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President David Shi
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my first day at Enterprise Middle School in Compton, California. But the story actually began six months earlier with my acceptance and subsequent enrollment in Teach for America, a national service program sponsored by Americorps, the domestic Peace Corps.

Teach for America takes recent college graduates (primarily non-education majors), trains them to teach under extreme circumstances, and places them in areas of the country where there are severe teacher shortages. A pre-med student while at Furman, I had no idea that what I expected to be a two-year sabbatical before graduate school would soon alter my life forever.

Always the idealist, I recall how invigorated I had been about devoting 24 months to America's forgotten children. Hey, I saw “Stand and Deliver.” I saw “Dangerous Minds.” How difficult could it be?

Looking back, when I envisioned these years, I foresaw my experiences, as do so many Americorps members, in little vignettes — like the ones movies set to music to show the passage of time. Here’s Jay, motivating a neglected student to achieve her potential; Jay, giving a high five as a student suddenly realizes he understands computer-integrated calculus; Jay, smiling at the student, hiding the fact that he never understood it in the first place.

Then came day two at Enterprise.

The democratic approach: “Melvin, what are the rules we all made together about playing the table-top drums with our pencils during class?”

The assertive discipline approach: “Melvin, do not play drums with your pencils during class.”

The Siberia approach: “Melvin, go to the back of the room, sit quietly and think about what you’ve done.”

The washing my hands of the problem approach: “Melvin, take your pencil and go to Mrs. Paige’s room next door.”

Suddenly there were no cameras, and I was questioning whether my movie would have a happy ending after all.

Allow me to set the scene.

Located in south central Los Angeles, next door to Watts, Compton is equally infamous for having the nation’s highest rate of gang involvement and for being home to the school district with the nation’s second-lowest standardized test scores. Most of my seventh-grade students read at a first- or second-grade level. The birthplace of so-called “gangsta rap,” Compton is riddled with violence, poverty and racial conflicts between its primarily black and Hispanic citizens.

Although placed in Compton by the Teach for America program, I was allowed to choose at which secondary school I would work. I chose Enterprise Middle School, the pride of Compton, because of its billing as a visual and performing arts school. I had performed in some musical productions during my days at Furman and thought Enterprise seemed like a good fit.
Visions of “Fame” quickly faded, though. I soon discovered that performing arts simply meant that Enterprise was the only area school that had not lost its music program. My first year, I was asked to teach five life science classes, two of them with students who spoke nothing but Spanish. (Fortunately I was somewhat bilingual, and my Spanish continues to improve.) One of my classes had more than 60 students. My classroom seats 40. Now you know something about where I'm coming from.

Eventually, things became easier. Days melted into weeks and weeks into months, and before I knew it, I, Jay Benoit, was a teacher! Granted, it didn’t come easily. Not a day went by without challenges. I soon learned that paper is considered a luxury in many school districts. And white paper? What’s that? Have you ever taken a test on iridescent fuschia?

Having depleted my savings account in my cross-country move from Simpsonville, S.C., I soon found myself consuming what can only be considered unhealthy amounts of macaroni and cheese so I could have funds for the finer classroom luxuries — crayons, chalk, an eraser or two. Heck, always the optimist, I figured that if I was careful, in two months I could splurge and buy a pencil sharpener!

Heeding a good friend’s advice that we make our own happiness, I decided to focus on the positive aspects of my situation. I took pride in my self-defined Compton skylight (commonly referred to by my less exuberant co-workers as the three-foot hole in the roof over my classroom). When the El Nino rains came, the students and I stepped around the two-inch-deep puddles on the floor and cultured the mold growing on the walls for an experiment.

I found it comforting to work on a campus where the buildings have no windows (a safety measure in most inner-city schools. Nature can be so distracting sometimes.) And the first bomb threat was a culturally enlightening experience. (Now there’s something you won’t find at a CLP!) And then there were the Code Yellows, which means lock the doors and hit the decks, because someone with a gun has been spotted on campus.

Who was I kidding? I was frustrated, disheartened, terrified, and oh so tired. I would ask myself, why am I doing this? And then I’d be reminded the next morning in the parking lot, as I’d struggle to put on that tie, hold the Starbucks, grab the suitcase, fumble with the keys. “Yo Mr. B! Need a hand?”

The children.
They make everything worthwhile.

It’s the children that get me up at 6 o’clock every morning. It’s the children who won’t let me get to sleep until after midnight. And it’s the children who greet me every morning with a smile, maybe a hug, and if I’m lucky, a “Yo Mr. B! Whazzup?”

The children of Compton are just like children anywhere else in America. They’re just missing out on something precious — love. I have come to understand the importance of love, of expressing one’s love for others, and of how detrimental the lack of love can be, especially for a child.

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Little did I know that I would have to be much more than a teacher when I took on this role. I am their mother and their father. I am their priest, their rabbi, their counselor, their best friend. I am the only one they feel they can trust. I am the one they call when they get picked up by the cops at 2 a.m. because they’ve chosen the dangers of the street over a home where they are abused by alcoholic foster parents, or their fathers and brothers manufacture drugs to sell on the street, or their mothers sell themselves for drug money.

I have found it impossible to do what so many of my co-workers suggest, to go out on a weekend night and simply forget about work. For me, work is Shemeka and Juan and Felipe and their tumultuous trials of adolescence. They are not problems that turn themselves off with the lights and wait for my return. I cannot imagine myself caring any more deeply for my own children. I feel I have almost 300 children, and I love all of them dearly.

They’re so affectionate. They’re like sponges; they soak up everything. For many, I’m the only consistent male presence in their lives, which helps me earn their trust. This can be especially significant with the male students. These are children, 12 to 14 years of age – the prime age to become parents in an area where the rates for teen pregnancies and high school dropouts are very high.

Besides teaching science, I’m also the vocal performance instructor at Enterprise. We’ve presented “Grease” at the school, and my students have performed on local television and in productions at local universities. This year, we started a chorus.

I’ve also tried to help them learn to enjoy life. On the weekends, we’ll get a group together for outings. We’ve been to the San Diego Zoo, to local historical and science museums, even on a whale watch. I’ve taken some 12-year-olds on their first trip to the beach – a 20-minute drive from their homes.

And if you had only been there the day I accompanied five boys, all in their “hood” outfits, to Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. There we were, checking out Tommy Hilfiger and other famous, upscale establishments. You should have seen the looks!

My relationship with the students has brought me the greatest rewards – and the greatest suffering. When my children are in my classroom, I know that they are in a safe, caring environment, but when they walk out the door, they must face the dangers of the streets. Will De’Andre remember what I told him about true manhood when
he’s handed a magnum outside the convenience store? Will he rise up against the injustices life has dealt him? Will the inspirational message of Maya Angelou’s “Still I Rise” sound on?

In this profession, it is the moments when I am farthest from my work that my work matters most.

**Getting away from thoughts of my students is as difficult as getting away from thoughts of myself.** Yet the greatest burden of choosing to carry my students with me wherever I go is that I also choose to carry their disappointments, frustrations and failures.

And I don’t watch the news anymore. I can listen to National Public Radio on my way home from work, but I can’t watch the 5 o’clock news. It’s too emotionally damaging. Few will ever understand what it’s like to hear the anchor announce yet one more gang-related killing of a Compton child and pray to God that you don’t recognize the face in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

I recall hearing a woman say that her greatest fear was to lose one of her children. I’ve lost two – both innocent, both victims of senseless acts of violence, both close to my heart.

In these moments of greatest difficulty and disillusionsment, where do I find the strength to pick myself up again and begin the day anew? I am blessed to have friends, both new and old, who are endlessly supportive. When I wrote Dr. [Judith] Bainbridge at Furman to tell her about my work, she wound up sharing my note with some of her colleagues. Suddenly, Furman friends were sending me supplies and checks in the mail. The same thing happened when *The Greenville News* published a story about me. Friends and strangers were calling my parents, asking how they could help.

With support like this, and relying on my trust in divine providence, I am inspired to carry on. I know that this is where I am meant to be. And I learn more from my students in a day than they do from me in a month. I may teach them science and music, but they teach me about life – the struggles they go through, the battles they fight just to get to school each day. Who’s the teacher here?

The path has been laid before me, and through thick or thin, with the support of others, I will walk down that path with my head held high. Behind me, don’t be surprised to find a dozen or so children, following the lights to their own dreams. Maybe one day those dreams can somehow become a reality for these children, if only they work hard enough. I will not allow anything to stand in their way.

I have truly found my calling.
Cherrydale Mansion’s four-mile trek to Furman turned out to be an unusually moving experience.

The grand old lady has made her way home. With the help of a 56-wheel truck, dozens of workers, clear (if bone-chilling) weather and a hefty dose of patience, the 175-ton Cherrydale Mansion, Furman’s new Alumni House, completed its two-day journey to campus at dusk on March 8.

Along the way, it survived high winds, a mishap with a utility pole and a somewhat harrowing journey down Duncan Chapel Road before coming to rest at the university’s highest point, a wooded area on the south end of campus overlooking the Minor Hemdon Mickey Tennis Center and Irwin Belk Complex for Track and Field.

The 150-year-old house, once the home of James C. Furman, the university’s first president, had been saved from apparent demise last fall when Furman agreed to move it to campus. Built in the 1840s, Cherrydale previously sat on a hill overlooking the Umbro International (Stone Manufacturing) plant at the intersection of Highway 291 and Poinsett Highway. But when AIG Baker bought the property and announced plans to develop a shopping center on the site, the house had to be either moved or razed. The Stone family of Greenville and AIG Baker chose to donate the house to Furman.

Making the decision to move the house was one thing; determining how was another. The Cherrydale move required considerable coordination and negotiation with local electric, telephone and cable television companies. To accommodate the height of the house, which measured 37 feet on the truck, most of the power lines along Poinsett Highway were raised – and even then, some homeowners and businesses were temporarily without power during the move. Arrangements were made to lower phone and cable lines while the house passed, then re-attach them. In addition, Poinsett Highway and Duncan Chapel Road had to be closed and traffic rerouted during parts of the move.

Once these problems were ironed out, it was time to call in the Expert Construction Company of Virginia Beach, Va., owned by the Matyiko brothers (Jim and John). For these folks, transporting a 4,960-square-foot house was just another day at the office; their projects have included a 2,000-ton lighthouse, a smokestack 130 feet tall and 18 feet in diameter, a B-52 airplane and a dairy barn.

Sunday, March 7, dawned crisp, clear and breezy, with a wind-chill factor of 12 degrees. Still, a large crowd gathered on the Umbro property to watch the house move onto the road right at 8 o’clock, and onlookers who lined the highway were awed by the sight of the 55-foot-wide, 60-foot-long home as it rolled along, slowly but steadily. Utility crews worked quickly, and Cherrydale actually arrived at its first-night destination, a lot on the corner of Old Buncombe and Duncan Chapel roads, around 1:30 p.m., about two hours ahead of predictions.
Day 2, however, did not progress as smoothly, even though there was only a half mile to go. While workers were clearing the Duncan Chapel/Old Buncombe intersection for Cherrydale to pass through, a utility pole began leaning precariously toward a crowd of spectators. Fortunately, disaster was averted and the problem was fixed.

Then a new concern emerged: the movers discovered that Duncan Chapel Road was too narrow for the house to pass, even though the trees and banks on each side had been trimmed back. With little time to spare – snow and ice were forecast for the next morning – workers grabbed their chain saws, manned their bulldozers and began clearing trees and cutting back the embankment once more.

Finally, early in the afternoon, Cherrydale was able to proceed down the steep Duncan Chapel hill, cross a small, heavily reinforced bridge, and begin its final push to campus. By 4:30 p.m., four hours behind schedule, it had arrived on campus, and by 6 o’clock, to the sound of applause from 100 or so resilient followers, it had reached its final destination.

For now, Cherrydale rests above a 12-inch-thick concrete slab while the university constructs the foundation. Once it is completed, the movers will return and lower the house, which must be placed on the foundation at precisely the same level as it was on its original site or risk damage to its internal structure.

The Alumni Office plans to move in this summer, and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Homecoming ’99, October 22-24.

*For more on Cherrydale, see Shannon Wilkerson’s column on page 36.*

### Cherrydale Fact Sheet

- The 4,960-square-foot house features 11 rooms, eight fireplaces and five bathrooms.
- Since 1976, the house has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Cherrydale served as the summer home of Furman’s first president, James Clement Furman, in the mid-1800s.
- Although the exact date of Cherrydale’s construction is unknown, the Greek Revival dwelling was built sometime in the late 1840s or early 1850s by George Green. The house was sold in March of 1857 to James Clement Furman. The Furman family owned the property until 1939, when it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Stone III. The interior was completely refurbished in the 1990s.
- The house was donated to the university by the Stone family of Greenville, longtime Furman supporters, and AIG Baker, the company which purchased the Umbro International property from the family. The plant is being developed into a shopping center, to be called Cherrydale Point.
- The house is located at the highest point on campus, in a wooded area overlooking the Irwin Belk Complex for Track and Field and the Minor Herndon Mickel Tennis Center.
Along the way, Cherrydale survived high winds, a mishap with a utility pole and a somewhat harrowing journey down Duncan Chapel Road before coming to rest at the university's highest point.

While most power lines along Poinsett Highway were raised, other traffic, cable and utility lines were lowered to allow the house to pass, then quickly re-attached.

Monday's portion of the move was delayed when workers had to clear additional land on each side of Duncan Chapel Road to allow the mansion to pass through.

Furman had actually moved a house to campus in the past. But when Old College, now the home of Quaternion, made its journey from the downtown campus in 1958, it didn't present the same kind of logistical problems as Cherrydale.
An ambitious capital campaign is designed to close the gap between Furman's aspirations and its ability to support them.
When Richard Furman led the way in founding the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1821, one of his primary motives was to establish an institution of higher learning that would provide for an educated ministry.

