The historic Because Furman Matters capital campaign has created $390 million in gifts and commitments toward its goal of $400 million and is poised to reach a successful conclusion by the end of 2013, says Mike Gatchell, Vice President for Development.

"The campaign has been a success in so many ways—from commitments made to participation—and has enabled Furman to dream broadly about its future," says Interim President Carl Kohrt. "And as we make this stretch run I think we are even more proud that the success came during a time of great economic duress and administrative transition. We are grateful to all of our friends who have recognized the value of a Furman education, and who made the decision to support excellence through this campaign." The majority of commitments (about 62 percent) have been made to the university’s endowment to support academic scholarships, program support, and professorships through initiatives such as the Furman Standard. Capital support for projects such as the Townes Science Center, the Herr Center for Continuing Education, and Paladin Stadium, among others, represents 17 percent, and 21 percent has come from commitments to the annual fund in the form of budget relief for operating costs.

The quiet phase of the campaign opened in 2004, and by 2007, the university publicly launched Because Furman Matters with $225 million in commitments. During the past six years, Because Furman Matters has weathered the stock market crash of 2008 and the Recession. During this time four university presidents—David Sh, Tom Kazee (acting president), Rod Smolla, and now Kohrt—have held Furman’s top post.

"All of our presidents have been extremely supportive of the campaign," says Gatchell. "As fundraisers, each has brought his own vision and energy to the process. I would also like to recognize the time, talents, and treasure contributed by numerous faculty and staff. This has truly been a team effort."

In recent years, fortunes have turned. The market has recovered much of its losses and the unemployment rate has ticked down to 7.6 percent. "The dollars are bouncing back. There are more people generously considering larger gifts because their assets have come back," says Gatchell. "In terms of total giving commitments, two of the past three years have been among the best Furman has ever had."

Gatchell, who rejoined Furman in 2006 after serving in the Development Office from 1992 to 1999, says the number of alumni donors fell significantly during the Great Recession. A decade ago nearly half of all alumni made an annual contribution to the university. Today that number is about 35 percent as Development has devoted more efforts to courting larger gifts to support the long-term goals of Because Furman Matters. "The recession affected us more in the number of donors than in dollars. Today, our dollars are going back up but our number of donors has not recovered," Gatchell says.

Looking beyond the campaign, new strategic projects are sure to emerge that will require fundraising attention. In addition, Development will work to regain ground in donor participation and annual giving. In 2014–15, more than ever before, the university will count on sharply in:

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### Furman yields strong freshman class in competitive market

The final measure of the incoming Class of 2017 will be known later this month, but as the summer came to a close it was evident that a combination of one-to-one relationship building and increased financial aid helped Furman enjoy one of its best enrollment years since 2010. "It’s a good class, and one we deserve," said Brad Pochard, associate vice president for Admission.

"This has been one of the most competitive cycles we’ve seen in recent years, and we had to push hard for every student."

While applications remained steady at 6,124, the acceptance rate improved to 63 percent (from 77 percent last year). Yield (the ratio of enrolled students to those who were accepted) rose to 21 percent from 16 percent last year, he said.

At press time, final enrollment was predicted to settle around 775 students. Of the 70 percent of students who chose to submit results, the average SAT score of incoming freshmen was 1286 (up from 1250 from the same cohort last year). The average high school grade-

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The addition of three new members will enable Human Resources to offer better customer service while effectively managing government compliance issues related to healthcare and gender equality, says Pam Barkett, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources. Lisa Malkewicz was named Assistant Chief Human Resources Officer on July 8. She comes to Furman from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., where she served as Director of Human Resources since 2005. While at the 2,100-student institution, she managed a human resources budget of approximately $3 million and wrote and oversaw the implementation of a comprehensive human resources policy and procedures manual. She also implemented numerous cost-saving measures for the university and designed and implemented a wellness program with 82 percent participation.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., and is pursuing a master’s degree in business administration from Bethel. Malkewicz received Senior Professional in Human Resources certification from the Society for Human Resource Management in 2006.

