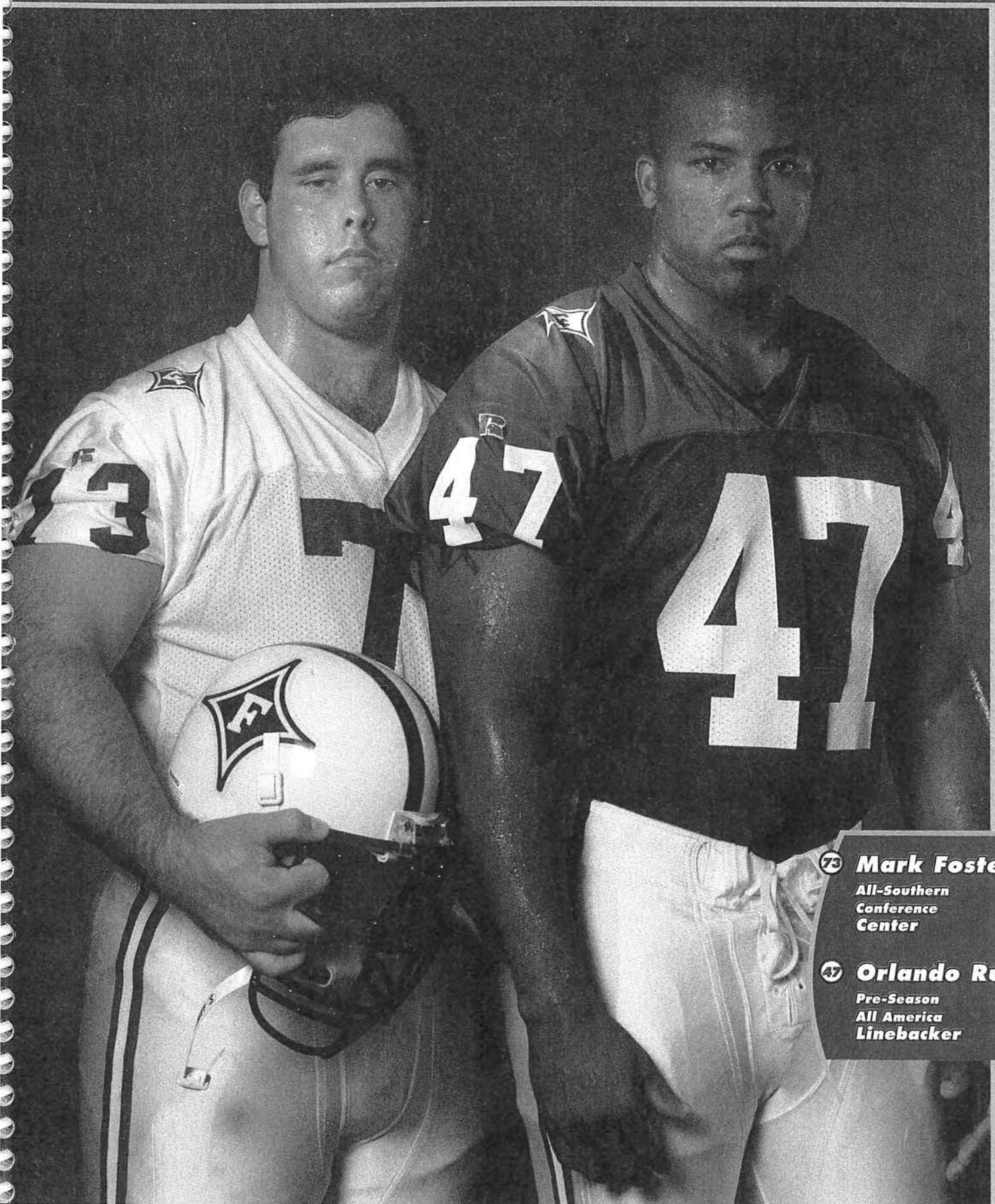


1998  
**Furman Football**



**73 Mark Foster**  
All-Southern  
Conference  
Center

**74 Orlando Ruff**  
Pre-Season  
All America  
Linebacker



# 1998 FURMAN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Series
Sept. 5	@ Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	1:00	10-38-4
Sept. 12	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA STATE</b> (Poster Day)	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	1:30	9-4-0
Sept. 19	<b>SAMFORD</b> (Paladin Club Day)	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	7:00	2-5-0
Sept. 26	@ VMI *	Lexington, Va.	1:00	18-8-0
Oct. 3	<b>WESTERN CAROLINA</b> * (Parents' Weekend)	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	1:30	14-9-2
Oct. 10	@ Appalachian State * — (SportSouth TV)	Boone, N.C.	3:30	18-6-3
Oct. 17	<b>THE CITADEL</b> * (Homecoming)	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	1:30	47-27-3
Oct. 24	@ East Tennessee State *	Johnson City, Tenn.	2:00	19-5-0
Nov. 7	<b>GEORGIA SOUTHERN</b> * (R.A. Day)	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	1:30	2-6-0
Nov. 14	@ Wofford *	Spartanburg, S.C.	2:00	42-22-7
Nov. 21	<b>CHATTANOOGA</b> * (Fan Appreciation Day)	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	1:30	14-13-0

\* Southern Conference Game — All Times Eastern and Subject To Change



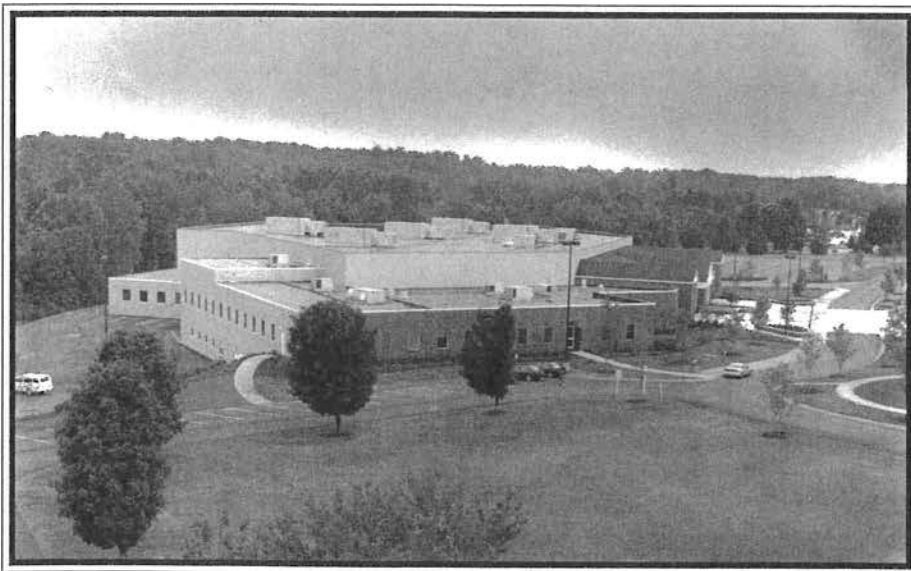
# 1997 FURMAN RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Site	Score	Result	Attendance
Sept. 4	@ Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	29-10	W	4,763
Sept. 13	@ South Carolina State	Orangeburg, S.C.	6-17	L	6,626
Sept. 27	<b>VMI</b>	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	<b>35-14</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>7,175</b>
Oct. 4	@ Western Carolina	Cullowhee, N.C.	16-17	L	10,479
Oct. 11	<b>APPALACHIAN STATE</b>	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	<b>24-22</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>9,686</b>
Oct. 18	@ The Citadel	Charleston, S.C.	21-7	W	11,245
Oct. 25	<b>EAST TENNESSEE STATE</b>	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	<b>28-58</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>9,105</b>
Nov. 1	<b>ELON</b>	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	<b>28-20</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>7,817</b>
Nov. 8	@ Georgia Southern	Statesboro, Ga.	13-30	L	18,269
Nov. 15	<b>WOFFORD</b>	<b>GREENVILLE</b>	<b>28-7</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>9,560</b>
Nov. 22	@ Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	43-21	W	10,102

Overall Record (7-4); Southern Conference Record (5-3, T3rd)



# TIMMONS ARENA



Timmons Arena

*"We believe Timmons Arena will have the same positive impact on our program that the construction of Paladin Stadium had in 1981. Most importantly for us, it includes a top-notch weight room, which provides a big boost to our strength program and also to our recruiting efforts. The proximity of Timmons Arena to Paladin Stadium is excellent, and it provides us with one of the best football facilities in NCAA I-AA."*

**Bobby Johnson**  
Head Football Coach  
Furman University

# 1998 FURMAN FOOTBALL



## GENERAL INFORMATION

School .....	Furman University
Location .....	Greenville, South Carolina 29613
Enrollment .....	2,500
Founded .....	1826
Colors .....	Purple & White
Nickname .....	Paladins
Mascot .....	Knight On A White Horse
Conference .....	Southern (NCAA I-AA)
Stadium (Capacity) .....	Paladin (16,000)
Field (Surface) .....	Gene Stone (Natural Grass)
President .....	Dr. David Shi
Faculty Athletics Representative .....	Dr. Charles Alford
Vice President For Intercollegiate Athletics .....	Dr. John Block
Director of Academics .....	Dan Brinkman
Director of Compliance/Eligibility .....	John Burns
Director of Marketing/Promotions .....	Terry Bradley
Director of Sports Information .....	Hunter Reid
Director of Sports Medicine .....	Elaine Baker
Head Athletic Trainer .....	Brian Reese
Director of Strength Training .....	Wayne Brown
Paladin Club Director .....	Dr. Gary Clark
Ticket Manager .....	Georgie McMakin

## FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach .....	Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
Record At Furman .....	25-21-0 (4 Years)
Overall Record .....	25-21-0 (4 Years)
Assistant Coaches .....	Julius Dixon (Defensive Line), Allen Edwards (Assistant Defensive Line), Bruce Fowler (Assistant Head Coach, Secondary), George Harrelson (Tight Ends), Clay Hendrix (Offensive Line), Bobby Lamb (Passing Game Coordinator, Quarterbacks, Receivers), Tim Sorrells (Offensive Coordinator, Offensive Backs), Steve Wilson (Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers),
Football Secretary .....	Margaret Seymour
Offensive System .....	Multiple I
Defensive System .....	4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost .....	39/18
Offensive Lettermen Returning/Lost .....	19/6
Defensive Lettermen Returning/Lost .....	18/11
Specialist Lettermen Returning/Lost .....	2/1
Starters Returning/Lost .....	13/11
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost .....	9/2
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost .....	3/8
Specialist Starters Returning/Lost .....	1/1
1997 Record .....	7-4
1997 Southern Conference Record (Finish) .....	5-3 (T3rd)
NCAA I-AA Final Ranking .....	N/R

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

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VMI — September 26 Holiday Inn Golf/Conference Center (540) 248-6020	East Tennessee State — October 24 Holiday Inn-Johnson City (423) 282-4611

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# MEDIA INFORMATION

**PRESS BOX:** Furman working press facilities are located atop the home stands at Paladin Stadium. The fifth level houses space for sportswriters, home and visiting radio, home and visiting coaches, and public address. The top (roof) level is reserved for home and visiting game film and television. Only working press, coaches, and game administration personnel will be admitted to these two levels.

**PRESS PASSES:** All requests for working press credentials should be directed to the sports information director. Passes not furnished by return mail must be picked up in person at the "Press Will-Call" window, located on the ground floor of the press tower.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Photographers must secure sideline passes from the sports information director and adhere to a working area designated as "any area along the sidelines (except between the 30-yard lines) and beyond the end zones."

**PARKING:** Requests for parking should be made as early as possible. Media parking is located near the press tower.

**SERVICES:** Refreshments, pre-game information, flip charts, game programs, complete statistics, and post-game coaches' quotes are provided at every Furman home game. Telephones and a fax machine are also available. Post-game interviews can be conducted on the field and in the locker rooms at the north end of the stadium.

**PLAYER INTERVIEWS:** The best time to interview players in person is before practice, preferably between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. Phone interviews will be arranged at the player's convenience, but it is asked that all player interviews (in-person or via-phone) be arranged through Hunter Reid at Timmons Arena (864) 294-2061.

**COACHES' INTERVIEWS:** The best time to interview coach Johnson or any member of the football coaching staff is between 11:00 a.m. and Noon, Tuesday-Thursday, and between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Please call Margaret Seymour (864) 294-2120 or Hunter Reid (864) 294-2061 to arrange all coaches' interviews.

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## KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Southern Conference Rouser Greenville, South Carolina Sunday, July 26 — Monday July 27	Varsity Reports Saturday, August 15
Freshmen Report Wednesday, August 12	Varsity Practice Begins Monday, August 17
Freshman Practice Begins Thursday, August 13	Paladin Club Rouser Saturday, August 24

## FURMAN FOOTBALL ON THE INTERNET

The Furman University sports information office maintains an athletics home page on the Internet. Furman's football web site includes program quick facts, coaches' biographies, season outlook, current roster and two-deep, schedule and game statistics, cumulative statistics, press releases, ticket information, as well as information on Paladin Stadium, Furman's radio network, and links to the Southern Conference and NCAA. Furman's athletics home page address: <http://www.furman.edu/athletics>.

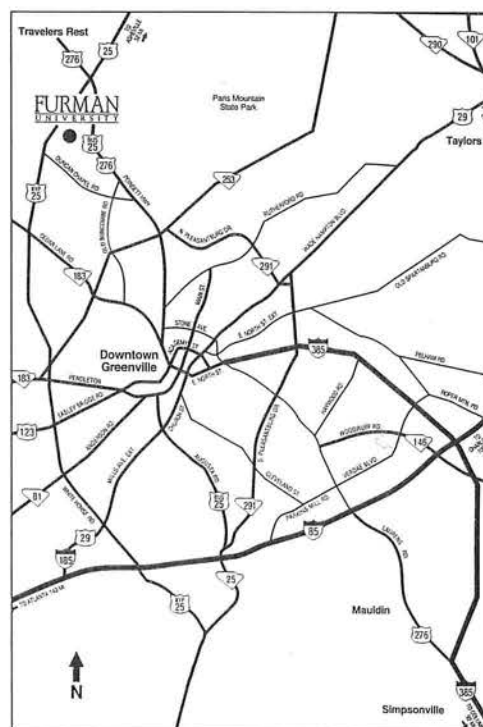
## SPORTS SYSTEMS FAXBACK DIRECTORY

Sports Systems Services Fax-On-Demand is an automated, 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week service that instantly sends the latest information and releases from Furman University and the Southern Conference to your fax machine. To access Sports Systems Services Fax-On-Demand, call (201) 461-5726 from the handset on a fax machine. Press "1" and select the desired documents. Then press the start button on the fax machine. The computer will immediately fax a copy of the latest information in the respective files.

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## HOW TO GET TO FURMAN UNIVERSITY

- ✓ **From Asheville, N.C.**, and points northwest: Take I-26 to Hendersonville, N.C., then U.S. 25 south. Stay on U.S. 25 business to Furman University exit.
- ✓ **From Charlotte, N.C.**, and points northeast: Take I-85 to Greenville. Take I-385 to North Pleasantburg Drive (Route 291). Follow 291 six miles north to U.S. 25 business and U.S. 276. Proceed three miles north to Furman University exit.
- ✓ **From Atlanta, Ga.**, and points southwest: Take I-85 to U.S. 25 (White Horse Road). Proceed 12 miles north to Duncan Chapel Road. Turn right and drive .8 mile to campus gate on your left.
- ✓ **From Columbia, S.C.**, and points southeast: Take I-26 to I-385. Take North Pleasantburg Drive (Route 291) six miles north to U.S. 25 business and U.S. 276. Proceed three miles north to Furman University exit.





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## FURMAN RADIO NETWORK



**F**URMAN FOOTBALL ACTION can be heard over the Paladins' radio network, headed up by flagship station WPCI-AM (1490) of Greenville, and affiliates WMMZ-AM (1400) of Spartanburg and Greenville's WHYZ-AM (1070). In addition, WPEK-FM (98.1) will carry selected games this year.

Chuck Hussion, the "Voice of the Furman Paladins", returns for his fifth season, and joining him with color commentary will be John Ingles, who is also entering his fifth year as a member of the Furman football broadcast team.

A 33-year veteran of radio, Hussion gained notoriety in the region as sports director at WCNN Radio from 1984-87, and WSB Radio in Atlanta, Ga., from 1978-84. From 1971-78, he worked as sports director at WCLG in Morgantown, W.Va. In addition to his work in coordinating Furman's network, Hussion's experience includes play-by-play announcer of Georgia Tech baseball, basketball, and football, and Georgia State basketball.

A native of Grafton, W.Va., Hussion has been recognized twice in the past four years by the Georgia Associated Press for Best Sports Play-by-Play and Best Sports Commentary.

For John Ingles, a 1976 Furman graduate, the 1998 football campaign will mark his continued association with a program he has observed closely over the past 21 years. A former teacher and coach at Eastside High



*Furman Football Radio Broadcast Team (l-r) — Chuck Hussion, John Ingles, Dave Cohen, Gordon Higgins, Robbie Ross.*

School, Ingles now serves as an administrative assistant for his wife, Greenville attorney Susan Ingles.

Other members of Furman's football broadcast team include: Gordon Higgins, sideline reporter and host of the tailgate show; Dave Cohen, coordinator of half-time and post-game highlights; and Robbie Ross,

statistician and spotter.

Furman radio play-by-play broadcasts are also available over any telephone in the world with TEAMLINE, which can be accessed by dialing 1-800-846-4700 and entering Furman's team code "1109".



# FURMAN ATHLETICS DIRECTORY

	Office	Home		Office	Home
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
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President .....	(864) 294-2100		Assistant Coach .....	294-3444	421-0604
Dr. John Block (Furman '63)			Joyce Hawkins		
Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics .....	294-2150	246-0719	Men's Basketball Secretary .....	294-2170	232-1300
Dr. Charels Alford (Wofford '68)			<b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b>		
Faculty Athletics Representative .....	246-3309	246-8700	Sherry Carter (South Carolina '74)		
Eileen Harbin			Head Coach .....	294-3429	235-8660
Athletic Director Secretary .....	294-2150	246-1826	Joanna Bernabei (West Liberty State '97)		
<b>ATHLETIC/ACADEMIC COUNSELING</b>					
Dan Brinkman (UCLA '89)			Assistant Coach .....	294-3117	246-5311
Director of Academics .....	294-3675	834-2528	Adrienne Shuler (Georgia '92)		
<b>ATHLETIC BUSINESS OFFICE</b>					
Elaine Cauthen			Assistant Coach .....	294-3426	271-7947
Athletic Business Manager .....	294-3132	246-2040	Tim Taylor (James Madison '89)		
<b>ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE &amp; ELIGIBILITY</b>					
John Burns (McPherson '61)			Assistant Coach .....	294-3426	TBA
Director of Compliance & Eligibility .....	294-2163	834-2648	Diane Rainey		
<b>ATHLETIC TICKET OFFICE</b>					
Georgie McMakin			Women's Basketball Secretary .....	294-2055	878-1091
Ticket Manager .....	294-3099	834-4090	<b>CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>		
<b>PALADIN CLUB</b>					
Gary Clark (Furman '74)			Gene Mullin (Alabama '65)		
Paladin Club Director .....	294-3435	585-8142	Head Coach .....	294-3459	268-4773
Marshall Bettendorf (Furman '82)			<b>FOOTBALL</b>		
Assistant Paladin Club Director .....	294-3467	268-3215	Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)		
Sue Carnes			Head Coach .....	294-2120	233-0431
Paladin Club Secretary .....	294-3565	268-0380	Julius Dixon (Furman '90)		
Carolyn Heaton			Defensive Line Coach .....	294-3457	246-1012
Paladin Club Secretary .....	294-3469	297-5375	Allen Edwards (Furman '92)		
<b>SPORTS INFORMATION</b>					
Hunter Reid (Presbyterian '83)			Assistant Defensive Line Coach .....	294-2211	TBA
Director of Sports Information .....	294-2061	322-6550	Bruce Fowler (Furman '81)		
Teri Brinkman (Mississippi State '90)			Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Backs Coach .....	294-3451	834-5921
Assistant Director of Sports Information .....	294-3065	834-2528	George Harrleson (Appalachian State '67)		
Diane Rainey			Defensive Ends Coach .....	294-3447	244-8815
Sports Information Secretary .....	294-2055	878-1091	Clay Hendrix (Furman '86)		
<b>SPORTS MARKETING &amp; PROMOTIONS</b>					
Terry Bradley (Fairmont State '80)			Offensive Line Coach .....	294-2989	322-9736
Director of Marketing & Promotions .....	294-3441	294-0458	Bobby Lamb (Furman '86)		
Gale Sosebee			Quarterbacks, Receivers Coach .....	294-3452	322-9432
Sports Marketing Administrative Assistant .....	294-3020	967-2783	Tim Sorrells (Furman '81)		
<b>SPORTS MEDICINE</b>					
Elaine Baker (Winthrop '80)			Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs Coach .....	294-3450	244-3202
Director of Sports Medicine/ Senior Women's Administrator .....	294-2130	295-6650	Steve Wilson (Furman '77)		
Brian Reese (Grand Valley State '86)			Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers Coach .....	294-3446	244-9672
Head Athletic Trainer .....	294-3532	268-9374	Spear Sedgley		
Joe Farmer (Limestone '89)			Football Equipment Manager .....	294-2131	269-1896
Assistant Trainer .....	294-2130	292-3621	Margaret Seymour		
Brett Russell (Buffalo '91)			Football Secretary .....	294-2120	834-4720
Registered Physical Therapist .....	294-2130	246-4661	<b>MEN'S GOLF</b>		
Kathryn Smoke			Todd Satterfield (Georgia '89)		
Sports Medicine Office Manager .....	294-2130	859-3791	Golf Coach .....	294-6283	TBA
Carol Ross			<b>WOMEN'S GOLF</b>		
Sports Medicine Secretary .....	294-2130	268-8528	Mic Potter (Cortland State '77)		
<b>STRENGTH TRAINING &amp; CONDITIONING</b>					
Wayne Brown (Limestone '91)			Golf Coach .....	294-6283	246-5662
Director of Strength Training & Conditioning .....	294-3453	370-9688	<b>MEN'S SOCCER</b>		
Margaret Seymour			Doug Allison (South Carolina '89)		
Strength Training & Conditioning Secretary .....	294-2120	834-4720	Head Coach .....	294-2011	294-6207
<b>BASEBALL</b>					
Ron Smith (Furman '79)			<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>		
Head Coach .....	294-2146	322-9694	Brian Lee (Furman '93)		
<b>MEN'S BASKETBALL</b>					
Larry Davis (Asbury '78)			Head Coach .....	294-3071	268-2709
Head Coach .....	294-2170	322-9859	<b>SOFTBALL</b>		
Mike Jones (Howard '90)			Bonnie Flynn (Yale '90)		
Assistant Coach .....	294-3438	271-2454	Head Coach .....	294-3430	421-9708
Ryan Odum (Hampden-Sydney '96)			<b>MEN'S TENNIS</b>		
Assistant Coach .....	294-3442	370-2905	Paul Scarpa (Florida State '62)		
			Head Coach .....	294-2039	834-3087
			Elaine Hudgins		
			Men's Tennis Secretary .....	294-3823	834-3778
			<b>WOMEN'S TENNIS</b>		
			Debbie Southern (Tennessee '81)		
			Head Coach .....	294-3428	235-4887
			Elaine Hudgins		
			Women's Tennis Secretary .....	294-3823	834-3778
			<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>		
			Cole Tallman (Urbana '76)		
			Head Coach .....	294-3326	233-0393
			Diane Rainey		
			Volleyball Secretary .....	294-2055	878-1091



**F**URMAN'S PALADIN STADIUM, NESTLED beautifully on campus with a scenic view of Paris Mountain, is the football home of the Paladins, having opened in 1981 to replace Surrine Stadium, which served as the site of Furman football for 45 years.

The stadium, which features 16,000 permanent seats, originally was constructed to accommodate 13,200 spectators. Prior to the 1985 season, however, 2,800 additional seats were added, giving the stadium its current capacity.

Paladin Stadium is the third home of Furman football since 1919. Manly Field, completed in that year, served as the home of Furman football until 1936, when Furman moved the site of its football contests to then-newly constructed Surrine Stadium. The first game played in Surrine Stadium—a 14-13 Furman win over Davidson—was the sixth game of the year for Furman during the 1936 season. In 1980, Furman closed its association with Surrine Stadium with a 28-15 victory over arch-rival The Citadel to win its first outright Southern Conference football championship.

Furman opened Paladin Stadium in the same fashion it did Manly and Surrine, winning the first game played within its confines. The Paladins defeated East Tennessee State, 21-0, in the stadium's inaugural contest and have since gone on to record a 83-23-1 (.780 winning percentage) home record since 1981. In seven of the 17 years since opening, Paladin Stadium has served as the home of Southern Conference champions.

In 1985 the stadium's field was named Eugene Stone Field, in honor of the support of Furman benefactor Eugene Stone, who was directly responsible for



*Furman has posted a 83-23-1 record and has won seven Southern Conference championships in Paladin Stadium since the facility's opening in 1981.*

the additional seats added to the stadium prior to the 1985 season.

Fulfilling its primary function as home of Furman football, Paladin Stadium is also used for other activities, including graduation and concerts. In 1990, the stadium was the site of a concert by the group "New Kids On The Block", with a draw of over 28,000 fans. In the spring of 1995, the National Football League Carolina Panthers conducted one of the franchise's

first practices in the facility.

