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“I am a 1980 graduate of Furman, and frankly I am a bit jealous of the beautiful, natural way the photos looked in the digital companion to the Spring 2019 edition of the Furman Magazine — quite a distance from those of the '70s. I especially enjoyed reliving the Stanford Jennings' kick-off return you linked in. Technology is wonderful and so is your team! If you have photos of the Furman Singers during the inauguration of Governor Riley in your archives, I would like to see them. I believe I was one of three African-Americans in Singers at the time, as I am putting together a memory book.”

FU all the time,
WILLIAM W. BRADLEY '80
Stockbridge, Ga.



“In four decades of college work, your current magazine is one of the finest examples of an alumni magazine that I have seen. You’ve touched all the right buttons. And the writing is first-rate.

Glad to know that Furman’s story is in good hands!”

DON LINEBACK, RETIRED VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT
Greenville, S.C.



“In response to Vince Moore’s ‘Sports Briefs,’ I would like to say that this year’s men’s basketball team strengthened my family’s Furman pride. Their efforts on the court were inspiring, and they helped shine a national spotlight on our great university. It was exciting to see Furman featured in The Washington Post and The New York Times, while highlights of our games were on ESPN. My family bought season tickets the day after the Villanova win. (My wife and I never even went to a game during our four years as students.) Our daughter wore a Furman cheerleader outfit to school on ‘Team Day,’ while our son memorized the entire roster. (His favorite player is Alex Hunter, so shout-out to Alex.) We also appreciate the way our community embraced the team by providing an electric atmosphere at Timmons during the games. We look forward to next season!”

TREY MEREDITH '02
Greenville, S.C.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was love at first sight. When my family and I visited Greenville, as I prepared to become president of Furman University in 2014, we could sense the energy and vibrancy of the place. There was no doubt that Greenville was exceptional. Its bold vision was there for all to see.

Early on, I knew it was important to bolster Furman's place in Greenville. For more than 100 years, when the university's campus was located downtown, Furman and Greenville were basically one and the same. What was good for one was good for the other, and there was no distinction between where the university ended and the city began.

That, of course, changed – at least spatially – when Furman moved a few miles down Poinsett Highway in the early 1960s to spread out on a larger campus. Now, some 50 years later, I could see it was time for the university to make a special effort to renew and grow our bond with our city.

Thanks to our many partners, we're well on our way.

For example, we've joined with M. Judson Booksellers downtown to create Furman on Main, just a short distance from the old downtown campus. We've partnered with the Bon Secours Wellness Arena, the Greenville Drive and the Upcountry History Museum to support local organizations and have greater visibility in the city. And we worked closely with the Southern Conference to bring the first and second rounds of the



BETTER TOGETHER



*Furman is proud to be
Greenville's hometown university.*

BY ELIZABETH DAVIS

NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament to Greenville in 2017, showcasing our town for a national audience.

Recognizing a shared entrepreneurial spirit, Furman joined forces with the Greenville Chamber of Commerce's NEXT SC program and VentureSouth, leading to the creation of Furman's Office for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Launched last fall, the office is teaching Furman students the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and serving as a catalyst for the burgeoning

entrepreneurial ecosystem of the Upstate.

In the same spirit, we have strengthened our educational programs aimed at addressing community needs and building on local strengths. Furman now offers a Master of Science in Community Engaged Medicine, as well as a Master of Arts in Strategic Design.

The Riley Institute, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, has done incredible work locally and throughout South Carolina. Its Diversity Leaders Initiative has prepared nearly 2,200 civic, educational and

business leaders to address the important issues in their communities. Our Institute for the Advancement of Community Health and Shi Center for Sustainability play similar roles in addressing local issues in health and the environment.

Perhaps one of the university's greatest impacts on the community has been the Heller Service Corps. For the past 50 years, more than half of our students each year volunteer their time to work with local agencies like the Brutontown Community Center and Greenville Free Medical Clinic.

And then there is the university's economic impact on the community, which has grown over the years. In fact, a study this spring by Furman's Department of Economics found that the university's annual economic impact on Greenville County and the surrounding Upstate counties is more than \$297 million a year. Furman supports almost 2,200 jobs in Greenville County alone.

We're a little place doing mighty things. And so much of this is powered by the deep connections in and with our community. We'll continue to nurture this powerful and important relationship, as we celebrate more than 160 years of being Greenville's hometown university.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Davis".

A version of this essay appeared in the September 2019 issue of the Greenville Business Magazine.



Around the Lake

“ I describe Furman to newcomers as a highly relational place, and I continue to be surprised at the goodness of our faculty, staff and students.”

KEN PETERSON, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT KEN PETERSON

BY RON WAGNER '93



Ken Peterson, a professor of economics, served as Furman's dean of the faculty before becoming provost and vice president for academic affairs in August.

1 As you see it, what are the chief responsibilities of the provost and vice president for academic affairs?

The provost is ultimately responsible for the strategic direction, composition, implementation and assessment of all academic programs (for-credit, co-curricular, certificate and otherwise). None of this can happen in a vacuum, and it requires effective collaboration with the president, faculty, staff, administrators and others. The provost needs to help inform and explain to the Furman and external communities where we are trying to go, what we are doing to get there, why we are doing it, how we know it's working and where we need to make changes in order to be successful in a very competitive higher education environment.

In the era of The Furman Advantage, the provost, in partnership with the vice president for student life, is responsible for ensuring that the major components of the vision are implemented, assessed and adequately supported. The provost must also look carefully at our resources – where they come from and where they go – to ensure that they are

being used to create value for students and their families.

2 What do you see as the top quality or skill Furman develops in students to prepare them for the world?

As they become more knowledgeable about their academic disciplines, Furman students also begin to understand and develop their strengths and values through reflection on their classwork, experiential activities such as undergraduate research, internships, leadership activities, study away, and community engaged learning and interacting with people who are not like them. With the help of great faculty and staff mentors, we help students align their strengths and values with appropriate post-Furman opportunities, whether it's graduate or professional school, a job or an extended service activity.

3 What was your very first job?

I delivered the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette on foot and eventually on bicycle. In high school, I made pizzas and pizza dough and worked in a factory. In college, I worked in the university mail room and in the serials department at the Iowa State library. In



grad school, I had this cool job that paid me to learn how to use popular software programs for the newish IBM PC and then teach them to faculty and staff at Stony Brook University. That turned out to be a very useful learning opportunity.

4 What do you wish Greenville had that it doesn't?

Greenville has become more diverse and inclusive since we moved here in 1990, but I'd love to see that continue to expand. It's what we missed most when we moved here from Southern California. Our street festivals, international companies and affordable cultural amenities have helped a lot in this regard.

I'd also like to see a more expansive ecosystem that supports innovation, entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship in Greenville. Many of the elements are here and expanding, but a more mature network would create opportunities for a growing and diverse population, including our Furman students who settle in Greenville after graduation.

5 What keeps surprising you about Furman?

The people.

I describe Furman to newcomers as a highly relational place, and I continue to be surprised at the goodness of our faculty, staff and students. It manifests in very visible ways during difficult times. Ours can be an amazingly supportive community, which is the part of "old Furman" that I hope we can keep and extend to members of our community that perhaps didn't feel it so much in the past.

Our faculty and staff are also exceptionally talented, hard-working and engaged in all the ways that matter for a university. It's hard to describe in a manner that can be appreciated by people outside Furman without sounding like hyperbole.



Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Ken Peterson and President Elizabeth Davis discuss strategy during a recent meeting.

6 Which book changed your life?

Alan Blinder's "Hard Heads and Soft Hearts" probably had a lasting impact on my thinking about economic policy and politics. Jane Jacobs' "Death and Life of Great American Cities," Ed Glaeser's "Triumph of the City," Cavalli-Sforza and Feldman's "Cultural Transmission and Evolution: A Quantitative Approach," and Putnam's "Bowling Alone" deepened my interest in urban economics, the social transmission of behavior within and across generations, and social capital.

More recently, I've been taken by Adam Grant's "Originals: How Non-Conformists Move the World," which has been useful in thinking about innovation and organizational behavior. And he sort of justifies procrastination, which is a bonus, right?

7 What did you want to be when you were growing up?

1. Veterinarian (junior high school, until I discovered what they had to do in rural Iowa in the middle of a sub-zero winter; spoiler: it's not pleasant)
2. Lawyer (college)
3. Economic development researcher/policy consultant (grad school)

4. Professor (after teaching a few semesters in my first real job, I fell in love with it)

8 Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?

Nancy Koehn has a neat book titled "Forged in Crisis: The Power of Courageous Leadership in Turbulent Times." In the book, she develops five leadership case studies, which focus on Abraham Lincoln, Rachel Carson, Ernest Shackleton, Frederick Douglass, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. That's an unusual group of people, and I think I'd enjoy having dinner with them. I'd add Mahatma Gandhi to the mix, too. As a new attorney, he was so nervous he couldn't speak in court when a judge first called on him. Years later, he played a pivotal role in leading India to its independence in an era when communication was exceedingly difficult. That's quite a transformation.

9 What is your earliest memory?

A neighbor kid pushed me off of a picnic table when I was three, and I had to have stitches in my head. It made quite an impression (pun intended). My three older sisters think that my head injury explains a lot about my behavior when we were growing up. They might be right. ♦



Sometimes the first step toward preserving history is to pull back the overgrowth — the gnarled vegetation, the layers of memories.

In March, a group of 11 Furman students took that step in Greenville and Charleston, South Carolina, where they uncovered the personal histories of African-Americans whose life experiences were obscured during slavery and its aftermath. In doing so, the students formed relationships with residents who helped the students understand the link between historic events and the present.

The project is part of the “Seeking Abraham: Slavery and Public Memory” alternative spring break, which grew out of the work by Furman’s Task Force on Slavery and Justice.

“I love history,” says **Adare Smith ’20** of Greenwood, South Carolina. “So being able to step in the same places and touch the same things that figures from the past touched was really moving for me.”

In Greenville, the grave markers in Brutontown Cemetery offered stark reminders of segregation and the untold African-American narratives in the Greenville community. Amid a tangle of vines and roots, the headstones point to residents — some believed to be slaves — who were buried at the hillside cemetery carved out for the indigent after the Civil War. The students researched

HOW DO YOU SAVE A STORY? BY TELLING IT.



Students researched the lives of African-Americans at historic sites — and learned from present-day residents in the process.

BY TINA UNDERWOOD



Students gather at the Brutontown Community Center with community resident Shelby Richards (top row, left end) and Brutontown elder and historian Ellen Wright (seated center) to learn about neighborhood initiatives.

family records of those interred at Brutontown, spoke with Brutontown residents, advocated for the preservation of a Jim Crow-era clinic (the McClaren Medical Shelter), and visited the Upcountry History Museum and the Museum and Library of

Confederate History.

The students became engrossed in resources and databases, such as Ancestry.com and FindAGrave.com. When they presented their findings, Brutontown community member Shelby Richards

was “blown away” by the details the students had uncovered. Marriage certificates and records about military service, births and deaths all helped piece together hidden life experiences.

“A headstone doesn’t tell a story,” says **Emilee O’Brien ’17**, who organized the trip with Communication Studies Associate Professor Brandon Inabinet. O’Brien says the experience went a long way toward unearthing stories and building bonds with the community’s residents.

“We have the privilege of great resources at Furman and a strong desire to share those resources in a mutually beneficial relationship,” she says.

In Charleston, the group visited McLeod Plantation, which slaves built in the 1850s, took a Gullah-Geechee culture tour and learned about racial reconciliation initiatives at a local church. They also toured the Old Slave Mart and met with Furman Board of Trustees Chair **Alec Taylor ’75** and his wife, Susan Taylor.

Smith, an English major, was struck by the power of storytelling.

“Stories are gateways into history and can act as agents of change,” she says. “I learned that I can tell stories — stories that educate, that share experience, stories that effect change.”

(See page 9 to learn more about the latest developments on the “Seeking Abraham” recommendations.) ♦



From left: Clark Murphy, groundskeeper of Greenville Woman's College. **Lillian Brock Flemming '71** and **Sarah Reese '71** receive Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees in 2014. **Joseph Vaughn '68** stands in the back row of Furman's French Club.

At its meeting in May, the Furman University Board of Trustees approved a number of recommendations made by the board's Special Committee on Slavery and Justice, including removing "James C." from James C. Furman Hall and creating a statue and day of celebration to honor the late **Joseph Vaughn '68**, the university's first African-American student.

The Special Committee made its recommendations based on a set of proposals that were part of the report, "Seeking Abraham," which the university's Task Force on Slavery and Justice completed in the summer of 2018.

"We are proud of the work done by the Special Committee and the Task Force, looking honestly at Furman's past while considering what will best move the university forward in the future," said Furman President Elizabeth Davis. "It is important that all students, faculty, staff and

A MORE INCLUSIVE FUTURE



BY VINCE MOORE

alumni see themselves in the university's story, and that all feel welcome here."

The university will remove the name of the university's first president from the building located at the heart of campus and rename it Furman Hall, in honor and celebration of the entire Furman family and all of the students, faculty, staff and alumni who have contributed to the history of the university. Furman University is named for Richard Furman, James C.'s father and the university's founder.

Furman also will erect a statue of Vaughn in a prominent

place of celebration and reflection on campus that will help tell the story of his important contributions to Furman's history. A student group will work with faculty and staff to create an annual Joseph Vaughn commemorative day and celebration.

"The trustees are pleased to approve the recommendations, which will guide Furman in fully acknowledging and sharing its history to foster a more inclusive future," said **Alec Taylor '75**, chair of the Board of Trustees.

The other recommendations approved by the board include:

- Renaming the lakeside housing area the Clark Murphy Housing Complex in honor of Clark Murphy, an African-American who worked for decades as a groundskeeper at the Greenville Woman's College, which later merged with Furman University.
- Naming the walkway area leading up to the Bell Tower the Abraham Sims Plaza in recognition of Abraham Sims and other enslaved persons who built and worked on Furman's various campuses prior to the university moving to its current location.
- Honoring **Lillian Brock-Flemming '71** and **Sarah Reese '71**, Furman's first female African-American students, in a comprehensive place of celebration and reflection on campus. The university will also explore naming programs related to their fields of study and their connections to Furman and the Greenville community.

Visit furman.edu/tfsj for more information. ♦



Q & A WITH ELEANOR BEARDSLEY



Eleanor Beardsley '86 is an international correspondent for National Public Radio and is based in Paris. She was the principal speaker at Furman's 193rd commencement this past May.

Who was your favorite Furman professor?

EB: Dr. John Block. He made 19th and 20th century Europe come alive. Some of the historical characters still come back to my mind all these years later. In Dr. Block's voice, of course.

What's one of your fondest memories of Furman?

EB: They're all different. Falling in love for the first time, going to football games with my friends, freshman year hall life on Haynesworth 300, eating dinner in the dining hall — I loved the food!

If you could do your Furman experience all over again, what would you do?

EB: I would maybe take advantage of more cultural opportunities — plays, talks, Cultural Life Programs. I guess when you're young, you don't realize that you

aren't necessarily surrounded by all of these wonderful "opening" opportunities your whole life.

What was your hardest class at Furman?

EB: Math, which I'm no good at. But aside from that, it was Marriage and the Family. This was a sociology class that I took to get an easy credit. But I would come out of that class steaming and fighting with my boyfriend (who also took it) almost every day. The teacher was a wonderfully nice older man (I can't recall his name), but he was old-fashioned, and he would say things like, "Young men, when you come home from work, give your wife a kiss because she's been doing housework all day and she needs your attention." Well, I was a total feminist (still am), and things like that made me crazy. My boyfriend just loved to tease me because he knew how much it got under my skin.

What's something you never leave on an assignment without?

EB: Silicone earplugs. Assignments can be grueling, and you have to be able to sleep when you need to!

What have you learned from your travels and reporting?

EB: That people are kind of the same the world over. And there are many different ways of looking at an issue. Our way isn't necessarily the right way, it's just the American way. And there are definitely other angles. Every country thinks they're the ones who see things the right way.

What would you recommend students explore?

EB: Foreign travel to help ground them as they seek to

understand today's societal tensions. There is nothing like traveling to or living in a foreign country to give you a better idea of what's right and wrong with your own country. It also gives you more perspectives on things and some fresh ideas for dealing with your own problems.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

EB: To seek out friends and people who have a totally different outlook and perspective than your own.

What's one thing Americans might be surprised to learn about the French?

EB: They love us! And are immensely fascinated by our country. ♦

Beardsley, in her commencement address, shares experiences from her career, from the United Nations to Capitol Hill to Paris.



THEN



MARY JENNINGS '04

As the only child of a single mom, a small college like Furman that was only two hours away seemed like a great fit.

It was far enough to give me some independence, but not so far that I couldn't head home to Mom if the need ever arose. Little did I know then that by the middle of my freshman year, the rest of my Furman experience would be shaped by the reality that I would no longer have the same reasons to pop home to Georgia.

That year, I lost my mother tragically and suddenly on March 11. Given the circumstance, it would have been completely understandable to withdraw from Furman. But that's not what happened.

I went home for just over a week for the funeral, and when I returned to Furman, it was to a brand-new family. My roommate and childhood friend was there by my side. My teachers were understanding and accommodating of my absence. I met with a counselor who connected me with a fellow student who had lost her father that year; I still think so fondly of her today. The housing department bent over backward to ensure that my three best friends and I could continue living together by giving us a basement apartment our sophomore year, which was near the piano practice

rooms where I wrote many of my early songs.