But his view of education was not limited to ministerial students. He knew that an informed citizenry was crucial if the newly established United States was to cope with its sudden success and rapid growth. "It is a land of light and liberty," he wrote, "where population, wealth, civilization, and science, are daily advancing." Institutions such as the one he envisioned would provide "solid... and useful knowledge" to equip people for life.
Today, almost 200 years later, Richard Furman’s words still ring true.

Science, industry, commerce and technology are progressing at warp speed. The need for well-educated leaders of character and integrity is greater now than ever. And the institution that bears Richard Furman’s name remains committed to fulfilling his vision and translating his ideal into reality.

The Furman University of 1999 is justifiably recognized as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the nation. Interest in the university is at an all-time high among prospective students, alumni and friends, and the students are more capable and diverse than ever. The university’s emphasis on engaged learning, through which students are encouraged to take more active roles in their classes and to acquire firsthand experience in fields related to their postgraduate interests, has helped Furman establish a distinctive niche in the competitive world of higher education.

The university has developed a new strategic plan that provides the blueprint for the Furman of 2000 and beyond. The plan is far-reaching and all-encompassing, touching on every aspect of the Furman experience. It calls for improving the intellectual quality and lifelong value of a Furman education and enhancing the university’s commitment to developing the whole person—intellectually, spiritually, artistically and physically.

As President David Shi says, “We have reached a point where we can now dare to hope for things we never dared to consider in the past. The impossible has become possible, and we stand at the threshold of greatness.”

But for its dreams to become reality, Furman must strengthen its human, physical and financial resources. The university must close the gap between its aspirations and its ability to support them.

For this reason, and to ensure the future excellence of a Furman education, the university has embarked on a historic fund-raising venture. Forever Furman: A Comprehensive Campaign seeks to raise $150 million in gifts and pledges by the end of 2001.

The goal includes more than $100 million for current needs to implement the strategic plan, with another $45 million expected in new estate plans to help ensure Furman’s future. “It is important to understand the difference between providing for strategic initiatives, which require current funding, and the deferred gifts that will help Furman decades from now,” says Shi.

And yet, $150 million is just a starting point. Don Lineback, vice president for development, stresses, “The need to bolster Furman’s financial strength and refurbish key buildings is so great that it far exceeds the $150 million in commitments we are seeking in this campaign. Our needs in virtually all areas far outstrip the ability of this campaign to fund them.”

But perhaps this is the beauty of “Forever Furman.” By focusing on the university’s most vital needs, it also creates new opportunities for bolder thinking and even more far-reaching possibilities. In short, it establishes a basis for fulfilling not just immediate needs, but future aspirations as well.

Focus on Endowment

The top priority of the campaign is to increase the university’s endowment, which as of March 1 stood at $209 million. In particular, the campaign will focus on endowment support for three areas: scholarships, academic programs and professorships.

“While Furman has grown in quality and stature,” Shi says, “its continuing weakness is the small size of its endowment when compared to the colleges we most often compete with for students and faculty—schools like Wake Forest, Emory, Davidson, Washington and Lee, and the University of the South.” (See chart, page 16).
Endowment funds are the lifeblood of any university. They are equivalent to a savings account, with the interest generated used to support general operations. The larger the endowment and the more earnings it produces, the less a college must depend on tuition and fees for its daily operations.

Trustee chair David Ellison ’72 says, “Endowment may not be the only indication of a college’s excellence, but it is perhaps the most measurable. A large endowment generates income for a college’s budget, income that is essential to develop innovative programs and to attract the best faculty and brightest students.”

A key element within the endowment effort is scholarship funds. Benny Walker, vice president for enrollment, notes that Furman spends $9 million for financial aid from its annual operating budget. He says, “Having adequate endowment to fund even a portion of annual aid will free up additional funds to improve the Furman experience for everyone.”

Although Furman is consistently rated a “best buy” in higher education, it is not always affordable to students who have the talent but not the means to attend. Furman often loses these students to other institutions because it cannot offer them as much financial aid.

To remedy this situation, the university anticipates raising as much as $20 million for endowed scholarships. An endowed scholarship requires a commitment of $100,000.

While competition for the best students is growing, the same is true for top-flight professors. The campaign seeks $11 million to endow professorships and faculty chairs, to be held by professors who are superb teachers and scholars. Endowed professorships supplement faculty salaries and help to relieve pressure on the operating budget.

The Furman Advantage Program, which provides stipends for close to 100 students a year as interns, research assistants and teaching assistants, is also a campaign priority. The program, which began in 1985 with the help of a grant from the Charles A. Dana Foundation, is the centerpiece of Furman’s commitment to engaged learning; $3 million will ensure its ongoing status. An additional $5 million will be sought to endow more internship stipends for students.

Other areas targeted for endowment support include teaching technology ($2 million); faculty development ($2 million); campus maintenance ($2 million); and Collegiate Educational Service Corps ($2 million).

“We need new levels of commitment that will enable us to increase our endowment-per-student ratio and our overall endowment total,” says Shi. “By making this commitment, we can build the resources necessary to attract and prepare the very best students for the next century.”

**THE ENDOWMENT**

To provide permanent funding for engaged learning and the development of the whole person:

- Distinguished Professorships (2 @ $2 million) — $4 million
- Professorships (5 @ $1 million) — $5 million
- Departmental Endowments ($100,000 and up) — $10 million
- Furman Advantage / Student Research ($100,000 and up) — $3 million
- Collegiate Educational Service Corps ($50,000 and up) — $2 million
- Endowed Faculty Chairs (4 @ $500,000) — $2 million
- Center for Collaborative Learning and Communication (to endow and name) — $2 million
- Language Resource Center (to endow and name) — $2 million
- Faculty Development Funds ($50,000 and up) — $2 million
- Teaching Endowments ($50,000 and up) — $2 million
- Endowments to Enhance Teaching Technology ($50,000 and up) — $5 million
- Endowed Scholarships ($100,000 and up) — $20 million
- Endowed Internships ($50,000 and up) — $5 million
- Campus Maintenance Funds ($25,000 and up) — $2 million
- Endowed Library Book Fund ($25,000 and up) — $2 million
- Endowment for the Furman Humanities Review — $100,000

**NEW AND RENOVATED FACILITIES**

To provide quality space for academic programs serving 2,500 students:

- Expansion and Renovation of James B. Duke Library — $24 million
- Renovation of John L. Plyler Hall — $32 million
- A new facility for the sciences — $20 million
- Renovation of James C. Furman Hall — $8 million

**AN INCREASE IN ANNUAL GIFTS**

To support faculty salaries, financial aid, operation of the library, athletic scholarships, educational equipment and campus maintenance:

**The Furman Fund**
- Partners Program ($25,000)
- Richard Furman Society ($10,000)
- Founders Circle ($5,000)
- Trustees Circle ($2,500)
- Presidents Club ($1,000)
- Fountain 500 ($500)
- Bell Tower Society ($250)
- Gateway Society ($100)
- Contributor ($10 to $99)

**The Paladin Club**
- Scholarship ($24,000 in 1999-00)
- Half Scholarship ($12,000 in 1999-00)
- Diamond F ($5,000)
- Varsity ($2,500)
- Coaches ($1,000)
- Knight ($500)
- Paladin ($250)
- Pacesetter ($100)

**ESTATE PLANS**

To ensure Furman’s future excellence. Opportunities include bequests to Furman, trusts and annuities, retirement plans and life insurance, among others.

**FOREVER FURMAN: PRIORITY NEEDS**

The need to bolster Furman’s financial strength is so great that it far exceeds the $150 million in commitments sought in this campaign. The following are examples of gifts needed in virtually all areas to implement the university’s strategic plan. These gifts will strengthen Furman’s ability to provide students with the finest education available.
**Endowment funds are the lifeblood of any university.**

A comparison of the endowment rankings of Furman and its regional peer institutions, with which the university competes for the finest faculty and students. Under endowment per student, an asterisk indicates that the figure is based on an institution's total number of students; for the other schools, the figure is based on undergraduate students only.

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**A distinctive approach to engaged learning**

The heart of the Forever Furman campaign can be summed up in two words: engaged learning.

In recent years, Furman has established itself as a national leader in engaged learning by providing students the chance to put classroom theory into practice through internships, research, study abroad and other opportunities that complement and clarify their academic experience. These activities build both student resumes and confidence, while helping them stand out in job interviews or when applying to graduate schools.

The desire to expand and support these programs is central to the success of the campaign. Still, people tend to ask: What makes Furman’s emphasis on engaged learning so special? Don’t other institutions provide similar outlets for their students? And isn’t this problem-solving, project-oriented and experience-based approach to the liberal arts a departure from Furman’s traditional mission?

Glen Halva-Neubauer, political scientist and director of the university’s Christian A. Johnson Center for Engaged Learning, says that the Furman program is distinctive because of its comprehensive, holistic approach. Rather than focusing on one area or multiple programs, he says, “We’re thinking systematically as to how engaged learning fits with all students and with all academic departments.”

So whether it’s a summer of research on campus or at a major research institute, an internship with a law or accounting firm, or a three-month travel program to China, Furman wants to ensure that students in all departments have the chance to enjoy one of these experiences. This is why the Furman Advantage ($3 million), internships ($5 million) and other programs are major elements of the campaign.

And although many schools offer students similar opportunities, Furman goes a step further. Rather than students having just “a job” or “a research experience,” Furman seeks to design appropriate ways for students to reflect on their activities so that they will understand not only how the work affects them, but its implications for others.

“Engaged learning requires students to take more responsibility for what they do and learn,” says Halva-Neubauer. “We can provide the means and resources, but they are the ones who must apply what they know and make the connections.”

In much the same way, students are taking a more active role in the classroom – often with the help of technology. When students are asked to participate in on-line discussion groups or produce Powerpoint presentations, they develop new skills, strengthen old ones and become more involved in and responsible for their education.

Of course, this means that professors must understand how to apply technology in the classroom. In recent years, with the help of grants from the Mellon Foundation and other sources, Furman has provided special workshops to help faculty develop their technological skills. The campaign will seek endowment support for teaching technology ($5 million) and the new Center for Collaborative Learning and Communication ($2 million), which will be located in the library. It will serve as a central facility where faculty and students may work together to expand their technological knowledge and to generate materials for their courses.

Halva-Neubauer believes that these opportunities, both outside and inside the classroom, produce students who have a better understanding of the complexity of the world and of the people in it. As a result, students emerge from the so-called ivory tower confident, interested and better prepared for what the world has in store. “This really goes back to the ancient roots of the liberal arts, which was about training citizens,” he says. “An informed citizenry can make better decisions, and engaged learning develops better citizens.”

– Jim Stewart
Facilities Improvements

The Forever Furman campaign will support renovations and upgrades for the oldest academic facilities on campus: the James B. Duke Library, James C. Furman Hall and John L. Plyler Hall.

The library, now more than 40 years old, needs additional space in which to operate and to strengthen its services and programs. To fulfill its mission to be a leader among national liberal arts colleges in teaching critical thinking, information retrieval and assessment skills, in the judicious application of information technology, and in fostering lifelong learning, the library must keep pace with technological advances and provide students and faculty with study space and ready access to electronic resources.

The campaign seeks $24 million for the library. Of the total, $11 million will go for building improvements, including converting the basement to library use, redesigning the main floor to accommodate more public services, and upgrading the heating and cooling system. The rest will provide equipment, technology, furniture and a maintenance endowment for a 39,000-square-foot addition to the building. The improvements will support new study areas, academic computing labs, classrooms for computerized instruction, and multimedia facilities that offer faculty and students the means to collaborate on projects and presentations. (See page 19.)

Just as the library must be updated and renovated, Furman Hall and Plyler Hall require similar upgrades in terms of technology and space requirements.

John E. Johns Hall and Richard W. Riley Hall, the university’s newest academic facilities, have set an impressive standard with their high-tech classrooms and open, inviting gathering areas. By comparison, Furman Hall and Plyler Hall fall short. Because of the historic place these academic facilities have on campus, and for the benefit of future students, they require renovation and improvement.

The list of needs includes $40 million to renovate the two buildings ($8 million for Furman Hall and $32 million for Plyler Hall), plus an additional $20 million for a new science building.

After the departments of education and economics and business administration move to the planned Herman N. Hipp Hall (expected within two years), Furman Hall will be the exclusive home of the humanities departments: classics, communication studies, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy and religion. The building will be upgraded to allow these departments to incorporate new teaching technologies and curricular innovations. Major improvements will also be made in Plyler Hall, with the renovation likely to occur in phases because of its high cost.

As part of the ambitious plans for the university’s science programs, the needs list includes a new high-tech, $20 million facility. The building will be adjacent to Plyler Hall and will provide state-of-the-art laboratory and classroom space for the departments of chemistry and biology, two of the university’s most active departments in faculty and student research.

Detailed descriptions of each of these building projects are being developed. Once completed, these projects will strengthen the campus infrastructure while enhancing the university’s academic programs – and the quality of each student’s experience.

Annual and Deferred Giving

The campaign seeks increased support for the annual budget through the Furman Fund, Paladin Club and other programs.

Alumni have responded in record numbers to the call for them to “take ownership” of the university since 1992, when the South Carolina Baptist Convention ended its annual $1.5 million subsidy to Furman. In 1997-98, alumni participation in Furman’s annual giving programs surpassed 50 percent, a feat matched by only a handful of colleges with more than 20,000 alumni.

Through the Forever Furman campaign, the university is offering more opportunities for alumni by establishing a goal of raising $23 million through annual contributions.
Annual giving supports a variety of institutional needs, from general operating expenses to faculty salaries, library books and journals, financial aid and athletic programs.

Don Lineback stresses that “gifts of all sizes are essential in the campaign, from the first-time contribution of $10 to the multimillion-dollar benefaction. In fact, the ‘two-digit’ gifts are what propelled us to the record participation rate we set last year. So it is vital for alumni to realize that every gift is important. And this campaign is somewhat unusual in that we offer such a wide range of options.”

Just as the university seeks to increase support for annual operations, it is looking to the future as well. Estate plans, or deferred gifts, provide long-term support for the university’s endowment while offering significant tax advantages to the donor.