From its initial grading to completion, Paladin Stadium took two years to be realized at a cost of approximately two million dollars. Construction was handled by Farley Construction of Columbia, S.C.

The playing field, rivaled by few in the region, is hybrid Bermuda and landscaping at the stadium is in line with the design and architecture of the entire university.

## PALADIN STADIUM FACTS

<b>Year Opened:</b>	1981
<b>Seating Capacity:</b>	16,000
<b>First Game:</b>	Furman 21, East Tennessee State 0 September 19, 1981
<b>First Furman Victory:</b>	Furman 21, East Tennessee State 0 September 19, 1981
<b>First Furman Defeat:</b>	Tennessee-Chattanooga 31, Furman 28 October 2, 1981
<b>Largest Home Crowd:</b>	19,058 (Furman 22, Appalachian State 18) October 10, 1981
<b>Stadium Record:</b>	83-23-1 (.780) in 17 seasons

## FURMAN'S TOP CROWDS IN PALADIN STADIUM

Attendance	Season	Opponent	Date	Score
19,058	1981	Appalachian State	Oct. 10	22-18
18,617	1986	Presbyterian	Nov. 1	45-31
18,190	1990	The Citadel	Nov. 17	30-17
17,001	1989	East Tennessee State	Nov. 11	44-20
16,579	1991	Tenn.-Chattanooga	Nov. 16	24-21
16,464	1992	The Citadel	Nov. 21	14-20
16,460	1988	The Citadel	Nov. 19	30-17
16,125	1991	Marshall	Oct. 12	35-38
15,772	1987	VMI	Nov. 7	38-0
15,673	1994	South Carolina State	Sept. 10	26-21

## FURMAN VS. OPPONENTS IN PALADIN STADIUM

Team	G	W	L	T	.Pct	FU Pts	OPP Pts.
Appalachian State	9	6	3	0	.667	233	157
Boston University	1	1	0	0	1.000	35	16
Carson-Newman	1	1	0	0	1.000	52	7
Central Florida	1	1	0	0	1.000	42	6
The Citadel	8	6	2	0	.750	259	159
Connecticut	1	1	0	0	1.000	26	17
Davidson	4	4	0	0	1.000	235	24
Delaware	1	1	0	0	1.000	21	7
East Tennessee State	9	8	1	0	.889	298	188
Eastern Kentucky	1	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Elon	1	1	0	0	1.000	38	20
Georgia Southern	3	1	2	0	.333	47	66
Idaho	1	1	0	0	1.000	38	7
James Madison	1	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Liberty	3	3	0	0	1.000	100	34
Marshall	8	6	2	0	.750	234	134
Mars Hill	1	1	0	0	1.000	34	10
Nevada	1	1	0	0	1.000	35	12
Newberry	3	2	1	0	.667	112	31
Presbyterian	7	7	0	0	1.000	306	72
Rhode Island	1	1	0	0	1.000	59	15
South Carolina State	7	6	1	0	.857	177	75
Stephen F. Austin	1	0	1	0	.000	19	21
Tenn.-Chattanooga	8	5	3	0	.625	211	154
VMI	8	8	0	0	1.000	314	89
Western Carolina	9	4	5	0	.444	222	162
William & Mary	2	1	1	0	.500	50	38
Wofford	5	4	0	1	.900	155	31
Youngstown State	1	1	0	0	1.000	42	23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.780</b>	<b>3421</b>	<b>1608</b>



# PALADIN STADIUM RECORDS

## RUSHING

### Most Attempts

Furman: 31, Stanford Jennings vs. The Citadel, 1982.  
Opponents: 32, Chris Parker, Marshall, 1993.

### Most Yards

Furman: 243, Ernest Crosby vs. South Carolina State, 1996.  
Opponents: 217, Terrance Rivers, The Citadel, 1994.

### Most Touchdowns

Furman: 4, Frankie DeBusk vs. East Tennessee State, 1989.  
4, John Bagwell vs. Marshall, 1987.  
4, Ernest Crosby vs. South Carolina State, 1996.  
Opponents: 4, Terrance Rivers, The Citadel, 1994.

### Longest Rush

Furman: 88, Robbie Gardner vs. Central Florida, 1988.  
Opponents: 77, Tom Frooman, The Citadel, 1986.

## PASSING

### Most Attempts

Furman: 36, Tim Sorrells vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1981.  
Opponents: 78, Tom Ehrhardt, Rhode Island, 1985.

### Most Completions

Furman: 19, Bobby Lamb vs. Mars Hill, 1985.  
19, Brent Rickman vs. VMI, 1997.  
Opponents: 39, Tom Ehrhardt, Rhode Island, 1985.

### Most Yards

Furman: 335, Brent Rickman vs. VMI, 1997.  
Opponents: 494, Tom Ehrhardt, Rhode Island, 1985.

### Most Touchdowns

Furman: 4, Bobby Lamb vs. Rhode Island, 1985.  
Opponents: 4, Michael Payton, Marshall, 1991.

### Longest Pass

Furman: 92, David Charpia to Chas Fox vs. East Tenn. St., 1983.  
Opponents: 80, Tim Davis to Rader Sellers, Presbyterian, 1991.

## TOTAL OFFENSE

### Most Attempts

Furman: 46, Tim Sorrells vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1981.  
Opponents: 80, Tom Ehrhardt, Rhode Island, 1985.

### Most Yards

Furman: 364, Bobby Lamb vs. Marshall, 1985.  
Opponents: 480, Tom Ehrhardt, Rhode Island, 1985.

### Most Touchdown Responsibilities

Furman: 5, John Bagwell vs. Marshall, 1987.  
5, Frankie DeBusk vs. East Tennessee State, 1989.  
Opponents: 4, Michael Payton, Marshall, 1991.  
4, Terrance Rivers, The Citadel, 1994.

## SCORING

### Most Points

Furman: 24, John Bagwell vs. Marshall, 1987.  
24, Frankie DeBusk vs. East Tennessee State, 1989.  
24, Ernest Crosby vs. South Carolina State, 1996.  
Opponents: 24, Terrance Rivers, The Citadel, 1994.

### Most Touchdowns

Furman: 4, John Bagwell vs. Marshall, 1987.  
4, Frankie DeBusk vs. East Tennessee State, 1989.  
4, Ernest Crosby vs. South Carolina State, 1989.  
Opponents: 4, Terrance Rivers, The Citadel, 1994.

## KICK SCORING

### Most Points

Furman: 13, Mike Wood vs. The Citadel, 1986.  
Opponents: 12, Jay Millson, Appalachian State, 1991.

### Most Extra Point Attempts

Furman: 9, Tim Tanguay vs. Davidson, 1982.  
9, Glen Connally vs. Presbyterian, 1990.  
Opponents: 7, Justin Skinner, The Citadel, 1994.

### Most Extra Points Made

Furman: 9, Tim Tanguay vs. Davidson, 1982.  
9, Glen Connally vs. Presbyterian, 1990.  
Opponents: 7, Justin Skinner, The Citadel, 1994.

### Most Field Goals Attempted

Furman: 5, Mike Wood vs. Western Carolina, 1986.  
Opponents: 6, Jay Millson, Appalachian State, 1991.

### Most Field Goals Made

Furman: 4, Jim Richter vs. Connecticut, 1993.  
Opponents: 4, Jay Millson, Appalachian State, 1991.

### Longest Field Goals

Furman: 51, Mike Wood vs. South Carolina State, 1986.  
51, Jim Richter vs. Connecticut, 1993.  
Opponents: 57, Eddie Taylor, Newberry, 1985.

## RECEIVING

### Most Receptions

Furman: 7, John Bagwell vs. Appalachian State, 1987.  
7, Rick Ford vs. Marshall, 1993.  
7, Jody Wade vs. VMI, 1997.  
Opponents: 13, Jeff Hubbard, VMI, 1995.

### Most Yards

Furman: 175, Chas Fox vs. Central Florida, 1984.  
Opponents: 187, Jeff Johnson, East Tennessee State, 1993.

### Most Touchdowns

Furman: 2 by numerous players  
Opponents: 3, Jeff Johnson, East Tennessee State, 1993.

## LONGEST PLAYS

### Longest Kickoff Returns

Furman: 93, Josh Cole vs. VMI, 1995.  
Opponents: 94, Troy Brown, Marshall, 1991.  
94, Chris Wright, Georgia Southern, 1992.

### Longest Punt Returns

Furman: 58, Andre Worrell vs. VMI, 1992.  
Opponents: 50, Anthony Stringfield, East Tennessee State, 1997.

### Longest Interception Returns

Furman: 60, Andre Worrell vs. Connecticut, 1993.  
Opponents: 75, Kelvin Edwards, East Tennessee State, 1983.

### Longest Punts

Furman: 68, John Johnson vs. East Tennessee State, 1981.  
Opponents: 68, Harold Alexander, Appalachian State, 1991.

### Longest Fumble Returns

Furman: 8, Jerome Norris vs. South Carolina State, 1984.  
Opponents: 77, Tony Robertson, Presbyterian, 1990.

# PALADIN STADIUM RECORDS



## PALADIN STADIUM ALL-TIME RESULTS

### 1981 (4-1-0)

S. 19	Furman 21, E. Tenn. St. 0	12,070
O. 3	Tenn.-Chattanooga 31, Furman 28	12,525
O. 10	Furman 22, Appalachian State 18	19,058
O. 24	Furman 38, Liberty Baptist 14	9,250
O. 31	Furman 35, Marshall 3	10,811

### 1982 (5-1-0)

O. 2	Furman 38, VMI 3	13,187
O. 9	Furman 12, Western Carolina 6	13,250
O. 30	Furman 63, Davidson 14	12,136
N. 6	Furman 17, James Madison 10	12,375
N. 20	Furman 27, The Citadel 0	13,123
N. 27	S.C. State 17, Furman 0	13,865

### 1983 (6-1-0)

S. 10	Furman 52, Carson-Newman 7	9,226
S. 24	Furman 31, Marshall 7	8,514
O. 22	Furman 49, Appalachian State 0	14,973
N. 5	Furman 28, E. Tenn. St. 7	12,165
N. 12	Furman 28, Tenn.-Chattanooga 14	10,021
D. 3	Furman 35, Boston University 16	7,879
D. 10	Western Carolina 14, Furman 7	13,034

### 1984 (5-1-0)

S. 1	Furman 28, S.C. State 10	12,347
S. 8	Furman 49, Newberry 7	10,365
O. 27	Western Carolina 20, Furman 19	12,651
N. 3	Furman 55, Davidson 7	13,133
N. 10	Furman 42, Central Florida 6	10,296
N. 17	Furman 42, The Citadel 14	12,412

### 1985 (7-1-0)

S. 14	Newberry 24, Furman 21	11,979
O. 12	Furman 34, Marshall 3	11,072
O. 19	Furman 35, E. Tenn. St. 31	9,504
O. 26	Furman 21, Appalachian State 7	12,224
N. 2	Furman 34, Mars Hill 10	13,584
N. 23	Furman 28, Tenn.-Chattanooga 0	13,134
D. 7	Furman 59, Rhode Island 15	9,454
D. 14	Furman 35, Nevada-Reno 12	10,461

### 1986 (4-2-0)

S. 6	Furman 34, S.C. State 7	15,085
O. 18	Western Carolina 19, Furman 13	15,285
N. 1	Furman 45, Presbyterian 31	18,617
N. 8	Furman 59, Davidson 0	11,121
N. 22	Furman 37, The Citadel 14	15,465
N. 29	Eastern Kentucky 23, Furman 10	7,424

### 1987 (5-2-0)

S. 12	Furman 23, Presbyterian 3	9,860
S. 26	Tenn.-Chattanooga 16, Furman 14	9,377
O. 3	Furman 42, Marshall 36	12,122
O. 10	Furman 24, E. Tenn. St. 13	9,331
O. 17	Appalachian State 16, Furman 8	13,147
O. 31	Furman 58, Davidson 3	10,726
N. 7	Furman 38, VMI 0	15,772

### 1988 (8-0-0)

S. 3	Furman 38, S.C. State 0	13,386
S. 17	Furman 21, Presbyterian 0	8,646
S. 23	Furman 42, Newberry 0	15,180
O. 1	Furman 31, VMI 13	11,243
O. 29	Furman 31, Western Carolina 0	13,014

N. 19	Furman 30, The Citadel 17	16,460
N. 26	Furman 21, Delaware 7	7,487
D. 10	Furman 38, Idaho 7	11,645

### 1989 (8-1-0)

S. 16	Furman 59, Presbyterian 17	10,240
O. 7	Furman 34, Marshall 13	11,418
O. 14	Furman 31, Appalachian State 6	13,435
N. 4	Furman 27, Tenn.-Chattanooga 17	14,788
N. 11	Furman 44, E. Tenn. St. 20	17,001
N. 25	Furman 24, William & Mary 10	8,642
D. 2	Furman 42, Youngstown State 23	8,033
D. 9	Stephen F. Austin 21, Furman 19	7,015

### 1990 (5-0-0)

S. 1	Furman 24, S.C. State 7	13,611
S. 8	Furman 63, Presbyterian 7	15,086
O. 6	Furman 51, VMI 22	14,242
O. 27	Furman 42, Western Carolina 9	14,910
N. 17	Furman 30, The Citadel 17	18,190

### 1991 (4-2-0)

S. 14	Furman 31, Liberty 7	14,014
S. 21	Furman 52, Presbyterian 7	12,511
O. 12	Marshall 38, Furman 35	16,125
O. 19	Appalachian State 26, Furman 23 3OT	13,082
N. 2	Furman 52, E. Tenn. St. 23	12,922
N. 16	Furman 24, Tenn.-Chattanooga 21	16,579

### 1992 (3-3-0)

S. 5	Furman 31, Liberty 13	9,045
S. 19	Furman 43, Presbyterian 7	13,087
S. 26	Georgia Southern 21, Furman 0	14,879
O. 3	Furman 41, VMI 13	13,225
N. 7	Western Carolina 29, Furman 27	13,404
N. 21	The Citadel 20, Furman 14	16,464

### 1993 (5-0-1)

S. 4	Furman 26, Connecticut 17	9,193
S. 18	Furman 14, Wofford 14	12,155
S. 25	Furman 45, E. Tenn. St. 21	10,642
O. 9	Furman 27, Appalachian State 21	12,707
O. 30	Furman 24, VMI 0	10,709
N. 13	Furman 17, Marshall 3	12,130

### 1994 (1-5-0)

S. 10	Furman 26, S.C. State 21	15,673
S. 17	William & Mary 28, Furman 26	11,244
O. 1	Western Carolina 35, Furman 24	12,125
O. 15	The Citadel 52, Furman 44	14,157
N. 5	Georgia Southern 31, Furman 26	12,161
N. 19	Tenn.-Chattanooga 34, Furman 20	9,422

### 1995 (3-2-0)

S. 16	Furman 38, Wofford 0	9,137
S. 23	Furman 55, VMI 24	8,994
O. 7	Appalachian State 41, Furman 28	11,245
O. 21	Furman 21, E. Tenn. St. 15	11,017
N. 11	Marshall 31, Furman 6	10,888

### 1996 (6-0-0)

S. 14	Furman 27, S.C. State 13	12,225
S. 21	Furman 33, Wofford 3	11,002
O. 5	Furman 45, Western Carolina 30	11,215
O. 19	Furman 35, The Citadel 25	12,875
N. 9	Furman 21, Georgia Southern 14	11,616
N. 23	Furman 42, Tenn.-Chattanooga 21	8,152

### 1997 (4-1-0)

S. 27	Furman 35, VMI 14	7,175
O. 11	Furman 24, Appalachian State 22	9,686
O. 25	East Tennessee State 58, Furman 28	9,105
N. 1	Furman 38, Elon 20	7,817
N. 15	Furman 28, Wofford 7	9,560

## FURMAN ATTENDANCE SINCE 1973

Year	Home Games	Home Attendance	Home Average	Total Games	Total Attendance	Season Average
1973	5	57,200	11,440	11	92,968	8,452
1974	6	78,000	13,000	11	120,717	10,974
1975	5	57,200	11,440	11	122,317	11,120
1976	6	66,100	11,017	11	141,750	12,886
1977	6	64,700	10,783	11	123,950	11,268
1978	5	52,052	10,410	11	172,537	15,685
1979	6	52,055	8,676	11	141,518	12,865
1980	5	6,839	13,368	11	173,352	15,759
1981	5	63,714	12,743	11	174,053	15,823
1982	6	77,936	12,989	12	213,239	19,385
1983	7	75,812	10,830	13	154,287	11,860
1984	6	71,204	11,867	11	164,606	14,964
1985	8	91,682	11,460	15	185,573	13,255
1986	6	82,997	13,833	12	160,703	13,292
1987	7	81,155	11,593	11	169,138	15,376
1988	8	97,061	12,133	15	257,522	17,168
1989	9	101,295	11,255	14	236,603	16,900
1990	5	76,039	15,207	13	225,840	17,372
1991	6	85,233	14,205	11	176,671	16,061
1992	6	80,104	13,350	11	182,563	16,596
1993	6	67,536	11,256	11	159,965	14,542
1994	6	74,782	12,463	11	183,828	16,711
1995	5	51,281	10,256	11	154,360	14,032
1996	6	67,085	11,180	13	200,295	15,407
1997	5	43,343	8,668	11	104,827	9,529



# TIMMONS ARENA

**I**N DECEMBER OF 1997, FURMAN UNIVERSITY athletics entered a new and exciting era with the opening of Timmons Arena, the school's new on-campus, multipurpose facility.

Construction of the 100,000 square-foot arena, which seats 5,000 people for basketball and 6,000 for concerts and other school and community activities, began in August of 1996, and it now serves as the home of the university's football, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball programs.

In addition to featuring two regulation-size basketball courts and a permanent, elevated stage, the facility includes offices and locker room facilities for the aforementioned sports, offices for sports information, a complete sports medicine facility, and a 7,000 square-foot strength and conditioning center that serves the university's entire 17-sport intercollegiate athletics program. Arena seating features both bench and chair-back styles, and is collapsible to allow the available floor space to be used for a variety of activities.

The lead gift of \$4 million for the facility was provided by longtime Furman supporters William R. Timmons, Jr. '49, Jean Timmons Pelham '42, and Charlie and Kitty Wells '48 Timmons. Bill, Jean, and Charlie are children of the late William R. Timmons '14.

At the time of the gift's announcement, Bill Timmons, chairman of Greenville's Canal Insurance Company, longtime university trustee, and recipient of an honorary degree from Furman in 1995, recalled that his family's association with the university dated back from his father's enrollment in 1910. His father's brother, Charles Edward Timmons, Jr., also attended Furman before volunteering for World War I, during which he was killed in action.

"My brother and sister and I have followed Furman basketball since the end of World War II," said Timmons. "We feel that an on-campus facility will greatly increase interest in Furman basketball in much the same way that Furman football has prospered in Paladin Stadium."



*The new home of Furman University's football, volleyball, and basketball programs, Timmons Arena, a 5,000-seat multipurpose facility, is the centerpiece of the university's athletic physical plant.*

At groundbreaking ceremonies in August of 1996, President David Shi noted that "many Furman supporters have long dreamed of having such an arena on campus. Now, thanks to the generous financial contributions of people like the Timmons family, it is going to happen."

Mindful of what Timmons Arena means to Furman football, head coach Bobby Johnson said, "We believe Timmons Arena will have the same positive impact on our program that the construction of Paladin Stadium had in 1981. Most importantly for us, it includes a top-notch weight room, which provides a big boost to our strength program and also to our recruiting efforts. The proximity of Timmons Arena to Paladin Stadium is

excellent, and it provides us with one of the best football facilities in NCAA I-AA."

Besides serving as the home for the school's football, basketball, and volleyball programs, Timmons Arena eases overcrowding in the Athletic Building and in the Herman W. Lay Physical Activities Center (PAC), which currently serves as the home of the Department of Health and Exercise Science, student recreational and intramural sports, and fitness center.

The decision to move forward with the arena was driven by the closing of Memorial Auditorium, the downtown Greenville facility that served as Furman's basketball home for 38 years.

Located just southeast of the home stands at Paladin Stadium, Timmons Arena features a main entrance and wings made of brick, with the rear constructed of split face block and insulated metal panels. Stanmar Inc. of Stanbury, Mass., which specializes in constructing athletic facilities, is the designer and builder.

Completed at a cost of \$10.9 million, Timmons Arena joins the recently completed Eugene Stone III Soccer Stadium (1995), Minor Herndon Mickel Tennis Center (1996), REK Center for Intercollegiate Golf (1997), and Irwin Belk Complex For Track & Field (1997) as the latest in an impressive line of athletic facilities to be constructed on Furman's campus, thus helping provide the school with an athletic facilities plant well positioned for the 21st century.



*In addition to being the new home court of Furman basketball, Timmons Arena includes new offices, meeting rooms, locker rooms, sports medicine facilities, and a strength and conditioning center for Furman's football program.*

  
**TIMMONS ARENA**  
AT FURMAN UNIVERSITY

# STRENGTH TRAINING & CONDITIONING CENTER



**F**URMAN'S BROAD-BASED ATHLETICS program received a tremendous boost in December when the school opened Timmons Arena and its ultra-modern, 7,000 square-foot strength training and conditioning center.

Served by a professional, full-time strength coach, the facility features a full range of new weight training and exercise equipment to assist Furman's approximately 300 student athletes in reaching their athletic potential through strength training and conditioning.

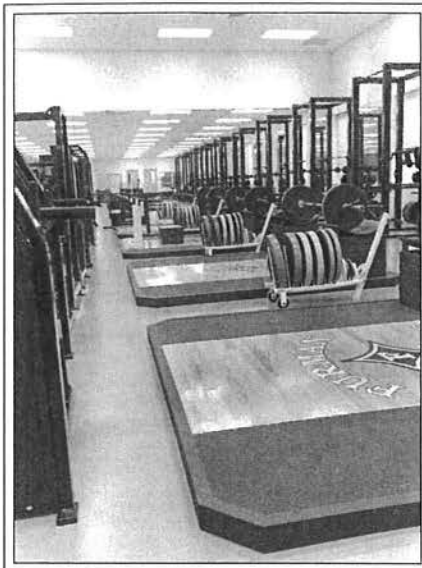
Easily accessible and sporting an excellent view of Paladin Stadium, the center, which is lined with mirrors and includes two separate coaches offices and a storage room, is outfitted with MONDO flooring and features the best in new strength training and conditioning equipment, including:

- ✓ 7 Bench Press Stations
- ✓ 11 Power Rack Stations  
(for squat, bench press, incline bench press, board press, rack lock out, and behind-the-back exercises)
- ✓ 2 Complete Dumbbell Sets  
(with weights ranging from five to 100 pounds).
- ✓ 4 Power Clean Stations  
(with rubberized, coated weights for maximum efficiency and safety)
- ✓ 2 Vertical Jump Stations
- ✓ 2 Power Maker Machines
- ✓ 30 Nautilus Machines
- ✓ Power Ball Assortment  
(ranging from one to seven kilograms)
- ✓ 5 Curl Bars
- ✓ 3 Treadmills
- ✓ 2 Rowing Machines
- ✓ 5 Stationary Bicycles
- ✓ Plyometric Boxes
- ✓ Rope Ladders

In addition, the strength training and conditioning center includes a complete records display for each athletic team, and is outfitted with a stereo to maximize workout intensity. A television and video cassette recorder are also utilized by the staff to tape, critique, and teach proper strength training and conditioning techniques.

Hired in the summer of 1997, Wayne Brown, Furman's director of strength training and conditioning, oversees the formulation and implementation of a year-round strength training program for each individual sport, with the goal of helping each student-athlete reach his or her athletic potential. While naturally very demanding of student-athletes, the strength training and conditioning program for each sport also requires the involvement of each coach, thus helping ensure the program's success through constant monitoring and supervision.

The strength training and conditioning program for Furman's football team is a year-round, four-phase plan involving four workouts per week, except during the season when players work out two to three days per week. In the winter, the concentration is on



*Four power clean stations, 11 power rack stations, and 30 Nautilus machines are only part of the all-new, ultra-modern equipment now employed in Furman's strength training and conditioning center.*

conditioning in preparation for spring practice. The spring phase of the program deals specifically with speed and agility development, and is completed with the annual "Iron Man Classic" lifting competition. The summer program, which runs 10-12 weeks, concentrates on weight training and conditioning, and involves two days of aerobic conditioning each week, as well as two days of speed development and interval training.

The areas of concentration in strength training for football involve three exercises: the power clean,

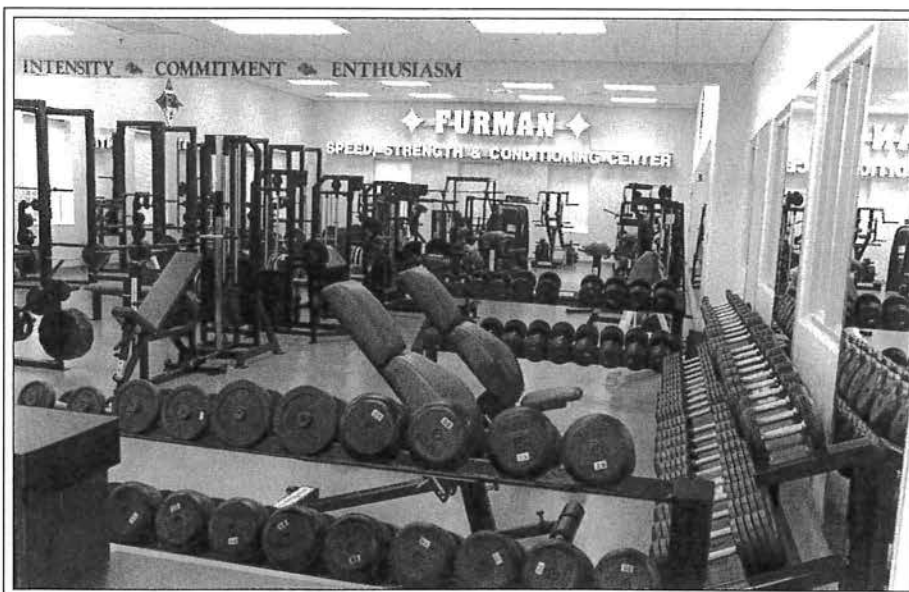
squat, and bench press. The power clean exercise assists the athlete in the development of speed and strength, while the squat helps the athlete improve explosiveness through the development of muscles in the thighs and hips. The bench and incline bench press, meanwhile, help a player acquire upper body mass and strength.

