Healthcare 101:
How the Affordable Care Act may affect you.

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From the President

Now that I am back in an academic environment, memories of the dreaded first English class writing assignment following summer vacation come to mind—having to write about long car trips with the family and siblings punching one another in the back seat, or de-tasseling corn and hiding hay in the heat of an Illinois summer, or hanging out in the town swimming pool.

This time, however, I write to celebrate and to share summer news about Furman. The Class of 2017 joined us for the summer orientation process for both entering students and their families. They, like all of us who have faced the reality of our first college experience, were excited and a bit nervous, and had plenty of questions. They left full of confidence that nearly everything was going to be just fine — as long as the students occasionally called or texted home! Now that the school year has started, they’ve joined the returning students in making the campus come alive once again with energy and special purpose.

But what about the Class of 2018 — what will it be like? To find out, my wife, Lynne, and I each played “Undercover Boss” (no, not in disguise) and joined tours for interested parents and prospective students as they learned about the special place we call Furman University. Standing in the shoes of those seeing the campus and hearing about Furman for the first time, I could not help but be proud of the knowledge and enthusiasm of our student advocates and Welcome Center staff.

It made me realize, however, that everyone is a spokesperson on behalf of Furman, whether it is current students or alumni speaking with friends at home, parents talking with one another at a party, or staff and faculty who take the time to stop and introduce themselves to visitors, making them feel welcome. It’s impossible to know just how influential each of us might be in making that extra effort to help another young person begin the path of lifetime learning as a Furman student.

Furman staff and faculty are not only committed to helping students learn to their utmost abilities, but also to helping them prepare to use their skills early and often in the workplace of the future. We do that in a number of ways, including through undergraduate research, study away and internships.

Concerning internships, a great deal of effort was given this summer to extending and enhancing our existing internship programs in the broadly areas of health and health management through new cooperative efforts with Greenville Health System. I am excited about the possibilities for Furman students and the community in this rapidly growing field. In addition, the expanding entrepreneurial community in the Upstate is virtually un tapped as a source of practical experience for our students. We are working to develop the close relationships that will lead to more opportunities for our students as interns, employees, and maybe even as entrepreneurs!

Perhaps the most significant physical change returning students found was the transformed Towne Student Center, with its expanded food offerings at the brand new Paddock Restaurant and its beautiful gathering places, both inside and out, overlooking the best view on campus.

As you read this, the fall sports season has begun. The new Football Field playing surface in Paladin Stadium has been installed for football and for our first lacrosse games this spring, and the expanded press box tower is expected to be fully completed late in the football season. Our coaches and their staffs, both those new to Furman and the veterans, have all been working hard, recruiting, planning and training. I hope to see everyone out cheering for the Paladins this year.

And finally, we have been working to bring a successful close to our Because Furman Matters campaign. We are close, but really need everyone to come. Read more about the final stage of the campaign on page 14. Go Paladins!

— CARL KOHRT
Back in 1965, while Carl Kohrt was completing his senior year as a chemistry major under the watchful eye of such legendary Furman professors as Stuart Patterson, John Southern and Don Kubler, his wife, Lynne, was the department’s assistant. She was often joined at her post by their young son, Kris, who would sit propped in a seat beside her desk as she oversaw the office’s daily operations. Kris must have absorbed something along the way, because in 1984 he would earn his own Furman degree. Now fast forward 30 more years. Sarah Kohrt, Kris’ daughter (and one of Carl’s and Lynne’s 10 grandchildren), is looking at colleges, with Furman on her list. And her grandparents, who have known each other since childhood, had their first date at band camp and have unabashedly each other’s best friends, have returned to work at the place where they began their lives as a married couple. Only this time it’s in a more prominent capacity: as Furman’s interim First Couple.

When Rod Smolla resigned as president effective July 1, the board of trustees acted quickly to tap one of its own: Carl Kohrt, son of two educators, 1965 Furman graduate (and 2009 honorary degree recipient), holder of a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and a master’s degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, longtime executive with Eastman Kodak, and former head of Battelle, one of the nation’s largest nonprofit independent research and development organizations.

In announcing the appointment, Richard Cullen ’71, chair of the board, said that Kohrt was the “immediate and unanimous choice” and called him “a strong leader and a really bright guy, with great academic credentials and an exemplary record of business leadership. We’ll be in good hands.”

The way Kohrt describes the “ask” dovetails nicely with Cullen’s and the board’s evident confidence in their decision. “They said that Rod had submitted his resignation and asked me point-blank if I would consider being interim,” says Kohrt. “My immediate response was that Lynne and I had been married 51 years, and it might be best to check with her first.”

Her reaction: “She literally said, ‘Well, it’s Furman. We can make it work.’ And so I went back and told them they could have us as long as they need us.”

Together the Kohrts give Furman, in the words of trustee David Ellison ’72, a presidential team that is “warm, personable and easy to be with. Both Carl and Lynne absolutely adore Furman. Carl has been on the board for a long time [including a term as chair], and when you combine his knowledge of Furman with his corporate background, business savvy and academic credentials, he has all the qualities we need.”

Those qualities include a quiet confidence in his ability to move the university forward. Kohrt says, “I’ve been in leadership positions, for whatever reason, since high school, and I’ve found that I can generally motivate a group to do what’s right. It’s all about people — how you treat them, listen to them, respect them. You don’t always have to agree, but you can find ways to work together.”
As an example he cites his years in China with Eastman Kodak, where he forged a major partnership while developing and expanding the company’s Asian market. The experience, he says, taught him to better understand how to deal with people, organizations and cultures. He recalls a senior Chinese official telling him that the success of their relationship hinged on their mutual realization that, “If we are to go forward together, we must look backward together.”

