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ANNIVERSARIES

Chick & Jennie Cicio	57 years, 58 in April, 08	Claire <i>Essig</i> & Dick Traynor	43 years of marriage
Don & Connie Holder	57 years, 58 in August, 08	Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano	44 years, 44 in Oct. 08
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	54 years, 55 in May, 08	Nancy <i>Lamb</i> & Bob Durocher	43 years, 44 in Dec. 08
Carmine & Daneen Regna	53 years, 54 in August 08	Dick & Susie Gutting	39 years, 40 in June, 08
Jim & Marlene Jackson	52 years, 53 in July, 08	Bill & Carol Beavers	40 years, 41 in July, 08
Don & Patsy Rapp	51 years, 52 in November 07	Terri & Cheri Morris	38 years, 39 in 08
Sam & Topsy Bailie	51 years, 52 in June 08	Wayne & Heather Thompson	38 years, 39 in January 09
Jon & Boots Culbertson	50 years, 51 in June 08	Derek & Nancy Lawler	35 years
Jay & Ellie Schwarzman	50 years of marriage	Gail & Bill Whitney	36 years, 37 in August 08
Roger & Tamara <i>Tucker</i> Webb	50 years, 51 in November 08	Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	34 years
Jack & Almira Sharp	47 years of marriage, October	Andy <i>Anderson</i> & Curtiss Long	32 years
Lennart & Karsthin Malmelin	47 years of marriage	Jimmy & Janie Hanks	29 years, 30 in November 08
Beverley & Bill Beaton	47 years, 48 in Sept. 08		

FSU Gymnastics Reunion
May 26th – 28th, 2008

*It is about 13 weeks)(or 3+ months) until our next reunion. So block out the above dates on your calendar and start preparing.
The reunion keeps getting bigger and better each year & we anticipate that this year's will be the best yet.
Lot's of interest, enthusiasm and organization*

Don & Connie Holder	51-57	Kids....You never know what they are up to
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“HOLY HOLDERELLI BATMAN”

“Jack, I should have mentioned a few more facts in my letter. The date of Dick's “80 in 08” gathering, around is based upon Pat Signorelli’s arrival which concerns his daughter's children, Dom will be graduating H.S and Cella will be making her confirmation all in the same time slot. So the 80th affair will have to be close to Pat's stay.

In addition, some news we feel ecstatic about. Our middle son Terry has placed an engagement ring on Janis (Pat's daughter). To think there will be a possibility that the Signorelli and Holder families will be united is just mind blowing after all these years. Under separate cover I will send picture. Happy Holidays! Don”

{My God, what are the odds that very best friends since childhood, High School, Gymnastics, and FSU should marry. It is a parents dream come true. The beauty of it all makes me misty eyed. Congratulations are in order of the highest level.....jmm}

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Girls FSU Gymnastics Team at FSU and gym meet
Effort to get more gymnasts lined up for FSU Hall of Fame
Cheering at girls gymnastics meets
Statue committee going full steam
80 in 08 Reunion in Miami
FSU Annual Gymnastics Reunion at Alligator Point
Holder was the first FSU student to make an Olympic Team (1952)

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton	55-59	Auntie Billie Price, Jan Eberly, and a walk into history
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{For some readers who were not aware several of the girl gymnasts called Doc Price’s wife “Auntie Bille”.....jmm}<bcudebeaton@yahoo.ca>: A Discovery.....that may be of interest, Jack. It was a total surprise to me as I was scrounging through some old boxes and came across two letters written to me in August 1955: (YIKES!) The first is from Aunt Billie Price welcoming me regarding my impending arrival at FSU, and giving me an encyclopedia's

worth of information about FSU and Tallahassee as it then was. The second letter came from Jan Eberly and was written in a way that I recall making me feel as though I had known her for a long time. I actually mentioned this letter to Jan at the last reunion, although I was then totally unaware that I still had it! SO: would you like me to scan them and send them on to you if you think they'd be of any interest in some way? If so, in Janice's case, I would write to her first asking her permission to share her thoughtful, reassuring welcome to one rather apprehensive young Canadian about to embark far from home for the first time! I was much less nervous about competing than I was about setting out for a university so far from home, knowing full well that once there, it was to be from September to May no matter what. My parents simply couldn't afford otherwise!

