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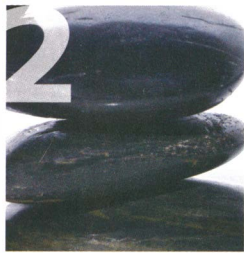
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ON THE COVER: Charlie Register took this photo in 2004, when a group of Buddhist monks visited campus to build a mandala, or sand painting. Charlie's photo essay on the project in the Winter 2004 issue received a Grand Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Building

Outside a North Village conference room on a warm Saturday morning in April, high school students and their parents gather around tables filled with sausage biscuits, orange juice and coffee.

Someone waves hello. Another tells a joke. There are smiles of recognition. Some of these folks have clearly been here before.

Others are tentative, hesitant. They know they're supposed to be here, but they aren't yet sure how they will fit in.

It's the spring reunion for Bridges to a Brighter Future, a pre-college academic enrichment program held each summer at Furman for approximately 75 Greenville County high school students "whose potential outdistances their circumstances."

The event is a time for returning Bridges students to acquaint themselves with their friends, share stories, and reconnect with their teachers and counselors in preparation for the upcoming session, which begins in mid-June. It's also a time to welcome the newest class of students into a program that will likely have a transforming effect on their lives.

"Bridges has been a turning point for me," Cierra Riddle, a third-year participant and a senior at Carolina Academy, where she is student body president, tells the group. "For someone who has never traveled outside of Greenville, Bridges helped me step out of my comfort zone and see new and different things that I was never able to see before."

As she speaks, other Bridges veterans smile and nod. They point to Cierra as a model Bridges student, one who, like many of her classmates, will emerge from the program with a stronger sense of confidence and self-worth — and a realization of life's possibilities.

THIS SUMMER MARKED THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY of Bridges to a Brighter Future. Each year since 1998, a select group of high school sophomores, juniors and seniors have spent a month on campus in a program packed with academic and social opportunities.

To be selected for Bridges, students are nominated by teachers and counselors based on their academic potential and clean disciplinary records. The nominees then go through an application and interview process before the new class is chosen. All Bridges students come from households where the average income is less than \$35,000; many are also struggling to overcome personal and family issues.

Their days in the summer program include classes, field trips, team-building exercises and volunteer work. Workshops cover topics from career planning to conflict management, diversity training and healthy decision-making, and evening activities range from volleyball and swimming to improvisational comedy. Classes are taught by some of the best teachers in Greenville County, and Furman students serve as counselors and mentors.

Modeled after a similar program at Davidson College, Bridges was made possible through a gift from a local benefactor who wanted to help worthy students from economically challenged backgrounds prepare for college. Under the direction first of Sarah Fletcher, then Judith Babb Chandler-Huse '66 and, since 2004, of Tobi Swartz, the program has helped approximately 200 Greenville County students expand their horizons, strengthen their study skills and develop an extended family of support.



Bridges

A PROGRAM TO HELP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL CELEBRATES ITS 10TH YEAR.

STORIES BY JASON STRAND



Swartz says, "We tailor our activities and our counseling to fit each individual student. Every student has financial challenges, but each one also has unique personal challenges to address and overcome. And each requires individualized instruction and support. The result has been a lot of life-changing success stories."

Many students enter the program with little expectation of attending college. Bridges helps change that mindset, and assists them in uncovering the resources available at the state and federal levels.

The program's track record is strong. One hundred percent of its participants have completed high school or earned an equivalent diploma. Ninety percent have gone on to college. The average high school grade-point average for the students is 3.8, and 77 percent enroll in honors or Advanced Placement classes.

Because there are only a limited number of spaces for new students each year, the selection process can be difficult. "We typically have over 80 students nominated and have to get it down to about 25 to 30 students for each new class," says Swartz. "We interview so many bright students where

you know the program would make a difference in their lives. It's hard to say no."

Brandon Smith, a senior at Carolina Academy and a third-year Bridges student, adds, "Ones that didn't get into the program, you feel bad, because they deserve to get in just as much as I have. I wish there could be three more Bridges — a thousand more Bridges."

UNDER SWARTZ'S DIRECTION, BRIDGES HAS ADDED A SESSION called "Saturday College," which brings the students back to campus nine times during the school year. Established with the help of a grant from the Jolley Foundation, Saturday College is designed to keep the students focused on the academic and personal goals they set during the summer.

Saturday College offers tutoring, mentoring, help with college plans, and an extended level of continuity to the Bridges experience. Friendships formed during the summer session are renewed, and bonds are strengthened.

Swartz says, "I hear testimonials from the students as a result of tutoring they received at Saturday College. I am continually impressed with their level of commitment



Valuing differences

Having been a participant and a counselor with Bridges to a Brighter Future, Giovanna Gomez has a well-rounded perspective on the program.

Gomez, a member of Bridges' second graduating class, believes the key to the program's success is that it exposes students to individuals from a variety of backgrounds. A third of Bridges students are African-American, 29 percent Hispanic, 27 percent Caucasian and 7 percent Asian.

"I've had conversations with friends who say that diversity doesn't really make a difference," says Gomez, who graduated from Furman in 2005 with a degree in sociology. "[They say that] as long as you work hard, have talent and academic ability, then a diverse environment doesn't make any difference. But I disagree. I know from my own experience that being around people from different backgrounds made me think about things differently."

Having recently earned a master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina, she says she wants to apply such values as acceptance and inclusion, both of which are emphasized in the Bridges program,

PROGRAM INFLUENCES GOMEZ'S CAREER PATH

to her future activities. "There are common threads within social classes and ethnicities," says Gomez. "These common threads make up a person's perspective, and if these perspectives are never challenged, then a person misses a whole other world of knowledge and information that could be gained from being in a diverse setting."

Gomez's parents immigrated to the United States from Colombia in the 1960s. Growing up in Greenville, she attended the local public schools and spoke both Spanish and English at home.

Through Bridges, she says, she was given the opportunity to interact with people from different cultures and environments. She came to realize the importance of understanding others' similarities and accepting their differences. "My purpose has always been to serve others," she says. "Bridges helped develop that interest."

Gomez acknowledges that Bridges has a direct impact on a limited number of students per year. But as she points out, "Bridges gives its students the skills to change their community. You learn to step back and not take things for granted. When Bridges students return



CHARLIE REGISTER

to their homes, they become ambassadors for this way of thinking and are able to have an influence on others."

She adds, "I have a lot of memories from the program that will remain with me. My hope is that I've made a difference in the kids that I was working with when I was counselor, because I really do care about them. I hope that they see that."



on a Saturday morning. They arrive on time and focused on learning.”

One also detects a sense of ownership in the voices of Bridges students when they talk about the program (see accompanying stories). Ashlee Ware of Hillcrest High School says, “I was like an egg, and the program helped me open up.” She says she was floored by the interest others took in her life when she entered the program. “I was like, ‘What’s wrong with these people?’ I felt like for once this might be something that would be about me.”

Swartz hopes that, in its second decade, Bridges will be able to reach more students like Ashlee Ware. To do so, however, it will need additional financing. The original endowment covers about 80 percent of the program’s annual needs, with the rest coming from grants and private donations. But grants are rarely permanent, so providing for the program on a yearly basis is an ongoing challenge.

For Swartz, though, the value of Bridges goes far beyond academic development and preparation for college. To illustrate, she describes the impact of a theatre group’s presentation to the students this summer.

The group enacted various scenarios involving drugs, sex, and physical and verbal abuse. Afterward, the Bridges students divided down gender lines to discuss the performance. Swartz joined the girls, and what followed was, she says, “basically a group therapy session.”

One by one the girls began to open up, sharing painful personal stories about their lives and families. “It was heart-breaking and gut-wrenching,” says Swartz. In the end it proved cathartic, as the students released years of pent-up guilt, pain and anger. “They were crying the entire time, and after it was over, we did a hug circle. Everyone really cried then.”

For many of the students, Swartz says, Bridges is the best thing that has ever happened to them. It offers them hope — and helps them realize that they are not alone.

“I always think that it is very difficult to describe or define Bridges when I know that these are the kinds of stories that are at the heart of the program,” Swartz says. “It truly is an experience that cannot be adequately defined in words. It can only be witnessed and felt.” **IF**

The author is a 2004 Furman graduate.

Perseverance pays

Jorge Jimenez is no stranger to hard work. Born in Michoacan, Mexico, he soon moved with his family to the United States to seek a better life.

As he told the *Greenville Journal*, “Nobody’s ever had a real career in my family. They just take whatever job they can. I don’t want to do that. I don’t want to switch all the time. I want to get a degree.”

This fall, the 20-year-old graduate of Blue Ridge High School — and of the Bridges to a Brighter Future program — will get his chance when he enrolls at Furman.

Jimenez’s story is one of perseverance in the face of obstacles — something that most Bridges students have in common.

When he was 16, he was forced to drop out of high school to help support his family, which includes five siblings. For a year he did various jobs, from picking peaches to construction.

The next year he was able to return to school, at Travelers Rest High. There he met Casey Crisp, who was enrolled in the Bridges program. Crisp, now a junior at Furman, recommended Jimenez for Bridges. He later

JIMENEZ’S COLLEGE DREAM BECOMES REALITY

transferred to Blue Ridge but was able to remain in the program.

Through Bridges, he says, he began to realize that college might actually become a reality — something that had hardly seemed possible a few years before.

“Bridges is about learning while having fun,” says Jimenez. “Everything we were doing encouraged me toward the idea of going to college. I realized I would need a certain grade-point average to return to Bridges and eventually go to college. I started studying a lot so I could come back. I thought, maybe I’ll get somewhere.”

Bridges also helped him understand the mechanics of applying to college. He learned how to pursue and secure financial aid, the meaning of terms such as “room and board,” how to distinguish between public and private schools. Soon he was helping friends complete their application forms.

“This is stuff they don’t always teach you in high school,” says Jimenez. “I’d talk to other people at my school, ones that weren’t really thinking about college, and they were like, ‘How did you learn this?’”



CHARLIE REGISTER

In addition, Bridges spurred Jimenez’s interest in service work. He recently returned from a week of volunteering at an orphanage in Nicaragua, and he and some Bridges friends are hoping to start a club to promote service work in Greenville’s Hispanic community.

To learn more about the Bridges program, visit www.furman.edu/bridges.



Veterans Day, November 11, 2004

Photo Finish

A retrospective of the work of Charlie Register, longtime university photographer.

For 17 years Charlie Register has been the visual chronicler of all things Furman.

From darkroom to digital, from ground-breakings to grips-and-grins, he's been there, recording for posterity landmark (and not so landmark) university events, activities, programs and productions. And carrying it all off with good cheer, a keen eye and a knack for making people feel at ease.

In doing so, he has followed in a long tradition of talented Furman photographers that goes back many years and includes such names as Glenn Gould, Alan Whitman, Bill Henry, Blake Praytor and A. David Crosby. While bringing a distinctive flair to Furman's publications, these photographers built goodwill for the university through their award-winning work and collegial attitudes.

But none of them remained at Furman anywhere near as long as Charlie.

This spring, however, just when it seemed he had established permanent residence in his Montague Village office, Charlie announced that he was ready to enter a new phase in his life. It's time, he said, to kick back on his patio,

take a little better care of himself, develop his personal photography business and, most importantly, determine his own schedule.

And spend more time with his wife, affectionately (and accurately) known as "The Lovely Miss Mona." An able photographer herself, Mona Register has contributed her share of shots to the Furman cause, including one *Furman Magazine* cover — Spring 1997, Furman Singers and the Boston Pops.

Oops. We promised we wouldn't mention that. Sorry, Charlie.

This issue of *Furman* marks Charlie's last as the official university photographer. In appreciation for his years of service, and for the treasury of photos, both print and digital, he leaves behind, we offer this brief retrospective from the Register catalogue. Charlie selected most of the photographs himself, with input from his Marketing and Public Relations colleagues.

We realize we can't do justice to such a lengthy career in eight pages (plus covers).

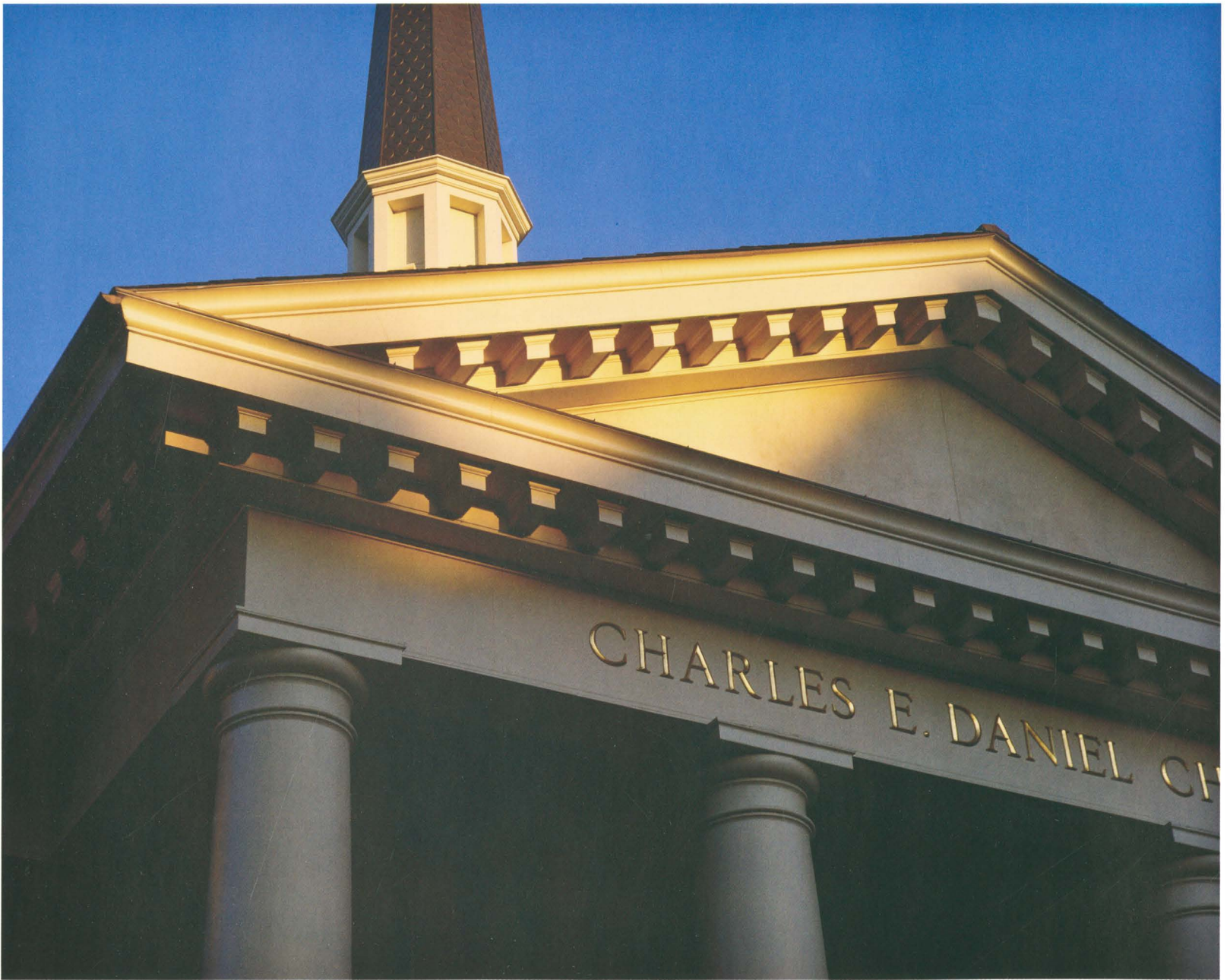
We simply offer a smattering of highlights from his digital phase, including a few photos not published previously.

Although Charlie will no longer be an office fixture, you'll continue to see his handiwork in the magazine and other Furman fodder for some time to come. For one, he lives just down the road, and he's agreed to help us out in a pinch. For another, he's built a vast archive that Furman publications will be drawing from for many years.

We will miss his roof-rattling laugh, his philosophical discourses on life and living, and his remarkable ability to size up a situation and, in an instant, frame the perfect photograph. Here's to many more years of good shooting, Charlie. |F|

— JIM STEWART

A slide show featuring more of Charlie's best can be viewed on-line at www.furman.edu/ufumag.





December 5, 2001, Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.
NCAA I-AA semifinals. Furman 24, Georgia Southern 17.
Below. In a popular shot from www.furman.edu,
a critter hitchhikes a ride with a student; the trio made
the cover of the Admissions viewbook earlier this decade.
Opposite: The detail of Daniel Chapel was the Fall 2000
Furman magazine cover.