WHEN HE LOOKS BACK: on his Furman experience, Kohrt says, “Furman has definitely grown on me over time, in terms of the value I put on what I learned.” He gives credit to the chemistry department and particularly to Patterson, his primary mentor. But then his thoughts shift as he reflects on the influence of other professors. “If it hadn’t been for Stuart Patterson I’d have been an English major,” he says, recalling John Crabtree’s Shakespeare class as a highlight. Winston Balb in the history department gets a nod, as does religion professor Edgar McKnight’s Old Testament course. “I still have the notes from his class,” Kohrt says, adding that he and Lynne used those notes to teach a church youth group during their years in Rochester, N.Y.

He chuckles as he remembers math professor Race Blackwell’s advice on how to learn calculus: “Go home, get something to eat and work problems. It’s fun.” And he continues to marvel at Ray Nunnery’s organizational skills and ability to “fill a blackboard, move to the next, and by the end of class have perfectly full boards.”

Those and other experiences helped inspire him on an appreciation for the value of lifelong learning and the liberal arts. Recently, in fact, Kohrt enrolled in a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) in advanced calculus, both to test himself and to see what the discipline is like today.

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The Furman influence remained strong, he says, through his rise into the top executive ranks at Eastman Kodak, where he worked for 29 years and was responsible for research laboratories on four continents, and on to Ohio-based Battelle, which he presided over for eight years before retiring in 2008. With both companies he earned widespread respect for his innovative thinking, people skills and ability to get things done.

At Battelle he was applauded for forging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) partnerships between Ohio State University and local schools, and for his work with such organizations as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. When he retired, Ohio Rep. Deborah Pryce entered a laudatory commentary about his contributions into the Congressional Record. She said, “The way to judge one’s impact on an organization or community is to measure one’s personal and corporate accomplishments. Through this lens, it is easy to conclude that Carl has been an outstanding leader . . . [he] has made a significant difference.”

Indeed, admission and financial aid strategies are key elements of the early Kohrt agenda. He and Lynne have dropped in on campus tours to meet and greet prospective Paladins, tell their Furman stories and learn firsthand what today’s students are looking for in a college. Carl has also met with faculty, staff and alumni, asking for their thoughts and input. He wants to make sure that Furman understands what kind of message it is sending during a time in which costs and return on investment are paramount concerns for families with college-age children.

In short, he hopes to find the common themes in what people know and think about Furman, and to incorporate those beliefs into the “T-shirt message” that will give students a clear impression of the challenges, opportunities, benefits and, especially, the value of a Furman education.

When Furman awarded Carl Kohrt an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 2009, the citation emphasized his “humility, humor, strength and benevolence”—qualities that the board of trustees knew would serve Furman well. Just as telling are the words of George Fisher, former head of Eastman Kodak, who once described Kohrt as “one of those individuals who combines the genius of a great scientist, the common sense of a great business person and the heart of a great human being.”

Can you find Carl Kohrt in this photo of distinguished members of the Class of ’65 who received awards for graduate study? Hint: Think lab coat. The photo appeared in the Summer 1965 issue of The Furman University Magazine. Among the prospective doctors, lawyers, teachers and business leaders you can also find two future Furman professors, economist Dick Stanford (front row, far left), who provided the photo from his family archives, and philosopher Jim Edwards (back row, second from right). Photo by Neil Gillespie.
FURMAN SUMMER 2013

Two health sciences professors explain the basics of the Affordable Care Act — and how it might affect different groups.

By Tony Caterisano and Si Pearman

FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, healthcare has been an issue in American politics. Theodore Roosevelt emphasized it during his unsuccessful “Bull Moose” campaign for the presidency in 1912. Presidents from Truman to Nixon, Carter and Clinton attempted to address needs in the healthcare system or to promote some kind of national health insurance plan.

During the Johnson administration, in 1965, the nation enacted historic legislation establishing Medicare and Medicaid, and for a time those government programs were thought to create a kind of “Health Utopia” for Americans. Working citizens and their families would receive coverage through their employers, Medicare would protect widows and widowers and those who were medically indigent. However, in large part because of steady increases in healthcare costs during the 1970s and ’80s, this “Utopia” failed to materialize.

By 2002, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report, more than 36 million Americans — not counting those covered by Medicare and Medicaid — had no insurance coverage. And this number was (and is) growing, as were the costs of premiums, which rose at a rate faster than inflation. The Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of Employee Sponsored Health Benefits reported that the average premium contribution for an employee rose from $1,543 a year in 1999 to $3,515 in 2009. Over the same period average employer contributions rose from $5,791 to $13,375.

As a result, many workers, especially those at or near the minimum wage, were electing not to purchase health insurance because they couldn’t afford it.

More problems began to emerge. Some people could not obtain coverage because they worked for small companies that were unable to afford group plans, and the cost of individual policies was prohibitive. Part-time employees were generally not offered coverage, and most young adults were removed from family plans within a few months of graduation from high school or college because of private insurance guidelines. Employees looking to move from one company to another also faced roadblocks. A new job would usually require them to change insurance carriers, and many found that they or a family member with a chronic, pre-existing condition, such as cancer, diabetes or asthma, would not be covered. So people became hesitant to change jobs. Moreover, if they lost a job, they might have trouble finding a new plan that would cover a pre-existing condition.