Forever Furman seeks to raise $45 million in gifts and commitments to new estate plans. The campaign encourages donors to study their financial situation and develop the gift plan that best fits their needs and capabilities. Examples of deferred gifts include:

- Bequests naming Furman as direct beneficiary;
- The gift of a home, while retaining the right to live there for life;
- Retirement plans, such as IRAs, that offer the donor special tax savings;
- Trusts and annuities, which provide the donor income for life;
- Life insurance policies of which Furman is owner and beneficiary.

Great universities are built by those who have the courage to face the future head-on, the wisdom to build from strength, and the resources to fulfill their vision.

Building on Tradition

A fund-raising campaign of this magnitude requires years of analysis, planning and preparation.

Furman has been involved in the “quiet phase” of the campaign since January 1, 1996, when trustees and other volunteers began working toward the goal. Since that time, the board of trustees and various advisory groups to the university have studied the campaign’s objectives, examined their priorities, and made their own commitments.

By the time the campaign launched its public phase on April 16, Furman had received gifts and pledges of more than $93 million toward the $150 million goal. “This early support is vitally important, because it demonstrates the commitment we already have from a relatively small group of alumni and friends,” says Lineback. “They have set a strong example and a fast pace as we move into the main phase of the campaign.”

Contributions received during the quiet phase are already supporting several projects. More than 500 students have benefited from the 160 scholarships that have been established or increased, including the new Partners Program, which is designed to strengthen the ties between donors and scholarship recipients.
The Nan Trammell Herring Music Pavilion, the REK Center for Intercollegiate Golf and Timmons Arena are among the nine building projects that also fall under the campaign banner. Four endowments for the maintenance of new or established facilities have been created, as have three academic programs central to the university’s core philosophy: the Christian A. Johnson Center for Engaged Learning, the Center for International Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities challenge.

Yet the Forever Furman campaign is only a start. When one adds the dollar amounts for Furman’s needs, the total far surpasses $150 million.

Forever Furman will serve as the foundation on which the university will stand as it enters the next millennium. Needs not fulfilled by the end of the campaign will continue to have a high priority until they are met.

Great universities refuse to be content with the status quo, but remain ever eager to renew and improve themselves. They are built by leaders and supporters who have the courage to face the future head-on, the wisdom to build from strength, and the resources to fulfill their vision.

“For a college to be great requires it to have more than energy and will and creativity,” says David Shi. “It must also enjoy a state of permanence. As we build this institution, we are doing so in the best of the Furman tradition – a tradition that extends all the way back to Richard Furman.”

For Furman University, the time for commitment is now.

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Library focus: space, technology

When alumni return to Furman, climb the steps to the James Buchanan Duke Library and enter the building, they no longer see long study tables and journal shelves near the card catalogue, or individual desks lining the rear windows.

Instead, the first floor is filled with stacks of books extending into the Bradshaw Reading Room. Government documents crowd the area formerly reserved for periodicals. Double-decked carrels and small study tables are squeezed in amid the stacks, and a row of computers sits in the middle of the lobby. The high ceilings are the only reminder of the open, spacious room that students of the past knew.

Furman’s commitment to engaged learning is intricately tied to the resources of the library. Janis Bandelin, director of the library, says, “If we are to encourage students to become more involved in their own education, we must offer them enhanced opportunities for intellectual discovery and a physical and intellectual environment that contributes to both self-directed and collaborative investigation and writing.”

For this reason, the library needs renovation and expansion to accommodate the growth in the student population over the last 40 years and the recent developments in information technology and research needs. The Forever Furman campaign will provide the resources to re-establish the library as the center of intellectual activity at Furman.

The campaign seeks $24 million to strengthen, renovate and update the library. Of that amount, $11 million will go toward converting the basement to library use, redesigning the main floor to accommodate more public services, and renovating the upper floors to improve student study space. It will support improvements in lighting, acoustics, heating and air conditioning, and will provide easier access for people with disabilities.

The remainder, $13 million, will go toward equipment, technology and a maintenance endowment for a 39,000-square-foot addition.

Although the library now offers access to hundreds of research databases, it has no information technology classroom where students can receive both instruction and practice with on-line research tools. Furthermore, research, writing and technology have become inextricably linked through recent technological advancements. Yet there is no computer lab in the library, so once students have found the information they need, they must leave the building to write a paper or develop a presentation.

By expanding the library to include academic computer labs and an information technology classroom, Furman will have a central location where everyone on campus can learn to use these tools effectively. A new Center for Collaborative Learning and Communication will offer space and facilities for students and faculty to work on multimedia presentations using high-tech equipment. The computer help desk will be moved from Plyler Hall to the library, where it can respond more quickly to student needs. The integration of these elements – research instruction by library professionals, technical support from the help desk, and writing and presentation assistance from the Center for Collaborative Learning and Communication – will allow students to make the maximum use of new technological tools.

The library expansion will help meet other needs as well. An Education Curriculum Center will include children’s literature, textbooks and curriculum materials, and a Multimedia Center will house the university’s growing collection of videos.

Such changes will, no doubt, create greater demand for library use. It is anticipated that a secure 24-hour study room, long desired by students, will be established.

“Furman students deserve a library that reflects the university’s national reputation,” says Bandelin.

Forever Furman will provide the means to achieve that goal.
CENTRAL CASTING DELIVERED AS PROMISED. WANTED: ONE INTERNATIONAL lawyer, tall, poised, distinguished. We were not shooting a film, however, but had begun Furman's 11th winter term program in Central and Eastern Europe.

We were in the Netherlands, at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, admittedly far afield from Central Europe. Cleve Fraser, chair of the Department of Political Science, and I were joined by 36 Furman students fascinated with the past and present turmoil of a troubled area.

The international lawyer we were waiting for was David Tolbert, Class of 1979. John Grisham could not create a better model international lawyer: tall, pin-striped suit, a quick wit and sardonic smile. In early January he was the Senior Legal Officer at the War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Since then he has assumed an even more demanding position as the Chef de Cabinet for the Presiding Judge of the tribunal.

In falling snow we waited outside a functional, nondescript building for an escort. Passing through impressively thorough and stern security procedures, we were shown to the visitors' gallery of one of the two courtrooms, separated from the court by thick bulletproof glass. With the court not in session, Tolbert and two associates conducted a seminar for us.

Quickly and carefully they outlined the competence and work of the tribunal. The much older International Court of Justice, located about a half mile from the tribunal, deals with disagreements between sovereign nations under consensual jurisdiction. The War Crimes Tribunal, however, was created in 1994 by the Security Council of the United Nations, which was appalled by the carnage in Bosnia. It is limited to prosecuting individuals who since 1991 committed acts of genocide or other crimes against humanity within the territory of the former Yugoslavia. Currently, 28 individuals have been arrested, many by the NATO troops stationed in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The court itself consists of 14 judges from 14 countries, and each trial is conducted by a three-judge panel acting as judge and jury. They determine the facts and apply the law. Since the death penalty is not used, the tribunal must arrange for prison locations for those found guilty. These locations are not widely advertised, but it is assumed that a number of West European nations with efficient and humane prisons have volunteered to house the guilty.

We attended a trial of a Croatian militia chief accused of serious crimes. The atmosphere was solemn, even magisterial. The three judges wore crimson robes, the attorneys black robes with white stocks at the neck.

DAVID TOLBERT IS ON THE FRONT LINES AT THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL.

By William J. Lavery

David Tolbert has worked for the War Crimes Tribunal since August 1996.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM J. LAVERY
The accused sat to our left, closely monitored by six burly Dutch police officers. He rarely moved and seemed disinterested in the proceedings. The presentation of evidence was thorough and straightforward, since there was no jury to play to.

At the end of a long work day, I sat down with Tolbert to ask such obvious questions as: how had a native of Hendersonville, N.C., ended up so far from home? His answers were surprising. He arrived at Furman in the fall of 1975 after a year of travelling and working in Europe. He says with a laugh, "I got on the plane to New York wearing a coat and tie and returned a year later with hair down to my waist!"

He and his father had driven down to Furman one Saturday before his European adventure, only to find a campus virtually devoid of faculty and staff. Luckily they ran into John Block, then a professor of German history and now vice president for intercollegiate athletics, who sold the Tolberts on the school. When Tolbert returned to the States and entered Furman, his advisor — by complete coincidence — was Block.

Block remembers the young Tolbert vividly. He should, since Tolbert says he "majored" in Block, taking everything that he taught. The two worked out an effective classroom strategy wherein Tolbert played the devil's advocate, or perhaps the devil himself, on the most controversial issues. Without a hint of shame, Block says "I used him" to make the class react. He adds, "I admired David's courage in his *Paladin* articles and his stand on campus issues. He never was afraid to defend his point of view." The two became solid friends, and when David and Dee were married in 1985, John and Barbara Block attended the wedding.

Tolbert explains his fascination with the past and the law as an outgrowth of his own family's history. The Tolberts were longtime residents of Phoenix, S.C., near Greenwood. His great-grandfather had opposed secession before 1861 and supported the Black Republicans after 1865. After the 1895 state constitution disenfranchised the freed slaves, the political situation turned hot for the Tolberts — too hot, in fact. Despite owning a stone house with iron furniture, the Tolberts were burned out and went on to relocate in Hendersonville. Tolbert says, "The issue of race made me a liberal; the Vietnam War internationalized me."

After graduation he attended law school at the University of North Carolina, thought about a career in legal aid, went to Charlotte and became bored stiff with the practice of tort claims. Despite his heavy supply of cases, he found that newspaper headlines were more gripping than the law. His bedside reading included George F. Kennan and Fitzroy MacLean, famous observers of 20th-century Eastern Europe.

During a rare break from preparing briefs, he noted an advertisement for a master's degree in international law from the University of Nottingham in England. A quick visit told him that this was where he should be. Studying with David J. Harris, one of the premier names in the field, Tolbert graduated with first-class honors. Thereafter, he taught international law at England's University of Hull, concentrating on environmental and human rights law.

Joining the United Nations in Vienna in 1993 was the logical culmination of his work in human rights law. The Palestinian refugees became his clients. As a part of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, he dealt with the legal problems of the camps, clinics, schools and hospitals. He was no longer reading headlines but was in the room with the headline-makers, including Yasar Arafat, William Richardson and Kofi Annan. In August 1996 he accepted the challenge of working with the newly created War Crimes Tribunal.

When asked what has caused the staggering violence within the former Yugoslavia, Tolbert says, "In many ways, the causes are truly unexplainable." But, he adds, the lack of education, historic ethnic tensions, economic uncertainty and a "cynical political leadership that uses modern communication techniques to keep and extend its personal power" all have played important parts.

As for his future plans, Tolbert says he has really not thought much beyond his current efforts. He is clearly fascinated by his work at the tribunal.

But he does appear to have options. When he and his wife joined our group for dinner, Tolbert moved easily around the room, talking with the students, asking and answering questions. It was obvious that he is as comfortable with students as he is in the courtroom.

The lawyer had become the teacher again — at least for a night.

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A spectacular renovation project has transformed Furman’s student center into the happening place on campus.

By John Roberts
PHOTOS BY CHARLIE REGISTER

During the 1997-98 school year, Jodie Tillman of The Paladin staff wrote her stories from three different locations on campus.

First, there was The Paladin’s longtime office near the bookstore in Watkins Student Center. When renovations began on the building, however, the newspaper relocated to a much smaller room that also doubled as a storage room for sorority memorabilia.

But one rainy night (as luck would have it, near deadline), the roof partially collapsed and water poured in on the computers. Within a few days the staff had hastily set up shop in a Plyler Hall basement area that was originally designed as a nuclear fall-out shelter.

This year, Tillman and her fellow journalists have enjoyed a more permanent and stable home – in the new wing of the completely revamped and renamed University Center. The Paladin office is on the second floor of the new wing, which sits on the site of the former boat dock. She writes her editorials at a roomy workstation (one of seven, each with large-screen computers) in a large office that overlooks the lake. And she admits that all the moving and aggravation were worth it.

Although cluttered with papers, notes and layout material, as is standard for any newsroom, the office still smells new. The paint is crisp and the carpet unworn.

“I just wish these windows would open,” she says while looking out at students enjoying a warm spring day. “But I really think we have the best office in the building.”

Just down the hall, Daniel Griesbeck, station manager for WPLS, the campus radio station, echoes Tillman’s sentiments.

“I’m a senior, and since I’ve been here the station has been located in three different places. Man, when I first came in here, my jaw about dropped,” he says from the comfort of his plush surroundings, which include two offices, a waiting room and a large studio with soundproof paneling. “It’s so nice – almost like coming home when you go to work.”

Indeed, the word renovated, though commonly used in describing the University Center, doesn’t quite do the project justice.

You will find little more than a trace of the Watkins Student Center in the University Center. Even the green shag carpet and dark wood paneling are gone, replaced by modern, stylish decor.

“Bright” and “open” are the most common adjectives students use to describe the building. Windows line the side facing the lake, offering natural light and a great view of the swans, ducks and Bell Tower. Walls are splashed with vivid shades of red and purple, and sunlight seems to flood the building. But perhaps the biggest change is that the University Center is alive with activity throughout the day. “The electric colors really make you feel energized,” says Nancy Cooper, University Center coordinator.

Yet the building offers more than just a pretty face to the campus. Functionality may be its strongest asset. Heavy traffic centers – the new food court, bakery,
convenience store and post office – are grouped together downstairs. Meeting areas and staff and student offices, which require quieter surroundings, are upstairs. The bookstore, located on the first floor of the new wing, has a Barnes & Noble quality to its layout.

The University Center is also hip – even by student standards. One of its most popular features is the Tower Café, a “cyber bar” adjacent to the bookstore that allows students to peruse the Internet while sipping a cappuccino. Students, faculty and staff also rave about the Pala Den food court and its variety of offerings, which include Chick-fil-A, Pizza Hut, Grille Works, Healthy Choice Deli and Pan Geos wraps and fruit salads.

