Hosting “the most popular person in the world”

Event supports Riley Institute Endowment

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—Bill Clinton

Former President Bill Clinton’s April 8 address before a sold-out crowd at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts was fifteen years in making.

Shortly after the Riley Institute was founded in 1999, Don Gordon, Ph.D., its longtime director, and Richard Riley, the Institute’s namesake, mused about the day Clinton would come to Greenville.

“Secretary Riley said that one day he wanted to bring the President to talk about the Riley Institute,” said Gordon, a political science professor. “But we wanted to wait until we reached a critical mass with our programs. Timing is very important with these sorts of events.”

And Clinton’s address could not have been timelier. The Institute is nearing the halfway mark of an ambitious $10 million campaign that would establish a permanent endowment to support the Institute’s programs in public education, development, leadership and diversity.

To date, more than $4 million has been raised. Gordon says Clinton’s appearance is both momentous and momentum-building.

“It is huge,” he said. “We get the man who so many organizations call the most popular man in the world to come to speak in Greenville and to talk about the Riley Institute in such a positive and collaborative way. It’s tremendous.”

It also comes as many of the Institute’s programs have become “institutionalized,” says Gordon.

Last spring, the number of graduates of the Riley Diversity Leadership program surpassed 1,300. And the annual Wilkins Excellence in Legislative and Civic Leadership Awards dinner is now a widely anticipated event in Columbia. Both initiatives are more than 10 years old.

“All of these things are part of our architecture,” says Gordon. “And they are now seen as a real and significant part of South Carolina.”

Clinton’s 45-minute address extolled Riley, a 1954 Furman graduate and former S.C. Governor who served as Education Secretary during Clinton’s two terms, as a tireless advocate for education and a natural collaborator.

“We need to get back to the point where we elevate that spirit of cooperation, where actions are taken for the good of young people and for the good of this country,” he said. “This is about whether America will organize itself to make the best of a new century.”

The former President, whose terms as governor of Arkansas mirrored that of Riley’s in South Carolina, explored subjects that are passionately important to both men: helping young people reach their potential and collaboration.

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A heaping help of better health

with some engaged learning and campus community on the side

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Last September, Tammy Sightler trudged out to the Furman track with her two just-assigned student personal trainers. Stopwatches in hand, Dana Duffett ’15 and Shannon Murphy ’15 instructed Sightler, a 19-year university employee who works in the Center for Teaching and Learning, to circle the track six times—1.5 miles. After just a lap Sightler, who had not embraced an exercise routine in 25 years, became winded. She did not complete the run.

The students examined Sightler’s diet and suggested modifications. They developed a workout program that included running, biking, light weights, and lunges. The duo met with her three or four days a week, guiding (and sometimes pushing) her through the exercise regimen.

On December 7, Sightler, with Murphy running by her side, crossed the finish line of her first 5k race—the Paris Mountain Road Challenge—and finished third in her age group. Her husband, John, two children, a daughter-in-law, and five grandchildren were there to cheer her.

High fives and sweaty hugs all around.

“I jogged the entire time,” she said. “At the finish line I felt great. I was pumped and excited. I think I could have run if I had trained.”

Today, Sightler eats healthier and has a newfound appreciation for exercise. Duffett and Murphy, who worked with Sightler as part of a Health Sciences Scientific Principles of Training class taught by Tony Caterisano, Ph.D., gained some real-world experience. And they all made a new friend. This semester, Sightler’s experience is being duplicated through Furman’s Fit Rx, a program that matches 11 junior and senior health science majors with approximately 35 faculty, staff, and spouses.

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More than a classroom

OLLI program opens door to new friendships

Janet Taylor spent years working and traveling with her husband for their business. When he suddenly passed away, she faced an enormous life change.

“I really needed a purpose,” Taylor says. “I really needed to feel like I belonged to something.”

Taylor discovered the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Furman. Today, she stays busy taking two to three OLLI classes per semester, attends “lunch and learn” events with friends and even helped launched an Out and About Singles group that has grown from nine to 60 members.

For Taylor the classes, new friends, and field trips filled a void, a loneliness left in the wake of her husband’s passing.

While learning is the centerpiece of the Furman program, Assistant Director Susan Rae says OLLI satisfies a desire that is stronger than the thirst for knowledge: the need for human connection.

“About 75 percent come first for the education,” says Rae. “But they return for the companionship.”

OLLI membership has swelled to more than 1,500 from 850 four years ago. It has become the place to be for retired, active seniors who are opening a new chapter in their lives and have time on their hands.

