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CLASS NOTES SUMMER 00, cont.

MARRIAGE: **Barbara Koosa** and James Hugh Ryan III, May 1999. She is a CPA-tax manager with Arthur Andersen LLP in Columbia, S.C. ■

BIRTHS: **Page Anderson** and Daniel J. Whitaker, a daughter, Tessa Anderson Whitaker, May 19. Having completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine, Page Anderson is a psychologist in Atlanta, Ga., and heads a federally funded treatment study.

■ **Michael and Tracy Jones Barnhart**, a son, Noah Christian, November 30, Mount Pleasant, S.C. ■ **Gregory H. and Shannon Rhodes Hill**, a daughter, Blair, Nashville, Tenn. Greg Hill is vice president for writer/artist development at EMI Music Publishing. ■ **Joel and Melanie Stulce Hunter**, a daughter, Sophia Grace, February 15, Lexington, Ky. ■ **Glenn and Megan Donovan Shealy**, a daughter, Rachel Donovan, November 24, Little Mountain, S.C. ■ **Joseph and Laura Saunders Werner**, a son, Jack Richard, September 18, Hewitt, N.J.

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Next reunion in 2002

Leslie Clugston Andres of Charlotte, N.C., who has been teaching high school English in the Rock Hill (S.C.) School District, has moved to Lake Norman Charter School in Huntersville, N.C. ■ **Sheri Olson Brotherton** of Wildwood, Mo., is a casualty claims analyst with the Auto Club of Missouri. ■ **Brian Davis** has become vice president for consulting services with DeWolff, Boberg & Associates, Inc., in Baltimore, Md. ■ **Gregory G. Fann**, who served as the Kentucky state coordinator for the Alan Keyes 2000 Presidential Campaign, is a pricing actuary for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and is also an agent for Rick Shaw Realtors. ■ **Sabrina Stockman Fowler** has been promoted to associate account manager by the Leslie Agency, an integrated marketing communications firm in Greenville. ■ **MARRIAGE:**

Sean Hannon and **Michelle Compton**, June 1999. They live in Westfield, N.J., where she is assistant vice president of direct marketing for the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Brian D. and Jamie M. Case**, a son, Caleb Shaw, December 12, Chattanooga, Tenn. Brian Case is the eighth-grade football coach and middle school athletics director at the McCallie School. ■ **Jackie and Manning Connors III**, a son, Austin William, September 29, Greensboro, N.C. (This corrects an item in the spring issue.) ■ **Bruce and Bonnie Brown '93 Leicht**, a son, Rabun Bates, February 25, Macon, Ga. ■ **Jim and Maribeth Pollock Loynes**, a daughter, Anna Marie, December 24. They have moved to Concord, N.H., where Maribeth Loynes joined the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic as an obstetrician/gynecologist. ■ **Jeffrey S. and Jessica C. Patterson**, a daughter, Caroline Joanne, January 13, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Norman K., Jr., and Linda Smith Richardson**, a daughter, Maria Kates, April 28, 1999, Mableton, Ga. Norman Richardson is manager of software operations for NewEnergy Associates. ■

Homero and Susan Whisman Ybarra, a son, Samuel James, December 30, Brownsville, Texas. Susan Ybarra is program manager for the Chrysler account at Trico Products Corporation.

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Next reunion in 2003

Steven A. and Karen Compton live in Seneca, S.C., where he is the pastor of Ann Hope Methodist Church. He has begun seminary studies after being awarded a full scholarship to Emory University's Candler School of Theology. ■ **Hilary K. Eaton** of Manhattan, Kan., recently completed a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from JILA, a research and teaching institute at the University of Colorado in Boulder. ■ **Susan K. Freeman**, a Ph.D. candidate at Ohio State University, is one of 15 recipients chosen from 257 candidates to

receive Woodrow Wilson-Johnson & Johnson dissertation grants funded by Johnson & Johnson Companies. The \$2,000 grants support research for doctoral dissertations on topics in women's and children's health. ■ **S. Russell Merritt** has been named director of college counseling at the Westminster Schools of Augusta, Ga. ■

Miranda T. Tumlin is a consultant with SAP America in Austin, Texas. ■ **MARRIAGE:** **Shannon Elizabeth Wilkerson** and William Marvin Wilson III, May 20, Saluda, N.C. They live in Greenville where she is alumni director at Furman and he is a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Henry M. Herlong, Jr. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Michael and Wendy Cannon Bell**, a son, Jared Thomas, March 7, Columbia, S.C. Wendy Bell is a forensics toxicologist with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. ■ **Erik and Allison Bridwell Leaver**, a daughter, Reilly Allison, December 11, Silver Spring, Md. Erik Leaver is a project associate with the Institute for Policy Studies and Allison Leaver is a special educator in the Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools. ■ **Russell A. and Mary Margaret Stearns Shepherd**, a son, Tucker Harrison, February 17, Hershey, Pa. ■ **Carl and Julia Willingham Townsend**, a daughter, Helen Grayson, November 9, Austin, Texas. Julia Townsend is a planner/analyst in Austin's Seton Healthcare Network and her husband works for Dell Computer Company.

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Next reunion in 2004

Having completed her Ph.D. in computer science at Florida State University, **Kristin L. Adair** now lives in Albuquerque, N.M., and works on the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratory. ■ **J. Scott and Mary Beth Jones Adams** are preparing to move to Southeast Asia in September after Scott Adams completes his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. ■ **Daniel J. Benton** has become senior software engineer with Encore Development in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Hannah F.E. Bright** lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where she works as a human resources manager for UCB Pharma, Inc.

Letters to the Editor

I really enjoyed the spring issue of *Furman* magazine on students' foreign travel. I was especially impressed with Karen Guth's article on South Africa's paradoxes and the realities that tourists never see. It was a moving commentary on how black Africans have been treated for centuries on their own continent and lands.

I hope Karen will look at graduate schools in international studies and continue her interest in Africa, where so much healing is needed from the racism that separates us all from a global society of peace. Her article was moving, well written and intelligently thoughtful.

Thank you for dedicating so much of this issue to the foreign studies program. I have never been able to quantify all that I learned, experienced and enjoyed during my time studying in England in 1970 while I was at Furman, but it was truly the most important part of my education during my four years as an undergraduate.

— Laura Muckenfuss '73
Washington, D.C.

The stories in the spring issue of *Furman* magazine were outstanding. I learned more about Collegiate Educational Service Corps than I ever knew as a student, and it makes me very proud of Furman students to learn that half of the student body participates in the program. I was also touched by the news of Mr. Williams' lost ring being found and returned after almost 50 years.

It is so nice to read positive, uplifting articles when today's newspapers and magazines always dwell on the negative and destructive. Thanks for the work that you do in putting together this publication for alumni and friends.

— Fred McKay '84
Rock Hill, S.C.