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SIX JOIN BOARD

The board of trustees will welcome six new members when it convenes its fall meeting in October.

Newly elected board members are Ravenel B. Curry III ‘63 of New York City; W. Randy Eaddy ’76 and James M. Ney ’64 of Atlanta, Ga.; J. Carroll Rushing and Elizabeth Peace Stall of Greenville; and Martha Stoddard Selonick ’72 of Baltimore, Md. All were elected to three-year terms. Curry, Eaddy and Ney have served previously on the board.

Curry, a native of Greenwood, S.C., is president of Eagle Capital Management, an investment management firm for corporations, foundations and families. A former president of the Furman Alumni Association, he holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of Virginia.

Eaddy is a native of Johnsonville, S.C., and a partner with the law firm Kilpatrick Stockton LLP. A summa cum laude graduate of Furman, he earned his law degree at Harvard University, where he also served on the Law Review, and is active in civic affairs in Atlanta.

Ney helped found the Atlanta law firm of Holt Ney Zatcick & Wasserman, LLP. A graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, where he was president of the student body and a justice on the honor court, he was for three years special assistant attorney general of the State of Georgia.

Rushing, a graduate of Southern Polytechnic State University, is a Greenville entrepreneur and businessman whose generosity helped establish Furman’s Rushing Center for Advanced Technology, which has strengthened the university’s ties to the corporate community by providing a range of technology-related educational and consulting services.

Stall is a graduate of Hollins College (now University) and is a Greenville civic leader. She is a trustee of the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities and a trustee and member of the executive committee of the Peace Center for the Performing Arts. She has served on the boards at Hollins and at Presbyterian College.

Selonick, a physician at Harbor Hospital in Baltimore, is a former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a past recipient of Furman’s Head Agent of the Year award.

Four trustees were re-elected to serve an additional three-year term. They are Harold F. Gallivan III ’69 of Greenville; Sarah Belk Gambrell of Charlotte, N.C.; Robert V. Pinson ’61 of Spartanburg, S.C.; and C. Kemmons Wilson of Memphis, Tenn. Two emeritus trustees — Lloyd E. Batson ’47 of Easley, S.C., and Thomas S. Hartness of Greenville — were also elected to three-year terms.

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The Furman board of trustees has approved a measure that paves the way for a retirement center to be constructed just north of the main campus.

The retirement community, which will open in 2004, will feature approximately 200 independent living residences on about 40 acres of university property to the east of the Furman Golf Course. It will be owned, developed and marketed by Kendal at Furman, Inc., a non-profit corporation formed in cooperation with Furman and the Pennsylvania-based Kendal Corporation. Furman will lease the property to the community.

Residents at the retirement center will range from freestanding cottages to small apartments and large apartments with two bedrooms, two baths and a den. Each residence will have a kitchen, a living/dining area and spacious closets, and will be wired for cable television and the Internet. Almost every unit will have either a balcony or patio.

Each Kendal community has its own pool, walking paths, fitness center, health clinic, dining room, post office, bank and craft spaces. Furman’s Child Development Center will be housed at the retirement community, which will also host some of the university’s Learning in Retirement classes.

The complex will include a community center that will house at least two dining areas (formal and informal), a large gathering room and auditorium, a beauty/barber shop, a gift shop, a library and offices.

Kendal operates continuing care retirement communities in Kennett Square, Pa., and at four universities (Dartmouth in New Hampshire, Cornell in New York, Oberlin in Ohio and Washington and Lee in Virginia). Another Kendal retirement community is in the marketing stage at Denison University in Ohio.

The average age of Kendal residents is between 75 to 84. The corporation’s upscale centers are generally described as an “intellectual community,” with many of its residents being retired faculty members and professionals.

Since Kendal at Furman will provide varying levels of care for its residents as they age, the community’s comprehensive health care program will include assisted living and licensed nursing care in addition to wellness programs and physician services. Some of the residences will also be designed for assisted living.

“We hope that Kendal at Furman residents will become active participants in the life of the Furman community,” says Wendy Libby, vice president for business affairs. “Some may choose to take a Furman class; others may attend concerts, athletic events or theatre productions, or use the golf course.”

Entry costs and monthly fees have not been determined, but residents will pay a one-time entry fee and an ongoing monthly fee. Residents will not own their units but will have lifetime use of them.

“These are vibrant communities in which residents play an enthusiastic role in the life of the university,” says Libby. “We expect students to benefit from informal interaction with the Kendal at Furman residents and hope that more formal internshhip programs can be set up to provide learning experiences for our students.”

The team of architects for the project will be Craig, Gaulden & Davis of Greenville and Cochran, Stephenson & Donkervoet of Baltimore, Md. The latter firm designed the Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community in Charleston, S.C.

An 18-member board will oversee Kendal at Furman, Inc. The Rev. Hardy Clemons, a Furman trustee and the retired senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville, will chair the board.

For more information about Kendal at Furman, call 888-224-6882 or visit the Kendal at Furman Web site at www.kaf.kendal.org.