Butch Thompson, an assistant coach at Georgia since 2001, has been named assistant coach for the Auburn baseball team. Thompson will focus on recruiting for Auburn, while also coordinating the defense, working with outfielders, infielders, and catchers.

Clarence Gurley Waldrop III of Woodstock, Ga., is the East Coast Tivoli services manager for IBM.

Satoru Yoshida is procurement coordinator at Choiyoda Corp., a petrochemical engineering and construction firm in Yokohama, Japan.

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Candace Jackson Ashburn, husband David, and their two young children have relocated to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he is continuing his medical residency fellowship.

Dr. Lauren Hawkins Batson, husband Thomas, and their infant son have relocated to Greenville, S.C., where she serves as a pediatric neuropsychologist at Greenville Hospital System’s Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Sammy Sabri, his wife, Dr. Julie Hahn Sabri, and their growing family (see birth announcements), have returned to Birmingham, where he has joined an anesthesia practice.

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Of three young attorneys from Birmingham’s Johnston Barton Proctor & Powell LLP who recently were appointed to committee positions by the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association, two are BSC graduates and former classmates. T. Charles Fry will serve as vice chair of the business law committee, and Angie Godwin McEwen will chair the committee on real property, probate, and trust law.

Dr. Mark Ponder has returned to his hometown of Lincoln to begin a medical practice with his wife, Dr. April Ponder. Their work at the Lincoln Family Practice was the subject of a Feb. 11, 2005, feature in the Talladega/Pell City/Sylacauga Daily Home Online.

Erin Underwood, husband Craig Ceravolo, and their infant daughter live in Los Angeles. In the last two years, Underwood has had TV roles on “The Shield” and “Strong Medicine.” She has done commercials for McDonald’s, Olympus Camera, and the Boston Globe. She won a Los Angeles Ovation Award for her role in “Night and Her Stars” and a Valley League Theatre Award for her role in “Shyness is Nice.”

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Capt. Larry Michael Kay of the U.S. Army currently is serving in Iraq. Upon his return to the United States sometime in December, he plans to attend seminary in Louisville, Ky. He and wife Angela have three young children.

Angelo Miller of Mobile has been named new executive director of United Way of Southwest Alabama. He previously was United Way campaign director in Pensacola, Fla., and has worked in the agency’s Birmingham offices.

Jason Tara-Olson Neumann of Alabaster, who is a finance manager for Compass Bank, recently was named director of coaching and operations for the Trussville Soccer Club. He also was featured in The Birmingham News for his work with the Philadelphia Eagles as Game Day field promotions and fan giveaway coordinator. He is married to Jennifer Muro Neumann ’98.

Birmingham artist Allen Peterson displayed work as part of the April 2, 2005, “municipalWORKSHOP” public art collaboration and celebration in York. Peterson’s permanent public art piece, in the form of a bench and sculpture made of iron tiles, has been installed in Cherokee Park as his gift to the people of York.

Management under fire—

When Michael Bryson ’97 of Durango, Colo., says he’s “putting out fires” at work, this former BSC business major means just what he says.

As a wildland firefighter helitack (member of a crew who rappel from helicopters into affected areas to manage blazes), Bryson has worked in almost every state in the western United States. Currently, he is a helicopter manager and incident commander in Mesa Verde, Colo., and says he loves his demanding and physically challenging job. Although his career path has taken him a long way from the boardroom, in making critical decisions involved in ordering equipment and crews, Bryson finds that “a lot of the management classes I took at ‘Southern come into good use.” Once you graduate from college, he says, “there are many different options out there.”