"Our new strength training and conditioning center is a real asset to our university and to our student-athletes," said vice president for intercollegiate athletics Dr. John Block. "It is a wonderful facility that offers every male and female student athlete the opportunity to more completely develop their potential, and its overall quality is an indication of the commitment the administration, trustees, and key supporters have made to athletics and the confidence they have displayed in us as an integral part of the university."

## FURMAN UNIVERSITY STRENGTH TRAINING AND CONDITIONING CENTER

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*With its over 7,000 square-feet of space, Furman University's new strength training and conditioning center affords the school's 300 student athletes the opportunity to more completely develop their athletic potential.*



# SPORTS MEDICINE, ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTERS

**F**URMAN UNIVERSITY'S SPORTS MEDICINE Center, now with two campus locations encompassing nearly 7,000 square-feet of space, state-of-the-art equipment, and diverse professional staff, provides the finest in sports rehabilitation, physical therapy, and athletic training services to Furman's student athletes, campus community, and general public.

The main center, with its over 4,000 square-feet of space in the Athletics Building, was completed in 1992 and, since its opening, has served as the hub of training services for Furman's student athletes while also servicing the campus community and general public.

In 1998, the Furman Sports Medicine Center, through generous gifts and support from the Greenville medical community and others, expanded with the opening of its new 2,700 square-foot facility in Timmons Arena to accommodate the move of Furman's football, men's and women's basketball, and volleyball programs into the new complex.

The Furman Sports Medicine Center's Timmons Arena facility includes two offices for professional staff, six taping tables, nine treatment tables, a wide array of exercise and rehabilitation equipment, including machines to work the hamstrings, knees, legs and upper body, two stationary Schwinn Airdyne bicycles, five whirlpools, and a complete line of modalities. In addition, the facility also features a television and video cassette recorder for educational services, as well as an ice machine, locker room, and storage room for supplies, coolers, and carts.

Furman's Sports Medicine Center in the Athletics Building, with its extensive training facilities and full line of sports rehabilitation equipment, provides athletic training and rehabilitation services for Furman's other

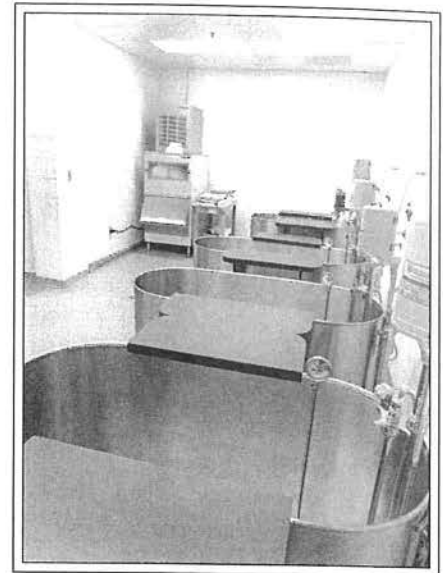
sports, while also servicing the university community and general public.

Furman's Sports Medicine Center represents a total commitment by the university to the well-being of its students. The center is equipped and staffed with skilled professionals in the field of athletic training and physical therapy to provide the highest level of injury evaluation, testing, and rehabilitation to patients and the over 300 athletes it services. Utilizing the most recent advances in sports medicine, the staff provides a multidisciplinary team approach to patient care.

The Furman Sports Medicine Center is staffed by Elaine Baker, A.T.C., Director of the Center and in her 13th year at Furman; Brian Reese, ATC; Head Athletic Trainer; Joe Farmer, ATC; Assistant Athletic Trainer; Cassandra Phillips, ATC; Assistant Athletic Trainer; Brett Russell, PT, ATC; Staff Physical Therapist; and Office Manager, Kathryn Smoke.

Located in the lower level of the Athletic Building and open daily, the Furman Sports Medicine Center is an active member of the campus community and provides the following services:

- \* Athletic Event Coverage
- \* Orthopaedic Physical Therapy
- \* Professional Consultation
- \* Educational Programs
- \* Clinical Education and Seminar Site
- \* Research
- \* Isokinetic Training and Testing
- \* Aquatic Therapy Programs
- \* Therapeutic Modalities
- \* Comprehensive Back Rehabilitation
- \* Orthotic Fabrication



*Furman's new sports medicine facility in Timmons Arena features five whirlpools, six taping tables, nine treatment tables, and an impressive line of rehabilitation equipment.*

## FURMAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS MEDICINE CENTER AT TIMMONS ARENA

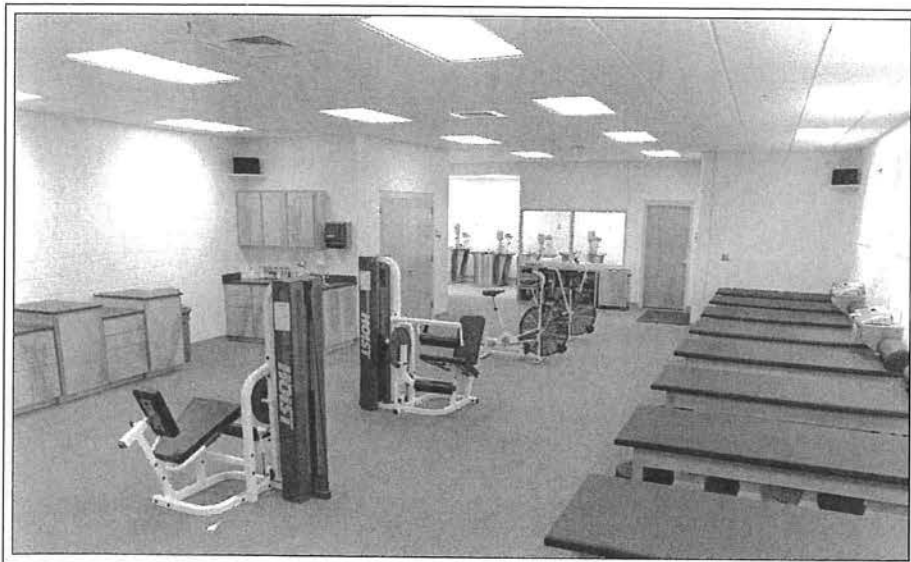
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## ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

**H**EADED UP BY DAN BRINKMAN, NOW IN HIS eighth year as the department's athletic academic counselor, Furman's academic support center provides a variety of needed services and assistance to the department's approximately 300 student-athletes, who comprise Furman's 17-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

At the heart of the academic support center is the study hall, which provides free tutoring and an academic atmosphere, thereby helping student-athletes sharpen necessary study skills. The center also offers specialized tutorial services, a computer room to assist student-athletes in the instruction and/or assistance with computers, and help in the development of time management skills. In addition, the center assists in class registration, and closely monitors the degree progress of Furman student-athletes.



*Opened in 1998, the Furman University Sports Medicine Center's second location at Timmons Arena provides Furman's football, men's and women's basketball, and volleyball teams with the finest in athletic training and sports rehabilitation services.*



## MINOR HERNDON MICKEL TENNIS CENTER

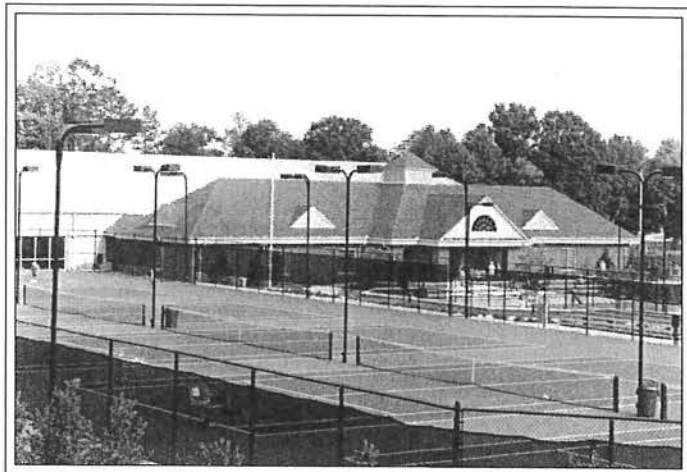
**F**URMAN UNIVERSITY TENNIS, WHICH OVER THE YEARS HAS BROUGHT great distinction to the university with numerous championships and outstanding play, now boasts as its home one of the region's top tennis facilities, the Minor Herndon Mickel Tennis Center.

The central building of the new tennis center, which encloses approximately 41,000 square feet, features four indoor courts and a clubhouse with offices for men's and women's coaches, locker rooms for home and visiting teams, lobby, lounge, and viewing area for the indoor courts. The project also includes an outside stadium court with seating for 400 people and 12 additional outdoor courts, seven of which are lighted. The stadium court is named in honor of Paul Scarpa, the nation's third winningest NCAA Division I coach who has served as head coach of Furman's men's program for the past 32 years.

"This is a first-class tennis facility, possibly one of the finest in the United States," says Scarpa. "It is extremely functional and the clubhouse is the centerpiece for both the outdoor and indoor courts. When opponents come in here, they see Furman's true commitment to tennis through this facility."

Construction of the \$2 million complex, which began in December of 1994, was completed in February of 1996. Since its opening, the Minor Herndon Mickel Tennis Center has been the site of three Southern Conference Championships.

The complex is named in honor of Minor Mickel, a longtime supporter of the university and the first woman to serve as chair of the Furman Board of Trustees. An original gift of \$600,000 was made in the summer of 1993 by Mrs. Mickel's family.



Completed in 1996, the Minor Herndon Mickel Tennis Center boasts four indoor courts, 13 outdoor courts, and a clubhouse replete with amenities for Furman's highly successful men's and women's programs.

## EUGENE E. STONE III SOCCER STADIUM

**I**N SEPTEMBER OF 1995, OVER 3,500 FANS JOINED WITH INTERNATIONAL soccer great Pelé in dedicating Furman University's new Eugene Stone III Soccer Stadium.

The facility, which features a brick and wrought iron fence, 3,000 permanent seats, a fully-automated scoreboard, a modern press box, and lighting for night games, serves as home of Furman's men's and women's soccer programs, and has been the site of three Southern Conference Tournaments.

Named for the late Eugene Stone, longtime Furman benefactor and founder of Greenville-based Stone Manufacturing Company, the \$1 million dollar complex is one of several generous gifts made by Stone and the Stone Foundation to Furman University in support of the school's athletics program. In 1981, Mr. Stone provided the grading work for Furman's Paladin Stadium football field, which is named in his honor. In 1983, he initiated significant annual scholarship support for Furman's men's soccer program, which has responded by winning 13 Southern Conference championships and making four NCAA Tournament appearances; and in 1985 he provided additional seating for the football stadium, increasing its capacity to 16,000.

"We are delighted to help Furman upgrade its facilities and, by doing so, enhance the already high prestige of this successful soccer program," said Stone at the time of the facility's dedication. "We are extremely proud of the way Furman soccer has developed through the years, and look forward to seeing the Paladins challenge for national honors in their new stadium home."



Furman University's Eugene Stone III Soccer Stadium, the home of the 1997 Southern Conference Tournament, is one of the finest soccer facilities in the Southeast, with 3,000 permanent seats and lighting for night games.

## FURMAN UNIVERSITY GOLF COURSE

**S**ET AMONG 170 ACRES ON ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST BEAUTIFUL campuses, the Furman University Golf Course is rightfully acclaimed as one of the best collegiate courses in the country.

Designed by Richard K. Webel, course construction began in 1957, when few colleges in the country had the luxury of an on-campus facility.

Measuring 6,800 yards from the championship tees, and sporting bent grass greens and Bermuda fairways, the fully-irrigated course is considered a fine test of golf.

The latest addition to the Furman course is a separate practice area and clubhouse for the men's and women's golf teams. Completed in June of 1997, the REK Center for Intercollegiate Golf, located at the top of the driving range, features offices, locker rooms, a meeting area, chipping and putting greens, practice bunkers, and a heated, covered tee for practice in any weather.

The home of two of the nation's oldest intercollegiate tournaments, the Furman Intercollegiate and Furman Lady Paladin Invitational, the Furman University Golf Course has also been the site of South Carolina's 4A state high school championship the last several years.

Since its opening, the course has hosted some of the game's most renowned stars, including Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Curtis Strange, Jay Haas, and Billy Andrade, as well as a host of outstanding women players, including Nancy Lopez and Furman graduates Betsy King, Beth Daniel, Dottie Pepper, and Sherri Turner. Current PGA star Brad Faxon '83 holds the course record with a 62.



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# FURMAN ATHLETIC FACILITIES

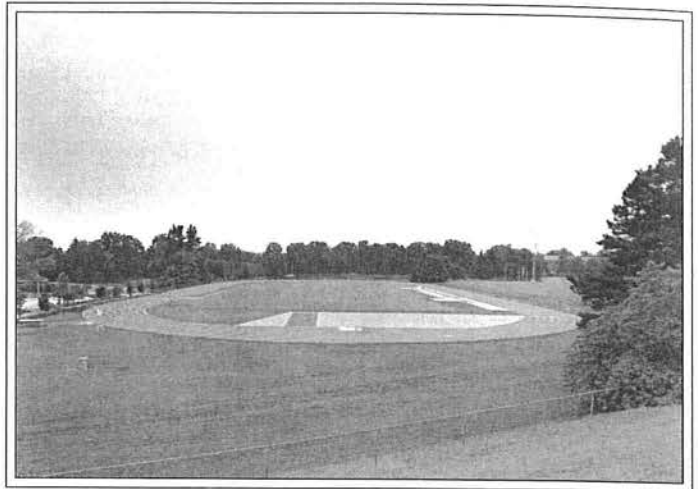
## IRWIN BELK COMPLEX FOR TRACK & FIELD

**F**URMAN UNIVERSITY, WHICH OVER THE YEARS HAS CLAIMED SEVEN Southern Conference titles in track & field and three league cross country championships, dedicated the Irwin Belk Complex For Track & Field in October of 1997.

Named in honor of the facility's principal benefactor, Irwin Belk, the son of the founder of Charlotte, N.C.-based Belk's Department Stores, the complex features a MONDO rubber surface — the same competition surface used in the last six Olympics and the 1997 World Track & Field Championships held in Athens, Greece. The main track is red and boasts eight, 42" lanes. The high jump, long jump, triple jump, and pole vault runways, meanwhile, are joined by a cream colored apron.

At present, a fund-raising task force is soliciting additional support to fund the construction of a press box, field house for equipment storage, and permanent seating for 3,000 fans. Among other features sought is a brick and wrought iron fence consistent with the architecture of the entire university.

"This is a dream come true and a positive step forward for our program," said long-time Furman cross country/track & field coach Gene Mullin. "It is a tremendous asset in our recruiting efforts, and also to the Furman and Greenville community. With this facility, we look forward to hosting conference, regional, and international events on the prep, collegiate, and international levels."



The Irwin Belk Complex for Track & Field boasts a MONDO rubber surface, the same competition surface used in the last six Olympics.



# FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADIN CLUB

**T**HE PALADIN CLUB IS THE FUND-RAISING and special events arm of the Furman University Athletics Department that annually raises over \$600,000 in support of the school's approximately 300 student athletes. All money raised through membership, regional golf outings, and other special events, goes directly to scholarship aid for Furman's student athletes.

The Paladin Club also directs the nationally acclaimed Furman Pro-Am Golf Tournament. The event, now in its 18th year, has raised over \$1 million for endowed golf scholarships benefiting both the men's and women's golf programs. In addition, the Pro-Am has helped provide funds for the new practice center featuring the REK Center for Intercollegiate Golf.

In addition to providing scholarship support, the Paladin Club supports each of Furman's 17 intercollegiate sports through the organization of special gatherings, student speaking engagements, and booster trips to away contests and tournaments.

Membership in the Paladin Club is on a yearly basis and ranges from a first time donation of \$50 to a full scholarship, now just over \$22,000. Benefits include a monthly newsletter, car decals, special ticket, and parking opportunities for football and basketball. The Paladin Club hosts several membership gatherings throughout the year, including halftime at football games and pre-game events for basketball.

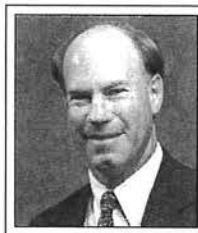
The Lettermen's Association, a vital part of the Paladin Club, is charged with the election and induction of former athletic greats into the Furman University Athletic Hall-of-Fame, which has grown to over 100 inductees, including Sam Wyche, Brad Faxon, Betsy King, Angel Myers, Frank Selvy, Jeff Blankenship, and Lyles Alley.

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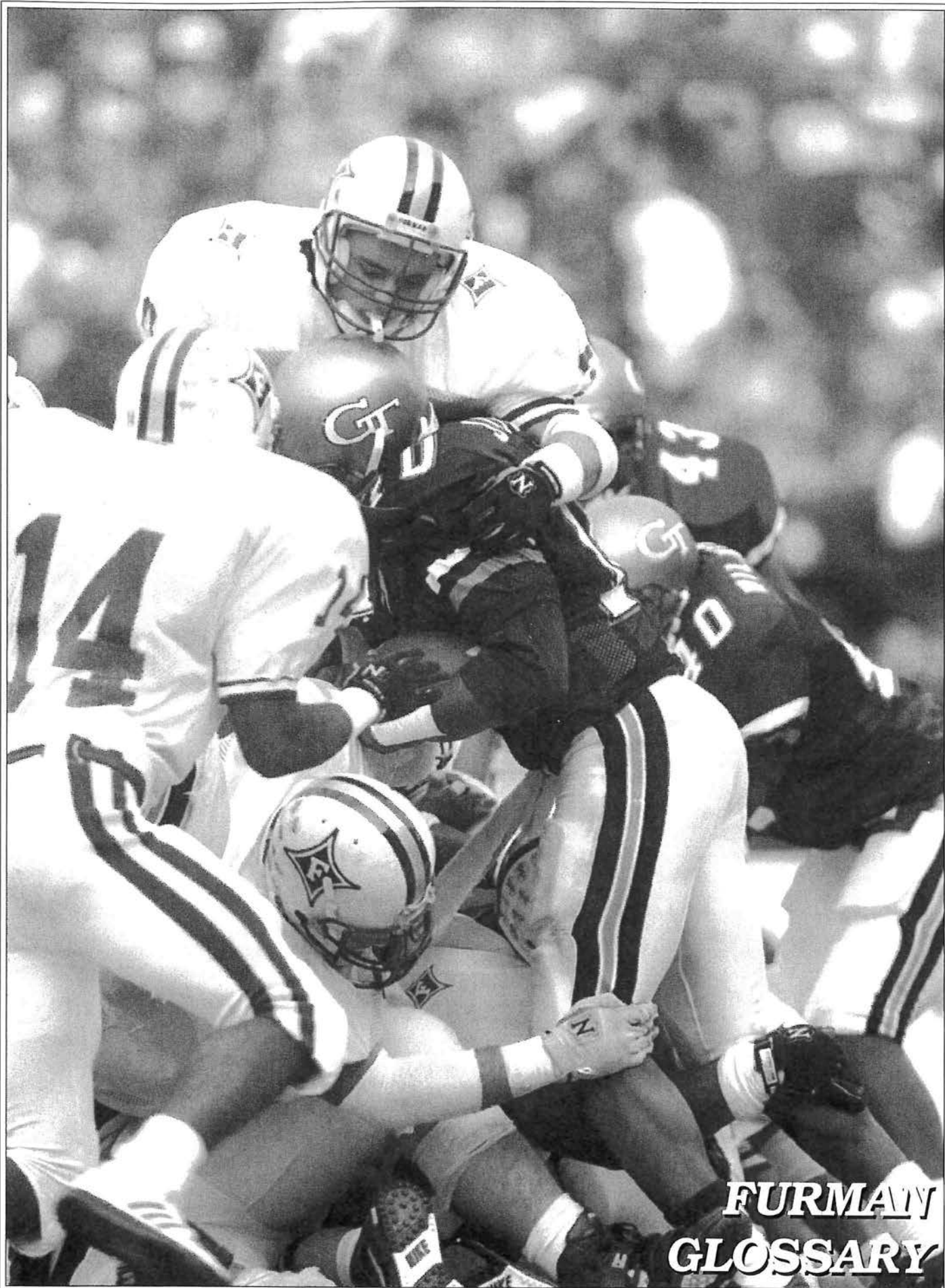
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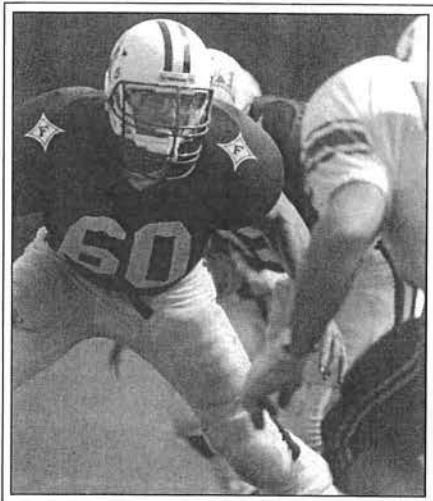
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# FURMAN FOOTBALL GLOSSARY

## Academic All-Americans

One of the finest testaments to the overall quality of Furman's football program over the past 20 years is the seven GTE Academic All-American football players the school has produced in a tenure that also includes nine Southern Conference football titles and one NCAA I-AA National Championship. Furman's seven Academic All-Americans lead all conference schools and include Jeff Holcomb, OT (1976), Brian Jager, RB (1984 & '85), Steve Squire, DB (1986), Kelly Fletcher, DE (1988 & '89), Chris Roper, DE (1989), Mike Wood, PK (1989), and Eric Walter, OG (1990 & '91).



Offensive guard Eric Walter was a two-time GTE Academic All-America pick.

## Lyles Alley

Lyles Alley, who garnered fame primarily through his tenure as Furman's head basketball coach (1946-49, '51-66), during which time which he recruited and coached All-Americans Frank Selvy and Darrell Floyd, was a four-sport star athlete and outstanding football running back at Furman in the early 1930s.

In 1931 Alley had a 73-yard touchdown run in a 34-6 win over Richmond as part of a 5-2-2 season; and a year later he starred on Furman's state championship squad that went 8-1 and shut out its last seven opponents, including South Carolina (14-0) and Clemson (7-0). Named second team all-state as a senior, Alley graduated from Furman in 1933 and, following several years in local public schools, where he filled the role of teacher, coach, and principal, he served in the Navy during World War II.

Following the war Alley returned to Furman, where he remained the rest of his career, except for a brief leave of absence in 1950 to complete his master's degree at Columbia University. In 1956 he assumed the role of athletics director, a position he held until his retirement in 1975. Inducted into South Carolina's

Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1967, Alley was a charter inductee into Furman's Hall-of-Fame in 1981.

Known to his players as "Little Caesar", Alley, a Spartanburg, S.C., native who died in 1990 at the age of 81, once said he preferred to be known and remembered as "Lucky Lyles....because of the people I was associated with and what they did for me."

## Charlie Anderson

The only player in Furman football history to win two Southern Conference Jacobs Blocking Awards, offensive tackle Charlie Anderson enjoyed a brilliant gridiron career, helping Furman to its first conference football championship in 1978, and titles in both 1980 and '81 (when he won his two Jacobs Blocking Awards). A two-time first team all-conference selection, Anderson was awarded an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship in 1981 and graduated from Furman the following year. A 1982 inductee into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame, Anderson is a partner in the law firm of Parnell, Crum, and Anderson in Montgomery, Ala., his hometown.

## Attendance

Since the opening of Paladin Stadium in 1981, Furman has consistently ranked among Southern Conference leaders in average home attendance. The program registered an all-time attendance high in 1990 when, over five home games, Furman averaged 15,207 fans as part of the Paladins' conference championship season. The all-time stadium attendance record was set in 1981, when 19,058 fans jammed the new facility to witness Furman's 22-18 win over Appalachian State. In the stadium's first 16 years of existence there have been eight sellouts, with the most recent coming in 1992, when 16,460 fans filled the stadium for the Furman-Citadel game. The largest audience to ever watch Furman play football were the 80,508 fans on hand at Clemson's Death Valley for the Tigers' 30-0 win over Furman in 1989.

## J.W. "Pinky" Babb

Julius W. "Pinky" Babb, a native of Laurens County and 1939 Furman graduate, spent 39 seasons as Greenwood (S.C.) High School's head football coach and athletics director. A member of the South Carolina Athletic Hall-of-Fame and the Furman Athletic Hall-of-Fame, he was named National Football Coach-of-the-Year in 1975 by the National High School Coaches Association — an organization he helped charter and later served as president. A four-time South Carolina AAAA Coach-of-the-Year selection, he compiled a 346-81-23 career coaching record and directed Greenwood to nine state championships. At the time of his death in 1983, his victory total was the second highest in America. While at Furman, he earned three letters as an offensive tackle, and was an

all-state selection in 1936 on a state championship Furman squad that posted a 7-2 record and wins over South Carolina and Clemson.