There were many other defining moments that shaped my time at Furman: my first political science class that began the day of the 9/11 attacks and my decision to major in political science; meeting Professor of Philosophy Carmela Epright through her gender philosophy course, which completely redefined my understanding of what it means to be a strong woman and human being; and taking Education Professor Scott Henderson's intro to education course, which led to earning my Master of Education at Vanderbilt University.

All of this evolved when many in my family weren't sure if I would recover from the loss of my mother — and I don't know that I could have, had I been amid the masses at a large school.

It amazes me still that at a time when I had lost the person who mattered most, I was still able to find myself. Furman, and the people with whom I connected during my time there, had a lot to do with that.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Jennings '04 is a singer, songwriter and pianist who makes *bolo ties* for her company, *No Sass Creations*. ♦



TRIPtych

Taking in the diverse industry of helping people



BY SMITH CHILDS '20

The Nonprofit Career Trek sponsored by the Malone Center for Career Engagement gave me the chance to hear from people in the field who use their talents and lives to positively impact our community.

We visited United Ministries, United Way of Greenville County and the Kroc Center, where we heard from a panel of professionals. We discussed failure, adversity and the importance of taking time to reflect on our vocational callings.

The professionals we met were generous, offering to meet with us in the future whenever we needed. The contrast between all the nonprofits exposed me to the diversity of the industry. The entire experience confirmed my desire to pursue a career and life that is focused on serving others and, in turn, building a life that fulfills me.



At United Ministries, **Smith Childs '20** looks at photos of individuals who participated in the organization's employment program, worked with an employment coach and then secured jobs.



United Ministries Executive Director **Tony McDade '79** (top right) shows students the food pantry at the nonprofit, which assists community members with rent, utilities, medication and food. From left, Assistant Director for Employer Engagement Steve Hairston, **Emm Allison '20**, **Samuel Jones '19**, Assistant Director of Career Learning Communities Kristin Irwin, **Lauren Hood '19** and **Childs '20**.



Students walk to their next destination during the nonprofit trek in Greenville, South Carolina.

JEREMY FLEMING

NOW



IMANI-GRACE KING '19

As a communication studies and politics and international affairs double major, I haven't had a lot of opportunities to take classes outside of my disciplines. But this last semester of college, I was finally able to. While looking through our course catalog, I had a brilliant epiphany. I am a human who is developing — I should take human development.

In my opinion, the most thought-provoking element of the class was its simple definition. Human development is defined as the study of how humans both change and remain the same over time. And if we think about it, that is reflected in our journey here at Furman. There are things about us now that are the same as when we were first-year students, but there are also aspects of us that are profoundly different as graduating seniors. I think our families, friends, coaches and professors can attest to this change. In the course, we discussed domains of development, and to me, those domains reflect my time at Furman.

One domain is physical. We had plans to go to Furman gym, to not eat excessive amounts of processed food, and to drink plenty of water and eat vitamins. But those plans our first year were tough. We then took the mandatory health and wellness class and had an existential crisis over our unhealthy habits.

We then decided to value the idea of exercise, green food and self-care.

Another domain is emotional. We developed a network to support and encourage us during times of sheer joy and endless laughter, as well as times of unforeseen hardship and pain. We developed emotional bonds through our teams, organizations and classes and met groups of people that if we had not met them, our lives would be radically different.

The last domain is cognitive. The past four years our minds have been stretching and expanding through rigor and intensive thinking. We now know the difference between information and knowledge. We discovered that engaged learning outside the classroom is amazing. We developed intellectually and culturally during our time here and are so positively changed because it.

Furman sparked in us a curiosity about the world. Together at Furman we encouraged and challenged each other, and we learned and grew together.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Imani-Grace King '19
delivered the student commencement speech in May. ♦



from the VAULT

These storied walls were once brand new.



SOUTH HOUSING COMPLEX

The South Housing Complex originally consisted of four residence halls built between 1955 and 1958 — Manly, Geer, Poteat and McGlothlin. A fifth residence, Blackwell, was added in 1967. The buildings were named in the spring of 1958.

The first, Manly, welcomed 102 first-year men and six upperclassmen when the 1955-1956 school year began, dividing Furman, for a time, into three campuses: the downtown campus, the former Greenville Woman’s College and the new campus, which became the present-day university. In 1958, the entire men’s campus and the senior women moved to Furman’s current campus.



MANLY HALL

Manly Hall stands alone as the first building completed in the South Housing Complex around 1955.



LAKESIDE HOUSING COMPLEX

The approach to the newly constructed Lakeside Housing Complex in 1961. When it opened in the fall of 1961, all classes from the former Greenville Woman’s College were for the first time located on the new campus, and the men’s and women’s dormitories were fully separate on opposite ends of the campus.



LAKESIDE HOUSING COMPLEX

The front entrance to the Lakeside Housing Complex, 1960s.



GAMBRELL HALL

Rear façade and entrance to the newly completed addition to the Lakeside Housing Complex in 1968.



GAMBRELL IN THE SNOW

Gambrell Hall, shrouded in snow, soon after its completion. In 1971, it was named after Mary Latimer Gambrell, who graduated from the Greenville Woman's College in 1917.

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RON THOMPSON

Over the past two years, our team has implemented The Housing Director, a software program that has enhanced our communication with students and reinvented the housing lottery process into one that is community-focused.

Students now see everyone who has already chosen a room, which means they choose more than just a room to live in — they choose to be part of a community. With that project complete, we are now setting our sights on the residential experience.

Students' residential experience facilitates their growth through developmental stages along a four-year pathway. Anchored by belongingness efforts for all students, we provide developmentally appropriate challenges tightly coupled with an integrative support network during their transition to campus, academic and social integration, and community engagement.

A key piece of that is the job satisfaction of resident assistants, who guide and live alongside their fellow students. In recent years, serving as an RA has become more rewarding. We know this because they're coming back after their first year more often than they used to. RA programming, too, is enhanced through frequent collaboration with other offices and departments, including faculty, through Cultural Life Program offerings.

As students progress through their residential experience, they live in larger communities, in larger living spaces with more roommates and amenities and with less staff, while they learn to manage more autonomy. During their junior and senior years, while living in apartment-style housing in North Village, we partner with groups such as the Malone Center for Career Engagement and the Internship Office to ensure students are capitalizing on the available career readiness opportunities.

I am most proud of how these initiatives have enriched the student experience. For years, we spent much of our time reacting to student complaints and service delivery issues. For the past couple of years, however, we have flipped the script and now spend most of our time planning enhancements to the student experience and developing communication plans to better inform and prepare students.

More progress is coming. In early April, we began the master planning process to envision the future of the housing facilities and students' residential experience, facilitated jointly by teams from the architectural firms Hanbury, and Brailsford & Dunlavey.

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NOTES FROM THE

FIELD

New Guard Takes Over

Three student invitations to the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur help raise Furman's profile around the country.

BY VINCE MOORE

NOTES FROM THE FIELD



By the time **Haylee Harford '19** reached the 18th green of the famed Augusta National Golf Club, she was already part of history. She was one of only 30 players to have qualified for the final round of the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur, and she had played well enough to see her name posted on those iconic leaderboards much of the morning and afternoon.

But while being part of history was nice, there was still the matter of a final 12-foot birdie putt on No. 18 that would give Harford a one-under-par 71 for the round. The green was surrounded by the same number of enthusiastic spectators the Masters tournament would see a week later, so why not give them something to celebrate?

"When I made that putt and turned around to see all those people cheering, that's something I'll remember the rest of my life," says Harford, who graduated from Furman in the spring. "I just wanted to take it all in for a moment. Shooting under par on this golf course is not an easy thing to do."

It was a historic day for Harford, who finished the tournament in a tie for seventh, and it was no less historic for the women's golf program at Furman. Of the 72 amateurs invited to make up the international field, two were Furman students and another had graduated a year earlier.

Alice Chen '18 and **Natalie Srinivasan '20** also received invitations, giving the university one of the best collegiate representations at the tournament. While Chen didn't advance past the first two rounds played at Champions Retreat Golf Club in Augusta, Srinivasan joined Harford in the final round.

No school, in fact, was better represented than Furman at Augusta

National. The other universities who had two players qualify for the final round were Arizona State University, Duke University, the University of Florida, Florida State University and the University of Texas.

"It was an awesome and unbelievable experience," says Srinivasan, who shot 73 at Augusta and tied for 17th. "I've been to the Masters and even played the course once before, but it was a totally different experience to play it in the tournament. I was fortunate to make the cut and have this opportunity."

Furman's head women's golf coach, Jeff Hull, was there to watch his players compete, and he was well aware of what it meant to women's golf in general and the Furman program in particular.

"With the kind of tradition Furman has in women's golf, it was fitting that we be at this tournament," says Hull, citing the contributions and accomplishments of former Paladin golfers like **Betsy King '77**, **Beth Daniel '78** and **Dottie Pepper '87**. "It is only appropriate that the new guard take over and continue that tradition. I am proud of Alice, Haylee and Natalie for being invited to the tournament and representing Furman well."

The Augusta National Women's Amateur was indeed a historic event that will no doubt lift the trajectory of

Paladin golfers Haylee Harford '19 (top), Alice Chen '18 (middle) and Natalie Srinivasan '20 represented Furman at the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur.

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women's golf both in the U.S. and around the world. The tournament drew crowds that none of the women amateurs had seen before, and the final round was televised live on NBC Sports. And while it was fun to compete on the world's most recognizable golf course and meet people like former LPGA great Nancy Lopez and former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, the players knew they were involved in something bigger than themselves.

"Growing up, I never once thought I would be playing at Augusta National in a tournament," says Srinivasan, whose father, Ajai, caddied for her. "It wasn't something I could even dream about when I was learning to play. But now that has changed. It's great to be part of women's golf history, and being part of this tournament's first year will always be special."

Playing in a prestigious amateur tournament at Augusta National wasn't on Harford's to-do list, either, since she had no reason to imagine such a thing. But she saw a lot of young girls in the gallery, and all of them were surely dreaming about playing in the tournament one day.

"It was an important week for women's golf," she says. "The tournament went above and beyond any expectations I had."

History aside, what was it like to tee it up at the golf course that has produced champions like Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods? To make one's way through such familiar places as Amen Corner and try to avoid the disasters

that have routinely crushed the dreams of the best players in the world? Because even if the women amateurs never imagined they would play Augusta National, it didn't stop them from watching the Masters on TV and being familiar with its traditions.

"I usually don't get nervous when I play," Srinivasan says. "But I was pretty excited standing on that first tee with all those people around me. I just wanted to hit that first tee shot and get going."

Harford says she was nervous getting started but calmed down after that and played a strong round of golf. That included making back-to-back birdies on the par-3 12th and the par-5 13th, two of the most famous holes on the planet.

Harford is likely to be playing professionally by next



Srinivasan, Harford and Chen gathered for a photo with the tournament trophy. Harford also met with two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson prior to teeing off in the final round at Augusta.

year's Augusta National Women's Amateur, but Srinivasan has one more year at Furman, and getting an invitation to next year's tournament will be a high priority for her.

Of course, there is room in the field for more than one Furman golfer.

"It was especially nice having three players invited to the inaugural tournament," Hull says. "It's good for recruiting and it raises Furman's profile around the country. Being invited to this tournament should be a goal for all women amateurs." ♦



SPORTS BRIEFS



Jason Donnelly speaks during a meet-and-greet event on August 1 in the Pearce-Horton Football Complex.

DONNELLY NAMED NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

BY VINCE MOORE

Jason Donnelly, the former senior associate athletics director and executive director of athletics development at Villanova University, became Furman's new athletics director on August 12.

Donnelly, who had worked at Villanova since 2005, was most recently responsible for leading the Villanova athletics fund, which manages fundraising and external support for all 24 varsity sports. During the past four years, Donnelly helped raise more than \$120 million for Villanova athletics, which included three consecutive record-breaking fundraising years and a 330% increase in dollars raised.

A native of Colonia, New Jersey, Donnelly graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1999, where he played basketball and was a student leader. He holds a master's of public administration from Villanova. Donnelly and his wife, Rachel, have three children — Aidan, 8, Raeyln, 6, and Allister, 2.

TAKING ON THE WORLD

BY RON WAGNER '93

By late September, the summer heat has finally started dissipating in South Carolina.

The same is true halfway around the world in the Middle East. Although "dissipate" is a relative term when the average high drops to 100 degrees, something Furman track and field and cross-country coach Robert Gary experienced firsthand as the Team USA men's head coach for the 2019 IAAF World Championship, held Sept. 27-Oct. 6 in Doha, Qatar.

Reaching one of the highest pinnacles of professional achievement made the scorching temperatures quite a bit easier to bear, however.

"I was really honored to be the head coach," Gary says. "This was my first head-coaching assignment at a world championship, so I was really excited."

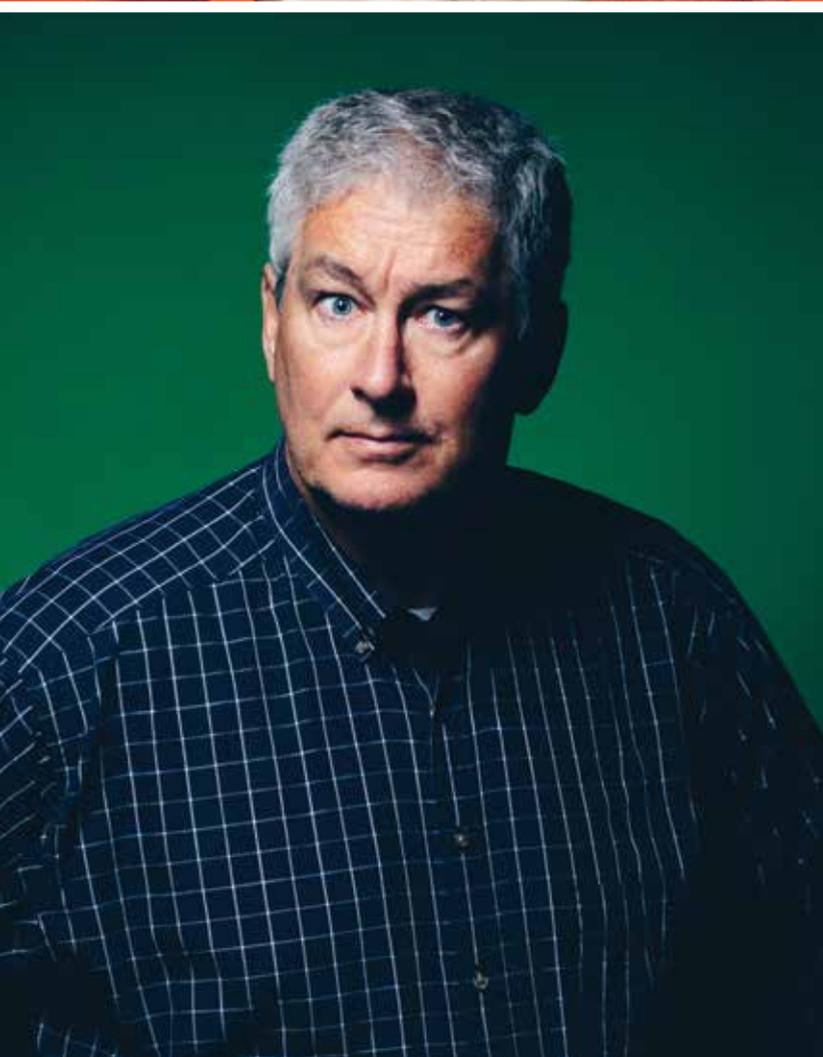
Gary has been training world-class runners for international competitions for more than a decade, and being selected by USA Track and Field reflects the reputation he has earned. Bringing Furman onto the national collegiate stage only helped his chances.

Before Gary arrived in 2012, the total number of Paladin individuals or teams that had ever qualified for the NCAA championships could be counted on one hand, but Furman purple hasn't

been absent from a single track or cross-country national championship since 2014. That coaching success means just as much to Gary as his own impressive athletic accomplishments, which include being an All-American at Ohio State University and competing in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in both the 1996 and 2004 Olympics and the 1999 and 2003 World Championships.

"A lot of people think track is a pretty non-team sport. It's just individuals running around," he says. "Sometimes it can feel that way, but some of my favorite experiences are when the men's and women's programs work closely together and we really look at the team competition and trying to take on the rest of the world!" ♦





SEE ME AFTER CLASS

THE SECRET LIVES OF
FURMAN FACULTY,
AKA THE COMIC,
MARTIAL ARTS FIGHTER,
THESPIAN AND ATHLETE

▶ They're more than
dynamic subject matter
experts and mentors.

Some Furman professors harbor unexpected talents and pursue perhaps surprising endeavors that enrich their teaching. Whether cracking jokes, breaking boards, sweeping furiously or donning a new persona, **RUTH ARONOFF**, **DANIEL J. WORDEN**, **ALISON ROARK** AND **KEVIN TREU** challenge our ideas of what it means to be “professorial.”

BY LINDSAY NIEDRINGHAUS '07 | PHOTOGRAPHY BY JEREMY FLEMING '08

Ruth Aronoff

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY
IMPROV COMEDY

Researching rocks and performing improv comedy on stage — the two might not exactly go together. But Ruth Aronoff is not your typical geology professor (or improv actor, for that matter).

“People sometimes find it disappointing that I’m not one of those professors who grew up with a huge rock collection,” says Aronoff. “I actually didn’t appreciate geology until much later, when I was able to interpret the story behind those rocks.”