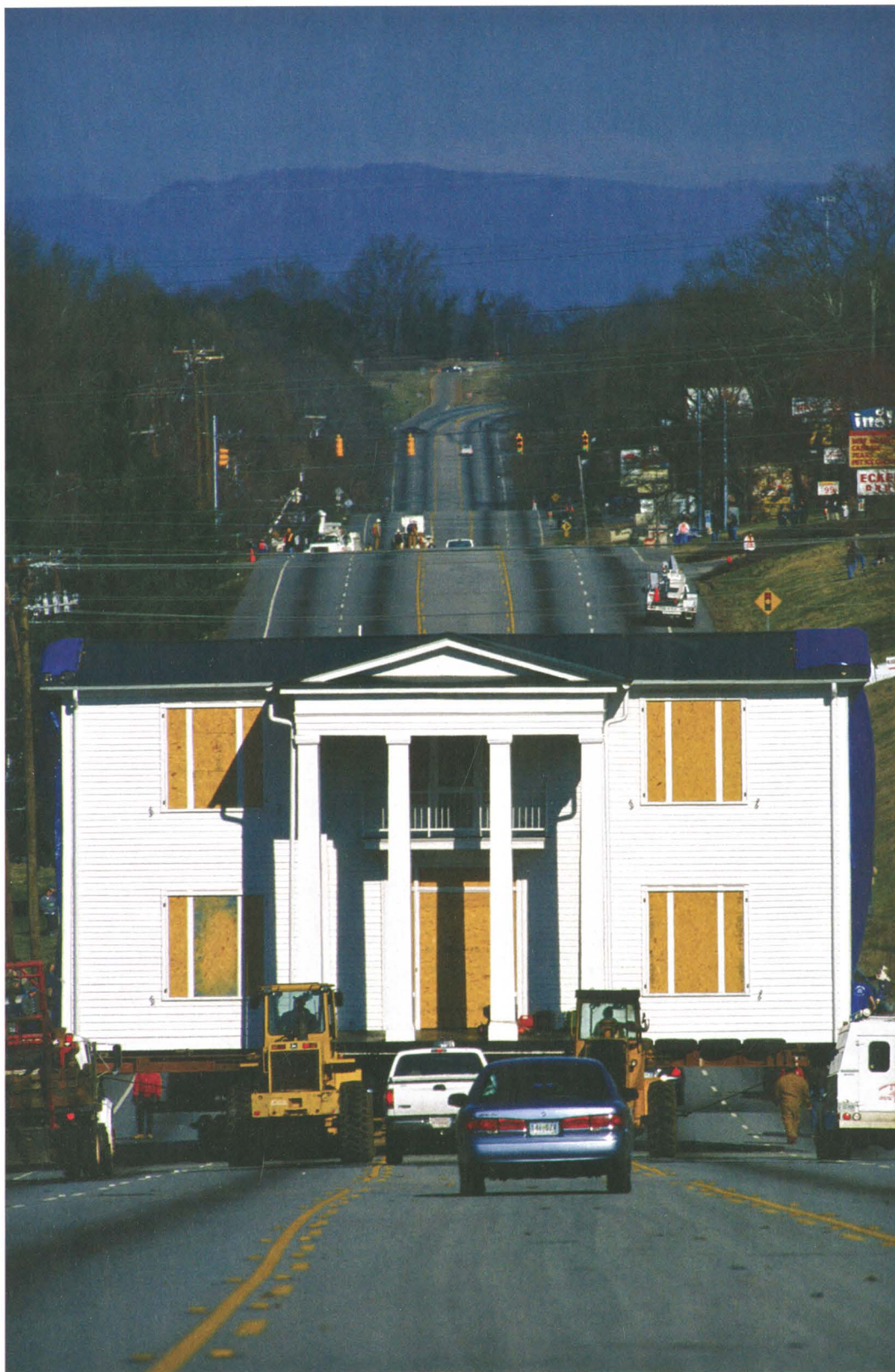
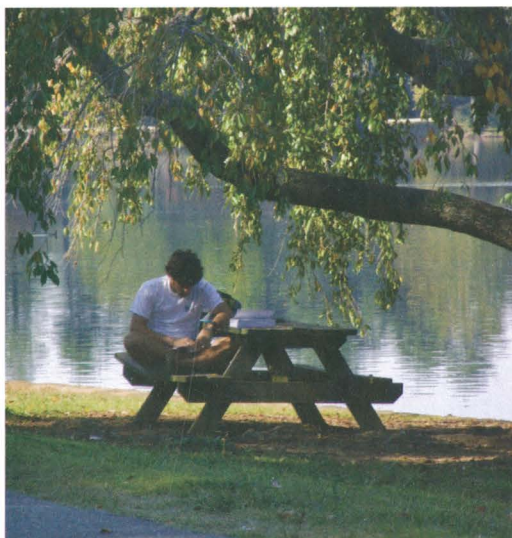




Sand paint, from the award-winning mandala photo essay (see cover); a scene from "Ragtime," presented by the Furman Pauper Players in April 2005. Right: After serving as the university's Christmas card, the snowy gates earned a 2004 Award of Excellence from CASE, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.







A timeless lakeside tableau; the photo from March 1999 of Cherrydale being moved down Poinsett Highway to the campus was a CASE Grand Award winner; a post-9/11 tribute by Furman's patriotic Paladin.



FOLLOW AN AUTHOR ON HER JOURNEY FROM OIL INDUSTRY GEOLOGIST
TO AWARD-WINNING NOVELIST.

A Writer's Odyssey



I was born a Furman brat. Attended Furman Day Camp, “pride of all the South.” Learned to swim in the lake. Lived near Sistine Stadium where the Paladins used to play football. On rare times when I missed a game, I could hear the cheering and the band music floating on the crisp autumn air.

Fiction came to me when I was very young. Always an avid reader, I would hit a ball against a wall and tell myself stories about people who lived in New York City, a place I’d only read about in Dorothy B. Hughes’ and Jacqueline Susann’s work.

By age 13, hunting and pecking on Dad’s old Royal typewriter, I started writing novels. In addition to New York, my characters roamed Hollywood, Yosemite and Hawaii. I even created a Saudi Arabian princess attending college in America — after careful research into Medina and Mecca in the 1963 *World Book Encyclopedia*. My largest effort was more than 100 single-spaced, typewritten pages. Eventually, concerned that my mother might be reading my material, I decided to have a bonfire in the backyard.

This was certainly a blessing for posterity, as well as for me.

When it came time to choose a college, my father, Raymond Heatwole, professor of business administration at Furman, told me I could go anywhere I wanted. After a brief flirtation with Duke — our family had spent a summer there when Dad had a Ford Fellowship grant — I realized that all my life I had been preparing to attend Furman. As a child I sat on the benches in Furman Hall (known then as the “Classroom Building”) and listened to lectures, and in high school I seized every opportunity to visit the James B. Duke Library. To go elsewhere would have been ludicrous.

At Furman I continued writing poetry and short stories and shared them with fellow writers in the women’s dorm. However, I did not do as well as I hoped in freshman English, receiving

a grade of C-plus on my term paper, “How Ayn Rand’s *Atlas Shrugged* Follows the Form of a Medieval Morality Play.”

I decided to cast about for another major. After spending the summer between freshman and sophomore years as waterfront director at Camp Ponderosa, the University of Alabama’s program for emotionally disturbed children, I selected psychology . . . until Charles Brewer’s multiple guess tests, in which answers “a” though “e” all appeared correct, swiftly disabused me of that notion.

Still looking, I recalled that in fulfilling my science requirements freshman year with courses in physical geology and historical geology, I had been reminded of some childhood interests, such as collecting garnets out of the gravel in my neighbor’s driveway, or watching films in which crimson rivers of lava ran down the roads in Hawaii. On weekend trips to the mountains, I discovered mineral specimens that my father would ask his colleagues in the geology department (as earth and environmental sciences was then known) to identify.

I had found my major. And sometime during the long hours of research and field trips under the tutelage of professors Van Price, Ken Sargent and Wallace Fallaw — and while putting in 18-hour days as a geology graduate student



BY LINDA HEATWOLE JACOBS

at The Ohio State University — my interest in writing was pushed to the back burner.

After graduating in 1974 I began a career in industry, as one of Exxon Corporation’s first woman field geologists. Later, living in Houston and the Dallas area, I worked for a number of oil and gas companies as an exploration geologist. On the front lines where new fields are found, this fascinating and stimulating career was a roller coaster, with discoveries and dry holes. I stayed with it until 2004, when my husband, Richard, and I retired and moved to New Mexico.

During my writing sabbatical I remained an avid reader of many genres: James Michener, Ian Fleming, Ken Follett, Nelson DeMille, Danielle Steele, LaVryle Spencer and Nora Roberts, to name a few. After a 20-year layoff, in 1992 I decided to pursue my life goal of writing a novel.

Still in Houston at that time, I joined Rice University’s novel-writing program chaired by Venkatesh Kulkarni, the 1984 American Book Award winner. Fortune granted me the opportunity to study for six years with this consummate teacher and author, until his untimely death at age 52 from leukemia.

Following the old adage that when the student is ready, the teacher will appear, I met Rita Gallagher. Renowned for her novels and



treatises on writing, Rita taught more than 200 published authors. She focused on novel structure and helped me go from writing great scenes to putting a book together.

Although Rita turned 80 during our time together, her mind was still sharp enough to find a sentence on page 70 that belonged on page 17. When she died in early 2004, the world lost a grand lady.

Along the road to publication, I attended a number of writer's conferences. Visiting with other aspiring novelists and trading war stories, I learned that one of the most common questions people ask writers is, "Where do you get your ideas?"

I like to compare ideas to soap bubbles — only instead of having a bubble exist and pop into oblivion, this bubble appears from nowhere.

One day, while exiting the locker room at my health club, I was struggling with a plot problem in my novel *Rain of Fire*, about a super volcano in Yellowstone. My characters were to be caught in a canyon, on horseback, during a big earthquake. But what could happen to raise the stakes? I considered injuring one of the three major characters

but knew all of them needed to be fully functional for the book's climax. As I opened the door, it came to me.

"Kill the horses," I said . . . right into the startled face of a woman carrying her gym bag.

People also ask, "What do you write about?"

I write about Yellowstone. Born of fire, the untamed Yellowstone wilderness challenges the hearts and minds of all who journey there. First called Wonderland by the awestruck explorers of the 19th century, Yellowstone was formed in volcanic violence and sculpted by ice over millions of years. America's first national park served as the scene for Indian wars, army occupation and exploitation by the railroads.

My love affair with Yellowstone began in 1973 when I attended Idaho State University's geology summer field camp, held near the park. I have continued to visit the park in every season since, accessing the archives for the rich history of the land and of humans' brief tenure there.

The first two novels in my Yellowstone series are *Summer of Fire* (2005), a tale of the heroes who fought the spectacular wildfires of 1988, and *Rain of Fire* (2006), about geologists with their fingers on the pulse of the world's largest super volcano . . . and what might happen if it reawakened.

Summer of Fire, however, was not the first story I wrote about Yellowstone. That honor belonged to *Lake of Fire*, a historical novel that chronicles Yellowstone's bold history and details the lives of the ancestors of the main firefighter in *Summer of Fire*.

How did this "prequel" to the other books become the third in the series, to be published in October? While researching the Nez Perce War of 1877 and the turn of the 20th century, I kept finding what seemed to be extraneous material about the 1988 fires.

The more I read, the more I recalled that summer when the world watched on the nightly news as more than half of Yellowstone burned.

Up to 30,000 people fought the fires directly, and more than a million visited the park while the fires raged. Drawn in by images of air tankers discharging crimson clouds of fire retardant, helicopters dipping bucketfuls of water from mountain lakes and endless lines of yellow-shirted crews marching with their pulaskis (a combination hoe and axe) to the front lines, I wound up completing *Summer of Fire* first.

As I continued my research, I was reminded of something I had learned years before: The world's largest volcano rests not beneath Hawaii's mountains or in the state of Washington, but in Yellowstone. Faced with the compelling question of what would happen if the Yellowstone volcano erupted tomorrow, the geologist in me couldn't resist writing *Rain of Fire*.

But the adventure novel is not the only type of fiction with which I've found success. I also write romances, under the pseudonym Christine Carroll.

It took several years to place the Yellowstone series, as general fiction is a difficult market for a new author to crack. Advised to "write for the market," I created *Children of Dynasty* (2005), a modern-day Romeo and Juliet story with a happy ending, set in the San Francisco Bay area.

Although I wrote the romance thinking it would sell first, my agent, Susan Schulman, actually found my romance publisher, Medallion Press, through the Yellowstone series. Medallion publisher Helen Rosburg bought the Yellowstone books first, asked to see everything I had, and chose to buy Christine Carroll as well.

It's actually not difficult to write in two different genres — to switch from romance to action. The adventure stories contain love interests as subplots, as you might find in works by Ken Follett or Nelson DeMille, and the romances are suspense-filled. The critical difference is that, in a romance, the love story carries the plot, so the characters dwell at greater length on the resolution of the relationship.



Yellowstone National Park serves as inspiration for the author's work. Old Faithful is a familiar scene; an emerald pool offers a quiet place for reflection. Photos courtesy Linda Jacobs.

Surprisingly, although a lot of effort goes into promoting the Yellowstone series, the romance has sold just as well. Sixty percent of all paperbacks sold are romance novels, and each month millions of readers eagerly await the new releases.

The fiction industry is as tough as the rest of the entertainment business. As a result, many writers turn to vanity presses or e-publishers that make them pay to see their work in the public arena. It took me two agents and six years of submissions to land a book contract.

When my first agent, Charlotte Sheedy, sent out an early (and rough) version of *Summer of Fire* in 1999, I grouped the rejection letters into “the good, the bad and the ugly.” The good said that it was a “great first book” and that my landscape descriptions reminded them of *Cold Mountain*. The bad used phrases like “not compelling” or “couldn’t muster enough interest.” The “ugly” came from a senior vice president at one of New York’s biggest houses: “There is no great literary sensibility at work here.”

The rejections hurt for more than seven years, even after Medallion began publishing

my books. Then I came home in August 2006 from a trip to Yellowstone that had featured book signings at Jackson Hole, Old Faithful Inn and the Lake Hotel — and confronted the inevitable bin of mostly junk mail.

In the pile was an envelope from Women Writing the West, an association for writers and others whose works promote the “Women’s West.” At first I thought it was a newsletter and almost set it aside. What a surprise when the first sentence said, “Congratulations. Your book, *Summer of Fire*, has been selected as the 2006 winner of the WILLA Literary Awards for Original Soft Cover. The award is named for Willa Cather, the early 20th century novelist who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1923 for her work, *One of Ours*.”

Sweet revenge for my “ugly” rejection.

In addition to the WILLA award, both *Summer of Fire* and *Rain of Fire* made the short list of finalists for the 2007 Zia Award for novels by New Mexico authors, presented by the state chapter of the National Press Women. Last year *Children of Dynasty* was nominated for a Reviewers Choice Award from Romantic Times Book Club.

Despite critical acclaim and excellent reviews, my books have yet to make any bestseller lists. The odds of doing so are even greater than of becoming a multi-published author or winning an award.

Still, all authors have to believe that their next book will be the blockbuster. If I learned nothing else during my years as an oil exploration geologist, where the odds of success are one in ten on a good day, I know that you have to take the dry holes in stride and focus on the possibilities ahead.

I’m also certain that writing and reading will remain a major force in my life. For ever since my mother shared the Golden Book versions of *Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty* with me, I have found fiction — whether I’m immersed in someone else’s book or spinning my own yarn — to be a magical escape. **|F|**

To learn more about the author and her work, visit www.readlindajacobs.com.



Art and Science

BY CARY JORDAN

FURMAN STUDENTS VIEW GLOBAL CHANGE THROUGH A THEATRICAL LENS.

It's lab time in Weston Dripps' global change course — and students are filing into Burgiss Theater in the University Center.

The issue of the day: global warming. The "lab" is scheduled for three hours. The guest instructors include Jake Gyllenhaal, Dennis Quaid, Emmy Rossum and the rest of the cast from the 2004 film "The Day After Tomorrow."

The class will spend the next few hours watching the film to examine how it treats myths, truths and environmental issues related to climate change. The screening is part of an innovative approach Dripps has taken to make this course, Earth and Environmental Sciences 16, interesting and pertinent to students who, in most cases, aren't science majors.

