, a son, Charles Louis, March 28, Huntsville, Ala.
David and Ashley Huggins Smith, a son, Walker David, April 22, 2005, Camden, S.C. Ashley is event designer with Metropolitan Design, LLC.
Timothy and Dawn Vorel, a son, Conrad, May 1, 2005, Rincon, Ga. Tim is a financial consultant with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Five join Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Alumni Association welcomes five new members to its Board of Directors this fall. The board provides support, guidance and leadership to Furman, represents the opinions, needs and interests of the entire alumni constituency to the university, and promotes alumni involvement in Furman activities.

The new members, nominated by the board at the spring meeting, agreed to serve five-year terms. They are:

Loy Yates Johnson, Jr. ’59, Spartanburg, S.C. Yates is founder and chief executive officer of Yates Johnson & Company, a yarn brokerage firm. He is active in the Spartanburg Rotary Club and the Episcopal Church of the Advent. He has also been involved with the Alston Wilkes Society, which works with prison inmates and their families, having served on the group’s state board of directors and as a chapter president.

Joseph C. Moon ’76, Monroe, Ga. Joe, who is dean of campus life at Oxford College, earned his medical degree from Emory University, holds master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Georgia. He is an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ga., is on the board of the Newton County Chamber of Commerce and is a past board member of Newton County Literacy Volunteers.

Cynthia Black Sparks ’80, Columbus, Ga. Cindy, who for the last five years has been college coordinator at Brookstone School, recently assumed duties as head of the school’s servant leadership program. A deacon at First Baptist Church, she is active with various non-profit groups in Columbus. She is a former admissions counselor at Furman and has been active as a class agent.

Rebecca Ann Armacost ’89, Tucson, Ariz. Becca received Furman’s Alumni Service Award for 2005. She is corporate director for management training and development at Tucson Medical Center and was previously an assistant vice president for diversity and corporate relations with Georgia Power. Active with Habitat for Humanity and the American Cancer Society, she has been president of the Atlanta Furman Club, a class agent and a mock interviewer for the Office of Career Services.

Ellison Leon Smith, Jr. ’89, Asheville, N.C. Ellison, who earned his medical degree from the University of North Carolina, is a rheumatologist with Asheville Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center and is president of the North Carolina Rheumatology Association. He was included in Best Doctors in America 2005-06 and has taught at Harvard University and at UNC. He is active with the Hall Pass Outdoor Adventure Racing Team.

The board also wishes to express appreciation to those who completed their terms of service this year: Ginger Malone Sauls ’75, Paul Nix ’77, Steve Smith ’83, David Schilli ’85 and Rebecca Hood Becherer ’89. Special thanks is extended as well to outgoing president Jim Simkins ’78 for his energetic leadership and hard work.

In addition, the board bids farewell to Davin Welter ’89, who has assumed a different set of Furman-related duties: he is now one of the university’s senior major gifts officers.

— Tom Triplitt ’76
Director, Alumni Association
Next reunion in 2008
Percussion professor John Parks received the 2005-06 University Teaching Award at Florida State University.

Randall Traynham of The Palmetto Bank has earned the certified treasury professional credential through the Association for Financial Professionals. He is the third individual in South Carolina to achieve both the certified treasury professional and accredited Automated Clearing House Professional credentials. He lives in Laurens.


Jennifer Perkinson Walker, a son, William Roy, April 8, Raleigh, N.C. Jennifer is a licensed professional counselor with ValueOptions.

David and Patricia Garin White, a son, Robert Edward, April 21, Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Next reunion in 2009
Jessica Marsh Daly, previously employed in marketing and communications with the S.C. Department of Commerce, has joined the Clare Morris Agency in Columbia, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2007
Keely Burrell received her J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina in May.

Allen Clayton has been promoted with Tenet Healthcare to assistant chief financial officer at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, N.C.

Carl Sullivan is news editor at Newsweek.com, which was recently a finalist for the general excellence award among on-line magazine Web sites at the National Magazine Awards. The site won the EPPY Award from Editor and Publisher for Best National Magazine-affiliated Web site.

BIRTHS: Daniel and Tomiko Brown-Nagin, a son, Avishai Brown Nagin, February 9. Tomiko, who formerly taught at Washington University in St. Louis, has joined the faculty at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville as a professor of law and history.

Clint and Christine Thompson Cook, a daughter, Amelia Ann, December 1, Alpharetta, Ga.

Johan and Lisa Bunce Enslin, a daughter, Bethany Anne, March 2, Summerville, S.C.

Todd and Pamela Gabe, a son, Quentin Gerald, May 5, 2005, Bangor, Maine. Todd is a professor in the Department of Resource Economics and Policy at the University of Maine. Larry and Heidi Lee Hannon, a son, Robert Elijah, February 1, Charlotte, N.C. Heidi is a grant writer with Elon Homes for Children.

Ben and Kristin Magnacca Wolverton, a daughter, Lillian Elizabeth, May 8, Raleigh, N.C.

David and Hope McIlwain Wood, a daughter, Sarah Rella, January 19, Macon, Ga. Hope is an associate professor of mathematics at Mercer University.

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Next reunion in 2008

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as vice president for creative strategies. ■ Will Waring
graduated from the Cumberland
School of Law at
Samford University in Bir-
mingham, Ala. He will clerk
for Judge Diane Goodstein
of the First Judicial Circuit
of South Carolina. ■ BIRTH:
Mike and Hannah Bright Morris,
a daughter, Frances Langston,
January 19, Mount Pleasant,
S.C. Hannah is a proficient
learning consultant.