Still, while the building’s size has doubled and its layout changed, the past is not forgotten. Names like Burgiss, Thomas and Watkins remain prominent in the new University Center.

W.W. Burgiss, namesake of Burgiss Lounge, is now recognized in Burgiss Theater, a 187-seat room with high-tech film equipment and comfortable seating. A spacious conference room honors Virginia Thomas, former dean of the Women’s College. And Henry Hitt and Maude Wakefield Watkins, for whom the building was originally named, are honored by the stunning Watkins Room, a large meeting room located where Burgiss Lounge used to be. The Watkins Room can host large groups or be divided into three smaller rooms to accommodate several gatherings at a time.

Harry Shucker, vice president for student services, says the renovation was needed to accommodate Furman’s growing residential population. Just two years ago, only about 60 percent of Furman students lived on campus. Next fall, when the second phase of the North Village complex opens for a student population of 2,600, campus housing capacity will increase to 92 percent.

When it opened in 1964, Watkins Student Center was designed to accommodate a student population of 1,200. At first, it was the focus of student life and the envy of other colleges and universities. As the student body grew, however, the student center did not keep pace, and by the early 1990s the building had fallen out of favor with students.

“The old student center was one of our shortcomings as a campus,” says Shucker. “This renovation has restored the building as the true center of student activities.”

Left, from top: The Office of Career Services has relocated from Furman Hall to spacious new quarters in the University Center; the Tower Cafe serves up snacks, Starbucks and surfing (of the Internet) in a relaxed, intimate setting; students have quickly made the patio outside the new main entrance a popular gathering place. Right: The glass walls lining the rear of the building continue to offer a scenic view. Opposite: The beautiful bookstore boasts a Barnes & Noble quality; soft, cushiony chairs in the upstairs lobby provide an inviting place to study or relax.
While Furman made its official public announcement of the Forever Furman campaign at the annual Founders Week Convocation April 16, the university also used the occasion to present major honors to four deserving individuals.

Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were awarded to Alester Garden Furman III, great-great-great-grandson of the university's founder, and Ted Tidwell Ellett, a well-known campus figure and community leader.

Alester G. Furman III was recognized for his outstanding business sense and strong leadership qualities. He was for years associated with the Furman Company, a Greenville investment, insurance and real estate firm, and his wisdom and keen insight have been key factors in the growth and development of Greenville and of South Carolina. His citation stated, "As did his father and grandfather before him, he has provided invaluable guidance to the university through years of dedicated work on the board of trustees, including several years as chair. Just as the 'new' Furman campus is a lasting memorial to his father [Alester G. Furman, Jr.], many of its buildings are an enduring tribute to his own keen insight and aesthetic sense."

Ted Tidwell Ellett was recognized for her many and varied contributions to Furman and to the Greenville community, as well as for her inspirational outlook and zest for life. In the late 1940s she served as director of admission and placement and as acting dean of women at Furman, while also teaching classes in health and physical education.

During her years at Furman she met Joseph Carlyle Ellett, a legendary professor of economics, and they eventually married. She remains a popular and well-known figure on campus and is known for her many contributions to local cultural and civic organizations.

Aside from an honorary degree, the Bell Tower Award is the highest honor Furman can bestow. It is awarded by the board of trustees for exceptional achievement and meritorious service to the university. At the convocation, the Bell Tower Award was presented to Dwight H. Smith, a physician and member of the Class of 1943.

Smith is a longtime family practitioner in Williamston, S.C., where he founded Williamston Hospital. He is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, whose alumni have voted him one of the institution's most distinguished graduates and where a conference room at the Family Practice Center is named in his honor. At Furman, he has established or provided substantial support for a number of scholarships, including the Hoyt Cromwell Burnett Scholarship in honor of his uncle. He is a recipient of the state of South Carolina's highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto.

Elizabeth Spruill Nanney, secretary in the psychology department, was named the winner of the Chiles-Harrill Award for substantial contributions to the lives of students. The award honors Marguerite Moore Chiles and Ernest E. Harrill, beloved former administrators at Furman. The Chiles-Harrill Award was established in 1998 by Frank Keener '64 and is chosen by an anonymous committee of students, faculty and staff.
A gift from the heart

Before we begin, we must point out that the Bell Tower is off limits. It doesn’t matter if it was the site of your first kiss with your future spouse, or your marriage proposal, or some other significant first. You can’t have it. Even if you offer to replace it with a reasonable facsimile.

That said, we’ll proceed with the story of how Jeff Deal ’77 was actually able to acquire a Furman landmark. Well, it’s a landmark from his perspective, anyway.

Shortly before Christmas, Jeff’s daughter, 15-year-old Nancy Hart, asked her mother, Hart Hamrick ’75, if she recalled where she first kissed Dad. Hart, ever the romantic, remembered the moment as if it were yesterday: on one of the old wooden swings behind the women’s dorms (known today as “Lakeside Housing”). And, ever the realist, she told her daughter that she doubted Jeff would remember.

So Nancy Hart did what any self-respecting child would do: she relayed Mom’s suspicions to Dad. And she discovered that in this case, true love doesn’t forget, as Jeff’s memory matched his wife’s.

But the discussion resulted in more than a happy recollection. It prompted Jeff, a doctor in Charleston, S.C., to wonder if that old swing were still around — and if he could somehow obtain it in time for his anniversary December 28.

First he called an acquaintance, current student Gus Hauser, who assured him from personal experience that the swing remained quite functional. Jeff then contacted Harry Shucker, vice president for student services, to ask if (and how) he might acquire it.

Although Furman much prefers to receive donations than to make them, Shucker was, in this case, willing to work things out. But there was one problem. School wasn’t in session, and the campus was closed from Christmas Eve to January 2.

By this time, though, there was no stopping Jeff. “Harry was great,” he says. “He put up with me calling him probably six or seven times.”

Their solution: Jeff could come get the swing, if he would replace it. Shucker, in turn, would notify Public Safety not to give chase if it saw a guy driving around campus with one of Furman’s swings in the back of his truck.

With permission secured, Jeff enlisted the help of Larry Thompson ’76, his old roommate. Thompson, a hospice chaplain in Fort Worth, Texas, was spending the holidays with his mother in nearby Easley. Using “visiting Larry” as his excuse for leaving town on his anniversary, Jeff headed to Easley. By 8 a.m. the partners were on the road to Furman, where they picked up the swing without incident.

Finding a replacement proved harder. They “scoured” Greenville for five hours, Jeff says, before finally locating one they thought would do (it has since passed Shucker’s inspection). After rushing it to campus and hooking it up, Jeff roared back home with his treasure in tow.

And Hart’s reaction? “I held my hands over her eyes, took her out to see it, then asked if she knew what it was,” says Jeff. “At first, I don’t think she believed me. Then she gave me a hug and another great kiss.”

Today the swing hangs on an arbor in the Deals’ back yard, where Jeff and Hart enjoy its amorous vibes. “It feels just as great and special as it did 25 years ago,” he says.

There’s one more piece to this bit of family lore. Hart’s sister, Druid ’80, and her husband, classmate Sam Joyner, believe the Deals’ swing is the same one where they shared their first kiss. And since they live in Charleston, too, they have relatively easy access to it — when it’s not otherwise engaged.

— Jim Stewart
The South Carolina Music Educators Association has named Furman professor Richard R. Maag to its Hall of Fame.

The honor goes to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the advancement of music education in South Carolina schools. Recipients are recognized for their effectiveness in teaching young people and their ability to inspire positive attitudes among students, schools, the community and members of SCMEA. They must demonstrate the highest ideals and professional integrity.

Maag, a professor of music education and cello, has taught at Furman since 1964. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas and holds master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Texas. He has studied under Leonard Rose, Raymond Stuhl, Phyllis Young and Joseph Gingold. He is assistant principal cello with the Greenville Symphony and has also performed with professional orchestras in Texas and Colorado.

Maag has been a national officer and local leader in the program of the American Strings Teachers Association, which has honored him for his contributions to strings music. He is an expert in the Suzuki method of musical instruction.

Will Snipes remembers with great detail the first time he saw Larry Hawkins.

Snipes, at the time a junior history major at Furman, was working with a group of first-graders at Alexander Elementary School through Furman’s Collegiate Educational Service Corps.

“I was walking around introducing myself to the students for the first time,” says Snipes. “Most of them were understandably shy, but then I met this little guy and he smiles and speaks right up. He says, ‘My name is Larry Hawkins, Jr.’ He really had a personality.”

Well, Larry isn’t a little guy anymore. Actually, he’s a sophomore at Travelers Rest High School. And that chance meeting nine years ago between a college volunteer and a first-grader was the beginning of a friendship that is still growing.

Today, they casually refer to one another as “brother” and share most everything except last names.

When they met, times were tough at home for Larry. His parents were going through a divorce and he spent very little time with his father.

“I needed someone to be there for me, and Will was there,” says Larry. “He would listen to me and spend time with me. At the time there wasn’t really anyone in my house that I could talk to.”

Gradually the two began spending more time with one another – basketball after school, short trips to get ice cream, an occasional ride home. Larry’s family, though apprehensive at first, grew to accept Snipes as one of their own. They now spend holidays together.

“At first I was kind of hesitant to get so close to a first-grader, but I couldn’t stand to be away from Larry,” says Snipes.

During Snipes’ senior year in 1991, Larry became a fixture at Furman – playing basketball with the Sigma Chi’s, eating in the dining hall and shadowing Snipes around campus.

“All the students really loved him. I remember we had a birthday party for him at the student center and the place was packed,” says Snipes. “My friends were really supportive and accepting of Larry.”

When Snipes’ grandmother gave him money to take a trip after his Furman graduation, the new alum didn’t take off to the beach with his friends. Instead, he and Larry went to Disney World.

Through the years their relationship has matured. As both an elementary school teacher (at Greenview Elementary) and a big brother, Snipes likes to encourage Larry academically. Furthermore, Snipes knows many of the teachers at Travelers Rest, so he’s the first to find out when his little brother misses class or scores poorly on a test.

When asked about his plans after high school, Larry hesitates, smiles and looks to the man he calls “bro.”

“We are really working on that,” says Snipes.

— John Roberts
New addition to PAC will house ROTC PROGRAM

After being tucked away in the basement of the library for 40 years, Furman’s Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program will soon have a new home.

With permission from Furman, the corps has launched a fund-raising drive to pay for an addition to the Herman W. Lay Physical Activities Center that will house the program. Plans for the addition include a large classroom, a reception area, six offices, a lobby, conference room and storage area.

Lt. Col. Thomas Nickerson, head of the Furman ROTC program, says, “This new addition will be adjacent to our training grounds and represents a much more visible location for our program.”

William Gantt ’59, a retired Army major general and Greenville businessman, is spearheading the fund-raising drive. The projected cost of the addition, which will adjoin the Paladin Stadium side of the PAC, is $715,000, including a $165,000 endowment for maintenance.

The planned expansion of the James B. Duke Library does not include space for the ROTC program. The university examined several possible options for the department, including the Intercollegiate Athletics Building (old gym), before the fund-raising effort was announced.

The ROTC program is getting a new facility just as its performance record is taking a big leap forward.

In a 1998 survey, Furman ROTC was ranked 15th among 270 college and university programs in the nation. Just two years earlier, the Furman program had been ranked 229th by Cadet Command, which administers the national ROTC program from Fort Monroe, Va.

Cadet Command compiles and publishes the rankings based on the performance records of cadets attending officer training camps. All commissioned officers are required to attend an officer training camp between their junior and senior year. They are evaluated on their intelligence, physical stamina and leadership ability.

Nickerson introduced a more rigorous physical training regimen when he took over the Furman program in 1997. “We work them so hard at Furman so that when they get to the officer training camp, they think it’s a piece of cake,” he says.

Last year, Furman graduated 14 commissioned officers. Seventy students are enrolled in the ROTC program this year.

Chemistry awarded major research grant

The Furman chemistry department, widely known for its outstanding program of undergraduate research, is one of only 16 colleges and universities in the nation to be awarded a prestigious grant from the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation for 1999-2000.

The foundation’s Beckman Scholars Program sponsors research by exceptionally talented undergraduate students at select American colleges and universities. The program targets chemistry, biochemistry, the biological and medical sciences, or some combination of these subjects.

The $52,500 grant awarded to Furman will support the research of three chemistry majors as selected by the department faculty. The students will participate in two summers of full-time research and up to 10 hours per week of research during the academic year. Each student will receive $5,500 per summer, $3,600 for the academic year, and an additional $3,000 for research supplies and travel funds to scientific meetings.

The first two students selected for the award are rising seniors Ginger M. Denison of Greensboro, N.C., and Marion R. Martin of Columbia. The third Beckman Scholar will be named next spring.

Lon Knight, chair of the chemistry department, says, “This is among the highest honors that the chemistry department has received. The grant affirms the serious work that Furman students do in undergraduate research as well as the close student-faculty interaction that is a hallmark of the university.”

Competition for the awards was stiff. The Beckman Foundation reviewed information from 798 institutions before inviting 170 schools to submit “pre-applications” about their programs. After receiving 107 submissions, a committee reviewed the information and invited 40 institutions to be part of the final competition.

The $3,600 for the academic year, is a personal and professional enrichment program for women and is presented by Furman in partnership with the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Participants have been identified as leaders or possessing potential for leadership. The women take part in special programs and hear a variety of speakers throughout the year.

Connections was created by Judith Babb Chandler ’66, Furman’s associate director of continuing education.
Furman reports

A fresh look for Furman.edu

With the addition of Cherrydale and North Village and the complete renovation of the student center, the Furman campus has, in many ways, taken on a new look.

Not to be outdone, Furman’s “virtual campus” revealed its own fresh coat of paint April 16, when the university launched a completely redesigned Web site to correspond with the kickoff of the capital campaign.

“We think of our Web site as our online campus,” says Greg Carroll, vice president for marketing and public relations. “It’s the first place many people go to find out about Furman.”

