

“Once teammates, always teammates” by Charlie Christian.

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2009 REUNION MAY 28-30, Alligator Point
(Thursday, Friday, & Saturday after Memorial Day)

ANNIVERSARIES

Chick & Jennie Cicio	58 years, 59 in April, 09	Claire <i>Essig</i> (& Dick) Traynor	43 years of marriage
Don & Connie Holder	59 years, 60 in August, 09	Yoshi & Haruyo Hatano	44 years, 44 in Oct. 08
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	55 years, 56 in May, 09	Nancy <i>Lamb</i> & Bob Durocher	43 years, 44 in Dec. 08
Carmine & Daneen Regna	54 years, 54 in August 09	Dick & Susie Gutting	41 years, 42 in June, 09
Jim & Marlene Jackson	53 years, 54 in July, 09	Bill & Carol Beavers	41 years, 42 in July, 09
Don & Patsy Rapp	54 years, 55 in May 09	Terri & Cheri Morris	39 years, 40 in 09
Sam & Topsy Bailie	52 years, 53 in June 09	Wayne & Heather Thompson	38 years, 39 in January 09
Jon & Boots Culbertson	51 years, 52 in June 09	Derek & Nancy Lawler	36 years
Jay (& Ellie) Schwarzman	50 years of marriage	Gail & Bill Whitney	37 years, 38 in August 09
Roger & Tamara <i>Tucker</i> Webb	50 years, 51 in November 08	Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	36 years, 37 in December
(Jack &) Almira Sharp	48 years of marriage, October	Andy <i>Anderson</i> & Curtiss Long	33 years in 09
(Lennart &) Karsthin Malmlin	47 years of marriage	Jimmy & Janie Hanks	29 years, 30 in November 08
Beverley & Bill Beaton	48 years, 49 in Sept. 09		

Barbara Sheehan Withers | **54-62** | **2009 Reunion date** | “Jack, I think the Thursday, Friday, Saturday makes the most sense, so let's go with that, but spending Saturday night if people wish, leaving Sunday a.m.(Arrive Thursday May 28, banquet Friday night May 29, playday Sat. 30th, evening meal at the beach, leaving on Sunday the 31st. This way people could leave Saturday or Sunday, depending on their schedules. Others can stay and play at the beach. I'm hoping to get up a beach volleyball team! Any of the dates you mentioned work for me, but this seems to answer everyone's concerns about the Memorial Day weekend. All my best, Barbara” {Almost forty of us responded that we would be at the Reunion...even Joe Gusic & Dick Ireland.....jmm}

Carole Laing Terry | **TTT** | **50's Tot's Reunion** | “Jack, I would like to try to see if there is an interest in organizing a "Tots" reunion from the 50's (including Brent, Jack, Evelyn, Mary, Karol Ann, Nancy, Claire, etc. etc.) Toss this out and see if we have a response. Thanks. Carole (Laing) Terry, Arlington, Tx.”
{Great idea by Carole All those interested contact her at the following email address.....Clain@aol.comjmm}

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | **57-67** | **2008 FSU Girls Gymnastics Team** | “Jack – Here are T-shirt sizes for the current gym team. If Dave isn't willing to donate them then I am willing to pay for some depending, maybe up to half, if he gives us a good wholesale price. To have those good looking young ladies in our T-shirts running around Tallahassee will definitely help our cause. I can see the heads spinning in the Ocala Rd Publix right now. Which is the nearest one to campus and Jessika's apartment which is in that area south of the stadium. I have also made contact with Buddy Cote at Herff Jones and they are checking their records for Gymnastica records and possible pen dies Mike {Remembering how unbelievably tough it was on us financially and meeting these very charming girls at Barbara's gathering before the FSU Half-Time Event. I could well emphasis with them as they struggle with expenses. travel, etc. I, and others, promised them we would at least help the, get team shirts. They were brave enough to put up with us “Golden Oldies” at the wonderful party Barbara threw for us all....It was a great time. Since that time I thought why don't we create an “**Adopt an FSU Girl Gymnast**” or some other fund raising source. If nothing else give them our support. What do you think?.....jmm}

