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Allan and Carrie Smith Burns live in Richmond, Va., where Carrie is national employee benefits resource coordinator for Hilb Rogal & Hobbs, the nation's eighth largest insurance brokerage firm. Allan is an attorney with Cravens & Noll, P.C.

Meg Flannagan has become associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Clarksville, Tenn.

Reagan Singletary Flemming, a 2007 graduate of the Charleston (S.C.) School of Law, has joined the school's Office of Diversity Initiatives as its first Fellow. The fellowship introduces recent law school graduates to careers in diversity management. She is involved in community outreach and works to encourage members of underrepresented groups to consider legal careers.

Marcie Hocking is now a project director with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in Washington, D.C.

Carley Howard has joined the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center as a pediatric hospitalist and general pediatrician.

Beth Reuschel earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from East Tennessee State University.

MARRIAGE: Edward Waller and Genevieve Ann Nissen, October 13. They live in Lexington, S.C.

BIRTHS: Leander and Gabrielle Ferguson Cannick, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, September 26, Charleston, S.C.

Corey and Meredith Jonas Clinton, a daughter, Brenna Leigh, December 29, York, S.C.

Joseph and **Jennifer Neal Gabriel**, a son, Joseph, Jr., October 5, Chapin, S.C. Jennifer has earned a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of South Carolina.

Chad and **Morgan Morehead Hodson**, a daughter, Darcy Piper, January 25, Maryville, Tenn.

Aaron and **April Shaw Howell**, a son, Noah Joe, August 2, 2007, Greenville.

Gonzalo and **Karen DeCastro Lopez Jordan**, a daughter, Camila Diana, November 1, Miami Beach, Fla.

Eric and **Erika Walker Knott**, a daughter, Julia, January 25, Alexandria, Va.

Will and **Kristie McWilliams Oliver**, a daughter, Mary Helen, March 26. They live in Duncan, S.C.

Brad and Jenny Phillips, a son, Hudson Matthew, July 13, 2007, Suwanee, Ga.

Anibal and **Laurie Moskow Sepulveda**, a son, Matias Leon, June 25, 2007, Marietta, Ga.

Chandler and **Sara Norman Todd**, a son, Noah Samuel, October 14, Greenwood, S.C. Sara is a physicians assistant for a family practice.

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Alex Fernandez is a psychiatry resident at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Amy Godfrey is an associate attorney in the Columbus, Ga., office of Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood, LLP. She focuses on class action litigation, business litigation and catastrophic injury/wrongful death cases. She previously served as judicial law clerk to Georgia District Court Judge Clay Land.

Janelle Hicks, a kindergarten teacher in Rock Hill, S.C., has earned a master's degree in early childhood curriculum and instruction from Winthrop University. **Kristy Palmer** and her husband, Ian Abernethy, live in Laramie, Wyo., where Kristy is an environmental consultant and Ian is a forensic analyst. Kristy holds a master's degree in zoology and physiology and environment and natural resources from the University of Wyoming.

Bryn Rose Robison is enrolled in the M.B.A. program of Wake Forest University's Babcock School of Business branch in Charlotte, N.C.

BAND PROGRAM GETS ITS DUE

The tribute to Dan Ellis in the winter issue ("Man with a golden heart") was impressive, but it contained a glaring error about the start of the band program.

I am a member of the Class of 1960 and joined the Furman band under the direction of Sam Arnold in the fall of 1956. We had about 30 members who marched during football games at Sirmine Stadium and also toured in the spring of '57. In the fall of '57 we did not have a "real" director, but Bob Moorer '58, Frank McCravy '58, drum major David Daniel '58, Proctor Hawkins '59 and Oran Nabors '59 were asked to keep us functioning until a director could be hired.

The article is correct in that Ellis came in time for the spring tour in 1958. Even the library's "Furman Traditions" blog indicates that there was a band in '57!

Your magazine is really inspiring! I look forward to reading it cover-to-cover every issue. The "winner" in the winter issue for me was Bill King's article about the Virginia Tech shootings, "Hope in the Shadow of Despair."

— **BARBARA WEST BILLERT '60**
Carrollton, Ga.

Rebecca Rush earned a Master of Arts degree in international affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. After completing a two-year Presidential Management Fellowship with the federal government, she was scheduled to enter the University of South Carolina in July to complete the International M.B.A. program.

Having earned her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Florida, **Kate Sweeney** is joining the psychology faculty at the University of California-Riverside. Under the auspices of the Greenville Literacy Association, **Anna Mobley Woodham** has joined the Greer (S.C.) Learning Center team. She holds a master's degree in social work and previously was employed as a social worker for the Upstate Dialysis Center.

MARRIAGES: Julie Fellabom and Brian Kapusta, June 23, 2007. They live in Wexford, Pa.

Lindsey Hancock and Sam Williamson, October 13. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

Jeff Larkin and Carla Hatmaker, July 14, 2007. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.

Matthew McIver and Carrie Ann Pearson, August 2, 2007. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Andrew Snavelly and Gretchen Crabb, October 6. Andrew is employed by Northrop Grumman. They live in Falls Church, Va.

Megan Theiling and Trevor Draper, December 1. They live in Cabin John, Md.

BIRTHS: Shane and Angela Jones Alexander, a daughter, Paula Grace, December 14, Nashville, Tenn.

Matt and Melissa May Bateman, a daughter, Emery May Bateman, April 5, Greenville.

Brad and **Sara Ann Ingram Cain**, a daughter, Anna Katherine, August 2, 2007, Orlando, Fla. Sara is an independent consultant with Southern Living at Home.