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Next reunion in 2010
Amy Meyers Hass has been
appointed assistant general
counsel in the University of
Florida’s Office of the Vice
President and General Counsel.
She previously practiced in the
New York law firm of Suther-
land Ashby & Brennan LLP.
■ Ellen Gibson Johnston
Rayner of Charleston, S.C.,
received her Ph.D. in mathemat-
ics from the University of
Mississippi last year and has
been a visiting professor at
Charleston Southern
University. ■ MARRIAGES:
Elizabeth Kirven and John
Oettinger, December 17. They
live in Louisville, Ky., where
he is a dental student and she
is pursuing a career in acting.
■ Keith Matthews and
Castriona Erlandson ’96,
November 26. He is a high
school band director and she
is a student in veterinary
medicine at the University of
Georgia. ■ Cynthia Price
and Tom Schrader, March 4.
Cynthia is a vice president
with Citigroup in Jacksonville,
Fla. ■ BIRTHS: Nathan ’98
and Mary Beth Marchant
Galbreath, a daughter, Beatrice
Wilson, November 10, Dallas,
Texas. Nathan is a corporate
bankruptcy attorney with
Patton Boggs, LLP. ■ John
and Anne Wilson Jordan, a son,
John Wilson Jordan, January
20, Charlotte, N.C. ■ Michael
and Christine Powell ’00
Kellett, a son, West Powell
Kellett, May 29, 2005,
Charlotte, N.C. Michael
is minister with youth and
children at Park Road Baptist
Church. ■ Ben and Heidi
Schrecengost Martin, a son,
Maxwell Christopher, November
16. Heidi is living in Salem,
S.C., while Ben serves his
second tour in Iraq. ■ Jeff
and Suzanne Schwerin Meece,
a daughter, Stacy Lynn, May 4,
Greer, S.C. ■ Jeff and Shannan
Montgomery, a son, Ben,
January 12, Athens, Ga. Jeff
is an information media
analyst in Athens-Clarke
County government. ■
Cameron and Dawn Nussle,
twins, a son, Riley Graeme,
and a daughter, Grace
Elizabeth, February 24,
Appleton, Wis. Cameron is a
senior associate with
Kimberly-Clark. ■ Joey and
Kristen Patterson Skelton, a
son, Dylan Patterson Skelton,
February 13, Milwaukee, Wis.

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This year is reunion!
Jennifer Freeman Lepori
of Maywood, N.J., is pursuing
a master’s degree in educa-
tional leadership at the College
of St. Elizabeth. She teaches
at Ho-Ho-Kus Public School.
■ John Nicoll and his wife,
Chasity, have opened The
Law Office of Nicoll and Nicoll
in Manchester, Tenn., a general
practice with areas of empha-
sis in real estate, business,
employment and criminal law.
Both John and Chasity were
previously JAG officers in the
U.S. Army. The couple and
their home were featured on
Home and Garden Television’s
“Generation Renovation” pro-
gram in May. ■ Julie West
Torres is an instructional
specialist at the University of
Texas-Arlington. ■ MARRIAGES:
Andy Bullock and Meredith King,
November 26. Andy is a portfolio
underwriting manager with Liberty
Mutual. They live in Boston.
■ Robert Douglas Buntin
and Jennifer Nicole Judd
’99, May 13. Jennifer is an attorney
with Gallivan White & Boyd
PA in Greenville. ■ Joshua
Wilhoit and Emily Mackel,
October 15. They live in
Charleston, S.C., where he
is a software developer with
Blackbaud and she is an ac-
tress. ■ BIRTHS: Joey and
Robin Riggins Brosnan, a son,
Reid Joseph, December 31,
Atlanta. Robin is a dental
hygienist. ■ Chris and Mandy
Faletti Crock, a son, Cameron,
March 24. Chris works in
financial planning with F&D
Advisors, LLC, in Atlanta.
■ Tim and Suzanne Mackey
Frye, a son, Collin Edward,
May 17, Colorado Springs,
Colo. ■ Jonathan and Holly
Dickey Ridgway, a son, John
Osborn, June 4, 2005,
Greenville. ■ David and Angela
Cook ’97 Robbins, a son,
Charles David, June 13, 2005,
Raleigh, N.C. ■ Jonathan and
Jill Richards Simpson, a son,
Noah Paul, February 9, Rock
Hill, S.C. ■ Steven and Paige
Sutton Smith, a daughter,
Sarah Campbell, March 28,
Greenville. Paige is a pedi-
atriic physical therapist at
Shriners Hospital for Children.
■ Brent and Zandra Solomon,
a daughter, Ian Lenise, August
4, 2005, Greensboro, N.C.
Brent is owner of Brent
Solomon & Company. ■
Bryan and Jenny Bernard
Starks, a daughter, Ella Marie,
April 11, Greer, S.C. ■
Andrew and Maria Thrailkill
Vaughn, a son, Thomas,
January 11, Nashville, Tenn.

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Next reunion in 2007
Christa Bailey lives in Orlando,
Fla., and is administrative
manager for Republican U.S.
Sen. Mel Martinez. ■ After
receiving his Master of
Divinity degree from Drew
Theological School in May,
Brad Bannon of Union, N.J.,
was scheduled to begin a
Master of Philosophy program
at Dharmaram College in
Bangalore, India. Following
that two-year program, he
plans to return to the States
to begin study toward a Ph.D.
in comparative religion with
an emphasis in Hinduism.
■ Erin Culbertson has been
named a partner with the law
firm of Nelson & Culbertson
LLC (formerly the Cecil H.
Nelson, Jr., firm) in Green-
ville. She has practiced with
the firm for five years, special-
izing in real estate transactions
and litigation. ■ Scott and
Paige Hofer live in Hoover,
Ala. He works with Storm
Water Management Authority,
Inc. ■ Robert Jetton of Cary,
N.C., is a research forester
with Camcore. ■ MARRIAGE:
Jeanine Ann Burns and Brian
Englert, June 4, 2005. They live in Atlanta
where Jeanine is a learning specialist at Blessed Trinity
Catholic High School. Brian has completed his doctorate in
organic chemistry and begun a postdoctoral program in
materials science and engineering at Georgia Tech.
■ BIRTHS: Jeremy and
Marianna Erter Holloman,
a son, Samuel Augustine,
April 27, Beaufort, S.C.
■ Jerry and Heather Griffin
Canipe, a daughter, Abigail
Madelyn, February 20. They
live in Boiling Springs, S.C.,
and Heather is a media
specialist in Spartanburg
School District 2. ■ Gregg
and Dorothy Hanckel
Lancaster, a daughter, Anne
Hanckel Lancaster, April 4,
Charleston, S.C. ■ Rob and
Holly Tims, a son, Jonathan
Edward, February 27,
Nashville, Tenn. Rob is
minister to students at Forest
Hills Baptist Church.

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Next reunion in 2008
Laura Scholz Mavretich
of East Point, Ga., is project
manager with Manning
Selvage and Lee, a public
relations firm in Atlanta.
■ James and Heather
Thornton McRae were sched-
uled to move to Missouri this
summer, where James has
accepted a tenure-track
teaching position at West-
minster College in Fulton.
Both recently earned degrees from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. Heather received the Dai Ho Chun Fellowship for thesis completion while pursuing her master’s in medieval history, and James earned his Ph.D. in comparative philosophy. MARRIAGES: Heather Booth and Dan Howard, March 25. Heather is regional data analyst with EDs and Dan is a major in the U.S. Marine Corps. They live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Christopher Scharver and Kelly Gorman, March 18. They live in Chicago where Chris works with the Rehabilitation Institute and Kelly is a career counselor at the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business. BIRTHS: Jed and Janice Anthony, a son, Noah Edward, March 3, Stevensville, Md. Jed is a loan officer with Mercantile Eastern Shore Bank. Scott and Christina Clanton, a son, Davis Taylor, January 20, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Scott is an assistant vice president with National Bank of South Carolina.


