STEVEN PETROVIC  
C, 6-11, 240, Freshman  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia  
Norfolk (Nebraska) High School

**GENERAL:** Promising young performer with size, strength, and mobility who should receive notable playing time this year as part of Furman’s inside rotation....is expected to contribute as a backup to both seniors Daniel Quigley and Will Coles at the center position...should provide a strong defensive interior presence as a shot blocker and rebounder but could also contribute offensively...runs the floor well...should improve quickly with experience...ranks as the biggest Furman recruit since Steve Norton in 1993...was the first recruit to ink with Furman this past spring but the third signee overall in the Paladins’ five-member recruiting class behind fall recruits Paul Foster and Anthony Thomas...has only been in the United States a little over a year.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** 1998 graduate of Norfolk High School in Norfolk, Nebraska...came to the United States in September of 1997 and, after gaining eligibility, played the second half of the 1997-98 season at Norfolk High School, where he averaged 14.6 ppg and 7.5 rpg...team was 0-8 prior to his arrival but finished 8-11 with Petrovic in the lineup...earned all-conference and all-state honors despite limited playing time.

**PERSONAL:** Full name is Stevan Petrovic...son of Dragan Petrovic and Vera Muller...born September 12, 1978, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia...undecided on major.

ANTHONY THOMAS  
G, 6-4, 185, Freshman  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Woodward Academy

**GENERAL:** May possibly be the headline recruit in what appears to be one of the Southern Conference’s best recruiting classes this past year...is expected to push for the starting job at second guard, thereby possibly allowing senior Bubba Smith to see action at small forward...will add much needed versatility and perimeter scoring ability to the Paladin backcourt...appears poised to contribute from 3-point range but also has demonstrated in early practices the ability to score off dribble penetration...will be aided in his improvement as a player with work in the weight room...sports good fundamentals and confidence that comes, in part, from a highly successful high school career...was the second of Furman’s five-member recruiting class to sign with the Paladins when he inked a national letter of intent in December...excellent student.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** 1998 graduate of Woodward Academy...basketball coach was Tony Watkins...prep career included action at shooting guard and at small forward...was rated among the nation’s 150 best players by recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons and 200th nationally by Prep Star Magazine...participated in the Georgia North-South and Georgia-Tennessee All-Star Games this past summer...averaged 21.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game in helping his squad to a 20-5 record and state playoff appearance his senior year...earned region player-of-the-year for the third straight season, All-Metro Atlanta, and Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-State second team honors...as junior garnered state AAA Player-of-the-Year, first team all-state, and All-Metro Atlanta honors after averaging 18.0 points and 6.0 rebounds in pacing Woodward Academy to a 27-2 record and state final four appearance...team was selected as the Atlanta Tipoff Club’s Team-of-the-Year in 1997...shot 53.4 percent (618-of-1156) from the field, 73.4% (327-of-445) from the line, and tallied 1,753 points, 573 rebounds, 202 steals, and 139 assists in his prep career...helped Woodward Academy post a 91-16 record during his four-year tenure there.

**PERSONAL:** Full name is Anthony Lewis Thomas...son of Henry and Lillie Thomas...born September 28, 1979, in Atlanta, Georgia...undecided on major.