Others were dealing with catastrophic bills brought on by unexpected illnesses or accidents. Many families had no means to pay them, especially if they had no healthcare plan. Even for those with insurance, high deductibles for hospital coverage and high maximum out-of-pocket standards often led to massive bills. According to a 2009 report in the American Journal of Medicine, some studies estimated that healthcare costs had contributed to 62 percent of personal bankruptcies in recent years. All of these factors provided the backdrop for what we now know as the Affordable Care Act — Obamacare, or as many call it.

The ACA emerges

When Barack Obama began his quest for the presidency in 2008, healthcare was not, at first, a major tenet of his campaign. Hillary Rodham Clinton, his main rival for the Democratic nomination, actually led the call for healthcare reform during the early primaries. But as Obama’s campaign gathered momentum and his support grew, he began to emphasize healthcare in an effort to draw support away from her.

After he was elected president, some advisors suggested he delay tackling healthcare reform and focus more on the economy. But others, like the now deceased Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, a powerful politician and longtime advocate for healthcare reform, advised (and pressured) Obama to push ahead. Party leaders also felt that the new president could use his “honeymoon” to help encourage an overhaul of the system, despite Republicans’ opposition.

Most of us are familiar with what followed. Obama launched his healthcare initiative, the Republicans resisted, the parties bickered ad nauseam, and the bipartisan “Gang of Six” failed to find common ground. In the end, the Democrats mustered the votes to pass the bill in both houses of Congress. While parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), signed into law by Obama in March of 2010, have already been phased in, its strongest impact will begin to be felt this October.

But do Americans fully know, or understand, what the ACA does, even after more than three years of discussion and publicity? The Huffington Post suggested otherwise in a March 20 story, citing a Kaiser Family Foundation report that the public is “misinformed and confused” about the law. While people say they approve of many of its provisions, such as tax credits for individuals and small businesses, better coverage for prescription drugs and coverage for pre-existing health conditions, many remain resistant to the “mandate” that they purchase some form of health insurance, and others believe that the ACA establishes “death panels” to ration care and designate who gets what kind of treatment — and who does not.

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### A look at the basics

The Affordable Care Act, with its many stipulations and requirements, is a complicated piece of legislation. Both of us have taught classes on the topic. The following “primer” is based on our research and course preparation. We do not attempt to judge the merits of the law but to provide a summary of some of its key elements, and to offer insight into how different groups might be affected.

Under the ACA, children and dependents under 26 cannot be refused coverage for pre-existing health conditions, nor can they lose coverage or have policies canceled — a practice known as rescission — because they are “too sick” or have reached a lifetime limit. If their policies canceled — a practice known as rescission — nor can they lose coverage or have pre-existing health conditions covered under expanded Medicaid, assuming their state participates in the planned expansion. If their parents are covered under a private insurance plan, they can be included up to age 26.

Young healthy people with jobs but without healthcare coverage will be required to purchase a plan. If they choose not to, they will pay a penalty (some call it a tax) that will be a percentage of their gross income. The penalty would, in theory, cost them pretty close to the price of a basic annual insurance premium. This is the “individual mandate” recently tested in the Supreme Court. The government’s ability to enforce the individual mandate, however, is somewhat suspect; property cannot be seized or liens on property for non-payment.

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### Let’s treat the causes

Legislation and regulation may be necessary to treat the symptoms of the healthcare crisis in America, but what about the causes? As health sciences professors, we are especially concerned with the impact of our society’s poor health choices — such as smoking, lack of exercise, high-fat diets — on the rise in healthcare costs. We believe that reducing the occurrences of preventable diseases is the only way to truly cut costs. Until people begin taking preventive actions at earlier ages, little will change.

We can begin by improving health and physical education classes in our elementary, middle and high schools. Just as we seek to hire the best math and language teachers, we need to hire dedicated, knowledgeable health and physical education teachers and offer physical education classes several days per week, at the least. We need to teach our children healthy behaviors and offer them healthier food choices, because almost one-third of the nation’s children are now considered obese.

If we don’t start assuming more responsibility for our health behaviors, we will place a huge economic burden on current and future generations.

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**Note:** The cost of treating chronic illnesses such as heart disease, long-term diabetes and obesity, to name just a few, rise into the billions each year. Many of the risk factors connected to these diseases can be addressed through simple lifestyle changes — such as increased physical activity, decreasing our fat and sugar intake, and making better dining choices, such as fruits and vegetables.
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“VIVA LA PAZ! VIVA LA PAZ!! VIVA LA PAZ!!!” We work our way up to a shout (there are only five of us), and our voices roll across the rocky, empty slope — it was once the village of Copapayo — and bounce down into the water of Suchitlán Lake. We sit on a concrete foundation, an exception among what had been mostly adobe structures. It’s the only remaining evidence of the 122 families that sked out a living on this arid hillside. A ghost-colored cow, ribs poking out, calfs over for a look. It’s February, El Salvador’s dry season, but the lakebed — water lettuce — forms dense mats along the shoreline, impossibly thick in a small ravine about 10 yards from our spot. In the early morning of November 3, 1983, that lakebed, normally a nuisance to boaters and fishermen, became the villagers’ only lifetime. By then, nearly four years into the Salvadoran Civil War, government forces had targeted the area for scorched-earth repression. Copapayans had seen mutilated body parts left as warnings on doorsteps. They instinctively dove for cover at the sound of an airplane. They had grown accustomed to sudden evacuations, thanks to rebel scouts who warned them when state death squads were on the approach. That November was nothing new — a secret tip-off, a quick exodus, a hide-out. After a few days, the Copapayans gingerly re-entered their village from the lake, ferrying families through the vegetation two boatloads at a time. Once nearly 150 people were ashore, the ambush began. Two lines of government soldiers descended from the hilltop, in a vee formation, firing M-16s and cannons on the unarmed villagers who stampeded back to the two canoes in a fruitless effort to escape. The Salvadoran army threw grenades directly into the boats. A lucky few grabbed the lakebed and floated underneath. The massacre at Copapayo was one of many perpetrated by the elite Atlacatl Battalion, a fearsome counterinsurgency unit led by Lt. Col. Domingo Monterrosa. On average, 1,000 civilians a month were murdered by the Salvadoran army in the first half of the civil war. The most notorious of these were the so-called death squads, which included a six-village rampage at El Mozote in 1981 that left 800 civilians dead; the 1989 slaughter of six Jesuit priests, their cook and her daughter; and the attack on Copapayo.

