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Cherrydale becomes an artistic showplace

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on employment discrimination and Social Security cases. ■

After completing an assignment at Fort Bliss, Texas, as a pilot for the U.S. Army 204th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Reconnaissance), **Thomas C. Kelley III** has been selected as the aviation detachment commander for the Golden Knights Parachute Team at Fort Bragg, N.C. ■ **Joseph P. Royer III** of Lake Mary, Fla., has been selected Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001 at Midway Elementary School. ■

MARRIAGES: Amelia Rebecca Fusaro and William Floyd Everitt, November 25. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where she is a marketing consultant. He is CEO of Rasterex, A.S. ■

Catherine Grace Andress and **Jay Mattison Puckett**, November 13. They live in Greenville where she is sales manager at Builder Marts of America and he is vice president at Willis Corroon. ■ **BIRTHS: Richard** and Christine **Coughlin**, a son, Jonathan Nero, October 27, Greensboro, N.C. The Coughlins are with the law firm of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, LLP, she in medical malpractice defense and he in commercial and civil litigation. He has joined a reserve Army Judge Advocate General unit that supports the 18th Airborne Corps. ■ Adam and **Linda Ratcliffe Fuller**, a son, Jackson Lee, December 3, Atlanta, Ga. Linda Fuller is director of young

adult ministries at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta. ■ **G. Michael** and Karma C. **Grismore**, a daughter, Rachel Patricia, June 10, 1999, Irmo, S.C. ■ Edward L. and **Kimberly Dowell Isler**, a daughter, Mary Christine, March 2, 1999, Falls Church, Va. ■ **James M.** and Erin **Lynch**, a son, James Braden, November 8, Shady Dale, Ga. ■ **Michael** '92 and **Stacy Brickels Manley**, a son, Patrick Coleman, March 8, 1999, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Clark A.** and **Katherine Huffman** '92 **Sehon**, a daughter, Rachel Kayley, June 1999, San Diego, Calif. Clark Sehon has joined R.W. Johnson Pharmaceuticals, working in drug discovery, specifically immunology.

■ David and **Alison Miller Turner**, a daughter, Elizabeth Martin, August 18.

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Lisa Kay Howard teaches four-year-old kindergarten at Northside Center for the School District of Pickens (S.C.) County. ■ **Lee D. Linkous** has moved to Charlotte, N.C., where he is an engineer for the city. ■ **Scott J. Moore** is enrolled in the joint law and environment studies degree program at Vermont Law School. ■ **Rodney Bryan Whittle** received a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in December. ■ **BIRTHS: Jeffrey M.** and Amy Shawn **Foley**, a

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One would never guess that an alumni director's job could include seeking out decorative and fine arts, arranging for their placement, and researching the care and maintenance of such wonderful pieces.

But the arrival of Cherrydale on campus as the university's Alumni House has added these responsibilities to my duties, and the experience has been rewarding, educational and challenging. Cherrydale is being furnished with donations from Furman alumni and friends who are helping to transform the house into a real home.

And no one has made more generous contributions to Cherrydale's interior than Allen P. Crawford of the Class of 1936. Tour Cherrydale with one of the house docents and you will hear the Crawford name repeatedly connected to fine works of art, beautiful antique furniture and lovely rugs. He is a scrupulous collector of fine things, and he has helped to fill Cherrydale (and other places on campus) with beautiful furnishings.

After finishing Furman in 1936 with majors in English and history, Crawford made his way to New York City, where he earned graduate degrees from Colgate and Rochester colleges. He planned a career in the ministry and served small churches in New York and Michigan. But after a few years, he decided to switch vocations and joined the public relations department of Ford Motor Company, where he had done summer work during his school days.

While in New York, Crawford, a South Carolina native, decided to try to buy an old farmhouse in the country. In the process, he met a real estate agent who piqued his curiosity and instilled in him an interest in collecting fine furniture and works of art.

Crawford says, "I was visiting various properties with this agent and we began to discuss our similar interests. His hobby was collecting paintings and furniture, and I told him that I had an interest in early American pieces. He invited me to his home to see his collection, and I was immediately overcome by its beauty.

"He must have had 25 rooms filled with paintings, corner cabinets, tables and much more. I accidentally kicked one of the paintings, and he went ballistic, ranting and raving that I had ruined one of his fine pieces. Turns out I did it no harm, but that experience certainly helped me to develop my appreciation and careful attention to fine art.

"This fellow had only a grammar school education, and I decided then and there that if he could learn about and put together such a fine collection, I could teach myself about decorative and fine arts, too. From then on I traveled every weekend across the New England countryside, seeking out pieces at small antique shops, junk stores, estate sales and garage sales."

After retiring from Ford in 1971, Crawford moved back to his home state and settled in the Belton-Honea Path area. He converted an old school house into his home and gallery.

Crawford has always been interested in educating others about the fine arts, especially early American pieces. He says, "Until just recently, Americans insisted on collecting everything that was foreign and paid very little attention to the treasures we have here in early American pieces."

Today, Cherrydale proudly displays over 20 of Crawford's works of art and many of his fine



Allen Crawford was recognized for his contributions to Cherrydale during an April 10 reception.

antiques, all of which fit beautifully in the 150-year-old house.

They include a pine corner cupboard, made around 1800, that stands in the far corner of the dining porch. This handsome piece has a rare and beautiful candle and flame design at the top and hand-carved rope running down each side at the hinges.

The grandmother clock in the front foyer is an early 18th-century creation of John Wright, a noted New York City clockmaker. In July of 1974, a trash collector in Anderson, S.C., found the clock by a curb, waiting to be discarded. He sold it to Gertrude Kay, an antiques dealer in Anderson, who later sold it to Crawford.

In addition, thanks to Crawford, a number of exceptional pieces of art by such early American artists as Albion H. Bicknell, Hudson M. Kitchell and Thomas Sulley adorn the walls of Cherrydale.

Cherrydale grows more beautiful every day because of generous donations from alumni. Furman is still seeking several early American pieces to complete the house, including a dining room table. We are also anxious to display Furman memorabilia, such as scrapbooks, old photos and awards. If you have items to offer, please contact the Alumni Office.

— Shannon Wilkerson '93
Director, Alumni Association