Now, Aronoff’s academic life revolves around communicating this same story to her students, but making these stories come alive isn’t always an easy task.

“I’m basically teaching history on a very long timeline ... like, several billion years of time,” says Aronoff. “So a lot of my research involves putting together a coherent story, and then thinking through how to tell this story effectively to an audience. This requires connecting with people and listening well — learning how your audience communicates.”

That’s where improv comes in.

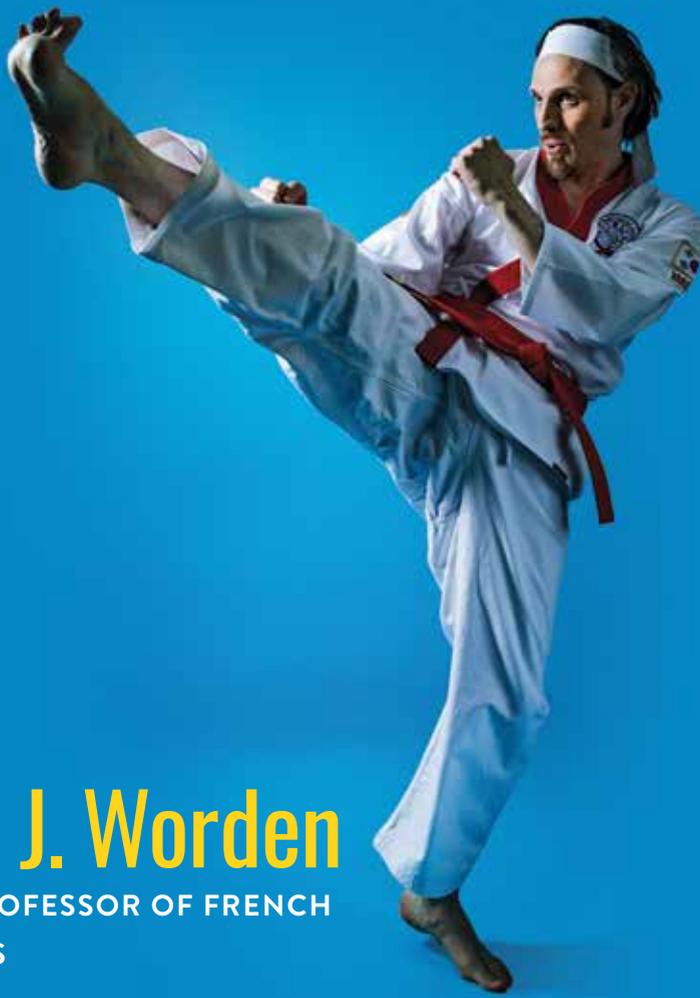
“IMPROV ISN’T ABOUT BEING FUNNY,” SAYS ARONOFF. “IT’S ABOUT CONNECTING WITH THE OTHER ACTORS AND LISTENING EFFECTIVELY.”

You’re on stage with one or two other people, and you have no idea what the other person is going to do. You have to pay attention to the other person and pick up on every single thing they’re doing in order to react to them.”

Aronoff performs regularly with Alchemy Comedy Theater, an organization that rents out space in Coffee Underground in Greenville, South Carolina. Though Aronoff has been practicing improv since her undergraduate days at Williams College, she still finds every performance just as exciting as the first.

“Each time, I’m stepping out into the unknown, getting more practice and building more confidence,” she says. “But you know, in a lot of ways I still find teaching more nerve-racking. On stage, the lights block out your audience, so you can almost forget they’re there. When I teach, I walk into a classroom and find 20 people looking right at me. That’s a lot scarier.”





Daniel J. Worden

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FRENCH
MARTIAL ARTS

“As soon as anyone enters the martial arts studio, the goal is to be aware of anyone in that space; you’re never tuning anyone out,” says Daniel Worden, a French professor. “This is definitely translatable to my teaching, in which there are many interrelated phenomena that can be at play at one time — where the students are academically, what their needs may be, where I’m going with the lesson.

THE FOCUS AND AWARENESS I’VE LEARNED FROM MARTIAL ARTS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ADVANTAGEOUS TO TEACHING.”

Worden began practicing Korean-style martial arts in high school, but his practice tapered off as he traveled the globe teaching. He just recently moved to Greenville to teach at Furman and discovered a martial arts studio in Taylors, South Carolina, where he was excited to resume his practice.

“I took my first rank advancement exam in probably 15 years,” laughs Worden. “It was quite the experience. There was a board-breaking demonstration that I was particularly anxious about, considering my body is not as young as it once was. The break was somewhat complicated; I had to jump and turn 180 degrees in the air. Then my foot had to hit a certain spot on the board. Thankfully, I got an A on the breaking!”

Though Worden translates much strength and knowledge from martial arts into his practice of teaching, he admits that he doesn’t share much about this hobby with his students.

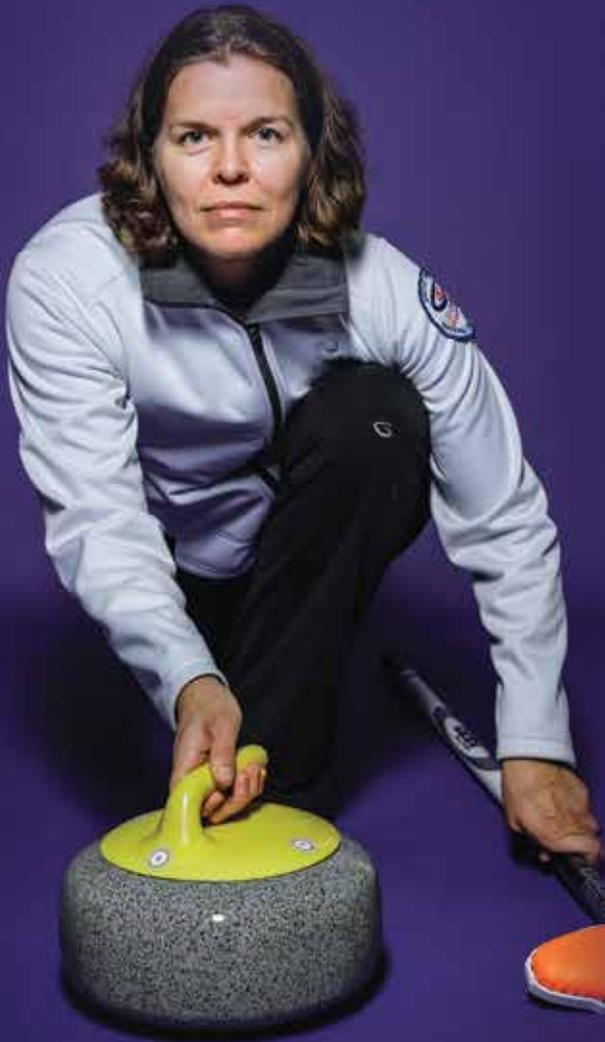
“I keep it pretty separate, as I don’t feel like I have much authority to speak about it yet,” he says.

“Although a lot of my students did find out recently,” he laughs. “I had a hand injury from a move I’ve actually done many times, so I had a cast on my hand for a little while.”



Alison Roark

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY
CURLING



Curling in Greenville, South Carolina? If it seems random, that's because it is — or so it was for Alison Roark when she first discovered the on-ice sport that involves sliding a stone toward a goal and sweeping vigorously in front of it with a curling broom to ease the stone's glide.

She and her husband were watching the 2014 Winter Olympics on television when curling came on.

“We couldn't understand it, so I started researching the game out of curiosity, and then being a spectator got a lot more interesting,” says Roark, a biology professor.

But Roark wouldn't be a spectator for long. After seeing an advertisement on Facebook for a class about curling, Roark signed up. After that, she was hooked.

“I called my husband on the way home and said, ‘Can I have one day a week to do curling?’ I immediately heard him laugh.”

That season was her first in the league, and soon afterward, she competed in her first tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina. A short time later, she was asked to be on the Palmetto Curling Club's board, and now Roark is the acting president. Among the normal operational duties that are required of her position, Roark also organizes events for the community, like clinics for individuals with physical disabilities and Seniors Day.

“As president, I've had to hone a lot of my interpersonal skills. I'm also now a certified curling instructor, so I have to know how to communicate a given point in multiple different ways.”

It's a skill that translates perfectly to the classroom.

“NOT EVERYONE WILL LEARN WITH THE SAME VERBIAGE,” SAYS ROARK. “I HAVE TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE. EACH PERSON'S JOURNEY IS A PERSONAL ONE.”





Kevin Treu

PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
THEATER

For Kevin Treu, acting was initially a high school hobby. He spent his Allegheny College days competing as a varsity swimmer, which left no time for theater. It would be years later, after graduate school and his dissertation, that Treu found himself considering the stage life again.

“I was on a committee at Furman with Margaret Caterisano (Furman’s costume designer and costume shop supervisor), and she encouraged me to audition for a play,” recalls Treu. “So I thought, ‘Why not?’ and I auditioned for Tom Stoppard’s ‘The Real Inspector Hound,’ which would be directed by (Furman’s Department of Theatre Arts Chairman) Jay Oney. The entire thing sort of felt like a lark for me, so I completely forgot about checking back later for the final casting.”

On a Sunday afternoon, Treu was sitting at home watching football when he got a call from Oney ’78.

“I cast you in this play,” said Oney. “Aren’t you coming to rehearsal?”

Laughs Treu, “I thought to myself, ‘Whoops!’ And then I jumped up and raced to Furman.”

And with Treu’s first Furman play, that acting itch he’d felt so many years ago was back. He went on to act in plays at the South Carolina Children’s Theatre, when a fellow actor informed him of upcoming auditions for a play at Warehouse Theatre.

“I’d always seen Warehouse as being inaccessible,” explains Treu. “But I went back to Jay, who coached me in the dialect, and I got the part! That was a watershed moment — when I was cast in a professional theater.”

Since then, Treu has acted in more than 50 plays, teaching during the day and rehearsing in the evenings.

“WHEN YOU HAVE A GENUINE PASSION FOR SOMETHING, YOU FIND TIME TO DO IT,” SAYS TREU.

“And the skills I’ve honed in acting definitely transfer to teaching. It’s taught me better presentation skills — how to really bring the material to life for my students.” ♦





THE MCELRATH
LAB ON THE FRED
HUTCHISON CANCER
RESEARCH CENTER
CAMPUS IN SEATTLE.

HER FIGHT TO SAVE LIVES

BY KELLEY BRUSS

Julie McElrath '73 had just finished medical school in Charleston, South Carolina, when she met the problem that would consume her career.

"My first patient as an intern was put in the intensive care unit, and we didn't know what he had," McElrath says. "It left a pretty big impression because we didn't really know how to treat him." And she couldn't accept that.

The patient was suffering from pneumonia, but there was clearly some underlying issue, one that eluded not only the intern but the other doctors on the team. That mystery illness, McElrath now knows, was AIDS. In the years that followed, it would come to mean a death sentence, bringing with it panic and stigma and killing tens of millions of people globally.

"It's a problem that's challenged me for all these years," McElrath says. She has spent her career fighting HIV/AIDS, focusing especially on the pursuit of an HIV vaccine.

"I still feel as challenged by the problem as I did when I first started working on it," she says. "I'm hoping we're laying the foundation for it to finally go away."

Since 1996, McElrath has been director of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington.

"What Julie has helped to define is that there can be really strong science that can drive forward the development of an HIV vaccine, something that's incredibly complicated and is the big scientific puzzle of our time," says Jared Baeten, vice chair of the Department of Global Health at the University of Washington.

McElrath, he says, is a globally renowned researcher, a scientist immersed in the world's key conversations about how HIV works, how it affects a patient's immune system and how to create a vaccine that will protect against it.



JULIE MCELRATH '73 HAS DEVOTED HER CAREER TO FIGHTING HIV/AIDS.

“She is admired for being an example,” Baeten says, “an example of how to do really hard work, really well, and at the same time be effortless and positive all the way along.”

FURMAN BEGINNINGS

McElrath grew up in Greer, South Carolina, about 30 minutes from Furman University. When she started looking at colleges, Furman was an obvious contender because her grandfather, uncle and sister are alumni. But it wasn't the only school she considered.

“Furman gave me a scholarship and made it easier for me financially,” she says. Decision made. She entered college planning to study math, which she loved. But she ended up wanting to pursue something with a stronger connection to human health. She found that connection in the biology program.

“The science education there was phenomenal,” she says. “It was open, in terms of different views about people and perspectives. There was freedom to explore.”

While she'd made the switch to science and had patients in mind, she still thought research was the best avenue for her skills.

“I didn't like needles, honestly. That was my problem,” she says with a laugh. So when she graduated from Furman, she went to the Medical University of South Carolina for a Ph.D. in pathology.

But when she realized her first two years of work aligned almost completely with the medical students' work, she got over her needles issue and moved directly from the Ph.D. program into the M.D. program. She completed the two degrees in 1978 and 1980, respectively.

“I liked both the lab and the patients,” she says.

AIDS EXPLOSION

Following her medical residency in Charleston – where she met that patient with the then-mysterious illness – McElrath took a fellowship in infectious disease in New York, unknowingly placing herself in a “hot seat” of the AIDS epidemic in the United States.

Public health officials began using the designation AIDS – for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome – in 1982 and identified HIV as its source the following year.

“By then, I had seen a lot of people die,” McElrath says. She couldn’t bear standing in front of an AIDS patient and offering nothing – no treatment, no hope.

“What can I tell this person that we’re doing to try to make things better?” Among the many problems HIV/AIDS presented, one was the question of why some patients did so much better than others and why some people at high risk managed to escape infection.

“We were trying to understand how all of this was taking place ... how HIV was destroying the T-cells and what action we could take to slow that down,” McElrath says.

GROUNDWORK FOR THE FUTURE

McElrath moved to Seattle after marrying Ken Stuart, founder of the Center for Global Infectious Disease Research. She took a job at the University of Washington, directing the school’s new AIDS clinic at the county hospital.

In 1996, she moved to the cancer center. Fred Hutch, as it is fondly referred to, is dedicated to alleviating and curing cancer and related diseases. McElrath’s work with immuno-compromised AIDS patients blends well with the center’s work with immuno-compromised cancer patients.

“My goal is to try, in my scientific lifetime, to find a way that can give a person long-lived immunity,” she says. “I’d like to see a vaccine be

the number-one priority. That’s really the best hope, I think.”

She works both in the laboratory and a research clinic, conducting vaccine trials and studies.

“I believe what drives her most is a curiosity,” says Leo Stamatatos, who works with McElrath in the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division at Fred Hutch.

“She wants to know how things work or why things don’t work.”

He says McElrath is a global leader in clinical immunology.

“For a lot of the work she does, there are no solutions

to this problem, so in many ways we have to invent things,” he says.

“And that’s what her lab is known for.”

While the clinical studies are taking place in the United States, McElrath is focused on a solution that will serve the world. She is keenly aware of the ongoing intensity of the epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa and of the disenfranchised people who are at greatest risk – disempowered women, babies whose mothers are infected, drug users, and men who have sex with men.

“Our interest is to find a vaccine for the world,” she says.

McElrath says the open-minded pursuit of knowledge and mental

flexibility that Furman taught her will be key for the next generation of scientists.

“The science is changing so quickly and you really have to keep up with it,” she says. “You’ve got to have the energy to keep up with what’s new and where it can take you.”

She says academic agility is crucial as research and developments open the possibilities of change in students’ fields of study.

“Don’t get locked in on anything until you’re really sure,” she says.

A Furman education facilitates that process.

“Furman gave me the opportunity to really



Julie McElrath '73 speaks at the opening ceremony of the Cape Town Lab in Cape Town, South Africa.

“MY GOAL IS TO TRY, IN MY SCIENTIFIC LIFETIME, TO FIND A WAY THAT CAN GIVE A PERSON LONG-LIVED IMMUNITY.”

get focused,” McElrath says. “It really gave me the framework to ask questions and to think about something that was important to the world.”

For her contributions to the world, McElrath was honored at Furman’s 2019 Bell Tower Ball with the Carl F. Kohrt Distinguished Alumni Award.

Cameron Oswald, McElrath’s niece and a physician assistant at Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, South Carolina, says McElrath is committed to the long-term success of the work.

“Her objective is to help continue the pipeline of researchers in the HIV field,” Oswald says.

Figuring out HIV/AIDS has been McElrath’s life, but she is more committed to the solution than to her own role in it.

“She has had this pivotal role in virtually every important HIV vaccine study that’s ever been done, often without getting all the limelight,” says Baeten, the University of Washington professor.