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practices, cross-cultural exchange and educational events. “Well, if you act with dedication, whether or not to sign up for that! We are beautiful instead,” Sister Peggy explains. “There is something insensitive about making music, making art. Violence against violence.”

Though the fighting officially ceased more than 20 years ago, “El Salvador as an entire nation is still deeply traumatized by this war,” says Erik Ching, who heads Peggy’s study away program in Latin America. “The whole nation has PTSD [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder], and violence seeps in and pervades society as a result. Sister Peggy is meeting that head-on.”

The center serves a radius of 82 villages with programs for adults and children, ranging from drama therapy and yoga to guitar lessons, dance and primers on Gandhi. Many activities, like the self-help approach called Capacitar, or the simple recounting of the past as practiced by Repolio and Mercedes, fit any age.

FURMAN STUDENTS, introduced to Sister Peggy and her work through visits during study away programs, have taken her message to heart. Ali Boyd ’11 is the legal coordinator for the Centro Arco Iris in Suchitoto. “I was overwhelmed by the generosity and friendliness of Latin Americans,” she says. “I was welcomed there even though I didn’t speak the language very well, and when that’s juxtaposed with the intolerance level at undocumented populations here — and to imagine them facing a health issue here on top of that intolerance — that was a shift took place for me. It meshed with what we learned about liberation theology from Sister Peggy and shaped my focus on accessibility and availability issues in our current national health care policies.”

Ching has been marveling at Sister Peggy’s impact for 10 years. “The change you get to see in students — they always find her captivating,” he says. “She somehow manages never to offend and always to move, even as she’s saying the most provocative, challenging things. No one feels back. They jump in.”

“We all have concepts about what a nun is — reserved, wearing a habit,” says Colleen Pen ’13, who traveled to Suchitoto in 2012. “She is so approachable, the basis of her energy. All of her days were crammed full but she was present every second that she was with you. You feel rejuvenated after talking with her.”

“She’s a perfect example of what it looks like to live out your passion. She calls us to a more challenging life, but the most rewarding one.” After the completion of medical school and a master’s degree in public health, Peay intends to practice in Latin America.

SISTER PEGGY took her vows with the Sisters of Charity a little more than 50 years ago. After earning her Ph.D. she became the chair of the theology department at Johns College in New York. She took a sabbatical in the mid-1980s to teach and serve across Latin America, and her love affair with Salvadorans — “They nourished my soul, and astound me” — began. “Wherever the need is, I’ll go, but there was a chemistry there,” she explains. “You can do anything you want. When you have someone like Mercedes speaks now — an incredibly articulate, motivated individual who is politically astute and speaking out publicly — you’re seeing the power of community organizing. She’s living embodiment of the transformation in that area,” says Ching.

Sister Peggy’s next target is a performing arts center’s café, Sister Peggy cites lines from a favorite poem by Mary Oliver: “When it’s over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride married to amazement.”

“Get a life, a real life — not just the manic pursuit of the next promotion, the larger house, the greener lawn, the bigger paycheck... Get a life where you are not alone. Find people you love, and who love you. Get a life in which you are generous. Give yourself away,” she urged the graduates. “Put out on life!” Matthew Stout ’10, now in medical school at the University of Chicago, returned to Suchitoto for an additional six weeks after his study abroad experience in El Salvador in 2008. “I was overwhelmed by the generosity and friendliness of Latin Americans,” he says. “I was welcomed there even though I didn’t speak the language very well, and when that’s juxtaposed with the intolerance level at undocumented populations here — and to imagine them facing a health issue here on top of that intolerance — that was the last thing that I checked off. Done deal. I can survive anything with good music.”

By the fall of 1987 she had resigned her faculty position and started helping Cooperatives return to El Salvador from Manhattan refuge camps. She has run medical supplies to hiding guerrillas, dotted armed soldiers, thwarted kidnappings and brought badly needed — sometimes only several heads — home to anxious mothers. “We were brave. We were just doing little things that amounted to bigger things,” she asserts. “You just didn’t think.”

“Violeins against violence.”

She explains: “I hope they can say about me that I died on the last day of my life — no wonder — that I continued to wonder, to struggle and to grow. Some people really give up long before they’re put in the morgue. If I could just be a bride married to amazement to the end, you know?” [8]

To learn more about the Centro Arco Iris 1a Patu and to support its work, visit cooperations.org. Mary O’Neil — no relation to Sister Peggy — is a freelance writer based in Washington, D.C.
As campaign approaches conclusion, university launches final push

FURMAN

Chair to help the university reach its completion.