“All of our growth has come from word of mouth,” says Rae. “We have not done a major advertising campaign for new members. I don’t think we could handle all the new business.”

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Some, like Tom and Lina Novlin, moved to the area to become part of OLLI at Furman. They lived in Savannah but learned of Greenville from a friend and decided to visit. After discovering OLLI, they purchased a home within a five-minute drive of campus.

The couple takes OLLI classes each semester. “It’s a great way to meet people,” said Linda Novlin, who recently hosted an OLLI breakfast for seniors in Furman’s Dining Hall with her husband and is active with OLLI’s Social Committee.

For many, OLLI is a “home away from home,” Rae said.

The new Herring Center for Continuing Education is a gathering place throughout the week, as members assemble for classes, games, reading, and sharing coffee and conversation in classrooms or in front of the fireplace.

Throughout the year, OLLI hosts a variety of social events, discussion groups, special interest groups, travel and service opportunities, all planned around members’ diverse interests. It currently offers more than a dozen special interest groups, where members meet regularly for activities including bridge, Latin, Mah Jong, photography, and hiking. About 15 members get together to play recorders as part of OLLI Consort, and about a dozen are active in OLLI Hop Heads, a group interested in beer and beer-tasting events.

“One of the greatest benefits of the program is the people you meet and the friendships that are developed over time,” said Bob Howell, who joined OLLI 11 years ago and co-leads the nature and landscape photography class.

His wife, Sharon, then joined the program and began hiking and taking basketry classes.

“You tend to bond with these folks when you spend the whole day hiking in all kinds of weather, sweating together, and navigating water crossings,” she said. “It’s kept me active and young at heart, and I have more great friends than I would have imagined.”

The largest special interest group is the Out and About Singles group. They get together every two weeks to enjoy dinner and a movie, a show at the Greenville Little Theater, a day trip or other social outings.

“We work hard to make it special,” said Taylor, one of the group coordinators. “We have fun between classes. We don’t talk about our aches and pains. We don’t talk about grandchildren all the time.”

When they’re not taking pictures as part of OLLI’s photography group, trio Kathleen Allen, Barry Gilmer, and Carol West can regularly be found at the奥林匹克 Grill near Furman sharing food and lots of laughs.

Though there is 20 years’ difference in their ages, they never get bored together. Their friendship and travels cross-country have earned them the title, “The Dixie Chicks.”

“They are friends I’d never have had the opportunity to meet otherwise,” said Allen.

— By Erikah Haavie
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terfully, Vince Moore recalls the early 1980s. As Furman’s newly hired news and media relations director, a hectic week meant producing a half dozen university press releases.

Most of the releases were placed in the mail. The really important ones were hand-delivered. Today, Moore’s office sometimes turns out that many releases before lunchtime. During the first two weeks of April, news and media relations produced 39 news items – briefs, media advisories, web postings and press releases. That’s about 10 per working day.

While much has changed since Moore first settled into his job more than 30 years ago (the advent of the word processor, fax machine, Internet and email among them), his office, work ethic and philosophy have remained timeless.

Moore and a half-time employee still do all the work. Too, Furman’s reputation and building a trusting relationship with the news media remain the top priorities.

“I have always wanted Furman to look as good as it possibly could because this is a great place. We have wonderful faculty and staff and fantastic students,” says Moore. “For the general public, a lot of what it knows or understands about Furman is filtered through the news media. So it is important that what gets out there is accurate and representative of the university. But, of course, Furman is sometimes in the news for reasons other than what we would prefer. It’s just as important then to be upfront and honest about what is happening, and I have always tried to do that.”

Moore’s steady, hard and quiet advice have helped guide the University through some of its more controversial issues, including Furman’s break with the South Carolina Baptist Convention (1990-92), the controversy surrounding Furman’s decision to extend health benefits to domestic partners (2001) and President George W. Bush’s appearance at Commencement (2008).

Moore has also quelled more than a handful of sensational news items that would ultimately prove to be either false or misleading. He could not always tell the media the entire story right away, but his assurances kept Furman out of the news until the facts could be properly determined.

“By nature, the news media is non-trusting and very cynical,” says Furman’s Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations Mark Kelly. “The relationship and influence Vince has with them is almost unheard of. Our relationship with the news media is extremely important. They trust him. You can’t purchase that kind of relationship. It is invaluable.”

Moore’s unique understanding of media is rooted in his work history and personal life. A native of tiny Louisa, a Mayberryesque small town in eastern Kentucky, Moore earned a B.A. in English from Georgetown College in 1976. Later that year, he decided to combine his two passions – sports and writing – in a career choice. He enrolled in a master’s program at the University of South Carolina’s School of Journalism with an eye on becoming a sports writer.