Therefore, both of those letters made me and my family feel that I would not be totally alone once I arrived. It was comforting to know that Aunt Billie and Jan were there, somewhere, and that I'd be sure to find at least two friends rather quickly.

So, Jack,..what do you think? I had such fun reading those letters when I found them....made me feel as though I was once again just 19 about to embark on a new journey. That journey has really never ended, eh? I look forward to "hear" what you have to say... Luv, Bev. <bcudebeaton@yahoo.ca>

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton	55-59	Continued Auntie Billie Price, Jan Eberly, and a walk into history
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Well, Jack, being all set to write to

Janice, do you think I can find your list of e-mail addresses? Nope! Did I delete them by mistake? Probably, goodness knows when. Would it be a problem to send me a copy, or at least Jan's e-mail address, so I can contact her? You'll find some interesting stuff in Aunt Billie's letter, but I have to warn you that it is 3 full 8 x 10 typewritten (also fascinating in this age of computers) pages long. You can almost hear her voice and "see" her as she writes. There's an interesting paragraph on the then cost and taxes related to various items....i.e., \$1.00 for lipstick plus tax of \$0.13! I'll give the scanning a try tomorrow at school and get back to you. Jan's letter is hand-written in green ink on now yellowed stationery. It's possible that the scan will fail. In that case I'd ask her if it'd be OK to retype it on the computer as a regular file....though this would not be as effective since her writing is lovely and adds character. What luck to still have those two letters! Bill was quite taken by them as well.

Obviously we'll be in touch. Should you have a bunch of questions, it might be easier for me to telephone you. Keep in mind that I can call at no charge given our special monthly billing of a mere \$20. I recall that you don't answer the phone for a number that you don't recognize.....this would not be my home phone anyway, but you might see 514-877-5000 and possibly the name "Distributel" as well. That will be me....otherwise, you might suggest a 'code'.... I could let your phone ring twice, hang up, and call back immediately. Also, my home phone is 514-938-8875 should that pop on your display. Thanks, Jack. This is fun! Bev {Reading the letters is like opening a time capsule from the fifties and totally intriguing. The observations from an older woman to a young girl gymnast are charming and heartfelt. I will send to you the letters by separate email.....jmm}

Karl Bishop	FSU Gymnastics is alive and well at FSU!
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"Jack – I enjoy your regular e-mails and usually sit quietly, catching up on what everyone is doing. I have to pass this one along to you,

however. I had one of the most enjoyable evenings last Saturday, in Tully gym, watching the FSU Women's Team compete. That's right, there is an FSU club team and they competed this past weekend at the Gym Force Classic to begin their season and get a qualifying score for the US Collegiate Club Championships. I have attached a photo of the team. They work out at Gym Force Athletic Training Center, owned by Jim Hisey and Kevin Standriff. The rest of the competition was exciting too, with over 400 boys and girls competing Saturday and Sunday. I included a photo of Tully, too. Thanks again for the great job keeping FSU gymnastics alive and a big "Hello" to everyone. Karl" {Wow! that was a shock to hear of gymnasts actually performing again in Tully Gym. Thank God we lived long enough to see the start of its return...Sending Girls Team pictures under separate email.....jmm}

Benny & Carolyn Wallace	51-55	"Here is our news for 2007"
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"It's long so keep your eye on the "Delete" key. If you haven't already, please send us yours. The year began with

the arrival of Amy, our first great grandchild on 17 February. She is the daughter of Beth, our daughter Deborah's oldest daughter. They live in Chandler, AZ, a suburb of Phoenix. Her name is actually Amerie but I don't like it so she's Amy. I completed 32 years of retirement and had my 76 th birthday, both in April (Carolyn is 73). We celebrated 54 years of marriage on 8 May.

On 14 May we flew to Philadelphia and toured the historic sites and art museums for eight days; another step in our plan to see more of our own country after wandering the world for so many years. The city was a wonderful surprise with its world class art museum and the Park Service has done an outstanding job administering and maintaining the buildings and lovely parks in the historic area. It filled in the last gap of the major colonial cities for us and left us with a renewed sense of pride in our great country.