And just as he was there for the campaign’s
to build a bridge, similar to the one Dromgoole
describes, for those who have yet to come
of the Bell Tower with Paris Mountain in the
image that adorned the origi-
campus marketing materials and served as
inspiration through the last six years —
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FIVE FURMAN STUDENTS received scholarships this spring to participate in a study away program during May Experience, the university’s three-week semester that bridges the end of the academic year and the start of summer school.

Far from being the man of the world,” said
Kohrt, “We need new and funds to build the endowment that supports our programs and professor. Adding about $20
millions to Furman’s endowment would be an
critical investment.”

Rinkers’ commitment boosts study away and international education programs

1. As chairman of the board of trustees in October of 2007, Carl Kohrt stood at the podium in Timmons Arena and helped launch the largest fundraising drive in Furman’s history: the $400 million Because Furman Matters capital campaign.

2. Today, almost six years later, Kohrt is at the forefront of the campaign again — only now he is interim president of Furman, a position he assumed July 1 after Rod Smolla’s resignation.

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DAVID REDBURN
came to Furman in 1952 with a strong background in the
tools of gerontology and demography. He did his undergraduate work at
North Carolina State before turning to the University of Utah for his
doc torate. During his 25-year term at Furman he twice served as chair of
the sociology department, and for several years he was secretary/treasurer of the
Southern Demographic Association.
Two things stand out in regard to David’s contributions to Furman.
For many years he taught a two-semester methods sequence that guided
our majors in the development of original research papers. These projects
often led to presentations at the students at regional conferences, and
the skills developed in these classes helped many of our majors succeed
at top graduate programs and non-academic research positions.
David’s classes were often interdisciplinary in nature, and he forged
important connections between the sociology department and the
departments of economics and earth and environmental sciences.
To recognize his service to Furman and to the department, the Redburn Award
was established for the graduating sociology major who best
embodies outstanding academic promise, leadership and service.
Much of David’s research focused on social inequality. In addition,
he studied the concept of social capital — how the quality of one’s
social networks contributes to economic success, and how the nature
of neighborhoods in which one resides promote trust among residents
and affects quality of life.
It’s safe to say, however, that one of his major interests was, in his
words, “creating儿子.” He and his spouse, Del, spent many summers on
a boat, sailing in the Caribbean or along both coasts of the United
States — or even in the Greek Isles with longtime friends Bob and
Mickey Peay from the mathematics department.
Over time the Redburns met many couples who lived abroad and
needed to sharpen their students’ writing and thinking skills. His assessments were always accompanied
by personal and constructive feedback. I still have my student-teaching
journal, the pages peppered with thoughtful comments. He read every
word of our reflections, complaints and hopes. This is something pro-
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When I started teaching at Valdosta State University, I received
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longtime friends and co-editors of the journal Dimensions. We shared stories of Dr. Cherry and our sincere admiration for his intellect and
unwavering dedication to excellence. This sentiment extends through-
out the community of modern language scholars, as the Southern
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was offered jobs by IBM and Bell Laboratories. Instead he entered Southern
Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity
degree and studied under Edgar McKnight, later a college at Furman.
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He made his way in 1992 to Furman, where he served as a model of
integrity, compassion and teaching excellence.

MAURICE CHERRY
taught me Spanish when I was a Furman
undergraduate. He then taught me how
to reach Spanish
when I was a Furman
graduate student.
When I student-taught, he supervised all Furman foreign language
student teachers, which entailed visiting us in our respective schools.
He spent however long was needed to affirm and motivate us as we
brought foreign languages to sometimes less than appreciative
adolescents. He melded my career choice and he regularly checks
in with me, he is by sending a congratulatory note for a publication
or encouraging me to make a presentation at a conference.
A 1955 Furman graduate himself, Maurice Cherry stood for
major in the classroom. Four decades of Furman undergraduates carry these
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The university banned smoking in all campus buildings in 1993. The ban was extended in 2007 to include smoking within 25 feet of building entrances. Students were still allowed to smoke on the balconies of residence halls. A series of forums will likely be held this fall to gather input on the proposed policy change, says Riddelston.

Among institutions of higher learning in South Carolina, Charleston Southern, Converse, Lander, Medical University of South Carolina, Southern Wesleyan, University of South Carolina-Upstate, York Technical College and Palm Beach Technical College have banned all forms of tobacco use on their campuses, and Clemson University has formed a committee to study the matter. More than 821 U.S. colleges and universities are tobacco free.

Riddelston says research gathered by the committee indicates that healthcare costs are 40 percent higher for smokers, and that smoke-free policies on campuses help decrease tobacco consumption.

“There are many health, economic and environmental benefits from having a tobacco-free environment,” states the recommendation. “The committee recognizes that it is Furman’s responsibility to actively engage our campus community in accepting responsibility for improving our environment, beginning with our campus.”