The Furman site (www.furman.edu), which receives more than 5,000 visits a day and contains over 5,000 pages, was one of the earliest university Web sites, according to Kevin Treu, associate professor of computer science.

“Furman was a pioneer on the Web,” says Treu, who led the development of the site for the past four years — in addition to teaching, advising and doing committee work. “We were, at one time, ahead of the game. We were on-line in 1994 when most colleges were not.”

As the site continued to grow and the Internet became a more popular and important medium, the need became clear for a “Webmaster” who could devote himself to the job full time.

In January, Furman hired Jake Breeden as its first Web development director. Breeden has worked in ad agencies in Boston and Greenville and has coordinated the development of Web sites for such clients as Hasbro Interactive and the City of Greenville.

The redesigned Web site provides a more consistent look throughout and incorporates more scenes of the campus.

“It’s important that visitors be able to access information quickly, but still get a feel for the unique beauty of the campus,” says Breeden.

One recent addition to Furman.edu is a “Webcam,” which provides live shots of different spots on campus. The feature debuted in February when the Webcam was used to post live performance shots from the theatre arts department’s production of “Antigone.” The Webcam will become a permanent part of the site and will change locations to feature different spots on campus.

Other additions will include the ability to order transcripts on-line, as well as purchase products from the bookstore and make donations to the university. Breeden says, “We’re looking forward to involving students, faculty and staff even more than before in developing the site. The process should be as interactive as the site.”
NEWLY ESTABLISHED FUNDS HONOR WALTERS, GIBSON

Two longtime Furman professors have been honored with the creation of special funds in their names.

To recognize the career and legacy of the late Ernest J. Walters, professor of political science from 1962 to 1989, the Department of Political Science has established the Ernest J. Walters Memorial Fund.

The endowed fund will support an annual lecture in the field of political thought in honor of Walters, who died in 1997. Chair of the department from 1979 to 1984, Walters received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching in 1971.

Holder of a doctorate from the University of Chicago, Walters was a recipient of grants from the Danforth, Kellogg and Mellon foundations and was active in professional organizations. At various times he served as president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, the South Carolina Political Science Association and the Western Carolina Torch Club. Throughout his career at Furman, he dedicated himself to the study and teaching of the tradition of political thought.

A piano recital series has been established to honor David Gibson, professor of music from 1961 to 1994.

The seed money for the recital fund was provided by David Belcher ’79, who studied under Gibson and is now dean of the School of Arts and Letters at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. Another of Gibson’s former students, Gerhardt Suhrstedt ’68, joined with his wife, Barbara, to present a recital at Furman March 4 to benefit the Gibson Recital Series.

Gibson, who earned his doctorate from Boston University and a teacher’s certificate from Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Md., has enjoyed a distinguished career as both a performer and teacher. A former Fulbright Scholar to Germany, he is widely recognized for his skills as a recitalist and accompanist and has long been active in the Greenville community as a pianist, organist and lecturer.

Gifts to either fund may be sent to the Development Office, Furman University, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

Shaw Choral Institute canceled for 1999

The death of internationally known conductor Robert Shaw has led to the cancellation of the 1999 Robert Shaw Choral Institute, which had been planned June 13-29 at Furman.

Shaw, long considered the nation’s preeminent choral music specialist, died January 25. He was 82.

Furman had hosted the 1998 Institute and had already publicized the 1999 program when Shaw died. William Thomas, chair of the music department, says the decision to cancel was reached after consulting with the longtime leadership of the Shaw Institute and with several dozen members of the Institute Singers.

Thomas says, “We will continue conversations with the Shaw family, the Shaw Institute leadership and others as we make plans for a summer institute at Furman in June of 2000. “The main advantage we gain by not going forward with the Institute this summer is time – time to properly grieve and begin to heal, time to put a program and personalities together that will attract the same high caliber of musicians to our campus, and time to properly promote the event.”

Thomas adds that there is “every reason to believe” that Furman will continue to host the Institute. He says officials will work to reshape the Institute into an event which will honor the contributions of Shaw and showcase the work of the world’s leading choral conductors and scholars.

Shaw, music director emeritus and conductor laureate of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, received an honorary degree from Furman in 1997. He was a recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors, the nation’s highest recognition for performing artists.
Sociologist examines 'criminal as victim' defense strategy

Most people remember the Lorena Bobbitt case for its sensational and grizzly details. But when the story of how the woman who cut off her husband's genitals in a fit of rage hit the prime-time news, Saundra Davis Westervelt '90 took an intellectual interest.

At the time, Westervelt was a graduate student in sociology at the University of Virginia and was immersed in a study of women prisoners and victimization. So the Bobbitt case fit her interests. After all, Bobbitt claimed that years of physical and sexual abuse caused her to strike back.

While the Bobbitt case was playing out on a national stage, the trial of the Menendez brothers also began to capture the country's attention. The men were accused of killing their parents after enduring years of physical and sexual abuse at the hands of their father.

For the record, a Virginia jury acquitted Bobbitt by reason of temporary insanity. The Menendez brothers are serving time.

"These cases really got me interested in victimization and criminal defense," says Westervelt, now a sociology professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. "It became the topic of my dissertation."

And her findings have now been published in her first book, *Shifting the Blame: How Victimization Became a Criminal Defense*. Westervelt, an English and sociology major at Furman, is not a lawyer, so her book focuses on the history and social implications of the defense strategy and why it works. Although victimization as a defense strategy can be controversial, *Shifting the Blame* takes no stand on the issue.

"I wanted to get away from the moral aspects of whether it is a good strategy or a bad strategy," she says. "As a scientist, I was interested in the history of it and how it became institutionalized in the criminal justice system."

Westervelt writes that victimization as a defense strategy was born during the social revolution of the 1960s and early 1970s, when some defense lawyers began using the strategy in cases where battered women had acted in self-defense. A strong women's movement and legal reform created a climate in which the victimization defense could be tested.

In recent years, however, some attorneys have been using the victimization claim to justify criminal behavior. Recent examples of some of these "victims" include those suffering from "lookism" (a prejudice against the unattractive), "caffeinism" (an over-dependence on caffeine), "chronic lateness syndrome," "Clerambault-Kandinsky syndrome" (love sickness), and addictions to everything from narcotics and food to sex.

Although these sensational claims may be occasion generate extensive press coverage, Westervelt says they have met with only limited success in court.

"They are not nearly as successful as the media has led us to believe," she says. "They may get for good copy, but as far as legitimacy in a court of law they do not work. The appellate courts do not accept it."

*Shifting the Blame* concludes that victimization as a defense strategy is most successful when used by defendants who have been physically abused — and can document this abuse through medical records and eyewitness testimony. Defendants claiming to be victims of more indirect forms of abuse, such as social deprivation, urban decay or war trauma, are rarely successful in reducing criminal responsibility.

"The more abstract it gets, the less successful you are," says Westervelt. "If you just say that society made you do it, then you're really opening up a floodgate."

— John Roberts

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BOOK MARKS

Each issue of *Furman* magazine will include brief reviews of books recommended as good reads by Furman faculty. This time around, five members of the English department offer their suggestions.

New Southern Harmonies: Four Emerging Fiction Writers (Hub City Writers Project, 1998). An outstanding collection of short stories by writers from upstate South Carolina: Scott Gould, Rosa Shand, Deno Trakas and the George Singleton who went to Furman (Class of 1980) and didn't play basketball.

Claire Bateman, *At the Funeral of the Ether* (Ninety-Six Press, 1998). A dazzling new collection of poems by the author of *The Bicycle Slow Race* and *Friction*. Here's the beginning of one of my favorites, "Life on Earth": "If I had a single feather / for everything I don't understand, / by now I could have become / a large flightless bird with a wingspan / of approximately 100 feet."

— Gil Allen

Shena MacKay, *The Orchard on Fire* (Moyer Bell, 1996). Set during the 1940s and '50s in rural England, this is a moving testimony to the love and betrayal of intense bonds between girls.


— Robin Visel
Bret Lott, *The Man Who Owned Vermont* (Viking Press, 1987). Brief, elegantly structured, authentic, and wise, Lott’s book is the story of a young man, an RC Cola salesman, who responds to a crisis in his life by silence and work but who redemptively learns that we all must tell our stories.

– Duncan McArthur

Andrew Carroll, editor, *Letters of a Nation* (Kodansha International, 1997). This collection of letters by the famous and the obscure is presented in two parts. The first offers intimate, heartfelt responses to key moments in American history; the second presents letters as windows to the soul of writers, artists, politicians, celebrities, and ordinary people facing extraordinary circumstances.

Rebecca Wells, *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (Harpercollins, 1996). Laughter erupts and tears flow when one reads this celebration of the mysteries of womanhood. The book records the lifelong friendship of four Louisiana women (the Ya-Yas), capturing their tribulations and triumphs.

– Lynne Shackelford

Iris Murdoch, *The Philosopher’s Pupil* (Viking Press, 1983). Murdoch recently died after a long bout with Alzheimer’s. The novel is characteristic of her philosophical bent and her rather weird but endearing characters. Or try Murdoch’s *The Red and the Green* (Viking, 1965), which is centered around Irish history of the early 20th century.

Allegra Goodman, *The Family Markowitz* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1996) or *Kooterskill Falls* (Dial Press, 1998). This is a very personal recommendation as Allegra is a dear friend from graduate school. She has a gifted and unique voice that focuses on the small matters in lives and relationships which can be more important than other, seemingly larger, problems.

– Margaret Oakes

**Ode from a Grecian festival**

One of the highlights of winter term’s Hellenika celebration of all things Greek was a poetry “Agon” competition. Student authors penned poems with Greek themes in an effort to earn top honors—a trip to Greece.

Anna Watkins, a senior art major from Clinton, S.C., captured the prize with her poem “The Odyssey of Love.” Second place went to sophomore Matt Boyleston of Lexington, S.C., for “Three Parts in Romaine Greek.”

The third-place winner, freshman Mary Beth Constant of Winter Park, Fla., offered a clever and quite modern take on *The Odyssey* in her sonnet “Advice to Penelope.” We reprint Constant’s poem here as an example of the works presented in the Agon and as a tribute to the more than 50 students who entered the competition.

**Advice to Penelope**

Penelope, why do you sit and weave while he is gone?

Odysseus is not a man who’s worth your faithfulness.

Though I admire your loyalty renewed with each new dawn,

I think it’s rather wasted on a man so wont to tryst.

Poseidon is his sad excuse for absence all these years,

But realize that for each month delayed by sea or storm,

Odysseus spends two months lingering with mistress near,

Content to father children while you sit at home forlorn.

Your constancy will earn you fame as perfect, model wife,

Poetic men will sing your praise in ev’ry royal hall,

But such prestige is pyrrhic if the cost is half your life

That could be spent pursuing dreams beyond your castle wall.

You could do so much more in life than guard an empty throne.

Penelope, for your sake, take an od’s ey of your own.

– Mary Beth Constant
When Furman soccer coach Doug Allison convinced Atlanta’s Matt Goldsmith that he should spend his college years playing for the Paladin soccer team, Allison figured he had just signed the best player of his coaching career.

And why not? Goldsmith was a two-time Parade magazine All-American who was named the nation’s top midfielder as a senior at Roswell High School, and he was one of only four high school students in the country chosen for the Under-20 U.S. National Team.

“He could have gone anywhere to school,” says Allison, who could only watch and wait as schools like Clemson and Wake Forest made overtures to Goldsmith. “There was no question that we had signed one of the best recruits Furman has ever had.”

Goldsmith certainly didn’t do anything during his freshman season last fall to change Allison’s mind. A midfielder, he was instrumental in helping the Paladins post a 16-4-2 record and a Division I national ranking that reached as high as No. 12. He was named the 1998 Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, first-team All-Southern Conference, and honorable mention All-America by College Soccer Weekly.

“He’s simply one of the best three or four kids in the country for his age,” says Allison, “and he’s getting better every day. His skills are as good as anybody we’ve ever had here.”

Goldsmith’s skills are so good, in fact, that his freshman year at Furman has consisted of little more than a fall semester. As a member of the Under-20 National Team, which competed at the 1999 FIFA Under-20 World Youth Championships in Nigeria in April, he missed both the winter and spring terms.

“It has been a great experience,” Goldsmith said from his hotel room in Florida, where the U.S. team was completing its final practices before heading overseas. “The challenge at this level is incredible. You learn so much and it really raises your abilities. It’s the best kind of soccer experience you can have.”

Goldsmith has started at midfield for the U.S. team during the past year. He has also put Furman in good company, since the other college players on the under-20 team hail from such soccer-rich programs as Virginia, UCLA, South Carolina and Indiana.

There are other benefits, too. “I’ve been able to travel all over the world and I’ve gone to places that I would have never gone to otherwise,” Goldsmith says.

In addition to Nigeria, those locations have included Italy, France, Germany, Chile, Mexico, Trinidad, Tobago, Spain and Morocco. So whatever else Goldsmith might be missing at Furman, the study abroad experience isn’t one of them.

Goldsmith plans to return to Furman this summer and try to catch up on course work he has missed during his time away. And even though he is accustomed to traveling and practicing soccer year-round – he estimates that he missed about one-third of his senior year in high school because of travel – he’ll be glad to get back to campus.

“I’m having an incredible time with the U.S. team,” he says, “but I really miss Furman. I’m looking forward to getting back.”

– Vince Moore
Two Furman coaching legends were recognized recently for their contributions and achievements. J. Lyles Alley, longtime athletic director and the winningest basketball coach in school history, was honored February 7 with a permanent banner that will be displayed in Timmons Arena alongside the retired jerseys of all-time greats Frank Selvy, Darrell Floyd, Clyde Mayes and Jonathan Moore. Alley’s family was on hand for the unveiling.

Alley, who died in 1990, was a 1933 graduate of Furman who won 247 games in his 20 years as basketball coach. A four-sport letterman in his college days, he was elected to the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and was a charter member of the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame. The gymnasium in the Intercollegiate Athletics Building (old gym) is named in his honor.