## Art Baker

The 17th head football coach in school history, Art Baker is credited with laying the groundwork for the unparalleled success the Furman program has enjoyed over the past 24 years. Named to succeed longtime head coach Bob King in 1973, Baker took Furman from a 2-9 mark in 1972 to a 7-4 record in his inaugural season, for which Furman was promptly recognized as the nation's most improved team. Baker's most significant and lasting contribution to the school's football program, however, was his decision to hire several assistant coaches, who have since played major roles in the success the program has experienced. Among Baker's many quality selections were Dick Sheridan (hired in 1973), Jimmy Satterfield (hired in 1973), and Bobby Johnson (hired in 1976) — all of whom have since served as head coaches of Furman's highly successful program.

## Bell Tower

The Bell Tower stands as the most recognizable landmark on Furman University's campus. The current structure, which overlooks the campus' 30-acre lake, is a replica of the original Florentine tower constructed in 1854 on the former campus in downtown Greenville. It houses a 60-bell carillon, which ranks among the largest in the Southeast.

## Jeff Blankenship

Linebacker Jeff Blankenship, one of the most heralded players in Furman football history, earned consensus All-America honors and Football News National Defensive Player-of-the-Year accolades in 1988 after pacing the Paladins to a program best 13-2 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA national title. In Furman's 17-12 win over Georgia Southern in the national championship game, Blankenship intercepted two passes, including one in the game's final minute to preserve the win. In recording a school record 235 tackles that season, Blankenship headlined a Paladin defense that led the country in scoring defense (9.7 ppg). Named both Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year and Athlete-of-the-Year, Blankenship completed his career as Furman's all-time leading tackler with 580 stops. One of only two players in Furman football history to have his jersey (No. 50) retired, the Irmo, S.C., product and 1986 Furman graduate was selected to the Southern Conference's 75th Anniversary Football Team in 1995. He was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1996.



Linebacker Jeff Blankenship was the top defensive player in NCAA I-AA in 1988.

## Dr. John Block

On June, 12, 1996, Dr. John Block was named Furman University's vice president for intercollegiate athletics by school president Dr. David Shi. The appointment, which marked a somewhat unexpected career move for Block, who had been serving as the school's William Montgomery Burnett Professor of History and department chairman, was widely praised due to his extensive working experience — and knowledge of — Furman's athletics program.

A native of Chicago Heights, Illinois, Block came to Furman in 1959 and was a member of the school's basketball program for two years. Self-described as "short but slow," Block, according to Furman's 1960-61 basketball media guide, scored 35 points against South Carolina in junior varsity action after coming off the bench for an injured (future Paladin All-American) Jerry Smith.

Following graduation in 1963 Block went on to earn M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Wisconsin before returning to join his alma mater's faculty in 1968. Selected to serve on Furman's Faculty Athletics Committee shortly thereafter, he witnessed the school's basketball revival in the 1970s while serving as a color commentator on the Paladins' radio network.

Awarded the university's Meritorious Teaching Award in 1984, Block, whose teaching specialties at Furman included modern German history, was named to succeed Dr. Francis Bonner as the school's NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative in 1990. He was appointed interim director of athletics in March of 1995 prior to being named vice president for intercollegiate athletics.

Also active in representing Furman's athletics interests within the Southern Conference, Block most recently served as chairman of the Southern Conference's Schools and Colleges Committee.

Block's appointment as vice president for intercollegiate athletics was, in the words of president Dr. David Shi, "to recognize the financial and institutional importance of Furman's athletics program, as well as to recognize John Block's outstanding qualifications and stature."

## Dr. Francis Bonner

The former English professor and vice-president and provost emeritus was for years the chair of the university's athletic committee and faculty representative to the NCAA. He served for three terms as president of the Southern Conference, one term as an NCAA vice-president, and several terms on the NCAA Executive Committee. A member of the NCAA committee that developed Proposition 48, which established specific academic credentials student-athletes must meet to play, he wrote the current NCAA manuals for faculty representatives and athletic directors. The Barrett-Bonner Award, presented annually by the Southern Conference to the school with the highest percentage of its student-athletes on the league's academic honor roll, is named for him.

## Luther Broughton

Luther Broughton, an All-America tight end and Furman's career leader in receptions with 135, became the first Paladin to be selected in the National Football League (NFL) Draft since 1986 when he was picked in the fifth round of the 1997 draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

A product of Huger, S.C., and tiny Cainhoy High School, Broughton earned All-Southern Conference honors three times in a brilliant four year career (1993-96), and was a second team All-America selection in 1996 following a senior season that saw him catch a team high 52 passes for 583 yards and three touchdowns. Of many stellar performances in 1996, he reserved his best against Furman's arch-rival The Citadel, against whom he caught six passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns, while also returning a kickoff 86 yards to set up another score in the Paladins' 35-25 win over the Bulldogs.

A co-recipient (along with teammate Braniff Bonaventure) of Furman's 1996-97 Male Athlete-of-the-Year honor, Broughton, a current member of the NFL Carolina Panthers, bested the previous Furman career receptions mark of 113 held by flanker Chas Fox (1982-85).

## Andrew Burr

Andrew Burr holds the distinction of being the only athlete in Southern Conference history to lead the league in scoring in two different sports in consecutive years. Better known for his skill on the soccer field where, as a member of Furman's program from 1987-90, he was a three-time all-conference, two-time All-

South, and 1990 Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year selection, Burr led the league in scoring in 1990 with 40 points (19 goals, 2 assists). A year later, in his only season as a member of Furman's football team, the Atlanta, Ga., native converted 14-of-16 field goals and 45-of-46 PATs to lead the league in scoring with 87 points, and earn consensus first team all-conference honors. He was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1997.

## George Bush

The 40th President of the United States (1988-92), George Bush, on a visit to Columbia, S.C., on Feb. 15, 1989, met with Furman University's 1988 National Championship football team. Honored that day in a joint session of the South Carolina Legislature, the Furman squad presented President Bush a championship game ball and national championship jacket. Also on hand for the ceremony were South Carolina Governor Carroll Campbell and United States Senator Strom Thurmond.

## Campus

Considered by many to be among the most beautiful in the nation, Furman's 750-acre campus, located just north of Greenville, lies within sight of the Blue Ridge Mountains and includes a 30-acre lake, an 18-hole golf course, 32 major buildings, a rose garden, and a Japanese garden. It has served as Furman's home since 1958, when the school moved from its old campus in downtown Greenville. The current campus is the fifth home of Furman University, which was established in 1826 in Edgefield, South Carolina.

## Championships

Since fielding its first football squad in 1889, Furman has won 18 football championships, including eight state titles, nine Southern Conference championships, and one national crown. The Paladins captured state titles in 1920, '21, '24, '25, '26, '27, '32, and '36, and Southern Conference championships in 1978, '80, '81, '82, '83, '85, '88, '89, and '90. Furman won the 1988 NCAA I-AA National Championship by defeating Georgia Southern, 17-12, on Dec. 17 in Pocatello, Idaho. Furman's nine conference championships are the most of any current league member school and only one shy of former member Duke, which won 10 titles during its tenure in the league (1928-53).

## Gary Clark

Gary Clark '74, who in June returned to his alma mater as director of Furman University's Paladin Club, has experienced notable success as a student athlete and professionally as an educator and fund-raiser.

As a student athlete at Furman in the early 1970s, Clark lettered three times on Furman basketball teams

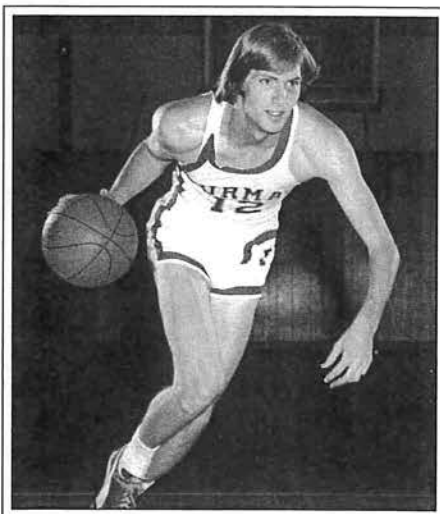


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that captured a pair of Southern Conference Tournament championships. In his senior season (1973-74), Furman posted a school best 22-9 record, won league regular season and tournament titles, and defeated South Carolina, 75-67, in Philadelphia, Pa., in the NCAA Tournament.

After graduating from Furman, the Chicago Heights, Ill., native, accepted a teaching and coaching position at Spartanburg Day School. Named Headmaster in 1984, Clark, over the past 14 years spearheaded enrollment and fund-raising campaigns that increased enrollment by 54 percent and annual giving from \$120,000 to over \$375,000 per year.

Holder of a B.A. degree from Furman, Clark later added M.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of South Carolina and, in all, spent 22 years at Spartanburg Day School before returning to Furman.



*Gary Clark was a member of two Southern Conference championship basketball teams at Furman.*

## Norwood Cleveland

Norwood Cleveland was an ardent Furman football fan who achieved lasting fame when, in 1926, he wagered with friends that if Furman's football team (known then as the Hurricane) defeated the University of Georgia, he would walk from Athens, Ga., to Greenville. Proving that he was no gambler but a man of his word, Cleveland, following Furman's 14-7 win over Georgia on Oct. 16, began his journey, and four days later arrived in Greenville, where he was greeted by the Furman University band. Cleveland's mistake was to bet against one of the finest teams in school history — one that went on to post an 8-1-1 record, including five shutouts and victories over North Carolina State, Wake Forest, South Carolina, and Clemson.

## Colors

The origin of Furman's school colors can be

traced to the early 1890s when, at an alumni meeting headed up by James Andrews Tate of York, S.C., it was officially decided that royal purple and white would serve as school colors. Since then, Furman football teams have been known by nicknames Purple Fighters, Purple Hurricane, and, most recently, Purple Paladins — all of which have proudly boasted the school's most recognizable color. The Furman University athletic department's official purple color is PMS 527C.

## Commissioner's Cup

Awarded annually since 1970 to the Southern Conference school fielding the league's best all-around men's sports program, the Commissioner's Cup has been awarded to Furman once — that coming in 1991, when the Paladin men won regular season championships in soccer, basketball, golf, and tennis, and league tournament titles in soccer, tennis, and baseball.

## Frankie DeBusk

The first quarterback in Southern Conference history to lead his team to a national championship, Frankie DeBusk ranks as one of Furman's all-time football greats.

A native of Greeneville, Tenn., DeBusk gained the first of many headlines when he sustained a broken ankle after being thrown into Furman's lake his freshman year as part of a birthday celebration. The following year, however, he took over the starting quarterback job and helped lead Furman to school best 13-2 record, conference championship, and 1988 NCAA I-AA National Championship. Over the next two seasons, the strong-armed DeBusk posted sensational numbers in helping the Paladins to three straight league crowns. As a senior in 1990, he was named Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year, as well as South Carolina Offensive Player-of-the-Year.

The holder of 11 school single season and career records, including career passing yards (5,851), DeBusk directed Furman to a 31-6 record during his tenure as a starter. In his four seasons with the Paladin program, Furman went 41-12. After serving two seasons as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, DeBusk accepted his first full-time coaching assignment at Chattanooga, where worked for four years prior to accepting the head coaching position at Tusculum College in his hometown of Greeneville, Tenn., earlier this year.

## Decade of Dominance

To Paladin football fans the 1980s will always be remembered as the "Decade of Dominance" for Furman football. In winning outright or sharing seven Southern Conference championships from 1980-89, Furman fashioned one of the most dominant — if not the most dominant — decades of football supremacy ever witnessed in conference history. In a span of time

that featured two head coaches, Dick Sheridan and Jimmy Satterfield, Furman rolled up a 95-25-4 record (.780 winning percentage) — a mark that ranked Furman as the second most successful NCAA I-AA program in the nation in the 1980s.

## Family

Very few coaching staffs can claim to be as close and know the school at which they work better than Furman's. That's because the Paladins' entire coaching staff, with the exception of head coach Bobby Johnson and tight ends coach George Harrelson, is composed of Furman graduates who enjoyed fine playing careers for the purple and white before entering the coaching ranks.

Furman's staff includes linebackers coach Steve Wilson '77, defensive line coaches Julius Dixon '90 and Allen Edwards '92, running backs coach Tim Sorrells '81, defensive backs coach Bruce Fowler '81, offensive line coach Clay Hendrix '86, and quarterbacks & receivers coach Bobby Lamb '86.

Although he earned his undergraduate degree at Clemson, head coach Bobby Johnson received his master's degree at Furman (in 1979), and has spent 20 of the past 22 years at Furman in the role of assistant coach, defensive coordinator, and head coach. All told, the Paladins' current coaching staff has over 80 years of collective coaching service at Furman and, counting playing tenures, has combined for over 100 years of experience at the university.

## Kelly Fletcher

Kelly Fletcher became the first player in Furman football history to earn athletic and academic All-America honors, when he garnered consensus All-America accolades, as well as GTE Academic All-America laurels in 1989. Fletcher's citations followed a brilliant senior season that saw him establish new school single season and career quarterback sack marks (19 and 35.5, respectively) on a defense that posted a Furman season record 48 quarterback sacks. Named Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year and Furman Athlete-of-the-Year in 1989 after helping the Paladins to a 12-2 record and league championship, Fletcher, a product of Dalton, Ga., graduated cum laude in 1990 with a 3.45 GPA in accounting. He was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1996.

## "Football For Fun Bunch"

The "Football For Fun Bunch" is the phrase used to describe Furman's football program in the mid-1960s after the school's Board of Trustees, in 1964, voted to reduce scholarship support to a need-only basis. The result, as many predicted, was poor performance on the field as the Paladins, from 1965-69, posted a 14-34-2 record and 5-18 Southern Confer-



ence mark. Support for Furman's football program was restored soon thereafter, and the program bounced back with an 8-3 record in 1970 under head coach Bob King.

## Football History

Furman holds the distinction of being the only school of higher learning in South Carolina to take part in the first intercollegiate football and basketball games played in the state. Furman football got its start in 1889 when a group of students traveled to Spartanburg, S.C., to play Wofford on Dec. 14. Wofford defeated Furman 5-1 in a game that featured "no uniforms for its players, no positions, and rules formulated before the game." Two years later, in 1891, the school recorded its first win on the gridiron with a 12-0 victory over Wofford in Spartanburg. In 93 seasons of competition since its humble but historic beginnings, Furman has posted a 465-372-38 record on the football field.

## Chas Fox

Chas Fox, who until 1996 stood as Furman's all-time leading receiver, caught 113 passes for 2,158 yards and a school record 28 touchdown passes during his career (1982-85). A native of Rapid City, S.D., he would have completed his tenure with even better numbers had he not sustained a season ending knee injury midway through the 1985 season. In addition to his outstanding record as a receiver, Fox was also a fine punt returner, who stills holds a couple of school records in that area, including career punt returns (110) and punt return yards (858). Also a fine track performer, he was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs in the fourth round of the 1986 draft, and was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1994.

## Furman Athletic Hall-of-Fame

Furman University's Athletic Hall-of-Fame was chartered in 1981 with 15 inductees and has since grown to include over 100 former outstanding players, coaches, and administrators. The 1997 class of inductees included football standouts Frankie DeBusk '91 and Steve Duggan '91, football and soccer great Andrew Burr '91, Olympic gold-medal swimmer Angel Myers '90, and late Furman swimming coach Howard Wheeler.

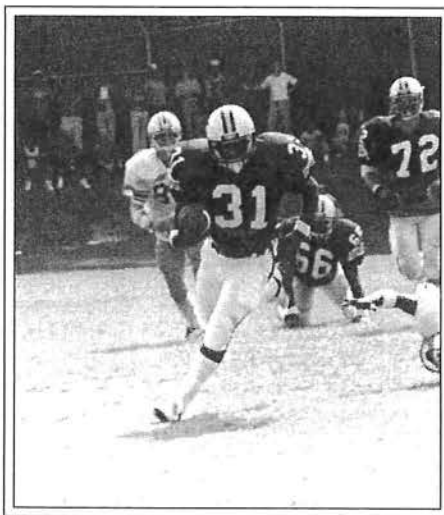
## Ernest Gibson

A two-time Kodak All-America selection as a defensive back in 1982 and '83, Ernest Gibson played a key role in leading Furman to an impressive string of four straight Southern Conference championships from 1980-83. As a junior in 1982, he blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone to spark the Paladins to a 28-23 upset win over South Carolina. A Jacksonville, Fla., native, he racked up 12 interceptions in his career

and was awarded an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship in 1983 prior to being selected by the New England Patriots in the sixth round of the 1984 draft. Gibson's tenure in the NFL included five seasons (1984-88) with the Patriots and one with the Miami Dolphins (1989). He was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1990.

## Mike Glenn

Mike Glenn holds Furman's modern day single game rushing record of 261 yards, which he compiled in the Paladins' 28-7 win over Presbyterian in Greenville's Sarrine Stadium on Sept. 13, 1980. Glenn's afternoon of work against the Blue Hose included scoring runs of 63, 65, and 67 yards, and was impressive enough to earn him Associated Press National Back-of-the-Week honors.



Mike Glenn

## Graduation Rates

A point of pride for Furman football is the program's high graduation rates, which have consistently ranked at the top of the Southern Conference, and among the nation's best over the past several years. In the most recent reporting year (1997) for four-year graduation rates, Furman graduated 71 percent of its football players, 77 percent of its student-athletes, and 79 percent of all students. That's much higher than the national rates for NCAA Division I-AA schools, which are 51 percent for football players, 57 percent for student-athletes, and 54 percent for all students. Among private schools, Furman's graduation rates rank among the nation's elite, as 71 percent of all football players, 70 percent of all student-athletes, and 70 percent of all students at private institutions earned their degrees.

Source: 1997 NCAA Division I Graduation Rates Report

## The Greenville News

The Greenville News, the second largest daily newspaper in South Carolina with a weekday circulation of 105,000 and Sunday circulation of 150,000, is Furman University's hometown newspaper. The largest hometown daily newspaper of any Southern Conference football-playing institution, the News covers Furman through beat writer Abe Hardesty. Senior sports columnist Dan Foster, a 50-year veteran of the newspaper, is a 1949 graduate of Furman.

## "House of Magic"

The "House of Magic" is the nickname given to the 1935 Furman football team because of its offensive prowess. Coached by A.P. "Dizzy" McLeod, the Purple Hurricane (as Furman was known then) went 8-1, shut out six opponents, and outscored its opposition 232-44. Furman's noteworthy victims that year included Wake Forest, South Carolina, and Clemson, and among the Hurricane's star players were Jacobs Blocking Award winning guard Jack Shivers, tackles Frank McCarron and Drayton "Daddy" Dorn, end Bob King, and backs Hubert Blair and June Scott.

## Rock Hurst

Rock Hurst was one of Furman's finest two-sport athletes in the 1980s. In football he garnered four letters and was a two-year starter at linebacker, where he earned Kodak All-America honors in 1984 after tallying a team high 160 tackles. A member of three Southern Conference championship teams, Hurst finished his career with 364 stops, good for seventh on the school's all-time tackle chart. In baseball, his other sport, Hurst was a two-time All-Southern Conference catcher, who batted .340, swatted 31 home runs, and drove in 116 runs in his career. His .616 career slugging percentage still stands as a school record. Named 1985 Southern Conference Athlete-of-the-Year, Hurst, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., was drafted by the Cleveland Indians organization, with whom he played for two seasons.

## Interceptions

Furman set a school record with 29 interceptions in 1985 as part of the Paladins' 12-2, NCAA I-AA national runner-up season. Leading the way that year with eight interceptions was cornerback Jerome Norris, who would go on to finish his career with a school record 18 pickoffs. The Furman single season record for interceptions is 10, set by Vince Perone, Jr., in 1974.

## Jacobs Blocking Award

The Jacobs Blocking Award, presented annually by the Jacobs family of Clinton, S.C., to the outstanding



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blocker in South Carolina and the Southern Conference (as well as the ACC and SEC), has been captured many times by Furman players. On 14 different occasions over the years, Furman standouts have earned the prestigious award. Furman winners of the Southern Conference honor include: Brette Simmons, TE (1978), Charlie Anderson, OT (1980 & '81), Mike Coleman, OG (1982), Dennis Williams, FB (1984), Gene Reeder, C (1985), Kennet Goldsmith, FB (1988), and Steve Duggan, C (1990). Recipients of the state Jacobs Blocking Award have been E.L. Griffin, OL (1932), Bill Hutt, FB (1933), Jack Shivers, OG (1935), Gates Barker, OL (1940), Jim Piner, FB (1951), and Steve Duggan, C (1989).

## Stanford Jennings

Arguably the greatest football player in Furman history, tailback Stanford Jennings, a product of Summerville, S.C., starred on four Southern Conference championship teams from 1980-83 and is the only player in conference history to earn league offensive player-of-the-year honors three times. Although his school record career rushing totals of 4,016 yards and 40 touchdowns have since been eclipsed, it must be noted that Jennings, because of Furman's impressive success as a team (36-9-2 overall, 24-3-1 vs. SoCon) during his tenure, was often on the bench cooling down in the fourth quarter of many games. Still, the fleet-footed Paladin standout managed to post twenty 100-yard rushing performances in his career, including a 22-carry, 168-yard outing in Furman's 17-14 win over Georgia Tech in 1983. One of only two players in Furman football history to have his jersey (No. 27) retired, Jennings was taken in the third round of the 1984 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals, with whom he enjoyed a fine nine-year professional career. In Super Bowl XXIII against the San Francisco 49ers in 1989, Jennings returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown, but the Bengals, who were coached at the time by another Furman alumnus, Sam Wyche '66, couldn't hold off the Joe Montana-led 49ers. In recognition of his outstanding football career, Jennings was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1990.

## Dr. John Johns

Furman University's ninth president (1976-94) and a 1947 graduate who was renown for his "FU All The Time" cheer, which he delivered at the request of the school's students at each home football game, Dr. John E. Johns presided over Furman's athletic program during one of its most successful eras. Of the more than 80 Southern Conference championships the school has claimed over the years, 49 were registered during his tenure as president. Furman's football program, meanwhile, enjoyed its greatest success and captured an NCAA I-AA national championship (1988) while Johns occupied Furman's top post, and Paladin Stadium was constructed. In addition, the school's

women's sports program expanded and, by the end of his presidency, was recognized as the best in the Southern Conference. Johns, who retired as president in 1994, was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame later that year.

## Bobby Johnson

Bobby Johnson, who in 1993 became Furman University's 20th head football coach, is the only non-Furman graduate on the school's full-time coaching staff. To Paladin fans, however, that doesn't matter, because the 47-year-old coach, who graduated from Clemson in 1973, has spent 20 of his 22 years of coaching on the Greenville campus, during which time he has played a huge role in the success the program has enjoyed.

Johnson, a native of Columbia, S.C., was lured to Furman in 1976 by then-head coach Art Baker to coach the Paladin defensive backs, and two years later, in 1978, Johnson helped direct Furman to its first Southern Conference football championship under head coach Dick Sheridan, another Baker disciple.

After leaving the Paladin program in 1981 to serve as an academic counselor at Clemson, Johnson returned a year later and, in 1983, added the title of defensive coordinator, a position he held for the next 10 years. During that span, and in particular from 1988-90, Furman's defenses, under Johnson's direction, paved the way for the program's tremendous success, including a 1988 NCAA I-AA National Championship. All told, Furman posted a 91-31-3 record during Johnson's tenure as defensive coordinator.

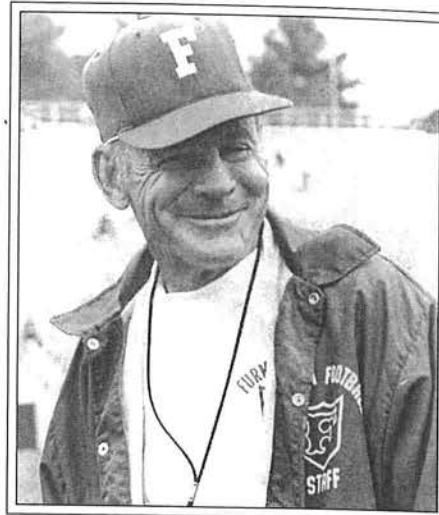
In 1993 Johnson left Furman to assume the defensive coordinator's post at Clemson, but returned a year later to take over a Furman program he had faithfully served for so long.

Of Johnson, Furman president Dr. David Shi said, "Furman is lucky to have a football coach of Bobby Johnson's caliber. He is a superb coach and recruiter who brings to his work the unusual combination of tenacity and integrity long associated with Furman football. Even more important, however, is his character. Bobby Johnson personifies the Furman commitment to excellence. He genuinely loves his players and appreciates Furman's academic priorities. We are excited about the rapid turnaround in the football program under Bobby's masterful leadership."

## Bob King

Bob King, who as a Furman athlete in the 1930s had no peers, and who later served as the school's head football coach longer than anyone else, stands as a giant in the pantheon of Paladin athletic greats.