Ryan ’99 and Missy Griscom Lewis, a son, Jacob Carson, January 22, Lexington, S.C. Ryan is a D.M.A. candidate in percussion performance at the University of South Carolina and Missy is a project office manager with the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Shamgar and Cheley Milner McDowell, a son, Phinehas Joshua, April 9, Simpsonville, S.C. Jason and Kate Chambless McMullen, a son, Thackston Joseph, March 25, Cincinnati, Ohio. Jonathan and Cathy Milanircik, a son, Jonathan Grady, February 11, New Bern, N.C. Pete and Amanda MacKee Peterson, a daughter, Celia Anne, January 8, Tallahassee, Fla. Ryan and Heather Barton ’99 Thompson, a daughter, Sarah Brooks, April 12, Charleston, S.C.

David and Jennifer Turner Weber, a son, Fred David III, February 7, Oriental, N.C.

Next reunion in 2009

Samantha Elliott Kerry has accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor of biology at St. Mary’s College of Maryland. Her teaching specialties include cell biology, immunology, genetics and non-major’s biology courses. She is completing postdoctoral studies at Duke University. Jennifer Adamson Moorhead, who practices in the areas of real estate and corporate and business transactions with the Leatherwood Walker Todd and Mann law firm in Greenville, has been named to the board of the South Carolina Council on Economic Education. The council promotes economic development through education in kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms.

MARRIAGES: Trevor Ream and Nicole Marie Pascoe ’00, March 18. They live in Greenville. Lauren Smith and Mike Hillesheim, April 22. They live in Carlisle, N.M., and Lauren is an associate hydrogeologist with Intera. Katherine Thompson and Adam Thrower, September 17. They live in Birmingham, Ala., where Katherine works for Docupak, a marketing firm, and Adam is a project manager in the health care division of Hoar Construction.

BIRTHS: Andy and Elizabeth Batten Crocker, a son, Andrew David, March 16, Madison, Ala. Brett and Jaime Henkel Holbert, a son, Coleman Mason, August 12, 2005, McDonough, Ga. Jaime is a program specialist with the Georgia Department of Education. Brad and Susan Whitlow Malemezian, a son, Tyler Charles, December 14, Atlanta. Susan is a grant writer for the cancer center at Grady Hospital and Brad is an electrical engineer with IDT.

Matthew and Sarah Odell Smith, a daughter, Abigail Ann, October 4, Summerville, S.C. Sarah is a research assistant with Arbogen.

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Nicholas Pennington of Santa Barbara, Calif., was scheduled to move to Philadelphia in June to begin law school at Drexel University. Major League Soccer and Soccer United Marketing have named Stephen Rodriguez the companies’ manager of sports communications. He oversees all soccer information activities and is the primary point of contact for beat reporters covering the league’s 12 teams. He previously worked for Jackson Spalding Communications, a public relations and marketing firm in Atlanta.

Scott Schilling has been invited to participate in the Walter W. Naumburg Viola Competition in New York City in October. The weeklong competition is one of the most prestigious for violists in the United States. Scott is a member of the Dayton (Ohio) Symphony and is completing a doctorate at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

MARRIAGES: Karyn Elizabeth McMahon and Spain Lutz, December 3. Karyn is a marketing specialist with the Spartanburg (S.C.) Regional Healthcare System.

Nicholas Walter and Jennifer Ray, June 11, 2005. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Nick is an associate in the Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson law firm.

BIRTHS: Addison and Caroline Kocher Dana, a son, Addison Albright II, April 17, New York City. Dillon and Amy Dieffenbach, a son, Zachary Benjamin, March 15, Stamford, Conn. Dillon recently accepted a position as assistant vice president for executive IT initiatives with Delta Funding Corp. He is responsible for the regulatory compliance of all of Delta’s IT systems.

Michael and Christine Aeschliman Forrester, a son, William Elgin, February 22, Atlanta. Brad and Allison Berry George, a daughter, Madison Audrey, March 17, Charlotte, N.C. Sid and Kimberly Kinoshita Khonolkar, a son, Tyler Nash, April 9, Mableton, Ga. Andy and Melissa Platt, a daughter, Sydney Rose, January 13, Nashville, Tenn. Andy is a financial analyst with Cybera, Inc.

Wesley and Elizabeth Sago Reid, a son, Walker, April 18, 2005, Marietta, Ga. Elizabeth is an accountant with Georgia Tech.

Brandon ’01 and Tara Brexel Smith, a son, Jarratt Jefferson, November 22, Florence, S.C.

Jay ’01 and Deborah Wells Thompson, a daughter, Annabelle Colvin, March 3, Columbia, S.C. Jay graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May and is set to join the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough firm this fall.

Michael and Emily Smith White, a daughter, Ellison Catherine, May 9, Durham, N.C.

Scott Dabels and Kimberly Whitten, a son, Trent Matthew, August 30, 2005, Germantown, Md. James and Candace Cuddy Williams, a son, Siler James, January 19. James received his doctorate in medical dentistry from the University of Florida in May
and has begun a residency program in gynecology at the University of Tennessee.

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This year is reunion!

Michelle Abraham teaches church history, world religions and systematic theology at Fort Bend Baptist Academy in Sugarland, Texas. She previously worked as a campus ministry assistant at Nicholls State University in Louisiana.

Timothy Bries is a marketing specialist/producer with The Furman Co. Insurance Agency in Greenville.

Heather Flanagan graduated from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., in May. She now lives in Tallahassee, Fla.

Mary Margaret Flannagan of Bristol, Tenn., completed her Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Theological Seminary in May.

Ashley Harwell has completed her Master of Landscape Architecture degree at Auburn University and is working with The Landscape Studio in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Kathryn Heard of Jacksonville, Fla., has received her Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary. She was ordained in June and is associate pastor for youth and their families at Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach.

Kristina Hoover earned her M.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina last year and is stationed with the U.S. Navy in Portsmouth, Va.

Antoinette Denise Rhynes received her M.D. degree in May and is a family medicine resident with AnMed Health in Anderson, S.C.

Having graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina, Cheryl Widenko is a resident in orthodontics at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

MARRIAGES: Bridgett Giles and Wayne Edwards, April 22. They live in Bristol, Conn. She is a commercial operations coordinator at ESPN, where he also works.

