

9-1-2003

Reunions offer chance to give something back

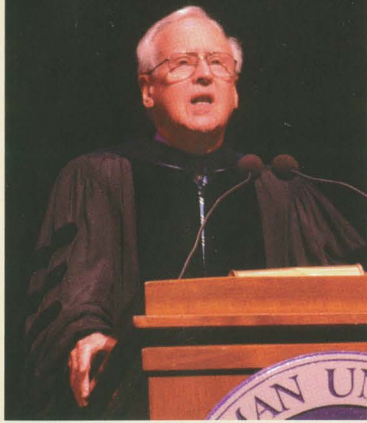
Jason Curtin
Furman University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarexchange.furman.edu/furman-magazine>

Recommended Citation

Curtin, Jason (2003) "Reunions offer chance to give something back," *Furman Magazine*: Vol. 46 : Iss. 3 , Article 18.
Available at: <https://scholarexchange.furman.edu/furman-magazine/vol46/iss3/18>

This Article is made available online by Journals, part of the Furman University Scholar Exchange (FUSE). It has been accepted for inclusion in Furman Magazine by an authorized FUSE administrator. For terms of use, please refer to the [FUSE Institutional Repository Guidelines](#). For more information, please contact scholarexchange@furman.edu.



John Crabtree spoke at opening convocation September 10.

New scholarship honors Crabtree

Friends and family of John H. Crabtree, Jr., longtime English professor and former vice president for academic affairs and dean at Furman, have established a scholarship at the university in his name.

Gifts and pledges to the Crabtree Scholarship, which will go to a worthy student with demonstrated financial need, have surpassed \$53,000, well over half the amount needed to endow the scholarship in perpetuity. As with all endowed scholarships, it will first be awarded when the principal reaches \$20,000. The goal for the scholarship is \$100,000.

From 1957 until his retirement in 1993, Crabtree served as professor of English, dean of students, academic dean and, for his final 11 years, as vice president for academic affairs and dean. He received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching in 1976, and upon his retirement was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

A Shakespeare scholar, Crabtree brought the Bard to life for thousands of Furman undergraduates. Since his retirement he has continued to share his expertise by teaching in the FULIR (Furman University Learning in Retirement) program. Marshall Frady '63, the noted author and journalist, has described Crabtree's style as one of "rigorous elegance of attitude and approach that evoked excitements lasting to this day about literature's highest illuminations of the grandeurs and mischiefs and mysteries of the human heart."

To make a gift to the John Crabtree Scholarship, call Susan Day Gray '78, stewardship director, at (864) 294-3716, or e-mail susan.gray@furman.edu.

Kohrt in session

Trustee issues challenge to alumni

During a recent meeting, Furman volunteers were asked to respond to the question, "What makes Furman special?" Their comments included:

■ "Furman's academic excellence. When people say they are Furman graduates, others are impressed."

■ "The focus of the professors to work with students and shape the lives of the next generation."

■ "Furman students have a long history of making a huge impact on communities around the nation."

University trustee Carl Kohrt '65 is one of those alumni making an impact. As president and CEO of Battelle, a global technology development and commercialization firm, he has become a leader in the field of international business.

Now he and his wife, Lynne McCartney '65, want to ensure that today's Furman students have the chance to get the most out of their Furman education — and make their own mark on the world. The Kohrts know that the best way to accomplish this is to increase alumni participation in annual giving. As a result, they have issued a \$1 million challenge to motivate alumni to join them in supporting the university.

For all alumni gifts of \$10 or more this year, the Kohrt Challenge will add \$100 to support Furman's engaged learning opportunities. If the gift is made by December 31, 2003, the Kohrts will kick in another \$50. And if the donation is at a higher level

Donors report on-line

The *Report to Donors* for 2002-03, which details the generosity of Furman donors, can be found on-line at www.furman.edu/giving/report.htm. The alumni donors list is accessible at www.furman.edu/giving/2002-03AlumniDonorsList.htm, and the giving report for 2003-04 is at www.furman.edu/giving/classupdates.htm.

than your last gift to the university, the Kohrts will add an additional \$100!

In other words, the Kohrts will add the \$100 bonus if:

Your last gift was	and your new gift is
under \$100	\$100 or more
\$100-249	\$250 or more
\$250-499	\$500 or more
\$500-999	\$1,000 or more
\$1,000-2,499	\$2,500 or more
\$2,500-4,999	\$5,000 or more
\$5,000-9,999	\$10,000 or more

You may pledge by going to www.furman.edu/giving and clicking the "Give Online" link, or by calling 1-800-787-7534. Call the same number to confirm the amount of your gift last year. For reasons of privacy, gift records are not accessible by e-mail.

— **Phil Howard**
Director, Donor Participation

Reunions offer chance to give something back

College reunions are probably the oldest and purest form of alumni relations. Every reunion has a feeling all its own and is built on the memories of each class member.

For some, a reunion marks the chance to return to their first home away from home. For others, it is a time to renew old friendships. Some view it as a family experience that unites the present with the past. For others, it represents a chance to salute the institution where they got their start in life.

At Furman, reunions offer alumni an opportunity to reflect on how the university has influenced their lives — and to show their gratitude by giving something back to alma mater.

Why is reunion giving important? It encourages class unity and promotes a sense of pride among classmates. It helps Furman maintain its position as a national leader in alumni participation in annual giving (in 2002-03, 50.2 percent of Furman's alumni of record made gifts to the university). Most importantly, it enhances the value of

the Furman experience for current and future generations of students.

During Homecoming Weekend October 24-26, 11 classes ending in 3 or 8 celebrated their reunions with drop-ins, Lunch on the Lawn at Cherrydale and a reception or dinner following the Homecoming football game.

But the reunions did not end October 26. Reunion giving opportunities continue until June 30, 2004. All gifts made through the end of June count toward the reunion gift total for each class.

And with reunions quickly approaching for classes ending in 4 and 9 or 5 and 0, it's not too early to begin thinking about a class legacy. Alumni can make a pledge any time before their reunion that will count toward their class reunion gift.

— **Jason Curtin**
Associate Director, Annual Giving

To learn more about reunion giving opportunities, call (864) 294-3717 or e-mail jason.curtin@furman.edu.