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Furman alumni news

CLASS NOTES SPRING 05, cont.

1970s he was a curator at the Carroll County Farm Museum. In 1975 he became a teacher of children and adolescents at Springfield Hospital Center's Muncie Center, where he remained until the late 1980s. His work ranged from abstract paintings to portraits.

Philip King '65, January 5, Apopka, Fla. He spent most of his career in the public school system in Florida, serving the last 17 years as the athletics director of Apopka High School. He was a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association and was inducted

into the Metro Conference Hall of Fame.

Jason Byce (Ervin Luther Buice, Jr.) '66, February 13, Atlanta. In 1962 he began his professional theatre career as a member of Atlanta's Theatre Under the Stars. He was cantor and soloist for St. Patrick's Cathedral and soloist for Temple Israel in New York City. At various times he was a baritone soloist with the Opera Company of Boston, National Theatre of Yugoslavia in Zagreb and Split, the Wiesbaden Opera in West Germany, and with New York's Lyric Opera and Bel Canto Opera. He performed on

Broadway and appeared on a number of television series. He taught as an adjunct professor of musical theatre at Kennesaw State University and was well known for popularizing the phrase "Please pass the jelly" in the Polaner All-Fruit commercials.

Timothy Maurice Crawford '66, December 27, Gramling, S.C. He was a retired coach, educator and administrator of 30 years with Spartanburg County (S.C.) Schools. After retirement he taught for four years at the Adult Learning Center. He was a member of the Spartanburg County Commission of Technical Education and had served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Thomas Maddox '66, July 26, Madison, Ind.

Boyd Norwood Lockaby, Jr. '67, October 20, 2003, Dayton, Ohio. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served a tour of duty in Vietnam, as well as at White Sands Missile Station in New Mexico and in Key West, Fla. He was a certified public accountant who worked for Deloitte-Haskins and Sells Corp. and was associated with NCR Corp. of Dayton for 23 years. He represented NCR in more than 100 countries and every continent as an auditor.

Ron Beauford '68, January 16, Marietta, Ga. He was vice president of Barrett Carpet Mills.

Margaret McGarry Cantrell '68, January 25, Greer, S.C. She was a computer programmer for Metlife from 1984 until her retirement in 2001, and she was also a piano teacher.

Craig Butler '68, December 18, Owatonna, Minn.

Robert Andrew Rubidoux '69, M.A. '72, December 3, Greenville. He was retired from the U.S. Army Air Force, having

served 21 years. He later retired from the Greenville County School District after 21 years. He was a member of the American Legion.

Mary Wyche Burgess, M.A. '70, November 21, Greenville. She was a writer and historian. She was a member of the South Carolina Historical Society and the Greenville Historical Society and was a board member of the Girl Scouts, Community Chest, Greenville Woman's Club, Civic Ballet, Greenville Symphony Association, Guild of the Greenville Symphony, Red Cross and PTA Council. She played violin with the Greenville Symphony Orchestra for 26 years and wrote a history of the orchestra. She was a journalist and author of a book and numerous articles, short stories and poems.

Mary Patricia Patterson '77, November 17, Atlanta. She worked for BellSouth before pursuing freelance writing and interior design.

William Benchoff, Jr. '80, February 1, Altamonte Springs, Fla. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a disabled veteran. He was also a musician.

Patricia Jones Montana '82, December 11, Greenville. She was a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century, which she served as state museum chair and state defense chair for five years. She was a lifetime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which she served as chaplain, social chair of veterans affairs, and co-chair of the Women's History Committee. She served on the board of the Americanism Manual for Citizenship, and in 2003 was program chair for the naturalization ceremony for swearing in new citizens.

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Jean Smith steps down from library post

When Jean Smith retired in April after 46 years of working in the James B. Duke Library, she departed, according to the best available records, as the longest serving employee in Furman history.

And just as she arrived when the library was a glistening new building, she left behind a completely remade facility, freshly renovated and expanded.

A reception was held in April to recognize Smith, who spent most of her Furman career in the cataloguing and acquisitions departments.

Smith has had a firsthand view of the growth of the campus into one of the most scenic college settings in the nation. But her initial impression of Furman had nothing to do with the oaks, fountains or rough landscape of the early '60s.

When she started working at Furman, she says, "I had just graduated from Berea High. At the time there were no women students out here, and they were busing in the boys. I thought, 'Hey, there are a lot of guys out here.'"

Now Smith will have more time to spend with her own guy, Raymond, and to pursue her interests in gardening and collecting teapots.