Kristen Davis joined the staff as the new Human Resources Generalist July 1. She has worked in higher education administration since 1994, primarily interpreting intercollegiate athletic legislation. Davis has held various positions at Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Central Arkansas, Arkansas State University, and the University of Connecticut. She most recently worked as Deputy Title IX Administrator and Assistant Director of Athletics for Legislation, Compliance and Student Services at Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga.

She earned her doctor’s degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law and a bachelor’s degree in political science from Washington University. Davis spent five years working as a legislative assistant and membership services representative for the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Leander Jones, an Aiken, S.C., native, has been named Human Resources Assistant. He graduated from Furman in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in religious studies. He was a member of the football team and the Gospel Ensemble.

HR adds three to staff

**Furman named great place to work for fifth year**

Furman University has been named a “2013 Great College to Work For” by The Chronicle of Higher Education for the fifth consecutive year. The results, released in July in The Chronicle’s sixth annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of more than 44,000 employees at 300 colleges and universities. Furman received honors in four categories: facilities, work-space and security; job satisfaction; supervisor or department chair relationship; and tenure clarity and process.

“Accomplishments like this are a testament to the dedication of the faculty and staff who uphold Furman’s mission on a daily basis, as well as the University’s commitment to provide a safe and professional work and learning environment,” said Pamela Barkett, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources.

In all, only 97 of the 300 institutions achieved “Great College to Work For” recognition for specific best practices and policies. Results are reported for small, medium, and large institutions, with Furman included among the small universities with 2,999 students or fewer.
A life-changing moment
Incident shaped Tom Saccenti’s career, motivated him to become police chief

As a child, Tom Saccenti couldn’t wait to become a police officer. He rushed through high school, graduating at 15, took his first job as a police intern and earned an associate’s degree in criminal justice. On August 10, 1999, Saccenti, who was named Furman’s Chief of Police in July, was sworn in as an Ohio police officer on his 18th birthday.

Saccenti’s job as a beat cop was fulfilling. He enjoyed working with people and serving the public, and he thrived in managing the unexpected.

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A week later, Saccenti was offered the job of Police Chief at Pioneer Police Department in Ohio. The mayor of the town told Saccenti that the prior chief had resigned in scandal and that he wanted someone to lead the department who would do the right thing.

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Business and Accounting

Sandy Roberson has been selected to join the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) Subcommittee. This subcommittee reviews and approves the content for the FAR section of the Certified Public Accountants exam and is involved in determining the strategic direction of this section of the exam.

Chemistry

Brian Goess and colleagues at Harvard University published an article in Molecular Biology of the Cell titled “The Small Molecule Dispergo Tubulates the Endoplasmic Reticulum and Inhibits Export.” The paper describes unprecedented biological activity associated with a molecule Goess discovered while in graduate school. Tim Hanks and collaborators were awarded an Australian Provisional Patent for their work on materials for biological implants and coatings for use in marine environments. Their article “Modification of Polypyrrole/Biopolymer Composites for Controlled Cellular Adhesion” is in press at the journal Biofouling. Hanks, along with students, colleagues and collaborators at Clemson and Ben-Gurion universities have also been awarded a three-year grant from the Biotechnological Agricultural Research and Development fund to create novel bacteria sensors. The Hanks group has two related articles, “Efficient Production of Fluorescent Polyazacyclene-containing Liposomas for Pathogen Detection and Identification” and “Polyazacyclene-based Smart Packaging,” in press. Hanks authored “Study of the Halogen Bonding Between Pyridine and Perfluoralkyl Iodide Using the Combination of the FTIR and 19F NMR” in the journal Synthetic Metals.

Chemical Crowd

Diane Boyd presented original research on increasing student drafting behaviors in First Year Writing seminars at “Critical Transitions: Writing and the Question of Transfer” at Elon University. Boyd’s paper, “Measuring Student Drafting Behaviors in the First Year Seminar and Beyond,” will be included as a case study in the forthcoming edited collection Understanding Writing Transfer and its Implications for Higher Education.