He cut his teeth as a cub reporter for the Gamecock, the university’s student newspaper, covering Frank Maquire’s basketball teams, football and baseball. Moore’s byline also appeared in the Charlotte Observer over articles about USC’s basketball game.

After graduating, he joined the Greenville Piedmont, a now defunct afternoon newspaper that once enjoyed a circulation of 35,000, as a sport writer. It was an exhilarating time to work as a journalist. Moore said, Newspapers, a community’s primary source of local news, were popular and very profitable.

Single and sports-loving, Moore worked late nights and the weekends covering college basketball, football and baseball. He covered the Masters golf tournament, his Holy Grail, on two different occasions.

“I would go to the games and say to myself ‘I can’t believe someone is paying me to this.’ I had the best seat in the house and I loved writing about the games.”

In 1980, Moore married Deb Richardson, a Greenville native who enjoyed a decorated career as a feature writer for the Greenville News before changing careers to join the ministry. As a young husband and father, Moore quickly discovered that the late-night and weekend work was not conducive to family life. He joined Furman in 1982 but was still not convinced that he might someday return to newspapers.

“I came not really knowing how long I would do this,” says Moore. “But here I am almost 32 years later.”

His work and good nature, colleagues say, make Moore universally admired at Furman. Outside of his Montague Village office, Moore is a long-time participant in the Purple and White Golf League and is an outstanding linker (his lowest score on the Furman course is a 71).

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“I often joke that there can’t be another scorer in the land with a more dubious won-loss record,” says Moore.

Like his real job, maintaining the scorer’s book is not always fun. But two personality traits that have served him so well in his full-time job compel him to return to the table each year.

Sense of duty and love for Furman.

The man behind the headlines

Moore has served as media relations director for three decades


**Sciences**


**English**

Gilbert Allen read at the Peace Center in January. Their program was titled “Poetic Conversations: About Martin Luther King Jr. and Social Justice.” Catma, Allen’s new collection of poems, was published recently by Measure Press. Margaret Oakes represented Furman at the Renaissance Weekend in Charleston, a think tank gathering of business, government, and intellectual professionals. Oakes also led a faculty-student discussion on the collaboration of STEM and the arts to stimulate innovative educational and career planning for Furman students.

**History**


**Music**

Mark Britt served as an evaluator for the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Education. In February, Britt presented a session entitled “From Student to Teacher: Tips for Making the Transition” for the collegiate membership of the South Carolina Music Educators Association. Britt was a featured performer in Asheville and Brevard concerts presented by Planet Harmonia, an independent artist collective in North Carolina. Keith Davis Trio’s CD, Still, was released last November placed high on the CMJ Jazz Charts and garnered favorable reviews. Davis will soon complete his second CD, a solo outing entitled Presence. Roy Brown performed solo reed saxes of Music for Left Hand Alone on the Concert Series at Blue Ridge Community College in November, at Furman and Coastal Carolina University in January, and at Queens University in February. In March Morgan performed at the Newberry Opera House January’s “Capriccio for Piano Left Hand” with seven wind colleagues from the Music Department, as well as her arrangement of four pieces from Mendelssohn’s *Sonate Without Words*, for piano, clarinet, and cello, with Robert Chesebro and Christopher Hutton.

**Biology**

David Hollis published his latest research in the journal Gene, titled “Rem2 in the bullfrog (Rana catesbeiana): Patterns of expression within the central nervous system and brain expression at different ontogenetic stages.” Hollis’ research students, Faris Armaly ’14 (Neuroscience) and Cara Lepore ’14 (Biology), were co-authors, as well as Megan DeRolph. The amphri rem2 gene sequenced in this study was accepted into the GenBank sequence database of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). Senior students from Jason Rawling’s lab, Megan Lee, Taylor Mitchell, and Jenna Meredith, presented their research at the 53rd Midwinter Conference of Immunologists where they won the Council Award. This award is given to the most outstanding graduate student poster at the meeting. Wade Worthen published an article on dragonfly ecology in International Journal of Odonatology titled, “Are community patterns in flight height driven by antagonistic interactions?” The paper was coauthored by Christina Phillips ’13.

**Computer Science**

Ken Abernethy and Steve Wiggins (Chief Information Officer of BlueCross BlueShield of SC) published the book Managing Picasso: The Art and Science of Managing IT, Part 2 in March and it is the second of a planned series of three books by the authors on the management of an information technology company. The first book in the series, Scheduling Picasso: The Art and Science of Managing IT, Part 1, was published in 2012.