"They like the relevancy of it," says Dripps. "A lot of students come into the class with a sense of, 'Why should I care?' And I think, when all is said and done, they realize that these are issues that impact just about everything they do in their daily lives."

When Dripps came to Furman in 2005, one of his first assignments was to revive EES 16, which had not been offered for a while. He says, "I taught it my first year as a very traditional introductory science course, with a textbook and rocks. But I realized pretty quickly that, for non-science people, it wasn't the best way to deliver the material."

So after some thought, he decided to incorporate a bit of pop culture into the class as a way to make environmental and geological issues more immediate and interesting.

"One of the films we watched was a TV movie called '10.5,' which is about a monster earthquake that turns southern California into a big island," he says. "After watching it we talked about things like whether it's possible to have an earthquake that big, some of history's biggest earthquakes, and the global distribution

of earthquakes and volcanoes. We discussed how earthquakes and volcanoes occur only in select areas. Students know California is prone to earthquakes, but they don't always know why."

Dripps acknowledges that not everyone likes science, and that most students who sign up for his course are there primarily to fulfill one of their science requirements.

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Each screening is followed by discussions about the specific environmental issues addressed in the films and the science underlying the issues, and a review of key clips from the movie that deal directly with the topics at hand.

"The films are a very good way to visually be reminded of the exaggerations that Hollywood makes about the Earth," says McLaine Richardson '08, a business major. "We discussed how the Earth was accurately portrayed versus any exaggerations."

Judith DeFoor '08 says, "Dr. Dripps' use of movies allowed me to learn about aspects of environmental science that I had never heard before. As a music major, I was surprised by how much I enjoyed learning about these topics."

Business major Landon Dillard '09 adds, "The documentaries on the tsunami in South Asia and Hurricane Katrina had the biggest impact on me. By focusing on these events, Dr. Dripps was able

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to explain the science behind hurricanes and tsunamis in a way that's more interesting than if he just told us how they formed and the damage they caused in general terms."

Dillard also points out that the films "provide a background for deeper scientific theories and concepts. They don't make the course easier. They're just a reference point that Dr. Dripps uses to explain underlying scientific concepts which, in fact, are really complicated and can be really tough."

Students are apparently eager to face the challenge. This fall, the global change course has a wait list.

"I think I've succeeded in making these students more environmentally conscious and informed citizens," says Dripps. "A lot of them are going to graduate and go on to highly successful careers in business, economics, politics, medicine, what have you. No matter where they go and what they do, I think this experience will at least make them better stewards of the environment." |F|

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Southern Living home to showcase green residential development

As an indication of its commitment to environmental sustainability, Furman has been chosen as the site for a *Southern Living* Showcase Home that will be a model of green design, renewable energy and operating efficiency.

The university is partnering with *Southern Living* magazine and The Cliffs Communities, seven planned residential communities located north of Greenville, to construct a 3,000-square-foot home that will promote sustainable residential development. The home, which will open for tours next June, is expected to attract thousands of visitors to campus.

To be known as “The Cliffs Cottage,” it will be built near the Bell Tower at the site of the women’s tennis courts — adjacent to the Eco-Cottage, Hut, Shack and Cabin. It will be the first environmentally sustainable *Southern Living* Showcase Home. Guests will pay \$10 to tour the house and surrounding gardens, including an ornamental garden that will be named for Susan Thomson Shi ’71, Furman’s First Lady. The home will be open to the public for a year.

At the end of the public phase, Cliffs Cottage will be retrofitted as the Center for Sustainability, providing office and meeting space for the university’s sustainability initiatives. “It will be a physical resource, a model green building, and a place to learn and explore sustainability,” says James Wilkins, Furman’s environmental intern.

The home will feature exhibits and programs to educate visitors about sustainability and will include user-friendly interfaces that will promote green living and energy-saving operational systems. Exhibit areas will highlight campus projects such as the restoration of the lake and surrounding wetlands, the expansion of walking trails, and the development of the former Swamp Rabbit rail right-of-way into a walking and trail-tram line.

The house will be built of stone and will feature geothermal heat pumps, an automatic lighting system, solar hot water and electrical

supply, Energy Star-rated appliances, low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) paints, sustainable flooring and other green products. The gardens will include native plants and organic vegetables and will be irrigated using a 12,000-gallon underground cistern that will collect runoff rainwater from the roof. Parking areas and sidewalks around the home will be designed and constructed to minimize storm water runoff.

Furman president David Shi says, “We want to create a learning lab where the public can tour and ask questions about how new energy-efficient systems can be adapted and implemented in their own homes.”

The home will be designed to receive full Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The LEED program promotes expertise in green building by emphasizing strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. In keeping with the university’s strategic plan, all major construction on campus since 2002 has followed the LEED standard.

As part of the project, the Eco-Cottage and its companion houses will be renovated to improve their sustainable features and create a visual connection to the showcase home.

Southern Living magazine, which has a circulation of about 2.8 million, will feature the house and gardens in several issues. Based in Birmingham, Ala., *Southern Living* is the eighth largest monthly consumer magazine in the United States.

The Cliffs Cottage at Furman will be designed by the Johnston Design Group and built by Triangle Construction Company, both of Greenville. Additional partners are Innocenti & Webel, Caviness-Lambert Engineering, BLE-Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc., PEA—Professional Engineering Associates, Postcard from Paris, McMillan Smith & Partners, The Carolina Foothills Garden Club and Park Seed.

Alester G. Furman III's visionary leadership a lasting legacy

When Alester Garden Furman III died June 9 at the age of 89, a colleague described him as “a giant.”

And indeed he was, in many ways — as a businessman, philanthropist, gentleman and friend.

The great-great-grandson of Richard Furman, the university's founder, Alester G. Furman III was a graduate of Amherst College who earned an MBA degree from Harvard Business School. After service in the Marine Corps during World War II, he joined his father, Alester G. Furman, Jr., as a partner in the Furman Company, a Greenville investment, insurance and real estate firm.

In addition to serving on a host of business, cultural and civic boards in Greenville, he followed in the tradition of his father and grandfather and provided invaluable guidance to Furman University. Just as the current campus is in many ways a testimony to the leadership of his father, many of its buildings are an enduring tribute to his own insight and aesthetic sense.

Furman awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 1999. Furman Mall is named for him and his wife, Mary Simms Oliphant Furman, as is a scholarship established by their four daughters. Memorials may be made to the Alester G. Furman III and Mary Simms O. Furman Scholarship Fund at Furman, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613, or to the charity of one's choice.

As a member of the Furman board in the early 1990s, during the contentious arguments with the South Carolina Baptist Convention over the university's direction and leadership, Alester Furman III joined with the majority in voting to take control of the board's makeup from the convention. At his memorial service on June 13, A.V. Huff, Jr., retired vice president

for academic affairs and dean, spoke of Furman's life and legacy and referenced that momentous vote in his tribute, from which the following is excerpted:

Alester Furman III was born to a family of giants, and no one felt the burden of that inheritance more than he. He kept a portrait of his father hanging at home, but it was not an altogether comforting presence. He once said that he never felt that his father always approved of his business decisions. And at least some of the grandchildren felt that Poppy's presence was intimidating. But there he stayed.

“When [in 1990] the Furman trustees came to the momentous vote to elect their own successors, Alester — with a glance toward the portrait of Richard Furman in the boardroom and tears streaming down his cheeks — said that he felt a unique weight on his shoulders at that moment. But he was convinced that institutional independence was the right thing. . . .

“He was completely devoted to his family. Like the rest of his generation, he went off to fight in World War II, but not until he married his childhood sweetheart, Mary Simms Oliphant, on weekend leave. It was the beginning of a 65-year, almost storybook marriage. The war forced him to be away in the Pacific from first daughter Mary for a year, but he was never gone again.

“His own drive for perfection sometimes left his children bewildered, as, for example, when he helped them with their math homework. His lectures on the meaning of ‘zero’ left them a little cold when what they really needed was more drill in the multiplication tables. But with a father deeply involved in business and the community, they never felt neglected. . . .

“Those closest to him knew a man who had a ready sense of humor and was a deeply caring



individual. He found a great source of strength in L.D. Johnson, his pastor [at Greenville's First Baptist Church] and later chaplain at Furman. When life crowded in upon him, he turned to L.D. for support and comfort. And he never hesitated to take others to L.D.'s door. . . .

“[Although] there were no causes for civic improvement in Greenville that he did not impact — financially or with his leadership — his abiding obsession was this university. He made gifts, often anonymously, and spent countless hours serving on the board of trustees.

“Perhaps his service on the grounds and buildings committee will be remembered longest. He did not hesitate to do battle with the university architects . . . and his insistence on just the right placement of the university entrance signage on Poinsett Highway is legendary among university administrators and his family. He spent hours, day after day, making sure it was in the right spot.

“Before the naming of the university mall in his and Mary Simms' honor, he chided someone who commented in his presence that there was no structure on campus with his name on it: ‘Why, the whole university has my name.’

“That was quite enough. Alester was convinced that his family's long involvement with education provided the best hope for the future of humankind.”



Three professors step down at close of 2006-07 academic year

When Furman bid the Class of 2007 goodbye at the June 2 Commencement, it did the same to three professors who worked at the university for a combined 106 years.

Judith Bainbridge and Duncan McArthur, professors of English, and Ken Sargent, professor of earth and environmental sciences, were granted emeritus status by the board of trustees.

Furman magazine asked former students of each professor to comment on their talents in the classroom and beyond. Excerpts from their submissions are included here as tributes to these distinguished and dedicated teachers.

> **JUDY BAINBRIDGE's** tenure at Furman began in 1976, and in addition to her skills in the classroom, many Furman graduates remember her efforts as director of educational services. As such, she guided and encouraged Furman's best and brightest in their quests for national scholarships (Rhodes, Truman, Goldwater), graduate awards and other major honors.

Jessica Taylor '07, a political science major who is pursuing a journalism career in Washington, D.C., is one of a long line of students who found in Bainbridge a trusted mentor and friend. In a talk at this spring's Senior Order ceremony, where Bainbridge was inducted into

the women's honorary group, Taylor said, "Dr. Bainbridge's office used to be just inside the middle door of Furman Hall. But everyone knows her real office was actually outside the building on her bench, where you could find her taking a smoke break and occasionally grading papers. However, she never got much of a chance to grade, because a student would always be there talking, with many others waiting their turn.

"Visiting 'The Bainbridge' became almost a weekly ritual. It is no surprise that in 2004 she was awarded the prestigious Meritorious Advising Award. Take a look inside her actual office and you'll find the walls and shelves covered with photos of former students."

Taylor emphasized how Bainbridge demanded "excellence and perfection from each of her students. . . . When I have given tours to prospective students and talked about faculty and advisors, Dr. Bainbridge is always my prime example of how Furman professors care about not just the academic and professional development of students, but their personal development too.

"In her 31 years at Furman, Dr. Bainbridge counseled hundreds of students not just about writing but also about graduate and professional school decisions. For many of her years here,

she served as director of educational services and coordinated applications for many major scholarships. Winners of and nominees for these awards have become doctors, lawyers, activists and government officials, among other esteemed positions, and they owe much of their success to Dr. Bainbridge."

> **DUNCAN MCARTHUR** (photo right) joined the faculty in 1971 as a specialist in 18th-century English literature. He quickly established a reputation for always being superbly prepared, whether for a class, a committee meeting or other university activity.

English department chair Stanley Crowe suggests that these skills emerged from McArthur's years in the Navy and later as a commander in the Naval Reserves. In a 1980 letter of commendation, McArthur's commanding officer wrote that he "demonstrated exceptional abilities of organization and administration in leading [his] unit."

In the classroom, McArthur was known as a demanding professor with high standards and a willingness to work tirelessly to help motivated students improve their composition skills and understanding of literature.

Steve Shelburne '78, a professor of English at Centenary College in Louisiana, has remained

in close touch with McArthur. He says one of the most delightful aspects of his friend and colleague's personality is his sense of humor — “witty, slightly offbeat, subtle, always generous.”

Shelburne goes on to say that in graduate school, “Duncan wrote a dissertation on ‘the spleen,’ or what we would call ‘melancholy,’ in 18th-century English literature. That work must have inoculated him: Duncan is, in fact, among the most consistently optimistic people I know.”

“This optimism, I believe, is key to his personal and professional commitments. He believes, rightly, that education can help his students improve their lives. He thinks that the job of a university is to teach and that the faculty's primary commitment must be to liberal education, not to sectarian disciplines. He focuses, in other words, on people, not on things. Teaching for Duncan is a form of friendship.”

Shelburne adds, “Hanging on my office wall are original numbers of the 18th-century periodicals *The Tatler* and *The Spectator*. Both were gifts from Duncan. I remember that years ago when he gave me one of the papers he said, ‘It's torn and coffee stained, but when you're almost 300 years old, you will be too.’

“I repeat that story every year when I show these papers to my students. It's a small testament of my profound affection for my teacher and friend Duncan McArthur.”

> **KEN SARGENT's** colleagues in Furman's earth and environmental sciences department equate his tenure at Furman to “geologic time — that unimaginably long period of time before time as we know it.” For not only has Sargent taught at Furman since 1968, he is also a 1962 graduate — with a degree in chemistry.

And although he has retired from teaching, he will remain a campus presence for the next

year in his role as “shepherd” of the construction of the Charles H. Townes Center for Science.

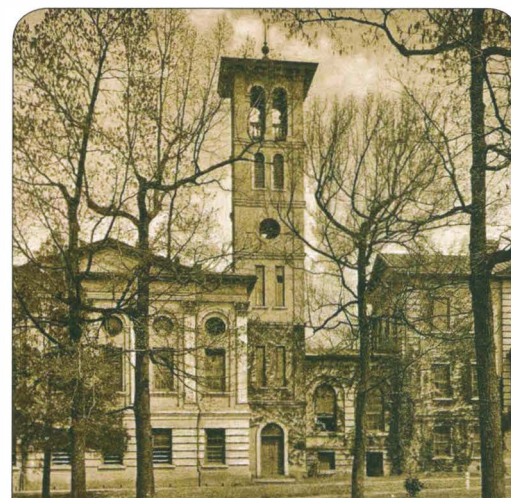
When the \$60 million plan to expand and refurbish the science facilities was launched earlier this decade, Sargent was designated the faculty point man because of his analytical mind and interpersonal skills. He has been widely praised for his ability to synthesize ideas and nurture an atmosphere of collegiality and mutual respect among everyone involved in the planning of the complex, and for his talent at presenting and interpreting the needs and concerns of architects and professors to each other.

“Sarge's” even-handed nature, energetic attitude and irreverent sense of humor also contributed to his effectiveness in working with students. English Percy '83, a manager with Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas, describes how Sargent influenced his career path.

“When I came to Furman in the fall of 1979, I knew I wanted to major in geology but I had no idea what type of geology,” says Percy. “Ken was instrumental in helping me focus on the area of geology which has defined much of my professional life. His enthusiasm for ore deposits was contagious. He was a treasure hunter disguised as a professor.”

As a teacher, Sargent's “combination of enthusiasm and humor [are] both engaging and effective, and his approach has important effects beyond the classroom,” says Percy. “Ken established connections among people and organizations and used those connections to benefit his students by securing access to study locations and research materials as well as new analytical equipment and funding to support a wide range of research.

“His contributions have been key to the success of the EES program at Furman.”



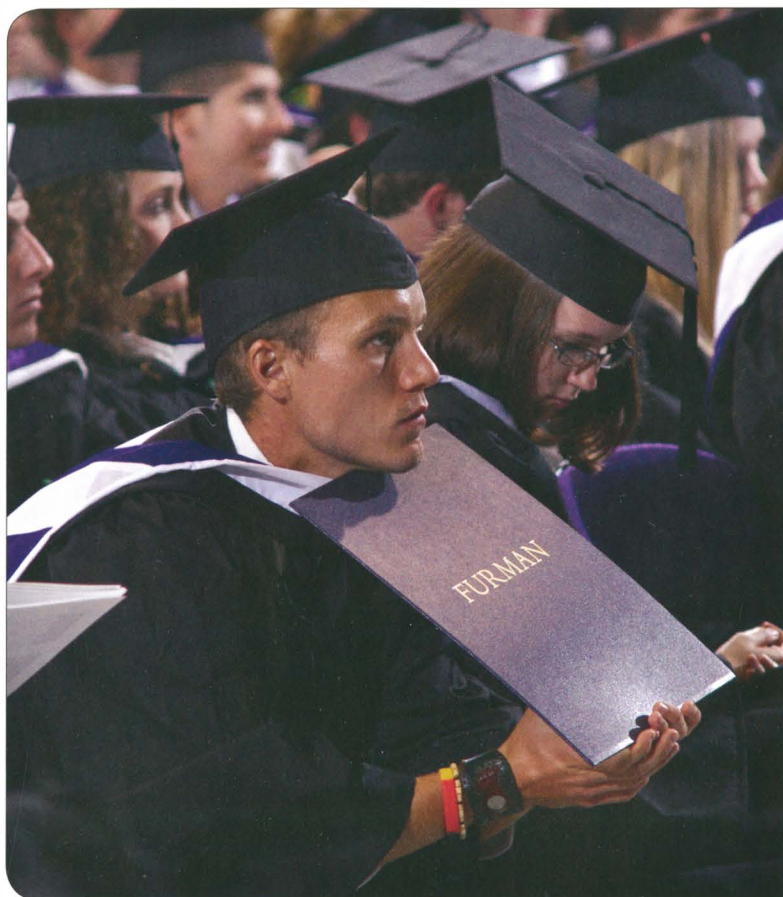
Spreading the fame of Old Main(s)

Old Main, for 100 years Furman's signature building, did not survive after the university's departure from downtown Greenville in the late 1950s. But it lives on in the minds and hearts of those who attended Furman before the move to the current campus — and in a book published by the Society for College and University Planning and the Association of University Architects.

