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Selvy named to list of greatest college stars

Street & Smith's Magazine has included Furman's Frank Selvy in its rankings of the 100 Greatest College Basketball Players.

Selvy, who was named the NCAA Player of the Year in 1954 after averaging a nation's best 41.7 points per game, was rated the 50th greatest player by the magazine, which many consider the leading authority on college basketball. The rankings were compiled from nominations submitted by a blue-ribbon, 40-person panel of college basketball writers, coaches and broadcasters. Each panelist completed a top-50 ballot, from which the full list was tabulated.

The magazine issued the rankings in a special collector's edition, published in December.

Selvy, a native of Corbin, Ky., set an NCAA Division I record on February 13, 1954, when he scored 100 points in a 149-95 win over Newberry at Greenville's Textile Hall. Twice the national scoring champion,



he set 24 major college records during his Furman years and was a three-time All-American.

After graduating in 1954, Selvy was the first pick (by the Baltimore Bullets) in the National Basketball Association draft and went on to play professionally for nine years, the last five with the

Angeles Lakers. He averaged 10.8 points per game for his pro career.

Furman recognized the 50th anniversary of Selvy's 100-point game February 21 during the Paladins' game against The Citadel.

Street & Smith's named Lew Alcindor (later Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) of UCLA the greatest all-time college player, followed, in order, by fellow UCLA star Bill Walton, Oscar Robertson of the University of Cincinnati, Bill Russell of the University of San Francisco and Pete Maravich of Louisiana State.

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Just a note of thanks for the story on Frank Selvy ("Man of the Century") in the Fall 2003 *Furman* magazine. The article brought back a lot of memories of that "magic game" when Selvy scored 100 points, and of my days at Furman.

Over the years I have discovered that most everyone in Greenville County apparently witnessed that glorious feat in the old Textile Hall. My dad, who was then head golf professional at the Greenville Country Club, and I were in attendance as well. Although I was sitting in the rafters, I can still vividly see Frank leave the floor at the top of the opponent's key to begin his one-handed push shot, and then let go just before reaching half court. As I recall, the buzzer sounded immediately after the ball had begun its flight. Swish. The hall rocked.

But there is more. After a tour in the military I transferred to Furman in 1963 from what was then North Greenville Junior

College. Furman had a golf course that was going to seed and was not planning to have a golf team that year. I lobbied for one and was told that if I could assemble a team the university would approve. I first approached fraternity brothers (Centaur) and eventually produced a motley band. Frank Keener '64 was designated our captain. We had no coach. The directors at the Greenville Country Club kindly allowed us to play our matches there.

I was selected team captain the following year. Again we played our matches at the Greenville Country Club, and Frank Selvy was our coach. He is a true gentleman, and the qualities of character that he left me with I now realize were instrumental in my own development. I have met few that surpass him as a human being.

— **Michael Lucas '65**
North Charleston, S.C.

Leavenworth, Kan. ■ **Kimberly Chappell** has moved to Roswell, Ga., after accepting a position with Bristol-Squibb Company as the neuroscience medical science manager in the Atlanta area. ■ **Kevin Hendricks** has joined the Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A., law firm in Greenville. He will concentrate his practice in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions. ■ **Anthony Jones** is a counselor at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Alex** and **Laura Albert**, a son, McConnell Russell, August 8, Washington, D.C. ■ **Kevin** and **Rosemarie Ann Baloy Curley**, a son, Brian Michael, June 1, Midlothian, Va. ■ **Jeff** and **Karen Meade Farris**, a daughter, Hannah, October 6, Flower Mound, Texas. ■ **Dan** and **Paige Overton Pitts**, a son, Tait Daniel, August 20. ■ **Scott** and **Mary Spear Prentice**, a daughter, Michelle Louise, January 15, 2003, Frederick, Md. ■ **Michael** and **Anne Noble Smith**, a daughter, Ashley Marie, August 21, Chatham, N.J.

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This year is reunion!

Jason Davis of Norcross, Ga., is employed with Scott, Madden & Associates. ■ **Steven House** and his wife, Alice, are assistant professors in the Department of Family Medicine at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Ga. ■ **David** and **Emilie McDonald Woody** have moved to Mount Pleasant, S.C. David is minister of faith development at Providence Baptist Church and Emilie teaches at Wando High School. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Jim** and **Melissa Adair**, a son, Stephen, August 26. Jim is an environmental systems engineer with Cryovac in Simpsonville, S.C. ■ **Peter** and **Deborah Lamb Farrell**, a son, Andrew Scott, May 14, Charleston, S.C. Deborah is the guidance director at James Island Charter High School. ■ **James** and **Lanie Rockafellow Kitchens**, a son, William James III, December 15, 2002, Columbia, S.C. ■