Economics

Jessica Henningson published an article with Thomas Flood ‘12 and Caroline Boeving ‘11 in Public and Municipal Finance, “Incentivizing laboratory federalism: can everyone participate?” Henningson helped coordinate the AALAC/ Mellon 23 Collaborative Workshop in Economic History at Denison University in April and presented a paper at the conference, “Loss of Control: Apportionment Changes and the State-Local Relationship.” At the American Economic Association Conference on Teaching in May, Henningson presented a paper, “The Intersection of Positive and Normative Economics: Motivating a Productive Discussion,” and served as a discussant in a session on active learning in the economics classroom. Jeff Yankow and co-author Jean Horney had an empirical research paper titled “Gender Differences in Employed Job Search: Why Do Women Search Less Than Men?” published in the July issue of Modern Economy.

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Betsy Bemerr-Farris, along with a Norwegian and Tanzanian research team, was awarded a $3.2 million grant to continue her work in Tanzania over the next five years. The grant was awarded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and is titled “Vulnerability, Resilience, Rights, and Responsibilities: Capacity Building on Climate Change in Relation to Coastal Resources, Gender, and Governance in Coastal Tanzania and Zanzibar.” Angela Halfface’s book, A Delicate Balance: Constructing a Conservation Culture in the South Carolina Lowcountry (University of South Carolina Press) was published as a second edition in paperback and e-book. Halfface also published two peer-reviewed chapters in edited volumes, Sustainability in Higher Education: Stories and Strategies for Transformation and African Ethnobotany in the Americas, Halfface provided a keynote address for its undergraduate research symposium in May. Halfacre is principal investigator for these grants awarded this summer, totaling $325,000, to support research and teaching related to full cost analysis (a technique to assess sustainability), food and farming, and weatherization for homes in underserved communities in Greenville.

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**History**

Lane Harris attended the Associated Colleges of the South Summer Teaching and Learning Workshop at Trinity University in San Antonio in June and taught in the South Carolina Center for Teaching about a program hosted by Furman. Diane Vecchio was elected to the executive board of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, which focuses on the history of immigration, ethnicity and race throughout North America and publishes the Journal of American Ethnic History.

**Modern Languages**

Anne Culberson was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to attend the two-week Baden-Württemberg Seminar for American Faculty in German and German Studies. The seminar offered professional development in all areas relevant to the teaching of German Studies including German language, literature, culture, professional education, politics, and higher education. It also offered best practices in connecting German Studies to the culture of the American student.

Lourdes Manyé was elected president of the North American Catalan Society (NACS) at the 14th Colloquium of the association celebrated at the University of Toronto in May. She had served as treasurer since 2007. Founded in 1978, the NACS is committed to encouraging and advancing the study of Catalan language and culture in the North American academy. The NACS serves as a central point of reference, as well as a public voice, for a network of scholars in this field, holds biennial colloquia, and publishes Catalan Review and International Journal of Catalan Culture.

**Music**

Mark Britt began his tenure this summer as president of the South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA). In July he represented SCMEA and NAFME (The National Association for Music Education) at the Music Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill. There he spoke with legislative aids for Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott about the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the STEM to STEAM initiative. He also attended NAFME’s National Leadership Assembly in Tysons Corner, Va.

Thomas Joiner completed his fourteenth season as music director and conductor of the Hendersville Symphony Orchestra, collaborating with guest artists Richard Kaufman, conductor, Carter Brey, principal cellist of the New York Philharmonic; the Greenville Chorale; and his daughter, violinist Dianna Joiner. Thomas Joiner also served as guest conductor of the Nashville High School Honors Orchestra and the Georgia Honors String Orchestra in Atlanta.

Mark Kilsteppe’s “Four Hopkins Settings” was performed by Sweden’s Petre Sängare at the Nosaby-Kristianstad Choir and Organ Festival in late May and during the ensemble’s summer concert tour to Göteborgs Domkyrka, Halmstad’s St. Nicolai Kirka and Falkenberg’s St. Laurenti Kirka. A concert devoted to the composition (bracketed by recitations of the Hopkins translations commissioned especially for it) was part of Malmö-festivalen 2013. Kilsteppe’s “You Jufolding” for cello solo was performed at the nie-norf Summer Festival, an event organized by Omar Carmenates.