Kevin McLendon and Marisa Christina Poston, March 11. Marisa is media and community relations representative with WCI Communities and Kevin is business development manager for the National Golf Foundation. They live in Hobe Sound, Fla.

Kristie Nicole McWilliams and Steven William Oliver, Jr., March 20. They are students at Clemson University.

David Allen Robbins and Laurie Shannon Green, March 11. Both are employed in Greenville, he as a systems analyst at GHA and she as a project manager at Allora, LLC.

James Leroy Wells III and Sarah Ann Hill, October 15. He is a doctor at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and she is scheduled to start an internal medicine residency at MUSC.

BIRTHS: Phillip '02 and Amy Cushing Berry, a daughter, Piper Anne, May 11. Phillip is associate area director with Young Life in Snellville, Ga.

Brian and Melanie Goode Callahan, a daughter, Ansley Grace, March 6. They live in Liberty, S.C.

Richard and Melissa Jackson, a daughter, Mia Sue, February 3, Cincinnati, Ohio. Richie is a financial planner.

Adam and Lisa Elispermann Lombardo, a son, Caleb Addison, November 19, Ocala, Fla. Lisa received her master's degree in public administration in December and is major gifts officer for the CFCC Foundation.

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Next reunion in 2007

Jessica Anderson recently graduated with distinction from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law.

Susan Gregory has earned a Master of Science degree in forest resources/wildlife from the University of Arkansas-Monticello.

Robert Hartman of Greenville received his medical degree from the University of South Carolina and has begun a residency in pediatrics at the Greenville University Medical Center.

Brooks Jones, a graduate student in chemistry at Northwestern University in Evanston, III., won the masters men's title at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, held March 29-April 2 in Dallas, Texas.

Danielle Logan received her J.D. degree from the University of Georgia School of Law and is employed with Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., in Charlotte, N.C.

Josh Patterson has become an assistant principal at Boiling Springs Intermediate School in Spartanburg (S.C.) District 2. He most recently taught at Fairforest Middle School in Spartanburg District 6.

Anne Marie Tominack Sibal of Fort Bragg, N.C., received her J.D. degree from the Norman A. Wiggins Law School at Campbell University in May.

Sheilvs Smith earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He is affiliated with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta of the Presbyterian Church-USA.


Katherine Grace Anderton and Robert Andrew Kidd '03, February 18. They live in Jacksonville, Fla., where Katie is a pharmaceutical sales representative and Andy is employed by Episcopal High School.

Gina Arbore and Trevor Bleedorn, April 29. They live in Atlanta where Gina is a senior graphic designer with Adrenaline, Inc., and Trevor is an account manager at Octagon Sports Marketing.

Kate Hamel and Alex Kinnaird, November 5. Both received their medical degrees in May, Kate from Emory University and Alex from the Medical College of Georgia. They are now pursuing internal medicine residencies in San Antonio, she at Brooke Army Medical Center and he at the University of Texas.

Maria Larson and Ramon Arocha-Michelli, August 20, 2005. They live in Atlanta. Maria works for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama, Inc.

Sara Rice and Peter Wichers, January 8. They live in Cornelius, N.C. Peter is a professional guitarist and record producer.

Corey Smith and Cindy Walsh, May 28, Greenville. Corey is a software engineer with Benefitfocus.com. Cindy is an accountant at the South Carolina Telco
Federal Credit Union and is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Furman’s Undergraduate Evening Studies program.

**BIRTH:** Lee and Emily Catherine McNair McDowell, a son, Lindsay, November 22, Fort Worth, Texas. Emily teaches fourth grade and Lee is a seminary student.

**Next reunion in 2008**

Andrew Bentley received his Master of Divinity degree from Duke University in May. Sarah Brown has been relocated to London, England, by Duke Corporate Education, recognized by *Business Week* and *Financial Times* as the No. 1 custom executive education firm in the world. She will manage the company’s custom corporate education programs. In May, Colleen Carson received her J.D. degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif., and plans to begin work this fall on a Master of Law degree at Boston University. Bradford Casanova has been sworn in as a special agent with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and is stationed in Asheville. He earned his Master of Science degree from Furman this spring. Katie Flythe has earned a Master of Arts degree in gerontology from Appalachian State University and is a social worker at Carolina Meadows, a continuing care retirement community in Chapel Hill, N.C. Jessica Grandillo of Nashville, Tenn., is a graduate student at Vanderbilt University where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Luis Velez (M.A.) has been accepted into the Doctor of Education in Exercise and Sport Science program at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Amanda Brackett Warren, a music teacher at Riverside Middle School in Anderson (S.C.) District 4 since 2003, was recently selected by fellow faculty members as the school’s 2006-07 Teacher of the Year. MARRIAGES: Matthew Albert and Katherine Poss, May 6. Matt is regional product specialist affiliated with the Savannah, Ga., office of Brasseler USA. Dan Buce and Shannon Butler, December 4. They live in Lawrenceville, Ga. Dan works with Gwinnett Outreach/Young Life and Shannon is a student in mystic dance therapy at the University of Georgia. Emily Carter and Jonathan Cox, May 13. They live in Raleigh, N.C., and Emily works as an Americorps/VISTA volunteer with the North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs. Chuck Flannagan and Terri Major, March 25. They live in McDonough, Ga. Chuck is a sponsorship and marketing executive with Speedway Motorsports Inc.

Jane Gehrmann and Seth Hooper, November 19. Jane received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and now works as a nurse at MUSC. Mary Elizabeth

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**Your ‘junk’ might be the Furman archives’ treasure**

On two small shelves in a corner of the James Buchanan Duke Library sits Furman’s entire memorabilia collection: 78 items. These general artifacts, collected or given to the university during the course of its 180 years, fill only five boxes.

As the Special Collections and Archives intern for History 84 (Experiential Learning in History) in the spring of 2006, I was assigned to catalog and organize these links to the past. I did find additional collections of artifacts, but they focused more on a specific person or organization.

As for the general collection, the artifacts are surprisingly varied. A tintype of a Civil War soldier who attended Furman was in the same box as a bumper sticker from the school’s 150th anniversary in 1976. Furman University Student Activities Board (FUSAB) sunglasses were wrapped in old baseball stockings in another box.

Did you know that Wedgwood once created a series of plates that featured the original Bell Tower from the men’s campus in downtown Greenville? Furman has the plate in mulberry, but green and blue plates also exist. The archives would love to find a complete set.

Do you think that Furman placed more emphasis on saving football memorabilia during the glory days of the 1930s, when the university won state championships and consistently defeated Clemson and South Carolina, or the 1980s, when the Paladins became a Southern Conference power and Division I-AA national champions? The archives boasts seven footballs from the 1930s, but the only thing commemorating the 1988 national title is a T-shirt.