Jessika | **2008** | **2008 FSU Girls Gymnastics Team** | “Hello, So we had tryouts and we have a strong team of eleven girls so I am really excited! I have all the bios and pictures I just need to organize them and get them typed up and sent to you!!! I also have the T-shirt sizes. Adult Small:=8, Adult Medium:=3 Thanks so much for everything and I will have those bios and pictures for you by the end of the weekend! Jessika” {I'll get in touch with Dave Carmolli and see what we can all come up with....jmm}

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | **55-59** | **Email to Mike Mann Re. 1980 Ft. Lauderdale Reunion** | “Hi, Mike, & Jack, I recall that you, Mike, (I think) and I had an exchange of e-mails some time ago concerning the year of the Fort Lauderdale reunion. I know I said it was 1980 given the ages of Neil and Kath at the time...and you had your reasons for saying it was 1981. However, look what I found!

The attached files are from a page in the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel, dated Thursday, Sept.4, 1980. I think I win! If you agree, can you change the date in your fabulous website if you think it makes any difference to anyone other than me?

I had to scan in two parts, which sort of wrecks the overall picture. Is there any way to put Humpty Dumpty together again? I kept the original scans in case you wanted to tell me what to do with them (in Photoshop) re sizing or whatever.

I've sent you the files too, Jack, seeing as I think it was you who sent me the page in the first place. If you don't have it, you might enjoy seeing it again. I'll send the pictures to Don & Connie as well. Also, having just read your email re next reunion, any time is fine for me. So, good night to all, Bev "

{Bev, Nice work for the Canadian Sleuthess. That was the first time/reunion I was able to get us all together. I was working in charge of City of Ft. Lauderdale major events and the reunion fit naturally right in place. I remember your very wonderful children. They are blessed to have such a Mom. Thanks for sharing. At the half-time showing in Tally. I met a man who golfed regularly with Jim McCauley. It was his house on the Intercoastal waterway that we all gathered ...remember? The man I talked to in Tally will be seeing Jim and then maybe we can get him back in the fold. Stay as sweet as you are. Love, Jack....AKA....jmm }

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | Gymnastica, Gym College, FSU Football Ceremony ½ Time

1. Gymnastica: I have been approached and asked to consider putting up a section on the web site devoted to Gymnastica. I believe I can come up with photos and member list from a combination of annuals and Gymkana show programs. I would also like to gather other information such as; By Laws, oaths, pledges, and the like. It is not necessary that I have actual copies in my hands if anyone that has anything could scan them and e-mail or snail mail them to me it would be appreciated.
2. Gym College: If anyone would like a copy the DVD for 1955 RKO - PATHE movie short "Gym College" then just e-mail or snail mail me with a mailing address. There is no charge and as a bonus I will throw in the two videos from the half time salute to the teams at the Sept. 13, 2008, FSU - UT Chattanooga football game. This will be a much higher resolution than is available on the "Flash" video that is viewed from the web site.
3. Your memorabilia: I am still trying to get additional material for possible use on the web site. I have pretty well exhausted what I currently have. I will take good care of it and return it to you ASAP. As a bonus, I will provide you with digitized copies of everything on a CD or DVD as the volume of information requires. These are easy to copy for passing on to kids, grand kids and great grand kids.

In addition, you will know also that they are being permanently preserved. I also keep copies of my original scans since photos and the like used on the web site are reduced resolution so that they can be downloaded by the viewer quicker. On a periodic basis I make copies of both the web site and all my original scans a send copies to Eddie Woodward, FSUs official Archivist at the Strozier Library. Those same kids and grand kids are just as likely to toss everything in the trash once you are no longer here but there will always be copies preserved at Strozier Library. Mike"

Hey gang - I tried to send you the original video but even though it was only two minutes the file was too large and comcast refused to send it. I am also having some trouble converting this tonight. This will not wait, you have got to see these! Here is the end zone videos from Saturday, enjoy!

The sound is excellent, no echo or crowd noise, obviously piped straight from the announcer's booth. The total length is less than two minutes. See a small Flash video (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Sept-13-2008/Videos/Gymnastics-Recognition.htm>). I'll get it finished properly and then publish the new page for everyone ASAP.