Matt Olson was a guest artist at Drake University and at Adrian High School in Fort Myers, Fla., in May. The Greenville Jazz Collective, an ensemble of which Olson is a founding member, is recording music for a forthcoming CD.

Charles Tompkins presented a solo organ recital for the Region IV Convention of the American Guild of Organists in July at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C. Also in July, Tompkins served as a faculty member for the 2013 Pipe Organ Encounter/Advanced held at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. The POEA hosted 27 organ students from 19 states and a student from France, all selected by recorded audition, on the bases of their having already obtained an advanced level of performance skill on the organ, as well as their having already performed advanced level organ literature (both of which are highly unusual for pre-college organ students).

**Philosophy**

Sarah Worth was invited to give two keynote addresses, one at the conference for undergraduate research at Central Oklahoma University in Edmond, Okla., where she gave a paper titled “The Truth About Fiction,” and the second at the Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics in Santa Fe, N.M., where she gave a paper titled “Narration and Nonfiction.” Worth has also been elected as a trustee for the American Society for Aesthetics and will serve a three-year term.

**Religion**

Echol Nix received a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York for an upcoming Festschrift to be published in 2014. Kyle Longest, along with Steve Hilin (University of Iowa) and Stephen Vaisey (Duke University), published an article, “Position and Disposition: The Contextual Development of Human Values,” in Social Forces. Longest, along with Phillip Kim (University of Wisconsin) and Howard Adolph (University of Carolina), published “Task-Role Alignment of Social Support and Entrepreneurial Persistence” in Work and Occupations. Society and Mental Health published an article by Longest and Peggy Thoits of the University of Indiana titled “Gender, The Stress Process and Physical Health: A Configurational Approach.”

**Political Science**

Jim Guth published a chapter, “Religion in the 2012 Election,” in Janet Box Steffensmeier and Steven E. Schier, eds., The American Elections of 2012 (New York and London Routledge, 2013). In June Guth presented a paper, “Religion in the American Congress: The Case of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1953-2003,” at the Workshop on Religion at the European Parliament, Free University of Brussels, and another paper, “American Public Attitudes on War and Peace, 2012,” at the meeting of the International Studies Association and Peace Studies Society in Budapest. Brent Nelsen was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate to a position on the board of directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Nelsen is also chair of the South Carolina Educational Television Commission. Liz Smith took eight high school and middle school teachers from South Carolina to Washington, D.C., for a week in July as part of the Riley Teachers of Government program. The teachers had the opportunity to learn more about our government, visit important historical sites, and find innovative ways to engage their students.

**Theatre Arts**

Maegan Azar gave the keynote address titled “Do That Which Humbles You” at East Tennessee State University’s Academic Excellence Convocation. In July Azar traveled to Arezzo, Italy, to participate in the Dario Fo Project with colleagues from around the world at the Accademia dell’Arte. Rhett Bryson was the official magician for the Greenville Drive baseball team and performed for fans entering Fluor Field at weekend home games.

— Michelle Shaw
CREATED ANNUAL GIVING TO HELP ADDRESS ITS BUDGET DEMANDS.

"We will be taking a much more dynamic approach to annual giving by broadening the definition of what donors can support," Gatchell said. "We're finding that younger generations of donors are less inclined to give to a general fund, so our job in defining what do donors give in support of is vital to a successful fund-raising effort. Ultimately, donors give in support of people, especially those that made a difference in their lives. Our job in development is to choreograph opportunities for this to happen."

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The value placed on student achievement also was evidenced by a financial aid budget of almost $51 million dollars (up from $47.9 million last year) and a discount rate of approximately 50.4 percent, the highest in Furman's history.

“We have an outstanding freshmen class, but not all the revenue we would like to have to do all the things we have previously done, or might like to do,” said Interim President Carl Kohrt ’65. “We will continue to assess the things we need to keep the value of a Furman education strong, as well as those things we might need to reconsider.