**CTL**

In March Diane Boyd led, with co-facilitators Josie Baudler and Traci Strome of Kennesaw State University, a workshop titled “Helping the Mindful: Reforming Failure to Encourage Faculty Ownership,” at the Southern Regional Faculty & Instructional Development Consortium Board meetings. Boyd presented “Every Trade has a Mystery: Juliet Granillo’s Occupations and Representing Women’s Work” at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia. Boyd delivered “What Happens in the Writing Center: In the Writing Center: the Paradox of Confidentiality and Communication” as a keynote address to the Palmetto State Writing Center Association Directors meeting hosted by Writing and Media Lab Coordinator Jean Schub. R. Thomas Joiner also completed his 16th season as Conductor & Music Director of the Hendersonville Bluegrass Festival. Enhance your playing at the corner of classical and bluegrass,” March 7 at the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra. Mark Kilstofte is on sabbatical in Norway. Kilstofte is the conductor of the Lund Vokalensemble and the Lund Harmonia, an independent choir based in Lund. Kilstofte’s oratorio “Of Rivers and the Sky” will be presented at the convention of CBDNA Southern Division meeting in March 2 in Hendersonville, NC. Ignacy Harpurt Rutkowski, harpist Anita Burroughs-Price on the St. James Episcopal Choral Ensemble at the University of South Carolina will present a session with Andrew Carlson, Professor of Violin at Denison University, titled “CrossRivers Enhance your playing at the corner of classical and bluegrass.” March 2 in Hendersonville. Crawford is the Director of the Hendersonville Choral Ensemble and co-founder of Celtic fiddler Jamie Laul. Harry Kuosho, Professor of Violin at Denison University, will be a featured performer at the residence of Internationales, a French concert in Asheville and Brevard. Crawford is also on the Music for Left Hand Alone committee. March 11 in Asheville and Brevard. Crawford is a featured performer in Asheville and Brevard. Crawford is also on the Music for Left Hand Alone committee. March 11 in Asheville and Brevard. Crawford is a featured performer in Asheville and Brevard. Crawford is also on the Music for Left Hand Alone committee. March 11 in Asheville and Brevard.
saxophone concerts by noted composer Frank Ticheli with the Furman Wind Ensemble at the Southern Division conference of the College Band Directors National Association. Olsen performed with his jazz group and the Wilt Campbell Octet at the biennial conference of the North American Saxophone Alliance, held in March at the University of Illinois. Olsen performed with Nashville jazz singer/pianist Diana Marino, legendary Motown groups The Temptations and The Four Tops, as well as with the Broadway touring show Anything Goes, and served as guest conductor for the North Carolina Central Region Jazz Ensemble in February. Julie Moore, through her organization Cradle of Jazz Project, brought two Malian artists to the United States from March until May. Vocal/instrumentalist Koko Sara Dzeumiba is known as the only female master of the Malian “boy’s harp.” She was accompanied by her translator, young Dogon scholar Assagol Dolo. This tour illuminates the connections between West Africa and the Americas through music and education, and includes performances at the University of Oregon, College of Charleston, and Duke, as well as Daniel Recital Hall at Furman April 9.

Charles Tompkins performed a recital at Harvard University’s Memorial Church in February, on the church’s new Fisk pipe organ, Opus 139. (Fisk is the builder of Furman’s Harman Organ in Daniel Chapel.) Charles’s son Greg Tompkins, a professional violinist working in New Haven, joined him for the Harvard concert. Charles also performed a recital at Meckin Abbey, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, February 22.

the March annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Toronto. Angela Halfacre has an article in press, “Identifying behavioral barriers to campus sustainability: A multi-method approach” International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education 2014 with Michelle Horhota, Jeannine Strattan, and alumna Jenni Asman. Halfacre presented “A Delicate Balance: Conservation and Cultural Preservation in the South Carolina Lowcountry” for the College of Charleston’s Program in Historic Preservation and Community Planning’s invited lecture series in February. Halfacre also presented similar research at Clemson University’s Sustainability Cafe Series late fall. Liz Smith and Furman Advantage student Alison Bressler ’14 co-authored an article titled “Who Taught You to Talk Like That? The University and Online Political Discourse” which was published in November in The Journal of Political Science Education. Aristide Tessitore gave an invited lecture at the University of Virginia titled “Teocville on America’s Theological Foundation” in November. Tessitore was also invited to Charleston to participate in an interdisciplinary seminar on the Essays of Montaigne, directed by Charlotte Thomas of Mercer University in January. Danielle Vinson presented a paper titled “Congress and New Media: What’s Really New?” at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in New Orleans on January 9.

