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1961

JAMES N. PURCELL JR. ’61 received Syracuse University’s Maxwell Graduate School for Citizenship and Public Affairs’ 2019 alumni award (MPA 1962). Purcell served various roles in the Reagan and Carter administrations, including director of the Bureau of Refugee Programs from 1983 to 1986. In March, he released a book on refugees called “We’re in DANGER! Who Will HELP Us?”

1974

RICHARD BYBEE ’74 formed a new partnership with Jeffrey Tibbals to continue the practice of eminent domain trial work and other real estate litigation matters. The firm, Bybee & Tibbals, LLC, is located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

1976


1984

DAVID CHAPPA ’84 joined HomeTrust Bank as a senior vice president and market president in South Carolina. He leads commercial and business banking activities in South Carolina to serve the financial needs of real estate developers, privately held companies, professionals and nonprofits.

1978

DAVID HARLEY ’88 of Harley Law, LLC, opened two new law offices in South Carolina. Harley Law, LLC, focuses on employment and education law, including representing students, students with disabilities and teachers with employment matters.

1989

WADE SEXTON ’89 received the Charles C. Williams, Jr. Physician of the Year award at Moffitt Cancer Center.

1993

JACK HARTMAN ’93 was one of six attorneys recognized as 2018 Legal Elite by Georgia Trend. Georgia Trend, a statewide business publication, published its annual issue honoring Georgia’s leading attorneys.

1995

YAVOR EFREMSTO ’95, a senior investment professional and lawyer, became group CEO and shareholder in Motorsport Network.

1997

ANGELA R. CAMERON ’97 appeared on the cover of the March VIPSEEEN Magazine as the featured “2019 Power Woman” of the Year.

2001

JENNIFER BOOTH ’01 joined LeaseQuery, a provider of lease accounting software, as vice president of accounting.

2002

THOMAS KEENE ’02 was appointed academic dean for the Washington, D.C., campus of Reformed Theological Seminary.

2003

BRIAN WRIGHT ’03 became president of ACM Global Laboratories in November 2018.
GOODBYE'S TOO GOOD A WORD

BY VINCE MOORE

I never planned to stay at Furman University very long. It was 1982 and I was working as a sportswriter at the daily newspaper in Anderson, South Carolina, when somebody told me that Furman was looking for a director of its News Bureau.

I really wasn’t interested in leaving the newspaper, especially after covering Clemson’s 1981 national championship football season and sitting courtside for ACC basketball games featuring Michael Jordan and Ralph Sampson. But my wife, Deb, and I were recently married with our first child on the way, and I was working nights and weekends. So it seemed the Furman job could serve as a temporary reprieve from the bad hours while I calculated my next move.

Thirty-seven years later, the next move came when I decided to retire from the university at the end of August.

When I joined the University Relations office in July of 1982, it was still something akin to the dark ages of communications. There was no internet and, therefore, no email, websites, Twitter, Instagram or any other form of instantaneous communication.

A news release had to be delivered by the post office, and if the news was particularly urgent, I would jump in my car and deliver it by hand to the local media. The first great technological innovation I experienced at Furman was the fax machine, a miraculous invention that meant I no longer had to drive across town to deliver the important news of the day.
"I LIKED MY JOB, BUT I LOVED FURMAN."

The fax machine, of course, looks quite quaint in retrospect. When people ask me how I could have stayed in the same position for 37 years, I reply it was hardly the same job all those years. In fact, my job responsibilities changed so fast and so often after the mid-1990s that I could appreciate the plight of whoever was in charge of moving things from one place to another just prior to the invention of the wheel.

What did I experience during my time at Furman? Since I never missed a commencement, I estimate I watched 24,000 graduates receive their diplomas, starting with the class of 1963 and ending with the class of 2019. And since most of you have attended a Furman commencement at some point, you know that is not a minor time commitment.

I was there when Furman severed ties with the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1992, and I helped roll out the news, ever so carefully, that we were no longer a dry campus. I was there when President George W. Bush spoke at the university’s 2008 commencement, which was a huge story in the media and surely one of Furman’s most controversial moments.

Some people, including a group of Furman professors, were mad that President Bush had been invited to speak; others were mad that anyone would complain about a visit from a sitting U.S. president; and the students were upset the drama was overshadowing their graduation. It’s not often you can make everybody mad, but there you go.

President Bush was just one of many big names to visit campus during my time at Furman. Others included President Barack Obama, President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton, President George H.W. Bush, Sen. John McCain, Pat Conroy, Kurt Vonnegut, Tom Brokaw, Chuck Todd, Seth Myers and the New Kids on the Block, whose swarming teenage fans turned Paladin Stadium inside out.