We booked a very nice hotel right in the center and were delighted to find that buses to anywhere in the city arrived and departed from city hall, just two blocks away. And we were amazed to find that there is no cost to seniors between 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM, which fit our schedule very well. It was especially convenient since I use a cane now when on trips. It gets us on the airplanes first and people open doors for me and give me their seats -- as long as I remember to limp!

In late July, at the height of the hot summer, our cruise ship captain friend and his wife made us another offer that we couldn't refuse so we met the ship in Vancouver for our fourth cruise with them. He is retired now but fills in now and then, much to our delight! Alaska is incredibly beautiful and we had a marvelous time. This was our second cruise there but first as guests of our friends. The other three with them were in the Caribbean. We are very fortunate to have such generous friends.

In mid October we decided to return to Pennsylvania, this time to the "Dutch Country" in and around Lancaster. We rented a car at the Philadelphia airport and drove the short distance to Lancaster and headquartered at a lovely guest house on the outskirts,

operated by a Mennonite couple, high school friends of Dave and Pat Eby, longtime friends of ours from our years in Japan. We visited all of the major tourist attractions in that lovely area of neat farms, huge farmhouses and tall silos. The huge train museum in Strasburg and a 45 minute ride through the countryside in a restored first class club car pulled by a restored steam engine was a special treat. Also a visit to an Amish dairy farm where we ate ice cream not tasted since grade school! The food was magnificent, especially the pies and cakes. When they cut you a piece of pie you get pie! It is good, fresh American farm food that you hear about but rarely get a chance to experience. Dave and Pat joined us at the guest house for our final three days and they drove us around the area to meet their friends and eat at their favorite restaurants. They also drove us to nearby Hershey to tour the chocolate factory and the lovely golf course, hotel and gardens. I parked the rental car and enjoyed the view! At one point we visited an Amish farm and had a chance to meet an older couple and have a look inside their huge farmhouse, complete with solar and butane power but nothing electric. We had ample opportunity to see the famous Amish buggies as we drove along the farm roads with their fields of pumpkins, corn and plump dairy cows. They also passed our guest house frequently in their buggies and on foot, the women and girls in their long dresses and bonnets and the men and boys in their wide brimmed hats. They don't like cameras but we sneaked a few good shots. On the last day, we borrowed a four seater Cessna 172 from a friend of Dave's and surprised Carolyn with a farewell look from the air. Dave flew and I gave up my copilot seat to Carolyn so she could get a better view.

We returned to Tucson the last week in October to enjoy the increasingly cool weather. Then Carolyn flew to Florida in early December for her annual get together with school friends. Cheers, Benny and Carolyn” (Amish country was my week-end trip as a child growing up at the top edge of Philadelphia. His picture warmed the chock olds of my heart...jmm}{An Irish expression....jmm}

Oscar “Bob” Brock | 58-61 | Engaged and new email address

“Hi Jack, Thank you for continuing to send paper Newsletters - No 38 duly received and absorbed. I do have an email address

now; that of my fiancé: rrmandrews@aol.com Back in April I met Mary Andrews at Habitat where we both volunteer. We both had lost our spouses and both were born the same year, 1938, and graduated from h.s. in '56. No wedding date set and we may just exchange vows.

Jack, ever think about the "little people" at Tully Gym? I count myself as one such I guess. I started out in 1957, as a prop man for Gymkhana. I couldn't do a handstand or a back flip. In fact, I competed only once at Georgia Tech in a regional meet and think I took third in the flying rings. There were many who just "worked out." Do you remember the janitor at Tully? A small guy with blond crew cut. I think his name was Mike. After I graduated and left FSU in '61 he fell from that maintenance tower and was killed. That was about 1962. I wonder why I often think about such people. Glad the Webbs emerged from hiding. Wonder what all of us have been doing all these years. Here I think I'm old at nearly 70 when I read about so many who went to FSU in the early Fifties and are now turning 80. While I'm reminiscing... FSU's last Intercollegiate gymnastics year was 1960, if my facts are good. Now that's soon 48 years ago and I'm told FSU has not fielded an Intercollegiate gymnastics team since. And this was FSU - twice National Championships. Money and politics evidently favored big gladiator spectacles. I like them too, but gymnastics has art. Enough of my opinions. Thanks again for bringing us all together in the Newsletter. Oscar Brock” ...{Oscar, I don't remember the janitor, maybe some of our readers do. As far as the “little people” are concerned there was a little guy named Jay Ashmore...became a pretty good gymnast....several times Gold Medal winner in the Pan-Am games as I recall.....Hell of a tumbler...more like an Irish Leprechaun than a Mexicito.....jmm}