Psychology Michelle Horhota and Cinnamon Sterlitz published an article in Psychology and Aging with co-author Jessica Cramley ’14. The research used meta-analytic techniques to evaluate the correlation between subjective and objective memory measures in older adults. Horhota also gave a talk for the launch of Senior Leaders Greenville, a program designed to empower senior leaders in their communities. Erin Wamsley published two original articles as lead author: a research paper in the journal SLEEP, “Delusional confusion of dreaming and reality in narcolepsy,” describing the results of a multi-site study investigating memory “source confusion” in the sleep disorder narcolepsy, and a theoretical article “Dreaming and offline memory consolidation” was published in Current Neurology and Neuroscience Reports.

Sociology Kyle Longest, Christian Smith (Notre Dame), Jonathan Hill (Calvin), and Kari Christoffersen are co-authors of the book Young Catholic America: Emerging Adults in, Out of, and Gone from the Church (Oxford University Press). Longest and co-author Philip Kim (Wisconsin) published their study “You Can’t Leave Work Behind: Employment Experience and Founding Collaborations” in the Journal of Business Venturing. Longest, Kim, and Stephen Lippmann (Miami Ohio) also published their study “The Tomato Versus the Hare: Progress and Business Viability Among Leisure-Based Founders” in the Journal of Business Venturing.

FitRx

Frazier meets with the students each week to discuss their experiences, successes, and challenges from the previous week of training, and helps guide them to properly care for the individual health needs of each participant. Topics range from appropriate exercises for knee and back problems, to watching heart rate and blood sugar levels. The end goal for the individualized training is to set up an exercise plan participants can do on their own once the program is over. Frazier, who also serves as the University’s wellness coordinator, says Fit Rx illustrates two traits that make a Furman education distinctive: a sense of campus community and spirit and the university’s commitment to active forms of learning. “This program is unique because it allows us to engage our students while making a significant impact on the lives of Furman community members,” she said. “Students work directly with individuals and experience the struggles of their participants, and celebrate their accomplishments. It is truly a win-win for everyone involved.”

“Alex Cross ’14 is a health sciences major and one of the trainers in the program. “I love this,” he said. “I love meeting new people, I love hearing from the participant ‘I feel like I’m learning and I have control over my health.’ It’s the fitness and health that the prescription.”

Sightler earned a medal for her run. It sits on her dresser, a daily reminder of her accomplishment. “I am so thankful for the opportunity to participate in these programs offered by health sciences and all that my [trainers] put into helping me reach my 5k goal,” she says. “I feel great about my accomplishment and know I could not have done this on my own.”

— By Rebecca Neal Tompkins ’02

Bill Clinton

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Theatre Arts

Maengan Azar serves as President of the South Carolina Theatre Association and was recently elected Vice-Chair of the Southeastern Theatre Conference’s College and University Division.

—Compiled by Michelle Shaw

The address, too, evoked some nostalgia for the 1990s: when atmosphere in Washington was less toxic, budgets were balanced, the economy boomed and unemployment was low. Since its founding 15 years ago, the Institute has attracted a number of renown speakers including Hillary Clinton, Newt Gingrich, Tom Brokaw, Madeline Albright and John Glenn. But none can match the celebrity of Clinton, who formed the William J. Clinton Foundation in 2001 to address health security, economic empowerment, leadership development and racial, ethnic and religious reconciliation, and is widely popular. While Clinton’s long-anticipated visit is a milestone, Gordon dismisses the notion that the former President’s visit is a pinnacle achievement.

“You never reach a pinnacle,” he says. “There is a lot of work to be done, particularly in public education. You always keep pushing. There is good work to do.”

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Political Science


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Admission

The May 1 National Candidate Reply Deadline, also known as “Deposit Day,” is upon us and the Office of Admission is excited to accept the remaining deposits from one of the finest admitted student pools in Furman’s history. We look forward to updating the campus community in greater detail post May 1 once all enrollment deposits have been accepted. The 2013-14 admission cycle has seen members of the admission staff team with the faculty admission committee to pilot the faculty ambassador program in addition to the recruitment support from all members of the Furman community stemming from the “It Takes A Campus” announcement. These were two of many initiatives implemented this year which involved many different constituents throughout the recruitment process ranging from current students, staff, faculty, alumni and trustees.

On behalf of the entire Office of Admission, we would like to thank each and every person at Furman who has played such a key role in assisting us in enrolling such a talented and special new student Class of 2014.