Old Main: Fame, Fate, and Contributions to Campus Planning and Design examines “higher education's iconic architecture” — the signature college buildings on campuses throughout the country. Author Richard P. Dober's “architectural biography” strives to “understand and acknowledge the contributions these magnificent masterworks have made to campus development.”

Of Furman's Old Main, Dober says it was “treasured by the alumni.” He refers to its reproduction on the new campus as “a meaningful deposit in Furman's memory bank,” and laments its loss to fire in the early '60s.

The book is illustrated with picture postcards of 94 buildings — including the familiar one shown here.



A first time for everything

After 25 years of rain-free Commencements in Paladin Stadium — except for a late downpour in 1997 — Furman's luck ran out in 2007. Fortunately, Timmons Arena was available, and the last-minute shift indoors proved only mildly disruptive. The Scholarship Cup for highest academic average (4.00) went to economics major Jane Elizabeth Crockett of Dothan, Ala., mathematics major Lauren Brooke Hund of Lubbock, Texas, and chemistry/Spanish major Michael Thomas Vagnini of Winter Springs, Fla. Hund and Vagnini received General Excellence awards as the outstanding female and male graduates. For more on graduation, visit www.furman.edu/fumag.

Daniel Piano Competition continues tradition, attracts top talent

What do you get when you offer high school pianists \$8,500 in prizes and the opportunity to study with international concert pianists?

Three days of inspiring performances by leading artists and students alike.

In March, 26 high school students came to Furman for the first Daniel Piano Competition for Young Artists. The students, chosen from 52 applicants, hailed from the Carolinas, Kansas, New York and eight other states.

The judges, all of them performing artists, were Robert Blocker '68, dean of the School of Music at Yale University; Richard Cass '53, professor emeritus at the University of Missouri Conservatory of Music and a visiting professor at Furman in 2006-07; and Marina Kolomiitseva, a professor at the Moscow Conservatorium.

The students competed for the top prize while also enjoying a weekend of master classes with the judges and a recital by Kolomiitseva. Yvonne Chen of Oak Hill, Va., emerged as the winner from a field of six finalists.

The competition evolved from an event sponsored for many years by the Greenville Symphony. Furman decided to carry on the tradition by opening it to a national audience and beyond, and increasing the prize money to \$5,000 for first place, \$2,500 for second and \$1,000 for third.

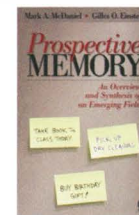
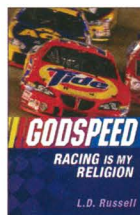
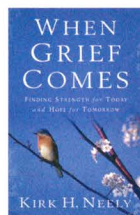
Applications are now being accepted for the 2008 competition, to be held March 28-30. And word is spreading: Music professor and program director Ruby Morgan has already received an inquiry from a young pianist in China.

This year's recitalist will be Anne Koscielny, a first-prize winner in the Kosciuszko Chopin Competition. She will serve as a judge with Julian Martin, a piano professor at The Juilliard School and the founder and artistic director of the New Millennium International Piano Festival.

Deadline for submitting audition CDs is December 1. For audition information, visit www.musicatfurman.com/danielcompetition.htm.

The music department is hoping to establish a permanent endowment for the competition with the help of support from individual and corporate sponsors. To learn more, send an e-mail to ruby.morgan@furman.edu.

— ELIZABETH COOKE '08



Bookmarks: Featuring summaries of books by alumni and faculty

FROM ALUMNI

William J. Baker '60, *Playing with God: Religion and Modern Sport* (Harvard University Press, 2007). A starting quarterback at Furman in the late 1950s, Baker was known as the "Passing Parson" (he was a Southern Baptist youth evangelist). Today he is professor emeritus of history at the University of Maine and has written several books on sports and American culture. This work asks the question, "Is sports America's true religion?" It examines how religious ideas and symbols pervade sports and, according to one reviewer, "invites us to consider even more carefully the relationship between play and piety." *Booklist* says that Baker "leaves no doubt as to the durability of the American marriage of devotion and sport."

Kirk Neely '66, *When Grief Comes: Finding Strength for Today and Hope for Tomorrow* (Baker Publishing, 2007). The author, senior pastor of Morningside Baptist Church in Spartanburg, S.C., offers personal stories and practical information about the stages and phases of grief. Denise McLain Massey of the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University says that Neely "weaves painful personal experience with pastoral wisdom to provide support, hope and sustaining presence. . . . *When Grief Comes* offers reassurance, support, and the deep understanding of one who has traveled the path from shock and disbelief to healing and hope."

Robert W. Harris '76, *The Elements of Visual Style* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007). This is the 12th book from Harris, a free-lance writer and designer based in Durham, N.C., whose canon includes everything from

technology primers to novels. The publisher says that *Elements* is "for people who want to create sophisticated and professional documents at their own desks." The book offers tips for both the novice and the experienced PC and Mac user. Learn more by visiting Harris' Web site, www.rwhstudio.com.

L.D. (Larry) Russell '77, *Godspeed: Racing is My Religion* (Continuum Books, 2007). Russell, an instructor in religious studies at Elon University, decided to write about the relationship between auto racing and religion after the death of NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt in 2001. The publisher says the book covers Russell's visits to major tracks and rural speedways and recounts "his conversations with NASCAR chaplains and fans about their love of the sport. Russell weaves his own reflections on the meaning of speed, death and religion into a colorful story that covers the thrill and agony of racing as well as its tremendous popularity."

Karen "Chichi" Kent '78, *Nightingale's Mask* (PublishAmerica, 2006). The novel, inspired by a true story, is the first from the author, who lives in Winchester, Va. The publisher describes it as a tense, fast-paced thriller and "a tightly written account of one woman's impact on a family and on the world." It offers an insider's view of such moments in history as the rise of the Third Reich, the birth of America's centralized intelligence system, and the Bay of Pigs incident.

Hannah Jenkins Keeley '90, *Hannah Keeley's Total Mom Makeover* (Little, Brown and Company, 2007). The book's

subtitle says it offers a "six-week plan to completely transform your home, health, family, and life." Bookpage.com calls it a "fast-paced, feisty guide to female empowerment." The publisher says, "Keeley promises [that] in just six weeks mothers everywhere can look better and sexier than ever; create beautiful, clean, clutter-free homes; build great relationships with their husbands and kids; cook healthy meals for their families; control chaos, fear, and worry in their lives." A mother of seven, Keeley is a television personality and founder of www.TotalMom.com. She lives in Colonial Heights, Va.

FROM FACULTY

Bill Pierce, Ray Moss and Scott Murr '84, *Runner's World: Run Less, Run Faster* (Rodale Books, 2007). The Furman Institute for Running and Scientific Training's reputation is spreading, and this book should build even more interest. Subtitled "Become a Faster, Stronger Runner with the Revolutionary FIRST Training Program," the book spells out FIRST's unique "less is more" training philosophy. Amby Burfoot, former Boston Marathon winner, describes the FIRST approach as "the most detailed, well-organized and scientific training program for runners that I have ever seen." The authors are members of Furman's Department of Health and Exercise Science, and the illustrations are by Katie Blaker '09. To learn more, visit www.furman.edu/first.

Gilles O. Einstein and Mark A. McDaniel, *Prospective Memory: An Overview and Synthesis of an Emerging Field* (Sage Publications, 2007). The publisher says, "Prospective Memory is the first authored text to provide a straightforward and

integrated foundation to the scientific study of memory for actions to be performed in the future. [The authors] present an accessible overview and synthesis of the theoretical and empirical work in this emerging field." Einstein, who has taught psychology at Furman since 1977, and McDaniel, of Washington University in St. Louis, are longtime collaborators. This is their second book.

Paul Thomas and Joe Kincheloe, *Reading, Writing, and Thinking: The Postformal Basics* (Sense Publishers, 2006). Thomas is an education professor at Furman; his co-author teaches at McGill University in Canada. The publisher says they offer "provocative insights into the bizarre assumptions surrounding the contemporary teaching of reading, writing and thinking. The authors are obsessed with producing an accessible book for multiple audiences — parents, teachers, scholars of education — that moves beyond critique to a new domain of the social and educational imagination."

T.C. Smith, *The Tale of Three Sawmill Towns: Alco, Meridian and Long Leaf, Louisiana* (Northwestern State University Press, 2007). The author of 14 books, Smith has now penned a memoir of life in three central Louisiana sawmill towns where he lived as a child. At 93, the professor emeritus of religion says, "I am fortunate to have a good memory, so once I began writing I was able to remember a lot of details." Jim Pitts '60, former chaplain at Furman, provided photographic and research assistance.

Development building latest testimony to Tom Farmer's generosity

"Tom Farmer is such a good friend, it feels as if we have known him forever."

These comments at last spring's groundbreaking ceremony for Thomas Spann Farmer Hall could have been made by anyone — students, faculty or staff. But especially the students.

Farmer, a 1950 Furman graduate, supports the education of six students a year through the Furman Partners scholarship program. Helping to provide for these students' education is a source of tremendous joy for him, especially because of his background.

Widowed when Tom was only four, his mother, Henrietta, reared her six children alone, enduring along the way the loss of most of the family's assets due to the market crash of 1929.

"Our family had to struggle during the Depression years," Farmer says. "We ate a lot of biscuits, fat bacon and sweet potatoes. Mother was five feet tall and all of 90 pounds. She was small, but she had a good handle on things. I have never strayed from her influence."

Farmer entered Furman on the GI bill after World War II. He went on to serve as student

council president and was elected to Blue Key, Quaternion and *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

After graduating *magna cum laude*, he worked for a year in the university's public relations office. During that time he met Elizabeth Young, a faculty member. They enjoyed a 35-year marriage until her death in 1986, and together they raised two children, Tommy '74 and Tina.

Farmer, who lives in Summerville, S.C., went on to a successful career in sales and management of lumber and building materials. But after a near-fatal automobile accident in 1972, he says, "I realized that the Lord was reaching out to me, giving me another chance. I decided that if I had the opportunity, I was going to help someone else."

He has gone on to help Furman through his membership in the Richard Furman Society, the Partners program, and now through the principal gift that led to the construction and endowment of Farmer Hall. Located beside Montague Village, the building opened this summer and serves as home for the development office.

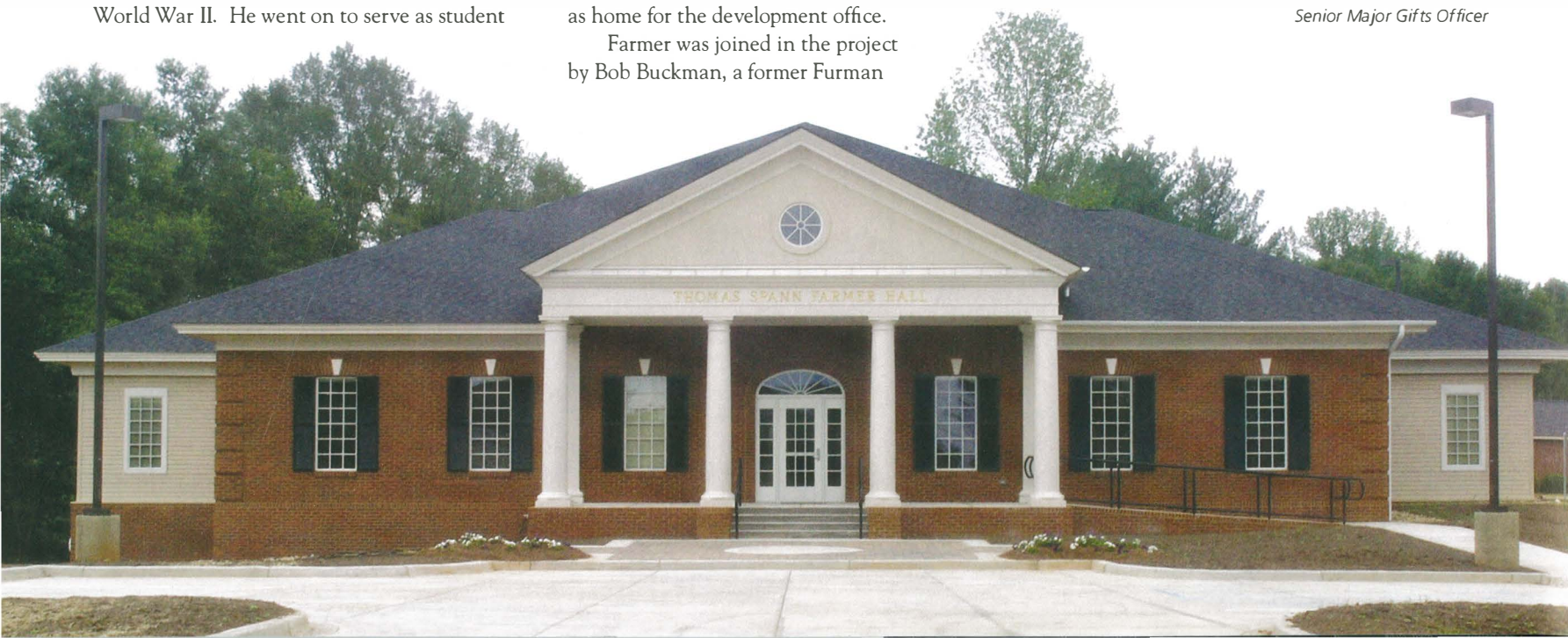
Farmer was joined in the project by Bob Buckman, a former Furman

trustee, and his wife, Joyce Mollerup. They provided a substantial gift to ensure that the public spaces in Farmer Hall would reflect, for visitors and potential donors alike, the quality that infuses all aspects of the university.

Buckman, who has chaired the development committee of the Furman board, founded the Furman Fellows program and the Benefactors annual giving level of the Richard Furman Society. Upon his and Joyce's recommendation, the board of trustees named the conference room in Farmer Hall in honor of Don Lineback, former vice president for development at Furman, and the parlor in honor of Judy Lineback, Don's wife.

Tom Farmer, Bob Buckman and Joyce Mollerup share more than a strong belief in supporting the work of deserving college students. They have become part of the "Furman family." All three have been recognized for their philanthropy by their inclusion in Benefactors Circle, which honors donors who have participated at the highest levels of giving to the university.

— DON FOWLER
Senior Major Gifts Officer



Felton's punishing style has NFL scouts taking notice

Here's some vital information for that 185-pound free safety who suddenly discovers that he is the only thing standing between Jerome Felton and the end zone. The 6-foot, 245-pound Felton is running as if he still has something to prove, and he is not looking to avoid a collision.

Then again, what defensive player who faces the Furman football team this fall won't already know that? Felton, a senior fullback, is an all-Southern Conference scoring machine and a short-yardage master — he scored six rushing touchdowns against Western Carolina last season. And his bruising running style and penchant for punishing tacklers bring an additional element of peril to the equation.

An equal opportunity punisher, Felton flattens defensive linemen, linebackers and defensive backs alike, and he is not averse to carrying three or four tacklers into the end zone with him. In fact, Paladin coach Bobby Lamb can't remember the last time an isolated defensive back did anything but dive at Felton's feet to bring him down.

"Once he breaks into the open field and gets moving, it only takes one time to figure out you don't want to tackle him up high," Lamb says. "Even if you're trying to hit him in the thighs, it had better be a good shot because he doesn't go down easy that way, either."