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Statue Committee Report

“We now have over \$7,000 on hand in the FSU Foundation for the design and creation of our Legacy Walk project. This is in

large part due to generous contributions from Jack, Barbara, Don Rapp and others. “

- This is only a portion of the \$27,000 "pledged" at last year's reunion, but it is a great start and I am optimistic more will be forthcoming by our upcoming reunion in May.
- If some of you who pledged assuming you would spread it out over a three year period, this would be a good time to reflect on what you could afford this year. For those who get this newsletter and did not attend last year's reunion, we need your help!
- The more we can accumulate this year the sooner our own creative genius Ed Jonas can begin refining his concept of the work. Remember we want to see it become a reality and visit the site before we are all too old to do a handstand next to it!
- Make Checks Payable to:
FSU Foundation, Legacy Walk, Gymnastics Statue Fund
Put "Fund# 7110 as well as "Code#)08HWDMP in the " For" space on your check
Mail to: Legacy Walk Gymnastics Statue c/o Donna McHugh, 216 Westcott, Tallahassee, FL 32306-1350
- Jim Fadigan has been in contact with some very influential alumni and people in important positions at FSU at present that may really help our cause. They shall remain anonymous until Jim gives me clearance to name names.

I had a great conversation with Jamile about the frustrations of trying to raise money from the gymnastics suppliers, manufacturers and USA Gymnastics Industry Members since he has vast experience in this area in his professional career. I will not give up on approaching some of these sources, but I will now be realistic about expectations. Thanks J.

On Monday Feb. 11, I will meet with Ed Jonas with Tessa Smith, Annual Giving Development Officer, and Bob Conrad, V.P. of Central Development for the FSU Foundation. Donna McHugh will also attend, or I will try to meet with her individually. (Donna was at our banquet last year)

- Tessa Smith has been assigned to our project by the Foundation and she sounds very enthusiastic about working with us.
- I hope to convince them of the need to get our project moved up on their fundraising priorities and to identify and approach corporate and individual donors to help with our goals. Prior to the meeting Mike Mann and Barbara and I will meet for dinner to sharpen strategies and explore ideas to facilitate the meeting. Bill”

Alice Englert | (Carrie’s Mom) | TV Commercial of boy tossing a ball to a father that is no longer there “I need your help. My daughter's company (The Zimmerman Agency) is running a spot in the Super Bowl on behalf of the Florida Department of Health. It's an anti-tobacco campaign. Basically, it's a good cause and non-commercial.

That's right: a non-commercial commercial. The irony does not pass unnoticed.

Anyway, I ask you to do one or both of the following. Watch this video on YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow-D9gCp-UA> Ask a few friends to do the same. Thanks!” {It is a great commercial with a powerful message.....jmm}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | High School Prank: {I wish I'd thought of this... At a high School in Montana, a group of high school boys played a prank on the school. They let three goats loose in the school. Before they let them go they painted numbers on the sides of the goats. 1,2,4. Local school administrators spent most of the day looking for #3.....jmm.)

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | The other “Wazoo Prank” “Jack, I crack up every time I hear the "Wazoo" story. I really think it is the funniest thing that I have ever encountered in my life. To maintain a straight face for the remainder of the class was at least worth a Golden Globe award. If creativity were rewarded in the category of clever situations, you should get the Nobel Prize.

Great newsletter as well. I especially like the part Barbara observed. "some of us are getting cuter", ...I just know she was thinking of me!”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | Turner Sink to Wakulla Springs "I was not able to make it to the Spring yesterday to welcome the divers back. I talked to Leah Bowman tonight that did make it over. She said they had emerged from the spring at 8:00am and the dive had gone well without a hitch. At the reception she had a chance to talk briefly to the lead diver Casey McKinlay. She said to him "That she guessed it was a little like going to the moon." Casey replied, That actually there had been more people on the moon than had been where there were that day. Mike” {Scuba Divers traveled under Wakulla County for an incredible distance and time to connect the two bodies of water... More in National Geographic I am sure.....Mike Mann has the particulars.....jmm}