Lastly, the recruitment of the Class of 2015 is well underway with a successful spring recruitment season and a record breaking Spring for Furman open house attendance — Brad Ruchard

University Police

The University Police Department is pleased to welcome Victor Rivas and Sarah Moss to the agency as new Furman University Police Officers. Victor is a former police officer from the Tampa area. He is originally from Puerto Rico, served in the U.S. Navy and holds and Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice. Sarah is from Indianapolis, and has worked for the city as a Paramedic for many years. Please make sure you say hello if you see them on campus.

FPUD hosted an ALICE instructor course with superintendents’ principles from Anderson, Pickens and Spartanburg school districts as well as officers from North Greenville University, Bob Jones University, and Spartanburg Community College joining together to learn new ways for students and employees to respond during an active shooter incident. Please contact Chief of Police Tom Saccenti if you or your department would like to attend the 45 minute ALICE training course. The University Police Department now has six certified instructors on campus. Over 175 Students and employees attended February’s community policing self-defense course. Thanks to the hard work, marketing and availability of all those officers this number is much higher than our traditional 10-20 attendees each year. When you drive by the Herring Continuing Education Center, check out our new SafeRide vehicle being used at night to transport students around campus. The vehicle is much more visible, gets 45 miles per gallon, and has purple ground effects and stripes so that it will be safe to walk around the student center.

SafeRide vehicle, we have seen an increase in use of over 35 percent. — Tom Saccenti

Auxiliary Services

The summer of 2014 will be a busy one for the Health Services staff as they will temporarily relocate to the Paladin. The DH will undergo a renovation and refresh of the finishes for the first time since the major renovation completed in 2006. The renovations will consist of a new dish return resulting in the end of trays, a new Mongolian grill station and a relocated salad bar. In addition, a beverage station will be added to the mezzanine level and some different seating will be available downstairs. The carpet will be replaced with new flooring throughout and the paint colors will also be refreshed. The renovations are being funded by Athletic and will begin immediately after Commencement on Monday, May 12. For May X and the summer camps, the Paladin food court will be utilized for dining with buffets set up to accommodate all the meals provided. The Padlock will be available for outside seating only as the interior will be used for additional camper seating. The renovations will be finished and will open in early August, just in time to greet the Class of 2018!

The Furman University Golf Club announced Tim Eckstein as its new General Manager in January. Tim will focus on working with the corporate community to develop outings and clinics; the creation of a junior golf program and the design of new programs for men and women of all playing levels. He will oversee the day to day operations of the golf course along with Chuck Lackey, head golf pro, and Jonathan Allen, assistant golf pro. Tim has over 20 years of PGA Club A experience at various golf clubs in South Carolina and North Carolina and is excited to bring his experience and passion for growing the game of golf to Furman.

Becky Vukas

Information Technology Services

A Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) project has been in the works for a couple of years and is now in a live testing phase. VDI enables software applications or even computer desktops to be provided virtually from the Montague data center. Once VDI is fully implemented, students will be able to access some of the applications now available only in select labs on their personal computers or iPads. For now, the data center infrastructure is in place and a limited rollout provided SPSS statistical software to a classroom lab. Several enhancements to Office 365 will add value to this system. Students have access to an online version of Microsoft Office applications for creating and editing documents through Office 365. Faculty and staff can view but not edit through this feature. The full version of Microsoft Office continues to be provided on faculty and staff desktops and in labs. File storage and sharing is available through the OneDrive feature of Office 365 for faculty, staff and students. Sync forConflict has gained the intranet social network—both components of the Office 365 suite—are being tested and rolled out on a limited basis.

Furman’s Learning Management System software—Moodle—recently was upgraded to the latest version. Moodle users will enjoy improved mobile device support, and file transfers using a simple drag and drop interface. The new version also offers enhanced features for lessons and quizzes, and multimedia content. The IT Service Center is working on several projects this year. Our current project is the replacement of the McAfee antivirus program with a program from Microsoft called System Center Endpoint Protection (SCEP). The conversion to Endpoint Protection is underway and scheduled to be completed in May. A project which is currently in the planning stages is the replacement of our current copier fleet. The copier lease is set to expire in May of 2015 and we are currently determining requirements to assist us with the selection of new devices. The service center will be meeting with departments this spring/summer as we prepare our list of requirements. If you haven’t had a chance to check out our IT Self Help site, please visit http://confluence.furman.edu/b443/display/ ITSelfHelp for information about many of the technologies we use at Furman.