Wofford coach Mike Ayers calls Felton a "punishing runner" who wears down defenses during the course of a game. "The best way to defend Jerome is to try and keep him from getting the ball," says Ayers, "but not many people have figured out how to do that."

As for all the talk about bruising running styles and punishing hits, Felton isn't one to argue. "If you're going to be a good back in college you have to develop a complete running game, and there are times you have to run around people," he says. "In my heart, though, I want to run over you more than go around you."

Felton isn't merely big, however. He is also fast, agile and a reliable receiver, which is why he enters his senior season as one of Furman's all-time leading running backs. He ranks 11th on the career rushing list with 1,947 yards and holds single-season team records for scoring (140 points) and rushing touchdowns (23).

He is just two touchdowns shy of Louis Ivory's career record of 53 rushing touchdowns.

Then there's Felton's determination to prove himself, a calling that hasn't diminished since he arrived at Furman as an unheralded freshman. Although he was the same size as now in high school and rushed for more than 1,300 yards his senior season, no Division I-A schools gave him a look. According to Lamb, Felton was hard to find because he attended a small, Class A school in Tennessee — Sequoyah High in Madisonville — that fell neatly between the newspaper coverage areas of Knoxville and Chattanooga.

"We weren't familiar with Jerome, either," Lamb says, "but he attended a camp at Vanderbilt and Bobby Johnson [the former Furman coach] said we should take a look at him."

Felton believed he was good enough to garner at least some respect from Division I-A programs. When it didn't happen, he came to Furman with something to prove. "That's my mentality, sometimes to a fault," he says. "I came with a chip on my shoulder and was determined to make a contribution as a true freshman."

He did, working his way into the starting lineup by the midpoint of the season and sharing the team's Freshman of the Year honor with safety Andrew Thacker.

The last two seasons have guaranteed that he is no longer being overlooked, as he has attracted the interest of National Football League scouts.

Lamb says, "We are hearing that Jerome is rated as one of the top five fullbacks in the country.

He has a great chance of being drafted."

Felton also realizes that he received the kind of opportunity at Furman that he might not have gotten elsewhere. "I'm very happy to be here," he says. "Things happen the way they do for a reason."

Although his primary goal is to play in the NFL, his gifts are not limited to football. He scored high enough on the ACT in the seventh grade that he was cleared to take courses at nearby Hiwassee College while in high school, and he enrolled at Furman with 19 hours of college credit. With a 3.25 grade-point average in political science, Felton says, "If football doesn't work out, I'll most likely go to law school."

But there's no reason for him to get ahead of himself just yet. He still has more yards to gain, touchdowns to score and tacklers to punish.

— VINCE MOORE



A GROUNDBREAKING AFFINITY GROUP, ALUMNI TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, AND MORE.....

The 15th biennial Furman Singers Alumni Reunion was held June 7-10 in Charleston, S.C. Almost 200 Singers past and present took part in the event, which concluded with a performance at Citadel Square Baptist Church as part of Piccolo Spoleto.

The Singers reunion always attracts an enthusiastic crowd. This year was no exception, as alumni from the 1940s to the current decade participated. The size and loyalty of the group are due in large part to the charisma and dedication of the only two directors the Singers have had — DuPre Rhame (1946-70) and Bing Vick (1970-today).

Aside from the Spoleto performance, the reunion featured an even more noteworthy component.

At 4:51 p.m. on Friday, June 8, a new Furman Club was established: The Furman Singers Alumni Association. Those of us "in the business" call this an affinity group.

The Singers are the perfect example of what an affinity group can be. Most schools, including Furman, group their alumni by classes and celebrate reunions based on their graduating year. However, many alumni feel closer to specific organizations they belonged to during their college years, more so even than their official class.

The Singers Alumni Association is Furman's first alumni affinity group. It includes among its goals a desire to encourage participation in university life, serve as ambassadors for the Singers and the university, provide guidance and support to the current Singers, and promote a sense of inclusion and camaraderie among all members of the Furman Singers family.

Sarah Bell '77 was elected the group's first president. Other leaders are Rett Kendall '90, vice president; Ann Guest '75, secretary; and Maurice Brown '53,



The reunion choir in concert at Citadel Square Baptist Church.

treasurer. Board members are Faye Burgess Abbas '77, Carey Cannon '00, Jeanne Saunders Davis '56, Carolyn Whatley Dennis '47, Ligon Duncan '83 and Sarah Weaver Herring '66.

One of the primary duties of the organization will be to keep its almost 2,000 members up to date on university and music department events and plans. To do so, the board plans to create a newsletter and a Singers Web site.

Singers alumni should watch for more information on what promises to be a very active alumni group.

> VISIT PATAGONIA — OR CHARLESTON

The Alumni Office has planned two exciting travel opportunities for early 2008. One is a trip to the Patagonia region in Chile, and the other is a tour of Charleston, S.C., and its surroundings.

Join trustee chair Carl Kohrt '65 and Frank Powell, professor of health and exercise science and director of sustainability, on a visit to beautiful Patagonia January 10-18. You'll stay at a resort developed by Jim Anthony, developer of the Cliffs Communities near Furman, and enjoy eco-tourism, wellness and service opportunities.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$4,000 per person, which includes air fare from Atlanta and all lodging, meals and activities.

You have not experienced a sunset until you have seen one over the Pacific Ocean in South America. Visit the Web at www.furman.edu/alumni and click on the Travel Programs link to learn more.

If you'd rather vacation in South Carolina than South America, join Bill Lavery, professor emeritus of history, for a Lowcountry "History and Culture" tour. Planned for March (final dates to be determined), the five-day tour will

include jaunts to historical sites and other activities. Visit the alumni Web site for cost information and more details.

> CYCLING JERSEYS AVAILABLE

Furman's cycling team enjoyed a banner inaugural year in 2007, winning the Southeastern Collegiate Cycling Conference title and finishing 10th in the nation. Of course, it didn't hurt that the squad included Spencer Beamer '10, a member of the U.S. National Under 23 team.

When an article about the cycling team appeared in a recent Furman newsletter, we received many calls from excited members of what is evidently a very active Furman cycling community. These alumni wanted to know how they could purchase a team jersey.

Well, your friendly Alumni Office has come through once again. In conjunction with Hincapie Sports of Greenville, we are happy to offer, for sale, a Furman cycling jersey. Cycling shorts with the diamond F logo are also available.

To order or see photos of the available gear, visit the alumni Web site. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the cycling team.

— TOM TRIPLITT '76

The author is director of the Alumni Association.

CLASS NOTES, SUMMER 2007

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NEXT REUNION IN 2011

James Crenshaw, Robert L. Flowers Professor of Old Testament at Duke University, recently spent eight weeks teaching at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Harry Eskew participated in an April mission tour of Russia with the Georgia Sons of Jubal, singing and teaching at the Institute for Sacred Music in Moscow.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Richard Bowers of Corpus Christi, Texas, has retired as chief executive officer of TOR Minerals International, a company he founded and has been involved with for 38 years. He has launched a new company, Texas American Mineral, which will search for minerals in Central and South America.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Harold Trader retired April 2 as vice president and chief financial officer of Lexington (N.C.) Memorial Hospital. He worked in healthcare finance for 38 years, the last 23 at Lexington.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Margaret Highsmith Lockhart of Lawrenceville, Ga., retired in June after teaching science in public high schools for more than 30 years.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Robert Godlewski is director of external affairs for Atlanta Beltline, Inc., a planned 22-mile loop around downtown and midtown Atlanta that will increase greenspace, improve transit, connect neighborhoods and business centers, and foster livable communities.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Richard Hyman of Weston, Conn., has joined Bowne & Co., Inc., in New York City as managing director of Bowne Virtual Dataroom.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Mark and **Adelyn Nichols Elliott** live in Lewisburg, Pa. Mark has been with the planned gifts program at Bucknell University since 1984 and was recently named the school's principal gifts officer and senior development advisor. Adelyn, who for many years was teacher training supervisor for Head Start of Northumberland County, teaches reading and language arts in the Danville Area Middle School.

Vic Grout has been promoted to executive vice president of Greer (S.C.) State Bank. On January 8, **William King** became senior pastor of Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Asheville, N.C. He previously served as pastor of Leawood Baptist Church in Greenville.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Mark Weston graduated from the U.S. Army War College in June 2006 with a master's degree in strategic studies. He has been deployed to Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, working for Multi-National Corps – Iraq.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2010

Richard Longo was nominated May 15 for promotion from colonel to the rank of brigadier general. Richard is Chief of Staff, United States Army, Pacific, and is based at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2011

Angela Walker Franklin has assumed duties as executive vice president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. A member of the Furman board of trustees, Angela was previously associate vice president and vice dean for academic and student affairs at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Steve Scott, a colonel in the Virginia Army National Guard, has been in Kosovo for almost a year on a peacekeeping mission with responsibility for civil-military operations. He interacts with local government officials and members of the international community while working to determine a final political status for the province. He is expected to return to the States in November.

Richard Earle Steele, Jr., has joined Convergent Acquisitions & Development, Inc., in Charlotte, N.C., as director of acquisitions.

David Weaver has joined Pinnacle Bank in Greenville as chief credit officer.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Robert Hill of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., has been elected to the board of directors of Baptist Health, the most comprehensive health care provider in the north Florida/

south Georgia region. He is president and chief operating officer of Acosta Sales and Marketing Company.

MARRIAGE: **James Carlisle Saxon** and Mary Ellen Haile Carter, April 14. They live in Columbia, S.C., where Jamie is an attorney with the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and Mary Ellen is director of clinical quality informatics for Palmetto Health.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Evans Newell is the music associate at First Baptist Church of Fort Mill, S.C. **Brad Schneider** of Greenville has joined First Reliance Bank as senior vice president/senior lender for the Upstate.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2010

Bill Boroff is the new director of athletics at Laurens (S.C.) High School, where he will oversee 30 teams in 11 sports.

Edward Earl of San Diego, Calif., is a systems engineer for CACI, a U.S. government contractor. A pilot, violinist and member of the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra, he is also an avid climber, having scaled Mount McKinley, Aconcagua and other major summits.

Lowe's has promoted **Scott Mason** of Mooresville, N.C., to vice president for government affairs. Scott joined Lowe's in 2005 as director of public affairs.

Ruth Swindell is accounting supervisor with Hughes Lumber and Building Supply in Charleston, S.C.

BIRTH: **Eleanor Beardsley** and Ulysse Gosset, a son, Maxime Lewis Beardsley Gosset, April 30, 2006, Paris, France. Eleanor is a reporter for National Public Radio.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Tami Foley Conetta, a partner in the Florida firm of Ruden McClosky in Sarasota, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Teaching professional **Debbie Moss** has joined the staff at the North Star Golf Club in Fairbanks, Alaska.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Jonathan Fowler is the new head of the liberal arts department at Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville, Tenn. He has taught history at the school since 1999.

Don Hite of Don Hite Productions in Los Angeles is now the head of performing arts, music and theatre for Hilton Head (S.C.) Preparatory School. He is guest music master and conductor for the Savannah (Ga.) College of Art and Design and produces and directs live theatrical events for tour.

Susan Miller Kelly of Bradenton, Fla., has been appointed to the district board of trustees of Manatee Community College.

James Looper has moved from the Atlanta office of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover to Nashville, Tenn., where he is co-managing partner of the firm's local office.

Teresa Genobles Wiegert, vice president and business systems analyst with MetLife in Greenville, has been elected to the board of directors of the Palmetto Chapter of the Project Management Institute.

BIRTH: **Greg** and **Kristen Powell**, a son, Tanner Christian, July 26, 2006, Alpharetta, Ga. Greg recently joined Amerigroup Community Care in Atlanta as vice president of finance.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Robert Moody has been named music director of the Portland (Maine) Symphony Orchestra. He will begin his three-year term with the 2008-09 season. He will continue as music director of the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Symphony.

BIRTH: Tilo and **Deborah Landan**

Spranger, a son, Austin Tilo, July 13, 2006, Philadelphia, Pa. Debbie is a partner at Saul Ewing LLP and was named one of the city's 2006 Lawyers on the Fast Track.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2010

Gordon Blackwell of Raleigh, N.C., has been named chief technology officer for InfoStrength Inc., which provides Web-based business applications and regulatory-compliant information technology strategies and applications for the life sciences industry.

MARRIAGE: **William Harrell Foster III** and Jacqueline Anne Rogers, April 14, Charleston, S.C. They live in Greenville where Bill is an equity partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLC, and Jacque is owner and president of *The Little Black Book for every busy woman*.

BIRTHS: Jim and **Liz Aurilio Fenton**, a daughter, Mia Elizabeth, February 20, Greensboro, N.C. Liz is a senior sales support analyst for Clark Consulting. Justin and **Joanna Western Griffin**, a daughter, Justina Grace, September 27, 2006, Columbia, S.C. Joanna is grants manager with the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Clarke and **Christie Knubel Holmes**, a daughter, Ella Kate, January 3, 2006. Christie is a free-lance graphic designer and Clarke is the director of sports medicine at George Washington University. They live in Rockville, Md.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2011

"Fate's Imagination," the latest play by **Randall David Cook**, opened off-Broadway in late May and continued through mid-June. Presented by Gotham Stage Company, the play is about an older woman's seduction of a political candidate's son and the consequences that ensue. Randall is the company's resident playwright.

In December 2006, **Jonathan Heard** was promoted to chief financial officer of Exopack, LLC, a manufacturing company in Spartanburg, S.C. He previously was the company's corporate controller.

Lori Schock has become director of outreach with the Center for Audit Quality in Washington, D.C. She previously was acting director of the Office of Investor Education and Assistance with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

BIRTHS: **Mark** and **Tara Daniel** '92 **Bakker**, a son, Zebulun Schaeffer, June 15, 2006, Greenville.

Jeffery Leenhouts and **Christina Littlejohn**, a daughter, Jubilee Abigail, July 13, 2006, Miami, Fla.

Jon and **Lisa Cottle Moran**, a daughter, Madison Taylor, February 26, Greenville.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Laura Hammond Austill has been named assistant vice president and financial reporting manager at the corporate headquarters of First National Bank in Spartanburg, S.C. She was previously a corporate senior accountant at Denny's.

Daryl Hartley has been promoted to associate professor of physics at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. **Rocky Nation**, associate professor of biology at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C., received the Excellence in Teaching Award from South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

He was Southern Wesleyan's 2006-07 Teacher of the Year.

David Stamey has been appointed Latin American representative for Henredon, Ralph Lauren Furniture. He will also be responsible for Drexel Heritage sales in Mexico.

MARRIAGES: **Shannon Lee Dill** and Brian Luzadder, June 16. Both are teachers in Greenville County elementary schools.

Courtney Sullivan and Joseph Webrand, November 24. Courtney is marketing manager with Midwestern University. They live in Phoenix, Ariz.

BIRTH: Kevin and **Catherine Rakestraw Smith**, a daughter, Sarah Elisabeth, September 22, 2006. They live in Fairfax, Va.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Bryan Fox recently earned his doctorate in health and physical education from the University of South Carolina.

Ned McMillan of Greensboro, N.C., a fifth-grade teacher at Florence Elementary School, received the James B. Hunt, Jr., Outstanding Teacher Award at the North Carolina PTA state convention in April. **Monty and Elizabeth Hillmer Walton** have started a not-for-profit organization, Cross Point Ministries, and built a contemplative Christian retreat on Norris Lake in Washburn, Tenn. Visit their Web site, www.crosspointretreat.org.

MARRIAGES: **Lloyd "Bear" Sifford** and Aimee Bliley, June 10, 2006. Lloyd is a real estate appraiser with Mike Surles and Associates. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Lisa Smith and Cy Burgess, December 30. They live in Simpsonville, S.C.

BIRTHS: Jay and **Anna Maria Maxwell Cowart**, a son, James Maxwell, March 9, Greenville.

David and Christen Chamberlain Hunter, a daughter, Audrey Corrine, January 11, Nashville, Tenn. Christen is a consultant with Public Consulting Group, Inc.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Kelly Jackson Davis of Columbia, S.C., received the 2007 W. Thomas Duke Distinguished Public Relations Practitioner of the Year Award from the South Carolina chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The award is the group's highest honor. Kelly's firm, Davis Public Relations and Marketing, received the Silver Wing Best in Show Award for the cigarette tax media campaign conducted for the South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative.

MARRIAGE: **George "Chip" Brown III** and Paulette Couch, March 19. They live in Athens, Ga., where Chip is associated with the law firm of Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C.

BIRTHS: Brent and **Jennifer Frost Bounds**, a son, Griffin, December 24, New York City.