Jay & Eleanor Schwarzman | 51-55 | Eleanor’s passing “Hello. I regret to inform you that at 12:45 AM today, Eleanor, my wife of 50 years, passed away after a long illness. In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to make a contribution in her memory to the American Lung Association 61 Broadway New York, NY 10006 Thank you for your friendship. Jay Schwarzman” {Jay, Our hearts and love are with you. I informed all Newsletter recipients of her passing, but included this message for those who do not have email. God Bless her and you from all of us.....Jack.....jmm}

Roger & Tamara Webb | 55-59 | Email to Bill Beavers with Copy to me “Merry Christmas Many thanks for your notes. Attached is our 2007 Christmas letter--thought you might enjoy it. I'll try to catch up with you again after the holiday season. Roger {Sending this to you as a “Forward” in a separate email.....jmm}

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | Bill Kayaking and The Statue Committee “Jack -Bill is here and finished the Wakulla race this morning **first** in his class, which is "really old farts with special racing kayaks."

Last night we had dinner at the new Angelo's (<http://www.angeloandsonsseafoodrestaurant.com/index1.htm>). We were joined by some friends of Fran and I that had watched Bill race a couple of years ago. Also, Ed Jonas and his wife and daughter and Barbara Withers and a friend of hers that was a former lobbyist. Barbara and her friend suggested approaching the legislature to obtain funds to commemorate, "the first team to bring a national championship to the state of Florida from any college or university." Great idea that none of us had even considered and worth a try even if we were to fail. If we were to get anything from them it would sure be better than nothing.

“Bill and Ed meet with the FSU Foundation tomorrow and then they have lunch with Barbara at the Governor's Club. I am sure Bill will send you a better update after their meeting and his getting back to Atlanta.

We had lunch at the Riverside Cafe in St. Marks after the race. Bill has gone to do some shopping at "Just Fruits and Exotics" a special nursery on US 98 near the US 319 intersection from Tallahassee. When he returns we are to work on a brochure for possible corporate contributors. I did a draft of the front/back pages (see attached) a couple of months ago and we are going to try to settle on a design for that and then work on the contents of the three inside pages. Some or all of it could change after the information they get at their meeting tomorrow. Mike”

{“special kayaks” and very strong shoulders plus a farm boys stubborn determination.....nice work Bill.....jmm}

Barbara Sheehan Withers | **54-62** | **FSU Foundation and Statue Fund**

“Jack, had dinner last night with Bill Beavers, Ed Jonas & wife Christine, and Mike Mann & Fran at Angelo's,

to plan for Bill & Ed's meeting with FSU Foundation folks tomorrow morning on the statue project. We are tentatively planning to invite the FSU folks to lunch at the Governors Club which I will meet them there & host. I'll let you know how things work out. We need \$\$\$\$ to get the statue project going! Love & best of luck to Chad, as he pursues his tennis career. Fondly, Barbara “

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | **50-58** | **Another First for Don and Cheering girl gymnasts**

{As far as we can determine. Our own Don Holder seems to be the first FSU

student to make a United States Olympic Team (1952 London)..jmm}

Another bit of interest..... {If you have seen Collegiate Woman's Gymnastics on TV you saw all the girl's teammates standing in a row at the side of the performing floor, cheering, clapping and hooting while the girl goes through her routine.....And the gymnast knocks her self out to flash a broad Kathy Rigby smile for the judges every so often throughout the routine. It seemed to me like a weak attempt to influence the judges. What do you think?.....jmm}

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | **57-67** | **FSU Gymnastics Web Site**

“Jack -I have added a new page and service to our web site. Near the bottom of the main page there is a new link "Click

here to test your Internet Connection Speed." When it is clicked it takes you to a new page with instructions and a link to enable you verify your Internet connection speed.

I decided to do this for everyone because I have been having problems and have Comcast coming out again tomorrow for the second time in a month. This will give the ammunition you need to take on your ISP if necessary. It gives you a measured and documented speed between your machine and speed test servers located in several cities around the country. I reset my cable modem and router and immediately after had download speeds of 10 mbps but upload of only 177 kbps. The upload should be between 700 kbps and 1 mbps. About five minutes after the reset the download speed was down to 548 kbps and upload down to 57 kbps, not even as fast as a dial-up connection.