Kohrt has said he will continue to engage the Joint Working Group in examining both costs and potential new revenues during the coming months. "Enrolling a good class depends on so many factors, not all of which are completely in our control," he said. "Dealing with the consequences is squarely in our hands."

Not pictured

Emily H. Price
Lecturer in Communication Studies (part-time – one year)
B.A., Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; M.A., Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina

Junning Wang
Visiting Assistant Professor of Asian Studies and Modern Languages and Literatures (one year)
B.A., Shandong Teaching University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province; M.A., Qingdao University, Shandong Province; Ph.D., Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

NEW FACULTY

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David C. Fink
Assistant Professor of Religion
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Grant W. Knox
Assistant Professor of Music
B.M., The Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York; M.M., The Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York; D.M., Northwestern University, Evanston-Chicago, Illinois

Christin L. Munsch
Assistant Professor of Sociology
B.A., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia; B.S., Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia; Ph.D., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Meghan M. Slinling
Assistant Professor of Health Sciences
B.A., Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington; M.S., Tufts University, Boston-Massachusetts; M.P.H., Tufts University, Boston-Massachusetts; Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Daniel J. Smith
Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics (one year)
B.S., Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan; Ph.D., Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Erin J. Wamsley
Assistant Professor of Psychology (report January 1, 2014)
B.A., Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina; Ph.D., The City University of New York, Manhattan, New York

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point average remained steady at 3:91 on a weighted scale (a scale that factors in higher reported grades from such courses as Advanced Placement and Honors, among others). The unweighted GPA average is 3:65.

Pochard said that new strategies — including faculty phone calls to selected highly rated admitted students and faculty traveling to admitted-student receptions in Connecticut, Boston, Charlotte, Washington, D.C., Columbia, Dallas, Nashville, and Birmingham — helped boost the yield rate to 63 percent among those who attended a reception, and to 30 percent among those who spoke with a professor. Furman trustees and members of the alumni and parent boards also participated in the yield initiatives, he said.

"A part of that strategy is to strengthen relationships with numerous constituents with whom these students will interact as Furman students," Pochard said. "We want to show them how much we value their achievement and our confidence that they will contribute to Furman."
Guitarist Steve Watson Carves Out Niche in Jazz World

With his shot at stardom suspended, Watson continued to record session music, teach at USC and give private guitar lessons until 1990. Meanwhile, the 80s saw a huge shift in network television with the gathering storm of cable programming, lower-budget productions, and a surge in synthesized music.

With those changes, a favorable seller's housing market, and a desire to raise a family outside of Southern California, Watson and his high school sweetheart Susan, both of whom grew up in Greenville, and young daughter moved back to the Upstate.

Watson opened his own studio in downtown Greenville, Watson Wood Music, formed his own five-member jazz band, Watson's Riddle, and developed the jazz program at Greenville's Fine Arts Center where he teaches 45 students.

In late 2011, Watson's Riddle released its first original music CD on Sony label, Palmetto Records — a project that reached the top 10 on contemporary jazz charts. Perhaps nudging its success was the appearance of guest and legendary pianist Chuck Leavell on the album, former member of the Allman Brothers Band, and longtime pianist for the Rolling Stones.

An accomplished musician, performer and teacher, Watson brings his real-world experiences to the Furman classroom.

“I’m able to let them know what it’s like to really work and be a professional in the field, and what kind of focus and practice regime it takes to succeed … Some say I’m a taskmaster, but really I’m not. As long as [my students] are doing the work and enjoying it, I’m a really nice guy. It’s all about the effort.”

—Tina T. Underwood

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After graduating, Hornsby moved to the University of Miami where he and now famed jazz guitarist Furman's Steve Watson, jazz guitarist in the jazz program at Greenville’s Fine Arts Center where he teaches 45 students.

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Auxiliary Services

The excitement is building for the grand opening of the Paddock Restaurant & Food Court at Paladin food court. The final phase of renovations of the Trone Student Center started before the last day of exams in May, with construction going full throttle all summer long. The Paladin will have more open space in the center school year with grab and go options, along with the popular Sushi, Lakeside Greens Salad, Moes’, and Chick-Fil-A.