Who was my favorite? Vonnegut, without question. It was my job to set up media interviews with prominent visitors, and when Vonnegut arrived on campus, I asked if he was willing to meet with a group of reporters. He laughed and said, “With what you’re paying me to be here, I’ll be glad to do whatever you want me to do. Just lead the way.”

I ran into many people over the years with a lot less voltage than Kurt Vonnegut but who were not nearly as accommodating.
The story of Walker Zimmerman ’15 and Sally Tucker ’15 started out as many romances do — except for one unique complication: Walker was already a star when he walked onto campus. As a top 25 soccer recruit, he was destined for Major League Soccer.

But for the moment, during orientation, he was just a first-year student, and a fellow student had caught his eye.

“During the president’s picnic, I remember seeing a girl with blond hair in a pink-polka-dot dress,” he says. And it didn’t take long for Sally to notice him.

“I saw him at one of their preseason games during orientation and thought he was cute,” she says.

In a campus community as intimate as Furman’s, the two inevitably crossed paths, but it would be midway through their first fall semester before they were introduced. “I had a class with Kevin Pahl, one of Walker’s teammates, and we ran into Walker when we were walking back from class. I knew who he was just because of the buzz around him, but I never thought I’d meet him. Kevin introduced us, and I told Walker I’d been to every game. Then he thanked me for my support,” Sally laughs. “It was so awkward.”

The attraction was mutual. “I’d seen her around campus and I wanted to get to know her, so when we were introduced, I was really excited,” says Walker. Then came a serendipitous turn of events. He was studying with Jordan Sanders ’15, a classmate who would become a good friend. “As we’re finishing up our study session, I asked if he knew anything about Sally, and it turned out she was one of his best friends.”

Still, the future loomed. From national team camps to potential playing opportunities in Europe to his goal of being drafted by Major League Soccer, the only guarantee was that Walker would have to leave.

In a way, the uncertainty helped solidify things.

“Never knowing when he was going professional added an extra intensity,” says Sally. “We connected so well from the beginning. I just had a peace about how things were going to end up. I just didn’t know how the middle was going to go.”

Sally’s upbringing helped, too. Her father is the Baltimore Ravens’ head team physician, so she was already familiar with the lifestyle of professional sports. “It didn’t scare me to date him,” she says.

FC Dallas selected Walker seventh overall in the 2013 MLS SuperDraft, and soon he was off to Texas. For the next four years, the two dated long-distance as Sally finished her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education. In the spring of 2016, Walker proposed to Sally at the bench by the Furman Lake where he had first asked her to be his girlfriend. They were married in December 2016 at Grace Church Downtown in Greenville, South Carolina.

With a trade to Los Angeles FC in 2017, Walker and Sally moved across the country from their alma mater — a huge transition, but one the couple continues to enjoy.
2004

ADAM SCHULTZ ’04 earned a Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Columbia, South Carolina. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has been assigned to the Virginia Synod where he is awaiting first call as a pastor.

2005

RUSSELL SANFORD ’05 joined the law firm of Richard H. Warder in Greenville, South Carolina, as a criminal defense attorney.

2006

TRACEY NANCE PENDLEY ’06, a fourth-grade teacher at Burgess Peterson Academy in Atlanta Public Schools, was named the 2020 Georgia Teacher of the Year.

2007

JOEL LEAGANS ’07 was accepted to the University of Texas at Austin Cooperative Superintendency Program and is pursuing an Ed.D. in educational leadership.

2008

CHRISTOPHER SMITH ’08 became the postdoctoral affairs program manager in the graduate school at North Carolina State University. His work involves assisting NC State’s 400+ postdoctoral fellows and house officers (individuals with advanced degrees) with issues in their current training roles and their career and professional development.

2009

JOSIE SAWYER ’09, a licensed clinical social worker, was named the executive and clinical director of Lucy Daniels Center, the largest service provider of mental health services in North Carolina’s Research Triangle.

2010

LAUREN OSCHMAN ’10 became the foundation relations manager at Rare in Arlington, Virginia. She joins Rare, a global leader in catalyzing behavior change to achieve enduring conservation results, after more than five years with the U.S. State Department Office of Global Change.

2004

MELODY MCGOWIN ’09 joined the law firm of Pierce Bainbridge Beck Price & Hecht as an associate attorney in the firm’s New York office. She was previously an associate attorney at the law firm of McKool Smith.

