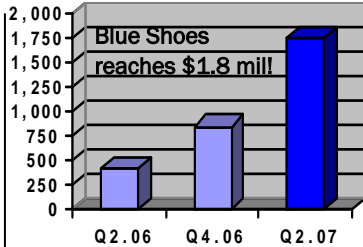




BLUE SHOES

"life lessons through college athletics"

At Press Time: Furman signs Monique Ositelu, top 800m high school runner from Maryland *Track and Field News* covers *Elite Mile* in May issue!



- **Major gift for new Track House!** Ed West ('65) announced a lead gift of \$125,000 in honor of former track coach Chuck Rohe (See back page story.)
- **\$550,000 Raised!** As the dust settles on our April fundraising events, we received more than 1,000 donations totaling \$550,000! Special thanks to our 2007 sponsors: ASICS, Fleet Feet Sports, Greenville Hospital System, Greenville Myotherapeutic Massage, The Greenville News, New Balance Athletic Shoes, Piedmont Orthopaedics, and Textronics.
- **Blue Shoes?** Call Ken Pettus at The Paladin Club (864) 294-3435.

'STUNNING RUNNING' MAKES HISTORY!



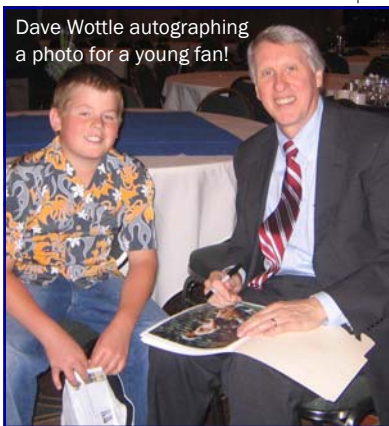
With a blistering closing lap, NIKE runner Alan Webb sped into South Carolina history as the first person to run the mile in under four minutes. "I hope fans realize what we've seen today," exclaimed '72 Olympic Gold Medalist Dave Wottle. "Under these cold and windy conditions, Alan's race was just stunning." Dan Wilson was second with 4:03, and Brendan

O'Keefe was third in 4:04. Sponsored by ASICS, the *Blue Shoes Elite Mile* drew 3,500 fans to Furman University on April 7. The race featured 10 runners with sub-four credentials, including NCAA 800 champion and ASICS runner Sam Burley, Brandon Hudgins, Kyle King, Ryan Kleimenhagen, Adam Van Nortwick, Hunter Spencer and

Luke Watson. Sophomore Thomas Morgan and '99 graduate Palmer Thomas represented Furman.



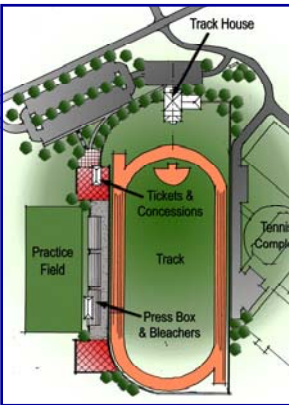
Dave Wottle autographing a photo for a young fan!



1972 OLYMPIC CHAMPION DAVE WOTTLE SPEAKS ON "THE WINNING ATTITUDE" AT BLUE SHOES

"There has not been a day in 35 years when I haven't thought for a moment about my Olympic experience. It was that powerful," remarked Olympic 800m Champion Dave Wottle. Speaking to a sold-out crowd of 400 Furman alumni, track fans and University supporters, Wottle explained how running had showed him the importance of setting a high goal, visualizing success and hard work while maintaining humility and faith. After being introduced by '68 Boston Marathon winner Amby Burfoot, Wottle began with the original *ABC Sports* film of his race narrated by Jim McKay and Marty Liquori. The evening ended with an auction featuring a signed photo of Wottle with Steve Prefontaine in the Munich stadium. Wottle is Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. Greenville Hospital System graciously sponsored the dinner.

WEST GIFT LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR TRACK HOUSE



At the *Blue Shoes* dinner on April 6, Ed West ('65) announced a major gift of \$125,000, leading off a multi-million-dollar *Blue Shoes* drive to raise funds for facility enhance-

ments. Initial plans include a track house, stands and improved parking for fan access. "I'm delighted to make this gift in honor of



former Furman head coach Chuck Rohe," said West. Former coach Bill Keesling was also honored in a matching gift from Andrea and Chris Borch

FURMAN COMPETES AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY



Rebecca Mullen and McKenzie Sharpe in California

In December, *Blue Shoes* committee members Ken Pettus and Chris Borch met with Edrick Floreal, head coach at Stanford University. "Stanford is an example of academic and track excellence. After our California meetings," said Pettus, "we see success also requires funds for operational enhancements." With an initial donation of \$25,000 and a \$5,000 University match, Coach Gene Mullin made plans to add four top-tier meets to his 2007/08 schedule including Stanford in March. "As a senior and one of the first recipients of a *Blue Shoes* scholarship, I was thrilled to run one of my last college races at this world-class meet," exclaimed 800-meter runner McKenzie Sharpe.

Blue Shoes Committee



Gene Mullin, Head Coach, Track & Field



Gary Clark '74, Director of Athletics



Ken Pettus '78, Director, Paladin Club



Bill Pierce, Chairman, Health & Exercise Dept.



Chris Borch '78, President, Micro-Mechanics Saratoga, CA

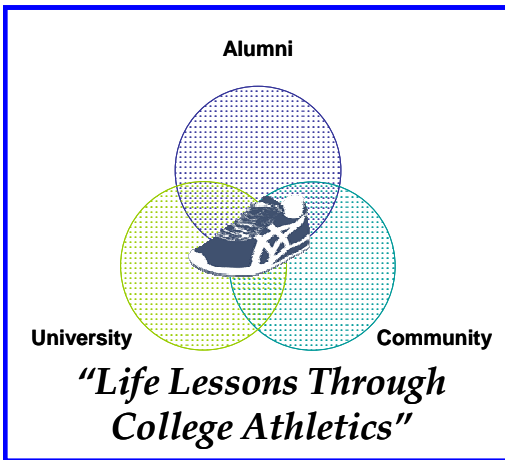


Brad Hiles '77, Partner, Blackwell, Sanders, Peper, Martin St. Louis, MO

Committee Members:

Jeff Berkshire, Ed Bochke, Bill Bridges, Matt Gooch, Tyler Johnson, Tom Malik, Mickey McCauley, Andrew Orr, Trina Small, and Tessa Taylor

THE BLUE SHOES MISSION



The mission of *Blue Shoes* is to bring together leaders from the University, alumni and the community to enhance Furman's philosophy of "Life Lessons Through College Athletics."

According to Gary Clark, Furman's Athletics Director, "*Blue Shoes* is becoming a model for scholarship fundraising." For every million dollars raised by *Blue Shoes*, Furman adds a half-scholarship to the funds available to Coach Gene Mullin. Combined with monies distributed from the endowment, every million dollars raised adds nearly two scholarships. When *Blue Shoes* reaches \$5 million, Furman will add one more scholarship, creating a total of 15 scholarships. "Competing at the NCAA Div. I level means our student-athletes have the opportunity to learn the importance of being challenged and competing with the best," adds David Shi, Furman's President.

I'd like to support Furman's men and women cross-country, track and field student-athletes.

- \$5,000 *Blue Shoes* NCAA Champion
- \$2,500 *Blue Shoes* Conference Champ
- \$1,000 *Blue Shoes* four-minute miler
- \$500 *Blue Shoes* MVP
- \$100 *Blue Shoes* Coach's Circle
- Other \$

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