Subject: See your new main page All -

It now contains the 1951 NCAA Team Trophy that was found in time for the past weekend's party <http://fsugymnastics.org/>

From: [Mike Mann](#) See the new pages (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Current-Team/FSU%20Current%20Team.html>)

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | "GYM COLLEGE" Video on DVD

"Don - I have just completed making the DVD and the quality is excellent. I plan to make and send a copy to everyone on the video except for Dick Ireland, who if I recall is either dead or lost, and Bob Murray whom I also believe is lost. I'll also send copies to anyone else that wants one. TCM! has ignored all my attempts to try to legally obtain a copy for us. Mike"

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | "GYM COLLEGE" Video on DVD

"Mike, I can't thank you enough for the FSU video and for all the effort you put forth concerning your web site. It is a masterpiece of work which all of us are grateful.

I scoured my mailing list and friends for someone who could tape the show and much to my dismay all including me, don't receive TCM or do not have the knowledge to recapture. Glad to receive the mail since I have very few tapes of myself performing.

Once again thanks for the work, Don"

Beverley Cude & Bill Beaton | 55-59 | Re. GYM COLLEGE DVD email to Mike Mann

"Mike, I have been remiss in not sending this response last week when I received the Gym College DVD you so very kindly sent. It hurtled me back 53 years! (Ouch!) 1955 was my first year at FSU, and seeing some of my friends again as they were then is exhilarating. At last I have something tangible to share with my family and

others....a something which substantiates my descriptions of the talent and character these gymnasts of "ours" possessed that earned them so many distinguished titles both individually and as a team. Thank you, Mike. I'll watch Gym College again and again . Bev"

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Re. GYM COLLEGE DVD Bob Murray calls**

“Jack - Fran and I went into Tallahassee about ten this morning and did a little

shopping for office & computer supplies and groceries. Came home to find a message from Bob Murray on the phone thanking me profusely for the DVD he found in his mailbox this morning. About every other word was "WOW!" said he could not wait to show it to his boys. Also said he would try to get back to me to thank me personally. Mike”

Barbara Sheehan Withers | 54-62 | **Re: Bob calling above**

“A voice from the past --I do hope he comes to our reunion one of these times. It would be fun (I think) to see him again - after 50+ years - last time I saw him was when I came back to FSU after divorcing him. I was living in Florida Hall - going to school full time & working full time - it was in the Spring of 1958 and he was working on his Masters degree and stopped by the dorm to see me - I haven't seen him since! Maybe he will come to the "football" reunion if he knows everyone else is coming? Should we call him? Or let sleeping dogs lie? Love & hugs, Barbara

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Commemorative Statue Fund**

“Information to Gerald Ensley FSU - Ed Jonas estimated when his original presentation was made at the 2007

reunion that \$80,000 would be required. That was recently modified to be between \$80 and \$100,000. We had \$25,000 pledged by attendees at the 2007 reunion. As of September 3, 2008 we have collected 7,438.10 on those pledges. There are some incidental additional funds, Graphically, see (<http://www.fsugymnastics.org/Statue%20Fund/Statue-Fund-Status.html>).

We are desperately seeking a corporate sponsor to make a significant contribution and/or to offer matching funds. Ed may be able to supply pictures of his models if you would like. Mike

Carl & Marilyn Farrell | 63-66 | **Big Game Hunters**

“ Hi Jack, Thanks for all you do in creating and sending out the newsletters!!! I hope you will be able to continue at least occasional

letters. I don't think I will be able to make reunions (anywhere you hold them will be a LONGGG way from Hawaii), but I enjoy seeing the pictures of some of my old friends. I enjoyed your description of a better mousetrap. Some types of empty jars also work well with roaches (wheat germ jars seems to work best – they provide a little bait as well as slippery sides). ☺ Aloha, Carl”
{Wheat Germ? I remember eating that stuff all the time when I was healthy....memories....jmm }

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | **Re. Terry Morris**

“Jack, Terry's new e-mail is Terry.Morris@morrisandfellows.com I hope to make it down to Tally to wish you old XXX well prior to the

festivities at the FSU game. If I don't make it have a great time, and congratulations to a great group!
I was going to stop by Barbara's party Thursday and then head down to a race in Tarpon Springs Saturday. However, this past Saturday I think I injured a rib or two after hitting a submerged rock in a race. Was going about 7 MPH and it catapulted me out of the kayak and onto a boulder chest first. I seem to be healing fast, but the trip to FL is in doubt at this point. Bill”

Jay & Eleanor Schwarzman | 51-55 | **Newsletter and Jay....by any other name**

“Jack, I just read the latest newsletter and it was very good as usual. I agree that quarterly

in the future would probably make it a little less time consuming for you. You really do a magnificent job as the editor and publisher of the news letter that keeps us all informed. Without a guy named Jack Miles, it would not be possible. I sincerely hope you continue.