2011

SAWYER DUNCAN ’11 joined the energy infrastructure department of Mitsui & Co., Ltd., a trading company in Tokyo.

2013

JAMISON MILLER ’13 is beginning his third year of residency in pediatric cardiology at Levine Children’s Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. He will spend three years in fellowship in pediatric cardiology after his last year of residency.

2014

GABRIELLE REARDON ’14 earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in musicology from Brandeis University in February 2018. She enrolled in Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law starting in the fall of 2019 after working as a paralegal at the law firm of Fellows LaBriola LLP.

2019

BERGSVEIN TOVERUD ’19 won first prize in the Advanced University Division of the Classical Singer Competition.

PROFESSORS EMERITI

The Board of Trustees granted emeritus status to 13 professors who retired this year. They are John S. Beckford (music), Paul M. Cook II (mathematics), Gilles O. J. Einstein (psychology), Leslie W. Hicken (music), Lon B. Knight Jr. (chemistry), Paul G. Kouistira (sociology), Marianne M. Pierce (business and accounting), William J. Pierce (health sciences), Douglas F. Rall (mathematics), Daniel C. Slaughter (mathematics), William D. Thomas Jr. (music), Laura K. Thompson (biology) and Diane C. Vecchio (history).
BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

CRAIG CALDWELL ’02 and ABBY THOMPSON-CALDWELL ’02,
Genevieve Aurelia, March 18, 2018

MARY CATHERINE (BURGESS) HEARN ’09 and Kevin Hearn,
Jeremiah, June 29, 2018

REBECCA ’03 and Scott Tribble,
Elisabeth Lane, Aug. 20, 2018

EMMANUEL ’07 and JOINNE RUFF CHANDLER ’09,
Isaiah Christopher Emmanuel,
Sept. 22, 2018

TOMMY ’10 and MAGALI ROBINSON ’11, Amalie Fe,
Jan. 24, 2019

KRISTIN ’02 and Maurice Austin, Morgan, Feb. 11, 2019

BENJAMIN WEXLER ’95 and Christina Henderson,
Jordan Simone, March 10, 2019

MARRIAGES

SUSAN MCKINNEY MOON ’71 and Jay Beachy, March 9, 2019

JANE STOUFFER ’80 and Sergio Raynal, Oct. 2018

KRISTI ENGELMAN ’05 and Richard Bozard, April 1, 2019

BRADFORD RIDDLE ’11 and Elizabeth Freeman,
Dec. 29, 2018

STERLING JOHNSON ’11 and LATISHA MITCHELL ’12,
Dec. 29, 2018

JAMISON MILLER ’13 and Claire Studebaker, Jan. 4, 2019

LAURA BRICKLE ’19 and TYLER KING ’19, May 25, 2019

OBITUARIES

JOHN PETERS ’43, Feb. 6, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

ELIZABETH MCNABB RURNION ’44,
Feb. 9, 2019, Newport, Tenn.

KATHLEEN WOOD BROWN ’44,
March 8, 2019, Anderson, S.C.

FURMAN ALUM FOUGHT FOR PROGRESS

Joan (Lipscomb) Solomon,
1935-2019

JOAN (LIPSFORM) SOLOMON ’56, one of Furman’s early civil rights pioneers, attended the Greenville Woman’s College, wrote for “The Furman Hornet” and edited the student handbook and the literary magazine, “The Echo.” In the spring 1955 issue of “The Echo,” she wrote in support of desegregation, leading administrators to confiscate all 1,500 copies for being too progressive on integration and too critical of the Baptists, an incident that drew national attention for its press-freedom implications. Though she played no direct role in the civil rights movement, Solomon was asked to host a visiting West African delegation while living in Maine in 1960. When she agreed, segregationists made threatening phone calls and drove up and down her family's street. Solomon, born in Walhalla, South Carolina, on March 20, 1935, became a special education teacher and spent 30 years in education. She died in Rochester, New York, on June 14, 2019.

MARTHA SMITH EVATT ’44,
March 31, 2019, Clemson, S.C.

VIRGINIA SAYRE SEY ’45,
Dec. 11, 2018, Pinopolis, S.C.

JAMES STOKES ’46, Feb. 7, 2019,
Seneca, S.C.

HENRIETTA TINDEL RICKENBAKER ’46,
Feb. 25, 2019, Summerton, S.C.

BETTY TYSON RHAME ’46,
April 1, 2019, Florence, S.C.

SCOTT CHILDRESS ’47,

ETTA GREER ’48, Dec. 7, 2018,
Greenville, S.C.