The Paddock Restaurant opened at 11 a.m. Monday, September 9. The restaurant’s hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the restaurant will be open from noon to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 1 a.m. It will be closed on Sunday.

The restaurant will feature three large televisions and will host karaoke and game nights throughout the year. We also hope to add live music performances in the future. An outdoor deck sits next to the rose garden so you may enjoy your food and beverage while overlooking the lake and Bell Tower.

The Paddock will serve burgers, fries, appetizers, and gourmet milkshakes along with other pub-style food and weekly specials. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available as well. Beer and wine will be served, and all guests will be required to show proof of age when ordering alcohol. The menu is very flexible and will change with seasonal offerings. We would appreciate all feedback to ensure our success.

Summer Camps and Conferences enliven campus in the summer with 26 energetic little ones, thanks to all who help make the sports camps a huge success for the kids.

The Child Development Center begins the school year with two new teachers and 26 energetic little ones. If you are interested in reading books to the kids starting the school year, please contact Meredith Burton to arrange a time. The students will enjoy a day at the lake in the fall with a hayride and face painting. Get your ice cream, pretzels, hot dogs, and souvenir cups at the newly renovated concession stands and get your Furman gear at the new Fan store at Paladin Stadium. Remember to wear purple on Fridays GO PALADINS! — Rebecca Skuta

Admission

The Office of Admission would like to thank the campus community for the collaborative approach everyone embraced throughout last year’s recruitment cycle. It truly does take a campus to recruit a class.

The office now has its sights set on recruiting the Class of 2018, with full recruitment travel set to begin the first week in September. We are excited to welcome five talented new counselors, as five former members of the staff have moved on to graduate school, college counseling, and other pursuits. The five new staff members are Erin Ahlskind ‘13, Admission Counselor, Claire Garett ‘11, Admission Counselor, Jennifer Gutierrez, Admission Counselor and Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment, Fred Silva, Assistant Director of Admission and Coordinator of International Recruitment, and Kathryn Taylor, Admission Counselor. — Brad Pochard

Information Technology Services

The Furman public website has transitioned to a new, mobile-friendly version. IT Services continues to work closely with Marketing and Public Relations on the new responsive design. The new design will work well with web browsers, smart phones, and tablets like the iPad.

Renovations were completed this summer that included the consolidation of ITS Service staff in new offices within the Duke Library. This change will increase collaboration and help IT Services better respond to the technology needs of the campus. The remodel also includes a new HD teleconference suite.

More storage space is available now in Box! Each member of the campus community now has up to 50 gigabytes of space through Box. The additional storage makes it easier than ever to collaborate and share documents.

If you need assistance with your multifunction printer/copier, please contact the IT Service Center. IT Services staff can assist with service calls and toner requests. For copy or print jobs, please visit the new Print & Post Express (P2X), which is located in the Trone Student Center. Jim Keller, Senior Programmer/Analyst, and Ken Roper, Telecommunications Manager, both retired from IT Services last year. Together they accounted for 72 years of service to the University. We appreciate all their contributions to Furman’s success.

IT Services has welcomed several new staff members this year. Evan Hildreth, Web Graphic Analyst, has joined the Enterprise Systems team. Corey Gesellinger, Instructional Technologist-Humanities, has joined the Learning Technology Services team. Brittany Hildreth, Service Center Specialist, has joined the IT Service Center team.

Stay tuned for more information this fall about new antivirus software and virtual desktops! — Jennifer Queen

Upcountry History Museum

Two traveling exhibits and an upcoming special exhibit on Greenville’s Civil Rights movement are highlighting an energetic agenda at the Upcountry History Museum this year.

“Smoky Bear & Woodzy Owl: Home Sweet Home” opened this summer, celebrating the U.S. Forest Service’s iconic figures and exploring the history of the wildlife conservation movement.

Designed to teach children and families to engage in the three Rs (reduce, reuse, and recycle) the exhibit has set a new special exhibit attendance record, with the Museum averaging 110 more visitors per week (many of them first-time visitors) than in previous years. The exhibit closes Sept. 22.

