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CLASS NOTES SUMMER 03, cont.

Metropolitan Opera in New York in *Nabucco* and *Dialogues des Carmélites*. ■ **Mark Eckels**, an attorney in Jacksonville, Fla., has been certified by the Florida bar in the field of workers' compensation. Having completed Ironman competitions in Florida and Brazil, he planned to take part in the Ironman Germany competition this summer. ■ **George Nelson Ridings** of Richmond, Ky., is president of Ridings Insurance and Financial Services, LTD. ■ **MARRIAGE: Alicia Roper** and Jeff Korich, November 2. They live in Norcross, Ga., where Jeff is a business consultant for CD Group. Alicia is a business analyst for Ceridian Corporation. ■ **BIRTHS: Jason and Liz Wooten Antaya**, a son, Adam Nathaniel, October 25, Park City, Utah. ■ **Larry and Mona Higgins**, a daughter, Adair, February 13, 2002. Larry is the legal counsel for Kanawha Insurance, Kanawha Health Care Solutions and Kanawha Marketing Group in Lancaster, S.C. ■ **Matt '91 and Gwinn Earle Kneeland**, a son, Herbert Earle, March 29, Nashville, Tenn. ■ **Eric and Stacie Reed**, a son, Luke Pemberton, December 17, Houston, Texas. ■ **Vic and Gina Shropshire Spangler**, a daughter, Sophia Harper, October 24, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Next reunion in 2005

Chad Fetzer is an associate pastor for youth and education at Northwest Baptist Church in Ardmore, Okla. ■ **MARRIAGE: Wendy Bass** and Jeff Holub, April 5. They live in Danville, Calif. She has received a master's degree in health administration, and he is creative services director for KICU-TV. ■ **BIRTHS: Chris and Tracey Meredith Edwards**, twins, Dominic and Meredith, May 4. Tracey has been a fourth grade teacher in West Windsor, N.J. ■ **Adam and Linda Ratcliffe Fuller**, a son, Austin James, March 29, 2002, Atlanta. ■ **Patrick and Jennifer Prater**,

a daughter, Sara Lynn, September 25, Boca Raton, Fla. ■ **Vinod and Jane Catherine Thourani**, a son, Keegan Vinod, February 26, Norcross, Ga. Vinod is a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at the Emory University School of Medicine. ■ **Mark and Sallee Weston**, a daughter, Madelyn Ruth, June 10, 2002, Columbia, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2006

Rhett Baughan has been named manager of global distributors with INVESCO Continental Europe and has moved from Belgium to Paris. ■ **James Downs** of Charlotte, N.C., is recipient of the 2002 Charlotte Region Commercial Board of Realtors Top Commercial Broker Award in retail development. Currently regional director of leasing for Ronus Properties, LLC, which owns, operates and develops shopping centers through the southeastern United States, he was recently appointed by the International Council of Shopping Centers to serve a third term as the trade organization's North Carolina operations chair. ■ **BIRTHS: Paul '93 and Carol Ann Zuppa Good**, a daughter, Ann-Grayson Ellison, January 30, Greenville. ■ **Timothy and Dawn Vorel**, a son, John James III, March 23, Rincon, Ga. Timothy is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. ■ **J.W. and Tami Merrill Waters**, a daughter, Brayden Grace, April 18, West Columbia, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2007

Kevin and Lisha Bridges Burnett live in Boise, Idaho, where she is public and media relations director for Blue Cross of Idaho and he is the executive director of the Downtown Boise Association. ■ **Asa and Dana Love Peek** have moved to Cedartown, Ga. He has joined the NW Medical Clinic in Rome, Ga. ■ **Garland Pierce** has been named associate director for

the Education and Leadership Ministries Commission (ELMC) of the National Council of Churches. An ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he will help administer the 15 programs under the direction of the ELMC. He is also pursuing a doctorate at Claremont (Calif.) Graduate University School of Religion. ■ **MARRIAGE: Rick Owens** and Angela Stephens, December, Charlotte, N.C. Rick, a middle school band director in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, also plays in the University of North Carolina-Charlotte community band. Angela is an interior design instructor at Central Piedmont Community College. ■ **BIRTHS: Jeff and Leigh Jones '95 Boteler**, a daughter, Sarah Ashley, September 23, Greer, S.C. ■ **Kevin and Sheri Olson Brotherton**, a daughter, Haley Alexandra, April 22, 2002, St. Louis, Mo. ■ **Brian and Jamie Case**, a daughter, Ruth Ann, April 6, Chattanooga, Tenn. ■ **Thomas '94 and Joi Elizabeth Nies Peake**, a daughter, Amanda Rae, April 13, Burlington, N.C. ■ **Andrew and Emily Mitchell Peters**, a daughter, Stella Reeves, March 9, Decatur, Ga.

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This year is reunion!

John Johnson lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, and works as an Internet analyst with Amagata U.S.A., Inc. ■ **Ivan and Sharon Satterfield '94 Pegram** have moved to Los Alamos, N.M., where he is an electrical engineer with Bechtel Nevada's Los Alamos operations division. ■ **Scott Christopher Purinton** has earned his medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine and is in residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. ■ **Kelly Summerlin** is a lead developer with Tetradata, Inc., in Greenville. ■ **Ron Wagner** is sports editor at the *Hendersonville*

(N.C.) *Times-News*. In recent months he has received a Chairman's Award from the *New York Times* for outstanding work at one of the company's newspapers, a second-place award from the Carolinas Golf Reporters Association and a third-place award from the North Carolina Press Association for sports columns. ■ **MARRIAGES: Laura Cutchin** and Michael Herring, November 9. They live in Flowery Branch, Ga. ■ **Anna Maria Maxwell** and James David Cowart, April 26. She is an attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, in Greenville, and he is a physician at Greer Obstetrics & Gynecology. ■ **BIRTHS:**

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