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**B**etsy King '77, who has won 34 tournaments and more than \$7 million during her years on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, is one of six former collegiate athletes to be honored with this year's NCAA Silver Anniversary Award. The award recognizes former student-athletes who have distinguished themselves since completing their college athletic careers 25 years ago.

At Furman, King played on the 1976 golf team that won the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national championship. In 1977, she was named Furman's Athlete of the Year and Woman Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

She joined the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour immediately after graduation and went on to establish herself as one of the best women golfers in the history of the game, claiming six major titles among her 34 wins. She earned her way into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1995. Last year, she was recognized during the LPGA's 50th anniversary year as one of the tour's all-time top 50 players and teachers.

Active in community service projects, King has worked with Habitat for Humanity

and traveled to Romania to help an orphan relief organization. She is a recipient of the Samaritan Award, which acknowledges humanitarian and charitable efforts by an athlete. Last summer, she received the national Pathfinder Award from the Indiana Sports Corporation for her commitment to youth initiatives. King is one of the LPGA's leading voices for The Drive for Life, the tour's official international project, and serves on the national board of trustees for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She is a co-founder of the Furman LPGA Pro-Am golf tournament, which last year celebrated its 20th anniversary and has raised more than \$1.7 million for the university's golf programs. In 1996 she received the university's Bell Tower Award, which is presented by the board of trustees for exceptional achievement and meritorious service to Furman.

This year's other Silver Anniversary Award honorees were Richard Chapman, Augustana College, basketball (president and chief executive officer of a compensation and benefits consulting company); Maurice "Bo" Ellis, Marquette University,



basketball (men's basketball coach at Chicago State University); Herman Frazier, Arizona State University, track and field (director of athletics at the University of Alabama-Birmingham); John Naber, University of Southern California, swimming (operator of a firm that provides motivational speakers and other services); and Rodney Slater, Eastern Michigan University, football (an attorney in Washington, D.C.).

## Paladins' Nusum joins ranks of college soccer's elite

**A**t 6-1 and 204 pounds, John Barry Nusum was a formidable presence on the Furman soccer team for the last four years.

During his time at Furman, Nusum paced the Paladins to four Southern Conference titles and three appearances in the NCAA tournament, including a run to the national quarterfinals in 1999. When his season and college career ended in November with a 1-0 overtime loss to Alabama-Birmingham in the NCAA tourney's first round, he was the Paladins' all-time leading scorer with 161 points (61 goals, 39 assists) and also held Furman single-season and single-game marks for goals and points. The 2001 Southern Conference Player of the Year, he led Furman to a 71-15-4 record from 1998-2001.

The health and exercise science major capped his outstanding career this fall when he was named one of three national finalists for the Hermann Trophy, soccer's equivalent to football's Heisman Trophy. He was also chosen a first-team All-American by Soccer America, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, and College Soccer News.

He thus became the second Furman athlete to earn first-team All-America honors



three times and the 22nd soccer player in NCAA Division I history to achieve such a feat. The last to do so was the University of Virginia's Claudio Reyna from 1991-93. Reyna is currently a standout on the U.S. National Team.

Among the 21 other Division I soccer players to be named a first-team All-American three times is Nusum's father, John Nusum, who played for Philadelphia Textile (now Philadelphia University) in the mid-1970s. The elder Nusum went on to a successful professional career.

John Barry Nusum joins swimmer Angel Myers Martino '90, who became an Olympic gold medalist, as Furman's only three-time first-team All-Americans. Nusum, though, is the first to accomplish the feat in Division I; Martino competed in Division II in 1986 before Furman swimming moved to Division I in 1987. (The swim program has since been dropped.)

A resident of Bermuda, Nusum played on the country's national team in 2000 qualifying action for the Olympics and the World Cup, scoring two goals against the British Virgin Islands. In January, he became one of the select college players to sign a contract with Major League Soccer.