“This fall, the Museum will present “To the Moon and Back,” a traveling and in-house exhibit focused on the United States’ moon landing in early space exploration. The traveling exhibit is from the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, featuring the cartoon characters Charlie Brown and Snoopy who played key promotional roles in the Apollo 10 mission in 1969.

Moon rocks and other items on loan make up the in-house exhibit, including details of South Carolina’s role in manufacturing space suits. The exhibit opens Oct. 5.

In January, UHLM present “Protests, Prayers & Progress: Greenville’s Civil Rights Movement.” Developed by the Museum’s exhibit team including Museum Historian Courtney Tollison, Ph.D., this special exhibit will feature oral histories, archival materials and artifacts, chronicling 100 years from the Emanuel Proclamation to the March on Washington, tracing the historical context of these two crucial events and their impact on Greenville’s civil rights journey.

— Dana Thorpe

Trone Center and Student Life

It’s finally here... the END of the Trone Student Center construction and renovation project is quickly approaching. This fall the building will be fully open for business with its new look and new services for the first time in almost two years! Due to the generosity of David and June Trone, as well as Robert and Margaret Hill and many others, the student body at Furman will have a world-class student center, chock full of amenities, technology, and high-end services that will make the Furman student experience the best it can be. New additions to the Trone Center include the P2X (that’s Print & Post Express to you and me!), with the innovative high-density mail system and package pickup that will be highly efficient and time-saving for everyone; a beautifully landscaped boardwalk with arborized shade pavilions and a gathering area that includes a fire pit and tiered lakeside seating; and the Paddock Restaurant, our new late-night food and drink destination that also includes an outdoor deck.

There will be great soft seating nooks throughout the first floor for visiting with friends or studying, a newly renovated game room with a Wii, Xbox Connect, table tennis, and pool, and an expanded food court serving for convenience and less backup during rush times.

The center features outdoor dining, amazing greeneries, and an open area for programs, expos, or other high-traffic endeavors. Plans are currently under way for some outstanding programming in the Trone Center, including trivia and open mic nights in the Paddock, singers and other performers beside the lake and throughout the new facility, blockbuster movies in Burgiss Theater, and other special surprises that will blow your mind! We are very excited about our new facility. Stop by for a visit anytime so we can show it off! — J. Scott Derrick

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Engage any member of the Class of 2017 regarding the Pac were he or she chose to attend Furman, and the beautiful campus landscape will undoubtedly come up. Our proximity to the Blue Ridge Mountains, Paris Mountain State Park, Falls Park, and the Swamp Rabbit Trail ensure that our students have ready access to outdoor recreational opportunities. By graduation, students will have completed coursework related to the natural world and human interaction with the natural environment. Many students will have undertaken research, study away, or service to seriously engage topics related to social justice, economic development, cultural identity and conservation. Some will commit their major courses in sustainability science to understanding the complex interplay among human, environmental, and social systems.

The Environmental Community of Students (E COS) and Greenbelt housing options offer connection with peers similarly committed to leaving a light footprint. In short, Furman both attracts and cultivates students who take a multi-faceted interest in the natural world. It is critical that we, as the faculty, staff, and administration, model and support our students’ exploration of how they can make the world a better place.

Environmental stewardship has long been an important part of our university identity. Our lake was used for swimming through the 1960s, ’70s, and ’80s. The solar water panels which heat your post-workout shower in the PAC were installed in 1984! The following year, in 1985, students founded the Environmental Action Group (EAG), which still exists today.

Many of us are familiar with more recent campus initiatives that occurred during President Sh H’s tenure from 1994 to 2010 and connected to the university’s emphasis on “sustainability” during that time. Hopp Hall became the first building in the state of South Carolina to be granted Leadership in Energy & Efficiency Design (LEED) status by the U.S. Green Building Council. Furman was a charter signatory to the American Colleges and Universities President’s Climate Commitment, pledging to develop a climate action plan; to measure the greenhouse gas impact of our institution; and to bring our net greenhouse gas impact down to zero (i.e. become “carbon neutral”) by 2026.

