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OVERHEARD

“I dislike being critical, but I think I speak for many of us ‘boomers.’ As age progresses, eyesight declines – sometimes rapidly. The causes are several, but cataracts and lens-hardening with shape changes are the two most common.

Simultaneously we have been given a gift of WYSIWYG computer facility and a plethora of . . . fonts. With a simple click or two your editors can change a font from 74 to 6. That is really fun, and convenient! Unfortunately for those of us approaching ancient history, most editors and writers are not ‘boomers.’ Rather, they have eyesight sharper than an eagle or a Zeiss Axio microscope. And they understand and apply the design value of empty space. That’s not a good combination for us elderly folks reading the Furman magazine.

I don’t know the mean, median and mode of your readership, but I suspect the median donor is not a recent graduate. I wish that were not true, as I am sure you do, but be it as it may, we read to keep informed, and for a taste of nostalgia.

I stated I dislike being critical. So to temper these comments, here is something I noticed when Furman magazine arrived a few days ago. It’s good. I went to five universities and am the recipient of five university magazines. Lucky me! The Furman magazine wins the title of ‘best of the bunch,’ hands down. I enjoyed reading it, though my tenure at Furman was brief, not entirely pleasant, and a very long time ago by human standards. Whoever is making editorial decisions is doing a great job, font choice excluded.”

ROBERT R. HALL 1961-62 AND 1962-63

Nantucket, Mass.



“I’m reaching out to tell you how much I enjoyed reading Vince Moore’s piece, ‘A Series of Miracles,’ about Sam Wyche’s story. It is so inspiring to see how this man has lived his life.”

TYLER O’ SHEA, FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY

Philadelphia, Pa.

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