— JOHN ROBERTS

**Education program makes Council on Teacher Quality honor roll**

**University considers proposal to become tobacco free**

**Commentary: Meritorious Teaching and Advising Award recipients**

**AS IS TRADITIONAL AT FURMAN, the 2013 Commencement featured the presentations of the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Awards for Meritorious Teaching and Advising. The advising honorees were Nelly Hecker, professor and chair of education, and John Wheeler (far right), professor of chemistry. John Skelley (second from left), who was influential in establishing Furman’s poverty studies minor and retired this year as professor of religion (page 17), and A. Scott Henderson, professor of education, received the teaching awards. Henderson is only the third professor in Furman history to win both the teaching and advising awards, joining Charles Brewer, William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Psychology, and Tom Cloer, professor emeritus of education. Henderson received the advising award in 2002. To recognize the winners, we feature representative quotes from letters, submitted by former or current students or colleagues, nominating each of them for their respective awards.**
Bookmarks: Featuring summaries of recent works by Furman writers

ROBERT WHITLOW ’76, The Living Room (Thomas &ibi, 2013), a novel about giving new life to an old house. The novel -tends to the need for new opportunities in life and how to overcome obstacles. Whitlow, who teaches at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, (Furman featured her work in the fall 2006 issue of Cook, Furman's literary journal. The former Appalachian Trail trail blazer has a keen eye for the natural world and the people who admire it. Her latest book, the author, an emergency medical technician in Simpsonville, S.C., writes about her life as a mom and wife, and her love of the outdoors. She has been featured on radio and television shows, and her book has been translated into several languages.

MICHELLE “BROWINE” PUGH ’15, The Rose (MTH Press, 2013), a novel about a young woman's journey through the world of fashion. Pugh, who teaches at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, (Gruen holds a degree in political science and public administration, is corporate counsel for a company in Wilmington, N.C. Prior to joining the firm, she was a partner in a law firm in the college town. Visit jpmcharrt.com.

TRAICY BEHRENS SANDS ’90, The Christian Alphabet Book: Teaching Children About Jesus, Prayer and the Bible (Love Dove Publishing, 2012). The book offers young readers the chance to learn about the fundamentals of the Christian faith, and how those truths begun to create a vibrant faith of their own. Sands, who also illustrated the book, uses scripture and easy-to-grasp images to help parents share the Gospel with their children. The book is part of a larger project called the Christian Alphabet.

JAMES KNARR ’02, United States, 1903–1929: Diplomacy in the Progressive Era United States. 1903–1929 (Texas A&M University Press, 2013). This is the first book-length critical study of the work of American-known gay novelist Ron Rash, who has taught at Furman since 1986, examines White's writing within the changing social context of the post-Civil War era. The book illustrates the author's influence in the field of American studies.

SAUNDRA DAVIS WESTRELL ’01 and Kimberly E. Cook, Life After Death (Rowman & Littlefield, 2013). Interviews with 18 individuals who have been inexorably and freed from life on Earth. The book explores their post-incarnation experiences, including their experiences in between lives, and how these experiences have influenced their lives on Earth. It also includes a section on the ethics and potential implications of the afterlife.

The book provides a foundation in American environmentalism, as well as an introduction to current issues and trends of the sustainability movement. It also includes the major themes of environmentalism, as well as the complex challenges facing contemporary society.

OFFICIALS OUTSTANDING

For four years at Furman McKeve was twice the league’s player of the year and helped her squad to a 5-8-3 season regular-season record. She holds the school record for most goals scored in a career, with 75. She received the 2012 Southeast Region Arthur Ashe Sportmanship Award and was the league’s female athlete of the year in 2013.

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FURMAN IS FURM an INCUBATOR and Capitol Hill, meet officers with Furman ties, and to visit such sites as the Pentagon, Brookings Institute department during Mayville’s student days, to develop supporter, worked this spring with retired Army colonel Mayville, a Florida businessman and strong Furman on Veterans Day, November 11. who are able to attend. The campus to interact with the alumni officers the university’s Corps of Cadets 9 during Homecoming. It will be officers, two Navy admirals and several more graduates are generals in the Army, with five on top military brass? at the Army War College. The mini-course covered part of the course, drawing from his three decades careers.”It is important for them to know the process, at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C. She’s married to Rob Warfield ’02. We’re delighted to have Sarrin back on campus. Ballentine Carter, himself a Furman grad, earned his undergraduate degree at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg. She was previously senior vice president at Citizens Private Bank & Trust. She was named to the 2013 list of South Carolina Super Lawyers. Bill Mayville ’76, a product of Furman’s military sci- ence program, noticed a few years ago that a number認為 top military brass? can be expanded, and that in the future political careers. “It is important for them to know the process, relations and alumni programs. Tom Triplitt, a 1976 graduate, is Furman’s executive director of constituent relations and alumni programs. Pasquarett hopes the program can be expanded, and that in the future political science and history students can join the Furman cadets in Washington. The information gathered and connections made through “How Washington Works” will likely provide a career boost to the 2013 cadets, who received their commissions May 3. Perhaps one or more of them will become the next Furman general. NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE: Samir Tolle Warfield ’13 has joined our staff as assistant director of alumni programs. She earned her Furman degree in communication studies with a concentration in women’s studies, then received a master’s in organization development and a coaching certificate from the McColl School of Business at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C. She married to Rob Warfield ’12. We’re delighted to have Samir back on campus. With Homecoming approaching, don’t be surprised to hear from her soon! — TIM TRIPLITT A report by Kirkh Nawae for edge furman.edu served as the back for this column. Tom Right, a 1970 graduate, is Furman’s executive director of constituent relations and alumni programs. Furman cadets enjoy an Insider’s view of “How Washington Works.”
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SUMMER 2013

93 Kiril Bakker of the Wayne State Free- man & Farmer law firm in Greenville was named to the 2013 list of South Caro-

olina Super Lawyers. He has been named president and chief operating officer of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of South Carolina. He is also treasurer of the South Carolina Alliance of Non-Profit Organizations. The fellowship enabled him to attend the school’s spring Commencement. The award includes a prize of $1,000.

