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is employed by Volvo Commercial Finance. They live in High Point, N.C. ■ **Jaclyn Smith** and Karl Kurz, October 9. They live in Alexandria, Va. Jaclyn is a settlement attorney with Federal Title & Escrow Company. ■ **Neely Tolbert** and **Peter Sullivan** '95, August 6. They live in Atlanta. ■ **BIRTHS:** James and **Mary Jansson Carmon**, a son, James Hale, November 21, St. Simons Island, Ga. ■ **Kyle** and **Lee Outlaw Harris**, a daughter, Kylee Dawn, November 26, Lancaster, S.C. Lee is a kindergarten teacher in the Fort Mill (S.C.) School District. ■ **Kenneth** and Susan **Kuenzli**, twin daughters, Elizabeth and Grace, December 21. Ken is program director with Maxim Healthcare in Greenville and is studying for a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling and a certificate of graduate study in psychiatric rehabilitation from the University of South Carolina.

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Next reunion in 2010

Matthew Head has received his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina and is a self-employed attorney in Greenville. ■ **Craig Hunter** has completed graduate work at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa and now lives in Alexandria, Va. He is an analytic consultant with Thomson Medstat. ■ **Jay Kalbas** was a visiting assistant professor at Bucknell University last fall. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in the earth and atmospheric sciences program at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. ■ **Jill Landry** earned a master's degree in physical therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where she is on staff as a physical therapist. ■ **Reid Breckenridge Murphy** graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in May 2005 and

is now an ophthalmology resident at the school. ■ **Kimberly Petillo** graduated *magna cum laude* from the Albany (N.Y.) School of Law in May 2005. She is an associate with Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in New York City. ■ **Michael Wilkins** has been named vice president by The National Bank of South Carolina. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Robert Clayton Anderson** and **Natalie Freeman**, October 29. She works at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. ■ **Keith Dangel** and **Meredith Moore** '02, October

29. They live in Durham, N.C. ■ **Cathy Ewald** and **James Boland Loftus**, September 17. They live in Castle Rock, Colo., and Cathy works as an interior designer. ■ **Kathryn Hanmer** and **Jeff Elkins**, November 12. They live in Atlanta where Kathryn is a multiage teacher at Inman Park Cooperative Preschool. ■ **Jeffrey Hayes** and **Brittany Thome**, April 2, 2005. They live in Blackville, S.C. ■ **Mckayla Lawson** and **Josh Cairns**, October 22. They live in Lexington, Ky., where Mckayla is a sales associate with Prudential A.S.

deMovellan. ■ **Lewis Tyson Smoak** and **Caroline Healy Dodge** '01, October 1. She is the Southeast sales manager at Capstone Headwear and he is the national account executive at Bumper2Bumper Media. They live in Greenville. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Andrew** and **Natalie Baucum** '01 **Dyk**, a daughter, Sarah Anne, July 6. Natalie teaches in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) School System and Andrew is project manager with Ryan Homes. ■ **Tyler** and **Joy Thigpen**, a daughter, River Maru, May 22, 2005, Vancouver, British

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Alum arranges for Furman roommate to get replacement diploma

When Hurricane Kena struck the Pacific Coast of Mexico in October 2002, Gabriela Marchesin '00 lost pretty much everything in the storm and its aftermath, including many personal effects that she had treasured.

She was able to rebuild her life, however, and today runs a successful spa, called Artepil, in Puerto Vallarta.

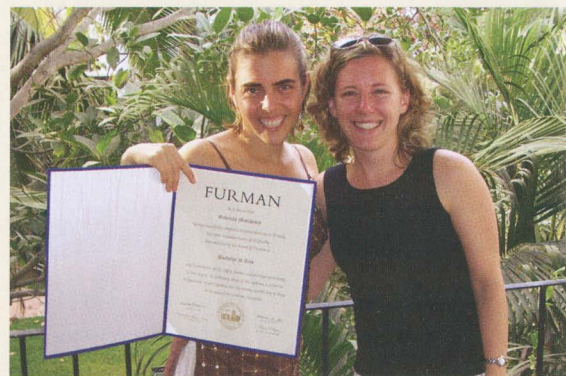
Gaby, who holds dual citizenship in Mexico and the United States, has also kept up with many of her college friends through the years. In February, she enjoyed a reunion with a Furman roommate, Emily Conlon Getz '99.

The reunion came about because Emily's husband, Steven Getz '99, an anesthesiology resident in Winston-Salem, N.C., had been invited to a medical conference in Puerto Vallarta. Knowing about the losses Gaby suffered in the hurricane, Emily, who teaches Spanish at Forsyth Technical Community College, wrote her friend, told her about their planned visit and asked what she missed most from the United States.

Gaby's response: photos. Virtually all of hers had been destroyed in the storm.

"She loved making scrapbooks in college," says Emily, "so I knew she was sad to lose all those mementoes."

Because Emily and Steve each had a set of *Bonhomies* from their student days, they



decided to take the duplicates to Gaby to help refurbish her collection. Then Emily thought of something else: Why not see if Furman could provide a new diploma for Gaby?

Because she was making the request on someone else's behalf, Emily decided she should go straight to the top. This proved to be a smart move, as President David Shi responded to Emily's inquiry by immediately ordering a new diploma for Gaby. He shipped it to Emily with authorization to make the presentation as the university's representative.

The picture accompanying this story is ample proof of Gaby's delight at Emily's surprise. Gaby planned to frame her new diploma and hang it in her office.