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## Alumni Association Board welcomes new members

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Two graduates from the Class of 1954 are among five new members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for 2005-06. The board nominated the new members at its spring meeting, and they will begin their duties this fall.

Joining the board for five-year terms are:

■ Edna Wells Boyd '54, Albuquerque, N.M. Holder of a master's degree in counseling from the University of New Mexico, Edna spent most of her career as a high school guidance counselor in Albuquerque. She currently is an active community volunteer with abused and neglected children, Native Americans and with the Presbyterian Church (USA). She has been a head agent for the Class of '54 and chaired the group's 50th reunion celebration last fall.

■ J. Cordell Maddox '54, Jefferson City, Tenn. From 1977 until his retirement in 2000, Cordell was president of Carson-Newman College. Previously, he was president of Anderson College from 1971-77 and worked as assistant to the president at Furman from 1961-71. Active in the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, he served on his 50th reunion committee last fall. He received an honorary degree from Furman in 1976.

■ Heyward M. Sullivan '59, Greenville. Heyward is the retired president of Hale's Jewelers, one of America's oldest jewelry firms. A member of the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame and the South Carolina Golf Hall of Fame, he

is a past president of the local Metropolitan Arts Council, Downtown Greenville Association, South Carolina Jewelers Association and Carolinas Golf Association, and has served on a number of civic and community boards.

■ John M. Block '63, Greenville. A member of the Furman history faculty since 1968, John retired this year. Now he'll have a new perspective on university life. He received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching in 1984. He was a member of the basketball team during his student days, and from 1996-2000 he took a "break" from his teaching duties to serve as vice president for intercollegiate athletics.

■ Bobby Earl Church '78, Griffin, Ga. Bobby, who played football at Furman, is a safety manager for Printpack, Inc. For the last six years he has also been pastor of Griffin Chapel United Methodist Church. He has served on the board of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and of the county's Employers Committee, and is a volunteer for Angel Food Ministries.

The board also extended a fond farewell to five outgoing members. Thanks go to John Cassady '62, Catherine Hunter Hightower '55, Jeanne Howard '81, Catherine Rakestraw Smith '92 and Mickey Walker '55 for their hard work on behalf of alma mater.

— Tom Triplitt '76

Director, Alumni Association

**BIRTHS:** Robert Craig and Laurie Haynes Burlington, a daughter, Esther Emma, March 1, East Point, Ga. ■

Timothy and Rebecca Bellamy Hunt, a son, Timothy, Jr., July 20, 2004, New York City.

■ Kevin '98 and Sonya Scott Jackson, a daughter, Lauryn Mychelle, January 27, Memphis, Tenn. Sonya is a vice president with Union Planters Bank and Kevin is a pediatric dentist, currently completing his residency at the University of Tennessee-Memphis. ■

Charles and Kimberly Keefer, a daughter, Victoria Ashlyn, March 25. Charles is an exercise physiologist in the Greenville Hospital System and Kim is on the student services staff at Furman. ■

Rogers and Christine Stinson, a daughter, Saige Carrie, May 31, 2004, Fort Stewart, Ga. Rogers is an aviator in the U.S. Army. ■

Bruce and Michelle Harb Walter, a daughter, Allison, November 18. They live in Durham, N.C., where Michelle is a biostatistician and project director with Rho, Inc. ■

Markus and Molly Baumgardner Wimmer, a daughter, Ana Marie, March 24, Greer, S.C.

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Leanna Kelley Fuller is associate pastor at Oakland Christian Church in Suffolk, Va. ■

Jason Scott Rawlings recently finished his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky and is now a postdoctoral fellow at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

■ Allison Rinker St. John received her Ph.D. in psychology from George Washington University in May. ■

**MARRIAGE:** Neil Sparks and Tonya Kay Denning, September 13, 2004. They live in Blacksburg, Va., where Neil is a student at Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. ■

**BIRTHS:** Gerrit and Leslie Albert, a daughter, Neely Jane,

September 14, 2004. Gerrit is president of Hampton Hall, a luxury home community in Bluffton, S.C. ■ Jason Peck and Jennifer Creech, a son, Syler Joel Peck-Creech, February 17, Minneapolis, Minn. Jennifer is a graduate student in German studies at the University of Minnesota.

■ Joshua '98 and Michelle Good Holmes, a daughter, Jordan Riley, March 6, 2004. They live in Taylors, S.C., and Joshua is product manager with NuVox Communications.

■ Barney and Anne Stanford

'98 Lynch, a son, Patrick Stanford Lynch, January 26, Murrells Inlet, S.C. ■ Tripp and Sherri Lewis Martin, a son, Carl James, February 22, Easley, S.C. ■ Craig and Meredith Matkin Newmaker, a daughter, Reagan Michelle, June 1, 2004, Monument, Colo. Meredith is a software developer with Focus on the Family. ■ Ryan and Kim Bourret Pendergraph, a son, Jacob Michael, April 9, 2004, Richmond, Va. Kim is a physical therapist with Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation. ■

Stephen and Crystal Smoak, a daughter, Elizabeth Mae, November 26, Camden, S.C.

■ Fabio and Julie West Torres, a son, Fabio Eduardo, March 4, Fort Worth, Texas.

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LeRoy (M.A. '99) and Aleta Butler live in Blythewood, S.C. LeRoy is director of technology services in Lexington/Richland School District 5. ■ Deanna Drafts works in digital imaging and