By the way, Jack, is the Jay Schwarzman in the list of people those who have responded to questionnaire the same person who is listed in the anniversaries in the beginning? People often spell it the way they pronounce it but I think this spelling is really setting new level to beat. I really got a good chuckle when I saw it. Best wishes, Jay”

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | **FSU Half Time Event**

“Jack, It was great to see everyone in attendance, and experience the gracious warmth of Barbara. Seeing Michael Miles, meeting his wife, seeing Sandy, Chad and at last meeting Nancy made the trip worthwhile in itself. I felt the hospitality of the Letterman's Club, (thanks to Ed Fernald, the appearance of Randy Spetman and the head of the Seminole Boosters at the reception Friday was very special. The half-time event was better received by the fans than I would have expected and very well organized. Finding the original Team Championship Trophy really put the icing on the cake! Although I was on the team when varsity status was cut, and I still have bitter memories of that decision, the new athletic administration did much to make me feel like a Seminole once again. Bb” {Thank God that Hurricane Ike passed us by in Florida it threatened to have the whole event cancelled or postponed.....jmm }

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **FSU Half Time Event**

“ Did you come up with an e-mail address for Randy Spetman?

I would like to write him too and thank him for how well I was treated by his staff.

I found the treatment absolutely unbelievable these days and times. Amber Wagner went out of her way to get me a handicapped parking placard. Ben Zierden in the ticket office also went out of his way to assist me in getting a ticket. Andy Snuggs seemed have coordinated things in the various offices to make sure I got on the field and even came by my seat before the game to make sure things were going OK for me. Bernie Waxman walked me onto the field and stuck with me the whole way for the whole ceremony providing excellent advice.

I was almost beginning to believe I was a King or something, I have never been treated so well in all my life by so many people and just to be helpful in something I wanted to do. Mike”

Jim & Arlene Fadigan | 52-56/58-62 | **FSU Half Time Event**

Subject: Re: FSU Half Time Event

Gosh we are part of that 'old' group but the spirit and personality of each is still there and part of that very special formula that we all shared and made happen. Dick, your never change (which one - which one?) - both.

On the light side, when they had us line up for a group picture on the sidelines after the presentation, I was in the front row (all kneeling) next to Jack Miles. All went well (I was better looking) but when I tried to get up I about fell on Jack. Thank God for my Irish humor because Jack thought I was just doing another "funny thing" - Nope, it was grim reaper kicking me in the hip. I'm too old to be embarrassed for long but I hope no one has a movie of that final demonstration of my coordination.

Thanks Jamile for that special treat and the way you carried it off. So nice and typical but I did get a chance to flirt with your lovely. Incredible, wonderful gathering for me and so nice to have one of my son's there to get to know the special group that had such an influence on my life. Thanks all!! Jim Fadigan

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | **“Safe Dive”**

“I did my safest dive of all time this past Wednesday. As you may or may not know, Atlanta now has the largest (or certainly one of the largest) salt water aquariums in the World. The main tank has 4 whale sharks some of which are 30+ft long, hammer heads, sawfish, really big grouper and a host of other great specimens. I was able to dive for about a half an hour with these fish. I call my group the AARP Seals. The tank is 30 ft deep and is really beautiful. We had two dive masters with 6' sticks to keep the curious fish from contacting us, but it was still a kick. They gave us a DVD of the dive and the fish all around us. Certainly not as challenging as some of our dives in the 60's, but fun anyway.

