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## Introducing the Furman tartan

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# Furmanreports

## Homecoming 2005 offers entertaining mix of the old and the new

The rededication of Furman's oldest academic building. A Beatles tribute band. The unveiling of the Furman tartan (see accompanying story).

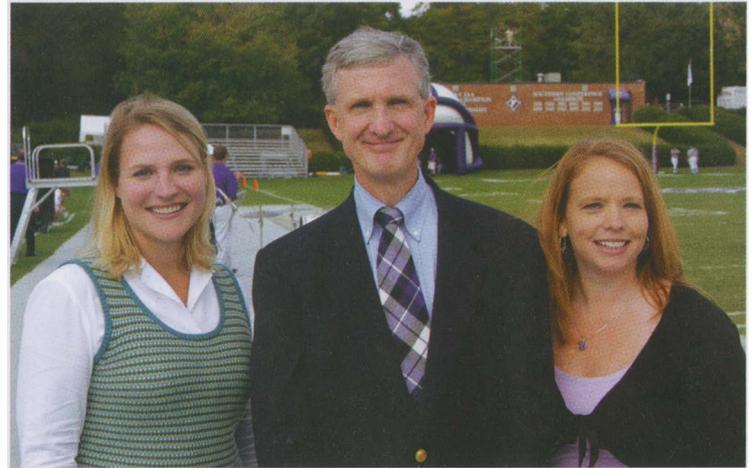
While Homecoming 2005, held on the glorious weekend of October 21-23, featured plenty of the popular and traditional — Lunch at Cherrydale, Horseplay, departmental and class reunions, the Friday night floats, pep rally and carnival — it also included a few fresh offerings to keep folks interested and on their toes.

The Fab-4 channeling band "The Return" highlighted the downtown block party following the football game on Saturday, and James C. Furman Hall was rededicated in all its renovated splendor, demonstrating that what is old can indeed become new again. Even the football team, which had spent the season specializing in nail-biting, last-play victories, turned a new page and coasted to an easy win, 45-6 over Elon.

For three alumni in particular, Homecoming 2005 was especially memorable. H. Ballentine Carter '75, Rebecca Armacost '89 and Anne Reeves '98 received major honors during the Saturday awards breakfast.

Bal Carter, a pioneering expert in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate disease, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina and is professor of oncology and urology and director of the Division of Adult Urology at the Brady Urological Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. A prolific writer and lecturer, he edits a newsletter that provides information about diseases that affect the prostate gland.

Rebecca Armacost, Alumni Service Award recipient, is the corporate director for management training and development for Tucson Medical Center in Arizona. Previously she was assistant vice president of diversity and corporate relations for Georgia Power, where she was recognized for outstanding



**Alumni award recipients Anne Reeves '98 (left), Bal Carter '75 (wearing his Furman tartan tie) and Rebecca Armacost '89.**

teamwork and volunteerism. She is extremely active in international efforts on behalf of Habitat or Humanity, and her work for Furman includes serving as a mock interviewer with the Office of Career Services and as a class agent. She is past president of the Atlanta Furman Club.

Anne Reeves, a leading light in the Atlanta business community, received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. An account executive with the public relations firm of Manning Selvage & Lee, she directs the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store account — and has been dubbed a "PR Goddess" by one local journalist. Active in community service, she is the current president of the Atlanta Furman Club, which recently contributed nearly 100 hours toward construction of a Habitat for Humanity house.

## Introducing the Furman tartan

Furman trustee Frank Shaw '61 and his wife, Susan, are ardent lovers of all things Scottish. Two years ago, they came up with a bonnie way to share their passion with the Furman community.

They traveled to Scotland with Furman president David Shi, met with a designer, Jamie Scarlett, and commissioned him to create a tartan exclusively for the university.

The plaid, which features Furman purple and white, is registered with the Scottish Tartans Authority. It was unveiled during Homecoming week to enthusiastic reviews.

Assorted items of Furman tartan apparel

are now available through the university's bookstore. Among the possibilities: a necktie, bowtie, trousers, scarf, sash, visor, stole, cumberbund or kilt.

To learn more about Furman "tartanwear," call the bookstore at 1-800-476-5669 or visit the Furman Web at [www.bookstore.furman.edu](http://www.bookstore.furman.edu).



*Photo: Even a Citadel graduate can model the tartan! Owen McFadden, Furman's director of recreational sports and an accomplished bagpiper, shows off the kilt and tie.*