His greatest success as a coach came in the 1950s, when teams built around Selvy and Floyd gained national recognition. His 1952-53 squad was his finest, finishing with a 21-6 record, and from 1953 to 1955 his Furman teams led the nation in scoring. He stepped down as basketball coach in 1966 and served as athletic director from 1956 to 1975.

Much as Alley is a Furman legend, so too is longtime men’s tennis coach Paul Scarpa. On April 10, Furman celebrated Paul Scarpa Day in recognition of the 1,000th match of his Furman career. Scarpa and Hawaii’s Jim Schwitters are the only NCAA Division I coaches to coach in 1,000 matches.

Now in his 33rd year at Furman, Scarpa entered this season as the third winningest coach in Division I, with a 645-382 record (609-363 at Furman) in 35 years of coaching. Current and former players were on hand for the milestone match against Georgia Southern and later attended a luncheon and “roast” of the coach.

Scarpa is a member of the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame and of the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame. He is a five-time Southern Conference coach of the year.

Scarpa’s influence has also been felt on the national level. In 1993 the NCAA adopted a scoring system, developed by Scarpa, for all men’s dual match and championship play. The format specifies that all matches begin with doubles play featuring eight-game pro sets, and that all three doubles teams play for one team doubles point. The aim of the system is to shorten matches, to increase interest among fans and players alike, and to insure that doubles remain an important part of matches.
The most thrilling event the Alumni Office has experienced in years occurred March 7-8 when Cherrydale, YOUR Alumni House, made its way to Furman! This beautiful house now resides on the highest spot on campus, at the top of the hill overlooking the Minor Mickel Tennis Center.

In the early 1950s, members of the board of trustees stood with President Plyler on the same hill to survey the 750-acre tract that was to become the new campus. Today, Cherrydale looks down from that spot, with a gorgeous view of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the north and a glimpse of downtown Greenville southward. How appropriate that the former home of James Clement Furman, university's first president, would have such a seat of honor! Cherrydale truly symbolizes the rich heritage of alma mater.

We wish all of you could have been on hand for Cherrydale's four-mile journey from the Umbro plant (formerly Stone Manufacturing) to Furman. Hundreds of alumni and local residents came out to gawk as the house slowly but steadily made its way up Poinsett Highway March 7, and down Duncan Chapel Road March 8.

Two terrific tailgate events booked the move, starting at 7 a.m. March 7 with a launch party and ending with a welcoming party the next evening as the house rolled through the Timmons Arena gate.

While standing in the midst of a curiosity-filled class of kindergartners who came out to watch part of the proceedings, I overheard a 5-year-old remark, "Wow, that must be a really special house to be treated like this!" That comment certainly sums up our feelings.

For now Cherrydale will undergo foundation work, minor repairs and, in true Furman tradition, plenty of landscaping as the university prepares to present the Alumni House to the world. The Alumni Office plans to move in sometime this summer.

The interior of the house, renovated and restored just two years ago, is in fantastic condition. You will be wowed by the beautiful leaded windows, marbleized baseboards and intricate crown moldings. Five of the 11 rooms will be converted into office space for our staff, with the other rooms to be used for alumni, student and community gatherings, special luncheons, football tailgates, basketball receptions and, we anticipate, wedding receptions. We plan to fill the house with Furman memorabilia.

And be assured that more celebrations of Cherrydale's arrival are planned. An open house for alumni, faculty and staff will be held in September. Formal dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, October 23, during Homecoming weekend, with the ribbon-cutting to take place during "Lunch on the Lawn."

The next time you're on campus, make sure you include Cherrydale on your list of places to visit. It's quite a sight – and it's all yours!

— Shannon Wilkerson '93
Director, Alumni Association

Alumni Board elections
Spring elections for new Alumni Board members are currently in progress. Ten candidates, representing a variety of class years, geographic regions and backgrounds, have been paired in head-to-head elections. This is done to insure that the Alumni Board continues to reflect and represent the diverse skills and interests of the general body of alumni.

Candidates paired in the 1999 elections are: Don Lindsey ’54 and Joe Gentry ’53; Betty Simmons Connors ’65 and Diane Maroney Estridge ’66; Jenna Robinson ’74 and Jim Simkins ’78; Ken Hcad ’74 and Matt Elliott ’79; Brian Fenn ’91 and Hal Henderson ’92.

Please return your alumni ballot before June 25 to the Alumni Association, Furman University, Greenville, S.C. 29613. Newly elected members will begin their terms of service in August. Should you want to nominate an individual to serve on the Alumni Board, please submit the name at the bottom of your ballot.

Homecoming 1999
Mark your calendars today for October 22-24. With the opening of Cherrydale, your new Alumni House, this year’s Homecoming promises to be an exciting time for everyone.

This year’s theme, “Furman Forever: Decades of Change,” will celebrate the university’s heritage. All across campus you will catch glimpses of Furman’s history, from its early days in Edgefield, S.C., through the rough Civil War years and on into the 20th century.

Special events will include the football game with East Tennessee State, opening ceremonies for the new amphitheater, and a special “Lunch on the Lawn” to dedicate and showcase Cherrydale. You do not want to miss this exciting, historical Homecoming celebration.

Travel to the Holy Land
From October 27 to November 7, follow the “Footsteps of Paul” through a special Furman travel program.

This journey, hosted by Jim Pitts, University Chaplain, will take you through Jordan and Israel. You will visit the old city of Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Garden of Gethsemane, Jericho, Capernaum, and many other rich historical sites. You’ll gain first-person insight into the current cultural and political complexity of the region. A stop in Vienna, Austria, is also included.

Cost of the trip is $2,995. For more information, contact the Alumni Office.
ALUMNI ACTIVITIES, cont.

**Reception with David Shi**
- These upcoming Furman Club events across the country.
- Highlights of the quarter included the Valentine’s social hosted by the Greater Knoxville club, while Atlanta’s annual Winter Gala brought in record numbers of Furman alumni, parents and friends.
- Eleven clubs participated in a TV “Tailgate Blitz” for the Furman/College of Charleston basketball game February 18, which was broadcast on Fox SportSouth. Two new clubs were added in South Carolina – the Beaufort Club and the Tiger Paw Club (Easley, Pickens and Clemson) – to bring our club total to 45.
- If you are interested in starting a Furman Club in your area or in volunteering your services to an existing club, please contact Teresa Griffith ’92 in the Alumni Office.
- And watch for news on these upcoming Furman Club events:

**Seattle / June 17**
- Seattle, Washington Reception with David Shi

**Bay Area / June 20**
- San Francisco, California Reception with David Shi

**Southern California / June 21**
- Los Angeles, California Reception with David Shi

**Chattanooga / June 28**
- Chattanooga, Tennessee Golf Tournament and Dinner (with Paladin Club)

**Greenville / August 6**
- Greenville, South Carolina Golf Tournament and Dinner (with Paladin Club)

**Delaware Valley / August 7**
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Summer Send-Off

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**31** The Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly in Talladega, Ala., has named a retreat lodge in honor of R. Hobson Shirey, who served as the assembly’s first director from 1948 to 1955. Shirey, now retired from the Baptist Children’s Homes, lives in Fort Payne, Ala. Anne Pickens Collins’ book, *The Twentieth Century and Me*, was the subject of a feature article in the *Charlotte Observer* and other newspapers. She published the autobiographical account of her life as a gift to her family.

**51** Next reunion in 2001
- Julia Wright Sublette, music/humanities instructor at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville, Fla., recently performed Bach’s “Triple Keyboard Concerto” with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra.

**57** Next reunion in 2002
- Charles F. Jenkins has become consultant to bivocational ministers for the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

**60** Next reunion in 2000
- Joe and Alice Dean Pugh live in Ellijay, Ga. She is retired from Druid Hills High School in Atlanta, where she taught gifted students.

**61** Next reunion in 2001
- Buddy W. Moore has retired as pastor of Griffin Baptist Church in Pickens, S.C. John Richard Owens was honored by the congregation of Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Ga., upon his retirement after 24 years at the church. He served as minister to senior adults.

**64** This year is reunion!
- Donald G. Sanders has been called as interim pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Durham, N.C. He is studying Christian education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**69** This year is reunion!
- James L. HUDGINS (M.A.), president of Midlands Technical College, has been named director of the technical college system for South Carolina.

**71** Next reunion in 2001
- Steven W. ’72 and Barbara Goodsell Maas are moving to Millington, Tenn. He is a captain in the Army and has been assigned as director of Supply Corps Personnel.

**73** Next reunion in 2003
- Jerry Wickliffe is chief executive officer of WaterWise, Inc., which builds waste-water treatment facilities and golf courses. He has won 22 state and regional championships in racquetball.

**74** This year is reunion!
- Jack Ferraro, a political officer with the United States Department of State, is living in Reston, Va., after serving abroad for eight years in Senegal, Malta and Geneva.

**76** Next reunion in 2001
- Ann Cooley is program manager for business IP services for AT&T in Red Bank, N.J.

**MARRIAGE:** Kerry Ward and Phillip D. Davis, September 26, Spartanburg, S.C. She teaches at O.P. Earle Elementary School and he owns a farm and seed business.

**77** Next reunion in 2002
- Sam and Deanne Williams Taylor are serving as International Service Corp. missionaries with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kiev, Ukraine. Sam Williams is pastor of the International Baptist Church of Kiev, an English-speaking church for expatriates.

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**MADDOX RETIRES AT CARSON-NEWMAN**

Cordell Maddox ’54, who has served as a college president for 27 years, the last 22 at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., has announced plans to retire July 31. Before going to Carson-Newman in 1977, Maddox was president of Anderson (S.C.) College for five years. During his years at Carson-Newman, endowment has increased from under $3.5 million to more than $20 million, enrollment has steadily increased to an all-time high, and the college has completed every fiscal year of his presidency with a surplus. He will be awarded the title of president emeritus. Maddox worked at Furman from 1961 to 1972 as alumni director, director of development and assistant to the president. He holds an honorary degree from Furman and has served as president of the National Council of Independent Junior Colleges and of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.
78 Next reunion in 2003
Victor K. Grout has become senior vice president/credit policy executive for Carolina Southern Bank in Spartanburg, S.C. • Susan Brock Dicey was one of five finalists for the South Carolina Media Specialist of the Year award, sponsored by the state Association of School Librarians. She works at Oakview Elementary in Greenville.

79 This year is reunion!
BIRTH: Anthony and Lynn Pearson Robeson, a daughter, Emily Teal, January 4.

81 Next reunion in 2001
Jake Van Wyck has become director of strategic marketing for VF Corporation of Greensboro, N.C. • BIRTHS: James Edward III and Anna S. Allsopp, a son, Edward Gray, March 12, 1998, Longwood, Fla. • Ed and Joy Thompson Johnson, a son, Thomas Edward III, October 13, Pinehurst, N.C.

82 Next reunion in 2002
Steven J. Fauchet has moved to Greenville, where he works for POSTEC as a programmer for point of sales systems for restaurants. • Maj. John Clanton conducted the U.S. Army Chorus in concert at Furman February 23. • BIRTH: Kenneth G., Jr., and Jane Summerville Reeb, a daughter, Anna Katherine, December 1, Chapel Hill, N.C.

83 Next reunion in 2003
Charles M. Ambrose, president of Pfeiffer University, has been named to the Albemarle (N.C.) board of directors of Wachovia Bank. • Lynda Crawford Gilliam has completed her military career and is in private practice in obstetrics and gynecology in Beaufort, S.C. • Susan Cobb Singleton has been appointed associate probate judge for Greenville County. • BIRTHS: Marshall C., Jr., and Jennifer S. Sanford, a son, Blake Christian, October 5, Charleston, S.C. • Marshall Sanford represents the First District of South Carolina in the United States Congress. • Tracey Maurer and David C. Jones, a daughter, Dyani Amura Jones, October 25.

84 This year is reunion!
MARRIAGE: Lisa Marie Kondos ’93 and Stephen Smith, August 8. They live in Laurens, S.C., where he is pastor of Holly Grove Baptist Church and she is accounting and financial manager for The Palmetto Bank. • BIRTHS: Mark L. and Robin Wingo Wilson, a son, Andrew Mark, May 15, 1998, Boiling Springs, S.C. • Cadesman III and Denise Rose Pope, a son, Matthew Cadesman, September 26, Orlando, Fla. • Smith W. “Chip” IV and Virginia Casey ‘85 Brookhart, a son, Smith Wildman V, October 7, Atlanta, Ga. Chip recently was promoted by Suntrust Bank and the family moved to Orlando, Fla., in February. • James T. and Laurie Brook Douglas, a son, William Denney, August 9, Rome, Ga.

85 Next reunion in 2000
Joy Jackson Emery has been promoted to editor-in-chief of ParentLife and Living with Teenagers at LifeWay Christian Resources. • James R. Strange, a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Florida, read a paper titled “The Use of Text, Archeology and Social Theory as ‘Background’ in New Testament Studies: A Critical Reading of Richard Horsely and Bruce Malina,” at the Southeast Regional American Schools of Oriental Research meeting in March. He has had another paper selected for inclusion in Annual of Rabbinic Judaism, Vol. II. • BIRTHS: Charles and Laura Phillips James, a daughter, Martha Grace, June 11, Little Rock, Ark. • Kevin and Sherri Cothran Bishop, a daughter, Sara Kate, June 5, Morehead, Ky.

LPGA HALL REVISES CRITERIA, WELCOMES DANIEL

Beth Daniel ’78 has earned a richly deserved honor – and in the process become a member of one of professional sports’ most exclusive clubs. When the members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association toured overwhelmingly February 9 to modify the qualifications for the tour’s Hall of Fame, they opened the door to Daniel and another all-time great, Amy Alcott. The LPGA shrine had been regarded by many as the toughest to qualify for in professional sports. In fact, since its establishment in 1951 as the Hall of Fame of Women’s Golf (it became the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1967), only 14 players had been inducted.