If I can get up early enough tomorrow, I will leave at 4AM to drive to Live Oak to do a 12 mile race on the Suwannee and Withlacoochee river. Don't think we will be near Blue Springs near Madison, but am hoping to see some spring runs to break the agony and humidity! Bill” {Bill included a great picture of them all suited out for the dive.....jmm }

Chick & Jennie Cicio | 54-59 | **FSU Half Time Event**

“Hi Jack.... In assessing this auspicious occasion, feel a sense of belated guilt on the part of all those concerned. However, as all things, the truth will eventually rise to the top. I felt a little humble pride as one accepting all the accolades given us. We must remember that this is all materialistic stuff and it will never be erased from our minds....UNLESS, "Alzheimer's" sets in.

I am proud to have done my little part and, I'm thankful having the opportunity to further what ever my intellectual being....BE. Needless to say being part of the great FSU team and competing with you all is always paramount. Thanks a bunch for the memories. Molte Grazie Amico's....Chick Cicio”

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | **FSU Half Time Event**

“I got a phone call from this guy who said to me, “I had the most fantastic thing happen to me this past Saturday. The University I graduated from contacted all the old gymnasts from the 50's and got them together and honored them at the half-time of the University Football Game...In their huge brand new stadium....not like the old stadium when we were in school The area around the stadium was like a huge circus. {I let him go on and on...and thought that this guy is jerking me around...jmm} People were tail gating....Tee Shirts, banners, and school memorabilia, with vendors selling sausages with green peppers and soft drinks all under tents. There were at least a hundred tents. There was a bandstand entertaining the people before the game... At the half-time and over the loudspeaker they read off a tribute to all that we had done in the past as Gymnasts. We all met at a Skybox. Their were several stadiums for other sports and the band played a warm-up show prior to the game. The stadium was packed and my daughter was with me and confessed that this was the first football game she had ever attended. She was cheering at the touchdowns - even for the other team. The band was so big that when they marched on field you could hardly see the grass they marched on. But because of the potential traffic jam after the game we left about mid-way between the second half. It was an awesome event and it was about time they honored all we had done back in the 50's”. It was such a good feeling to be honored”

He finished and I asked, “Bob (my brother) are you sitting down? Because I have something amazing to tell you. You were at a Temple University game, right? Well, I had the same thing happen to me just two weeks ago at Florida State University. What are the odds that after well over a half century you and I would be honored as gymnasts at our respective Universities at the half time of a foot ball game? This is mind boggling. Everything you described we did....almost exactly. The difference was that they were selling Chicken Wings not Sausages with Peppers and the girl who had never been at a football game was my wife who stood up and cheered at Field Goals and chewed me out when I applauded a player on the other team who made a great run.. FSU however, marched us on to the field and had the opening of a Stealth Bomber flying overhead. Thanks to Mike Mann and his team of assistants I was able to tell Bob's son that he bring up the FSU event on the Web-Site.....But, really, My God...That is truly an amazing coincidence....jmm }

Charlie Christian | 55-57 | **Wayne Thompson Article**

<http://fsugymnastics.org/Wane%20Thompson.html> “Jack,I just read your above article in <http://fsugymnastics.org/index2.html> and was very touched. **You are the best!!!!** If the world had more like you we there would be no need for senseless wars! Charlie”

Subject: FSU website http://www.usghof.org/files/bio/j_miles/j_miles.html Jack, There is so much to learn when you take your time and research all contained in <http://fsugymnastics.org/> I don't know who has contributed more to our learning more about each other than Mike and you. Wayne's history just goes to prove there is no one not worth our efforts. Charlie

Well, Jack, I have another e-mail pal to keep up with thanks to your help. I promise I won't bug you further with copies of our exchanges, but I thought you might get a kick out of Margaret's (can't seem to call her 'Peg') first paragraph and of her appreciation of your efforts.