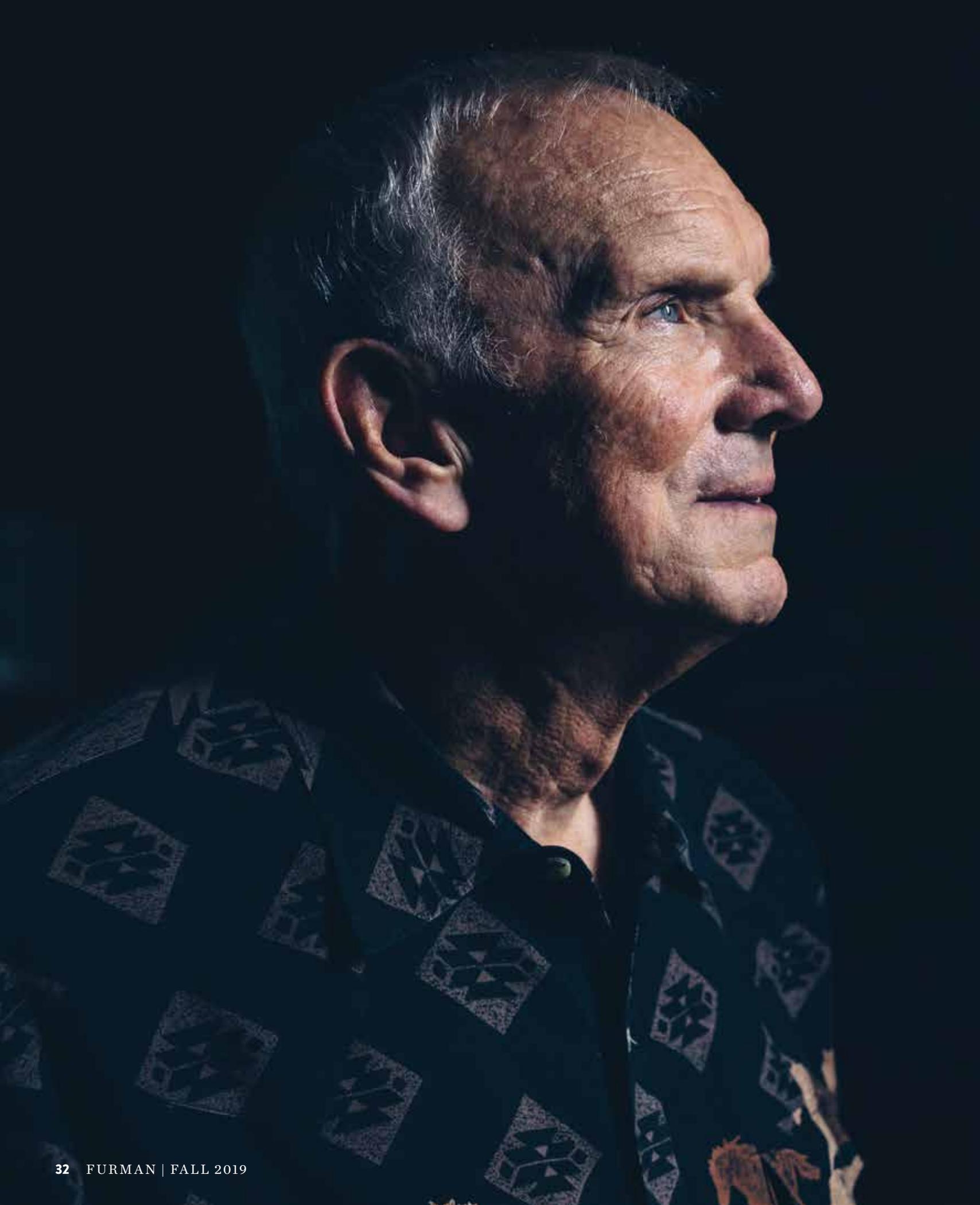
“But doing the right stuff in the background and setting up all the right systems and all the right people and giving enough of the sunshine and the attention to everybody else to make sure that all the work moves forward — the right things happen in the end.” ✦



McElrath in her lab on the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center campus in Seattle.







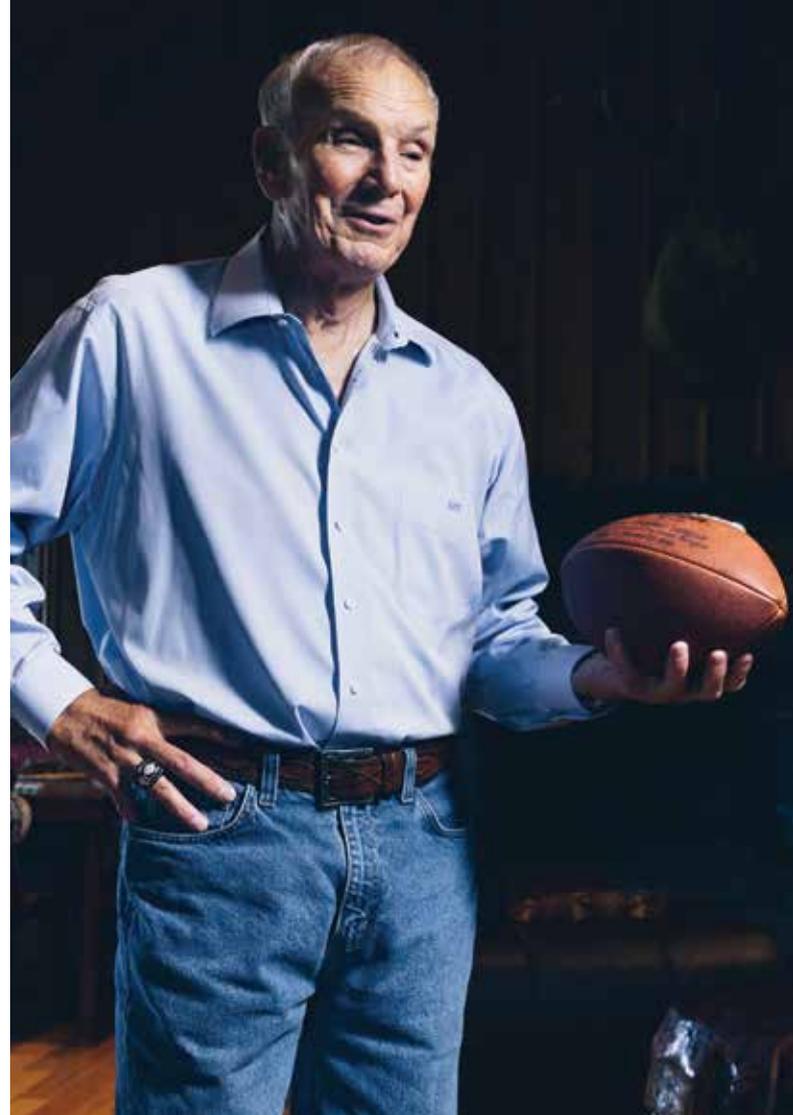
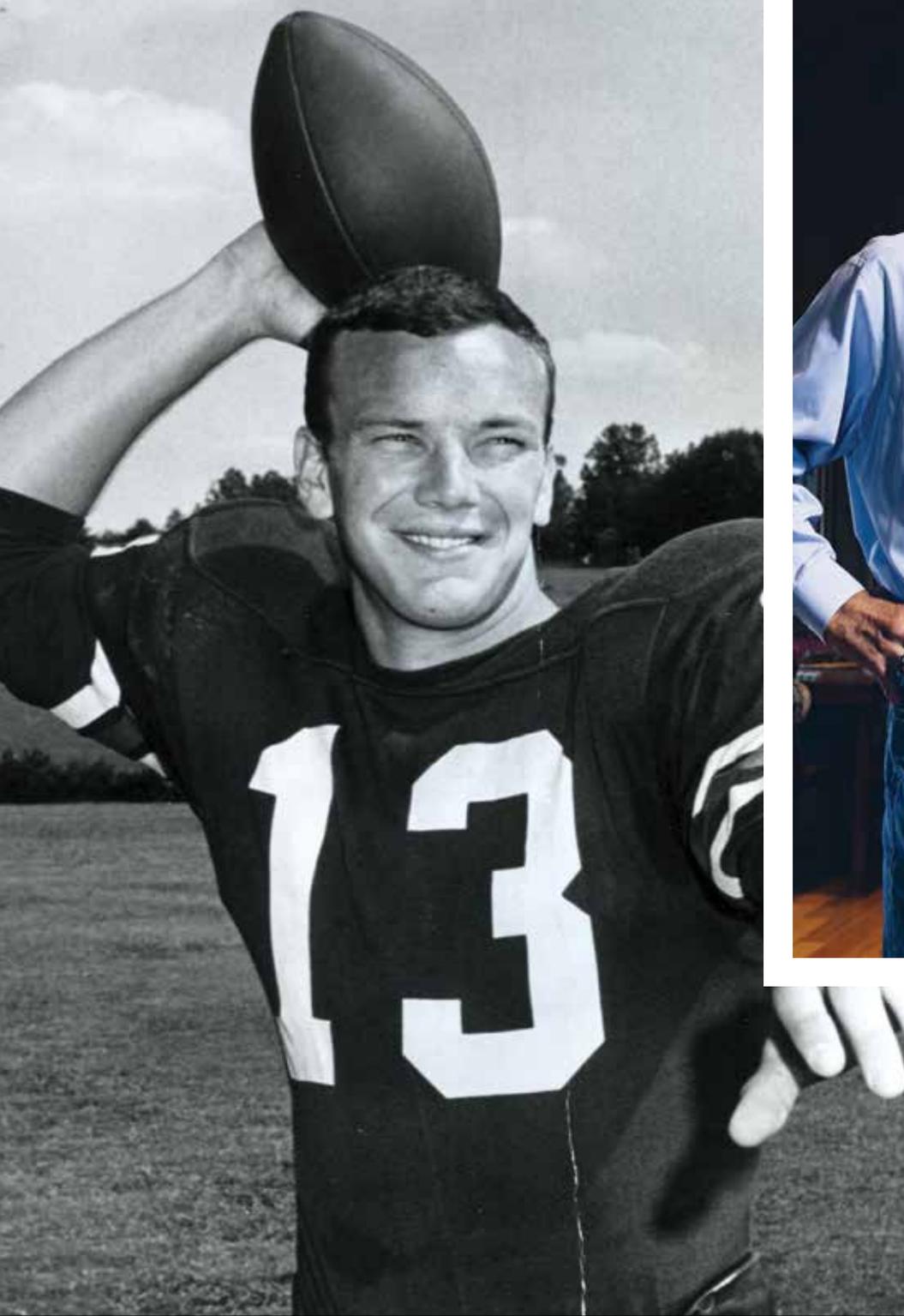
A Series of Miracles

It was September 12, 2016, and Sam Wyche had made his peace with dying. He had been living for 16 years with viral cardiomyopathy, a disease that slowly deteriorates the efficiency of the heart, but he had reached the point where the only thing that could save him was a heart transplant.

Wyche had spent the previous seven days at the Carolinas Medical Center's Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute in Charlotte, North Carolina, waiting for a new heart. But each day brought the same solemn news. Wyche's condition had grown so dire that the doctors called hospice and said they were sending him home to live out his final hours.

How Sam Wyche '66 went from Furman to the NFL to advocating for organ donation.

By Vince Moore



ABOVE

Sam Wyche '66 holds the football from Super Bowl XXIII, where his Cincinnati Bengals lost in the final seconds to the San Francisco 49ers.

LEFT

Wyche pictured as a Furman student-athlete. Only one school was willing to give him a chance to play college football, and Furman would reap the benefits for years to come.

“This was lunchtime and they told me to call my loved ones and say goodbye,” Wyche remembers. “They said it was my last day, that my heart was at the point where I wouldn’t live through the night.”

Wyche is not one to give up, as befits a man who walked onto the football team at Furman and ended up playing and coaching in the National Football League. He had already declined the doctors’ invitation a few days earlier in the week to return home to hospice, but now he sensed it was time to give in and accept his situation.

“It was about 5 p.m. and I was waiting for them to take me home,” Wyche says. “Then one of the doctors came in and said

they might have a heart that would be a match. They said it was a one in a million shot, and that I shouldn’t get my hopes up too much.”

The odds were long for a number of reasons. The new heart had to be both the right size and the right blood type. And then it would have to be delivered to the hospital in a matter of hours since Wyche wasn’t going to live much longer than that.

It turned out the heart was a perfect match and it could reach the hospital relatively quickly. So, after a four-hour surgery late that night, Wyche had a brand new heart and a new appreciation for miracles. His new heart was so strong,

in fact, it began beating with the first shock of the cardio paddles. The doctors told him later it was one of the strongest hearts they had placed in any transplant patient.

Within a couple of days of the surgery, Wyche was walking around his hospital room. A few more days and he was taking walks in the hallway. Less than a month later, he was back home in Pickens, South Carolina, riding his bike 15 miles a day on one of the local trails.

“In just a matter of days, I felt better than I had at any time in the last few years,” Wyche says.

No ordinary football player

If Furman were to create a blueprint for producing the ultimate graduate, one who goes on to make an outsized impact in their chosen field and remembers where the path to that success began, it couldn't do much better than Sam Wyche. He came to the university in 1962 from Atlanta because he wanted to play football and Furman was the only school that would give him a chance.

When Furman stopped providing football scholarships before his second year, leading the players to jokingly refer to themselves as the “Football for Fun Bunch,” Wyche didn't quit and go elsewhere, even though he was a 6-foot-4, 218-pound quarterback, and it was clear by this time he was more than good enough to play elsewhere.

“I wasn't leaving,” says Wyche, who met his wife, **Jane Underwood Wyche '64**, at the university. “I loved Furman, and there was nowhere else I wanted to go.”

After graduating from Furman in 1966, Wyche proved he was indeed no ordinary football player. He played quarterback and started games for several NFL teams, including the Cincinnati Bengals, Washington Redskins, Detroit Lions, St. Louis Cardinals and Buffalo Bills.

After retiring as a player, Wyche would ultimately return to the NFL as a coach, first as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers (1979-82) and later as a head coach with the Bengals (1984-91) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1992-95). He also spent one year as head football coach at Indiana (1983) and returned one final time to the NFL as an assistant coach with the Buffalo Bills (2004-05).

How successful was Wyche in the NFL? He invented the no-huddle offense when he was at Cincinnati, which drove defensive coordinators to madness and is now a popular strategy throughout every level of football. Wyche says he is one of just four people in NFL history to have participated in a Super Bowl as a player (VII with the Redskins), an assistant coach (XVI with the 49ers) and a head coach (XXIII with the Bengals).

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Not many NFL players or coaches can match the number of Wyche's championship rings.

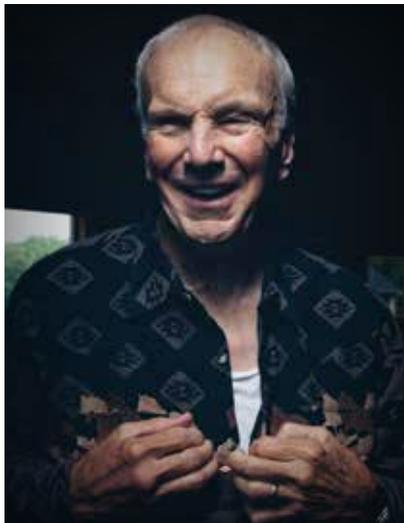
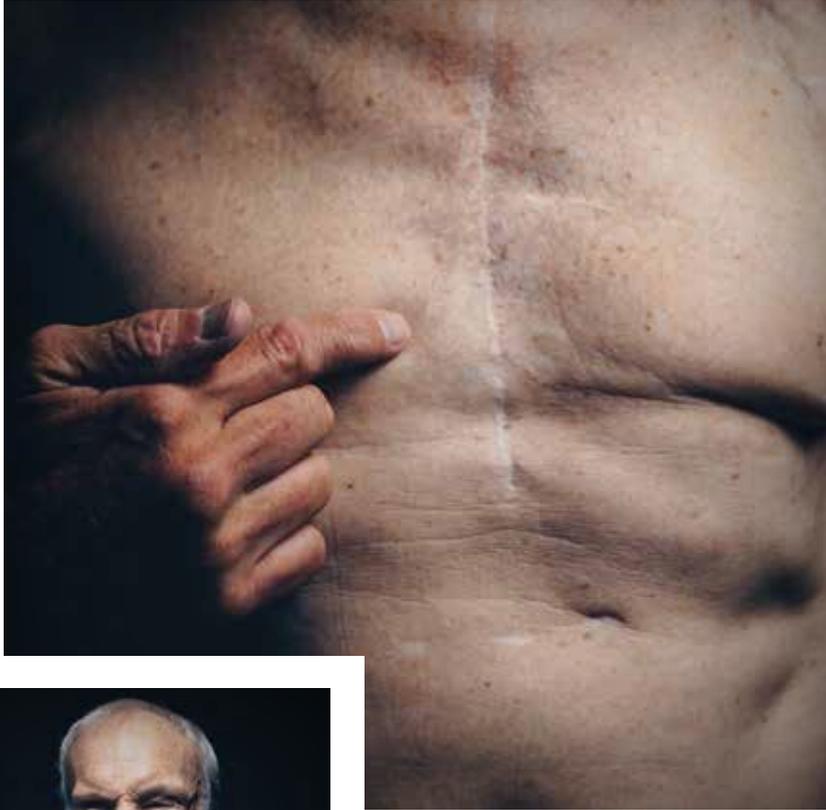
ABOVE

An innovator and fiery competitor as head coach of the Bengals, Wyche invented the no-huddle offense that is now used at every level of football.

LEFT

Wyche shares a moment with his horse. The Wyche farm is home to a large number of rescue animals, including horses.





Wyche displays the scar left from his heart transplant surgery. He jokes the faint scar doesn't generate much sympathy when he takes off his shirt at the beach.

Championing organ donation

It's been just over three years since his heart transplant surgery. Wyche is still feeling good and making sure his second chance at life is put to good use. There are still challenges, especially since the anti-rejection drugs have compromised his immune system, making him susceptible to colds, infections, liver problems and even bouts with melanoma.

But nothing slows Wyche down for long, and it is his nature to keep moving forward. His surgeons told him that even when his failing heart was providing little physical assistance on the operating table, his brain activity was still amazingly strong. It was his will to live, they said, that kept him alive until his new heart could begin doing its work.