Taylor and Lisa **Davis**, a son, John Harris, April 4, Greenville. Taylor is employed by N&H Enterprises, Inc.

David and Jennifer Hunter '96 **Duralia**, a son, Hunter Robert, May 15, 2006, Hickory, N.C.

Jay and Shawn Guynn '96 **Eckard**, a son, Mitchell Jay, March 29. Jay is founder of the company USATestprep. They live in Cartersville, Ga.

Michael and **Denise Ransom Grabowski**, a daughter, Julia Faye, November 18, Savannah, Ga. Denise is planning director at Lott & Barber Architects and Michael is a physician assistant with Memorial Health University Medical Center's Urgent One.

Keith and **Laura Hanna Huggins**, a daughter, Katherine Louisa, March 1, Columbia, S.C.

Phalen and **Sarah Watkins Satterfield**, a daughter, Emma Claire, February 11, Gainesville, Fla. Sarah is an associate professor of music at Central Florida Community College in Ocala. She plays flute with the Central Florida Symphony and is the symphony's personnel manager.

Chad and Cindy **Simmons**, a daughter, Caroline Tate, December 5, Hoover, Ala.

Chris and Courtney **Steinhaus**, a daughter, Catherine Gilmore, March 23, Orlando, Fla.

Steve Farnworth and **Emily Vinson**, a son, Matthew Edward Farnworth, November 6, Durham, N.C.

Rob and **Ann Loner Weatherly**, a daughter, Grace Ann, February 26, Marietta, Ga.

William and **Corry Moorhead White**, a son, William Corey, Jr., May 5. They live in Belton, S.C.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2010

Jeffrey Hammer of Greenville has joined SDI Networks & SDI Funding as chief marketing officer.

Phil Hargrove has become director of admissions at Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va.

BIRTHS: **Bryan** and **Kirsten Giddings** '97 **Beard**, a daughter, Sarah Howard, August 31, 2006. They live in Smyrna, Ga. Stacy and **Robyn Bennett Guy**, a son, David Bennett, March 30, Alpharetta, Ga. Bryan and **Beth Stasiukaitis Yoder**, a daughter, Gibson Grace, February 10. Beth is a lecturer in the management department at Clemson University. Bryan is a project manager with Trehel Corporation.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2011

Mary-Mitchell Campbell, subject of the cover story in the Fall 2006 *Furman* magazine, received a Drama Desk Award for her orchestrations for the revival of the Broadway musical "Company." **Lesley Sifford** recently joined Whole Foods Market in Atlanta as marketing team leader.

BIRTHS: Kevin and **Kristin Tankersley Berry**, a son, Brayden Michael, June 11, Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Jeff and **Emily Reed Greene**, a daughter, Margaret Ann, March 9, Boone, N.C.

Mike and **Karen Cram Hoar**, a daughter, Ellie Ryan, December 20, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mark '98 and **Kelly Cass Kemp**, a son, Levi Taylor, February 26, Greenville.

Mike and **Melissa Gatewood** '99 **Ladd**, a daughter, Eliza Foster, March 24, Charleston, S.C.

Barney and **Anne Stanford** '98 **Lynch**, a son, Sean Williams, January 19, Mount Pleasant, S.C.

James and **Merri Jordan Martin**, a son, Brandon Michael, February 28, Rock Hill, S.C.

Chip and **Ellen Rowell Mays**, a daughter, Mary Banton, January 30, Greenville.

Jamie and Kendall **McCurry**, a daughter, Eleanor Kendall, April 19, Savannah, Ga.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

The Charleston (S.C.) law firm of Barnwell Whaley Patterson & Helms, LLC, has named **Michael Barfield** special counsel.

Christopher Watts is director for the Newell Center for Arts Technology and assistant professor of music at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. His wife, **Kay Caldwell**, is education outreach and marketing coordinator for the Community Performance Series at the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York-Potsdam.

MARRIAGE: **Paige Turner** and Michael Holbert, October 7. Paige is a dentist with Higganum Dental Associates in Farmington, Conn. Michael is an orthodontic resident.

BIRTHS: **Aaron** and **Heather Peters Collins**, a daughter, Margaret Lily, March 18, Greenville. Aaron is an emergency medicine physician working for Carolina Emergency Medicine, PA.

Kevin and **Susan Caudell** '98 **Harris**, a son, Thomas Keith, July 6, 2006, Atlanta. Jon and **Rachel Zola Hutchison**, a son, Ian Nathaniel, February 21, Sterling, Va.

Jay and **Jennifer Holland Merritt**, a daughter, JuliAnna Holland, May 3, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Jennifer is an ophthalmologist and Jay is an orthopedic surgeon. Kenneth and **Greer Hughston Reagin**, a son, Harrison Britt, January 31, Summerville, S.C.

Christopher and **Nina Kessinger Root**, a son, Harrison Matthew, February 28, Lake Worth, Fla.

Brian and Jennifer Pittman '98 Viscusi, a daughter, Elisabeth Grace, March 4, Richboro, Pa.

Douglass and Beth Wallace, a son, Benjamin Barnwell, July 4, 2006. They live in Asheville, N.C., where Doug is an emergency medicine physician at Mission Hospitals.

Rhett and Molly Warmoth '98 Watson, a son, James Henley, October 11, Easley, S.C.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Brad Davis, strategic account manager for Greenville-based Jarden Plastic Solutions, was named Salesperson of the Year for 2006.

Audrey Dodson, formerly assistant director of the Richard W. Riley Institute at Furman, has moved to Charlottesville, Va., where she works in leadership development at the University of Virginia.

Ross Eldridge has joined American Capital, a private equity fund. He has relocated to New York City.

Michael Hix, who completed his doctorate in voice performance at Florida State University in December, has been named assistant professor of voice and coordinator of choral/vocal studies at Troy (Ala.) University. He recently soloed with the Boston Pops, the Tanglewood Music Center, the Orlando Philharmonic and the Tupelo Symphony.

Jamie Reaves, a student at South Texas College of Law, was a member of the team that took first place at the Judge

August A. Rendigs National Products Liability Moot Court Competition this spring. Jamie and his wife, **Ashley Downs '99 Reaves**, live in Houston. **Broc Rosser** has become director, Office of the President, for the Heart of Florida United Way in Orlando. He was previously with the Orange County Housing & Community Development Division. **MARRIAGES: Lee Stephen Drake** and **Mandy Norman**, April 14. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Kevin Stewart (M.A. '00) and Krista Abernathy, March 31. Kevin teaches and coaches at Oconee County High School in Watkinsville, Ga., and is enrolled in a doctoral program in educational leadership.

Susan Watson and William Wesley Peck, March 17. They live in Old Hickory, Tenn.

BIRTHS: Stewart and Amy Austin, a daughter, Libby Anne, March 8. They live in Simpsonville, S.C.

Joey (M.S. '99) and Joanna Espinosa, a son, Sender Philip, December 23, Simpsonville, S.C. Joey is pastor of children and families at Grace Church in Greenville.

Valerie Horsley and Matt Rodeheffer, a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, June 15, 2006, New York City.

Chris and Casey Price Riddle, a son, Jayson Christopher, Jr., June 23, 2006, Florence, S.C.

John and **Lindsey Jenkins Thompson**, a son, Whitmore Jenkins, January 14, Atlanta.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

Travis and Stephanie Bundy '01 Ansley live in Evans, Ga., where Stephanie works as a clinical counselor and is pursuing a master's degree in applied clinical psychology. Travis was recently appointed chief resident anesthesiologist at the Medical College of Georgia.

Greg Tinsley, Jason Fennelly and Reid Thompson '98 have purchased

the New York Hotel, Restaurant and Bar in Copperhill, Tenn.

MARRIAGES: Rocco Vincent Adrian and Melissa Joy Schmidt, March 31. Melissa is a teacher and personal trainer at Greenville Technical College. Rocco teaches and coaches at Christ Church Episcopal School.

Kristan Evelyn Burgin and Brian Clate Gillespie, March 3. Kristan is marketing manager at The Cliffs Communities and Brian is a business analyst at Nuvox Communications in Greenville. David Carmichael and **Kim Costello**, May 12. Kim is associate director of annual giving at Furman.

Elisabeth Robinson and Bryan Hunter, December 30. They live in Charleston, S.C., where Bryan is a writer/editor and Elisabeth works with a marketing company.

Julia Ellen Wylie and Tully Roland Florey IV, April 7. They live in Houston, Texas.

BIRTHS: Jim and Courtney Armstrong Buxton, a son, James Taylor Hughey, Jr., December 29. They live in Charleston, S.C. **Matt and Julie Phillips '01 Coppedge**, a son, Cade Andrew, January 30. They live in Atlanta.

Ryan '00 and Amanda Hunt Giles, a son, Arthur Henry, May 23, 2006. Amanda is an occupational therapist and adjunct professor at the Medical University of South Carolina. Ryan is a social studies teacher and junior varsity basketball coach in Mount Pleasant.

Everette and **Jenny Seabrook Newland**, a daughter, Rachel Lanette, May 9, 2006, Denton, Texas.

John and **Katherine Fitch Pennylegion**, a daughter, Laine Michelle, July 26, 2006. John is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

Hershal '01 and Michelle Rogers Pleasant, a son, Edward Charles, May 29. They live in Grovetown, Ga. Hershal has earned a master's degree in classical

languages with a focus in Latin from the University of Georgia, and Michelle has finished an emergency medicine residency at the Medical College of Georgia. **Parker** and Meredith **Smith**, a daughter, Cameron Kathleen, May 9. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2010

Amy Grizzle has been named minister to adults at South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

Jay Kalbas lives in The Woodlands, Texas, and works with Exxonmobil Development Company.

Summer Copeland Kotkin, who teaches AP Human Geography at Lyman High School in Longwood, Fla., was named the school's Teacher of the Year and was one of the top 10 teachers for her school district.

Amy Oakes is an account executive with Yahoo! Search Marketing. She lives in Chicago.

Janice Schnell works as an inside key account representative for Lightning Source, Inc., in LaVergne, Tenn.

MARRIAGE: Marylea Rebecca Hart and Gregory Mark Kibilko, April 28.

They are geologists with Geohazards, Inc., in Gainesville, Fla.

BIRTHS: Andre and Emily Boland Abrantes, a son, Andre Lucas, March 3. They live in Reston, Va. Andre works for the Boston Consulting Group.

Tim and Michelle Vansant Chamberlain, a son, Samuel Paul, July 2, 2006, Marietta, Ga.

Shane and **Catherine Hunter Frederick**, a son, Hunter Shane, February 22. Catherine is a chief resident in OB/GYN at the University of Louisville (Ky.) and Shane is an emergency medicine physician. William and **Dana Steffan Romash**, a son, Justin William, February 18. Dana is a preschool teacher in Chester, N.J., and Bill is a fiber optics technician for Verizon.

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Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe has joined the Tampa (Fla.) law firm of Bush Ross, P.A., as an associate in the commercial litigation and dispute resolution group. She previously clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington.

Scott Saucedo received his degree from the University of Miami (Fla.) School of Medicine in May and began residency training in neurology in Oklahoma City in July.

MARRIAGES: **Whitney Brown** and Luke Cawley, December 30. They live in Cardiff, Wales. For the past two years,

Whitney has taught at an international school in Bucharest, Romania.

Heather Flanagan and Jared Ross, March 10. Heather works for the state of Florida as an assistant attorney general in the criminal appeals division. Jared is director for public policy for the state's American Cancer Society. They live in Tallahassee.

Travis Devin Pitman and Jennifer Ann Bowling, May 26. Jennifer teaches in Spartanburg (S.C.) School District 6, and Travis teaches and coaches in Greenville County Schools.

Aubrey Sloan and Shea Lambert, March 24. They live in Tallahassee, Fla., where Shea is director of network services for United Solutions Co.

BIRTH: Morgan and **Megan Palmer Camp**, a daughter, Allie Katherine, December 6, Gainesville, Fla. Megan is a pediatric social worker and Morgan is completing a radiology residency at the University of Florida's Shands Hospital.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Having worked with the Bush administration and the Republican National Committee, **Josh Cooper** has moved from the Washington, D.C., area to Memphis, Tenn., and started Next Generation Strategies LLC, a public affairs, political consulting and government relations firm.

Alex Fernandez earned an M.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in May.

Shelvis Smith-Mather received a Master of Theology degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in May, graduating as valedictorian of his class.

Rebecca Rank Stone has earned a master's degree in education from Converse College.

Matthew Teevan has been named director of international sales for Da-Lite Screen Company, for which he had been marketing manager. He lives in Paris, France.

ARTICLE HELPS FRIENDS RECONNECT AFTER 54 YEARS

When Jean Orr Belcher '53 was named 2006 South Carolina Mother of the Year, Furman magazine recognized the honor with a story about her in the Summer 2006 issue. Little did we know that the article would lead to a special reunion.

Jean sent a note describing what happened:

Gilda Cheng Li, a 1953 Furman graduate, was a classmate and very close friend of mine while we were both at Furman. Somehow, as often happens, we did not correspond after graduation, and we completely lost contact with one another.

Several months ago I received an e-mail from her. She explained that after reading the article in the magazine concerning my being the 2006 Mother of the Year, she called Furman and was given my e-mail address. She wrote a long note, giving me an update on her life and family.

She noticed from the article that we have a son in Little Rock, Ark. She does too, and said she planned to visit him and his family in early April, close to Easter. She wanted to know if we were planning a trip soon. We had already discussed leaving the same day she was.

We arrived, made a telephone call and arranged to have lunch. What a wonderful experience! Her family invited us to their home to have dinner later in the week.



Jean (left) and Gilda had plenty to catch up on during their reunion in Little Rock.

I don't know when I have enjoyed such a delightful visit and reunion — after 54 years! She and I both plan to be at our 55th reunion next year if our plans materialize.

If it had not been for *Furman* magazine, this would have never happened.

Thank you for leading to such a happy experience for both of us.

We're pleased the magazine helped these friends unite, especially since they live at opposite ends of the country — Gilda in Vancouver, Wash., and Jean in Rock Hill, S.C.

Tom Warren, a captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps, is an engineer trial attorney in Washington, D.C., in the Army Corps of Engineer's Chief Counsel's Honors Program.

MARRIAGES: **Ashley Angliss** and Craig McKinney, June 10, 2006. Ashley is a staff psychologist at a mental health center. They live in Boone, N.C.

Shealy Marie Boland and Robert Lawrence Reibold, April 14. They live in Columbia, S.C., where Shealy is a staff attorney at the South Carolina Supreme Court and Robert is a partner in Walker & Reibold, LLC.

Elizabeth Kelly and Jason Daniel Simmons, October 28. They live in Savannah, Ga.

BIRTHS: **Ryan** and **Megan Prewitt**

Koon, a daughter, Marie Isabel, March 30, Greenville.

Mark and **Melissa Macpherson**, a daughter, Morgan Lillie, January 29. Mark is a real estate consultant with Keller Williams Realty/KW Commercial-Charleston in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2008

Kari Andersen recently graduated from Ohio Dominican University with a master's degree in business administration.

Betsy Hubbard of Parker, Colo., is a research assistant at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She works with Jim Hill, one of the most recognized obesity researchers in the nation.

Lauren Johnson has moved from Orlando, Fla., to Memphis, Tenn., to work as a general assignment reporter at WHBQ-TV.

Matt and **Jessica Miller Kelley** live in Clarksville, Tenn. Matt, a minister, has been appointed to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, and Jessica is an editor with Abingdon Press.

Hudson Neely has earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Holly Towle is pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in elementary education at Barry University in Miami, Fla.

MARRIAGES: **Andrew Maddox** and **Elizabeth Piontek**, May 19. Elizabeth recently earned her medical degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and is now doing a residency in urology at the University of Nebraska.

David Gay Means and **Kathryn Elizabeth Taylor**, May 12. They work in Greenville, Kathryn as a professional sales consultant with Novartis Pharmaceuticals and David as a financial advisor for Wachovia Securities.

Joseph Anthony Murrell and Morgan Jan Kelly, March 31. They live in Taylors, S.C. Anthony is human resources supervisor for Sloan Construction Company and Morgan is a special education teacher at Northwood Middle School.

BIRTHS: **Alan** and **Christina Sheriff Green**, a daughter, Grace Christiana, April 4, Ithaca, N.Y. Alan is pursuing a Ph.D. in applied economics at Cornell University.

Ben and **Jenny Hazlewood**, a son, Hudson William, January 2, Chattanooga, Tenn. **Jonathan** and **Ivey Jowers Milton**, a son, Carter James, January 24, Tucker, Ga.