As the David E. Shv Center for Sustainability marks its five-year anniversary, I would like to celebrate some lesser-known campus champions and projects. In five years, the Center has brought in millions of dollars in external grants and gifts. This funding has supported the intellectual inquiry of students and faculty through research programs,elloships, course development, and workshops on a wide range of topics. These academic endeavors necessarily build on a campus and a community environment that “walk the talk.” Students working to improve water and sanitation in Guatemala, for instance, need to live in dorms that minimize water use. It’s up to all of us to provide an environment that teaches the next generation how to live in a more sustainable way. I have come to know some individuals and projects who are quietly leading such efforts. I look forward to sharing their stories with you in the winter and spring editions.

—Yancey Fouche
Associate Director of the Shv Center

The Paladin rises

Georgia Tech has Buzz and Georgia has Uga. Images of Buzz, a cartoonish insect with a prominent stinger, and Uga, a grinning bulldog with a spiked collar, are secondary symbols. They complement the school’s long-held letter emblems. Now, Furman has its own secondary logo: an intimidating, fearsome Paladin with a fearsome gaze and flowing plume. The soon-to-be-named armored knight was unveiled September 14 and is the work of Robert Bradford, a member of the Class of 2013. An art major and Greenville native, Bradford was commissioned last fall to develop a logo that would resonate with and excite Furman alumni and fans.

Working with Art Professor and Department Chair Ross McClain, and members of Marketing and Public Relations, Bradford researched other knight mascots and drafted dozens of images before submitting to a cross-departmental committee.

Mike Arnold, Associate Athletic Director and a member of the committee, said the Paladin will not replace the diamond F, the primary sports logo that was introduced in 1973.

“This complements the diamond F,” he says.

“People feel passionately about the diamond F and we would not think of changing it. This logo is edgy and vibrant. It is something that people can get more excited about. It is hard to get excited about a letter.”

Arnold said secondary logos adorn university apparel, appear on athletic courts and are widely embraced by fans and alumni. In particular, he said, they appeal to younger fans and alumni. An on-campus naming contest is currently being held to name the knight. A moniker should be selected later this year.

Eventually, Arnold said, the mascot will appear at athletic contests and other university events. Bradford, now a graphic artist with Envin Penland, says he wanted his work to reflect power, strength and intimidation.

“I am not the biggest sports fan so I was a bit apprehensive about getting involved when Professor McClain asked me,” Bradford says. “But now I am really glad I did and am very grateful for the opportunity.”

For his part, McClain takes an academic perspective.

“This epitomizes undergraduate research and engaged learning on so many levels,” says McClain. “It’s part of what makes a Furman education so distinctive.” And apparently this collaborative approach is well-rooted. The Diamond F was also developed by a Furman art student.
The Paddock Restaurant, which stays open late and serves alcohol, is now open in the Trone Student Center. Do you think it will be popular?

I think it will be very popular especially with Furman’s brand of students. We have a lot of free thinkers up here at Furman — very different than most of the south. So I think that with the restaurant being open late and serving alcohol, it’s not going to be rowdy, but a fun place to hang out.

—Alex Mason, sophomore

Yes. It is absolutely going to blow the roof off. It’s going to offer late-night fare, so it will be like going to Applebees or Chili’s or something like that, late night — up to 1 a.m. during the week. Einstein’s won’t be open, so this is students’ only late night option on campus.

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I hope a responsibility limit will be in place, because I think overdoing it is bad. If you don’t impose a limit, somebody’s going to fall into the lake!

—John Poole, retired mathematics professor

It depends on what else they have there, what they’re serving, and the whole atmosphere in general. I don’t think alcohol is a big attraction, but what is important is having a nice place to hang out with a bunch of people.

—Robby Schmidt, freshman

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At Davidson, we are trying to do the same thing. A lot of students are pulling for it… We have a café area, the Union, where they have 21 and over two nights a week and that’s very popular. So I feel because of that, a pub would go over well.

—Billy Schmidt, Davidson College student and Robby’s (right) older brother

New look, new features at Trone Student Center

The renovated Trone Center, which includes Post and Print Express (P2x), and The Paddock, was dedicated September 19.