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New books highlight contributions of Brewer, Turner

Two recently published books recognize the exceptional teaching career of Furman psychology professor Charles Brewer and the pulpit talent and insight of religion professor Helen Lee Turner.

The Teaching of Psychology: Essays in Honor of Wilbert J. McKeachie and Charles L. Brewer has been published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc., of Mahwah, N.J., to recognize the two professors' considerable contributions to the teaching of psychology. The editors describe Brewer and McKeachie as "pioneers" who have "emerged as undeniable champions of the teaching of psychology." Brewer has taught at Furman since 1967. McKeachie teaches at the University of Michigan.

Some of the nation's most respected college and university psychology teachers are among the 39 contributors.

The book includes a chapter about Brewer written by Furman colleagues Gil Einstein and John Batson '75, and an essay by Brewer titled "Reflections on an Academic Career: From Which Side of the Looking Glass?" In his essay, Brewer writes that "teaching is the most exciting, challenging, rewarding and difficult thing I have ever done; I cannot imagine doing anything else."

Brewer, the William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Psychology, was the first recipient of the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and

Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching in 1969. He served as chair of the psychology department from 1972 until 1984, and he has received the American Psychological Foundation's Distinguished Teaching in Psychology Award (1989) and the American Psychological Association's (APA) Distinguished Career Contributions to Education and Training Award (1995).

Brewer is the author of numerous publications and has been instrumental in establishing *Teaching of Psychology* as a premier academic journal within the field. He has been president of the Council of Undergraduate Psychology Departments and chair of the APA's Committee on Undergraduate Education.

The Sunday After Tuesday: College Pulpits Respond to 9/11, published by Abingdon Press, looks at how the nation's college chaplains and ministers responded to that tragic day. It includes Helen Lee Turner's "A Day of Terror: Is There a Balm in Gilead?" among its 27 homilies and sermons written by chaplains, ministers, pastors and priests at schools throughout the country. Turner delivered the sermon in Furman's Charles Ezra Daniel Chapel on September 23, 2001.

The publisher says that the book's purpose is to relate the events of September 11 "to the 18- to 22-year-olds who worshiped in college communities shortly afterward." The book provides "food for



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thought and discussion and a sense of being there with young adults who were just beginning to realize that their generation might pay the ultimate price as world events unfold."

William H. Willimon of Duke University is the editor.

Turner, professor of religion at Furman since 1981, is the author of numerous articles, mostly on issues in recent Southern Baptist history. She is currently working on a book on children's worship and on several articles for the forthcoming *South Carolina Encyclopedia*. Her courses at Furman include Introduction to Religion, Introduction to Judaism, and Religion in America.

Turner also serves as minister for children's worship at First Baptist Church of Greenville. She is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History and the Baptist Historical Society.

Campus car talk

The campus car culture is likely to change when classes resume in the fall.

New traffic regulations will be in effect to reduce the number of cars in the central area of campus, boost the number of students walking and bicycling to class, and ultimately lead to a safer and more environmentally friendly Furman.

The addition of the North Village apartments, and the subsequent increase in on-campus residency to 95 percent of the student body, has resulted in more cars being part of the university's traffic flow, especially during the early morning hours. Following several minor accidents and a few too many close calls, it became clear that new rules were needed to ease traffic and improve safety.

Currently, most resident students are required to leave their cars in designated

New regulations designed to limit traffic, improve safety

lots from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week. Beginning in September, this restriction will apply to all resident students. Parking in other areas of the campus, such as the dining hall road beside the lake, will also be limited.

The revised parking rules will primarily affect the approximately 600 students living in the most distant units of North Village, near the back (Roe Ford Road) gate of the campus. Most of these students previously had "commuter" status and would drive to class each day.

The changes were adopted upon the recommendation of a focus group of faculty, staff and students.

Harry Shucker '66, vice president for student services and chair of the focus group, says he anticipates some resistance from students until they become more

accustomed to biking and walking. "This definitely represents a change in student culture and mindset," he says. "But you can walk across campus in 15 minutes, and biking takes even less time than driving because you have to factor in time for parking."

To encourage alternative modes of transportation, the university is expanding its bicycle fleet. The bikes, which are painted green, are available for use by anyone — staff, faculty and students — to get from one point to another. When riders arrive at their destination, they simply leave the bike unlocked for someone else to use.

During the summer, a game room in the student center will be renovated to house a small bicycle repair shop.