ALUMNI BOARD TO WELCOME SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

The Alumni Association Board of Directors will welcome seven new members when it convenes its fall meeting September 29.

The Alumni Board provides guidance and support to the university and promotes alumni involvement in Furman activities while representing the opinions, needs and interests of Furman's growing alumni constituency. New members are nominated each year at the board's spring meeting and are asked to serve five-year terms.

The new class of board members:

> **LYNN NEELY BAILEY '78**, Spartanburg, S.C. Lynn, who holds a law degree from the University of South Carolina, has served on the Parents Council. She is active in First Presbyterian Church and has volunteered with the Irish Children Program and Ballet Spartanburg.

> **FRANK WILLIAMS BLACKWELL '90**, Greenville. Frank, who joins his father Randy '63 on the board, is sales territory director with ScanSource, Inc. He has served on the Paladin Club board and on the planning committee for the Furman Football Players Association/Vince Perone Classic golf tournament.

> **MARY LOU WALCH CAGLE '69**, Charlotte, N.C. Mary Lou was formerly senior vice president with



Bailey



Blackwell



Cagle



Goebel



Turrentine



Varat



Williams

Bank of America. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and as a tutor in Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. She also served on the advisory board of "Reach Out and Read," a literacy initiative.

> **PAUL DAVID GOEBEL '63**, Hendersonville, N.C. Paul holds a master's degree from Northern Arizona University. He taught history for 39 years in public schools in Arizona and in Hendersonville, and for two years he was a scout for the Phoenix Suns of the National Basketball Association.

> **WILLIAM N. TURRENTINE, JR. '64**, Spartanburg, S.C. Bill is president and co-owner of Smith Dray Line & Storage. A former Furman basketball player and past member of the Paladin Club Board of Directors, he is a deacon at Morningside Baptist Church and a member of the Spartanburg Regional Hospital Cancer Board.

> **DANIEL R. VARAT '88**, Greenville. Danny is research director for the Labor, Commerce and Industry committee of the South Carolina Senate. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi, has taught at Furman and Clemson, and is an author and columnist. He serves on the state Board of Education and the board of Greenville County First Steps.

> **CONNIE GARTRELL WILLIAMS '74**, Snellville, Ga. Connie earned a master's degree from Mercer University and taught for 14 years in Gwinnett County. She has been a class agent at Furman and a trustee of Snellville United Methodist Church, and has served on a number of educational advisory boards.

At the close of the 2006-07 academic year, the board bid the following members farewell: Edna Wells Boyd '54, Rosalie Manly Burnett '49, Allen Cothran '01, George Johnson '68 and Charles Linder '59.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2009

David Nischwitz has earned a master's degree in flute performance from Arizona State University.

Ben Snyder recently joined the E.W. Schultz Co., a land-brokering firm based in Naples, Fla.

Jaime Webb earned a law degree from Tulane University in May and is an associate with the Law Offices of Charles W. Edmondson in Montgomery, Ala.

MARRIAGES: Mary Helen Grills (M.A.) and Shawn Michael Fulmer, February 24. They live in Charleston, S.C., where she teaches at Daniel Island School and he is a continuous improvement manager at the Eaton Corporation.

Jason Wayne Staggs (M.A.) and Emily Kathleen Gamble, March 31. She is employed at Anderson (S.C.) University and he works in Spartanburg (S.C.) School District 5.

Lauren Welch and **Rob Langley** '05, March 17. They live in Dallas, Texas, where Lauren is a nurse in the Children's Hospital emergency room and Rob is an associate for American Capital Strategies.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2010

Julia Bales works for Costa Cruise Line, a subsidiary of Carnival Cruise Lines and the first international line to receive permission from China to have a home port in Shanghai. She is sales manager for the company's Asia-Pacific operations and lives in Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Jessie Carter is a library technician at the Eustis (Fla.) Memorial Library. The city of Eustis named her Employee of the Year for 2006.

Stephanie Kershner plans to begin classes at the Charleston (S.C.) School of Law this fall.

Michael Overby is working with the State Department's Bureau of Western

Hemisphere Affairs while pursuing his master's degree in international affairs and U.S. foreign policy at George Washington University.

Rebecca Singleton, who was scheduled to graduate from the University of Alabama Graduate School of Education in July with a master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language, has accepted a teaching job at the Buenos Aires International Christian Academy.

MARRIAGES: Ashley Carroll and Jason Leyba, May 27. They live in Fremont, Calif. Ashley received her master's degree in history from North Carolina State University and is pursuing a doctorate in early modern European history at the University of California. Jason is a software engineer with Google.

Caitlin Ann Grady and **William Russell May, Jr.**, March 24. William attends the University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Medicine.

Grace Livingston and **Jay McKnight**, September 23, 2006. They live in Woodberry Forest, Va., where Jay works as an admissions counselor at Woodberry Forest School.

Ashley Stewart and Matthew Smith, May 19, Columbia, S.C. She is pursuing a master's degree in integrated mass communication at the University of South Carolina.

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NEXT REUNION IN 2011

Kate Atwood is pursuing a degree at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts, West Indies.

Michael Giovannini attends Wake Forest University School of Law.

Locke Design has hired **Chesley Adams Tench** as sales and marketing director. The company has offices in Greenville and Anderson, S.C.

MARRIAGES: Megan Kendall and John Gresham, March 10. Megan attends the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Tiffanie White and Benjamin Aiken, May 18, 2006. Tiffanie is a phlebotomist at Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in Davenport, Iowa.

DEATHS

Mabel Dorn Reeder '29, April 2, Atlanta. An avid gardener, she did graduate work at Columbia University and taught school in Edgefield, S.C., before moving to Atlanta. **James Patrick Boynton, Sr.** '32, June 4, Greenville. He and his wife, Olive, operated Boynton's Day Nursery and Kindergarten. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. A faithful Furman football fan, he did not miss a home game for 44 years.

Mark Jackson, Jr. '34, March 16, Taylors, S.C. He was retired after 44 years with Swift and Company.

Floride Roe Hawkins Carpenter '35, May 26, Greenwood, S.C. She was a society editor for the *Greenwood Index-Journal* and the author of two books, *The Adventures of Sugar Bowl* and *A Century of Summers*. She was a trained public speaker and was active in civic and community affairs.

E.V. McCord '37, April 24, Woodruff, S.C. He was a retired dentist and served in the U.S. Navy as an aviator during World War II.

Margaret Helen Spencer '37, March 24, Clinton, S.C. She was retired from First National Bank of Greenville.

Martha Willis Gray Beaudrot '38, March 27, Greenwood, S.C.

Eugenia Vashti Burns '39 (M.A. '64), February 10, Laurens, S.C. She was retired from the South Carolina school system, having taught in Laurens and Hartsville counties and at Coker College.

Julius French Haley '39, April 7, and **Cain Calmes Haley** '40, April 8, Columbia, S.C. Cain Haley was active in civic affairs and served on several community boards, including the YWCA and League of

Women Voters. After serving in World War II, Julius Haley operated the J.C. Haley Furniture Company in Greenville before entering St. Luke's Seminary in Tennessee. He was ordained as an Episcopal minister in 1962 and moved to Columbia where he served churches for more than 16 years. He was secretary of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, and from 1994 to 1996 was registrar for the Diocese of Upper South. He was also on the boards of Porter-Gaud and Heathwood Hall schools.

Elizabeth Bruce Bridges '40, March 24, Montgomery, Ala.

Christine Benfield Covington '40, March 20, Bennettsville, S.C. A standout tennis player, she was instrumental in organizing Furman's first women's tennis team. At one time she was the No. 1 ranked woman tennis player in her age group in South Carolina and was highly ranked in the South. In 1994, in recognition of her achievements on the court, she was voted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame and Furman's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Caroline Rush McPherson '40, January 19, West Columbia, S.C.

Ritchie Stimpson '40, April 8, Garland, Texas. After college, he entered the Army Air Corps as a flying cadet and served in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years. After military service he built custom homes for 10 years before pursuing studies at Perkins Theological Seminary in Dallas. He authored a book titled *Is It True?* and was listed in *Who's Who in the World*.

Thomas Edwin Christenberry, Jr. '41, June 5, Talladega, Ala. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941, was commissioned an officer in 1942 and served as a flight instructor for the duration of World War II. He later joined the U.S. Army Active Reserves, from which he retired in 1968. He worked in the textile industry for 25 years in Greenville and in Talladega before becoming an assistant vice president at First National Bank of Talladega, from

RONALD HYATT, 1933-2007

Ronald Hyatt '56, longtime professor, administrator and faculty marshal at the University of North Carolina, died June 13 in Chapel Hill after an extended battle with cancer. He was 73.

Readers of *Furman* magazine will recall Hyatt's memoir in the Fall 2006 issue titled "The Measure of a Man." The story described the influence and legacy of Hyatt's mentor, Hubert "Red" Dobson, a much admired teacher and intramurals director at Furman in the 1940s and '50s.



Known to his Furman classmates as "Hunkie," Hyatt followed in Dobson's footsteps, working as an intramural sports director and coach in public schools and colleges in the Carolinas before going to UNC in 1966 as director of intramural sports and assistant professor of physical education.

He became a full professor in the Department of Exercise and Sports Science and an international figure in intramural sports.

"Ron always called people 'champ.' But the truth is, he was our champ," said UNC chancellor James Moeser. "He was as devoted a teacher, friend and champion of this university as you will find, and we will miss him."

Hyatt served as the director of the Program for Public Policy in Sport at UNC and wrote a textbook, *The Organization and Administration of Intramural Sports*. In 2000 the school presented him the C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Award.

A retired colonel in the N.C. National Guard, Hyatt received many honors for service to UNC and to his profession. Among them were the Priceless Gym Award from the UNC athletic department, the National Honor Award from the N.C. Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and the state of North Carolina's highest honor, the Order of the Long-Leaf Pine.

The library in UNC's Woollen Gymnasium is named in Hyatt's honor, as is a scholarship in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science.

Read a profile of Ron Hyatt from the Summer 2006 issue of *Furman* at www.furman.edu/fumag.

president for student affairs at Greenville Tech and held that position until she retired in 1986. She was named to *Who's Who in the South and Southeast*, *Who's Who in American Education*, *Who's Who of International Intellectuals* and the *National Register of Prominent Americans*. She received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Wingate College and the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award presented by the state of South Carolina.

Sarah Smith McCall '42, April 18, Asheville, N.C.

Joel Towers Rice '43, March 11, Belton, S.C. He was the founder of Blair Mills Sales, Inc., and Textile Industries, Inc. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Ruth Rock Hine '44, March 9, Brunswick, Ga. She was a community volunteer and worked at Ink Thread Sports on St. Simons Island, Ga., until her retirement at age 82.

Fred J. Parks, Jr. '44, February 12, Greenville. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was later employed with J.P. Stevens & Co. for more than 40 years.

Mildred Carr Chapman '46, June 4, Greenville. She was a retired school teacher.

Jacquelyn McKenzie Rainwater '46, March 12, Bennettsville, S.C. She was a member of the South Carolina and Marlboro County Bar associations. She also managed her father's furniture store, was a history teacher in Marlboro County, was treasurer of the Marlboro Historical Society and co-authored a book titled *Cemetery Records of Marlboro County*. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was president of both the Palmetto Book Club and the Bennettsville Garden Club, which honored her with a life membership.

Paul Hayes '47, May 4, Fairview, N.C. He was a retired Baptist minister, having served for 62 years at South Carolina

churches in Anderson, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg counties.

Paul Runion Hudson, Jr. '47 (M.A. '48), May 8, Easley, S.C. He was a Baptist minister for 25 years, during which he served a number of churches in Alabama and South Carolina. He also taught school for several years and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Eloise Alford Wright '47, January 1, Pinellas Park, Fla. She was administrative assistant for Georgia Press Manufacturing in Atlanta.

Robert Dewey Butler, Sr. '48, May 28, Travelers Rest, S.C. He retired from McRey Distributors in Spartanburg, S.C.

Nell Maxine Brown DeWease '48, April 12, Anderson, S.C.

William J. "Pete" Page '48, February 15, Anderson, S.C. His commitment to public service was evident in his 27 years with the U.S. Public Health Service and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He chaired the Florida State Commission on Child Support and was secretary of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. He helped establish the Washington Center for Public Affairs at the University of Southern California in the mid-1970s, and from 1980 to 1989 he was professor of public administration and social work at Florida State University, where he retired with emeritus status. He received the Career Service Award from the National Civil Service League in 1970 for his efforts to bring food and services to impoverished regions of Appalachia, and in 1998 he was presented the President's Award by the NAACP in Atlanta for his efforts during the civil rights movement. A U.S. Navy veteran, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Bethune-Cookman College in 1967.

Milton Dean "Chico" Bolin '49, May 31, Travelers Rest, S.C. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II and was wounded at Iwo Jima in 1945. He went on

which he retired in 1985. He was active in the Rotary Club, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow, and was treasurer of the Talladega Airport Board for more than 20 years.

Popie Helen Coleman Harps '41, May 16, Chappells, S.C.

Anne Cullum Crocker '42, May 7, North Chelmsford, Mass. She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a vice president and branch manager with Union National Bank prior to her retirement. She

was active with such organizations as Girl Scouts and the Norway Public Library.

Hazel Pittman Hall '42 (M.A. '50), June 3, Travelers Rest, S.C. She was a highly respected educator in Greenville County for 54 years, serving as a teacher, counselor and principal. She taught in Veterans Affairs programs, was an educational consultant in the Southeast Region of the United States and formulated the Adult Education Program at Greenville Technical College. She eventually became vice

to become football coach at Travelers Rest High School, where he won 152 games over 21 years. The school's football stadium bears his name, and he was inducted into the South Carolina Coaches Hall of Fame. He later served as athletic director and administrator at Travelers Rest until retiring in 1987, after which he worked at the Furman golf course as a ranger.

George Oliver Compton '49, May 4, Irmo, S.C. Before attending Furman, he served in the U.S. Army in Africa and Italy during World War II. He went on to be principal of Connie Maxwell Home for Children, superintendent of the S.C. School for Boys in Florence and superintendent of the S.C. School for Girls in Columbia. He retired from the State of South Carolina in 1982. As a former Wing Commander of the state Civil Air Patrol, he received numerous commendations, awards and recognitions. He was listed in *Who's Who in South Carolina*, received the Silver Crescent Award and was recognized for his services by the state legislature. He was also a talented singer and a high school athletic official.

Eddie Arthur Fogle, Jr. '49, March 11, Cordova, S.C. He served South Carolina Baptist churches in Bamberg County and Rock Hill before spending the last 25 years of his ministry at Memorial Baptist Church in St. George, S.C. Upon retirement he was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor a South Carolinian can receive. He also served as interim and supply pastor for numerous churches and for nine years was on the board of the Baptist Hospital. He served in various capacities with the South Carolina Baptist Convention and was a moderator of the York and Screven associations.

Fred McDonald '49, May 8, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II before completing law school and practicing in Greenville for 46 years. He served in the S.C. House

of Representatives, was a past chair of the board of the Shriners Hospital, was Potentate of the Hejaz Temple of the Shrine and was a member of the St. Andrews Society of Upper South Carolina.

J. Wesley Snyder, Sr. '49, May 18, Simpsonville, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in the Pacific Theatre. His lifelong career was in the automobile business. He opened Snyder's Auto Sales in Greenville in 1952. In 1957 he was appointed the dealer for Renault and Peugeot, and Snyder's became the first new car dealership in Greenville devoted entirely to imported cars. He came to be known as the "Import King." He served several terms as a member of the Mercedes-Benz National Dealer Council, was active with Rotary International and was a member of the Greenville Rescue Mission Board.

Hugh Roger Anderson '50, May 29, Asheboro, N.C. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, serving as a bombardier and navigator on the B-29. He was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1951. He entered into a law partnership with A.I. Ferree in Asheboro and was a partner in its successor firm, Walker, Anderson, Bell & Ogburn. From 1967 until his retirement in 1991, he was a solo practitioner. He served for 30 years on the board of First National Bank and was president of the Randolph County and 19th Judicial District Bar associations. He was a member of the Asheboro Planning Board and Board of Adjustments and the board of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce. He was a charter member of the Randolph County Center for Exceptional Children.