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Other unusual items in the collection are an 1856 cast of the face of student William Nathaniel Rosamond, a hitching-post ring from the president’s home on the men’s campus, and a plastic construction hat from the Cherrydale moving party in 1998.

Special Collections and Archives would like to find more such items to strengthen and expand its collection of historical artifacts.

To do so, it needs the help of alumni and friends. If you have an item of historical significance that you would be willing to donate, please contact Debbeelee Landi, department director, at (864) 294-2194 or e-mail debbeelee.landi@furman.edu.

Memorabilia is considered any item with a connection to alma mater, whether it’s a class ring, a photograph or a ticket stub for a campus event. So when you come across an old Beach Weekend T-shirt that’s a bit too snug or a stack of extra Commencement invitations that you never mailed, think of Special Collections and Archives at Furman.

That’s just the kind of treasure they’re looking for.

— Ashley Walters ’06
Londa Knight and Shane Greene, May 21, 2005. Both earned master’s degrees from Villanova University in Pennsylvania and are teaching in North Carolina. Elizabeth Mexley and David Brown, March 11. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

**BIRTH**

Josh '04 and Vanessa Goings McWhorter, a daughter, Lily Grace, March 9. Both Josh and Vanessa work in Atlanta, Vanessa as a nurse recruiter at Children’s Healthcare and Josh as a financial planner with Capstone Financial Partners.

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**Next reunion in 2009**

Melissa Kimberly Bayles has been promoted to producer with WYFF-TV in Greenville.

After receiving his master’s degree in accounting from Kennesaw State University in May, Christopher Foster became a staff auditor for Ernst & Young in Atlanta.

Elizabeth Caroline Head finished her master’s degree in French at the University of Virginia and has been accepted into the Ph.D. program to concentrate on Medieval French Literature. She will be an exchange student for the next school year and will teach English at the Universite Lyon II.

Amanda Moseley has been promoted to public relations account executive by the Erwin-Penland firm in Greenville.

Amelia DeLoach Nickerson is campaign and research coordinator for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Lauren Crumley Papka started an administrative residency at Ty Cobb Healthcare System in Royston, Ga., in July and received an M.B.A. degree from Georgia State University in August. Upon completion of her residency next summer, she will receive a master’s degree in health administration.

Nikki Pressley has joined the Bounce Agency in Greenville as a studio artist. She previously worked as a free-lance graphic designer.

**MARRIAGES**

Jimmy West is a police officer with the Athens-Clarke County (Ga.) Police Department.

Tyler Bax and Laura Caroline Summers, April 22. Laura has been working as a research assistant at the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland. Both Tyler and Laura plan to enter graduate school at Duke University this fall.

Florence Bell and Andrew Eckstrom, April 22. Florence is events coordinator with the Girl Scout Council of the Congaree in Columbia, S.C.

Patrick Fillnow and Julia Fredrickson '05, December 10. He is a second-year medical student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She works for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and is working toward a master’s degree in social work at USC.

Dorthy Katherine French and Joseph Spencer Young, Jr., May 27. They live in Jackson, Miss., where Spence is in his third year at the Mississippi College School of Law. Dorthy graduated **summa cum laude** from Mississippi College with a master’s degree in public health services administration.

Adam Keyes and Shanah Wenger '05, January 20. They are on the road with Barnum & Bailey’s Traveling Circus, he as a contract tiger tamer and she as a flying trapeze artist.

**Next reunion in 2010**

Brandon Berry is young adults pastor at Angelus Temple in Pasadena, Calif. Baritone Josh Copeland, a graduate student at the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music, won second prize in the American Bach Soloists and Henry I. Goldberg International Young Artists Competition held in Berkeley, Calif., in June.

Nicholas Sanders, who last year played basketball professionally in the Netherlands, has been named an assistant men’s basketball coach at Furman.

Elizabeth Welden works as a marketing assistant with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, in Atlanta.

**MARRIAGES**

Heather Christine Ashley (M.A.) and Roddey Ebenezer Gettys IV, April 1. She is a first grade teacher in the Greenville County School District and he works at Palmetto Plating in Easley.

Heather Michelle Capps and Bryan Garrison Kirby, June 10. They live in Atlanta where Bryan is a marketing director at The BriarRose.

Melanie King and Chase Samples, May 20. They live in Athens, Ga., and both attend the University of Georgia. Melanie is a graduate research assistant working on a Master of Arts for Teachers degree and Chase is a law student.

Katherine Anne Thigpen and Jason Bradley Hawkins, March 25. They live in Greenville. Katherine is account manager at StreetWise Networks and Jason is a buyer at Guardian Building Products.

**DEATHS**

Mary Louise Costner Doster '27, May 15, Gastonia, N.C. She was a member of the Major William Gaston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society.

Juliet Jones '30, May 25, Simpsonville, S.C. A church pianist and elementary school teacher, she also owned and operated Rosery Flower Shoppes with her sister. She was a co-owner of Jones Funeral Home, where she also served as piano and organ accompanist.

Marian Amanda Burts '31, April 6, Honea Path, S.C. She had served as librarian at North Greenville College and was retired after 30 years as the head librarian at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C.

Edwin Poteat Todd '31, April 28, Spartanburg, S.C. He taught in Spartanburg County schools for 43 years. He was a basketball coach, a principal and a superintendent in high schools before becoming principal at the Cooperative School in 1945. He remained there until his retirement in 1974. In 1972, the school was renamed E.P. Todd Elementary in his honor.

Warren “Fuzzy” Wood, Sr. '32, March 27, Smithfield, Va. He had retired from the engineering department of Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding in 1970 after 31 years of service. He was chair of the Ration Board during World War II. A former member of the Warwick County School Board, he was a former member and chair of the Warwick Planning Commission and former chair of the Parkview Civic League.

Eleanor Page Anderson '33 (M.A. '46), May 10, Florence, S.C. She taught at McKenzie and Royall schools in Florence and was a member of the Florence Symphony Orchestra, with which she performed for more than 50 years.

Nelle Rosamond Farr '33, February 25, Greenville.

William Suttles '34, March 30, Greensboro, N.C. After working in Washington, D.C., during the Great Depression and serving in the U.S. military during World War II, he became a businessman in Greensboro.
Nona Welborn Putman '35, April 14, Fountain Inn, S.C. She retired in 1975 from the Greenville County School District after 32 years of service.