I left the second paragraph in because of her words which she says told her she really was zeroing in, and those are: "along with the Beverley (with an "e").....it reinforces the fact that I have had to tell goodness knows how many people that it's "BeverlEy" that I've been doing it ever since first grade! Why, just a month ago when I sent Jim Fadigan some pictures he had taken with my camera, I had to tell him the same thing when he left out the "e"..(but did so politely, of course!) It seems my mother liked "e's" because she tacked one onto my middle name, Anne, too...people need to be reminded about that as well. Then, there are those who spell my name "Beverely" which is worst of all!" {Even "Spell Check" knows how to spell your name correctly.....jmm}

SO, from PP:

Dear Bev, How exciting to actually find you. Never underestimate the power of GOOGLE! And then there is the power of Jack! What a combination. I do want to say right off that, besides a couple of neighbour friends (on Stanstead), you were pretty much the only other person that I corresponded with after leaving TMR when I was twelve. I enjoyed your newsy letters all through college days. So when I saw the Beaton along with the Beverley (with an "e") Cude I knew I was on track. I think we exchanged a few letters after you left TMR after third grade (?). Do you remember Daphne Armstrong? I am in touch with her as we both lived in the same place (Princeton NJ) for a number of years.

And yes, I do remember the Daphne she mentions...am I going to be attending other reunions now, do you suppose? On top of that I have 4 more names that I recall and will toss back at her. So there you go, my friend, Now to watch your fabulous Michael Phelps go for gold # 3...Whoops! I just got hollered at to move it....so I saw your man set another world record and collect that medal too....he's coming up again in just 20 minutes or so, I believe.

Also saw the Chinese men doing floor....WOW! Now it seems they do the pommel horse on the floor too....and how about those spread-eagled handstands..and the tumbling....I have trouble counting the number of twists, flips (can't even name them...) one right after the other at tremendous height!

Anyway, you said you were mesmerized...me, too! Question: are the men's parallel bars set higher?....they look it to me, but maybe I've shrunk. Bev

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” if you can track down and persuade Jim Macauley to attend the next reunion, that'd be one more success. In talking with him, please tell him I well remember his and Marlene's (I think that is his wife's name..) hospitality. He had a beautiful place and treated us all lavishly. My kids remember it well...Kath recalls being out on a boat, and you, I believe...or someone, pushed her overboard! Somewhere I have a photo of her being dragged by a rope back on board!

And you are a sleuth yourself: of course you'll recall the Peg Powell "mystery". Well, turns out she is coming to Montreal next week...will spend Oct. 9th and 10th here before moving on to Kingston, Ont. Where she has a cousin. We plan to snoop around the Town of Mount Royal neighbourhood of our primary school years. I haven't seen the house that my Dad had had built during his years of hockey with Les Montréal Canadiens. I do know that the place has undergone many changes. In my box of "old" things, I found the architect's original penciled design (detailed) of the way the house would be built. Said design paper is yellowed and torn a bit, but I'm thinking I should have it restored if possible and framed. My brothers would appreciate it, I'm sure. I will include with it a picture I'll take of the house as it is at present.

I have no idea of what Peg looks like now....she's got a good idea of my image having had the advantage of browsing the website. Maybe I should send you a picture of the 2 of us some 60 years older!

Laughed at that gymnastics blooper video....lots of OUCHES there....have landed on the beam in that straddle a few times...not fun! What amazed me is that the spotters did not seem to be of much use....not enough to inspire confidence, and also, no one standing by seemed to bat an eyelash! Part of the game, eh? Have a nice afternoon, evening, week.....and so on, Luv, Bev”

drought here in Georgia and fall is finally in the air. The nights are becoming cooler and our hummingbird friends will soon begin their migratory trip south of the border.

Soon the leaves will begin to turn their brilliant colors of fall and the flocks of Chickadees will be returning as we again settle into another period of winter.

Mid winter isn't my favorite time of year as when the beautiful colors of summer annuals and perennials have faded and the trees are bare it seems as, though the eyes of some, the world would seem to have died.

However, beauty is where we perceive it and there remains the fall interest of bare forms of plants and trees to enjoy and we may also enjoy cozy nights sitting by a warm fire.

We need to stop and realize plants need their time of rest and the colors of spring will soon return and it will seem almost in the blink of an eye and another season will begin.

It seems it was only yesterday when we were enjoying the fun days of our youth however, as we grow older time begins to pass quickly and it seems to go faster as the years progress..

Life is but a fleeting moment in time so let's give thanks we still are privileged to be around to enjoy the wonders of nature for another season *Charlie Christian 2008*

Interesting fact sheet.....

This snake is extremely beneficial to man because it preys on rats, mice, rabbits, and other warm blooded prey, many of which are considered pests”

The **attached** is an article I wrote for the Scoop, our state Master Gardener newsletter.