As a result, it was felt that the existing criteria precluded many of the Tour’s greatest players from gaining recognition. After extensive study, the players passed, in a near-unanimous vote, a change in the requirements for the Hall. Thanks to the vote, Daniel and Alcott are automatic qualifiers.

Daniel, the 1978 Furman graduate who has won 32 tournaments (including one major championship) during her 21-year career, joins her Furman teammate, Betsy King ’77, in the Hall. King, winner of 31 tournaments and six majors, qualified in 1995.

Alcott, who has won 29 tournaments (five majors), was inducted in March. Daniel deferred her induction until next year, when both the LPGA and her parents will celebrate their 50th anniversaries.

She said, “One of the things that means the most to me is that the current Hall of Famers all agree with this criteria. Had even one Hall of Famer not agreed with it, it wouldn’t have meant quite as much to me.”

Under the new criteria, which Daniel called “difficult but more attainable,” players must accumulate a total of 27 points to qualify for the Hall. They receive one point for each official LPGA tournament win, two points for each major tournament victory, one point for each Vare Trophy (awarded for lowest scoring average) and one point for each Player of the Year award. Previously, the criteria for membership was 30 official wins with two major titles, or 35 official wins with one major, or 40 official wins with no majors.

Daniel, a two-time U.S. Women’s Amateur champion, has won the Vare Trophy and the Player of the Year award three times each.
The Bishops recently moved to London, Ky., where he works with the U.S. Forest Service and is a special agent for the Governor’s Marijuana Task Force. George and Gay Pulaski McLeod, a son, Patrick Scott, November 17, Summerville, S.C.

Next reunion in 2001
Camilla Gibson Pitman of Greer, S.C., has been awarded the Faber Cup by the DMA Twirling Association. The national honor recognizes her contributions to the enhancement and growth of baton twirling and to the association. Michael W. Hewitt of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., is company commander of an engineer company in the Army Reserve.

Next reunion in 2001
Marcus M. Johns of Atlanta, Ga., has completed a Master of Theological Studies degree from Emory University and is a regulatory compliance adviser for the Georgia Hospital Association. Carol Posey Adams teaches music and computer science at Powdersville (S.C.) Middle School.

MARRIAGE: Teresa Lynn Stalup and Blair Deleslie Bass, December 26. They live in Newport News, Va., where he is vice president of HTG Corp.


Next reunion in 2002
Anne Gué Jones of Orangeburg, S.C., has been elected president of the Junior Service League of Orangeburg, Inc. She is a partner in the law firm of Bryant, Fanning & Shuler. Richard and Frances Taylor Kelly have been appointed missionary associates to West Africa by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.


Next reunion in 2003
Kevin E. Moore has been named vice-president of development for Herberger Theater Center in Phoenix, Ariz. Mett and Traci Rinker Miller live in Alexandria, Va., where she is a doctoral student in clinical psychology at George Washington University and he is an attorney.


This year is reunion!
Chandler Park Francis has been elected assistant vice-president for Wachovia Bank in Raleigh, N.C. Christopher and Carolyn DeJarnett have moved to Silver Spring, Md., where he has opened a new office for IST Management Services. Alicia A. Roper is a software implementation consultant for Clarus Corporation in Atlanta, Ga.

BIRTHS: Hamilton ’91 and Kristen Kyburz Brock, a daughter, Rebecca Hamilton, December 29, Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Thomas F., Jr., and Ashley Hewitt, a son, Tyler Furman, October 20, Charlotte, N.C. Bryan and Lynn Davies Hess, a daughter, Emily Lynn, August 25, Cleveland, Ohio.

Next reunion in 2000
Jon and Amy Mizeil Smith live in Hamilton, N.C., where he is pastor of the Hamilton Baptist Church. He is studying for a Ph.D. at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is writing and recording adult Christian contemporary music and is singing with the Greenville (N.C.) Choral Society and Chamber Chorale. Stacy L. Stanley is practicing with the Thompson Law Firm in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Gerald M. Sailey is senior content producer for Tickemaster Online-CitySearch.

BIRTHS: Lisa Wilkins and Stephen Wilson, September 6. They live in Raynham, Mass., where she is a cardiac R.N. at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

BIRTHS: Gray and Virginia Nickles Sloop, a daughter, Taylor Alice, August 8, Jacksonville, Fla. Michael and Wendy Eilers Timms, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, September 12, Daupla, Ga. Craig D. and Kellie Greene ’92 Wagner, a daughter, Maley Helen, May 6, 1998, Chapel Hill, N.C. Kellie Wagner works part time as a high school softball coach and as a counselor on how to get an athletic scholarship to college.

Next reunion in 2001
Michelle M. Andres has become manager of Sportsplex Communications and Government Relations for RDV Sports in Orlando, Fla. Steven E. Posey is computer network administrator at Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, N.C. Heather L. Duncan has become senior public health adviser for the Bureau of TB and Refugee Health of the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee. Melanie Stulce Hunter has become the executive administrator of Orchestra Atlanta. She and her husband, Joel, sing with the Michael O’Neal Singers and Chamber Singers in Roswell, Ga.


Next reunion in 2002
John N. Upchurch has been promoted to senior assistant attorney general for the state of Florida. Byron C. Harrison, project manager for Duke Energy in Charlotte, N.C., has earned an M.B.A. degree from Wake Forest University. Michael S. Lube lives in Richmond, Va., and is a staff engineer, CMP Oxides, for the Bureau of TB and Refugee Health of the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee. Melanie Stulce Hunter has become the executive administrator of Orchestra Atlanta. She and her husband, Joel, sing with the Michael O’Neal Singers and Chamber Singers in Roswell, Ga.

A GATHERING OF
presidents

A large crowd filled the remodeled Furman bookstore February 10 when former presidents Gordon W. Blackwell (1965-76) and John E. Johns (1976-94) joined President David Shi in autographing copies of the book *Furman University: A Timeless Place*.

The beautiful, limited-edition book, published by Harmony House of Louisville, Ky., contains 64 pages of color photographs of Furman and 48 pages of black-and-white historical photos. It also features an essay by Shi and a brief history of the university by Judith T. Bainbridge, director of educational services, and A.V. Huff, vice president for academic affairs and dean.

*Furman University: A Timeless Place* is available from the Furman bookstore at (864) 294-2164 or by calling 1-800-809-9334. The cost is $39.95, plus shipping and handling.

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- **Travis Martin Weems** is regional sales manager for Columbia Beauty Supply in Knoxville, Tenn. **Brian L. Davis** of McLean, Va., is director of Supplier Evaluation and Management Services Group for Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

- **Thomas C. and Alissa Storey Stanley** have moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he is an associate in the Thompson Law Firm. **Tony Smith** of Louisville, Ky., is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

- He is minister of education and administrator at Deer Park Baptist Church.

- **MARRIAGES:**
  - **Susan Ashley Norris** and Frederick Alexander Ritter, September 12. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they are both employed at Fidelity Investments, he as director of marketing and she as senior relationship manager.
  - **Ansley Knox** and Kevin Daniel, November 21. They live in Kennesaw, Ga.; she teaches at McCleskey Middle School and he is assistant principal at Lindley Middle School.

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- **Douglas A. and Corinne Fantz** have completed their Ph.D. degrees in biochemistry at the University of South Carolina and are postdoctoral fellows at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo.

- **Scott Kesler** is a desktop technician for Nortel Networks in Nashville, Tenn.

- **Jennifer Brown Leynes** has completed a Master of Historic Preservation (M.H.P.) degree at the University of Georgia and has become a teacher at Old Barracks Museum in Trenton, N.J.

- **Anna Marie Maxwell** is a law clerk for the Hon. Gary E. Clary in Greenville.

- **R. Kevin and Marian Johnson** live in New York City where he is a director of children and youth ministries at All Angels' Episcopal Church and she is director of counseling for the Salvation Army in Manhattan.

- **Joel F. Dixon** is completing a master's degree in physical therapy at Emory University.

- **MARRIAGE:**
  - **Megan Filston** and Eric David Johnson, August 15. She is assistant director of admissions at Barrie School in Silver Spring, Md., and he is an attorney.

- **BIRTH: Raymond and Melinda Bennett,** a daughter, Emily Claire, December 9, Greenville.

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- **Sarah Watkins Satterfield** is completing a Ph.D. at the University of Florida. She was selected to present a chapter of her dissertation at the College Music Society Southern Chapter Regional Conference in Orlando, Fla., in February and to perform at the International Festival of Women Composers in St. Augustine, Fla.

- **Laura Hanna Huggins,** a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, is employed with the corporate/securities team in the Columbia office of Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLP. After teaching and studying in China, **Sarah Jarboe** has become a customer service representative for Lexmark International in Lexington, Ky.

- **Stephen J. Shaw** has become an attorney with the Messery Law Office in Summerville, S.C. **Dustin and Kristen Poremba Cordier** have moved to Okinawa, Japan, where he is stationed with the Air Force.

- After earning an M.A. degree in experimental psychology from East Carolina University, **Sarah Dew Farley** is pursuing a Ph.D. in social psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. In February,
Stephanie D. Johnson performed in Giovanni Schicchi and Buoso’s Ghost with the Indianapolis Opera. She is an associate instructor at Indiana University. ■ MARriages: Renee Tillery and Christian Beaudin, October 10. They live in Atlanta, Ga. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, and he works for the Atlanta Thrashers expansion team of the National Hockey League. ■ Nicole Mazzoni ’96 and Todd James, June 6. ■ Meredith Green and Eugene John Kinney, September 19. They live in Baltimore, Md., where she is employed in accounting by the Enterprise Foundation and he is a public information officer for Maryland Emergency. ■ Angela Michelle Cooper (M.A.) and Richard Richardson, December 5. They live in Simpsonville, S.C., where she teaches at Simpsonville Elementary School. He is a salesman at Mohawk Carpet. ■ BIRTHs: John M. and April Kerling Nelson, a son, Jacob, September 17, New Port Richey, Fla. ■ Scott and Sharyn Meyer Moore, a daughter, Ashleigh Calhoun, January 30.

Next reunion in 2000 Tiffany Veeneman has become an account executive with McCann Erickson Worldwide in New York City. ■ James and Carole Raitt Hargis are children’s ministry missionaries at Calvary Chapel in York, England. ■ Jason and Edie Johnson ’96 Overall reside in Indianapolis, Ind., where he works for Goulding and Wood Organ Builders and is organist and choirmaster at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church. She earned a master’s degree in organ from Eastern University, and is now music associate at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. ■ Stephen E., Jr., and Heather Vande Brake ’96 Hunt are living at Fort Lee, Va., where he is stationed with the Army. Recently promoted to captain, he has begun work on a master’s degree in operations research. She won the Mapco Cup Series of road races in Alaska, and will move to Virginia in October. ■ Karin M. Walsh lives in the San Francisco Bay area of California and is an SAP consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers. ■ Jennifer Rose lives in Smyrna, Ga., and is a senior associate in systems audit for PricewaterhouseCoopers. ■ Brian T. Freeman recently became a city planner for Rock Hill, S.C. ■ James D. Burney is studying for master’s degrees in youth and family ministries and in counseling ministries at Denver (Colo.) Seminary. ■ Nancy Repsher Lee is working in the DEPT teacher leader program for the Greenville County Schools. ■ Rebecca Jane Rizzo is a music teacher and music therapist with the Atlantic County (N.J.) Special Services School District. She works with children with physical and mental disabilities. She also sings with the Bel Canto Opera Society of Philadelphia, Pa., and with an alternative rock band. ■ Jeffrey and Gina Cox live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he is a law student at Nova Southeastern University and is editor of the Nova Law Review. ■ Will B. Williams III is a senior consultant (economic consulting services) with KPMG LLP in Atlanta, Ga. ■ Richard B. Hubbard is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Georgia after earning his master’s degree in medicinal chemistry. ■ Having earned her master’s degree in counseling from Nova Southeastern University, Beth A. Womrath is a chemical dependency counselor at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla. ■ MARRriages: Sarah Richardson and Jason Bentzler, September. They live in Wilmington, N.C., where she is a psychologist with the special youth services division of Southeastern MH/DD/SAS. ■ Karen Jernigan and Benjamin Merrill, July. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where she teaches. He is studying for an M.B.A. degree at Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt University. ■ Julie Williams and Anthony DeGuia, March 21, 1998. They are officers in the Army and are stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. ■ BIRTHs: Gregory A. and Natalie Kjellstrom Cannata, a son, Gregory Richard, December 22, Fort Hood, Texas. ■ Travis C. and Crystal Darry Miller, a daughter, Alexis Brooke-Louise, August 16. Travis has joined the faculty of Blacksburg (S.C.) High School as teacher and coach.

Next reunion in 2001 Sara Mays is a senior accountant for Arthur Andersen LLP in Atlanta, Ga. ■ Kimberly R. Barker is studying for a master’s degree in library and information science at the University of South Carolina. She published an article in the November issue of the Bulletin of the American Association of Higher Education. ■ Christopher J. and Mandy Faletti Crock live in Norcross, Ga., where she teaches first grade at Our Lady of the Assumption and is pursuing a master’s degree in education. He is sales and operations planning coordinator for Hood Flexible Packaging. ■ Elier and Trina Kavula Rodriguez live in Tampa, Fla., where she is a chemist for Ciba Corpn. Having completed a master’s degree in applied sociology at Clemson University, Silvia Daina Heise has become a student at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. ■ David T. and Angela Cook ’97 Robbins live in Hinesville, Ga., where he is stationed at Fort Stewart. ■ Jason Perdue is attending the University of Houston (Texas) and is unit counselor at Forest Springs Residential Treatment Center. ■ Michael D. Arthur is an implementation analyst for Automatic Data Processing in Jacksonville, Fla. ■ Adam T. Whaley has become a certified public accountant with Bell South Corporation in Atlanta, Ga. ■ James M. Bishop has received a degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech and is now a project engineer for Systems Corp. in Knoxville, Tenn. ■ Jason Scott Cehoski is a first-year student at the University of South Carolina School of Law. ■ Stacey K. Werbskis has become a communications specialist with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. ■ MARRriages: Tori Lynne Batson and Chadwick Daryl Smith, December 12. They live in Camden, S.C., where he teaches and coaches at Camden High School. She is a student at the University of South Carolina. ■ Pamela Hall and David Paul Wilkerson, June 23, Mauldin, S.C. He is a systems analyst for Aimco and she is an inside sales representative for Rockwell Automation Power Systems.