So now folks don't have to wonder about their speed they can test it and find out. ISP's don't argue with the results. Mike” {I haven't the foggiest idea what he is talking about but I am sure you Nerd's out there do.....but I am learning and will try it.....jmm}

Ed Fernald | **50** | **FSU Hall of Fame**

Dr. Ed Fernald, part of the FSU Administration and the member of one of our National winning gymnastics teams, teamed up with Dick Gutting. These two are to be credited with politicking, pushing and promoting those gymnasts who at this point have been entered into the FSU Hall of Fame. Because of his strong connection with the University Ed has been promoting the concept of honoring all the gymnasts who have competed in the nationals in the 50's and grouping them under one heading and in some way, as yet to be determined, honoring them on campus sometime in September. He requested a list of all of those men and their addresses. I sent it to him. He has returned it for Dick and my review. Both are on a short vacations and when they return we will have more information for you. From the list he returned we note that he was able to give us an address for Joe Calvetti and Dick Ireland. Don Holder had an old email address for Dick Ireland so we will try to reach them both. {There are some 29-30 names on the list not including those who have passed away.....jmm}

Gail Sontgerath & Bill Whitney | **62-67** | **Re: Dr. Frankie Hall**

“Jack: Thank you for the list. I don't have your phone number or I would call you but Frankie Hall has NOT passed away.

She is in her 80s and still going strong. Please make that correction in your newsletter. I have been e-mailing her within the last 2 months and when I saw her name “In Memory Of”, I was shocked...I did some calling and thank the Lord as of this date she is still with us. She was my Major Professor for my Masters Degree and if it wasn't for her I would not have made it through -a very fine teacher. Thank you and I am looking forward to the next newsletter. Gail”

{Gosh that made me happy to get your email with the information on Frankie Hall. I don't even know who it was that passed that along to me but very very glad to make the correction for all to see. I have had the same thing happen to me once, but in my case I think it was an ex-wife's wishful thinking or commenting on my ardor. I'll never forget the look on a guys face who thought I was dead when I walked up to him very much alive - if not risen again. Gail, I will put it in the next Newsletter gladly. Thanks, Jack} {If any more of you is alive and I printed that you were not and you have a verifying Doctor's report please let me know.....jmm}

Dr. Frankie Hall | **The Immortal**

“Dear Jack As Mark Twain said "The report of my demise is greatly exaggerated".

People usually say nice things about dead folks so I hope you did too. ..And I hope I get lots of flowers. Gail (Sontgerath) Whitney told me of the report of my recent death and I sent the above comments to her. I can't wait to see how this plays out. Just hope it's in my favor. Keep the good newsletters coming. Best to you Frankie Hall”

{Dear Frankie, Not sure if it was your wit or my joy in learning that you are very much "with it" that put such a smile on my face this morning. Thank God I never got to write your epitaph. So now I see that I'll have to wait decades to test my creativity at juggling words. Gail describes your health and energy as sort of like the “Energizer Bunny, still going strong".....Go! baby Go!

Wish you could make it down to South Florida for our "80 in 08" get together..... and in the meantime " Have fun"...with Love, Jack}

Bill & Carol Beavers | **57-61/69-70** | **New member to Newsletter recipients Bob White**

“Jack, When you get a chance, add Bob White northuis@aol.com to your

mailing list. Not sure if you know Bob. He was on the last team. I coached him before I left for Tech and he was a teammate of Karl Bishop, and I believe Ed Jonas. He continues to do lots of judging with Culbertson & lives in SC. Bill”

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Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | **Email to Mike re: Lost FSU trophies**

“Mike, My info concerning what I have to say is very much second hand. After Doc died and Billie had her serious fall, one of our later Gymnasts and his wife moved into the Prices' home. For the life of me I cannot remember the names, however, I believe Jack or Jim might know. At any rate, they found hoards of material, pictures brochures etc. I have been the recipient of some of my photos that Doc compiled, also some from the U of Illinois that I still have and do not know what to do with. Upon receiving my pics, there was no mention of any trophies. See if Jack can remember the names. Don” Mike’s response, “Do you recall who moved into the Prices house? If not Jack, maybe that is a newsletter item. Mike”.....{Done....jmm}

