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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.
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.

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.

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

Herschel Crain retired at the end of May after 16 years as senior pastor of Apalache Baptist Church in Greer, S.C.

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.

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.

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.

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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Ed Wilkes was recently named executive dean for law school admissions at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

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

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.

William McClintock as vice president and commercial loan officer.

John “Ted” Perry has been appointed to the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. The board is responsible for licensing of medical professionals and for investigating complaints and disciplining those who violate laws governing the professional behavior of its licensees. Ted is president and senior associate with Cartersville Surgical Associates.

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.

A.B. Robinson has been named corporate senior vice president of health, safety and environmental programs for Skanska USA Building, which is based in Parsippany, N.J.

Jeanine Skinner of Wake Forest, N.C., has opened Music Academy South.

Judy Snyder (M.A.), a mathematics teacher at Eastside High School in Greenville, spent a week in Washington, D.C., in May as one of 100 teachers nationally to receive the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is the nation’s highest honor for teaching in those fields. The only mathematics winner from South Carolina, she received a $10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

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 Inter-scholastic Athletic Administrators Association Award.
of Merit. The award, presented through the Georgia Athletic Directors Association, recognizes "outstanding service, leadership and meritorious achievement in interscholastic athletic administration."

80 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 Baptist State 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 Rayner 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.

83 Next reunion in 2008
Roger Casey, formerly dean of the faculty and professor of English at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., has been promoted to provost and vice president for academic affairs. • Clare Folio Morris has opened the Clare Morris Agency in Columbia, S.C. The agency's services include strategic development, stakeholder relations, and marketing and communications support, with a special focus on new technology and higher education. Among its clients are the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman and the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness.

84 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.

85 Next reunion in 2010

86 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.

87 Next reunion in 2007
Kathleen Greer Rossmann, associate professor of economics at Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama, received the Omicron Delta Kappa Excellence in Teaching Award during the institution’s 2006 Honors Day Convocation. • MARRIAGE: Edward Graham Robinson IV and Courtney Elizabeth Howell, May 27. They work in Charleston, S.C., he as a commercial broker with The Beach Company and she as a new practice specialist for Patterson Dental.

88 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.

89 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.

90 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-Chapel Hill 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 Tuys 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 Cothren ’01; George L. Johnson ’68; Vicki Biekska Johnson ’93; L. Yates Johnson, Jr. ’58; William A. Lampley ’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 Tripplett ’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; Tynr Ray ’07, president, Student Alumni Council; Carrie Beth Wallace ’07, president, Association of Furman Students; Will Bryan ’07, president, Senior Class.
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 Alstom 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 of 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.

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**BIRTHS:**

- **Rebecca Ringer**, a son, Conrad, May 13. They live in Toronto, Ontario, where Ken is an associate professor of business economics at the University of Toronto and Anna-Marie is a partner in the Lerners law firm.

- **David Tenhundfeld**, May 13. He is an airline pilot. They live in Atlanta.

- **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.

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**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.

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Homecoming

OCTOBER 20–22

Homecoming at Furman is more than just going back to the place you spent four of the best years of your life. It's sharing your heritage with family and friends, reminiscing with classmates and professors, and enjoying a host of activities planned with you in mind.

All alumni are invited to enjoy the fun and festivities. Classes ending in “1” and “6” will be celebrating special reunions this year. For complete information, visit the Web at http://alumni.furman.edu.

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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
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. ■ BIRTHS: David and Elaine Sanders Gyure, a daughter, Caroline Grace, May 26, 2005, Columbia, S.C. ■ Loren and Terri Edmonds Heys, a daughter, Abbey Marie, August 29, 2005, Atlanta. Terri is president of DreamStudio Interactive, Inc. ■ Chad and Leah Jackson, a son, Brad Alexander, November 26, Cypress, Texas. ■ Robb '94 and Bethany Keith Marshall, a son, Eli Wayne, February 6, Leavenworth, Kan. Robb is an officer in the U.S. Army. ■ Carl and Jill Hunter McElheny, a son, William Douglas, July 6, 2005, Allentown, Pa. ■ Scott and Nancy Young Smith, a son, Nathaniel Thomas, May 7, Greenwood, S.C. ■ Brent and 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.
as vice president for creative strategies. ■ Will Waring graduated from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, 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 Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. ■ Ellen Gibson Johnston Rayner of Charleston, S.C., received her Ph.D. in mathematics 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 Caitriona 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 Shannah Montgomery, a son, Ben, January 12, Athens, Ga. Jeff is an information media analyst in Athens-Clarke County government. ■ Cameron and Dawn Nuesse, 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 Mywood, N.J., is pursuing a master’s degree in educational 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 emphasis 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 “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 actress. ■ 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 Osborne, 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 pediatric 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 Greenville. She has practiced with the firm for five years, specializing 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: Jeanie Ann Burns and Brian Englert, June 4, 2005. They live in Atlanta where Jeanie 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 Marriana Erter Holloman, a son, Samuel Augustine, April 27, Beaufort, S.C. ■ Jerry and Heather Griffin Kanipe, 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 Hankel Lancaster, a daughter, Anne Hankel Lancaster, April 4, Charleston, S.C. ■ Rob and Holly Times, 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 McArae were scheduled to move to Missouri this summer, where James has accepted a tenure-track teaching position at Westminster College in Fulton.

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 Carlsbad, 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 Malmezian, 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 Arborgen.

Next reunion in 2010

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 4, 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 account­ ant with Georgia Tech. ■ Brandon ’01 and Tara Brexel Smith, a son, Jarrett 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 general dentistry 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 Flanagan 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 Wideoko 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 Williams 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 Elisermann 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, Ill., 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, Brashaw & 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.

Sheilvia Smith earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He is affiliated with 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 Arocho-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 Wickers, January 8. They live in Cornelia, 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 Fytyhe** 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 Bice** 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.

**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.

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 1999.

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.land@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

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

Britney Kay Enloe (M.A.) and Joseph Paul Thames (M.A.), June 10. Britney is a fourth grade teacher at Powdersville Elementary School and Joseph is headmaster at New Covenant School. They live in Anderson, S.C.

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 Shoppe 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.

Helen Rhyne 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 Rhyne 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, Columbia, Mo. 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 Gromko '41, March 4, West Yarmouth, Mass. She had worked at Yale University.

Elizabeth “Scot” 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 Rivenbark Traynham '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, 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 lectureships, 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 state of South Carolina's highest civilian honor, 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, Mechanicsville, Va.

Violet 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 McMillian 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 assistant 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 Anne 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-vedicatorian 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 Birdsal Cantrick, April 7, Williamsville, 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.

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