A native of oil-rich Ranger, Texas, King came to Furman in 1934 after hitchhiking 100 miles to Fort Worth and spending two nights on a succession of freight trains. Once on campus, he quickly made a name for himself starring as an end on teams that beat



Bob King

both Clemson and South Carolina twice in his three seasons of play. Described by legendary Clemson coach Frank Howard as "the greatest college end I ever saw," King earned all-state honors three times, and in 1936 became the first player in Furman history to garner All-Southern Conference accolades. In addition, he was an outstanding center and forward in basketball, and set the state record in the shot put and discus.

Described by the Bonhomie as "a well-rounded specimen of humanity," King graduated cum laude from Furman in 1937. Shortly thereafter, he served as an assistant coach under Furman's A.P. "Dizzy" McLeod for five years before joining the Navy during World War II. Following the war, he returned to coaching as an assistant at the University of Illinois, where he remained for 12 years.

King returned to Furman in 1958 as head football coach, and held the post for 15 years while compiling most of a 60-88-4 record during a period in which Furman's football program was primarily supported on the basis of a player's proven financial need — a philosophy that severely handicapped recruiting and competitiveness. Nevertheless, King remained upbeat, and in 1970 was named Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year after directing the Paladins to an 8-3 mark.

Furman president Dr. David Shi, who played football under King from 1970-72, said: "Bob King was much more than a coach to us. He was a wise counselor, a caring friend, a surrogate father. He was a man of the old stamp who believed in hard hitting, strenuous effort, fair play, team spirit, and school loyalty. There was a nobility to his character, a quiet dignity of soul and moral gravity that ballasted his relentlessly optimistic personality. How inspiring it was to have him lead us in the Furman fight song as we headed to Sirrine Stadium. How energizing it was to hear him begin summer practices at daybreak by



pointing up to Paris Mountain and shouting to us, 'God Almighty, boys, what a day!' No one loved Furman more than Bob King. No one better understood the meaning of the scholar-athlete."

## Bobby Lamb

Bobby Lamb, a native of Commerce, Ga., was one of several outstanding quarterbacks produced by Furman's program beginning in the 1970s with David Whitehurst.

A four-year letterman and two-year starter, Lamb burst onto the scene in 1983 when he helped Furman to a 17-14 upset win over Georgia Tech in Atlanta. A year later he moved into the starting lineup, and in 1985 he quarterbacked Furman to a 12-2 record and Southern Conference championship, leading all of NCAA I-AA in passing efficiency with a 171.20 rating. Of his many outstanding performances, one of the best came in the Paladins' 42-20 victory over North Carolina State in 1985, when he passed for 167 yards and four touchdowns.

Lamb, who still holds 12 school records, including most touchdown passes in a season (24) and career (47), was named 1985 Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year, as well as South Carolina Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year and Carolinas Athlete-of-the-Year. Inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1995, he is currently in his 12th year as an assistant coach on Furman's staff.

## Logos

Furman's football team and athletics program are represented by two logos, the diamond "F" and a new version of a knight on a horse.

The diamond "F" was first employed in 1973 and is still used on Furman's football helmets. Believed to be the creation of former Furman head coach and athletics director Dick Sheridan, who at the time was a young assistant on head coach Art Baker's staff, the diamond, whose configuration has been employed by North Carolina State University and Virginia Military Institute in their respective logos, has also been copied (and letters changed) by numerous high school football teams in South Carolina and Georgia, oftentimes by former Furman players now in the coaching ranks.



Diamond F  
(1973)

Knight On A Horse  
(1997)



In 1997, the Furman athletic department unveiled a new logo, a modern version of a knight on a horse — a Paladin. Believed to be more closely identified with the university's official athletic mascot and nickname, the new logo was developed by Greenville artist Geno Church and is already used in publications and on athletic merchandise.

## Mascots & Nicknames

Furman University's official athletic mascot is a knight on a horse and the school's intercollegiate athletic teams are nicknamed "Paladins." Prior to 1961 this was not the case as the baseball team was known as the "Hornets," the football team the "Hurricane," and the basketball team the "Paladins." First used by a Greenville sportswriter in the 1930s to describe Furman's basketball team, "Paladins" became the official nickname of all of the school's intercollegiate athletic teams following a vote of the student body on September 15, 1961.

A "Paladin" is defined in the American Heritage College Dictionary as a "paragon of chivalry; a heroic champion; a strong supporter or defender of a cause; and any of the 12 peers of French emperor Charlemagne's court." While the same dictionary does not specifically describe a knight as a Paladin or vice-versa, the knight's definition of "a defender, champion, or zealous upholder of a cause or principle" closely resembles the aforementioned definition of a Paladin.

While history reveals that knights and Paladins were not always mounted men-at-arms, the modern image of a knight has no doubt played a role in the development of Furman's mascot as a knight on a horse.

The horse that currently serves as Furman's mount is Damon's Dana, owned by Alisha Bentley of Travelers Rest.

## A.P. "Dizzy" McLeod

A.P. "Dizzy" McLeod was an outstanding football player for Furman in the early 1920s who achieved lasting fame a decade later when, as head coach of Furman's football program, he directed the Hurricane (as Furman was known then) to several wins over Clemson and South Carolina.

A two-time all-state selection as a back, McLeod played on a pair of Furman state championship teams in 1920 and 1921, and served as team captain in 1922. As a sophomore, he starred on a Furman squad that defeated Clemson, 14-0, for the school's first win over the Tigers in football.

Following graduation in 1922, he accepted his first coaching assignment as an assistant on the staff of his former head coach, W.L. Laval. In 1928, McLeod assumed the position of head basketball coach and, over the next five seasons, directed Furman to a 69-17 record — the winningest mark ever recorded by a

Paladin basketball coach. Later, after taking over the football head coaching reins in 1932, McLeod directed several outstanding Furman squads, including the 1935 "House of Magic" team that went 8-1 and outscored its opposition 232-44. McLeod's 1936 team posted a 7-2 mark and claimed the last of Furman's eight state championships with a 12-0 win over Clemson — a decision that still stands as the school's last victory over the Tigers in football.

The first person to receive the school's prestigious Bell Tower Award (1968), McLeod, who retired from coaching following the 1942 season, for years was a citrus grower in and around Silver Springs and Ocala, Fla. A charter inductee in Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame, he is also a member of South Carolina's Athletic Hall-of-Fame.

## McAlister Award

Inaugurated in 1980, the D.S. McAlister Award is given annually to the Southern Conference school which is judged to have exhibited the highest degree of sportsmanship in the conduct of its athletic program. Since its inception, Furman has been the recipient of the honor four times, with the most recent occasion coming for the 1996-97 school year.

## National Championships

Furman has captured two national championships in its sports history, with the first coming in 1976, when the school's women's golf team, featuring future LPGA stars Betsy King, Beth Daniel, and Sherri Turner, won the AIAW national title. In 1988, Furman claimed its second national title, when the football team knocked off Georgia Southern 17-12 in Pocatello, Idaho, to cap a school-best, 13-2 season.



Furman won the 1998 NCAA I-AA national championship, defeating Georgia Southern, 17-12, in Pocatello, Idaho.



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## National Rankings

After being reclassified (along with the rest of the Southern Conference) from NCAA I-A to I-AA in 1982, Furman was a fixture in the NCAA I-AA national rankings over the next 11 seasons, earning Top 20 rankings on 96 occasions. The Paladins have been ranked No. 1 four times, including twice in 1984, once in 1989 and, most recently, once in 1990. In 1990 Furman dropped from first to fourth in the poll after losing to the NCAA I-AA 19th-ranked Florida Gators, 27-3. After dropping out of the national rankings early in the 1992 season, Furman returned to the polls in 1996, showing up in the pre-season (19th) and advancing into the Top 10 (9th) by season's end. Last year the Paladins were ranked in the nation's Top 25 eight times, but were unranked at the conclusion of a 7-4 season.

## National Records

Furman's football program currently holds three NCAA I-AA national records, two of which were set in 1996 by Paladin quarterback Braniff Bonaventure, who established season and career marks for consecutive pass attempts without an interception. As a senior, Bonaventure, over a span of nine games, attempted a national season record 202 passes before throwing an interception. Going back to the final game of the 1995 campaign, Bonaventure's streak for consecutive attempts without a pickoff covered an NCAA I-AA career record 215 passes. The Paladins' third national standard, set in 1984, is a team record for fewest punt returns allowed. That season the Paladins surrendered only seven punt returns (for eight yards) in 11 games.

## NCAA I-AA

Furman has been a member of the NCAA's I-AA football division since the Southern Conference was reclassified from an NCAA I-A football playing league to I-AA in 1982. A special division that exists only in football (Furman competes at the I-A level in every other sport), NCAA I-AA has a limit of 63 scholarships for member schools, while the limit for NCAA I-A schools is 85. The NCAA's latest figures indicate there are over 110 institutions competing in football in NCAA I-AA. In addition to several independents, the leagues that help comprise I-AA include the Southern, Ohio Valley, Ivy, Patriot, Atlantic 10, Mid-Eastern, Gateway, Southwestern, Big Sky, Metro Atlantic, and Southland Conferences.

## Night Games

In addition to having played in the first collegiate football and basketball games in South Carolina history, Furman also participated in the first night football game ever played in the state. It occurred on Sept. 21,

1929, when Furman defeated Erskine 19-6 in front of a Manly Field crowd of 5,000. Several years later, on Oct. 11, 1958, Furman played an historic night game in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where it dropped a 29-6 decision to the Crimson Tide. The significance of the contest was it marked the first win for new Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. On Sept. 14, 1991, Furman played its first night game in Paladin Stadium history (and first night contest since 1978), when it downed Liberty, 31-7.

## Paladin Stadium

Furman's Paladin Stadium, located on the school's picturesque campus, opened in 1981 to replace Greenville's Sistine Stadium, which had served as the home of Furman football since 1936. Constructed with an original seating capacity of 13,200, the stadium was expanded to 16,000 seats prior to the 1985 season. Furman has posted a 79-22-1 record since moving into Paladin Stadium, and has won seven Southern Conference championships, as well as the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship.

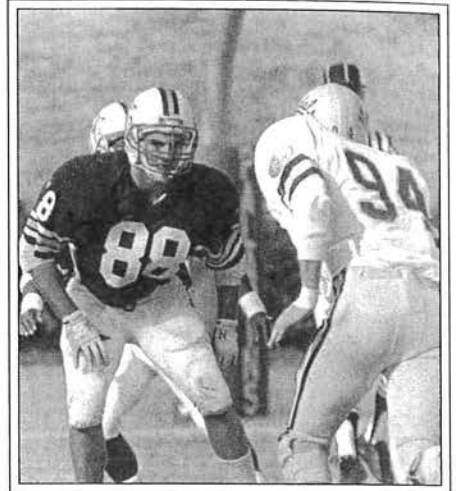
## Pocatello, Idaho

The site of Furman University's greatest football moment — the Paladins' 17-12 win over Georgia Southern on Dec. 17 that gave Furman the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship. Played at Milton Holt Arena on the campus of Idaho State University, the game was decided by Furman's outstanding defense, led by consensus All-America linebacker Jeff Blankenship (two interceptions), whose strong play help limit Georgia Southern's high powered offense to only 134 rushing yards and 198 total yards. Approximately 800 Furman fans accompanied the team on the trip some 2,500 miles from Greenville, and many more (20,000) celebrated the team's conquest upon its return to Greenville, as the city and community treated Furman's national championship squad to a parade through downtown Greenville on Furman Paladins Appreciation Day on Jan. 16, 1989.

## Post Graduate Scholars

Backing up Furman's claim to the quality of its football program is the number of NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarships that have been awarded to its students over the years. Furman's nine recipients are more than twice as many as any other Southern Conference school and the third most among all football playing institutions in the South. The list of honorees grew by one in 1995, when quarterback Philly Jones was awarded a prestigious \$5,000 grant after completing a fine career. Jones, who finished Furman with a 3.90 GPA in math, joins the contingent of Furman NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipients that includes: Jeff Holcomb, 1977 (law); Charlie Anderson, 1981 (medicine); Ernest Gibson, 1983 (law);

Brian Jager, 1985 (medicine); Steve Squire, 1986 (medicine); Chris Roper, 1989 (engineering); Paul Siffri, 1991 (medicine); and Eric Walter, 1991 (business).



*Chris Roper, an athletic and academic All-America defensive end, graduated summa cum laude from Furman with a degree in physics and an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship.*

## Quarterbacks Tradition

Beginning with David Whitehurst in the 1970s and running through recently graduated Paladin signal caller Braniff Bonaventure, Furman has established a strong reputation for producing outstanding quarterbacks — all of whom have played a significant role in Furman's unparalleled football success over the past two decades.

Whitehurst (1973-76), who as a sophomore keyed Furman's turnaround from 2-9 the year before to a 7-4 record in 1973 under first year head coach Art Baker, later spent six seasons in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers.

Next was David Henderson (1977-79), who in 1978 earned All-Southern Conference honors after leading Furman to an 8-3 record and the program's first league title.

Then came Tim Sorrells (1977-81), who in 1980 and '81 earned all-conference honors after directing Furman to a pair of conference crowns.

Following Sorrells was Greenville and Eastside High School standout David Charpia (1980-83), who racked up a pair of all-conference accolades after helping the Paladins to conference championships in 1982 and '83.

In 1984 and '85 Bobby Lamb (1982-85) extended the tradition with outstanding play, including a senior season that saw him pace the nation in passing efficiency and earn Southern Conference and South Carolina Player-of-the-Year honors after leading Furman to a 12-2 record, league championship, and



NCAA I-AA runner-up finish.

Frankie DeBusk (1987-90) was the next great Furman quarterback. As a sophomore in 1988, DeBusk helped lead Furman to the first of three straight Southern Conference championships and became the first quarterback in league history to direct his team to an NCAA I-AA national title, when he paced Furman to a 13-2 season. As a senior DeBusk picked up all-conference and conference player-of-the-year tabs, and finished his career as the school's all-time leading passer (5,851 yards) and total offense leader (6,726 yards).

Strong-armed Braniff Bonaventure (1993-96) extended Furman's run of outstanding quarterbacks with a brilliant career that saw him establish a pair of NCAA I-AA national records for consecutive pass attempts without an interception. Bonaventure, who earned consensus All-Southern Conference honors in 1996, attempted 215 passes over a nearly 10-game span in 1995 and '96 without tossing an interception, and ended his career ranked second on Furman's all-time passing charts with over 5,700 yards and 42 touchdowns. Bonaventure's 61.6 career completion percentage (444-of-721) is the highest mark in school history.

## Retired Jerseys

Furman has retired only two jerseys in its 92-year football history. Those jerseys are No. 27 and No. 50. Jersey No. 27 was worn by tailback Stanford Jennings, who from 1980-83 helped Furman claim four Southern Conference championships. The only player in league history to earn Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors three times, Jennings rushed for 4,016 yards and 40 touchdowns in his career prior to spending nine seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals in the NFL. Jersey No. 50 was worn by linebacker Jeff Blankenship, a consensus All-America linebacker and national defensive player-of-the-year award recipient who racked up a school record 235 tackles in helping Furman to a 13-2 record and 1988 NCAA I-AA National Championship. Blankenship finished his career with a school record 580 tackles.

## Jimmy Satterfield

One of the original "Baker Boys" who came to Furman in 1973 with head coach Art Baker, Jimmy Satterfield spent 21 seasons at Furman in the role of assistant coach, offensive coordinator, and head coach. As head coach (1986-93) he posted an outstanding 66-29-3 record and directed Furman to three Southern Conference championships (1988, '89, and '90), as well as the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship, for which he was named Kodak and Chevrolet National Coach-of-the-Year. The former Paladin mentor returned to the coaching ranks in the spring of 1996 when he accepted the athletic director and head coaching positions at Lexington (S.C.) High School. It was in

Columbia, S.C., in 1962 that Satterfield got his start in coaching as an assistant at Eau Claire High School, where he worked alongside Art Baker and Dick Sheridan. After spending nine seasons at Eau Claire (1962-70), including the last three as head coach, Satterfield moved on to nearby Irmo, where he served as head coach for two seasons and posted a 19-4 record before coming to Furman in 1973.

## Dick Sheridan

While Art Baker is generally credited with laying the groundwork for the success Furman's football would enjoy beginning in the late 1970s, Dick Sheridan, who was brought to Furman by Baker in 1973 as an assistant coach, is considered to be the architect of the Paladins' football program that from 1978-85 dominated the Southern Conference, winning six league championships en route to becoming one of the nation's finest NCAA I-AA football schools.

A native of North Augusta, S.C., and 1964 graduate of South Carolina, Sheridan began his coaching career at Eau Claire High School in Columbia, S.C., where as an assistant coach he worked alongside Art Baker and Jimmy Satterfield for six seasons before moving on for brief head coach tenures at Orangeburg-Wilkinson (1969-71) and Airport (1972) High Schools. While at Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Sheridan captured a state AAAA title in 1971 after directing his team to a 13-0 mark.

In joining the Furman program in 1973 (along with Satterfield), Sheridan served as offensive coordinator for five seasons before succeeding Baker as head coach in 1978. In his first season as head of the Paladin program, Sheridan directed Furman to an 8-3 record and its first Southern Conference championship. The title run continued in the 1980s, when the Paladins reeled off four straight league championships from 1980-83, and another crown in 1985, in a season that saw the Paladins post a 12-2 record and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish. It was in 1985 that Sheridan earned Kodak National Coach-of-the-Year honors.

While Sheridan's coaching record of 69-23-2 ranks as the best of any Furman coach in the modern era, it only begins to tell the story of accomplishment of Paladin football under his tutelage. During his tenure, Furman also reeled off wins over South Carolina (1982), Georgia Tech (1983), and North Carolina State (1984 & '85), and produced more All-Southern Conference performers than in any eight-year span in school history. In addition, the excitement created by Furman's football success under Sheridan led to the construction of Paladin Stadium in 1981. From 1982 until his departure to North Carolina State in 1985, he served as the school's director of athletics.

Over a decade since leaving Furman, Sheridan's influence is still evident in the school's football program, as most of the current Paladin coaching staff either played for — or served alongside — Sheridan during his tenure at the Greenville school.

## Dr. David Shi

Inaugurated as Furman's 10th president on April 19th, 1995, Dr. David Emory Shi has a better understanding of the school's football program than probably anyone who has ever occupied Furman's highest office. That's because Shi starred as a defensive end for the Paladins under head coach Bob King in the early 1970s, and was an All-Southern Conference first team and All-South Carolina selection in 1971.

In his three years as president of Furman, Shi has demonstrated bold new leadership in many areas, including the university's intercollegiate athletics program. Over the past two years the school has constructed a new soccer stadium, modern tennis facility, and state-of-the-art golf practice complex. In the fall of 1996, construction began on Timmons Arena, a 5,000-seat, on-campus multipurpose complex that will serve as the home of Furman's football, basketball and volleyball programs. In addition, Shi has named Dr. John Block as the school's first vice president for intercollegiate athletics — a new position that underscores the 45-year-old president's understanding of — and commitment to — the school's 17-sport athletics program.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Shi served as cadet battalion commander of Furman's ROTC program and was inducted into the school's chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and Quaternio prior to graduating magna cum laude in 1973 with a B.A. degree in political science. He went on to earn M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history at the University of Virginia before accepting a teaching position as assistant professor of history at Davidson College in 1976. From 1987, until his departure for Furman in 1993, Shi served as Chairman of Davidson's History Department. Upon his return to his alma mater, he assumed the position of vice-president for academic affairs and dean, a position he occupied for one year prior to being named Furman's president on June 1, 1994, succeeding the retiring Dr. John E. Johns.

In the course of his professional career, Shi has been awarded several National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowships and has authored numerous articles and five books. His first book, **Matthew Josephson, Bourgeois Bohemian**, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1981, and his second, **The Simple Life: Plain Living and High Thinking in American Culture**, was a History Book Club selection. He is also the co-author with George B. Tindall of the popular textbook, **America: A Narrative History**.

His most recent book is **Facing Facts: Realism in American Thought and Culture, 1850-1920**, which was released in 1995.

## Sirrine Stadium

Sirrine Stadium, located in downtown Greenville and originally part of Furman's old campus, served as the home of Furman football from 1936-80. Furman won the first game ever played in Sirrine Stadium,



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defeating Davidson 14-13 on Halloween afternoon, 1936. Like the happy inauguration, the Paladins closed out their tenure in Sistine Stadium in style, defeating arch-rival The Citadel, 28-15, in the season finale to clinch the 1980 Southern Conference crown.

## Southern Conference

The Southern Conference, of which Furman has been a member since 1936, is the nation's fifth oldest collegiate athletic association. Created on February 25, 1921, in Atlanta, Ga., the league's charter members included Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Washington & Lee.

In 1922, seven more schools — Florida, Louisiana State, Mississippi, South Carolina, the University of the South, Tulane, and Vanderbilt — joined the fold.

Since then, membership has changed drastically. A total of 38 schools have been affiliated with the league and the conference has undergone two major transitions during its history.

The first occurred when the Southeastern Conference was formed out of the then 23-school Southern Conference in 1932. The second major shift happened in 1953 when Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina, and Wake Forest officially withdrew from the league to form the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Southern Conference's evolution continued after the departure of the ACC schools. Today, the league continues to thrive with a membership that spans five southeastern states. Current league members are Appalachian State, The Citadel, College of Charleston, Davidson, East Tennessee State, Furman, Georgia Southern, North Carolina-Greensboro, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Virginia Military Institute, Western Carolina, and Wofford.

The Southern Conference offices are located in Asheville, North Carolina.

## Eugene Stone

An avid fan and benefactor of Furman athletics for many years, the late Eugene Stone, founder of Greenville's Stone Manufacturing Company, played a major role in the construction of Paladin Stadium in 1981, and in the addition of 2,800 seats in 1985, which increased the facility's capacity to 16,000.

In 1995, Stone's support of Furman University's athletics program was further evidenced with the construction and dedication of the new Eugene Stone, III Soccer Stadium, a 3,000-seat, on-campus facility that gives Furman one of the region's top soccer stadiums. Prior to providing funds for the stadium, Stone initiated scholarship support for the school's men's soccer program in 1983 — a move which helped Furman move into the forefront of collegiate soccer as evi-

denced by the program's 12 Southern Conference championships over the past 15 years.

A native of Spartanburg, S.C., Stone attended Fishburne Military School and Georgia Tech before completing his education in 1930 at the University of South Carolina.

Following the stock market crash, Stone went to work as a wildcatter in the oil fields of east Texas but returned to Greenville in 1933. With the country in the grip of the Great Depression, he and his wife, Linky, purchased eight sewing machines, hired five employees, and, at a small location on River Street, officially opened Stone Manufacturing Company. Twelve years later, the company was incorporated with Mr. Stone as president and treasurer.

In 1983, Stone was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Furman University in recognition of his distinguished business career, as well as his leadership in the community and on behalf of Furman.

## Carl Tremble

Carl Tremble (1989-92) is Furman's all-time leading rusher and scorer, having run for 4,746 yards and scored a school record 300 points (50 touchdowns) in a brilliant career. A three-time All-Southern Conference selection, Tremble rushed for over 100 yards a school record 25 times (in 47 games) and posted a career high 39-carry, 228-yard performance in a 35-7 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga in 1992, for which he earned national offensive player-of-the-week honors. As a freshman in 1989, he ran for a school freshman record 987 yards and nine touchdowns in helping Furman to a 12-2 record, Southern Conference championship, and semi-final finish in the NCAA I-AA playoffs. As a senior, the Jacksonville, Fla., native set a school single season rushing record with 1,555 yards, posting 100-yard performances in 10 of the Paladins' 11 games. During his tenure as a starter (40 games), Tremble averaged 112.8 yards per game and 6.09 yards per carry while helping Furman to a 28-12 record. The Paladins went 34-15 and won two league championships in Tremble's four seasons of play. Tremble, who signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Phoenix Cardinals following graduation, still holds 18 school rushing and scoring standards.

## Winning Streaks

The longest Furman football winning streak is 12 games, which began the week following a season opening, 30-3 loss to Clemson in 1989. The streak ended later that year when the Paladins lost a 21-19 decision to Stephen F. Austin in an NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff contest. Furman's longest winning streak over an opponent is 17 games over Wofford, which occurred from 1919-47; and the Paladins' longest winning streak over a Southern Conference foe is 16 games, which Furman currently maintains over VMI.

## Sam Wyche

Sam Wyche, Furman's most recognizable football alumnus, joined the Paladin program as a walk-on under head coach Bob King but ended up serving as Furman's starting quarterback in 1964 and '65. As a senior, he threw for 877 yards and nine touchdowns en route to earning second team All-Southern Conference honors.

A 1966 Furman graduate, Wyche began a nine-year professional career later that fall with the Wheeling (W.Va.) Ironmen of the Continental League. A year later, he moved on to the University of South Carolina as a graduate assistant coach under Paul Dietzel. After earning his MBA, Wyche signed a free agent contract in 1968 with Paul Brown's expansion Cincinnati Bengals, with whom he remained until 1971, when he was traded to the Washington Redskins, where he spent three seasons playing for George Allen. Stints with Detroit, St. Louis, and Buffalo followed before he retired in 1976.

Following his playing career, Wyche opened a chain of "Sam Wyche Sports World" stores in South Carolina. In 1979, however, he returned to professional football as the quarterbacks/passing game coach for Bill Walsh's San Francisco 49ers. Wyche's first season coincided with the rookie campaign of Joe Montana, who Wyche is widely credited with helping develop into one of the game's greatest quarterbacks.