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/herpetology/fl-guide/crotalusadamanteus.htm>

“Hi Jack, **Hi Yah'all**is Yankee, in the South it is Hi **y'all**. Oh-well. What cha gonna do with a transplant?

(<http://www.zadv.com/clients.cfm>)? Zimmerman Clients”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | Response to Charlie’s request for information on Carrie Englert Zimmerman

“Charlie - All I have of her is on the Tumbling Tots web site (<http://tallahassee tumblingtots.org/>). She was never a student at FSU or on any team there although she probably took part in some Gymkana shows.

She and her husband own and operate The Zimmerman Agency Inc. (<http://www.zimmerman.com/>). Here is a list of their clients (http://www.odwyerpr.com/pr_firms_database/prfirm_detail.htm?prid=abce1fe3cbbb425c75b3897c18011bed). **The AFLAC duck you see on TV is their's for instance.** Mike {Charlie researched in a past Newsletter.....jmm}

FSU Gymnasts, Gymkana, and Friends Newsletter October 2005 (Second Edition)

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | Excerpts of letter to Carrie, Curtis & Cade Zimmerman

{The week-end of the half time event. My wife, Chad and I were

invited to spend the week-end with Carrie and her family. I am enclosing some of my words in the tank you letter I wrote to them. “ Dear Carrie: We, without a doubt, had one of the best times of our lives thanks to you, Curtis and Cade. My God, you treated us like royalty and we are forever grateful. The background to our whole weekend was the love, excitement, cheerfulness and kindness your whole family exhibits to each other, the people you interact with and have also shared with us. It created such a calmness that we forgot the fact that we might have been imposing on your hospitality and just relaxed as if we were “home at last”.

Your home is an absolute joy and a big part of that cheerfulness I mentioned before, it is obviously “Grand” as the Irish say, but it is more than that. It beckons the light of the sun and that of the moon to your house and property with the smooth lake as a backdrop. The interior of your home creates excitement and the lawn and lake waters flows down to create a calming to balance and even out some of that famous Carrie Zimmerman energy. It is such a pleasant feeling to be in and around. It’s hard to untangle the joy of the house from the caring joy that you three project to each other....You are fun to be around and to trade stories with”. “Taking the Jet flight back to South Florida.....neither Chad nor I have ever had such a treat. It was frankly..... AWESOME... I mean....really....who sits on candy filled seats in a private streamlined jet plane? Wow! That was so cool”. “Much love to you all from Jack, Nancy and Chad

{As you have guessed Carrie invited Chad and I to travel back to Miami on their private eight passenger jet. My wife, Nancy drove the car home visiting friends along the way. Note: the candy was in pull out drawers. What an exciting family....jmm}

Carmine & Daneen Regna | 50-55 | FSU Half Time Event

“On behalf of Carmine and myself I would just like to thank everyone involved in making the Recognition Weekend so

enjoyable. The reception at the Varsity Club and the amenities were just wonderful.

Carmine really enjoyed seeing everyone, some of whom he had not seen in many years. He was also very appreciative of the recognition for the Gymnastics Team after over 50 years. That was some feat for those responsible for making it happen. He experienced such a feeling of pride walking out onto that field and being recognized along with his old team mates for all of their accomplishments.

For those of you who may visit Tallahassee on a more regular schedule we discovered *Ted’s Montana Grill*, specializing in buffalo steak. It was outstanding. Carmine looks forward to seeing everyone at the next annual reunion. Sincerely, Daneen”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | FSU Half Time Event

“Jack, I thought that my treatment by the Athletic department staff was exceptional. Everyone seemed to be going out of there

way to help me get to the field to shoot the video that I was able to get.