Frances DeShield Hopkins Ridgell ’37 (M.A. ’38), June 4, Batesburg, S.C. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators, taught South Carolina history and retired as a longtime director of the Batesburg-Leesville High School library. She was also an original member of the Lexington County (S.C.) Circulating Library. She was a member of the South Carolina Colonial Dames and the Clan MacDougall Society and was a charter member of the Granby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Lexington.

Helen Rhyme Marvin ’38, April 11, Gastonia, N.C. She was teaching in Gaston County (N.C.) schools when she became the first woman from that county elected to the North Carolina Legislature. She was a senator for 16 years until 1991, serving on a number of committees and on the Senate Education Committee. After her legislative duties ended, she was president of Marvin Rhyme Realty Co. Active in community and civic organizations, she was named a North Carolina Distinguished Woman, North Carolina Democratic Woman of the Year, Cleveland and Gaston Counties Distinguished Woman and Pioneer Girl Scouts of America Council Distinguished Woman. She received the Gaston Chamber of Commerce Athena Award and the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, the state’s highest civilian honor.

William Pitts Alston, Sr. ’39 (M.A. ’63), May 25, Sumter, S.C. He served 21 years in the U.S. Marine Corps until his retirement in November 1961. He served in World War II and the Korean Conflict and received the Legion of Merit and the Air Medal. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Society of High Hills of Santee, and Society of the Cincinnati. His master’s degree was in counseling, and he retired from Sumter School District 2 as a guidance counselor at Hillcrest High School. While at Furman, he ran track. His family designated the Furman track team as a recipient of memorials.

Albert Ernest Radford ’39, April 12, Columbus, Ga. He was a professor at the University of North Carolina for more than 40 years and was best known as chief author of The Manual of the Vascular Flora of the Carolinas. He served in World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and in the campaigns in North Africa and Europe.

Eugenia Hargrove Simmons ’40, April 25, Lakeland, Fla. Jane Hedges Grumko ’41, March 4, West Yarmouth, Mass. She had worked at Yale University.

Elizabeth “Scoot” McMillan Speed ’41, March 30, Abbeville, S.C. She retired in 1985 from Burlington Industries, Inc., where she had worked as an executive secretary and later as a programmer/analyst. She served in the Women’s Army Corps and was secretary for the Abbeville Spring Festival Association. She was a board member of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce and was a board member and treasurer of the Heritage House.

Blanche Vann Riverbark Traylor ’41, April 4, Greenville. She was a retired executive secretary with the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission and was a member and past regent of the Nathanael Greene Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dean Clyde, Sr. ’42, June 2, Columbia, S.C. He was licensed to the ministry in 1939 in North Carolina and was ordained in 1945 by Heath Springs (S.C.) Baptist Church. He served a number of Baptist churches in South Carolina before retiring in 1986, after which he was minister of visitation at Park Street Baptist Church in Columbia.

Catherine White Rhodes ’43, May 1, Hilton Head Island, S.C. She taught first grade in the Prince George’s County (Va.) school system until retiring in 1983.

Perla Belle Parker Stowe, M.A. ’43, March 31, Greenville. She taught for 41 years in the Greenville County School District and was active in professional organizations, having been a past president of the Greenville County Education Association, the Greenville-Parker Classroom Teacher Association and the Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. At the state level, she served as recording secretary of the South Carolina Education Association. She held life membership in the National Education Association, the South Carolina Education Association, the South Carolina Retired Educators Association, the American Association of University Women and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Mildred Watson Gaillard ’48, December 30, Anderson, S.C. She was a former social worker with the South Carolina Department of Social Services and was a life accredited flower judge.

Ann Bruce Tatum ’48, April 15, Davidson, N.C. She taught for 38 years, first at St. Andrews High School in Charleston, S.C., and then at James F. Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C. She received numerous awards during her teaching career, including the Freedom Foundation Award for history.

David McCall, Sr. ’49, February 28, Anderson, S.C. He was the retired owner and operator of McCall’s Men’s Store. He served in the U.S. Air Force, was a member of the Belton Investment Club and received the “Friendliest and Most Courteous Salesman Award” from the Anderson Independent-Mail.

Suzanne Janes Reynolds ’49, March 7, Greenville.

Nell Woods Saye ’49, March 6, Fountain Inn, S.C. She had been associated with Saye Drug Company.

Joseph Ben Brockman ’50, May 25, Atlanta. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a retired insurance agent for Liberty Life and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Charles Earle “Skeet” Graddick, Jr. ’50, May 11, Greenville. He was retired as owner of Graddick’s Animal Hospital and was a former president of the Greenville County Veterinary Medical Association. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Dean Wright USSery ’50, March 25, Charleston, S.C. He was a Baptist minister for 50 years and pastored churches in Louisiana and South Carolina. He was active in all phases of local, state and associational Baptist work. He was instrumental in establishing the Baptist Student Union at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., and worked for the Home
Furman loses two prominent leaders

Furman lost two distinguished leaders and generous supporters in June with the deaths of Dwight Smith '43 and James W. Foley.

Dwight Smith, a longtime family practitioner in Williamston, S.C., died June 13.

A native of Saluda, S.C., and a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, Smith was the founder of Williamston Hospital and established an obstetrics clinic that grew into a 30-bed hospital. He was a familiar figure around Williamston, as he traditionally rode his bicycle to work each day. He was the first physician in the Anderson area to be certified by the American Board of Family Practice and was for years team physician at Palmetto High School, where he is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Rooms in the Family Practice Center and the Sebring-Aimar Alumni House at MUSC are named in his honor, and alumni also voted him one of the institution's most prominent graduates.

At Furman he provided substantial support for athletics, scholarships and lecturerships, among them the Hoyt Cromwell Burnett Scholarship, which honors his uncle, and the J. Albert Southern Chemistry Scholarship and Lectureship.

Smith was a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto. Furman presented him the Bell Tower Award in 1999 to recognize his distinguished career and exceptional community service.

James W. Foley, former president and vice chair of Texaco and a Furman trustee from 1977 to 1982, died June 22 on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

An honor graduate of the petroleum engineering school at Texas A&M, Foley quickly worked his way up the corporate ladder at The Texas Company. In 1949 he moved to New York as assistant to the vice president in charge of production operations.

He was named vice president in 1953 and later that year, at 43, was elected to the board of directors, the youngest director since company founder Joe Cullinan. Foley was named president in 1956 and went on to direct major expansions of the company's global interests and nuclear and space industry initiatives.

After retiring from Texaco in 1967, he moved to the Greenville area and became active in community work. In addition to serving on the Furman board, he was a longtime member of the university's Advisory Council and was corporate chair for the Campaign for Furman's Future in the early 1980s.