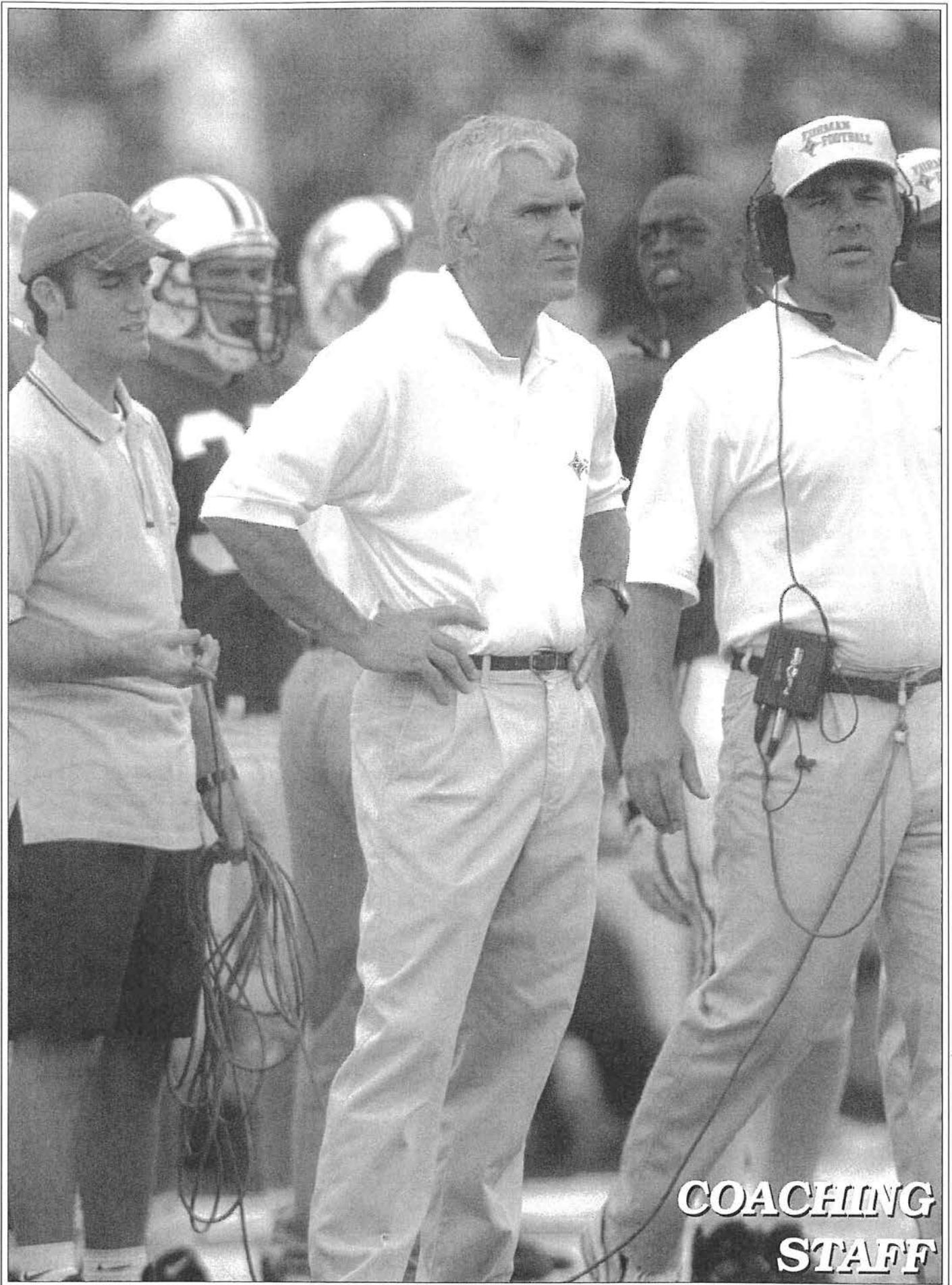
After moving on to serve as head coach at Indiana University in 1983, Wyche was lured back to the NFL by Bengals owner/president Paul Brown to serve as Cincinnati's head coach. While there, Wyche helped craft one of the NFL's most successful teams, leading the Bengals to a pair of AFC Central Division championships (1988 and '90) and earning NFL and AFC Coach-of-the-Year honors. His 1988 Bengal squad, which included another Furman football alumnus, Stanford Jennings, finished with a 12-4 record and played in Super Bowl XXIII, where they lost to the San Francisco 49ers, 20-16.

Following his tenure at Cincinnati, Wyche moved on to Tampa Bay, where he served as head coach of the Buccaneers from 1992-95.

Throughout his NFL career as a player, assistant coach, and head coach, Wyche was associated with some of the game's finest players and coaches. He was a teammate of, was coached by, or coached with George Allen, Raymond Berry, Paul Brown, Don Coryell, Bruce Coslet, Paul Dietzel, Rick Forzano, Joe Gibbs, Dennis Green, Jim Hanifan, Jim Hart, Norm Hecker, Lou Holtz, Bill Johnson, Sonny Jurgensen, Ted Marchibroda, Mike McCormick, Jack Pardee, John Ralston, Jim Ringo, George Seifert, Bob Trumpy, and Bill Walsh.

Wyche and his wife Jane, a 1964 Furman graduate, have been heavily involved in many charitable endeavors, and recently returned to the Upstate.

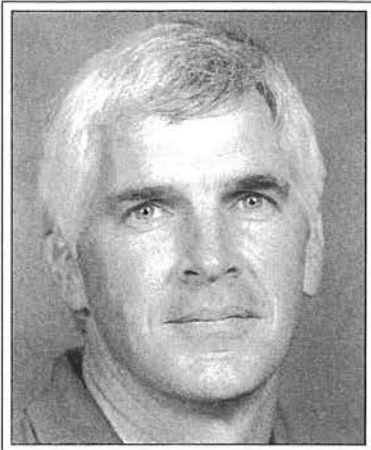
An Atlanta, Ga., native, Wyche is a 1983 inductee into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame.



**COACHING  
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# HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON



IF THE IDEAL COACH COULD BE CRAFTED TO head up Furman University's football program, many would look for the mold containing integrity, character, intelligence, motivation, and proven winning ability. Luckily for Furman, that perfect coach already exists in Bobby Johnson, who is now in his fifth season as mentor of the Paladin program and 21st year of service to the university.

Just how much Furman's faithful respect and admire Johnson is probably best articulated by school president and Paladin football alumnus Dr. David Shi, who offered the following observations on Furman's head coach:

"Furman is lucky to have a football coach of Bobby Johnson's caliber. He is a superb coach and recruiter who brings to his work the unusual combination of tenacity and integrity long associated with Furman football. Even more important, however, is his character. Bobby Johnson personifies the Furman commitment to excellence. He genuinely loves his players and appreciates Furman's academic priorities. We are excited about the rapid turnaround in the football program under Bobby's masterful leadership."

Rebuilding Furman's football fortunes was just what the school had in mind in December of 1993, when it called on Johnson to take over the head coaching reins of a proud and tradition-rich program, of which he had played a key role since the mid-1970s. Combining his widely respected intellect with diligent recruiting and an infectious dose of motivation and commitment, Johnson began, in earnest, the revitalization effort, and in four seasons has stamped his blueprint for success on the Furman program.

Evidence of Johnson's influence and the Paladins' turnaround was first revealed in 1995 when Johnson, with a young squad boasting only eight seniors, directed the Paladins to a 6-5 record and third place finish in the Southern Conference after being picked seventh in several pre-season polls. The improvement, which came primarily — but not surprisingly — on defense, continued in a big way in 1996 when Furman went 9-4 and, in the process, gained its first NCAA I-AA playoff berth since 1990. In posting the program's highest win total in seven years, Furman also went 6-0 at home and recorded impressive road wins over defending Southern Conference champion

Appalachian State and NCAA I-AA playoff foe Northern Arizona. The strong season notched the Paladins a No. 9 final ranking — the program's highest poll finish since 1989.

While Furman's successful 1996 campaign was certainly a team effort, it also produced its share of individual honors, including a GTE/American Football Coaches Association Region II Coach-of-the-Year Award for Johnson. In addition, six Paladins earned All-Southern Conference accolades, and tight end Luther Broughton, who finished his career as Furman's all-time leading receiver, garnered Sports Network All-America laurels and became the first Paladin to be drafted since 1986, when he was selected in the fifth round of NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Early season injuries at quarterback hobbled Furman last year, but the Paladins still posted a 7-4 record behind the play of Southern Conference's Defensive Player-of-the-Year defensive end Bryan Dailer, who led the league with 17.5 sacks.

The fact that Furman's rebound has come quickly

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is no real surprise to many longtime Paladin football observers, who know Johnson's coaching style and appreciation for winning football have been shaped by many factors, not the least of which is his tenure in Furman's program. First as an assistant coach and later as defensive coordinator, Johnson has played a key role in virtually all of the success the Paladins have enjoyed since 1976, which includes nine Southern Conference championships and an NCAA I-AA title.

While Johnson will quickly tell anyone who inquires that he is not the only reason for Furman's impressive football success over the past two decades, there is no denying he has played a major role, and that stems, in part, from his ability to squeeze the most out of his players' abilities while impressing on them that he was giving them nothing less than his best in return.

As many know and understand, Johnson's concern and dedication to his players is paramount, and it

doesn't stop when the field is cleared. In a career that has also seen him serve as academic advisor and admissions office liaison, Johnson has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to his players' academic achievement, as evidenced in Furman football's nationally acclaimed graduation rates. That same dedication, which has drawn praise from many on campus and many more outside the Furman community, also extends to his coaching staff, where his decision to retain, virtually intact, Furman's assistant coaching staff underlines his sense of loyalty to — and trust in — former colleagues, several of whom he coached at Furman in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Johnson's coaching career, which now covers 22 seasons, includes three stints at Furman, the first of which began in 1976 as defensive backs coach under Art Baker. It continued in 1978 when Dick Sheridan was named head coach and the Paladins captured what was the first of nine Southern Conference championships. In 1981 Johnson left Furman to serve as academic counselor at Clemson, but returned a year later to coach Furman's defensive backs under Sheridan. In 1983, he added the responsibility of defensive coordinator — a position he held for three seasons under Sheridan and seven campaigns under Jimmy Satterfield before accepting a similar position at Clemson for the 1993 football season.

During his tenure as defensive coordinator at Furman, Johnson helped the Paladins post a 91-31-3 record, claim five Southern Conference championships, and register eight NCAA I-AA Top 20 finishes. In 1988, as part of the Paladins' 13-2 NCAA I-AA national championship season, Furman led the nation in scoring defense, allowing only 9.7 points per game. In all, Furman paced the conference in rushing defense seven times, total defense five times, and passing defense on four occasions from 1983-92. In terms of individual player recognition, Furman defenses under Johnson's direction produced four conference players-of-the-year, one national player-of-the-year, 31 first team all-conference players, and eight All-Americans.

In 1993, in his only season at Clemson, Johnson directed a strong Tiger defense that helped deliver to the school a Peach Bowl victory, although Johnson had left the Tiger camp prior to the end of the season to accept the head coaching job at Furman.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Johnson prepped at Eau Claire High School, where he was a three-sport standout in football, baseball, and basketball. As a tight end in 1968 he was named South Carolina AAAA Lineman-of-the-Year and played in the Shrine Bowl. He continued his playing career at Clemson, where he lettered three times playing both wide receiver and cornerback. Johnson led Clemson in interceptions in 1971 and '72, and was a two-time Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic selection. He graduated in 1973 with a bachelor of science degree in management, and in 1979 was awarded a master's degree in education from Furman.

Johnson's wife, Catherine Bonner Johnson from Charleston, also has strong Furman ties, having served as associate director of the school's continuing education department for three years.

# HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON



## THE JOHNSON FILE

### PERSONAL

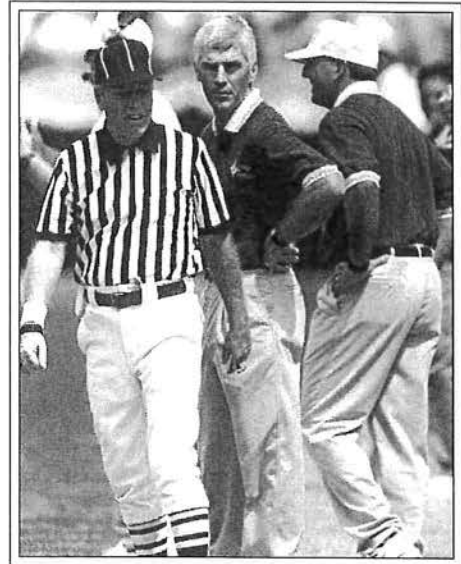
Name: Robert Alan Johnson  
 Born: February 8, 1951, in Columbia, South Carolina  
 Wife: Catherine Bonner of Charleston, South Carolina  
 Married: March 9, 1974, in Charleston, South Carolina

### EDUCATION

Eau Claire (S.C.) High School, 1969  
 Clemson University, B.S. in Management, 1973  
 Furman University, M.A. in Education, 1979

### PLAYING CAREER

Eau Claire High School, 1965-68, TE/DB  
 ✓ Four-Year Letterman  
 ✓ South Carolina AAAA Lineman-of-the-Year, 1968  
 ✓ Shrine Bowl, 1968  
 Clemson University, 1969-72, WR/CB  
 ✓ Three-Year Letterman  
 ✓ Interceptions Leader, 1971-72  
 ✓ Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic, 1971-72



### COACHING CAREER

Year	School	Responsibility	Overall	Conference	Finish	Highlights
1976	Furman	Defensive Backs	6-4-1	2-2-1	3rd	
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs	4-5-2	3-2-1	3rd	
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs	8-3-0	4-1-0	1st	SoCon Champion
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs	5-6-0	4-3-0	4th	
1980	Furman	Defensive Backs	9-1-1	7-0-0	1st	SoCon Champion
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs	9-3-0	6-1-0	1st	SoCon Champion
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1	6-0-1	1st	SoCon Champion, NCAA I-AA Playoffs Quarterfinalist
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3-0	3-3-0	4th	
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2-0	6-0-0	1st	SoCon Champion, NCAA I-AA Runner-up
1986	Furman	Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	7-3-2	4-2-1	3rd	NCAA I-AA Playoffs Quarterfinalist
1987	Furman	Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	7-4-0	4-3-0	3rd	
1988	Furman	Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	13-2-0	6-1-0	1st	SoCon Champion, NCAA I-AA National Champion
1989	Furman	Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	12-2-0	7-0-0	1st	SoCon Champion, NCAA I-AA Playoffs Semifinalist
1990	Furman	Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	9-4-0	6-1-0	1st	SoCon Champion, NCAA I-AA Playoffs Quarterfinalist
1991	Furman	Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	7-4-0	4-3-0	4th	
1992	Furman	Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator	6-5-0	4-3-0	5th	
1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3-0	5-3-0	4th	Peach Bowl Champion
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8-0	2-6-0	6th	
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5-0	5-3-0	3rd	
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4-0	6-2-0	3rd	NCAA I-AA Playoffs Quarterfinalist
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4-0	5-3-0	3rd	

### OTHER

1981 Clemson Athletic Academic Counselor

### ASSISTANT COACHING RECORD

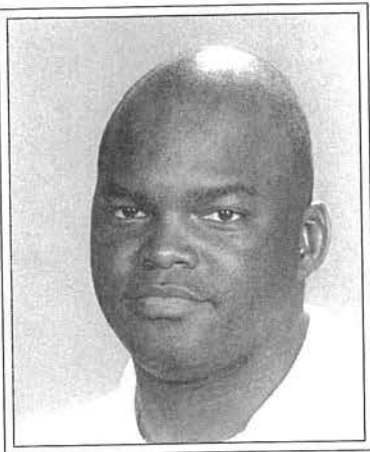
Furman — 132-53-7, 16 Years, (.706)  
 Clemson — 8-3-0, 1 Year, (.727)  
 Assistant Coaching Career Record — 140-56-7, 17 Years, (.707)

### HEAD COACHING RECORD

Furman — 25-21-0, 4 Years (.543)



# FURMAN ASSISTANT COACHES



## JULIUS DIXON Defensive Line

**O**NE OF THE FINEST DEFENSIVE BACKS TO ever play for Furman, Julius Dixon took on a new coaching assignment in May when he was named the Paladins' new defensive line coach.

Dixon's appointment followed the departure of Jimmy Neal and marked his third move on the Paladins staff. In 1993, Dixon returned to his alma mater to coach Furman's tight ends — a position that afforded him the opportunity to play a key role in the development of All-America tight end Luther Broughton, who in 1997 was selected in the fifth round of the National Football League Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

In the spring of 1996, Dixon made the switch to

defense to coach the squad's defensive ends — a move that coincided with the emergence of rush end Bryan Dailer as the Southern Conference's most dominant pass rusher. Last year Dailer led the league with 17.5 sacks and was named All-America and league defensive player-of-the-year.

Prior to returning to Furman, Dixon served as an assistant coach at Camden (S.C.) High School under Billy Ammons for four seasons, from 1990-93. In his first season there, Camden went 13-0 and captured South Carolina's AAA state championship.

In addition to his assistant football coaching duties at Camden, Dixon served as junior varsity baseball coach, head girls track coach, and coach of Camden's junior varsity basketball team.

A native of Toccoa, Ga., Dixon came to Furman in 1985 and began an outstanding football career. Playing cornerback, he was one of only four true freshman to letter on Furman's 1985 squad that defeated North Carolina State 42-20 on the way to a 12-2 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish.

In 1987, Dixon moved into the starting lineup and earned second team all-conference honors; and as a senior in 1988 he tallied 60 tackles and two interceptions en route to earning first team all-conference and team most valuable defensive back honors. More

importantly, though, he served as captain of a Furman squad that compiled a 13-2 record, league title, and NCAA I-AA National Championship with the nation's top scoring defense, yielding just 9.7 points per game. All told, Dixon, who also put together a fine track career at Furman, helped the Paladins register an outstanding 40-10-2 record during his tenure as a player.

In 1990, he earned his undergraduate degree in political science.

Dixon, 32, is newlywed, having married Tywanda Cooper of Kingstree on July 13. He has a son, Jae, 14.

### THE DIXON FILE

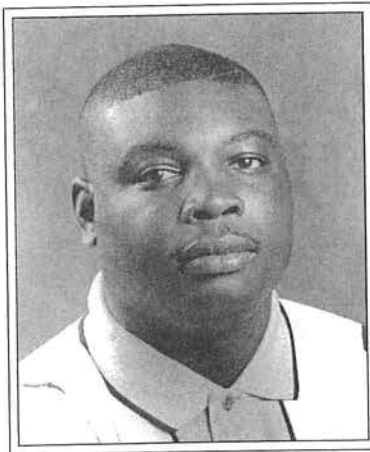
**Full Name:** Julius Augustus Dixon

**Birthdate:** July 8, 1967, in Toccoa, Ga.

**Education:** Stephens County (Ga.) High School ('85); Furman, B.A. Political Science ('90).

**Collegiate Playing Experience:** CB, Furman (1985-88), four-year letterman.

**Coaching Experience:** Assistant, Camden (S.C.) High School (1990-93); Assistant, Furman (1994-Present).



## ALLEN EDWARDS Assistant Defensive Line

us, and I'm confident he will instill in our current players those same high standards. His work at Spartanburg High School and the success they enjoyed while he was there are indicative of his ability and potential as a coach."

Prior to joining the Furman staff, Edwards served as defensive line coach under Doc Davis at ultra-successful Spartanburg (S.C.) High School, where he once starred as a player. During his tenure there as an assistant coach, Spartanburg won "Big 16" state 4-A championships in 1994, '95, and '96, posting a 43-2 record along the way.

That Edwards is highly regarded as a young coach stems in large measure to be respect he gained as an All-American nose guard for the Paladins in the late 1980s and early 1990s. As a freshman in 1988, he moved into the starting lineup late in the season and helped lead Furman to a 13-2 record and NCAA I-AA national championship. In the Paladins' 17-12 national championship win over Georgia Southern, Edwards totaled five tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and two caused fumbles as Furman's defense throttled the Eagles' vaunted running game on the way to victory.

His impressive play as a freshman continued as he earned consensus All-Southern Conference honors three straight years and, in 1991, became the third consecutive Paladins to earn league defensive player-

of-the-year honors. In addition, Edwards, who played on a pair of conference championship teams, was named Associated Press All-America and completed his career having played in the school record 53 games.

The Spartanburg, S.C., native graduated from Furman in 1993 with a B.A. degree in history, and later earned his M.A.T. in social studies from Converse.

Edwards, 27, is single.

### THE EDWARDS FILE

**Full Name:** Vincent Allen Edwards

**Birthdate:** Sept. 6, 1970, in Spartanburg, S.C.

**Education:** Spartanburg (S.C.) High School ('88); Furman, B.A. History ('93); Converse, M.A.T. Social Studies ('98).

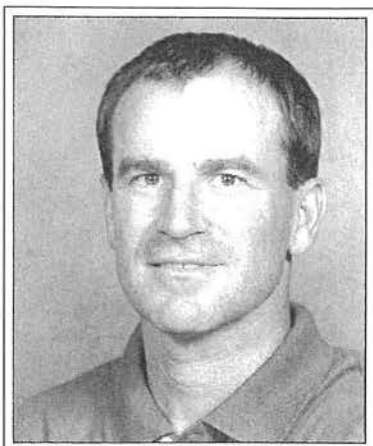
**Collegiate Playing Experience:** NG, Furman (1988-91), four-year letterman.

**Coaching Experience:** Assistant, Spartanburg (S.C.) High School (1994-97); Assistant, Furman (1998-Present).

**R**EGARDED BY MANY TO BE ONE OF THE top players in Furman football history, Allen Edwards returned to his alma mater in May as assistant defensive line coach.

In his new role, Edwards will assist Julius Dixon in directing Furman's defensive front following the departure of Jimmy Neal, who earlier accepted the head football coaching position at Camden (S.C.) High School.

"We are extremely pleased to have Allen Edwards join our coaching staff and work with our defensive line," said head coach Bobby Johnson in announcing Edwards' hiring. "He was a great defensive lineman for



## BRUCE FOWLER

### Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Backs

first playoff appearance since 1990 en route to posting a 9-4 record and No. 9 final national ranking. And last year, Furman sported one of the best secondaries in the league and produced two all-conference performers in free safety Jeremy Osborne and strong safety John Keith.

Prior to taking over as secondary coach, Fowler directed some of the strongest passing attacks in Furman football history. In 1991, the Paladin passing game featured two first team All-Southern Conference picks in split end Donald Lipscomb and tight end Paul Siffri, who completed their careers ranked second and ninth, respectively, on Furman's receiving charts.

That type of performance from Fowler's players played a major role in Furman winning three Southern Conference titles from 1988-90.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Fowler played his high school football at Cincinnati's Mariemont High School, lettering three times and winning all-conference honors as a defensive back his senior year.

Fowler came to Furman in 1977 and played cornerback for four years under former Paladin coaches Art Baker and Dick Sheridan. He was a member of Furman's first Southern Conference championship team in 1978 and was a starter on the Paladins' 1980 league title team. He led the team in interceptions in 1979 and graduated in 1981 with a degree in physical

education.

Following his playing days, Fowler moved into the high school coaching ranks at nearby Wren High School, where he served as an assistant coach for three seasons. In 1984 he returned to Furman as a graduate assistant coach.

Fowler, 39, who earned a master's degree in education from Furman, is married to the former Lindy Gilman of Ocala, Florida. The Fowlers have a son, Jake, 3, and a daughter, Madison Marie, 20 months.

**N**OW ENTERING HIS 13TH YEAR AS AN assistant coach in the Furman program, Bruce Fowler, who in 1994 added the title of assistant head coach, will direct the squad's defensive backs for the fifth straight season.

Since taking over the Paladin secondary, Fowler has coached six All-Southern Conference performers and enhanced his reputation as an outstanding young football coach. That was most evident in 1995, when Fowler, without the benefit of one returning starter, helped Furman's secondary lead the Southern Conference in passing defense. In 1996, the strong play of the squad's defensive backs helped Furman make its

### THE FOWLER FILE

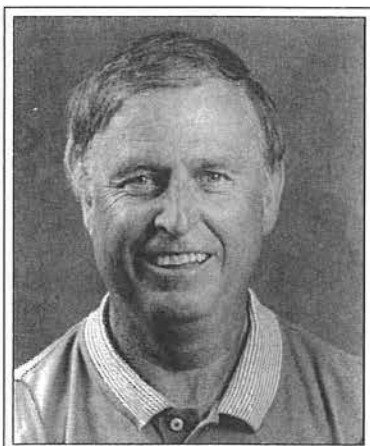
**Full Name:** Bruce Aston Fowler

**Birthdate:** Nov. 28, 1958, in Augsburg, Germany

**Education:** Mariemont (Ohio) High School ('77); Furman, B.A. Physical Education ('81); M.A. Education ('89).

**Collegiate Playing Experience:** CB, Furman (1977-80), two-year letterman.

**Coaching Experience:** Assistant, Wren (S.C.) High School (1981-83); Graduate Assistant, Furman (1984-85); Assistant, Furman (1986-Present).



## GEORGE HARRELSON

### Tight Ends

Fouch, Trent Sansbury, and Graham Hunter, overseeing what looms as one of the best battles for a starting position in Furman's program.

For Harrelson, the move into the collegiate ranks is his first and follows a successful six-year stop at nearby J.L. Mann High School, where he compiled a 38-28 overall record before resigning following the 1997 season. During his tenure there, the Patriots reached the playoffs five times and last year tied for the Peach Blossom Conference title with an 8-3 record.

