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Planned giving: plan ahead

In November, Furman received a wonderful surprise: a \$234,000 bequest from the estate of William Warren Freeman of Greenville to fund the Helen and Warren Freeman Scholarship, which is named for the donor and his late wife and is designated for students majoring in mathematics or the sciences.

Freeman had moved to Greenville after a career with New England Telephone, and his primary connection with Furman was through the summer lakeside band concerts. He apparently chose to establish the scholarship because years ago, one of his grandsons was unable to attend Furman because of a lack of financial aid.

Planned gifts can be made in two ways: "in force," or future gifts, or matured gifts (the donor has died). Often, however, the university learns about planned gifts only after they mature, because the donor fails to let the university know in advance.

By notifying Furman of your intentions to establish a planned gift, you allow the university to express its appreciation while you are still alive. Furthermore, you give Furman the opportunity to count the gift toward the Forever Furman Campaign and to take its value into consideration when developing future plans.

Furman's board of trustees recently authorized the Office of Planned Giving to reimburse donors for up to two hours of legal advice provided by their own counsel when they establish a planned gift benefiting Furman.

To learn more about planned giving or to notify Furman about a gift in force, contact the Office of Planned Giving at (864) 294-3461.

— Betsy Moseley '74
Director, Planned Giving

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A Comprehensive Campaign

Rinker Challenge builds on its own success

Over the last few months, with the help of the Rinker Challenge and other significant gifts, the \$25 million drive for the expansion and renovation of the James Buchanan Duke Library has surpassed \$13 million in donations and pledges.

In October trustee Leighan Rinker and her husband, David, said that for every alumnus who made a donation between then and the end of December, they would contribute \$100 toward the renovation of the library, which is the cornerstone of the Forever Furman campaign.

More than 4,100 alumni responded by December 31, and as a result \$410,000 was added to the library project. These funds will help Furman develop a state-of-the-art library complete with the electronic resources and technological infrastructure that today's students require.

The results were so outstanding that the Rinkers broadened their challenge to include all alumni gifts received by April 30. "This is a critical moment in Furman's history, and we would love to see Furman alumni prove their own support of Furman to be stronger than ever," says Leighan Rinker.

More support for the library has come in the form of contributions from two foundations.

In December The Duke Endowment awarded the first \$2 million toward its \$9.5 million pledge. The Endowment's commitment, announced last winter, is to be paid over five years. During the last 75 years, Furman has received more than \$61 million from the Endowment.

In addition, the F.W. Symmes Foundation of Greenville has made a gift of \$500,000 toward the library. To recognize this gift, Furman will name the building's special collections area the F.W. Symmes Special Collections Archives.

The Symmes Foundation was established by Frederick W. Symmes, a Greenville native who attended Furman and went on to become a leading businessman in the city. He was also a director of the Greenville Library, which he served as chairman from 1927 to 1957.

The Symmes Foundation has been a generous contributor to Furman. Among its gifts to the university are the Symmes Chair in Economics and support for six students in the Young Scholars in Computing Program.

Library Naming Opportunities

Room or Area	Amount needed
New Wing	\$ 7,500,000
General Collection Room (2 rooms)	2,000,000
Center for Collaborative Learning	2,000,000
Educational Curriculum Collection	1,000,000
Collection Development and Technical Services	500,000
Current Periodicals	500,000
Computer/Instruction/Media Laboratory (3)	250,000
Large Reading Area (8)	250,000
Seating Area (8)	100,000
Staff Lounge	100,000
Educational Instruction Room	100,000
Conference/Consultation Room (2)	50,000
Academic Assistance/Testing Area	50,000
Librarian's Office	50,000
Academic Computing Support Center	50,000
Media Collection	50,000
Office (10)	25,000
Reading Nook (4)	25,000
Group Study Room (17)	25,000
Scholar Study Room or Carrel (7)	25,000

Funds grow for campaign construction projects

Through December 2000, the Forever Furman Campaign had received approximately \$146 million in gifts and pledges. A progress report on several projects within the campaign:

■ **Bryan Center for Military Science:** \$565,000 has been raised toward the \$1 million goal. The center, dedicated in September, has been in use throughout the 2000-2001 school year.

■ **James C. Furman Hall renovation:** The university's oldest classroom building is in line for an \$8 million makeover. Furman has raised \$3 million toward the goal.

■ **Herman N. Hipp Hall:** The new academic building will be located between the library, Riley Hall, student center and South Housing (men's residence halls). To date, \$6.6 million has been received for the \$8.5 million project.

■ **Younts Center:** To be located adjacent to Cherrydale on the south side of campus, the conference center will feature meeting and dining rooms and high-tech communications capabilities. A total of \$1.5 million has been raised for the \$3.6 million project.