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | **Parking**

{Upon entering into the large parking lot at my son Chad’s tennis training complex I saw that most of the cars were backed into their parking spots....so I did the same figuring there must be a good reason to park that way that I was not yet aware. When I got out and went into the courts office I discovered that there was a gay men’s tennis championship in progress. So I rushed back to my car and parked it “straight” into the parking lines.....jmm}..... {I am truly sick..... I am sitting here laughing at my own jokes.....jmm}

Don & Patsy Rapp | 53-55/58-60 | **Appointment**

Quote *Florida State Times* February – March 2008 Edition

“**RAPP APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS** Florida State Alumnus Don Rapp (M>S> Human Sciences; PH.D.60, Family/Child Consumer Sciences), an FSU professor emeritus of child development, has been named by Florida Governor Charlie Crist (B.S. ’78, Political Science) to the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness. Rapp, a well-known Educator and speaker, is an expert on improving balance of the elderly and people with brain injuries, and recently wrote the book “On Balance: Mastery of Physical Balance for Life.”

{There was a handsome head shot accompanied with the press release. Don looking very austere in his white turtle neck sweater and white hair, but we all know him as the loveable guy who has perfected the art of staying in great shape by picking up the balls he keeps dropping while learning how to juggle....jmm} {Every community has a butcher, a baker, etc. but we are the only ones who have our own Juggler.....jmm}

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | **FSU Foundation Representatives**

“Hi Jack, Hope this news is not too belated. We arrived home somewhat late due to what you coined as the

"Holderelli thing. Connie and I, along with Carmine Regna, immensely enjoyed a visit at our home with two representatives from the FSU Foundation, namely Tessa Smith, Annual Giving Development Officer, and Jeffery T. Spoeri, JD, Regional Director of Development, South Florida. How enlightening to have the two reps eager to hear of the trials and tribulations we all endured while attending our Alma Mata. Both seemed over interested in listening to every facet of our stay. We listened to encouraging facts concerning the possibilities of corporate sponsors aiding in our quest for the Gymnastic statue.

All in all, I must say it was an honor to have such dynamic personalities as guests. Tessa indicated that she would be in the Miami area this April. In light of that, if she wished, we would host another gathering of all our South Florida Gymnasts in hopes that all could attend. Also, Tessa seemed interested in our upcoming 80th gathering and would possibly attend. Don”

Charlie Christian | 55-57 | **Coach Geza Martiney**

“Jim/Jack/Don, I met Geza quite by accident a few years ago and felt you would like to hear from him My best, Charlie”

“Charlie - You are awesome. I read the news letters with great interest. I see the "Old Timers" like Jim Jackson, Chick Cicio, DonHolder, Bill Beavers, Jack Miles just to mention the ones I really know and respect, are still kicking. It is top secret but I retired on December 31, 2007 after teaching for forty-seven (47) years. I will have much more time with my grandson (10 years old) we adapted him since birth. I have not been in Hungary since 1964 when I was the coach of the US gymnastics and fencing teams in Budapest, Hungary. Plan to visit my brother and his family and other still living relatives. Right now I am just cleaning out my office. How can I E-mail Don Holder and Jim Jackson? I had several of his women gymnasts on my team and like to know how they are doing. Thank You Geza <gmartiny@alltel.net> - 478-452-4010”

Charlie’s response, “Geza, Congratulations on your retirement!!!! So good to hear from you. Thanks to Jack Miles it's really a treat, after all these short years, being able to keep in touch with old friends, . **OOPS... Who is old, NOT US!!!** Also check this site out: <http://fsugymnastics.org/> The Website is expertly managed by another FSU gymnast Mike Mann.