Foley served on the boards of many organizations, among them the Arabian American Oil Company, the TransArabia Pipeline, Hartford Insurance, Builder's Mart and the S.C. Energy Research Institute. He was an honorary life member of the board of the American Petroleum Institute and was a trustee of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, the United Hospital Fund of New York, the National Industrial Conference Board and the Military Petroleum Advisory Board.

Mission Board in Louisiana. He served in the Army Signal Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Evalyn Hudson Weichel ’50, April 9, Bradenton, Fla. She was a life member of Entre Nous and a sustaining member of the Service Club of Manatee County.

Frances Wilbur Ballenger ’51, May 1, Mechanicville, Va.

Violé Pugh Ballew ’51, April 3, Garden City Beach, S.C. She began her career teaching at Rockwell High School in Salisbury, N.C., and at Rowan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She then became a social worker at Florence Crittenden Home in Charlotte, N.C., and eventually became a funeral director for Carothers Funeral Home in Gastonia, N.C., where, with her husband, Jesse, she also served as a counselor in a Grief Recovery Program.

William "Bud" Weathers ’51, April 24, Greenville. He was retired from the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and was also a retired Baptist minister, having served Buncombe Road Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Pacific Theater in World War II.

Quinn Clark Fisher ’52, April 6, Brooksville, Fla. He was a Baptist minister at churches in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida before retiring in 1984. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Samuel Hovey Jones, Jr. ’52, February 24, Dothan, Ala. He earned his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta and interned and served his medical residency at Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital, where he was chief resident from 1959-1960. He relocated to Dothan and opened a private practice in internal medicine. He was certified and recertified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1963 and 1977, respectively. He was co-founder of Southern Clinic and was a member of the medical staff of Southeast Alabama Medical Center, where he developed the center's first cardiac care unit and also served as president of the medical staff. He was a member and past president of the Houston County Medical Society and of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, the American Society of Internal Medicine and the American College of Physicians.

Conrad Hall ’53, April 4, Mauldin, S.C. He was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps, having served in World War II and the Vietnam War. He later retired from South Carolina government as a meat inspector.
Jeanne Sawyer Henderson '53, April 8, Greenville.

Worth McMillan Cottingham, Jr. '54, May 5, Greensboro, N.C. He had retired from Burlington Industries, Inc., as an accountant.

Tom White '54, April 23, Allendale, S.C. He served as pastor of Baptist churches in Enoree, S.C., and Allendale for 39 years.

Roy Edgar Watkins, Jr. '55, May 22, Charlotte, N.C. He served as pastor at Presbyterian churches in Georgia and South Carolina. He was an adjunct professor at Columbia Theological Seminary and a board member of Atlanta Area Presbyterian Homes, the Presbytery of the Piedmont and the Ministry Division of Bethel Presbytery. He served on the board of the United Way, Salvation Army and the Saluda Psychological Services Center, and was chair of York County Council on Aging.

Carolyn Adams Parler '59, May 9, North Augusta, S.C. She was a retired school teacher.

Joe Kenneth McConnell '60, April 21, Sullivans Island, S.C. He briefly worked with the South Carolina Department of Social Services before transferring to the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, working in Greenville and Charleston before retiring after 24 years of service. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and was a former Mason.

Linda Douglas Barlage '61, May 6, Seneca, S.C. She taught piano privately for 33 years and was senior choir director/organist at Central (S.C.) First Wesleyan Church for 45 years. She published a book, Legacy of Joy, in 2000, and in 2003 provided arrangement and musical accompaniment for a CD, "Songs of Hope." She was involved in a variety of music organizations in her community, including music clubs and theatre. She was active in the Clemson Area Christian Women's Club.

Roy Thomas Lundy '62, March 13, Hickory, N.C. He was a Baptist minister.

Lynn Taylor Lewis '64, March 6, Wilmington, N.C. She worked as an instructor in the kindergarten program of Snipes Elementary School in Wilmington and as music director for several local churches.

Elizabeth Simmons Edwards '65, April 28, Severna Park, Md. She was a teacher for more than 30 years in both the public and private sectors. She earned an advanced professional teaching certificate in English and social studies, but her passion was special education. Before retiring from the Arundel County public school system in 1997, she taught at the Harbor School and Innovative Learning Center in Annapolis.

James Ray Golden '65, March 4, Donalds, S.C. He was retired after 27 years service as band director with schools in Ninety Six, Greenwood District 52 and Belton-Honea Path. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

David Pickern, Jr. '70, September 27, Valrico, Fla.

Debin Ginn Benish '74, June 14, 2005, Columbia, Mo. She established Delta Systems, a computer consulting, training and software development company, which received the Small Business of the Year Award from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. She was head of the leadership council of the National Federation of Independent Businesses for Missouri and was Missouri's representative in 1995 to the White House Council on Small Business. Recently, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Network honored her accomplishments by establishing the Debin Benish Outstanding Businesswoman Award for deserving women in the Columbia business community. She was a member of the Missouri Master Naturalist program and was involved with the American Red Cross, Family Counseling Center and Central Missouri Food Bank, among others.

Cecile M. Pickart '76, April 5, Baltimore, Md. Co-vice-rector of her Furman class, she taught in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She earned her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Brandeis University and taught at the State University of New York-Buffalo before going to the Bloomberg School in 1995. Her research focused on the role of ubiquitin, an essential protein involved in cellular processes. The goal in understanding ubiquitin is to assist in developing drugs for treatment of such diseases as cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's. She conducted postdoctoral studies at the Institute for Cancer Research in Philadelphia and worked with 2004 Nobel Prize recipient Irwin Rose.

Rosella Elizabeth Trotter Long '86, May 18, Lexington, Ky. She was a licensed clinical social worker at The Ridge in Lexington and was a volunteer at the Lighthouse Christian Mission.

Caroline "Aprille" Dill, B.G.S. '00, May 14, Greenville. A competitive swimmer, she was a coach for Edwards Forest swim team in the late 1970s and later became an age group swim coach for Team Greenville. More recently, she learned water navigation and was a member of the U.S. Power Squadrions. She was on the board of Camp Opportunity until 2005, supporting summer camps for foster children. She was elected vice president of the South Carolina Financial Services Association in 2002 and then served as president from 2003-04. At the time of her death she was president of Dilco, a Greenville company.

Katherine King Allison '02, May 25, Waynesville, N.C. She was a retired records specialist with the State of South Carolina Health Department.