Before taking over the head coaching reins at J.L. Mann in 1992, Harrelson served as an assistant football coach at Greenville County's Travelers Rest High School for 11 years (1981-91) and, prior to that, served as head coach at Riverside High School, another Greenville area school, for five years (1976-80). From 1971-75 Harrelson worked as an assistant coach at Greenville's Eastside High School.

A native of Johnsonville, S.C., Harrelson graduated from Appalachian State in 1967 with a B.A. degree in physical education, and began his coaching career at Andrews (S.C.) High School as an assistant coach later that year. In 1968 he accepting a teaching position at Greenville Junior High School and remained there for four years before moving on to Eastside High School in 1971.

Harrelson, who earned his M.A. in administration in 1974, is married to the former Patsy Shore of Winston-Salem, N.C., and has two children, Amy and Jeff.

### THE HARRELSON FILE

**Full Name:** George Lucian Harrelson

**Birthdate:** Aug. 12, 1944, in Hemingway, S.C.

**Education:** Appalachian State, B.A. Physical Education ('67); M.A. Administration ('74).

**Coaching Experience:** Assistant, Andrews (S.C.) High School (1967); Assistant, Eastside (S.C.) High School (1971-75); Head Coach, Riverside (S.C.) High School (1976-80); Assistant Coach, Travelers Rest (S.C.) High School (1981-91); Head Coach, J.L. Mann (S.C.) High School (1992-97); Assistant Coach, Furman (1998-Present).

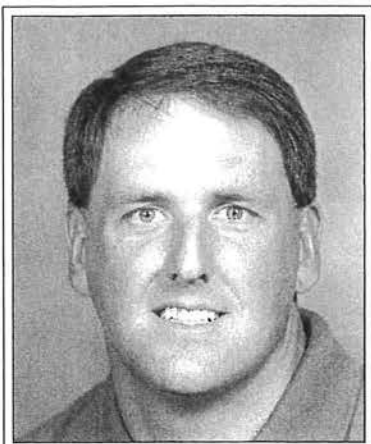
**G**EORGE HARRELSON, WHOSE COACHING career encompasses nearly three decades in Greenville area schools, is now entering his first year as coach of Furman's tight ends after joining the Paladin program in April.

"We feel fortunate to have a coach with George Harrelson's experience joining our staff, and I'm sure our program — and our tight ends in particular — will benefit immensely from his years as a football coach," said head coach Bobby Johnson at the time of Harrelson's hiring.

In his new position, Harrelson will work exclusively with Paladin tight ends Michael Owings, Kenya



# FURMAN ASSISTANT COACHES



## CLAY HENDRIX Offensive Line

and completed his career as the Southern Conference's leading rusher with 4,746 yards.

In terms of individual recognition, 11 Hendrix-coached players have earned first-team all-conference honors and three have been named All-America. In addition, one of Hendrix's products, center Steve Duggan, has been recognized as the recipient of both the South Carolina and Southern Conference's Jacobs Blocking Award.

A product of Commerce, Ga., Hendrix starred as an offensive guard as a prep, and was instrumental in helping Commerce to a 13-1 record and 1981 AA state championship.

A 1986 graduate of Furman with a degree in health and physical education, Hendrix was a three-year starter at offensive guard under Dick Sheridan and key force behind Furman's success from 1982-85, when the Paladins rolled up a 39-10-1 record and produced four consecutive 1,000-yard rushers. Hendrix also played on three Southern Conference championship teams and four nationally-ranked squads during that span, including the school's 12-2 national runner-up team in 1985. During Hendrix's tenure, Furman also recorded impressive wins over South Carolina

(1982), Georgia Tech (1983), and North Carolina State (1984 & '85). Named all-state in 1985, Hendrix also received the team's Robert B. King Award that season in recognition for his loyalty and unselfishness.

Following graduation, Hendrix joined Dick Sheridan's coaching staff at North Carolina State as a graduate assistant, a position he held for two seasons before returning to Furman in 1988.

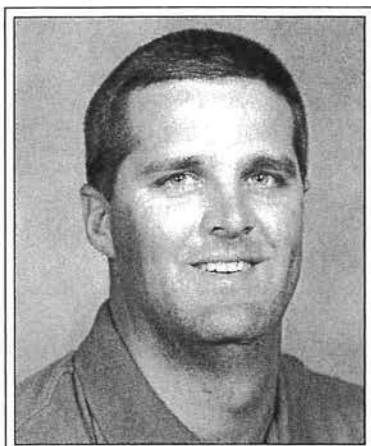
Hendrix, 35, is married to the former LeeAnn Hedgpeh of Taylors, and is the father of a son, Clayton Callaway, 18 months.

### THE HENDRIX FILE

**Full Name:** Clayton David Hendrix  
**Birthdate:** July 16, 1963, in Athens, Ga.  
**Education:** Commerce (Ga.) High School ('82); Furman, B.A. Physical Education ('86).  
**Collegiate Playing Experience:** OG, Furman (1982-85), three-year letterman.  
**Coaching Experience:** Graduate Assistant, North Carolina State (1986-87); Assistant, Furman (1988-Present).

**H**IGHLY RESPECTED AS A PLAYER AND NOW as a coach, former standout Clay Hendrix is in his 11th year as coach of Furman's offensive line.

Since joining the Furman staff in 1988, Hendrix has played a central role in helping the Paladin program achieve some of the greatest success in the school's football history as his offensive lines have helped Furman post a 76-42-1 record and win three Southern Conference titles, as well as the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship. In 1992 Furman's offensive line paved the way for All-America tailback Carl Tremble, who rushed for a school record 1,555 yards



## BOBBY LAMB Passing Game Coordinator, Quarterbacks, Receivers

with whom Lamb worked for two seasons. The only quarterback in league history to lead his team to three league titles and a national crown, DeBusk shattered several school records, many formerly held by Lamb, including career passing (5,851 yards) and total offense (6,726 yards) standards.

Prior to 1989, Lamb coached Furman's defensive ends — a group that played a key role in Furman leading the nation in scoring defense and headlining the Paladins' drive to a 13-2 record and NCAA I-AA national championship in 1988.

A native of Commerce, Ga., Lamb came to Furman in 1982 after fashioning a brilliant career at Commerce High School playing for his father, Ray Lamb. As a prep, he was named by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as its AA Back-of-the-Year after leading Commerce to a 13-1-1 record and 1981 AA state championship.

At Furman, Lamb helped the Paladins to a pair of Southern Conference titles, including a 12-2 national runner-up finish in 1985. That season saw the dynamic quarterback pace Furman to a 42-20 win over North Carolina State and lead the nation in passing efficiency. For his play, he earned Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year accolades, as well as South Caro-

lina Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year and Carolinas Athlete-of-the-Year recognition. In all, Lamb still holds 11 school records, including most touchdown passes in a season (24) and career (47), and three Southern Conference standards, including highest passing efficiency, season (171.20), highest passing efficiency, career (157.8), and highest average gain per play, season (8.2). He graduated from Furman in 1986 with a degree in physical education.

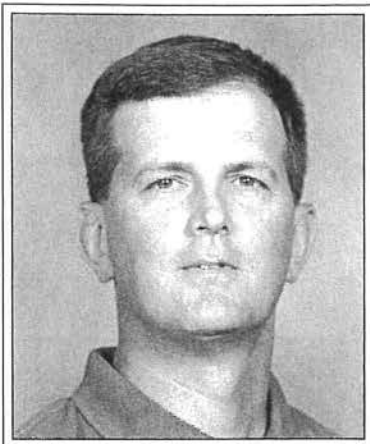
Lamb, 35, is married to the former Allyson Acker of Greenville, and is the father of a daughter, Sallie Emory, 6, and a son, Taylor Boyd, 4.

### THE LAMB FILE

**Full Name:** Robert Emory Lamb  
**Birthdate:** Dec. 24, 1962, in Augusta, Ga.  
**Education:** Commerce (Ga.) High School ('82); Furman, B.A. Physical Education ('86); M.A. Education ('91).  
**Collegiate Playing Experience:** QB, Furman (1982-85), four-year letterman.  
**Coaching Experience:** Graduate Assistant, Furman (1986); Assistant, Furman (1987-Present).

**A** 1995 INDUCTEE INTO FURMAN'S ATHLETIC Hall-of-Fame, Bobby Lamb is now in his 12th year as an assistant on the Furman staff, during which time he has coached the Paladin defensive ends, quarterbacks and, most recently, the squad's receivers.

Lamb, who in 1994 added the responsibility of passing game coordinator under head coach Bobby Johnson, assisted in the development of Braniff Bonaventure into an All-Southern Conference quarterback and national record holder in 1996. Bonaventure's emergence followed that of Philly Jones and two-time All-Southern Conference quarterback Frankie DeBusk,



## TIM SORRELLS

### Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs

capped off a brilliant collegiate career by rushing for a school single season record 1,555 yards en route to becoming the Southern Conference's all-time leading rusher at the time, with 4,746 yards.

Prior to the 1989 campaign Sorrells also worked with Furman's quarterbacks, playing a key role in the development of All-Southern Conference signal caller Frankie DeBusk, who in 1988 led Furman to a 13-2 record and NCAA I-AA national title.

A Greenville, Tenn., native, Sorrells came to Furman in 1977 after a career at Jefferson County High School, where he earned all-state honors, as well as all-conference tabs in tennis and basketball.

As a quarterback at Furman, he was twice named All-Southern Conference after leading the Paladins to conference crowns in 1980 and '81. His stint as a signal caller extended the school's string of highly successful quarterbacks that began with David Whitehurst in the 1970s, and continued in the 80s with David Charpia, Bobby Lamb, and Frankie DeBusk.

Sorrells received his undergraduate degree in physical education in 1981. He remained at Furman as a graduate assistant coach, helping the Paladins claim the 1982 Southern Conference title while working on

his master's degree in education, which he received in 1983.

From the graduate assistant coaching ranks, Sorrells took his first full-time coaching job at the high school level as an assistant coach at Rhea County (Tenn.) High School. In 1985 Rhea County finished as AAA state runner-up. A year later he returned to his alma mater.

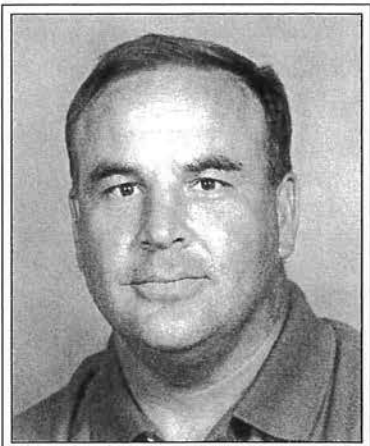
Married to the former Tracy Ballew of Spartanburg, the Sorrells' have two sons: Caleb, 13, and Jordan, 11; and a daughter, Emma, 8.

**F**ORMER PALADIN QUARTERBACK GREAT TIM Sorrells is now in his 12th year as an assistant coach with Furman's football program and fourth fifth as the squad's offensive coordinator, having added the task to his existing duty as running backs coach in 1994.

In 1989, in his first season of exclusive work with Furman's running backs, Sorrells oversaw the emergence of tailback Carl Tremble, who as a freshman rushed for a school freshman record 987 yards and nine touchdowns to help Furman to an undefeated league record and championship. In 1992 Tremble

### THE SORRELLS FILE

**Full Name:** Timothy Lee Sorrells  
**Birthdate:** Sept. 18, 1959, in Greenville, Tenn.  
**Education:** Jefferson County (Tenn.) High School ('77); Furman, B.A. Physical Education ('81); M.A. Education ('83)  
**Collegiate Playing Experience:** QB, Furman (1977-81), four-year letterman.  
**Coaching Experience:** Graduate Assistant, Furman (1982); Assistant, Rhea County (Tenn.) High School (1983-85); Assistant, Furman (1986-Present).



## STEVE WILSON

### Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers

year, Jay Thier became the latest Wilson-coached player to earn recognition following a season that netted him a league leading 176 tackles, and Orlando Ruff earned his second straight all-conference citation after collecting 160 stops.

Furman, during Wilson's tenure, has captured three league titles and made five appearances in the NCAA I-AA playoffs — all on the strength of outstanding play by Paladin defensive units, of which Wilson has played a key role in directing.

A 1977 Furman graduate with a degree in economics and business administration, Wilson returned to his alma mater in 1986 following a three-year stint as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Mars Hill (N.C.) College. While at Mars Hill, Wilson assisted in the revitalization of the Lion football program, and in 1985 helped direct Mars Hill to an 8-3 record and its first-ever outright South Atlantic Conference championship.

A Gainesville, Ga., product, Wilson starred for three years in football while playing both guard and tight end at Gainesville High School. Following a solid prep tenure, his football career continued at Furman, where he lettered all four years (1973-76) as a linebacker under Paladin mentor Art Baker. As a senior,

Wilson served as president of the school's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and was awarded the Art Baker Christian Award.

In 1981, he assumed an assistant coaching position at Buford (Ga.) High School following a two-year stint in private business. Wilson's tenure at Buford ran for three seasons and preceded his move to Mars Hill in 1983.

He and his wife, Angie, formerly of Gainesville, Ga., have a son, Daniel, 10, and a daughter, Angela Brittany, 4.

**S**TEVE WILSON, A VETERAN OF 12 SEASONS as linebackers coach at Furman University, is now entering his sixth season as the Paladins' defensive coordinator, a position he has held since 1993.

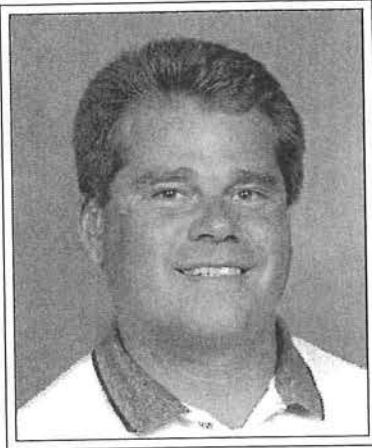
During his tenure as coach of the squad's linebackers, Wilson has played a key role in producing some of the league's top defensive players, including 11 All-Southern Conference performers and three All-Americans. The most heralded of the crop was consensus All-American Jeff Blankenship, who registered a school record 235 tackles in 1988 to lead the Paladins to a 13-2 record and NCAA I-AA national title. Last

### THE WILSON FILE

**Full Name:** Steven Homer Wilson  
**Birthdate:** June 28, 1955, in Gainesville, Ga.  
**Education:** Gainesville (Ga.) High School ('73); Furman, B.A. Economics/Business Administration ('77).  
**Collegiate Playing Experience:** LB, Furman (1973-77), four-year letterman.  
**Coaching Experience:** Assistant, Buford (Ga.) High School (1980-82); Assistant, Mars Hill (1983-85); Assistant, Furman (1986-Present).



# FURMAN ASSISTANT COACHES



## WAYNE BROWN Director of Strength Training

for Furman's 17-sport intercollegiate athletics program, Brown brings to the position quality experience and a strong understanding of Furman's strength training and conditioning needs.

In his new role as director, Brown oversees the program in the school's ultra-modern, 7,000 square-foot strength training and conditioning facility in Timmons Arena, which opened in December of 1997.

Prior to joining Furman's athletics department in 1995, Brown served as an assistant strength training coach at the University of South Carolina for three seasons, including one year as assistant under Joey Batson. While at South Carolina, Brown earned a master's degree in exercise science in 1994.

A native of Marion, S.C., he graduated from West Florence (S.C.) High School and later attended Limestone College, from which he earned a bachelor of science degree in business management in 1991. While working on his undergraduate degree, Brown served as an assistant football coach at West Florence High School in 1989-90.

He holds professional memberships with several groups, including the National Strength and Conditioning Association, United States Weight Lifting Federation, and the American College of Sports Medicine.

Brown, 35, is single.

### THE BROWN FILE

**Full Name:** Calvin Wayne Brown

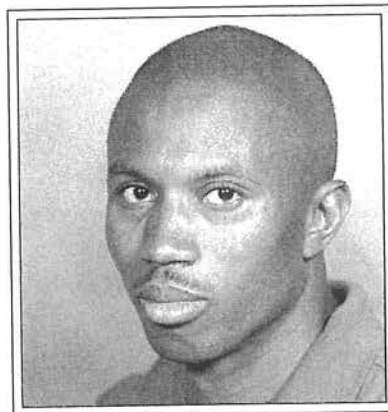
**Birthdate:** Dec. 7, 1962, in Marion, S.C.

**Education:** West Florence (S.C.) High School ('81); Limestone, B.S. Business Management ('91); South Carolina, M.S. Exercise Science ('94).

**Coaching Experience:** Assistant Football, West Florence (S.C.) High School (1989-90); Assistant Strength and Conditioning, South Carolina (1992-94); Assistant Strength and Conditioning, Furman (1995-97); Director of Strength and Conditioning, Furman (1997-Present).

Wayne Brown, who spent two year as an assistant in the school's strength training and conditioning program, was promoted to director in June of 1997 by vice president for intercollegiate athletics Dr. John Block following the departure of Joey Batson, who accepted a similar position at Clemson University.

Charged with formulating, implementing, and directing the conditioning and strength training effort



## MICHAEL MCNEIL Volunteer Assistant Coach

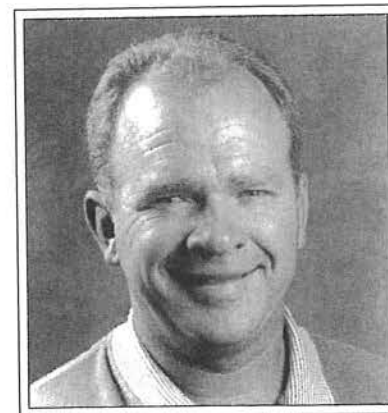
**M**ICHAEL MCNEIL, WHO IN 1996 EARNED All-Southern Conference honors as a member of Furman's secondary, returns for his second season as defensive assistant coach on the Paladins' staff. In his current capacity, McNeil works with assistant head coach Bruce Fowler in coaching Furman's defensive backs.

A two-year starter at cornerback, McNeil led Furman in interceptions in 1996 with three and also posted 44 tackles and a team leading 15 pass deflections in helping the Paladins to a 9-4 record, trip to the

NCAA I-AA playoffs, and No. 9 final national ranking. Recipient of Furman's Best Defensive Back Award at the end of the season, McNeil completed his career with 87 tackles, four interceptions, and 21 pass deflections.

A native of Wando, S.C., McNeil graduated with a bachelor of science degree in health and exercise science in May.

He is single.



## BOB PRICE Volunteer Assistant Coach

**B**OB PRICE IS NOW ENTERING HIS FIRST year as a volunteer assistant coach in charge of Furman's kickers and punters.

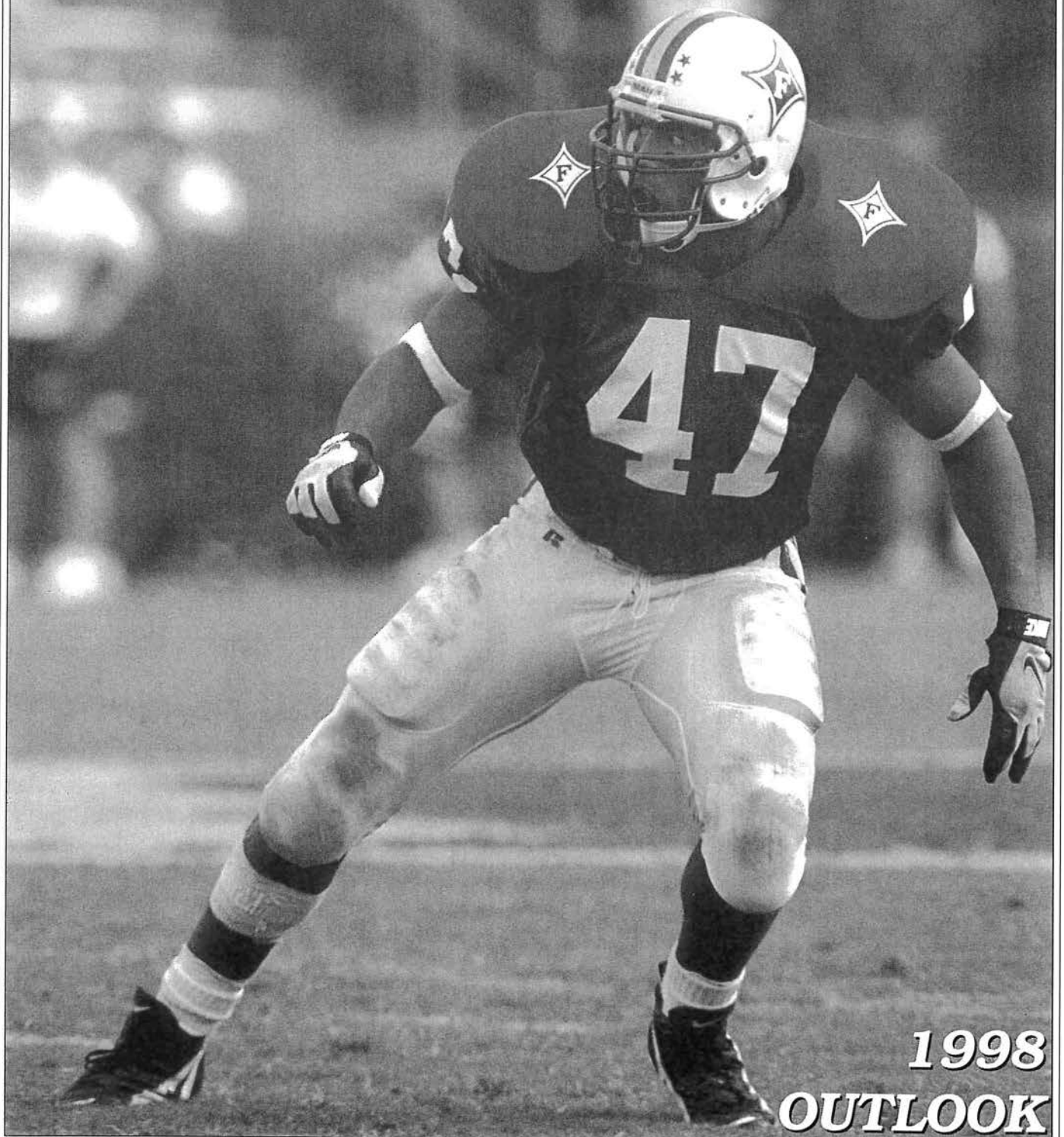
A Greer, S.C., native, Price has coached for 16 years since accepting his first job as an assistant coach at Watauga (N.C.) High School in 1981. In 1982, he returned to the Palmetto State as an assistant coach at Blue Ridge High School, where he remained for one year. In 1983 he accepted an assistant head coaching position at J.L. Mann High School, serving as the Patriots' offensive coordinator for eight seasons. In 1989 he moved into the head coaching ranks at nearby

Hillcrest High School, where he served through the 1992 season before returning to J.L. Mann as an assistant under George Harrelson, who recently joined the Furman staff.

A 1977 graduate of Greenville County's Riverside High School, Price punted at Lees McRae Junior College and later at Appalachian State University before earning his bachelor's degree from ASU in physical education in 1981.

Price and his wife, Jonie James, formerly of Travelers Rest, have a son, Ethan, 8, and a daughter, Katelin, 5.

*Orlando Ruff, LB  
1996-97 All-Southern Conference*



**1998  
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# 1998 FURMAN OUTLOOK

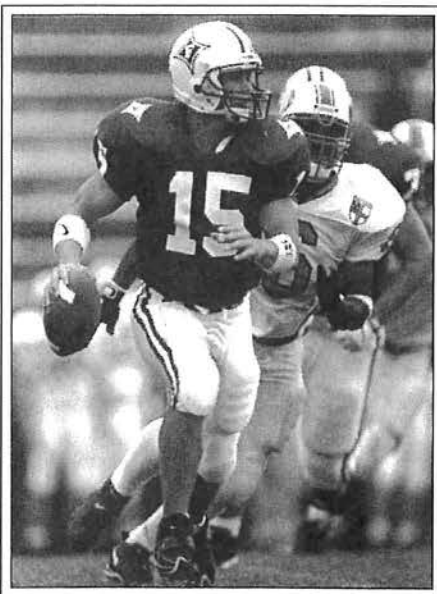
**W**ITH 13 STARTERS AND 39 LETTERMEN returning off a 1997 squad that posted a 7-4 record and third place finish in the Southern Conference, Furman appears to have enough talent and experience on hand to be a factor in this year's championship race, but it is doubtful the Paladins will be the league's pre-season favorite for a second consecutive year.

To add another banner to its league-best nine championships, Furman will need eight new defensive starters to match the quality play turned in by last year's defense, which clearly ranked among the Southern Conference's bests. That will be a daunting task when considering the graduated regulars included Furman's entire defensive front, including an All-America defensive end, a pair of outstanding linebackers, and two quality defensive backs. The good news, however, is that at nearly every defensive position the Paladins will be turning to talented performers who have logged quality playing time over the past two seasons.

The offense, meanwhile, which last year struggled due to injuries and inexperience, returns almost intact, including a pair of young but seasoned quarterbacks. In addition, Furman should also receive a boost from a six-game home schedule this fall after playing only five games in Paladin Stadium a year ago.

## OFFENSE

Offense .....	Multiple
Lettermen Returning .....	19
Starters Returning .....	9
1997 Rushing Offense .....	182.4 (5)
1997 Passing Offense .....	119.4 (5)
1997 Total Offense .....	301.7 (7)
1997 Scoring Offense .....	25.5 (4)
(#) — Southern Conference Rank	



Sophomore quarterback Justin Hill will look to ignite Furman's option attack this fall.