Next reunion in 2002 Alan G. Sanders is a loan officer for Chase Manhattan Bank in Atlanta, Ga. ■ William M. Moorhead is a law student at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and is an intern at Macon’s First Presbyterian Church. ■ Joshua Trevino has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Army and recently was deployed to Nicaragua as an engineer platoon leader. ■ Robert C. IV and Susan Nabor Hubbard

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live in Tallahassee, Fla., where he recently joined MGT of America, Inc., as a research associate. Michal Hicks, assistant golf professional at Belfair Golf Club on Hilton Head Island, S.C., recently led a team of professional golfers to victory in the Honors Cup, which pits the 12 best professional golfers in the Lowcountry of South Carolina against the 12 best amateurs in the area. He won 5-1/2 of a possible 6 points in the competition.

Susan Penick is a contract lobbyist in health care for Bates Associates, a government affairs and public relations firm in Atlanta, Ga. MARRIAGES: Kelly Lynne Gaibert and Kenneth Edward Fields ’98, January 9. They live in Greer, S.C. She is employed by Michelin Research and Development Corp. and he by Michelin North America, Inc.

Alison Grace Raines and James Benton Salmon, December 19. They live in Rock Hill, S.C., where he teaches computing at St. Anne Catholic School and she teaches English at Rawlinson Road Middle School.

Next reunion in 2003
Kristen L. Feil is with Teach for America in New Orleans, La., working as a reading specialist in an alternative education middle school. Melissa M. Blocker is a graduate student at the University of Tennessee and has accepted a position with the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche. She will begin working at the firm’s Tampa, Fla., office in September after she completes her master’s degree. Ashton L. McKinney is a laboratory technician for Cryolife. He lives in Marietta, Ga. Abigail Reynolds teaches first grade in the Davidson County (Tennessee) Schools. Timothy M. Auxco is a software engineer for Valencia Systems, Inc., in Orlando, Fla. Scott Phillips is an English and chemistry teacher at Shanghai (China) High School. Susan Looper Cooper of Easley, S.C., is human resources administrator for STAT Medical, a pharmaceutical company. Michael A. Russell is attending Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Mo.

Christian L. Foree is employed in field marketing and promotions for Feld Entertainment, Inc., based in Atlanta, Ga. Amelia A. Seary is a research assistant for Glaxo Wellcome in Raleigh, N.C. Taylor F. Townsend is a graduate student in biochemistry at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He also works as a kayaking instructor. Christopher S. Lassiter is pursuing a Ph.D. in genetics at Duke University.

MARRIAGES: Heather Lynn Barton ’99 and Ryan Trent Thompson, January 23. They live in Greer, S.C. Virginia Van Skiver and Ben Wallace, October 24. They live in Arlington, Va., and are employed in the U.S. Senate, she as a staff assistant for special services to Mississippi senator Thad Cochran.

Susan Caroline Bean (M.Ed.) and Michael Terry Candee, November 28. She teaches at Riverside High School in Greer, S.C., and he is an investment counselor for Wachovia Investments.

Jayda Biddix and Brent Justus, August 15. They live in Boston, Mass., where he is a student at Harvard Law School and she is an account coordinator for Sterling Hager, Inc.

Deaths

Olive Brodie Montgomery ’22, January 5, Orangeburg, S.C.
Christine Coleman Gilstrap ’29, December 23, Greenville. A former teacher in the Greenville public schools, she also ran a catering service for over 30 years.

James W. Stallings ’30, November 8, Barnwell, S.C. Retired as a research chemist from Barnwell Mills of Deering Milliken, Inc., he was a fellow in the American Institute of Chemists and was listed in American Men of Science and Who’s Who in the South and Southwest.

Ralph Thomas Posey ’30, January 17, Lynchburg, S.C. He was retired manager of Sonoco.
Mary Neil Green ’31, February 10, Greer, S.C. She was a retired teacher in the Spartanburg County schools.
Charles Bates Mitchell ’31, January 1, Bethune, S.C. A former newspaperman and publications representative, he had served as mayor of Bethune where he operated several businesses.
Edith Cain Slattery ’32, December 5, Greensboro, N.C. She was active in church and community.
E. Allan Morrow ’32, December 1, Wichita, Kan. He was retired vice president of Total Petroleum, Inc.
O. Kermit McCarter, Sr. ’35, January 20, Columbus, S.C. He was retired vice president of Harper’s Variety Stores and of North Greenville College. While living in Chatham, N.J., he and his wife helped to start over 30 Baptist churches in the New York and New Jersey areas.
Margaret Gaston Youmans ’35, February 8, Greenville. Active in church and community organizations, she taught in the Greenville public schools for 38 years.

Herbert Cecil Howell ’37, January 11, Greenville. Prior to retiring, Howell was an industrial engineer with Ralph E. Lopper Co. He had served as chairman of deacons, Sunday school superintendent, teacher and choir member at White Oak Baptist Church. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross during World War II.
Joe P. Watson ’37, December 27, Greenville. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was associated with the South Carolina Football Officials Association for more than 30 years.

Walter Buford Estes, Sr. ’37, December 4, Greenville. Former owner and operator of Edens-Estes Men’s Clothing Store, he was active in church and community affairs and was a former member of the South Carolina Board of Education.

Romeo Jarrett Martin ’38, December 27, Atlanta, Ga. He taught geology at Emory University for 38 years and after retiring he taught life enrichment courses for senior citizens. He was active in professional organizations and in his church and was a veteran of World War II.

James Harold Hood ’38, December 29, Greenville. He retired as purchasing agent for Poe Corporation, had published poetry and short stories, and was a World War II veteran. He had served as deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir member at Augusta Road Baptist Church.

Because of the large number of submissions Furman receives for the alumni news section and the amount of time it takes to review, compile, edit and typeset so much information, publication of news items may be delayed until five or six months after they are submitted.

Furman magazine does not publish engagement announcements or dated items (anything more than 18 months old at time of publication). Birth and marriage announcements for alumni couples who graduated in different years are included under the earliest graduation date (except if requested otherwise); they are not listed under both classes. Please include your spouse’s name with any birth or marriage notice.

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Heyward Hutchinson Fouché ’38, November 5, Columbia, S.C. He practiced gynecology and obstetrics privately in Columbia for 38 years, was chief of staff at Baptist Medical Center and was chief of staff and chair of the Medical Staff Building Committee during the planning and construction of Richland Memorial Hospital. He served as a consultant for the South Carolina State Hospital, the South Carolina State Sanatorium and Fort Jackson Army Hospital. After retiring from private practice, he served as a clinical professor in residence at the University of South Carolina Medical School. He received five battle stars during World War II.

Jack Shivers ’38, January 11, Prosperity, S.C. He was retired director of finance for the South Carolina Department of Youth Services.

Jefferson Boone Aiken, Jr. ’39, December 29, Florence, S.C. He had retired from Aiken & Co. and had been a leader in business, church and community endeavors. He had served several terms on the Furman board of trustees, was a member of the board of Guaranty Bank and president of the Florence Rotary Club and of the Aiken Foundation. He was a naval veteran of World War II.

James W. Winchester ’39, December 14, Pass Christian, Miss. After service in World War II and the Korean conflict, he was a scientist for the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D.C., president of Oceanographic Services, Inc., in Santa Barbara, Calif., and director of the National Data Buoy Center (now Stennis Space Center) in Mississippi. After earning graduate degrees in public administration, he received an appointment from President Reagan in 1981 to an administrative position in the Department of Commerce. In 1987 he was named to the National Commission for Employment Policy. He received several commendations for his work to eliminate wastefulness in government, and in 1983 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from American University.

Lois Pridmore Emfinger Watson ’39, February 9, Columbia, S.C. She was a retired school librarian.

Muriel Todd Sammons ’41, December 28, Greenville. She was active in Northgate Baptist Church.

Joseph Warren White, Jr. ’41, January 31, Columbia, S.C. A decorated Marine and Air Corps veteran and fighter pilot during World War II, he was retired from Wrenn Brothers. Active in church and community affairs, he was a founder of the Order of Care and was deeply involved in Special Olympics.

Kathleen Donkle Wilson ’42, January 26, Greensboro, N.C. Active in church and community service, she was founder and former president of the Greensboro Arts and Crafts Council.

Betty Latham Ankers ’44, November 22, McLean, Va. She was a homemaker.

Floy W. Cox ’44, December 22, Bradenton, Fla. Cox was a minister for over 50 years, recently serving at Emmanuel Church in Bradenton.

Mary Gray Dilfield ’46, February 3, Dunwoody, Ga. She was active in Dunwoody United Methodist Church.

Jane Moore McLaughlin ’47, December 2, Louisville, Ky. She was a homemaker and was active in the community.

Nancy Hall Ashmore ’48, October 28, Durham, N.C. She had retired as assistant registrar at Duke University.

John D. Summey ’49, December 26, Greenville. He was a high school football official for 33 years, was a charter member of Augusta Heights Baptist Church and past president of the Greenville Gun Club. A veteran of the Korean War and of World War II, he retired from the active Marine Corps Reserves as a lieutenant colonel.

Marcie Howard Robertson ’50, February 11, Landrum, S.C. She taught in Greenville County schools for 31 years and was active in Bethel Baptist Church.

Velma Iris Black ’51, January 15, Lyman, S.C. She had retired as a teacher in the Spartanburg (S.C.) School System.

Caroline Trussell German ’51, February 8, Greenville. She was a secretary and bookkeeper for Our Lady of the Rosary Church, where she served as lector and Eucharistic minister. She was also active in the Greenville Little Theatre.

William Ancrum Floyd ’52, February 9, Greenville. Active in church and community affairs, he was a South Carolina state constable, former president of the Greenville County chapter of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, and the 1965 national champion race driver for B production cars. He was founder and owner of Southern Arms Co.

Harold Lee Pridmore ’55, February 7, Pacolet, S.C. He was retired as a school administrator in Spartanburg District One and was an Army veteran.

George Franklin Case, Jr. ’57, November 30, Pickens, S.C. For the past 28 years he had served as pastor at Mount Tabor Baptist Church. Retired as personnel director of the School District of Pickens County, he had served in other ministerial and educational positions and was active in professional organizations.

E. Guy Longshore ’58, December 17, Rock Hill, S.C. A minister for 42 years, he most recently served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, S.C.

Eugene Franklin ’58, December 18, Columbia, S.C. During a ministerial career that began in 1953, he served several South Carolina Baptist churches.

Jerry C. Davis ’58, December 16, San Diego, Calif. He was former real estate editor of the Chicago (Ill.) Sun-Times and was author of two books about real estate. Most recently he was founder and publisher of the Mission Valley Voice in San Diego and organizer of the Mission Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Lou Strawhorne Young ’58, December 30, Henderson, N.C. She was in her 40th year as organist at the First Baptist Church of Henderson, where she served jointly with her husband as minister of music.

James Ambler Hughes (M.A. ’60), January 1, Easley, S.C. After teaching and coaching for 37 years, Hughes retired from Lyman-Moore Junior High School in Portland, Maine. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Thomas Franklin Crenshaw ’63, January 6, Durham, N.C. He was a former manager in men’s clothing.

Ford Wayne Wells ’64, November 24, Greer, S.C. He was controller for Imaging Technology and was chairman of deacons at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church.
WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS COLLEGE THAT MAKES US LOVE IT SO AND BELIEVE SO STRONGLY IN ITS MISSION?

Furman has touched all our lives in distinctive ways, and for most of us it has left an imprint that becomes more vivid and significant with each passing day. Indeed, I frequently hear from alumni and friends who describe their association with Furman as a defining moment in their lives. Their ties to the university are an abiding source of strength and reminiscence.

Now, Furman has reached a defining moment of its own. As we approach the university’s 175th anniversary, in 2001, we are in a position to dream of things never before thought possible, of educational opportunities that are within our reach, if not yet in our grasp.

To turn these dreams into reality, and to ensure the excellence of a Furman education today and into the future, we have launched “Forever Furman: A Comprehensive Campaign.”

When completed in 2001, this historic venture will provide the means for Furman to strengthen its emphasis on engaged learning while continuing to focus on the development of the whole person—intellectually, culturally, physically, socially and spiritually. It will increase the university’s endowment, bolster our scholarship program, improve aging facilities and help us enact a far-reaching strategic plan that will enable Furman to claim its place as a national leader among liberal arts colleges.

The formal goal of this effort may be $150 million, but our actual needs far exceed the ability of the Forever Furman campaign to fund them. We have chosen to include many different opportunities for involvement in the campaign because we realize that the process of maintaining a strong university is an ongoing one, and that to enhance the overall quality of a Furman education, we must continually look to the future. Those needs that are not funded by the campaign will remain top priorities in the coming years.

Furman has always been fortunate to have outstanding volunteers and supporters who value what the university has done for them and who have worked tirelessly so that others may enjoy the same benefits. The Forever Furman campaign is no exception.

Under the leadership of Gordon Herring ’65, who chairs the campaign’s executive committee, and Neel Hipp ’73, head of the national campaign committee, we have already enlisted the help of more than 800 volunteers who believe in our commitment to engaged learning and the development of the whole person. They embrace the university’s desire to nurture in its students a heightened sense of personal identity and civic virtues, global awareness and community service, spiritual values and technological confidence.

We hope that you, too, will be a part of this ambitious enterprise that will allow the university to step boldly and confidently into the future, fully prepared for whatever may be in store.

The opportunities are boundless. The benefits will endure forever.

The choice is ours.

—David E. Shi
President
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