Tommie-Rinelle Watson, an Army captain and

97 William Prisstley earned a master’s degree in education from Campbell University in December. He recently became broadcasting and digital media coordinator for the school’s athletics program.

98 This year is Reunion!

Carrie Jones of East Lansing, Mich., is executive director of the Michigan Venture Capital Association, for which she oversees mission, member outreach and growth in the mid-mississippial region.

Alice James Smith earned a master’s degree in education from Winthrop University this spring.

00 Whitney Loewery-Jackson Howell, a freelance writer in Durham, N.C., special-

izing in science and medicine, was awarded the 2013 World Health Organization/Un-

ited Nations Foundation Fellowship in Global Health, which provides journalists over the next eight months.


Ryan Koont, a middle school science teacher and history teacher at St. Joseph’s Catholic School in Greenville, received the 2013 Deacon Robert Brady Middle School Excel-

ence in Teaching Award, chosen by the students.

Aaron Salih, Jr., an Army captain and foreign area officer, recently finished his in-region training in Madrid, Spain. He was scheduled to move to Monterrey, Calif., to study for a master’s degree in European security studies.


Matthew and Abigail Boyleston, a daughter, Mavei Rele Boyleston, March 13. Max has been named director of the Day Foundation’s arts in schools program.

Ashley Kelley Thaba of the school’s spring Commencement. The award includes a prize of $1,000.

12 NEW MEMBERS JOIN ALUMNI BOARD

The alumni association: Board of Directors, which provides counsel and guidance to the university on behalf of alumni, welcomes 12 new members and a new chair, Leslie Smith ’11, to its ranks this fall. Smith, a resident of Jacksonville, Fla., is finance director for Genesee & Wyoming, a rail services company. She took the gavel from J. Chris Brown ’89.

The 12 newcomers represent one of the board’s largest first-year “classes” in many years. They are: Henry Barton ’84 (Etna, S.C.), director of legislative and regulatory relations with SCANA Corporation of South Carolina; Laura Wahsokina Benzie ’10 (Shelbyville, Ky.), an attorney with the firm of William Thomas Craig; Bryan Fox ’93 (Columbia, S.C.), director of special projects with Palmetto Health and founder of Athletic Performance Excellence; Russell Gambrell ’79 (Martinez, Ga.), telecommunications specialist with the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon; Cal Hott ’04 (Greenville, S.C.), vice president/commercial relationship manager with PCI Beri; Richard Hyman ’77 (Weston, Conn.), vice president of national account services for Global Imaging Systems.

Also, Steve Price ’86 (Bradenton, Fla.), co-pastor, Harvest United Methodist Church; Chris Smith ’95 (Bythewood, S.C.), owner of Mann’s and Shmalbier restaurants; Kevin Spears ’82 (Deerfield, Ga.), development officer for Vissine Health System, a home healthcare and hospice provider; Doug Simmons ’11 (Knoxville, Tenn.), sales and marketing representative for England, a 1-2-Boy company; Lizzie Wherry ’01 (Charleston, S.C.), outside sales representative for Dealers Supply & Lumber Co., and Beth Goodell Williams ’91 (Charleston, S.C.), director of youth ministries at First Presbyterian Church.

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Kimberly Gross Freeman, head of the world languages department at Lexington Middle School, is the Lexington District 1 teacher of the year. She specializes in Latin. Becky Lane lived in Sallieburg, N.C., where she is marketing projects coordinator for Power Concrete, the world’s largest ship-in-painted concrete paver. She was formerly videographer and assistant director of marketing at Furman. Carmen Bands Sawyer has joined First Coast Oncology in Jacksonville, Fla., as a clinical medical oncology nurse, is a project manager at Florida Blue.

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MARRIAGES: Robert Andrew Coody and Hannah Michelle Richard, May 6. Robert is a product manager in the leadership management services unit at CGXG in caring, N.C. Laura Beth Gibbs and Brock Medly, November 3. They live in Greenville where he is a registered nurse. She serves as nurse manager with Carolinas HealthCare System. DIRTH: Norma Jean and Christine Miskoea Brue, twins, a daughter, Caralyn Keelan, and a son, Samuel Paul, Jan. 9. They live in Surfside Beach, S.C. She carries this item from the spring issue.

Andrew and Lindsey Stains Saxon, a son, Parker Thomas, May 24. They live in Bermuda, Ala., where Andrew has been named CEO for EGIS Commercial Real Estate, Inc. Elisa and Lauren Kiser Merrin, a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, August 20, 2012, Columbia, S.C. Thomas and Gabrielle Roberts Sowa, a son, Isaac Wesley, December 12, Charleston, Tenn.

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Jacqueline Plitch O’Keane of Madison, has completed her fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology Medicine degree from the Georgia campus of the Philadelphia (Pa.) College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is continuing her medical training in family medicine with Spartanburg (S.C.) Regional Healthcare System. Karliksca Singhar, a Ph.D. student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., is one of 150 graduate students from 526 applicants nationwide to be awarded a David L. Boren Fellowship for 2013-14. The award supports her travel to India, where she is scheduled to study Hindu-Krishna and conduct research in energy-efficient construction. She is a fellow on the fellowship, sponsored by the National Security Education Program, is designed to build a more qualified pool of U.S. citizen foreign language professionals and international skills. In exchange for the award, Boren recipients agree to work in the federal government for at least one year. Jessica Taylor (Weaver) Anderson, a daughter, Ainsley Jane, Nov. 29, matrices for The Daily Roundabout and “ABC7” television. She was previously with Architectural Photobank.