SARAH MCKINNON CALIFF ’48,

WILLIAM BALL ’48, May 1, 2019,
Gray Court, S.C.

SAMUEL PITTMAN ’49,
Feb. 16, 2019,
Flower Mound, Texas

WESLEY DOMINICK ’49,

BETTY TODD RICHARDSON ’49,
March 1, 2019, Greenville, S.C.
JAMES HARMON '49.  
April 5, 2019, Winston-Salem, N.C.

MARY RIDER HERIOT '49.  
April 16, 2019, Charleston, S.C.

CHARLES LESLIE '50.  
Jan. 2, 2019, Salisbury, N.C.

CHESTER HOLMES '50.  
Jan. 25, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

MELVIN BELL '50.  
Feb. 2, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

SARAH WILSON WEBB '50.  
March 25, 2019, St. Matthews, S.C.

JESSIE FOWKE SIMS '50.  
April 11, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

MCCLAIN HALL '51.  
Jan. 10, 2019, Charlotte, N.C.

BETTY NEIGHBORS SIMPSON '51.  
March 31, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM '51.  
April 27, 2019, Clinton, S.C.

NANCY MILLER HAMRICK '52.  
Jan. 3, 2019, Charleston, S.C.

JOYCE HULSEY SOULE '52.  
Jan. 25, 2019, Hixson, Tenn.

JOSEPHINE BRADSHAW LONG '52.  
March 5, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

GRACE JACKSON SMITH '52.  
April 1, 2019, Spartanburg, S.C.

CHARLES MICHAELS '52.  
April 15, 2019, Gaffney, S.C.

EVERETTE PIGG '53.  
Jan. 17, 2019, Midland, N.C.

JAMES KING '53.  
March 27, 2019, Mount Pleasant, S.C.

MARTHA HAYES STONE '53.  
May 2, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

ROBERT BROCK '54.  

DAVID THOMASON '54.  
Dec. 19, 2018, Simpsonville, S.C.

LENA FULMER SMITH '54.  
April 9, 2019, Taylors, S.C.

OZIE GARRETT '55.  

CHARLES COBB '55.  
Jan. 28, 2019, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

JACK HARRIS '55.  
March 16, 2019, Bessemer, Ala.

JAMES KISSELBURG '55.  
April 1, 2019, Old Fort, N.C.

ALAN GRAGG '55.  
April 12, 2019, Asheville, N.C.

HELEN BOWEN FELLERS '56.  
Dec. 15, 2018, Beaufort, S.C.

WILLIAM HANKS '57.  
Jan. 11, 2019, Saint Helena Island, S.C.

JAMES BAKER '57.  
Jan. 20, 2019, Summerville, S.C.

JOHN JOHNSON '57.  
Feb. 5, 2019, Charleston, S.C.

ALAFRED MCNEELY '57.  
Feb. 23, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

JAMES STANTON '57.  
March 4, 2019, Santa Ana, Calif.

FREDERICK YAZEL '57.  
March 19, 2019, Des Moines, Iowa

BETTY ALVERSON '57.  
May 14, 2019, Marietta, S.C.

JUANITA FLOYD '58.  
Dec. 9, 2018, Toccoa, Ga.

MARVIN AYCOCK '58.  
Dec. 15, 2018, Greensboro, N.C.

RICHARD PFEIFER '58.  
Dec. 19, 2018, St. Petersburg, Fla.

VERNON EDWARDS '58.  

BENJAMIN HUGHEY '58.  
March 22, 2019, Summerville, S.C.

NEWMAN BRYSON '59.  
Jan. 3, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

ANNE MCMILLAN PURCELL '59.  
April 29, 2019, Spring Lake, N.C.

HELEN ROBINSON BAGWELL '60.  
Jan. 15, 2019, Greer, S.C.

BENJAMIN CARSON '60.  
Jan. 28, 2019, Charlotte, N.C.

JESSE ROBERTS '60.  
Feb. 10, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

WILLIAM PAINTER '60.  
March 18, 2019, Sumter, S.C.

JOHN MCPHERSON '60.  
April 21, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

MARTHA PONDER GANTT '60.  
May 17, 2019, Lexington, S.C.

SANDRA NOONAN FOWLER '61.  
April 10, 2019, Sullivan’s Island, S.C.

BOB GARRICK '62.  
Dec. 11, 2018, Orangeburg, S.C.

GEORGE SMITH '62.  
Dec. 31, 2018, Taylors, S.C.

LAURENCE JEPSON '62.  
Jan. 9, 2019, Kearney, Neb.