Wyche regularly travels around the country sharing the news about his good fortune, and there is nowhere he won't go to speak about the importance of being an organ donor. He counseled Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Rod Carew a few years ago as Carew awaited a heart transplant, and he was among the transplant recipients who rode aboard the Donate Life float in the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, California.

Wyche says he realizes now that his whole life has been a series of miracles, and the heart transplant was just the most recent one. If he had not come to Furman to pursue his one chance to play football, he would have missed those professors who convinced him he was more than a second-tier player and the coaches who provided the connections that would ultimately lead to a career in the NFL.

After Wyche's playing days were over, his first efforts to get into coaching came when he

Once his NFL career was over, Wyche and Jane moved to a 28-acre farm in Pickens County, South Carolina, where Jane grew up and where they are joined by a large number of rescue dogs, cats and horses. Wyche also embraced his new community, joining the Pickens County Council and volunteering his time to assist with the local high school football team.

That may say as much about Wyche as anything. Even though he coached in a Super Bowl and helped develop NFL quarterbacks like Joe Montana and Boomer Esiason, he enjoys tutoring quarterbacks at Pickens High School. He also worked as a color commentator on NFL games for both NBC and CBS, but now offers the same observations for Furman football games broadcast on the local cable channel.

applied for two head coaching positions at high schools in North Carolina. He received rejections from both schools on the same day, but a few hours later he got a call from San Francisco Head Coach Bill Walsh offering him a job as the coordinator of the 49ers passing game.

“What are the odds of that happening?” Wyche asks, noting that his coaching experience at the time consisted of working with a Little League football team in Taylors, South Carolina.

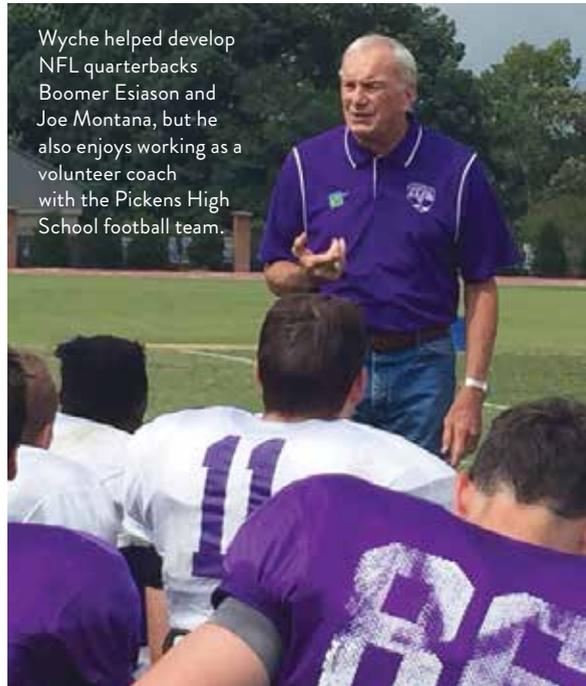
Heart to heart

There is another miracle Wyche wants to experience, and that is meeting the loved ones of his donor. The donor family has to make that decision, and any contact between the two is generated through a clearinghouse, which guarantees that all communication remains anonymous.

Wyche heard nothing for a long time, but then received a letter early this year from the donor’s wife. She described her husband’s life in detail and said she was almost to the point of being able to meet with the person who received his heart. Another letter followed shortly after that with the news he was waiting to hear — that she was sure it wouldn’t be much longer before they could arrange a time to meet.

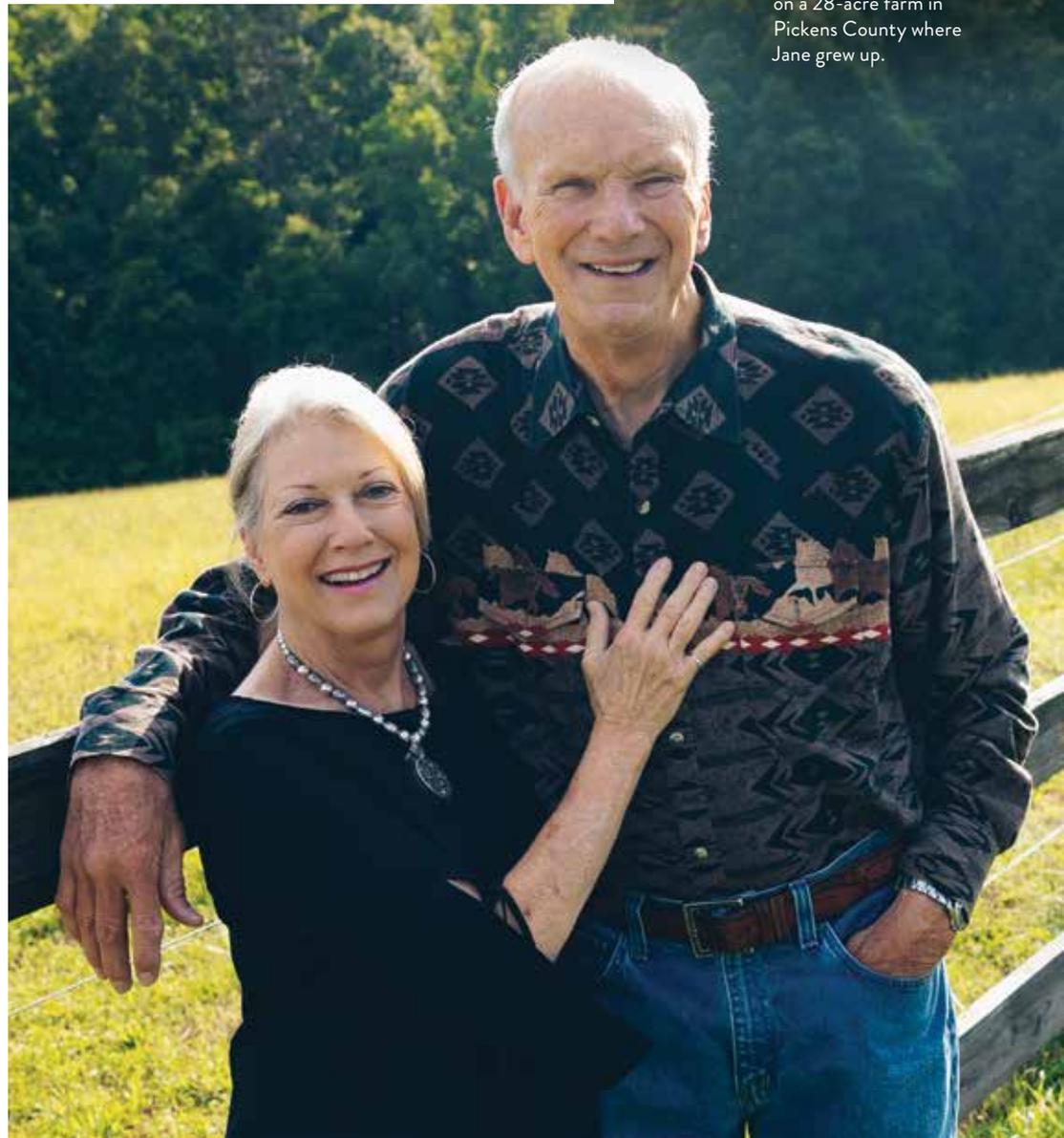
Wyche never gets more emotional than when he talks about finally being able to meet the family of the person who saved his life.

“She said she was in a place now where she was ready to put her ear to my chest and listen to her husband’s heart beat one more time.” ♦



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Wyche and his wife, Jane Wyche '64, live on a 28-acre farm in Pickens County where Jane grew up.



BRINGING HER TALENTS HOME

A Greenville native takes on a question from her childhood.

By Andrew Huang '11



Here's a shortcut to feeling inspired: Look at Shaniece Criss' LinkedIn page.

Criss is a Furman University assistant professor of health science, a Travelers Rest city councilwoman and a public health consultant. She's a Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative fellow, a Shucker Leadership Institute Faculty Fellow and a faculty affiliate for the Shi Center for Sustainability. She also serves on the boards of directors for Prisma Health, SC YMCA Youth in Government & Teen Achievers, and Public Education Partners.

And then there are her degrees, including a Doctor of Science from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a Master of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

"I like to do a lot of things," says Criss.

There's purpose behind every obligation and achievement, too: It's how she practices what she preaches and feeds her passion for public health.

"I'm using this theory, the social-ecological model," she explains. "It says you have to look at the individual, interpersonal, organizational and institutional, the community, communications strategies and policy. I'm a huge proponent that you have to use that perspective to address public health."

And what better way to understand this complex, multifaceted perspective than to participate?

"As a professor, I'm affecting the individual – students – and the interpersonal – their friends and family. But I'm also teaching them how to be advocates with policy. Then on the Travelers Rest City Council, we can think about the policies that affect health outcomes, like putting in sidewalks and bike lanes," she

says. "I can hear from the community about their concerns and then use research and theory to decide, 'What is the appropriate response?'"



Shaniece Criss on the campaign trail with her family.



Criss assists students during a workshop to identify strengths.

Criss offers an example of work she did in partnership with Prisma Health-Upstate, when the health system identified an uptick in child abuse in an area of Greenville County. She worked with pediatricians who brought in Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

“It is an effective, peer-reviewed health intervention that can really improve parenting strategies. In addition to the intervention, I did focus groups to understand the context of how these parents were disciplined when they were growing up, what they thought about it and what they thought about Triple P,” says Criss. “What we found – which was interesting because Triple P focuses

on strategies and does not directly address corporal punishment – was that through the intervention alone, people were much more willing to try other strategies before resorting to corporal punishment.”

She’s working on a paper about this relationship and how it can help empower people with alternative strategies even without directly talking about a behavior.

Criss takes this holistic approach into the classroom, too.

“She draws upon every source and aspect of an issue to completely analyze all sides of a discussion,” says **Jamie Riedy ’21**. “Her diverse background of knowledge supports her excellent teaching. The fact that she is a member of city council and sits on several boards is an inspiration to how public health should be accomplished.”

Another one of her students, **Becca Bosch ’19**, said Criss’ devotion to public health envelops those around her.

“She really cares about making an impact on the community, and you can see that in her work every day,” says Bosch. “It’s impossible to be around her and not feel passionate about public health, too.”

Of course, Criss didn’t start with this complex understanding of public health. It was just a natural direction for someone who grew up wanting to help people.

“It’s just this prompting I’ve always had – to listen to what people want, need and desire, and to try to help with that.”

Growing up in Greenville, she came upon a gathering revelation.

“I’d be watching the news, and when it was about health, black people would always have worse health outcomes. I was so frustrated with that. I thought, ‘Why is that the case? I have to do something about it!’”



Criss speaks to Summer Advantage Scholars at The Riley Institute.



Criss is sworn in to the Travelers Rest City Council in 2018.



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Although education and work took Criss away from South Carolina’s Upstate region, 2016 proved a serendipitous year to bring her home. She was finishing her second master’s degree in Boston, Furman was starting a public health program, and Greenville had begun showing up on national lists as an up-and-coming destination for work, play and travel.

Along with the teaching and research opportunities that came with a professorship at Furman, Criss found the Upstate’s philanthropic landscape a boon to her work.

“When I came back as an adult, I thought, ‘Wow, there’s a lot of nonprofits and coalitions trying to make a difference.’ There are so many opportunities to get involved, and Greenville is the size where you can really see your impact.” ♦



Jackie Hiron ’20 speaks with Criss on campus.

**FIRST HE FLED
THE NAZIS.
THEN HE
TRANSFORMED
GREENVILLE.**

*Max Heller's spirit lives on in
Greenville's famous streets and
in the Furman students in the
Heller Service Corps.*

BY KELLEY BRUSS

THE COMEBACK



From left: Max Heller as a child in Austria, as the mayor of Greenville examining development plans, and with his wife, Trude.

FRANCIE HELLER ARRIVED hand-in-hand with her father for her first meeting as a Furman trustee.

It was 2006, and Max Heller had transitioned from trustee to trustee emeritus. He was stiff with the pain of pervasive arthritis. But nothing would keep him from sharing this moment with his daughter.

“He was so proud,” Francie Heller says. “He could barely move, but he wanted to be there with me.”

Max Heller, who died in 2011, served Furman and Greenville and the state of South Carolina for much of his adult life. And he was the reason his daughter was stepping into this leadership role.

“It was because of my father’s involvement and love of Furman,” she says.

Heller’s commitment to public and private service is commemorated in Furman’s Heller Service Corps. And he is remembered as one of Greenville’s most notable mayors, the man who made Main Street pedestrian-friendly and planted its iconic trees.

Heller “helped catapult the Greenville community into the modern era,” says **David Shi ’73**, who served 17 years as Furman’s president. And his vision continues to play out today.

But long before any of that, Heller was a Jewish teenager whose country had just been annexed by Nazi Germany.

A LETTER AND A LIFELINE

Heller, an Austrian, had a single connection to the United States — Mary Mills of Greenville. The two had met at a dance in 1937 when Mills and several friends were touring Europe.

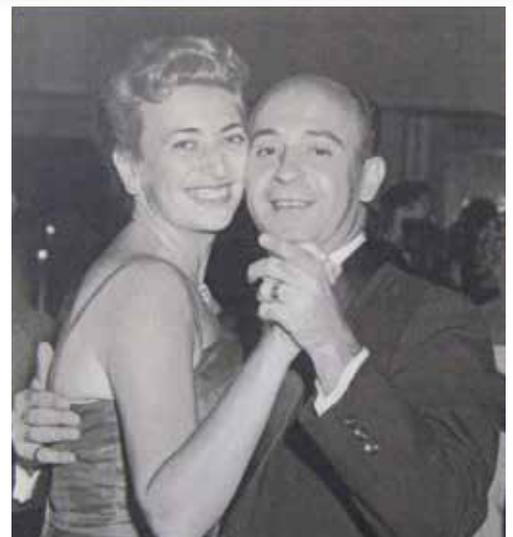
A year later, with danger pressing, Heller told his family he planned to write to the American girl he had met. She was part of the Mills Mill family, and her father was well connected in the city’s textile world. Mary Mills then contacted the owner of Piedmont Shirt Company, who sponsored Heller’s escape and offered him a job.

Shortly after he began work as a floor sweeper, an announcement came over the

From left: Mary Mills' passport photo.
The Hellers visit Tel Aviv.

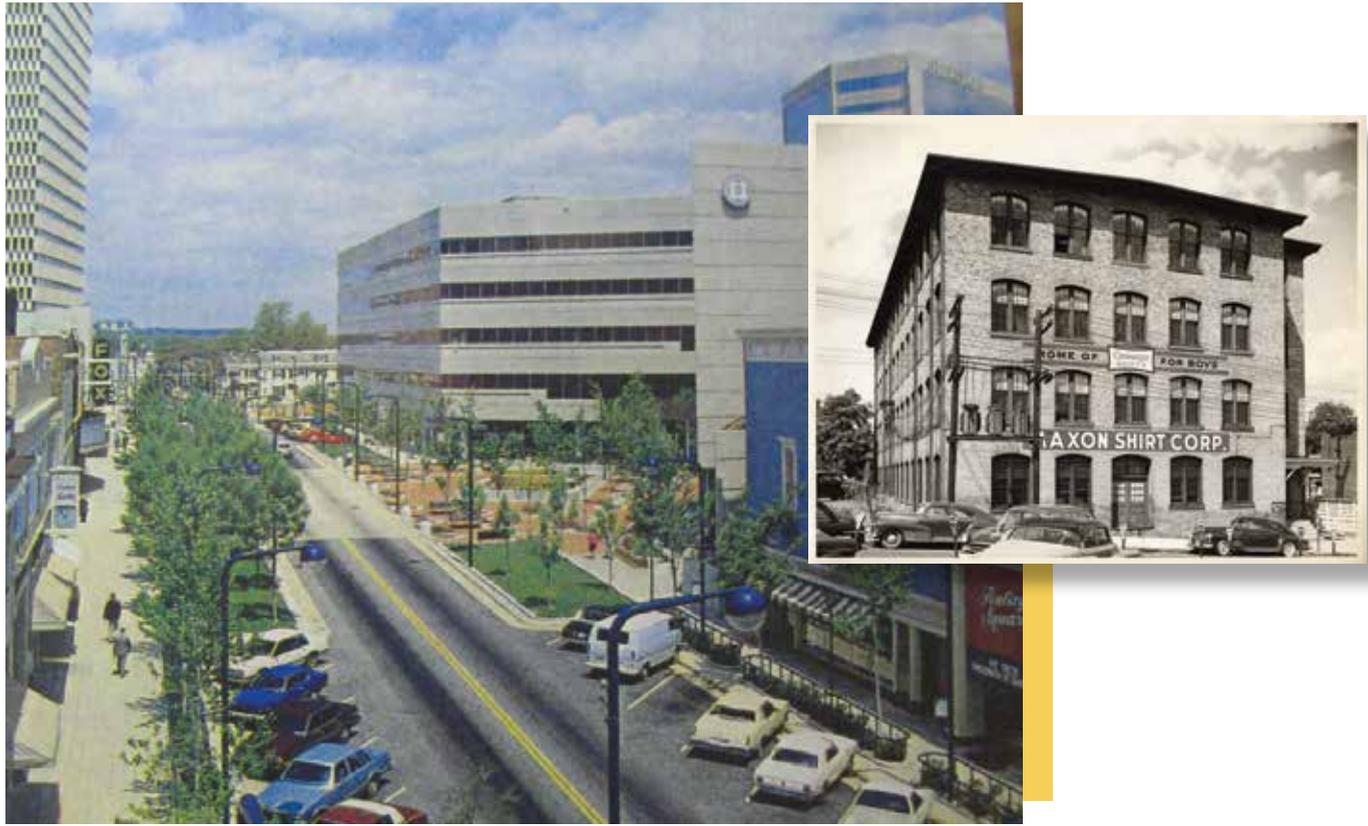


“Servant’s heart . . . Max and Trude,
they’ve lived that to the fullest.”