Robert Birdsall Cantrick, April 7, Williamsonville, N.Y. A former Furman professor, he was a composer and a flutist. During his years at Furman (1946-53), he founded the Greenville Symphony Orchestra and was its conductor from 1948 to 1951. He was also a conductor at the Juilliard School in New York and was an apprentice conductor with the Cleveland Orchestra. He taught music at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pennsylvania and at Cornell College in Iowa, and retired as professor of music from the State University of New York-Buffalo in 1985. He was a member of the American Music Center, American Society of Aesthetics, Society of the Composers, Music Educators National Conference, Society of Music Theory, National Flute Association and Phi Beta Kappa, and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mary Moore McKinney, June 19, Greenville. She was admissions coordinator at Furman for more than 18 years until retiring in 1987. For many prospective students she was the first person to greet them when they arrived on campus. She was also a master gardener who frequently beautified campus offices with flower arrangements.
Priceless Gem

Some people subscribe to the notion that the only thing you get out of life is what you take.

Ronald Hyatt, a 1956 Furman graduate and longtime professor at the University of North Carolina, has never been one of them. His philosophy, indeed his modus operandi, has been that you get the most out of life based on what you have to give.

In recent years, Hyatt’s body, if not his spirit, has been slowed by cancer. But he still makes the campus rounds, checking in with friends, ever optimistic and upbeat. Although he is officially retired, he maintains an office at UNC and plans to teach a course this fall.

Earlier this year, Hyatt’s contributions to the university he has served for four decades were recognized when he was presented one of UNC’s most select honors.

When athletic director Dick Baddour invited Hyatt to attend the North Carolina-Maryland basketball game February 26, Baddour told Hyatt that he would be called to the floor at halftime to pick up a letter of appreciation. But that was only half true.

Hyatt was actually there to receive the Priceless Gem Award, an honor the UNC athletic department bestows only on rare occasions — and only to those who have made a significant impact on the institution.

It was a big deal, as the people Baddour invited to share the moment made clear.

They included two of Hyatt’s closest friends, UNC president emeritus William C. Friday and Charlie Adams, longtime head of the North Carolina High School Association, which named Hyatt one of the state’s 50 most influential people in high school sports over the last half century. They were joined by UNC basketball coach Roy Williams, who worked and studied under Hyatt as an undergraduate in the 1970s, when Hyatt headed the intramurals program.

The citation accompanying the award stated, “Dr. Ron Hyatt, senior professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science and the director of the Program for Public Policy in Sport, is a shining light in North Carolina high school and collegiate athletics. Since coming to Chapel Hill to earn a master’s degree nearly 50 years ago, he has distinguished himself as a gentleman, scholar and pioneer in the study of sport.”

Baddour and Hyatt, who earned his doctorate at UNC, go back a long way — to 1968, when Baddour attended the National Guard’s Officer Candidate School and Hyatt, who served 41 years in the Guard before retiring as a colonel, taught his leadership class.

“Whether he is in front of a class or in front of your desk,” Baddour says, “there is just one Ron Hyatt: always creative, always full of energy, always full of ideas and always showing tremendous enthusiasm.

“That’s the way he talks. That’s the way he teaches. And that’s the way he treats people.”

Friday told The Chapel Hill News, “Ron Hyatt is the kind of person that has made Chapel Hill what it is. He’s always interested in the student, always giving of himself in every operation that the school asks him to do.”

Hyatt, a native of Latta, S.C., worked at several high schools and colleges in North Carolina before going to UNC in 1966. From 1992 until illness forced him to step aside several years ago, he was the faculty marshal.

The Priceless Gem Award is one of more than 20 honors Hyatt has received from various groups in recent years. Among the most prestigious is the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which recognizes extraordinary service to the state of North Carolina.

But “Hunkie,” as he was known at Furman, says the honor he values most is the first H.R. “Red” Dobson Award, which he received last fall at a golf tournament to raise money for the Furman basketball team. Dobson was a 1925 Furman graduate and standout athlete who returned to Furman in 1946 and became a beloved physical education teacher and director of intramurals. He taught at Furman until his death in 1959.

“Red Dobson was my mentor, father figure and employer,” says Hyatt. “He personified that which is best about Furman and that which was best about a life well lived in service to others.”

Hyatt has done extensive research into Dobson’s legacy both at Furman and at Camp Pinnacle, a North Carolina camp founded by Dobson in 1927. Many Furman students were campers and later counselors at Pinnacle.

Hyatt’s memoir of Dobson will be published in a forthcoming issue of Furman magazine.

Much of this story is excerpted from an article in the April 26 issue of the University Gazette, a University of North Carolina publication. Used with permission.
Something remarkable has taken place at Furman during the last two years.

Even though faculty members like to view themselves as progressive agents of change, the truth is that universities find change difficult. Notwithstanding this fact, after 18 months of study, deliberation, conversation, interviews, forums, revisions, position papers, late night discussions, departmental meetings and vigorous debate, the Furman faculty has approved, in overwhelming numbers, a slightly amended Curriculum Review Committee proposal titled “Invigorating Intellectual Life: A Proposal for Furman University’s Academic Program and Calendar.”

The work of the CRC and the university-wide discussion it produced represented the most comprehensive study of Furman’s academic program in almost 40 years. It has set in motion the most sweeping academic changes at the university since the adoption of the current calendar and curriculum in 1968.

To summarize:

Furman’s 3-2-3 academic calendar (12 weeks-8 weeks-12 weeks) will be replaced by a Semester-Plus Calendar. This will consist of two 15-week semesters, “plus” an optional three-week May term. The academic year will begin and end earlier than under the current calendar.

As for the curriculum, the new General Education requirements are not conceived along strictly departmental lines, but developed as an answer to a question: What kinds of academic experiences and exposures does a student need to become liberally educated? The new GERs fall into three major categories: First-Year Seminars, Core Requirements and Global Awareness Requirements.

Every student will take two First-Year Seminars. The goal of the seminars is to ignite students’ passion for learning by introducing them to college-level inquiry on the engaged model of learning.

Core Requirements will be divided into the following areas: Empirical Studies (two focusing on the natural world and two on human behavior and social relations), Human Cultures (one using historical analysis, one on the critical interpretation of texts, and one in the visual and performing arts), Mathematical and Formal Reasoning, Foreign Language, Ultimate Questions, and Body and Mind.

Global Awareness Requirements (modeled on the current Asian-African requirement) will require students to take two courses, one dealing with World Cultures and the other with Humans and the Natural Environment.

Immediately after the approval of the CRC proposal last fall, an implementation plan was drawn up and a steering committee established. On the recommendation of the steering committee, the faculty voted to approve a 2008-2009 starting date for the new curriculum and calendar.

Between now and then, there is much to be done!

You can review the complete plan for “Invigorating Intellectual Life” by visiting the Web at www.furman.edu/itf.

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