JAMES MANN '62.  
Feb. 18, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

MARJORIE WEBB LANDGATE '63.  
Jan. 19, 2019, Johnson City, Tenn.

JOSEPH SMITH '64.  
Dec. 7, 2018, Union, S.C.

FRED HUNTER '64.  
Feb. 13, 2019, Easley, S.C.

DUNCAN POWELL NESBITT '64.  
April 16, 2019, Wilmington, N.C.

JOHN H. CRABTREE  
1925-2019

John H. Crabtree, an English professor and former vice president for academic affairs and dean at Furman, died on June 26 in Greenville, South Carolina. He joined the Furman faculty in 1957 and also served as dean of students and the chair of the Department of English. He retired in 1992 as vice president for academic affairs and dean and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by the university.
JIMMY SATTERFIELD
1939-2019

Jimmy Satterfield, who led Furman to its only national football championship, died on May 6. He was 79 years old.

The Paladins racked up 16 winning seasons and nine Southern Conference championships during the 21 years Satterfield was on the coaching staff, the first 13 as an assistant before he was named head coach in 1986. Satterfield’s teams compiled a 66-29-3 record, punctuated by a 17-12 victory over Georgia Southern in the 1988 Division I-AA national championship game. His .689 winning percentage is second-best in Furman history.

A native of Lancaster, South Carolina, Satterfield was elected to both the South Carolina and Furman Athletic Halls of Fame in 2015. “As an offensive coach, he had one of the most creative minds I have ever been around,” said current Furman football coach Clay Hendrix ’86, who played under Satterfield. “There are many things we continue to do today that coach Satterfield had a hand in developing.”

RUBY CHAPMAN WHITMIRE ’65.
Dec. 7, 2018, Greenville, S.C.

LINTON PUCKETT ’65.
Jan. 8, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

LOUIS MANIOS ’65.
Jan. 20, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

SANDRA WALKER HARPER ’66.
March 23, 2019, Anderson, S.C.

JAMES SMITH ’66.
April 22, 2019, Arlington, Texas

ANNE MCKINNEY LANIER ’67.
Dec. 31, 2018, Columbia, S.C.

JULIE WOOD HARBIN ’68.
Jan. 24, 2019, Murrells Inlet, S.C.

JAMES KENDRICK ’69.
Dec. 16, 2018, Monroe, N.C.

CATHERINE CROWELL FRANCIS ’69.
March 20, 2019, Palm Beach, Fla.

MORTON MCAFARETH ’71.
Jan. 10, 2019, Cincinnati, Ohio

JAMES CHUMLEY ’72.

CLAIRE BURKE FORD ’73.
Dec. 17, 2018, Travelers Rest, S.C.

MAXIE BISHOP ’73.
Dec. 23, 2018, Greenville, S.C.

DAVID BOOKERT ’73.
Dec. 27, 2018, Columbia, S.C.

JERROLD ROBINSON ’76.
Dec. 11, 2018, Raleigh, N.C.

CYNTHIA MARTIN FREEMAN ’77.
Jan. 10, 2019, Winston-Salem, N.C.

SUE PATTERSON GODWIN ’77.

JULIA HALE ’77.
Feb. 6, 2019, Charleston, S.C.

FLORENCE SULLIVAN ARNOLD ’78.
Dec. 31, 2018, Greenville, S.C.

MICHELLE LOEFEAR FARMER ’81.
Dec. 17, 2018, Daniel Island, S.C.

PATRICIA MCNULTY O’CONNOR ’82.
Feb. 25, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

PETER NEUBAUER ’83.
May 6, 2019, Libertyville, Ill.

TIMOTHY MITCHELL ’86.
Dec. 27, 2018, Falls Church, Va.

FRANCES CHAPLIN CAMERON ’89.
Feb. 10, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

MARGARET HINTON SARRATT ’91.
May 13, 2019, Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.

MONICA JOHNSON TURNER ’92.
April 28, 2019, Gainesville, Ga.

EUGENIATOPPLE CAYCE ’94.
April 23, 2019, Decatur, Ga.

RUDY JONES ’00.
Feb. 22, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

REBECCA PHILLIPS HUGHES ’01.
April 4, 2019, Taylors, S.C.

DANIEL CHEEK ’03.
Jan. 31, 2019, Atlanta, Ga.

MEREDITH RICHOUX ’04.
Dec. 9, 2018, New Orleans, La.

MICHAEL RANDALL ’06.
Dec. 21, 2018, Chicago, Ill.

KARAH LEARY ’09.
Feb. 8, 2019, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

CAROLINE SMITH ’21.
April 6, 2019, Atlanta, Ga.

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