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Bunched Arrowhead gets special campus recognition

Shortly before the current campus was built in the late 1950s, the now deceased Leland Rodgers, a Furman biology professor, visited the site of what would become Furman Lake — and discovered a plant that he could not identify.

His colleagues on the faculty were taken aback. If Rodgers, who was considered the foremost expert on the area's indigenous plants, could not make a positive identification, they knew this must be a rare find indeed.

Although he pored over manuals and consulted plant experts, Rodgers was unable to identify the plant, which grew in clusters around the creek that would eventually be dammed to build the lake. Finally he took a sample to Duke University, where visiting botanist Ernest O. Beal determined that it was Bunched Arrowhead (*Sagittaria fasciculata*), one of the rarest plants in the world.

Bunched Arrowhead is known to exist only within a 10-mile radius of Furman and in some parts of nearby Henderson County, just over the North Carolina line. Although large clusters of the plant were destroyed when the lake was formed, it continues to thrive in an area near the picnic shelter on the lake's northwestern end.

The leaves of the Bunched Arrowhead measure about two inches in the winter and 12 inches in the summer, and from May to July the plant produces a small white flower. Current biology professor



A Bunched Arrowhead preserve has been established in Travelers Rest.

Travis Perry says that the plant grows only in areas where there is slow moving, shallow water (two or three inches deep) and where the soil consists of a mixture of sand and clay.

In 1979, Bunched Arrowhead was added to the federal list of endangered species.

Endangered plants growing on state or federal land are subject to protection. Although Furman is privately owned, it has an agreement with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to protect and preserve the Bunched Arrowhead.

Along those lines, the university is building a small observation deck near a cluster of Bunched Arrowhead. The deck, located near the picnic area, will feature information about the rare plant.

Perry, the project coordinator, says that the observation deck will serve as "an educational tool that will help raise awareness about the plant's existence here at Furman. Bunched Arrowhead has educational as well as intrinsic value. We do not have the power to replace it, so we have a moral obligation to preserve it."

— John Roberts

Harold C. Clark, Jr. '40, August 20, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a retiring partner of Clark and Ballentine, LLC, CPA's, and had served as past president of the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. He was past chair of the South Carolina Board of Accountancy, a former member of the Council of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and past president of Greenville Estate Planning Council. He was a recipient of the South Carolina Association of CPA's Outstanding Service to the Profession Award. He served on the boards of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, Community Planning Council,

Speech, Hearing and Learning Center, Warehouse Theatre and City of Greenville Zoning Commission.

Elizabeth Cleveland Livingston '41, October 3, New Bern, N.C.

David J. Wells '41, September 16, Anderson, S.C. An Army chaplain during World War II, he began his civilian ministry in 1952 when he became the first pastor of West Hartsville (S.C.) Baptist Church. He served the church for more than 20 years and held several other pastorates in South Carolina.

Oleda Dyson Casscells '42, August 18, Palm Beach, Fla. During World War II she ran an office for the U.S. Navy in Washington and in 1949 became

one of the first women to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law. She later clerked for a justice of the state supreme court in Delaware, where she also worked in real estate, was active in the Junior League and was head docent at the Winterthur Museum. She served on the Dean's Council of the University of Virginia School of Law and the advisory board of the school's Medical Foundation. In Palm Beach she was a board member of the Palm Beach Symphony, Opportunity, Inc., and Planned Parenthood.

Robert Mobley, Sr. '43, October 8, Lancaster, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and had retired as a vice president of South Carolina National

Bank. He also worked with Springs Industries, was on the Lancaster County Council and was Lancaster's mayor from 1995 to 1998. He served on the Lancaster County School Board and was a former director of the South Carolina Association of School Boards. A member of the Lancaster Rotary Club and American Legion Post 31, he was a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor.

Miriam Anderson Wood '43, August 30, Greenville.

Grace Parkins Hood '44, November 1, Greenville. She was retired from C&S Bank and was an active member of the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Delia Moffett Moseley '44, January 2, Greenville. She was a longtime social studies teacher at Travelers Rest High School. An avid supporter of Furman athletics, she was a past member of the Paladin Club Board of Directors.

Tommie Lee Smith Burgess '45, September 17, Greer, S.C. She was a retired teacher.

Frances DeShields Anderson '46, August 21, Greenville. She was retired as a teacher from Greenville County schools.

Ebenezer Franklin Inman '46, August 22, Union, S.C. He was a minister.

Lynda Craig Newton '46, October 3, Fenwick Island, Del.

DeVoe Holmes Potter '46, August 19, Sugarland, Texas. She had a career in women's fashion and was a member of the Huguenot Society of Louisiana, the National Society of Magna Charta Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames XVII Century and the Americans of Royal Descent.

Sarah Elizabeth Batson '47, September 18, Greenville. She was a teacher in the Greenville County School District for more