Clockwise from left: Heller in 1945, when he was general manager of the
Piedmont Shirt Company, Heller’s swearing-in at Greenville City Hall,
and the Hellers at a formal event.

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loudspeaker: “Max Heller, there is a judge to see you.”

Heller was worried it was an immigration issue. But Judge John Plyler, Furman’s seventh president, had come to meet the young man after reading his story in the newspaper.

“He was connected to Furman from that minute on, when the judge so warmly welcomed him,” Francie Heller says.

Another Austrian teen, Trude Schonthal, escaped to safety a year later. She and Heller had met in Austria before the war. He had told her then that he planned to marry her.

“I thought he was crazy,” Trude Heller says, laughing. They married in Greenville in 1942. Max Heller moved

up at Piedmont to foreman of a cutting room and then ascended to vice president. Ten years after arriving in the country, he opened his own business, Maxon Shirt Co., with fewer than 20 employees. By 1962, he employed 700.

But it wasn’t the legacy he had in mind for himself. Heller sold the company and was elected to the Greenville City Council. It was the beginning of the rest of his life in public service.

“This was Max ‘Help Others,’” says Nancy Cooper, who manages Furman’s Heller Service Corps.

RENOVATING MAIN STREET

During Heller’s two terms as mayor, Greenville’s

downtown – like many across the country – was foundering. Commerce was moving outward into sprawling malls. No one wanted to linger in the vacant gloom.

Heller took the city’s limited traffic as an opportunity to act. He began work to narrow Main Street from four lanes to two, making sidewalks large enough for outdoor seating. And he planted trees.

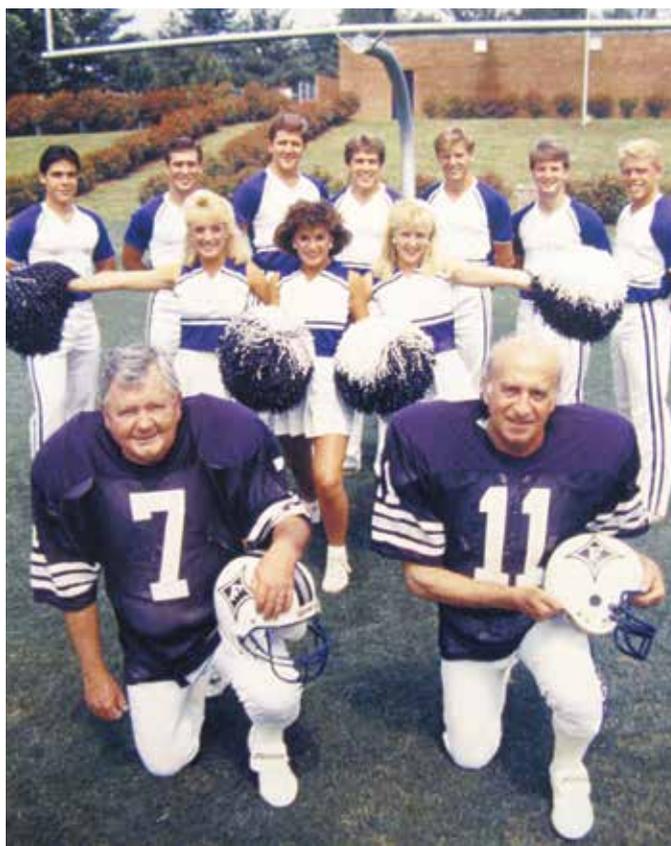
Detractors told him that people didn’t eat on the sidewalk in the South. His answer: “They do in Vienna.”

“Now look,” Cooper says. “That is the postcard of Greenville. ... They gave him a lot of grief but very quickly realized his vision was more than any of us could envision.”

Upper Main Street in Greenville in the spring or summer of 1982, looking north toward the newly built Hyatt Regency and present-day NOMA Square. The reduction of lanes from four to two was central to Heller’s vision.

Inset: Heller’s company, Maxon Shirt Corp., which he started in 1948.

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Clockwise from left:

Heller receives an honorary Doctor of Laws from Furman in 1975.

Heller and John E. Johns, Furman's president from 1976-94, pose with Furman cheerleaders.

The Hellers stand in front of Heller Terrace, located at the rear entrance to the Younts Conference Center.

Greenville's present mayor, Knox White, met Heller as a member of the former mayor's youth commission; White was a high school student then. He remembers being impressed by "just the fact that he was meeting with us and listening to our concerns.

"He had a wonderful ability to speak to people one-on-one and make people feel important," White says.

Shi says Heller's effectiveness in connecting was both personal and large scale. He was one of the first people Shi contacted when he became president in 1994 and wanted to strengthen Furman's ties beyond the boundaries of the campus.

The Hellers "were very visible members of the

Furman community," Shi says.

Trude Heller has sweet memories of attending basketball games together. "If I yelled, he promised to move away from me," she says, smiling.

The Hellers often spoke to campus groups about their escape from Hitler's regime as well as public life in Greenville, but Max Heller also liked to talk with individual students. His own education ended when he left high school to go to work; his wife's ended when Hitler decided Jewish teens would no longer be educated. Max Heller, who received an honorary doctorate from Furman in 1975, wanted more for others.

"He liked inquiring minds, people who were thinkers and wanted to learn," Francie Heller says.

'THERE'S A DIFFERENCE. THIS IS A FURMAN STUDENT.'

Both Hellers were deeply involved with the Collegiate Educational Service Corps. And their connections with the city helped open doors for Furman students.

Cooper says in the early days of the Service Corps, some business owners were hesitant about bringing a college student into the workplace.

"And he (Heller) would go, 'No, no, there's a difference. This is a Furman student. Furman!'" Cooper recalls.

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Members of Heller Service Corps pose with Trude Heller (center) and Heller Service Corps coordinator Nancy Cooper (end right) at a luncheon in May.

In 2002, friends of the Hellers raised \$1.5 million for the Service Corps' endowment. The Corps was renamed in honor of Max and Trude Heller. Now every student who comes to Furman looking for a way to serve is introduced to the spirit of the Hellers.

"Servant's heart," Cooper says. "Max and Trude, they've lived that to the fullest."

'MY FURMAN EXPERIENCE IS MY HELLER EXPERIENCE'

Craig Yount '19 visited the Corps office as a first-year student and joined a group mentoring boys from low-income households. He recalled how one of the boys, whose single mother worked

three jobs, walked miles to a Furman student-mentor's apartment when he was in a desperate spot.

"When they don't have anyone to turn to, they turn to us," Yount says. "You get one little feeling like that and you're pulled in for the rest of the time."

Service has "become part of my identity as a Furman student," he says. "My Furman experience is my Heller experience; I can't pull the two apart."

Cooper says that's the spirit of the Hellers, alive and well in a new generation.

"This is the young version of what I'm telling you about Max," she says. "People helping people."

Trude Heller says this was always her husband's way. She remembers the early days of their marriage, saving spare change until she had enough to buy a new chair, one they truly needed. Her husband found the stash and asked about it, and she explained about the chair. He said charity could put it to better use.

"He always had in mind to do good things for people," Trude Heller says.

He was secretive about it, though. Francie Heller regularly hears new stories of how her father quietly helped a student or a friend.

"I wish I knew more about what he did for others," she says. "It was just who he was." ♦



Craig Yount '19, was a student director for Heller Service Corps and a Furman Fellow.

SCENE AND BE SEEN



Furman's Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement has been launching the Furman Advantage Network across the country, and so far, 14 FAN Clubs have gathered, from Dallas to Boston with more to come. FAN Clubs bring local alumni and parents together through nearby Furman events. **1** Julia '15 and Michael Sauer '12 at the Richmond, Virginia, FAN launch. **2** The Raleigh-Durham Triangle, North Carolina, FAN launch. **3** Tom Oder '71, Rosemary Andrews '18, Haley Cottingham '17 and Jack Bryant '18 at the FAN launch in Atlanta. **4** FAN launch in Dallas, Texas.



5 **LaDavia Drummond Just '02**, a Fulbright Scholar teaching pharmacology to second-year medical students at Uganda Christian University School in Kampala, Uganda, gave this year's opening Convocation address.



6 Mohammed and Salimah Virani, parents of **Imaya Virani '22**, and **Alex Carrico '12**, attend the FAN launch in Houston, Texas.



7 **Payton Isner '19** speaks to classmates during the Furman's inaugural Summer Business and Entrepreneurship Boot Camp in June. The boot camp was designed for non-business majors by Furman's Office for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.



8 **Adel Takács '19** speaks with Tom Swain, a member of the Leadership Council for the Office for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, during a reception for the boot camp.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI

If my Furman University story had a soundtrack, it would begin with *New Kids on the Block*.

I first visited the Furman campus in 1990, a girl enamored with the popular boy band that was performing in Paladin Stadium.

A few years later, I found myself back in Paladin Stadium as a high schooler, sitting on the 50-yard line to hear the Greenville Symphony Orchestra during its July 4th celebration. I can still feel the cannon boom of “The 1812 Overture” and hear the piccolos during “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” I was attending a summer program held at Furman as part of the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts. I spent five formative weeks on campus that summer, lived in the dorms, ate in the Daniel Dining Hall and practiced the piano for hours in the Daniel Music Building. Furman welcomed me then, and I knew I’d be back.

My first day of class as a Furman freshman was Tuesday, September 11, 2001. I thought this day would be significant because it was the start of my college career, a perfect day of firsts that I would hold dear. But as our country and world responded to the terrorist attacks of 9/11, I once again



‘NEW KID,’ OLD FRIEND



had a transformative musical experience to add to that soundtrack of my life, when I attended my first rehearsal as a Furman Singer. I was overcome by the most beautiful 100 voices I had ever heard as we sang the comforting lyrics of a biblical passage, the rich harmonies enveloping me. The music was healing, a chorus of voices blending together to create something bigger than any one of us could create on our own.

As I settle in to my new role as the executive director of Alumni and Parent Engagement and embrace the opportunities to interact with alumni and parents, I can’t help but lean on my past. Just as we Furman Singers came together that September afternoon, I hope that our alumni and parent community will join forces. Collectively, we can be a powerful group, more than 30,000 members strong. Imagine the magnitude of our

voices in chorus, spreading the Furman message! Together, we are the Furman Advantage Network, known as FAN.

Furman needs each of you. I look forward to meeting many of you as I travel the country. I invite your ideas, contributions and service. I’d like to listen as you share your Furman memories and reflect on how your life has unfolded. I’d like to know how the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement can serve you where you are, so that Furman is an integral part of your life and identity.

I am humbled and excited to serve. Though a 12-year veteran of the Furman donor relations team, I’m the “new kid on the block” in the alumni office. My husband, Chris, a two-time University of South Carolina Gamecock graduate (but now an avid Paladin), joins me in this adventure, along with our future Paladins, son Jack, 6, and daughter Caroline, 3. From our family to yours, we extend the warmest of greetings. Furman University ... ALL the Time! ♦

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison M. Foy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allison McCann Foy '05
Executive Director of Alumni
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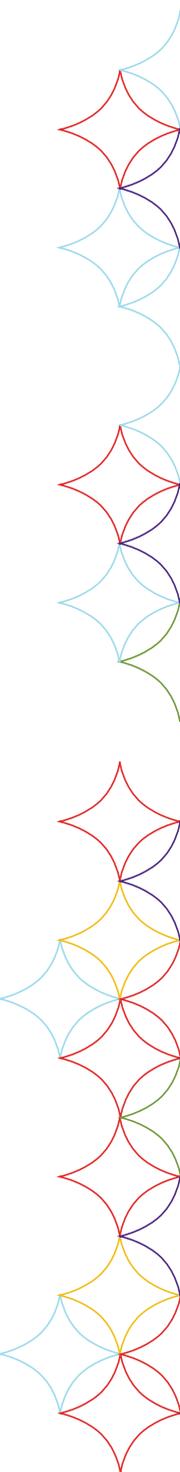


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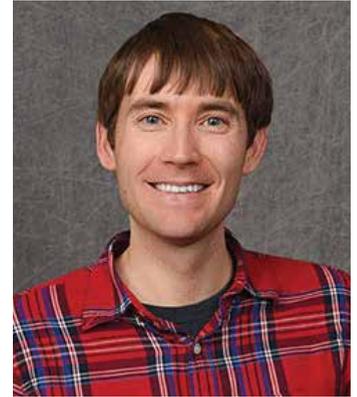
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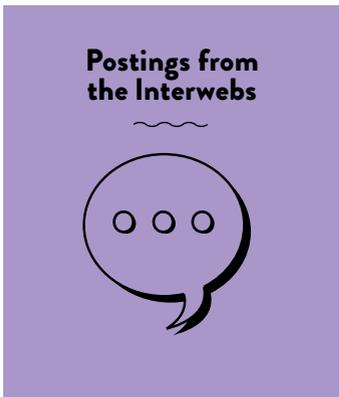
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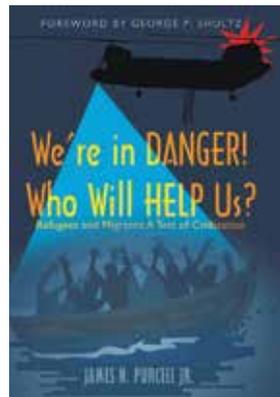
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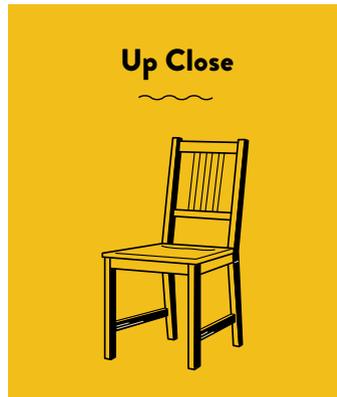
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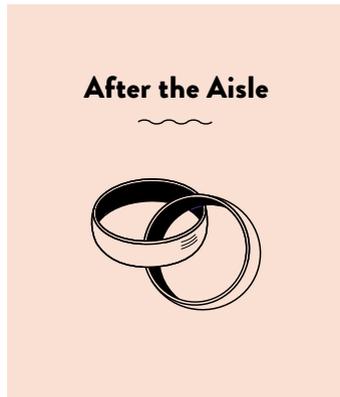
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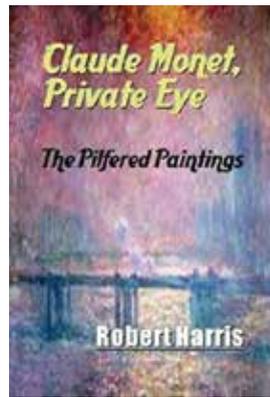
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1961

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JAMES N. PURCELL JR. '61 received Syracuse University's Maxwell Graduate School for Citizenship and Public Affairs' 2019 alumni award (MPA 1962). Purcell served various roles in the Reagan and Carter administrations, including director of the Bureau of Refugee Programs from 1983 to 1986. In March, he released a book on refugees called "We're in DANGER! Who Will HELP Us?"

1974

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RICHARD BYBEE '74 formed a new partnership with Jeffrey Tibbals to continue the practice of eminent domain trial work and other real estate litigation matters. The firm, Bybee & Tibbals, LLC, is located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

1976

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ROBERT HARRIS '76 published two new mysteries, "Claude Monet, Private Eye: The Pilfered Paintings" and "Claude Monet, Private Eye: The Missing Maltese."

1984

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DAVID CHARPIA '84 joined HomeTrust Bank as a senior vice president and market president in South Carolina. He leads commercial and business banking activities in South



ALUMNI RECEIVE NATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

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BREE BURNETTE '18 of Greer, South Carolina, pictured above, and **DANIEL CHRISTIAN HOILETT '15** of Greenville, South Carolina, received the Early Career Educator of Color Leadership Award from the National Council of the Teachers of English.

Carolina to serve the financial needs of real estate developers, privately held companies, professionals and nonprofits.

1988

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DAVID HARLEY '88 of Harley Law, LLC, opened two new law offices in South Carolina. Harley Law, LLC, focuses on employment and education law, including representing students, students with disabilities and teachers with employment matters.

1989

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WADE SEXTON '89 received the Charles C. Williams, Jr. Physician of the Year award at Moffitt Cancer Center.

1993

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JACK HARTMAN '93 was one of six attorneys recognized as 2018 Legal Elite by Georgia Trend. Georgia Trend, a statewide business publication, published its annual issue honoring Georgia's leading attorneys.

1995

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YAVOR EFREMOV '95, a senior investment professional and lawyer, became group CEO and shareholder in Motorsport Network.

1997

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ANGELA R. CAMERON '97 appeared on the cover of the March VIPSEEN Magazine as the featured "2019 Power Woman" of the Year.

2001

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JENNIFER BOOTH '01 joined LeaseQuery, a provider of lease accounting software, as vice president of accounting.

2002

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THOMAS KEENE '02 was appointed academic dean for the Washington, D.C., campus of Reformed Theological Seminary.

2003

♦ ♦ ♦

BRIAN WRIGHT '03 became president of ACM Global Laboratories in November 2018.