— Susan Dunnivant and Mike Gifford

Trone Center & Student Activities

As we close in on one of the first full year of business in the new Trone Center after extensive renovations and additions, it is our pleasure to report that the state of the center is AWESOME! The new Hill Auditorium is now the home for students to hang out during the day when not in class, and the 110 inch Video Wall keeps them entertained and informed as they enjoy the amazingly comfortable soft seating and collaboration nooks.

Meeting and event space use is up approximately 50 percent pre-renovation, and with the new technology and amenities added to the spaces, we expect that number to go even higher. The new Paddock restaurant has become a late night hot spot, and we are happy to report that handmade-milkshake sales are through the roof! Students are still telling us that they treasure the new Trone Center, and we are working diligently every day to remain on the cutting edge.

With the new facility, the programming opportunities have also skyrocketed. Third Thursday Trivia is a huge hit with the student body, as well as various singers and other musicians performing in the restaurant during mealtime and late night. The warm spring weather will bring a Sunset Concert Series on the Paddock Patio, giving diners something incredible to look forward to as we open the curtain on the first TRUNEZ! Robout the Furman Lake- The semester will end with a bang as we throw over the Furman Lake—We look forward to as the sun sets giving diners something incredible Conrad Zone!

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In this column I tip my hat to one of the Shi Center’s own who will soon spread his very able wings. Andy Wallin’s ‘12 is Program Coordinator for the Community Conservation Corps (CCC), Furman’s reenvisionment program for homeowners in underserved communities.

Truly sustainable solutions address social, environmental and economic challenges. As CCC Program Coordinator (a part-time position!), Andy achieves victories in all three areas. He develops relationships in Greenville’s special emphases neighborhoods by canvassing, attending neighborhood meetings, and earning the trust of homeowners who provide valuable client referrals. After a home pre-audit with energy efficiency contractors, Andy organizes Furman students to do the actual work on a home. Improvements can include blowing insulation, caulking, upgrading appliances, and upgrading to compact fluorescent lightbulbs. A post-audit reveals gains in building efficiency. Homeowners’ utility bills show their financial savings, dollars that make a real difference in these families’ economic stability. Andy works with student fellows to convert these figures into total energy savings — savings that Furman then claims as carbon offsets in our greenhouse gas inventory.

A music and earth and environmental sciences major, Andy was an active leader in his fraternity, music ensembles, Young Life and the Bartram Society. He gained early experience in community sustainability work through a fellowship with the City of Greenville’s Green Ribbon Advisory Committee. His unique combination of personality, intelligence, self-discipline, and strategic vision have served the CCC well and will guide Andy into a bright future.

Andy’s interest and ambitions have developed towards making an impact through building science improvements, in the fall he will enroll in a Master of Civil Engineering and Construction Management program at Vanderbilt University.

Under Andy’s two years of leadership, the Community Conservation Corps has been named a Clear Skies Champion by environmental non-profit Upstate Forever, has brought in $125,000 in program funding; and has saved 27 homeowners an average of 20 percent on utility bills. With the CCC as a focal point, Furman was recently named one of four baccalaureate division finalists for campus sustainability’s preeminent Climate Leadership Awards. As part of the awards process, the university produced a short video highlighting the work of the CCC and other campus sustainability successes.

View the video online at www.secondnature.org.

Andy was also an Eagle Scout! In joining this esteemed brotherhood, he pledged the following: “On my honor, I will do my best to make my training an example, and make my rank and influence strongly count for… better citizenship… in my troop… and in my church… and in my community, and in my contacts with other people. To this, I pledge my word of honor.”

Andy has more than made good on this promise, and any future communities he touches will be the better for his joining them. Bon voyage, Andy!

Yancy Fouche is associate director of the Shi Center for Sustainability.

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**F**urman faculty, staff, and spouses continue to strive for healthier diets with the Furman University Eating Lean (FUEL) program. FUEL is a free, plate-based, healthy eating program that is designed to improve nutrition, encourage weight management, and improve outcomes associated with chronic disease.

Participates receive free, state-of-the-art assessments of blood work and body composition and attend a forty-five minute weekly nutrition education class for twelve weeks.

The FUEL plate is simple—fill half of your plate with colorful vegetables and/or fruits, one quarter with whole grains or potatoes, and one quarter with lean protein sources. It is designed to improve multiple aspects of health easily, just one plate at a time.

More than 100 employees have participated in FUEL over the past four years. Many find that the weekly classes have provided the knowledge and motivation that they needed to make positive changes.

“Saying you know that something is unhealthy and knowing how it is unhealthy are two totally different things!” stated FUEL participant Donna Greene (Psychology). “The FUEL class is so interesting. I can’t imagine anyone not trying to live a healthier lifestyle after being in that class!”