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | **Re: FSU Girls Gym Team pictures by Karl Bishop Newsletter sending under separate email**

“Jack, Are you aware that Jim Hisey is one of my former High School Gymnasts, the brother of Debbie Hisey also one of my Gymnasts, who incidentally resides in Tally. Jim was not quite up to competing, however, my philosophy was to never eject any gymnast from practicing. I am grateful that he is a great success in the Gymnastic field. Don” {Kudos to Jim Hisey & Don....jmm}

Joe & Dottie Taylor | 53-60/67-68 | **80th Birthday gathering**

“Joe's kids and I are having Joe an 80th birthday party at Dixie. Gonna invite everyone he ever knew. I'll give you more details as it works out. This isn't going to be a fancy affair. I have reserved the big house at Dixie Plantation and we will put something on the

grill or smokers, bake a batch of taters and probably buy already cut up salad, etc. The older I get the more I realize that fellowship is a lot more important and you remember it a lot longer than what you had to eat. I am thinking somewhere around 1 in the afternoon since most of us are getting too old to stay out after dark. I especially would like for all his gymnast family to come. Please help me get the word out to everybody. We haven't really told Joe what we are doing, but you can't pull anything this big off without him knowing. Connie and the kids will all be there and I know you all haven't seen Connie in 30 years. She is still the same old friendly Connie. I will let you know more later and can provide names and numbers of motels and bed & breakfasts in and around Monticello should anyone need them. Dottie" { Date not known for entry in this edition of the Neslwttter.....jmm }

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | FSU Girls Gymnastics ClubTeam

Jack: "I "cced" you on a note to Jessika Widermank, a new contact with the FSU Gymnastics club (<http://fsu.campusrec.com/sportclubs/gymnastics.shtml>). Since there is a new contact I thought I would try again to reach them.

Jesika Widerman | FSU Gymnastics Club | Response to Mike's Query

"Mike, Thanks so much for the email. Its great to know all this information. As for the meet in Tully, the

club members and myself did do very well and plan on making the trip to NAIGC nationals this year if we can raise some money. Our club meets Mondays and Thursdays, so I will let the members know about your reunion. I can assure you that I would be very interested in attending if at all possible. If I could get some more information about when and where and whatnot I will let the members know and I am sure many would be interested in attending. Thank you so much, its great to know we have alot of support behind us!!! Thank you, Jessika Widerman

Hello, The rankings: went out three places...

Jessika Widerman(me): Vault: 8.75-- first place, Beam: 8.70-- first place, Floor: 9.0-- first place

Ashely Howser: Vault: 8.525—second, Bars: 7.35—second, Floor: 8.85 second, AA: 32.225-- second

Amanda Dombrowski: Beam: 8.575—second, AA: 32.675-- first

Melissa Kuhling: Vault: 8.40—third, Bars: 6.65—third, Beam: 7.85—third, AA: 30.45—third

Shannon Ingersoll: Floor: 8.325-- third

These are just the scores of those girls who placed. We did however have a total of 9 girls compete at least one event most did at least two. There was also one other team who we competed against which was Tulane University. If you want any of the other scores or any other information please feel free to ask! Thank you so much!! Jessika Widerman <jhw06@fsu.edu>

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | FSU Girls Gymnastics ClubTeam Response

"Jessika -Congratulations on the excellent performance by the FSU women at the recent gymnastics meet.If you haven't already, go to the Women's Gymnastic pages (http://fsugymnastics.org/FSU%20Women_Team.htm) on our web site and read the history that we have assembled there. In particular the memories of Women's Gymnastics between 1950 and 1960 by Don and Connie Holder, Barbara (Murray) Withers and Beverley Cude Beaton.....Mike"

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"I had already made that request of Jack Miles our esteemed newsletter creator when I forwarded those results to him right after I got them. I had also asked him to add you to the e-mail mailing list. I am ccing him with this so he also has your request for the mention. I believe a new newsletter is scheduled for this coming weekend. You should find a copy in your e-mail in a Word document format. I also usually post it to the web site in a PDF format ASAP after I get it."

(To Jack for entry into the Newsletter)

"It also wouldn't hurt to encourage people to contribute to their "Nationals" fund raising. It reminds me of the trials of Connie, Beverley, and Barbara et al."

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Your Vote

"Jack, forgot to mention, on this year's ballot is the '96 Woman's Gymnastics Olympic Team. Gymnastics has a relatively small community from which to

solicit votes. Bill. {**U.S. Olympic Committee Names 2008 U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Finalists.**

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U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Class of 2008 Finalists Teams – One (1) to be inducted

(1) 1976 Women's Swimming 4x100 Freestyle Relay, (2) 1992 Men's Basketball Team (3) 1996 Synchronized Swimming Team (4) 1996 Women's Gymnastics Team (5) 1998 Women's Ice Hockey Team

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