MARRIAGES: Ashley Elizabeth Berkland and Venn Vendible, April 13. They are a program manager with Google in Mountain View, Calif., and was an assistant professor in the department of History and Political Science. She recently completed her Ph.D. in political science at the University of Illinois. Hugh Williamsmann of Columbia, Ga., has been named a partner in management for Atlanta Engineering Group, a leader in take-home cleaning and waste collection for design. MARRIAGES: Mason Perry and Kevin Williams, February 2. They live in Charlotte, N.C. Virginia Preston Gross and John Wesley Queen, March 18, They live in Greenville.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION: Tyler Bandy and his brother started a mobile fashion design company focused on the Greenville market. The company recently released their second title, "Pary Fashion," a graphic novel available for free. Kristen Capogros, an economist with Laura R. Christianen Associates in Madison, Wis., was an AHEW nominee in Madison. AHEW recognizes efforts to help women reach their full potential. Kristen also received the Outstanding Dissertation Award from Virginia Tech for her doctoral work.

Zachary Corrigan has earned a master’s degree in communication studies, focusing on rhetoric and public relations, from Northern Illinois University. Kristin McDaniel has rejoined the football staff as an offensive analyst for Alabama’s 2011 South Carolina Gamecocks. He has served as an ambassador for the University of Alabama’s 50th anniversary celebration. In June, he was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Furman. He is a registered nurse. She serves as nurse manager with Carolinas HealthCare System. BIRTHS: A.J. Luke and Marissa Berkland, a son, Aiden Christian, April 20, 2011, They live in Greenville.

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Lauren Coffers has graduated from the University of Central Florida with a master’s degree in communication sciences and disorders. She is a speech-language pathologist for Eli Lilly and Company in Fort Myers, Fla. She earned a master’s degree in communication sciences and disorders from the University of Central Florida. She is pursuing her doctorate in communication sciences and disorders from Furman.

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Andrew Barnhill was selected to give the student commencement speech at Duke University May 12. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Duke and is scheduled to complete his law degree in the fall. He has been a graduate resident on campus, a graduate assistant for Undergraduate Student Government, an intern in religion and political affairs. He is chair of Young Democrats for North Carolina’s 7th District. Emily Bone is a member of the college’s faculty and an instructor in the departments of government and political science. She is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Emily Bone is a member of the college’s faculty and an instructor in the departments of government and political science. She is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.
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Barstow Hagedoorn
Furman '88, June 11, Jacksonville, Fla. She graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School in New York City. After moving to Jacksonville in 1972 she became active in community work, serving as a docent at the Cummer Museum of Art, joining the Aujamo Garden Club and the Travel Club, and working with a certified therapy dog to provide comfort for patients and elderly care.

Margaret Moss Wilton Lundgren
Furman '58, May 29, Orangeburg, S.C. She served as a chaplain.

Orangeburg German-Swiss Genealogical Daughters of the American Revolution, the Orangeburg, her hometown, where she She worked with Stephen Ministries while in college, spent 3 years in hospitals and elderly care.

Veronica Kelly
Furman ’58, May 29, Orangeburg, S.C. She worked as a docent at the Cummer Museum of Art, offering music and drama at Greenville

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Rheeta Dea Bailey
Furman ’60, May 31, Greenville, S.C. She worked with Stephen Ministries while in college, spent 3 years in hospitals and elderly care.

Mary Schuler Campbell
Furman ’62, May 31, Southport, N.C. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schuler of Charleston, S.C.

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Agua del Pueblo: Water for Guatemalans

BRUCE CLEMENS HAS ALWAYS wanted to move mountains. This year, he enlisted the help of 10 Furman students to help him do just that.

Team with an industrious group of villagers, they moved rocks and boulders through a combination of ropes, ladders and raw manpower. Their mission: to build a road to access a new mountain community being built in Guatemala.

For Clemens, a professor in Furman’s business and accounting department who focuses on strategy and sustainability, the road to Furman began four decades ago in Guatemala. Shortly after graduating from Cornell University in 1972 with an engineering degree, he bought a one-way ticket to Guatemala with the goal of eliminating poverty.

With the encouragement of a Catholic priest, the late Father Greg Schaeffer, Clemens and a team of volunteers formed a non-profit consulting firm, Agua del Pueblo. Since its beginning in the 1970s, the organization has completed more than 700 potable water projects, bringing water to more than 20 percent of Guatemala’s rural population.

Bruce, Ranson and the Furman students have committed themselves to helping to raise money for the project. Thus far they’ve collected $26,000 through a Duke Endowment grant and through Furman’s annual Water Walk program, in which participants carry water in various-sized containers along a selected route on campus — much like the families in San Lucas Toliman.

Seeing the Guatemalan people cope with their challenges on a daily basis, while maintaining their enthusiasm for the future, affected students and faculty deeply. “It gave me a heart for sustainable projects such as this, where two groups of people can pool their resources to make change happen,” Woodard says.

“Young people in the villages are just unbelievable,” says Ranson, who was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Allison. “It’s a privilege to be able to help in such a concrete way.”

— ERIK AH HAAVE

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