Kate Strawton (ITS) added, “The DEXA scan and blood analysis that Furman provides are so helpful. It makes it personal and real. It allows you to evaluate your health status and gives you great insight before you get to a point of danger.”

Individuals with hectic schedules appreciate the practical suggestions that are offered in the class. Kya Zollman (ITS) reported that she is now conforming a majority of her meals to the FUEL plate. “Before taking the class I thought I didn’t have the time to make meals like this with two young children. I was wrong. The classes are wonderful in showing how easy it is to eat healthier.”

Sarah Worth (Philosophy) agreed. “The easy part is so important! We implemented it with the family immediately and even the kids now ask how each section will be filled!” (Sarah Worth)

“I think the single most valuable tool for me has been the plate concept,” stated Danvia Huffman (Spool). I have tried many other eating plans that are often complicated and cumbersome. The visual of the plate concept is much easier than always having to measure everything.”

Stratton stated, “I really appreciate Furman providing this benefit.” Huffman agreed, “I am so glad that I signed up for FUEL! It only takes one hour a week, but the information we have received is priceless!”

Some of the key findings from FUEL have been remarkable:

- Nutrient intake improves. By enjoying nutrient dense foods and balanced meals, diet analyses indicate that FUEL participants increase intake of beneficial nutrients such as vitamin A, vitamin C, folate, potassium, and fibers. They also decrease intake of calories, saturated fat, trans fat, added sugar, and sodium.

- Blood markers associated with chronic disease improve. FUEL participants have experienced reductions in low density lipoproteins (up to 90 mg/dL), triglycerides (up to 150 mg/dL), hemoglobin A1c (up to 4 percent), blood pressure, and C-reactive protein marker of inflammation.

- The need for certain medications decreases. Some participants have been able to reduce or eliminate prescription medications used for cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure, and insulin resistance while under the care of their health care providers.

- Body composition improves. Through sophisticated analysis with via Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry, FUEL participants are able to track their improvements in body composition and most experience a loss of body fat (up to 4 percent).

- Weight loss occurs without deprivation. Individuals who follow the FUEL plate for 14-21 meals per week tend to lose about 0.5-1 pound per week without counting calories or feeling deprived.

FUEL will be offered again in the Fall of 2014 and Spring of 2015. Day and evening classes will be available at no cost for employees and spouses.

If you would like to stay informed of the latest campus wellness news and progress with FUEL, please email subscribe to our new wellness blog http://blogs.furman.edu/wellness.
Dr. Elizabeth Davis will begin her presidency July 1. What should be one of her first priorities?

I’d like to see a greater balance between the academic and social activities on campus … I also think there’s a big gap between Greek life and non-Greek life here and I don’t think that’s good for the campus. I think Furman should more tightly integrate itself with the City of Greenville so Furman would become less of a bubble, less isolated.

—Jack Kowalski ’14

I think she needs to come in and look at the diversity of the faculty and see what has worked in the past and what we can do to make the faculty stronger. I don’t think she can jump right in and make a bunch of changes until she listens, which is ideally what I think she plans to do anyway.

—Victoria Turgeon
Biology Department

I think she needs to look into the budgets we’ve had so far and the changes we’ve made, and decide if we are heading in the right direction—maybe apply fresh ideas that we might have missed, particularly given her experience in her previous positions.

—Nick Kuklinski
Chemistry Department

As a Health Sciences major, I think that the Physical Activities Center should provide more access and resources for study space. We lack computer labs, a library or study tables.

—Amy Ferguson ’15

New Employees

- Daniel Assay — Athletics
- Preston Carville — President’s House
- Patrick Cureton — Financial Aid
- Tim Eckstein — Golf Course
- Alec Hasan — Information Technology Services
- Justin Hughes — Information Technology Services
- Jessica Kalbarczyk — Marketing and Public Relations
- Elizabeth McSherry — Upcountry History Museum
- Regina Reed — Library
- Victor Rivas — Police
- Joshua Sims — Development
- Kathleen Wissig — Development

Anniversaries

- 20 years
  - Soncha King — Facilities Services
  - Steven Long — Facilities Services

- 15 years
  - Lynn McCauley — Military Science
  - John Baker — Career Services
  - Paul Brandenburg — Golf Course
  - Karen Cox — Facilities Services

- 10 years
  - Todd Kinsell — Bridges to a Brighter Future

- 5 years
  - Paige Blakenship — Political Science
  - Claire Bray — Conference and Events
  - William Styles — Facilities Services
  - Paul Anderson — Facilities Services