Mervin Arthur Brown '50, April 19, Columbia, S.C. He served 27 years as a pastor at Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky and South Carolina. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Joseph Burton Crumpton '50, February 12, 2006, Seneca, S.C. He was a retired industrial engineer manager with JP Stevens Company and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Henry Cicero Sells '50, May 12, Dallas, N.C. He retired as supervisor of the North Carolina State Division of Adult Probation and Parole. He was an ordained Southern Baptist minister, a high school instructor of textiles, an instructor at the Justice Academy in Salemburg and a hospital adjunct chaplain. He received a State Advanced Certificate in Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission from the state of North Carolina. He was a member of the Gaston County Foster Parents Association, the Gaston County Law Enforcement Association and the Retired Government Employee Association.

Geraldine Cole Bowen '51, March 16, Taylors, S.C. She co-owned the Village Florist in Taylors and was well known for her floral designs.

Fred Allen Duckett '51, April 28, Siler City, N.C. He was employed by Beacon Manufacturing Company before seeing service with the Army Air Corps. He entered the Christian ministry in 1948 and was ordained in 1949. He served pastorates in the Carolinas, Texas and Virginia before becoming a chaplain at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Joe Robert Hooper '51, March 24, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in retail credit for several years before entering law school. He was an assistant city attorney for Greenville and practiced privately before becoming a federal judge with the U.S. Government Social Security Administration. He held this position for 36 years, 10 of them as chief judge. He was a member of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association and the South Carolina, Greenville County and American Bar associations.

James Luther Pruitt '51, March 16, Anderson, S.C. He was an Army veteran and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He had been a funeral director with Pruitt Funeral Home for many years.

Florence Evans McKenzie Richardson '51, April 11, Simpsonville, S.C.

Arthur Glover '52, October 8, Columbus, Ky. He was director of Bartholomew County United Way for 15 years and also served as director of the United Way in Marion County and in Ravenna, Ohio. He worked with Easter Seals and had been a radio disc jockey in West Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Robert Frank Donaldson, Jr. '53, March 11, Tallahassee, Fla. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired as president of Capital Home Builders Inc.

Eleanor Haulbrook DeFoor '56, May 2, York, S.C. She taught high school English and Spanish in Indiana, Kentucky and South Carolina. She had been a member of the American Association of University Women and was active in the National Education Association.

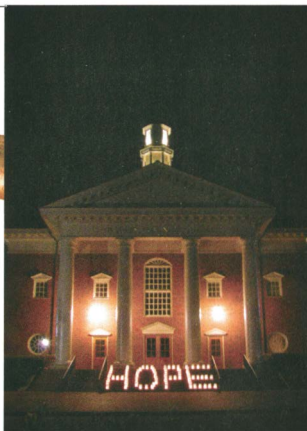
Elizabeth "Nelle" Rivers Hill '56, March 28, St. Simons Island, Ga. She was a home interior designer and consultant and was owner of the Island Book Shelf.

Larry Marcus Seay '56, March 9, Gastonia, N.C. After service in the U.S. Army Intelligence Division, he was employed as vice president of market development for American & Efird Co. in Mount Holly, N.C., for more than 30 years.

Riley Norris Huckaby '58, June 5, Lexington, S.C. He was a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his work as a Baptist minister took him to churches in North and South Carolina. Later in his life he served many churches as interim pastor in the Columbia, S.C., area. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and an Army veteran, and he served as a Navy chaplain in Vietnam.

CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

Because of a production glitch, the spring issue of *Furman* failed to give proper credit for these photos from the Relay for Life event held on campus in March. The photographer was Heather Cirincione '07, a Spanish major from St. James, N.Y., who was a valued student contributor to FUnet, Furman's on-campus Web page.



Bobby Crocker '59, March 14, Union, S.C. He was a retired Baptist minister, having served churches in the South Carolina cities of Spartanburg, Gaffney, Greer and Union.

Ora Carole Harter Marjenhoff '59, March 28, Bonneau, S.C. Trained in multi-handicapped education and behavior disorders, she taught school for many years in South Carolina and Georgia. She retired from teaching and began a career as an advocate, counselor and advisor for mentally and physically challenged clients. She volunteered with the Berkeley County (S.C.) Disabilities Board and with the Kennedy Center for Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

James Douglas Mauldin '59, April 4, Seneca, S.C. He was an award-winning photographer and journalist with *The Greenville News*, *The State* and the Associated Press, among others, and was a contributor to the *History of Seneca* by Louise Bell. He served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific.

Joseph Harry Creamer '60, May 18, Taylors, S.C. He served as minister of music at a number of churches in Upstate South Carolina and in Hampton, Va. During his career, he was affiliated with the Anderson (S.C.) College Quartet, Civic Choral Group of Anderson, the Furman Concert Choir and the Singing Churchmen of South

Carolina. He led numerous revivals and was a member of Gideon's International.

Kay Easterly Howard '61, April 4, Spartanburg, S.C. She worked with her husband in his medical practice in Springfield, Ky., for 19 years before moving to Spartanburg, where she was employed for eight years with Professional Rehabilitation.

Jerry Jones '61, October 17, Sumter, S.C. He served as minister of music at South Carolina Baptist churches in Inman and Florence, and he was associate minister and minister of music at First Baptist Church of Sumter for 20 years. He was the Protestant music coordinator at the Shaw Air Force Base chapels in Sumter for 17 years. He was a ranger in the U.S. Army.

James Madison Rainwater, Jr. '61, March 30, Florence, S.C. Co-owner of Rainwater's Furniture and Interiors, he was a founding member and president of the Pee Dee Speech and Hearing Center, a member of the board of United Way, past president of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, and a founding board member of Home Federal Savings and Loan (now Wachovia). He also served on the boards of the Florence Museum and of Coker College. He was a past president of the Florence Furniture Dealers Association and participated in the Florence

Harmony Chorus and the local chapter of the National Barbershop Singers of America. He was active in the Florence Little Theatre and was a former member of the S.C. National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve.

Louise Barnhill Smoak '61, April 14, Greenville.

Nan Louise Holliday Barmore, M.A. '63, April 18, Greenwood, S.C. She taught in Abbeville and Anderson (S.C.) counties and was an associate professor of English at Erskine College. As a teacher of children's literature, she and her class produced the annual Children's Fair, an Erskine tradition. She was a charter member of the Abbeville County Visitors' Council, serving as its first secretary, and was appointed a charter member of the Abbeville County Preservation Commission.

Carroll Harrison Hartley '63, May 15, Atlanta. He had a 43-year career in the insurance industry, the majority of which he spent as an independent appraiser. He spent the past 10 years with AIG as the Southeast Region Re-Inspector in personal lines claims.

Estelle Wardlaw Plowden, M.A. '72, May 27, Greenville. She taught in elementary schools in Greenville County until 1989, when she retired. She was Teacher of the Year at Duncan Chapel Elementary in 1979.

Richard Sloan Orr '74, May 2, Greenville. He was employed by Shealy Truck Center.

Alan Ray Ball '77, March 8, Hayesville, N.C. A graduate of the Emory University Physician Assistant Program and a graduate, with honors, of the University of Southern California Emergency Medicine/Trauma for Physician Assistants program, he owned and operated the Mountain View Family Care Clinic in Hayesville. He was an accomplished photographer and avid sportsman.

Samuel Mark Sherman '80, February 1, Greenville. He was employed with Sherwin Williams Paint Company.

Kelly Alexander Johnson '86, April 19, Greer, S.C. She taught 4-year-old kindergarten at St. Giles Presbyterian Church Pre-School.

Matthew Edward Magee '86, April 27, Cary, N.C.

David Ashburn '93, June 4, Dexter, Mich. He was a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Michigan. He was on a medical transport plane that crashed in Lake Michigan, killing all six people aboard. A graduate of Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University, he completed his internship and residency in general surgery at Wake Forest University. He later completed a congenital heart surgery fellowship at the University of Toronto and served as chief resident at Wake Forest's Bowman Gray campus in 2004-05. A memorial fund for his wife, Candice, and three children has been established at National City Bank, 8123 Main St., Dexter, Mich., 48130. Checks should be made payable to Candice Ashburn.

Jordan Robert Mann '07, May 26, Prairie Village, Kan. After a short time at Furman, where he played soccer, he transferred to Southern Methodist University and played in the collegiate Final Four in 2005. He was also a talented artist.

Marjorie Constance Suhs Brewer, April 28. She taught at Furman as an adjunct professor of music for more than 30 years. She also taught at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., The College of Wooster in Ohio, and the University of Arkansas. She was the wife of Charles Brewer of the Furman psychology department.

CHILDSRING INTERNATIONAL: A BEACON OF HELP AND HOPE.....

Christina Jenkins Porter never thought she was cut out for humanitarian work.

During her student days at Furman, the now 41-year-old Atlanta resident didn't like her experience with Collegiate Educational Service Corps, helping children at the Shriners Hospital in Greenville. She recalls that it seemed presumptuous and arrogant to think that she, in perfect health, had anything in the way of help to offer an extremely ill child.

Con conversationally fluent in French and German and armed with a political science degree, Porter graduated in 1987 and pictured becoming a globe-trotting diplomat or a Fortune 500 executive.

For more than 10 years, she lived in the corporate world. She worked for a stock brokerage, an environmental consulting firm and Mapics, a publicly traded software maker. She learned how to handle everything from managing customer service to writing software code, from handling payroll to facilities management.

It was all just setting her up for what was in store.

Her last job in the for-profit world, with NetVendor, was a victim of the dot-com crash in 2000. As a stop-gap measure while looking for another job, Porter set up camp at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta to help former Presbyterian Church (USA) moderator Fahed Abu-Akel. Another volunteer at the church, Rose Emily Bermudez, noticed Porter's knack for office-based problem solving. Bermudez was building her own missionary project, called Childspring International, to bring sick children from poverty-stricken countries to the United States for medical care. She asked Porter to work for her, and Porter agreed — on the condition that she'd do it for only six months.

That was five years ago. Childspring International's noble cause drew her in.

Childspring has brought hundreds of children with profound medical needs to the States for treatment. Its best known client was 3-month-old Noor al-Zahra, who became the subject of around-the-clock media attention and earned the nickname "Baby Noor" when she came to Atlanta from Iraq in early 2006 to be treated for spina bifida.

Childspring is funded by individual donors and the Presbyterian Church (USA). It relies heavily on volunteer families to host children visiting the States for medical treatment.



Christina Porter with Bibi, a child from Tanzania who as an infant lost the lower part of her arm in a fire. With Childspring's help, and after several surgeries requiring skin grafts and tissue expanders, Bibi happily displays her new prosthetic arm (below). Photos courtesy Christina Porter.

Not only did Porter never picture herself working for a charitable organization, but Childspring's mission couldn't be further from what she thought she found interesting. Before she started with Childspring, she says, she didn't much care for doctors and didn't think she would like working with children.

Now she can "spew out" medical terminology and health care industry jargon as if she's been doing it for ages, says Rebecca L. Sigmund, a 1980 Furman graduate who serves on Childspring's board of directors.

"Christina also has a strong stomach," says Sigmund, a partner in Powell Goldstein, an Atlanta law firm.

It's not uncommon, Porter says, for her to be in a child's hospital room when a doctor or nurse is performing a procedure that would make most people queasy. During one visit, Porter was on hand to watch a nurse pull a long tube out of a child's skull.

Childspring's clients, most of whom are from Africa, Asia and Latin America, are afflicted with severe injuries or diseases — eye cancer, large facial tumors, deformities, severe burns. Many of the children can't get treatment where they live and are running out of options.

"We're usually a family's last resort," Porter says. "There are many countries that don't

have basic, much less modern, medical facilities, equipment, or trained medical professionals."

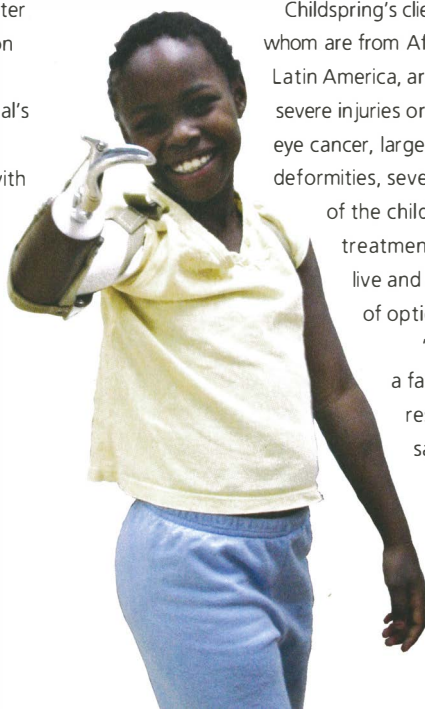
Porter's title at Childspring is USA Director, but her duties are wide-ranging, and she relies on her background working for nascent-stage businesses to help her resolve problems. Among other duties, she serves as Childspring's media spokeswoman; arranges with flight attendants to have their airlines swap comp seats for a child; finds host families in cities like Boise, Idaho, where she doesn't know anyone; spends the night in the hospital with a child; hosts children in her own home; and counsels families and children who are going through extreme emotional turmoil.

"With Christina, it's not just about holding the hands of the host families, but coordinating whatever comes up emotionally with the families and with the children," Sigmund says.

Although Porter still would love a job that calls for her to rack up frequent-flyer miles traveling the globe to meet with corporate clients, Childspring has helped satisfy her urge to travel by giving her plenty of exposure to world cultures. A partial list of countries where children she's helped live reads like the United Nations: Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Paraguay, Moldova, Honduras, Ethiopia, Colombia.

"It's been a great way to share cultures, food and language without having to leave your home!" she says.

— ANDY PETERS '92



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The rankings debate

Americans love rankings. From athletic teams to restaurants, golf courses to travel destinations, we want to know who is on top. This obsession erupts each year when *U.S. News & World Report* releases its annual college rankings with a fanfare usually reserved for Hollywood movie premieres.

The "America's Best Colleges" issue always creates a brief buzz across the nation. But the "one-size-fits-all" rankings are more misleading than beneficial. Institutions of higher education are so different in size and scope, in purpose and aspiration, in financial resources and student demography, that they defy all-encompassing assessments. A school that is appropriate for one student's interests and aptitudes may not be well suited for another, a fact obscured by the *U.S. News* ordinal rankings.

The weaknesses of the magazine's rankings formula are well documented. Kevin Carey, author of a report commissioned by Education Sector, a non-profit think tank, concludes that 95 percent of *U.S. News* variables focus on three factors:

"fame, wealth, and exclusivity." The highest ranked colleges boast the largest endowments, charge the highest tuition and admit the fewest students.

Much of the data *U.S. News* uses is submitted by colleges and universities, and numerous reports have revealed how some institutions manipulate the numbers. For example, the magazine's emphasis on admissions selectivity encourages schools to increase their total applications (and the number of applicants denied admission) solely as a means of boosting their rankings.

In addition, the most heavily weighted element (25 percent) of the rankings formula is also the most subjective: the reputation of a college as judged by the "impressions" of the presidents, deans and admissions directors at its peer institutions. In Furman's case, we are asked by *U.S. News* each year to "rank" 214 colleges, many of which we know little or nothing about. Thus the "reputational survey" is essentially a guessing game.

Complaints about the *U.S. News* rankings reached a crescendo in June, when approximately 80 members of the Annapolis Group, an association of national liberal arts colleges, announced that they would no longer participate in the reputational component of the

survey. Furman is among the schools that will no longer "rank" their peers. The group also decided to create an alternative assessment model to provide prospective students and their parents with more meaningful information.

I recently served as chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), which represents nearly 1,000 private colleges and universities. One of NAICU's primary projects is the creation of an on-line database that will allow prospective students to examine 50 different statistics about a particular college.

The database will be launched this fall and will include information that Furman and other colleges have published on their Web sites for years, such as the number of accepted students who enroll, graduation rates, and average net tuition. Furman

also provides data about the quality of interactions between students and faculty members, student satisfaction with their educational experience, and the percentage

of graduates who enroll in graduate and professional schools.

In some respects Furman has benefited from the publicity generated by the *U.S. News* rankings. We have consistently been ranked in the top 50 national liberal arts institutions and have been the top-rated private school in South Carolina. In coming years, the rankings of Furman and other colleges that no longer fill out the reputational survey for *U.S. News* may drop. But we believe that providing prospective students with more meaningful information is a much more important goal.

The quality of a college is not primarily a function of how much it spends, how many applicants it rejects or even its historic reputation. It is instead the result of the dedication, energy and creativity of the institution's faculty and staff — and the vitality of its students. Such factors are measured best by asking current students and recent alumni to assess the actual quality of their instruction and advising, the impact of their relationships on campus, and the influence of their extracurricular activities and experiences.

That is what Furman is measuring and reporting — and what we are always seeking to improve.

— DAVID E. SHI, *President*



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