GOODBYE'S TOO GOOD A WORD

BY VINCE MOORE

I never planned to stay at Furman University very long. It was 1982 and I was working as a sportswriter at the daily newspaper in Anderson, South Carolina, when somebody told me that Furman was looking for a director of its News Bureau.

I really wasn't interested in leaving the newspaper, especially after covering Clemson's 1981 national championship football season and sitting courtside for ACC basketball games featuring Michael Jordan and Ralph Sampson. But my wife, Deb, and I were recently married with our first child on the way, and I was working nights and weekends. So it seemed the Furman job could serve as a temporary reprieve from the bad hours while I calculated my next move.

Thirty-seven years later, the next move came when I decided to retire from the university at the end of August.

When I joined the University Relations office in July of 1982, it was still something akin to the dark ages of communications. There was no internet and, therefore, no email, websites, Twitter, Instagram or any other form of instantaneous communication.

A news release had to be delivered by the post office, and if the news was particularly urgent, I would jump in my car and deliver it by hand to the local media. The first great technological innovation I experienced at Furman was the fax machine, a miraculous invention that meant I no longer had to drive across town to deliver the important news of the day.



“I LIKED MY JOB, BUT I LOVED FURMAN.”

The fax machine, of course, looks quite quaint in retrospect. When people ask me how I could have stayed in the same position for 37 years, I reply it was hardly the same job all those years. In fact, my job responsibilities changed so fast and so often after the mid-1990s that I could appreciate the plight of whoever was in charge of moving things from one place to another just prior to the invention of the wheel.

What did I experience during my time at Furman? Since I never missed a commencement, I estimate I watched 24,000 graduates receive their diplomas, starting with the class of 1983 and ending with the class of 2019. And since most of you have attended a Furman commencement at some point, you know that is not a minor time commitment.

I was there when Furman severed ties with the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1992, and I helped roll out the news, ever so carefully, that we were no longer a dry campus. I was there when President George W. Bush spoke at the university's 2008 commencement, which was a huge story in the media and surely one of Furman's most controversial moments.

Some people, including a group of Furman professors, were mad that President Bush had been invited to speak; others were mad that anyone would complain about a visit from a sitting U.S. president; and the students were upset the drama was overshadowing their graduation. It's not often you can make everybody mad, but there you go.

President Bush was just one of many big names to visit campus during my time at Furman. Others included President Barack Obama, President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton, President George H.W. Bush, Sen. John McCain, Pat Conroy, Kurt Vonnegut, Tom Brokaw, Chuck Todd, Seth Myers and the New Kids on the Block, whose swarming teenage fans turned Paladin Stadium inside out.

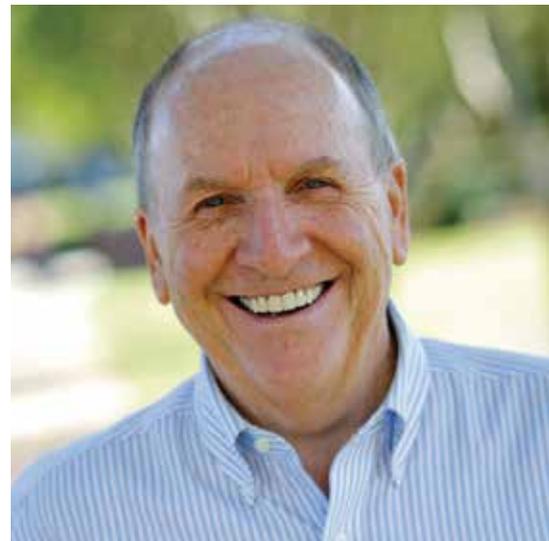
Who was my favorite? Vonnegut, without question. It was my job to set up media interviews with prominent visitors, and when Vonnegut arrived on campus, I asked if he was willing to meet with a group of reporters. He laughed and said, “With what you're paying me to be here, I'll be glad to do whatever you want me to do. Just lead the way.”

I ran into many people over the years with a lot less voltage than Kurt Vonnegut but who were not nearly as accommodating.

It's amazing how quickly the last 37 years went by. Our oldest daughter, Dustin, was just a few days old when I came to Furman. She graduated from the university in 2004 but would be the only Furman alum of our three children. Her younger brother and sister, Taylor and Madison, were quite the Paladin fans growing up, but both matriculated elsewhere after Dustin spent four years telling them how hard she had to study while at Furman.

I have watched the students in those first few graduating classes after my arrival send their children to Furman. But, as far as I know, I left the institution before anybody in the class of 1983 had a grandchild enroll at Furman. If there is an alum out there who can prove otherwise, please don't let me know!

While I will be leaving my job, I won't really be leaving Furman. You'll still be able to find me at the PAC, the Furman golf course and any number of Paladin sporting events, which may help explain why I stayed longer than I planned. I liked my job, but I loved Furman. ♦



Bottom
As the official scorer for the Furman men's basketball team, Moore scored the first- and second-round games at the 2017 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament in Greenville.



AFTER THE AISLE

The story of Walker Zimmerman '15 and Sally Tucker '15 started out as many romances do — except for one unique complication: Walker was already a star when he walked onto campus. As a top 25 soccer recruit, he was destined for Major League Soccer.

But for the moment, during orientation, he was just a first-year student, and a fellow student had caught his eye.

“During the president’s picnic, I remember seeing a girl with blond hair in a pink-polka-dot dress,” he says. And it didn’t take long for Sally to notice him.

“I saw him at one of their preseason games during orientation and thought he was cute,” she says.

In a campus community as intimate as Furman’s, the two inevitably crossed paths, but it would be midway through their first fall semester before they were introduced. “I had a class with Kevin Pahl, one of Walker’s teammates, and we ran into Walker when we were walking back from class. I knew who he was just because of the buzz around him, but I never thought I’d meet him. Kevin introduced us, and I told Walker I’d been to every game. Then he thanked me for my support,” Sally laughs. “It was so awkward.”

The attraction was mutual. “I’d seen her around campus and I wanted to get to know her, so when we were



A WINNING MATCH



Sally and Walker Zimmerman

BY ANDREW HUANG '11

introduced, I was really excited,” says Walker. Then came a serendipitous turn of events. He was studying with **Jordan Sanders '15**, a classmate who would become a good friend. “As we’re finishing up our study session, I asked if he knew anything about Sally, and it turned out she was one of his best friends.”

In true millennial fashion, Sanders texted Sally a cryptic winking emoji and walked with Walker to her dorm room. “That’s the first time we really hung out and had a conversation, and from that day on, we basically saw each other every day the rest of our time at Furman,” says Walker.

Still, the future loomed. From national team camps to potential playing opportunities in Europe to his goal of being drafted by Major League Soccer, the only guarantee was that Walker would have to leave.

In a way, the uncertainty helped solidify things.

“Never knowing when he was going professional added an extra intensity,” says Sally. “We connected so well from the beginning, I just had a peace about how things were going to end up. I just didn’t know how the middle was going to go.”

Sally’s upbringing helped, too. Her father is the Baltimore Ravens’ head team physician, so she was already familiar with the lifestyle of professional sports. “It didn’t scare me to date him,” she says.

FC Dallas selected Walker seventh overall in the 2013 MLS SuperDraft, and soon he was off to Texas. For the next four years, the two dated long-distance as Sally finished her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education. In the spring of 2016, Walker proposed to Sally at the bench by the Furman Lake where he had first asked her to be his girlfriend. They were married in December 2016 at Grace Church Downtown in Greenville, South Carolina.

With a trade to Los Angeles FC in 2017, Walker and Sally moved across the country from their alma mater — a huge transition, but one the couple continues to enjoy. ♦

2004

ADAM SCHULTZ '04 earned a Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Columbia, South Carolina. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has been assigned to the Virginia Synod where he is awaiting first call as a pastor.

2005

RUSSELL SANFORD '05 joined the law firm of Richard H. Warder in Greenville, South Carolina, as a criminal defense attorney.

2006

TRACEY NANCE PENDLEY '06, a fourth-grade teacher at Burgess Peterson Academy in Atlanta Public Schools, was named the 2020 Georgia Teacher of the Year.

KIMBERLY WITHERSPOON '06 was selected for the Liberty Fellowship Class of 2020. She joins 20 other leaders from across the state who make a lifelong commitment to use their creativity, network and energy to move South Carolina forward. An attorney for Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, she specializes in public finance and serves as bond counsel for colleges and universities, foundations, healthcare institutions and nonprofit organizations.

2007

JOEL LEAGANS '07 was accepted to the University of Texas at Austin Cooperative Superintendency Program and is pursuing an Ed.D. in educational leadership.

2008

CHRISTOPHER SMITH '08 became the postdoctoral affairs program manager in the graduate school at North Carolina State University. His work involves assisting NC State's 400+ postdoctoral fellows and house officers (individuals with advanced degrees) with issues in their current training roles and their career and professional development.

2009

JOSIE SAWYER '09, a licensed clinical social worker, was named the executive and clinical director of Lucy Daniels Center, the largest service provider of mental health services in North Carolina's Research Triangle.

AMANDA GIFFIN '09 received the Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award for her co-written article, "When Precedent Doesn't Really Stand for That Proposition: FINRA's Suitability Rule and the Meaning of 'Best Interest,'" published by "Bloomberg Law" in December 2018.

MELODY MCGOWIN '09

joined the law firm of Pierce Bainbridge Beck Price & Hecht as an associate attorney in the firm's New York office. She was previously an associate attorney at the law firm of McKool Smith.

2010

LAUREN OSCHMAN '10 became the foundation relations manager at Rare in Arlington, Virginia. She joins Rare, a global leader in catalyzing behavior change to achieve enduring conservation results, after more than five years with the U.S. State Department Office of Global Change.

2011

SAWYER DUNCAN '11 joined the energy infrastructure department of Mitsui & Co., Ltd., a trading company in Tokyo.

2013

JAMISON MILLER '13 is beginning his third year of residency in pediatric cardiology at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. He will spend three years in a fellowship in pediatric cardiology after his last year of residency.

2014

GABRIELLE REARDON '14 earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in musicology from Brandeis University in February 2018. She enrolled in Northwestern's Pritzker School of Law starting in the fall of 2019 after working as a paralegal at the law firm of Fellows LaBriola LLP.

2019

BERGSVEIN TOVERUD '19 won first prize in the Advanced University Division of the Classical Singer Competition.



PROFESSORS EMERITI

The Board of Trustees granted emeritus status to 13 professors who retired this year. They are **John S. Beckford** (music), **Paul M. Cook II** (mathematics), **Gilles O. J. Einstein** (psychology), **Leslie W. Hicken** (music), **Lon B. Knight Jr.** (chemistry), **Paul G. Kooistra** (sociology), **Marianne M. Pierce** (business and accounting), **William J. Pierce** (health sciences), **Douglas F. Rall** (mathematics), **Daniel C. Sloughter** (mathematics), **William D. Thomas Jr.** (music), **Laura K. Thompson** (biology) and **Diane C. Vecchio** (history).



BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS



CRAIG CALDWELL '02 AND ABBY THOMPSON-CALDWELL '02, Genevieve Aurelia, March 18, 2018

MARY CATHERINE (BURGESS) HEARN '09 and Kevin Hearn, Jeremiah, June 29, 2018

REBECCA '03 and Scott Tribble, Elisabeth Lane, Aug. 20, 2018

EMMANUEL '07 AND JOINNE RUFF CHANDLER '09, Isaiah Christopher Emmanuel, Sept. 22, 2018

TOMMY '10 AND MAGALI ROBINSON '11, Amalie Fe, Jan. 24, 2019

KRISTIN '02 and Maurice Austin, Morgan, Feb. 11, 2019

BENJAMIN WEXLER '95 and Christina Henderson, Jordan Simone, March 10, 2019



MARRIAGES



SUSAN MCKINNEY MOON '71 and Jay Beachy, March 9, 2019

JANE STOUFFER '80 and Sergio Raynal, Oct. 2018

KRISTI ENGELMAN '05 and Richard Bozard, April 1, 2019

BRADFORD RIDDLE '11 and Elizabeth Freeman, Dec. 29, 2018

STERLING JOHNSON '11 and **LATISHA MITCHELL '12**, Dec. 29, 2018

JAMISON MILLER '13 and Claire Studebaker, Jan. 4, 2019

LAURA BRICKLE '19 and **TYLER KING '19**, May 25, 2019



OBITUARIES



JOHN PETERS '43, Feb. 6, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

ELIZABETH MCNABB RUNNION '44, Feb. 9, 2019, Newport, Tenn.

KATHLEEN WOOD BROWN '44, March 8, 2019, Anderson, S.C.



FURMAN ALUM FOUGHT FOR PROGRESS

*Joan (Lipscomb) Solomon,
1935-2019*

JOAN (LIPSCOMB) SOLOMON '56, one of Furman's early civil rights pioneers, attended the Greenville Woman's College, wrote for "The Furman Hornet" and edited the student handbook and the literary magazine, "The Echo." In the spring 1955 issue of "The Echo," she wrote in support of desegregation, leading administrators to confiscate all 1,500 copies for being too progressive on integration and too critical of the Baptists, an incident that drew national attention for its press-freedom implications. Though she played no direct role in the civil rights movement, Solomon was asked to host a visiting West African delegation while living in Maine in 1960. When she agreed, segregationists made threatening phone calls and drove up and down her family's street. Solomon, born in Walhalla, South Carolina, on March 20, 1935, became a special education teacher and spent 30 years in education. She died in Rochester, New York, on June 14, 2019.

MARTHA SMITH EVATT '44, March 31, 2019, Clemson, S.C.

VIRGINIA SAYRE SEAY '45, Dec. 11, 2018, Pinopolis, S.C.

JAMES STOKES '46, Feb. 7, 2019, Seneca, S.C.

HENRIETTA TINDAL RICKENBAKER '46, Feb. 25, 2019, Summerton, S.C.

BETTY TYSON RHAME '46, April 1, 2019, Florence, S.C.

SCOTT CHILDRESS '47, May 20, 2019, Philadelphia, Pa.

ETTA GREER '48, Dec. 7, 2018, Greenville, S.C.

SARAH MCKINNON CALIFF '48, Feb. 14, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

WILLIAM BALL '48, May 1, 2019, Gray Court, S.C.

SAMUEL PITTMAN '49, Feb. 16, 2019, Flower Mound, Texas

WESLEY DOMINICK '49, Feb. 26, 2019, Anderson, S.C.

BETTY TODD RICHARDSON '49, March 1, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

JAMES HARMON '49,
April 5, 2019, Winston-Salem, N.C.

MARY RIDER HERIOT '49,
April 16, 2019, Charleston, S.C.

CHARLES LESLIE '50,
Jan. 2, 2019, Salisbury, N.C.

CHESTER HOLMES '50,
Jan. 25, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

MELVIN BELL '50, Feb. 2, 2019,
Greenville, S.C.

SARAH WILSON WEBB '50,
March 25, 2019, St. Matthews, S.C.

JESSIE FOWKE SIMS '50,
April 11, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

MCLAIN HALL '51, Jan. 10, 2019,
Charlotte, N.C.

BETTY NEIGHBORS SIMPSON '51,
March 31, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM '51,
April 27, 2019, Clinton, S.C.

NANCY MILLER HAMRICK '52,
Jan. 3, 2019, Charleston, S.C.

JOYCE HULSEY SOULE '52,
Jan. 25, 2019, Hixson, Tenn.

JOSEPHINE BRADSHAW LONG '52,
March 5, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

GRACE JACKSON SMITH '52,
April 1, 2019, Spartanburg, S.C.

CHARLES MICHAELS '52,
April 15, 2019, Gaffney, S.C.

EVERETTE PIGG '53,
Jan. 17, 2019, Midland, N.C.

JAMES KING '53, March 27, 2019,
Mount Pleasant, S.C.

MARTHA HAYES STONE '53,
May 2, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

ROBERT BROCK '54,
Dec. 13, 2018, Anderson, S.C.

DAVID THOMASON '54,
Dec. 19, 2018, Simpsonville, S.C.

LENA FULMER SMITH '54,
April 9, 2019, Taylors, S.C.

OZIE GARRETT '55,
Dec. 14, 2018, Easley, S.C.

CHARLES COBB '55,
Jan. 28, 2019, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

JACK HARRIS '55,
March 16, 2019, Bessemer, Ala.

JAMES KISSELBURG '55,
April 1, 2019, Old Fort, N.C.

ALAN GRAGG '55, April 12, 2019,
Asheville, N.C.

HELEN BOWEN FELLERS '56,
Dec. 15, 2018, Beaufort, S.C.

WILLIAM HANKS '57, Jan. 11, 2019,
Saint Helena Island, S.C.

JAMES BAKER '57, Jan. 20, 2019,
Summerville, S.C.

JOHN JOHNSON '57, Feb. 5, 2019,
Charleston, S.C.

ALAFRED MCNEELY '57,
Feb. 23, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

JAMES STANTON '57,
March 4, 2019, Santa Ana, Calif.

FREDERICK YAZEL '57,
March 19, 2019, Des Moines, Iowa

BETTY ALVERSON '57,
May 14, 2019, Marietta, S.C.

JUANITA FLOYD '58, Dec. 9, 2018,
Toccoa, Ga.

MARVIN AYCOCK '58,
Dec. 15, 2018, Greensboro, N.C.

RICHARD PFEIFER '58,
Dec. 19, 2018, St. Petersburg, Fla.

VERNON EDWARDS '58,
Jan. 12, 2019, Hartwell, Ga.