Although supported by a championship worthy defense, Furman's offense could not deliver title caliber consistency in 1997. That should not be a problem this fall with the return of nine starters, including the squad's leading rusher, passer, receiver and offensive lineman.

## QUARTERBACKS

Quarterback, which for years has been a fountain of poise and excellence at Furman, proved to be the Paladins' Achilles Heel a year ago. A knee injury to starting senior quarterback Chris Jonas early in the Paladins' second game forced the Paladins to turn to a couple of freshmen in **Brent Rickman (6-4, 189, So.)**, who stepped in ahead of an injured Justin Hill (5-11, 194, So.)

### QUARTERBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Rick Addy	6-0	195	Jr.	—
Justin Hill	5-11	194	So.	1VL
Billy Napier	6-3	202	Fr.	—
Brent Rickman	6-4	189	So.	1VL
Brent Scoggins	5-11	202	R-Fr.	—

Less than a year removed from Class A North Georgia football, Rickman performed admirably under difficult circumstances, passing for 943 yards and seven touchdowns, including a freshman record 335 yards and three scores in a 35-14 win over VMI, but he gave way to Hill, a more potent runner, late in the season. A former Shrine Bowl MVP at nearby Greer (S.C.) High School, Hill, who was unavailable earlier in the year due to rehabilitation of an injured shoulder, ran for 231 yards and passed for 212 yards and two touchdowns in three late season starts. An impressive spring practice that yielded improved consistency and confidence has Hill poised to start in the season opener against Clemson, but Rickman's experience should fuel the competition and give the Paladins two signal callers capable of executing the Furman offense.

## RUNNING BACKS

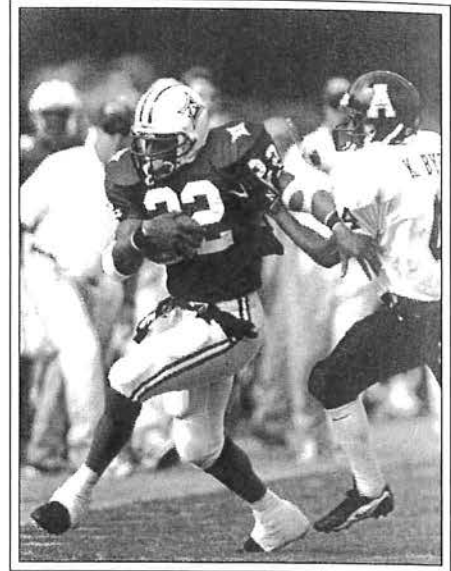
In the backfield, the Paladins return a pair of starters in tailback **Ernest Crosby (6-1, 214, Sr.)** and fullback **Derek Russell (6-0, 229, So.)**, plus experienced backups at both positions.

### FULLBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Louis Ivory	5-9	195	Fr.	—
Ryan Presnell	6-0	220	Fr.	—
Derek Russell	6-0	229	So.	1VL
Adam Sanders	5-11	205	So.	1VL

### TAILBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Quinton Burton	5-10	186	So.	1VL
Ernest Crosby	6-1	214	Sr.	3VL
Stuart Rentz	5-8	185	Jr.	2VL



Senior tailback Ernest Crosby is bidding to become only the eighth 2,000-yard rusher in Furman football history.

Crosby, who led Furman in rushing in 1997 with 681 yards and four touchdowns, has rushed for 1,637 yards in his career and appears poised to become only the eighth 2,000-yard rusher in school history. Russell, meanwhile, ran for 302 yards and four scores as a starter in four late season games, including 115 yards and a touchdown in the Paladins' season ending 43-21 win over Chattanooga. A big, burly fullback, Russell possesses strong blocking skills, which should help ignite Furman's option attack this fall.

Based on spring practice, **Stuart Rentz (5-8, 185, Jr.)** is a player who may turn up the heat for playing time at tailback. Although small in physical stature, Rentz, a former walk-on, is a hard-nosed, durable, intelligent runner (3.92 GPA) who may be difficult to keep off the field when considering he has averaged 7.0 yards per carry in two seasons of spot starting and backup duty. **Quinton Burton (5-10, 186, So.)**, Furman's most talented receiver out of the backfield and letterwinner two years ago, also figures to contend for action after sitting out the 1997 season with a broken foot. **Adam Sanders (5-11, 205, So.)** will provide backup duty at fullback.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

The graduation of split end Jody Wade (28 rec., 434 yds., 6 TDs in '97) was Furman's biggest loss offensively, but the return of experienced, big-play flanker **Desmond Kitchings (5-9, 177, Jr.)** should help solidify the Paladins' passing game and provide probable starting quarterback Justin Hill with a quality target. Furman's fastest player and a candidate for All-Southern Conference honors, Kitchings caught a team high 30 passes for 354 yards and three touchdowns last year, and also demonstrated his ability as a return man on special teams.



Flankers **Tyron Berrian** (5-7, 147, Jr.) and **Zach Smerdzinski** (5-9, 183, So.) should also see plenty of action this fall. Berrian caught 10 passes for 154 yards a year ago, and Smerdzinski displayed excellent cutting ability and sure hands as Furman's punt return man and reserve flanker.

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Tyron Berrian	5-7	147	Jr.	2VL
Jon-Paul Bowles	6-2	165	R-Fr.	—
Leroy Green	5-9	174	R-Fr.	—
Martin Jackson	5-9	177	So.	—
Desmond Kitchings	5-9	177	Jr.	2VL
Larral Marshall	6-1	190	R-Fr.	—
Bear Rinehart	6-0	185	Fr.	—
Mark Rucker	6-2	204	So.	—
Zach Smerdzinski	5-9	183	So.	1VL
Kevin Stewart	6-2	196	Sr.	2VL
James Thomas	5-11	170	Fr.	—

At split end, **Kevin Stewart** (6-2, 196, Sr.) appears ready to take over the starting role despite owning only three receptions in his career. Sporting a big frame, good hands, and noted blocking skills, Stewart is sure to add the same stability and big play ability to the Paladin receiving corps that he provided as a member of the squad's special teams over the past two seasons, when he blocked a pair of punts. **Mark Rucker** (6-2, 204, So.), a player with similar size and ability, should also see quality playing time this year.

### TIGHT END

The tight end position may yield some of the most intense competition for playing time in the Furman



**Desmond Kitchings** (30 rec., 354 yds., 3 TDs in '97) is a big play receiver and return specialist.

program this fall, with three players, **Michael Owings** (6-3, 241, Jr.), **Kenya Fouch** (6-3, 271, Sr.), and **Trent Sansbury** (6-2, 230, R-Fr.), expected to battle for the starting job.

### TIGHT ENDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Kenya Fouch	6-3	271	Sr.	1VL
Graham Hunter	6-3	242	R-Fr.	—
Michael Owings	6-3	241	Jr.	2VL
Trent Sansbury	6-2	230	R-Fr.	—

Owings, a quality blocker with solid strength, will attempt to maintain his starting role after getting the nod in Furman's final five games a year ago. Fouch, meanwhile, will look to reassert himself after transferring into the Paladins' program and starting in Furman's first five games in 1997 before being sidelined with a stress fracture in his leg. Although inexperienced, Sansbury could be the choice at tight end if it comes to his mobility and receiving skills, which impressed Furman's coaching staff last fall and in spring practice. A fourth tight end, **Graham Hunter** (6-3, 242, R-Fr.) may also figure into the mix in 1998.

### OFFENSIVE LINE

While experience appears noteworthy at virtually every offensive position, probably no where is it in more abundance than along Furman's offensive line, which returns four regulars.

### CENTERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Mark Foster	6-2	284	Sr.	3VL
Chris Stewart	6-0	265	R-Fr.	—
Thomas Woodham	6-0	263	So.	—
Joe Wilson	6-2	285	Fr.	—

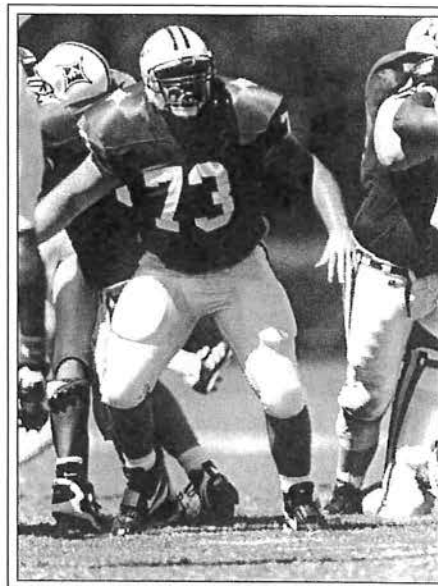
### OFFENSIVE GUARDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Mark Batluck	6-2	252	So.	1VL
Tye Crews	6-2	278	R-Fr.	—
Ben Hall	6-4	292	Jr.	2VL
Trevor Kruger	6-3	275	Fr.	—
Marty Priore	6-0	270	R-Fr.	—
Joe Wilson	6-2	285	Fr.	—

### OFFENSIVE TACKLES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Steven Cain	6-5	250	Fr.	—
Ryan Kineard	6-3	251	Jr.	2VL
Donnie Littlejohn	6-3	262	R-Fr.	—
Josh Moore	6-4	294	So.	1VL
Tim Pouyer	6-3	245	So.	1VL
Justin Price	6-5	260	Fr.	—
Peter Stamas	6-1	258	R-Fr.	—

Headed up by All-America candidate center **Mark Foster** (6-2, 284, Sr.), the Paladins also welcome back starting guards and All-Southern Conference hopefuls **Ben Hall** (6-4, 292, Jr.) and **Mark Batluck** (6-2, 225,



All-America center candidate **Mark Foster** will anchor Furman's offensive line this year.

So.), and tackle **Ryan Kineard** (6-3, 251, Jr.). Only at right tackle will Furman sport a new face in **Josh Moore** (6-4, 294, So.), who appears ready to take over for graduated all-conference performer and two-year starter Lee Drake.

Mark Foster will anchor the Paladin offensive line following a stellar 1997 campaign that saw him post the unit's highest blocking grade (85.6%) and 10 winning performances. Strong, compact, and amazingly consistent with only two blown assignments in over 800 career snaps, Foster, who last year garnered all-conference accolades in his first season as a starter, will also again pull double duty as Furman's long snapper for the fourth straight year. He will be backed up by highly regarded **Chris Stewart** (6-0, 265, R-Fr.), one of Furman's top performers in the weight room.

All-Southern Conference candidate **Ben Hall** returns at right guard following a strong sophomore campaign that netted him 601 plays and a solid blocking grade of 82.2%. His backup will be **Tye Crews** (6-2, 278, R-Fr.). At left guard, **Mark Batluck**, another candidate for all-conference recognition, gives Furman a tough, very athletic, technically sound performer with nearly a full season of starting experience. His relief work will likely be claimed by **Marty Priore** (6-0, 270, R-Fr.).

The left tackle slot should again be manned by **Ryan Kineard**, who sports excellent quickness and ability. Kineard, however, needs to display improved consistency to fend off an expected challenge from highly regarded newcomer **Donnie Littlejohn** (6-3, 262, R-Fr.). **Josh Moore**, who posted 127 plays despite being limited with a hamstring strain for much of the 1997 campaign, gives Furman excellent size at right tackle. He will be backed up by **Tim Pouyer** (6-3, 245, So.), who registered his first action a year ago, and by **Littlejohn**.



# 1998 FURMAN OUTLOOK

## DEFENSE

Defense .....	43
Lettermen Returning .....	18
Starters Returning .....	3
1997 Rushing Defense .....	154.2 (3)
1997 Passing Defense .....	150.7 (2)
1997 Total Defense .....	304.9 (2)
1997 Scoring Defense .....	20.3 (4)
(#)— Southern Conference Rank	

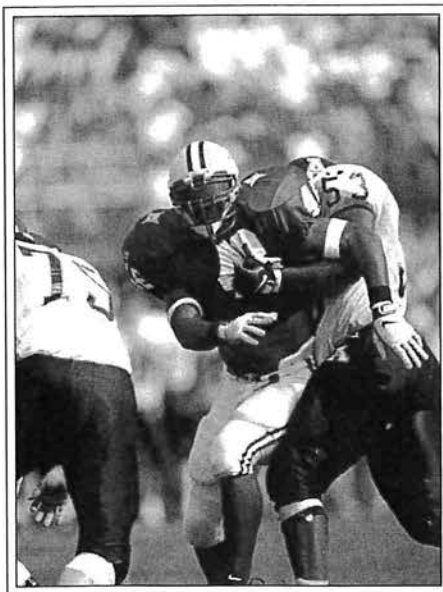
Furman faces its biggest challenge on defense following the graduation of eight regulars, including one of the best pass rushers in school history, two of the school's all-time leading tacklers, and a three-time all-conference defensive back. While Furman's defense will be hard pressed to match last year's unit in performance and, in particular, the Paladins' league leading 32 sacks, this year's edition sports proven ability at virtually every position.

## DEFENSIVE LINE

A source of strength in 1997, Furman's defensive line will boast four new starters this fall.

At rush end, two-year letterman **Bobby Hubbard** (6-3, 227, Jr.) has the difficult task of taking over for All-American and Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year performer Bryan Dailer, who tallied a school record seven quarterback sacks in the Paladins' season ending 43-21 win over Chattanooga to finish his career with a Furman record tying 35.5 sacks. Though not as physically dominate as Dailer, Hubbard, whose career includes nearly 400 plays, sports excellent quickness and has two years of experience. His backup will be **Peter Kamm** (6-5, 232, So.).

**B.J. Pate** (6-4, 282, Sr.) should get the nod at



Defensive tackle Brian Conner and the rest of Furman's defensive line must come up big in 1998.

strong side tackle after missing the final four games of the 1997 season with a broken ankle. As a backup and part-time starter over the past three seasons, Pate has totaled 794 plays and 63 tackles. He will anchor the defensive front and give the Paladins a solid pass rusher. His backup will be highly regarded **Ryan Spencer** (6-2, 292, R-Fr.) and **Clay O'Daniel** (6-2, 248, R-Fr.).

### NOSE GUARDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Luke Kosman	6-3	253	Jr.	2VL
Faamata Fonoimoana	6-1	261	R-Fr.	—
Rashad Muhammad	6-1	300	Fr.	—

### DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Ryan Bussard	6-2	250	Fr.	—
Brian Conner	6-2	257	Jr.	2VL
Steve DeBeer	6-4	275	Fr.	—
Steve Kupchinsky	6-4	252	So.	1VL
Clay O'Daniel	6-2	248	R-Fr.	—
B.J. Pate	6-4	282	Sr.	3VL
Ryan Spencer	6-2	292	R-Fr.	—

### RUSH ENDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Bobby Hubbard	6-3	227	Jr.	2VL
Peter Kamm	6-5	232	So.	1VL
Hershal Pleasant	6-2	242	So.	1VL

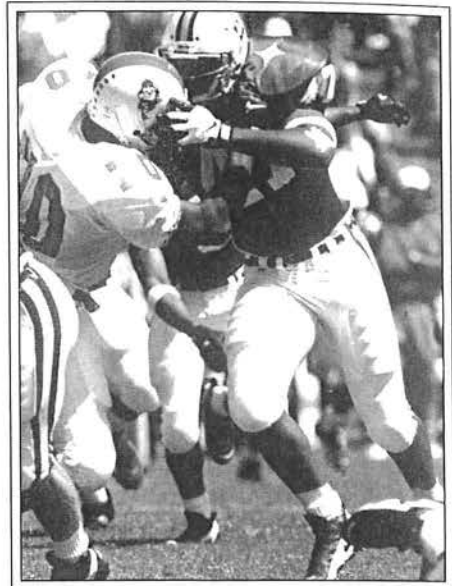
The departure of four-year starter Reggie Williams at nose guard will lead the Paladins to turn to **Luke Kosman** (6-3, 253, Jr.), who, like many other Paladins defensive linemen, has logged quality time (306 plays) in two seasons as a backup. A player who could also contribute at nose guard is **Faamata Fonoimoana** (6-1, 261, R-Fr.).

The weak tackle position will be manned by **Brian Conner** (6-2, 257, Jr.) and **Steve Kupchinsky** (6-4, 252, So.). Last year Conner saw extensive action and utilized his impressive quickness to notch 21 tackles and 2.5 sacks. Kupchinsky, meanwhile, registered 239 plays, 19 tackles, and a pair of pass deflections in his first season of action. While Conner will likely start, both players will figure prominently at the weak tackle post.

## LINEBACKERS

Furman's linebacking corps, which as a group ranked among the best in NCAA I-AA in 1997, graduated two outstanding performers in All-Southern Conference selection Jay Thier (176 tackles) and Bernard Scott (164 tackles). The departure of Thier and Scott, along with the retirement of Jeff King, Thier's expected replacement, due to a neck condition, has Furman thin on experience at linebacker.

The return of two-time all-conference performer **Orlando Ruff** (6-2, 255, Sr.) at the strong side position, however, should help steady Furman's linebacking



Orlando Ruff (391 career tackles) is regarded as one of the best linebackers in NCAA I-AA.

corps. Ruff racked up 140 tackles, 11 tackles-for-loss, three interceptions, and five pass deflections a year ago. A certain All-America candidate and viable contender for league defensive player-of-the-year honors, Ruff enters the 1998 season with 391 career stops, the seventh highest total in school history. He is a consummate team player who will serve as a team captain this fall.

### INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Will Bouton	6-2	218	R-Fr.	—
Steve Brignoli	6-2	200	So.	—
Brad Crenshaw	5-10	204	So.	—
Sterling Frierson	6-0	190	Fr.	—
Tellex Lanham	5-11	235	Fr.	—
Joe Pedrolli	6-1	225	Jr.	1VL
Orlando Ruff	6-2	255	Sr.	3VL
John Thrift	6-0	213	R-Fr.	—

### OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Marion Martin	5-9	212	So.	1VL
Brad Redmond	6-0	200	R-Fr.	—
Colin Rogers	6-2	219	Sr.	3VL
Mike Schmidt	6-2	204	Jr.	—

Ruff's backup will probably be **John Thrift** (6-0, 213, R-Fr.), although Thrift heads into the pre-season contending with **Will Bouton** (6-2, 218, R-Fr.) for the vacant starting job at weak side linebacker. Thrift and Bouton are solid prospects who will see their first action this year.

**Colin Rogers** (6-2, 219, Sr.) appears ready to take over the starting job at outside linebacker following two seasons as a backup. Very knowledgeable and consistent, Rogers is a three-year letterman, but he will



likely receive competition for playing time from **Marion Martin** (5-9, 212, So.), a promising young player and one of Furman's finest students (3.87 GPA in chemistry).

## SECONDARY

Furman's secondary must deal with the loss of three-time All-Southern Conference free safety **Jeremy Osborne**, but two starters in cornerback **Andre Stroman** (5-8, 175, So.) and strong safety **John Keith** (6-0, 207, Jr.) return following impressive 1997 campaigns.

As a redshirt freshman a year ago, Stroman started in 10 games and tallied 30 tackles and three interceptions on 542 plays. **Richie Jackson** (5-11, 177, R-Fr.) is a heady, talented cover man who is expected to contend with Stroman for the starting nod at left cornerback.

At right cornerback **Bryant Huguley** (5-8, 148, So.) appears to be the front runner to earn a starting job following an impressive 1997 campaign that saw him garner 230 plays and 14 tackles. One of Furman's fastest players, Huguley sports good hands and was seriously being considered for possible two-way action at wide receiver before veteran cornerback **Rico Perkins** (5-9, 179, Sr.) sustained what appears to be a season ending injury (torn pectoral muscle) in spring strength training. If Perkins is unable to return for the '98 season, **Tarick Khadra** (5-9, 163, So.) will serve as Huguley's backup.

### CORNERBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Bryant Huguley	5-8	148	So.	1VL
Richie Jackson	5-11	177	R-Fr.	—
Rodney Johnson	5-10	160	Fr.	—
Tarick Khadra	5-9	163	So.	—
Chris Lowery	5-9	180	Fr.	—
Rico Perkins	5-9	179	Sr.	3VL
Daniel Roberson	5-9	177	R-Fr.	—
Andre Stroman	5-8	175	So.	1VL
Bobby Wright	5-9	170	R-Fr.	—

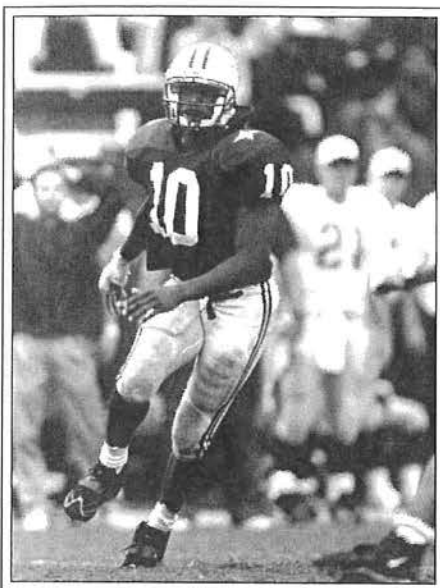
### STRONG SAFETIES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Travis Ephriam	6-0	170	Fr.	—
Brian Fork	5-10	187	R-Fr.	—
John Keith	6-0	207	Jr.	2VL
Shelvis Smith	5-11	190	R-Fr.	—

### FREE SAFETIES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Rocco Adrian	6-2	203	Sr.	3VL
Walter Booth	5-11	184	Jr.	2VL
Josh Cooper	6-0	185	Fr.	—
Joey Espinosa	5-9	175	Gr.	3VL

The return of John Keith at strong safety gives Furman a bonafide star and one of the Southern Conference's most potentially dominating defensive backs. Last year, in his first season as a starter, Keith,



All-Southern Conference strong safety **John Keith** recorded 85 tackles and a league leading four interceptions in 1997.

a tenacious hitter, totaled 85 tackles, a team leading four interceptions, six pass deflections, and two blocked kicks. In the Paladins' season ending 43-21 win over Chattanooga, he blocked a punt and returned an interception a school record 99 yards for a touchdown. He will be backed up by **Shelvis Smith** (5-11, 190, R-Fr.), who made the move from offensive back in the spring.

The graduation of Jeremy Osborne at free safety has guaranteed heated competition among his potential replacements. **Rocco Adrian** (6-2, 203, Sr.), a three-year letterman, is one candidate, and the other is **Walter Booth** (5-11, 184, Jr.). Adrian, whose career includes work as a key backup and part-time starter at free safety and strong safety, is looking to return to form after missing the final four games of the 1997 season with a lacerated kidney. He has 383 play participations and 59 career tackles to his credit. Booth, meanwhile, had 10 tackles and an interception a year ago.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Furman special teams were outstanding in 1997, as the Paladins led the Southern Conference in kickoff returns (27.1 avg., 2 TDs), blocked five punts, and converted a solid 11-of-14 field goals and 30-of-32 PATs.

The chance for a repeat performance in 1998 appears good with the return of veteran long snapper **Mark Foster** (6-2, 284, Sr.), placekicker **Jason Wells** (6-2, 197, Jr.), punt return specialist **Zach Smerdzinski** (5-9, 183, So.), and fleet-footed kickoff return man **Desmond Kitchings** (5-9, 177, Jr.).

The graduation of Jody Wade, who handled Furman's punting chores for four seasons (206 att.,

38.7 avg.), is a significant loss, but it should be tempered somewhat by Mark Foster's proven long snapping ability, which features bullet speed deliveries. **Lee Willis** (5-10, 145, R-Fr.) appears to be in line to assume punting duties.

### PLACEKICKERS

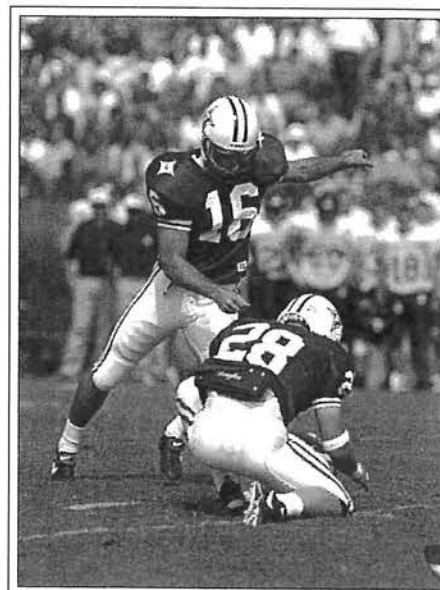
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
David Burton	6-0	210	Sr.	3VL
Gus Hauser	5-10	156	So.	—
Patrick Spivey	5-9	170	R-Fr.	—
Jason Wells	6-2	197	Jr.	2VL

### PUNTERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Jonathan Sproul	6-0	180	So.	—
Lee Willis	5-10	145	R-Fr.	—

Jason Wells mysteriously missed out on All-Southern Conference honors a year ago despite leading all league kickers in scoring (69 points) and finishing third in the league in field goal accuracy (11-of-14, 78.5%). His return gives the Paladins a proven scoring threat.

Zach Smerdzinski averaged an impressive 10.4 yards on 31 punt returns as a true freshman in 1997, and Desmond Kitchings displayed his game breaking speed after assuming the squad's chief kickoff return duties at mid-season. In nine returns, Kitchings averaged 29.6 yards per attempt, including a 90-yard return for a touchdown in Furman's 43-21 season ending win over Chattanooga.



**Jason Wells** converted 11-of-14 field goal attempts and 30-of-32 PATs a year ago.