BENJAMIN HUGHEY '58,
March 22, 2019, Summerville, S.C.

NEWMAN BRYSON '59,
Jan. 3, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

ANNE MCMILLAN PURCELL '59,
April 29, 2019, Spring Lake, N.C.

HELEN ROBINSON BAGWELL '60,
Jan. 15, 2019, Greer, S.C.

BENJAMIN CARSON '60,
Jan. 28, 2019, Charlotte, N.C.

JESSE ROBERTS '60,
Feb. 10, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

WILLIAM PAINTER '60,
March 18, 2019, Sumter, S.C.

JOHN MCPHERSON '60,
April 21, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

MARTHA PONDER GANTT '60,
May 17, 2019, Lexington, S.C.

SANDRA NOONAN FOWLER '61,
April 10, 2019,
Sullivans Island, S.C.

BOB GARRICK '62, Dec. 11, 2018,
Orangeburg, S.C.

GEORGE SMITH '62,
Dec. 31, 2018, Taylors, S.C.

LAURENCE JEPSON '62,
Jan. 9, 2019, Kearney, Neb.

JAMES MANN '62, Feb. 18, 2019,
Greenville, S.C.

MARJORIE WEBB LANGDALE '63,
Jan. 19, 2019, Johnson City, Tenn.

JOSEPH SMITH '64, Dec. 7, 2018,
Union, S.C.

FRED HUNTER '64, Feb. 13, 2019,
Easley, S.C.

DUNCAN POWELL NESBITT '64,
April 16, 2019, Wilmington, N.C.



JOHN H. CRABTREE
1925-2019

John H. Crabtree, an English professor and former vice president for academic affairs and dean at Furman, died on June 26 in Greenville, South Carolina. He joined the Furman faculty in 1957 and also served as dean of students and the chair of the Department of English. He retired in 1992 as vice president for academic affairs and dean and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by the university.



JIMMY SATTERFIELD
1939-2019

Jimmy Satterfield, who led Furman to its only national football championship, died on May 6. He was 79 years old.

The Paladins racked up 16 winning seasons and nine Southern Conference championships during the 21 years Satterfield was on the coaching staff, the first 13 as an assistant before he was named head coach in 1986. Satterfield's teams compiled a 66-29-3 record, punctuated by a 17-12 victory over Georgia Southern in the 1988 Division I-AA national championship game. His .689 winning percentage is second-best in Furman history.

A native of Lancaster, South Carolina, Satterfield was elected to both the South Carolina and Furman Athletic Halls of Fame in 2015. "As an offensive coach, he had one of the most creative minds I have ever been around," said current Furman football coach Clay Hendrix '86, who played under Satterfield. "There are many things we continue to do today that coach Satterfield had a hand in developing."

RUBY CHAPMAN WHITMIRE '65,
Dec. 7, 2018, Greenville, S.C.

LINTON PUCKETT '65,
Jan. 8, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

LOUIS MANIOS '65,
Jan. 20, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

SANDRA WALKER HARPER '66,
March 23, 2019, Anderson, S.C.

JAMES SMITH '66, April 22, 2019,
Arlington, Texas

ANNE MCKINNEY LANIER '67,
Dec. 31, 2018, Columbia, S.C.

JULIE WOOD HARBIN '68,
Jan. 24, 2019, Murrells Inlet, S.C.

JAMES KENDRICK '69,
Dec. 16, 2018, Monroe, N.C.

CATHREN CROWELL FRANCIS '69,
April 1, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

THOMAS MILLER '70,
March 20, 2019, Palm Beach, Fla.

MORTON MCARTHUR '71,
Jan. 10, 2019, Cincinnati, Ohio

JAMES CHUMLEY '72,
March 3, 2019, Cumming, Ga.

CLARA BURKE FORD '73,
Dec. 17, 2018, Travelers Rest, S.C.

MAXIE BISHOP '73,
Dec. 23, 2018, Greenville, S.C.

DAVID BOOKERT '73,
Dec. 27, 2018, Columbia, S.C.

JERROLD ROBINSON '76,
Dec. 11, 2018, Raleigh, N.C.

CYNTHIA MARTIN FREEMAN '77,
Jan. 10, 2019, Winston-Salem, N.C.

SUE PATTERSON GODWIN '77,
Jan. 31, 2019, Bluefield, W.Va.

JULIA HAILE '77, Feb. 6, 2019,
Charleston, S.C.

FLORENCE SULLIVAN ARNOLD '78,
Dec. 31, 2018, Greenville, S.C.

MICHELLE LEFORCE FARMER '81,
Dec. 17, 2018, Daniel Island, S.C.

PATRICIA MCNULTY O'CONNOR '82,
Feb. 25, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

PETER NEUBAUER '83,
May 6, 2019, Libertyville, Ill.

TIMOTHY MITCHUM '86,
Dec. 27, 2018, Falls Church, Va.

FRANCES CHAPLIN CAMERON '89,
Feb. 10, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

MARGARET HINTON SARRATT '91,
May 13, 2019,
Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.

MONICA JOHNSON TURNER '92,
April 28, 2019, Gainesville, Ga.

EUGENIA TOPPLE CAYCE '94,
April 23, 2019, Decatur, Ga.

RUDY JONES '00, Feb. 22, 2019,
Greenville, S.C.

REBECCA PHILLIPS HUGHES '01,
April 4, 2019, Taylors, S.C.

DANIEL CHEEK '03,
Jan. 31, 2019, Atlanta, Ga.

MEREDITH RICHOUX '04,
Dec. 9, 2018, New Orleans, La.

MICHAEL RANDALL '08,
Dec. 21, 2018, Chicago, Ill.

KARRAH LEARY '09, Feb. 8, 2019,
Signal Mountain, Tenn.

CAROLINE SMITH '21,
April 6, 2019, Atlanta, Ga.

ABOUT CLASS NOTES

We welcome your submissions to Class Notes. Due to the amount of material Furman receives for this section – and the time needed to edit that material – items are often not published until six months after they are submitted. However, please be advised that we rarely publish items more than 18 months old and no announcements of things that have not yet occurred. When sending news of births, please include the parent name(s), child's name, birthdate, and city of birth; for marriages, include the city and date of the event, the new spouse's name, and his/her year of graduation if from Furman. News about couples who graduated from Furman in different years is listed under the earliest graduation date. It is not listed with both classes. Incomplete information for any of the above may result in the submission remaining unpublished. The magazine reserves the right to edit submissions.

WITH 20 DIVISION 1 TEAMS, ATHLETICS OFFERS A LOT MORE REASONS TO BE A PROUD PALADIN.

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STUDENT-ATHLETES



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STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO EARNED DEAN'S LIST HONORS (FALL 2018)



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STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH A 4.0 GPA (FALL 2018)



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CURRENT NCAA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICANS

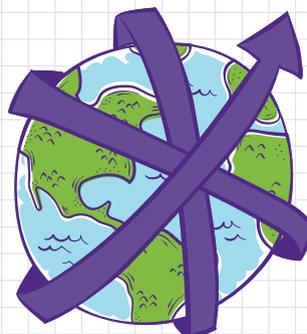
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MEN'S & WOMEN'S TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY HAVE THE HIGHEST GPA OF ALL SPORTS (FALL 2018)



20 AVERAGE HOURS

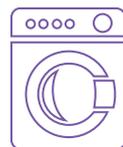
SPENT TRAINING A WEEK



76,140 MILES

(3x THE EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE)

THE CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK TEAMS RACKED UP ENOUGH MILES TO CIRCLE THE EARTH MORE THAN THREE TIMES.



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LOADS OF LAUNDRY FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM DURING REGULAR SEASON

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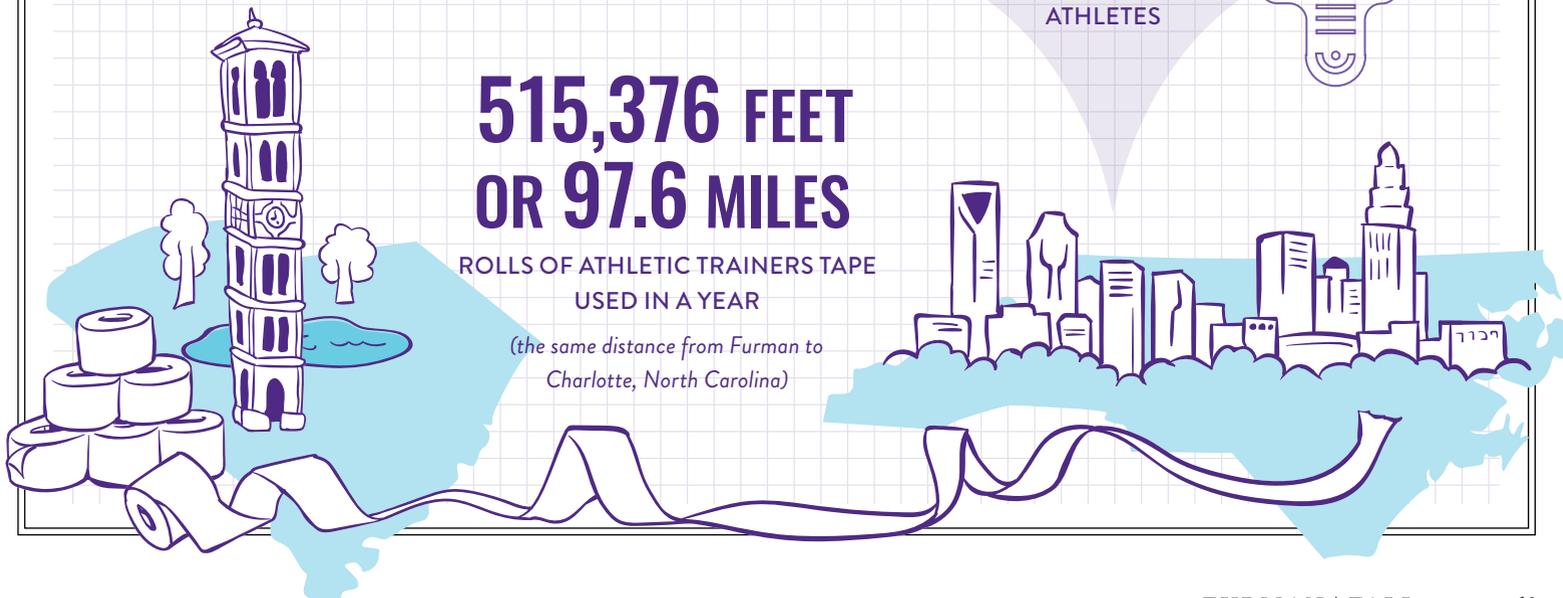
THE BIGGEST MEN'S SHOE SIZE OF ALL OF THE ATHLETES



515,376 FEET OR 97.6 MILES

ROLLS OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS TAPE USED IN A YEAR

(the same distance from Furman to Charlotte, North Carolina)



SHELF LIFE

Dog lit, a hero's journey, West Point intrigue and racial change in the 20th century



COMPILED FROM PROMOTIONAL NOTES

Ben Gamble '19 holds a copy of his book, "Dragons Suck," at the Shi Center.



DRAGONS SUCK

BY BEN GAMBLE '19

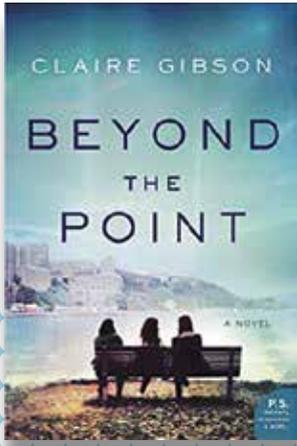
(Permuted Press)

Harkness is not a hero — but unfortunately for him, he's been volunteered by his village to save the world and quickly finds that modern-day sarcasm is no match for ancient dragons.

Harkness, a medieval peasant with a millennial's mindset, is happy to sit back and make quips while everyone does the hard work. His calculated laziness is interrupted when the gods send a terrible scourge-by-dragonfire upon his village, and he is forced to save his fiancée from the dragon who has kidnapped her.

When Harkness is sent by the village elder to find the one weapon that is capable of killing the beast, his real plan is to go off on his own and use his village's money to live the high life. Harkness sees his journey as a paid vacation under the pretense of world-saving, but it quickly turns serious when he realizes what's at stake when he is forced to care about something — or pretend to.

Born and raised near Charleston, South Carolina, Gamble has worked as a camp counselor and waiter, where he encountered monsters far more terrifying than the ones in this novel. Gamble graduated from Furman in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in history and Spanish.



BEYOND THE POINT

BY CLAIRE GIBSON '09

(Harper Collins Publishers)

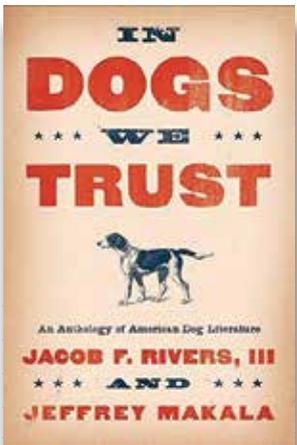
Inspired by true events, three young women cadets at West Point are brought together in an enthralling story of friendship, heartbreak and resilience in a powerful debut novel.

“Duty. Honor. Country.” That’s West Point’s motto, and every cadet who passes through its stone gates vows to live it. But on the eve of 9/11, as Dani, Hannah and Avery face four grueling years ahead, they realize they’ll only survive if they do it together.

These three women know that what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger. But soon, that adage no longer rings true — for their future, or their friendship. As they’re pulled in different directions, will their hard-forged bond prevail or shatter?

Gibson grew up at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where her father was a professor.

Drawing on her own experiences and more than 20 interviews, Gibson wrote “Beyond the Point” as an ode to the everyday strength and courage she long admired in the women of West Point. Gibson graduated from Furman in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in Asian studies and political science.



IN DOGS WE TRUST: AN ANTHOLOGY OF AMERICAN DOG LITERATURE

BY JEFFREY MAKALA AND JACOB F. RIVERS III

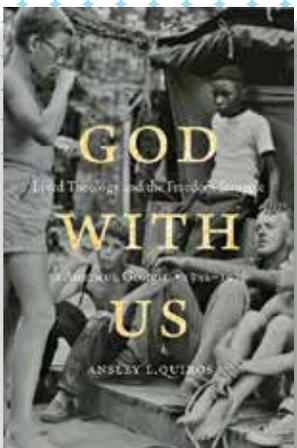
(University of South Carolina Press)

“In Dogs We Trust” is a grand anthology that celebrates the sterling virtues of the canine species. Dogs have lived with humans for thousands of years as working partners. By the 19th century, their role expanded to companions. American dog literature reflects this gradual but dramatic shift that continues today. Our household dogs are literally closer than ever to us: sleeping in our beds, getting dressed in Halloween costumes and serving as emotional-support companions.

The first comprehensive anthology of American dog literature, “In Dogs We Trust” features stories, anecdotes and poetry from the 19th and 20th centuries. By mining the vast American literary archive of this time, Rivers and Makala reveal the mystique and magic of the human-canine relationship and what they believe is one of the best connections humans have to the mysteries of the natural world.

Makala is the special collections librarian and university archivist at the James B. Duke Library at Furman. Makala is owner of Two Terriers Press and has written about 19th century American literature and book history.

Rivers is the director for the Office of Veterans Services at the University of South Carolina and teaches in the Department of English.



GOD WITH US: LIVED THEOLOGY AND THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE IN AMERICUS, GEORGIA, 1942-1976

BY ANSLEY L. QUIROS '08

(The University of North Carolina Press)

For many, the struggle over civil rights was also about Christian theology. Since both activists and segregationists ardently claimed that God was on their side, racial issues were imbued with religious meanings from all sides. Whether in the traditional sanctuaries of the major white Protestant denominations, in the mass meetings in black churches or in Christian expressions of interracialism, southerners resisted, pursued and questioned racial change within various theological traditions.

“God with Us” examines the theological struggle over racial justice through the story of one southern town – Americus, Georgia – where ordinary Americans sought and confronted racial change in the 20th century. Documenting the passion and virulence of these contestations, this book offers insight into how mid-century battles over theology and race affected the rise of the religious right and continue to resonate deeply in American life.

Quiros is an assistant professor of history at the University of North Alabama and graduated from Furman in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in history.

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furmanuniversity Furman University has once again been selected for inclusion in the newest edition of The Princeton Review's college guide, "The Best 385 Colleges." Furman ranked No. 3 for "Most Politically Active Students" and No. 12 in the category of "Most Accessible Professors." Link in bio for more.



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furmanuniversity Furman Professor of Biology Min-Ken Liao knows that college can be a stressful place. This is why she has been working with Associate Professor of Health Sciences Meghan Slining to help balance the karma scale by offering the Koru Mindfulness program to the Furman community. Link in bio for more on their work.



furmanuniversity If you don't already know him, you should. This is Jesse L. Tompkins, the 2019-2020 Student Government Association President, and he is making history in Furman's SGA. Link in bio to learn more about how Jesse is using his voice to make a difference.



STILL

The Senior Show, which took place during this year's Furman Engaged! in April, featured an array of pieces created by the class of 2019, including: ❶ "Kept Woman" by Corrine Helman, ❷ "Catching Myself" by Ren Zimmerman, ❸ a sculpture by Louisa Bristol from the Renature collection of work, and ❹ "Moneybags," which has 24k gold paint with mother-of-pearl inlays, by Izzy Michell.

To support art at Furman, go to furman.edu/givenow.



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Students take part in the 2019 Orientation Olympics at the start of the fall semester.



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