Amber Wagner exchanged numerous e-mails with me to get me a handicapped parking placard. Ben Zierden in the ticket office played phone and e-mail tag with me for a couple of days to assist me in getting a handicapped ticket for the game. I was able to print that ticket at home and not make a difficult trip to the ticket office on campus. Andy Snuggs seems to have coordinated things in the various offices to make sure I got on the field and, unbelievably, he even came by my seat before the game to make sure things were going OK for me. Bernie Waxman also provided excellent help, walked me onto the field and stuck with me for the whole ceremony providing sound advice and recommendations. Mark Rudin of Seminole Productions graciously offered to provide us copies of the videos that would be showing on the end zone screens during the ceremony. So we now have two videos of the ceremony on our web site, my amateur efforts and Mark’s very professional job. Mike”

Gail Sontgerath & Bill Whitney | 62-67 | FSU Half Time Event

“Hi Jack: I was honored to be recognized at the gymnastics FSU meeting and half time show. Thank you for including

me in the lineup. I am always in awe of the people that attended and were the pioneers of a sport that has grown to such popularity. I think the audience appreciated and were proud of these people as some came up afterwards to congratulate them and wish them well. Had a wonderful week-end.... Gail,” {You are the greatest. Yes, the girls are on the list.....Love, Jack.....jmm}

Barbara Sheehan Withers | 54-62 | FSU Half Time Event

“I was so proud of everyone, finally getting the long-deserved recognition from the FSU Athletic Department of the world class accomplishments of our Gymnasts. I only wish they would have called all the championship team members by name. The deafening applause, particularly when they mentioned the gymnastics championship was the first national championship won by any Florida team in any sport and also the triumph over Florida by our gymnasts, was incredible and brought tears to my eyes. It was a thrill to be out on the football field that I, for one, have been watching every year since 1954 - 54 years of FSU football games! My only other time on the FSU football field was when Jim Fadigan and I put on the half-time show (trampoline) the first time FSU played Boston College up there in 1957. I also was so pleased that one of the long lost trophies was located, as well as the commemorative banner, and also that some progress is being made towards making our dream of a statue become a reality due to connections we made at the Varsity Club reception with both the new A.D. and the Seminole Boosters representative! Congratulations everyone! Barbara Withers “

Barbara Sheehan Withers | 54-62 | FSU Half Time Event

.”The applause was great, and to my surprise, several gals from my tennis team recognized me Saturday while on the field, and congratulated me this morning at our match. I was amazed at the applause we got. I think we were so fortunate to meet both the AD and Joel Padgett at the Varsity Club reception, and I think it will really help. As we were going on the field, Ed Fernald asked me to write him a letter regarding the womens' achievements, which I will do with the help of our web page. Barbara”

Jamile & Barbara Ashmore | 55-58 | FSU Half Time Event

“Jack: It was an exciting afternoon. I will say FSU is saying "Thanks" We all know FSU does not owe us a thing but we, or most of us, owe them for allowing us to do what we loved and that being Gymnastics and at the same time gave us an education.. ONLY IN AMERICA.

For those that missed the event, missed a great afternoon and for those that attended I know enjoyd being recognized once again. It is a TRUE BLESSING to have been a part of such a Great Team and a Great bunch of guys: Jamile (Jay) Ashmore

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | History of the FSU Half Time Event

{ Dick Gutting and Ed Fernald had been working with the FSU Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and the FSU Letterman's Club on a recognition/presentation over the past two years. A year or so ago they had asked me to make a list of all men gymnasts who had traveled with the team and entered in all the nationals where FSU had won a national title. It was a bear of a job but I gathered all those names from all those years with the help of Gymkana Programs, Yearly Athletic Team Flyers, Newspaper articles clippings, Year Books, Mike's web-site, and all the work the FSU historians had completed. I worked with the historians for well over a year. I sent Mike all this and it is included in your FSU Gymnastics web-site.

Incidentally, that is what Ed Fernald and I were talking about for so long at the Alligator Point Reunion. It was all part of my ongoing search for "All-Americans"

Anyway, it finally came to pass that those who were on a winning National Championship FSU team and competed at those nationals would be grouped together as "Hall of fame Legends" and possibly entered into the Hall of Fame as a group in the future. I gave FSU's Ed Fernald all the addresses they needed and they began searching for the addresses of those I did not have and they would contact all the persons on the list....hence Joe Taylor's invitation by way of FSU's contact.. Many of the gymnasts have "tweaked" the list, that I worked on late at night, to verify or change their addresses or bad entrees on the list. I also got changes from Regnas at the Alligator Point reunion and Benny Wallace via email and Dick Gutting by phone.

As to the girls Dick, Holder, and I... but mostly Dick and Ed, got FSU to consider adding the girls winning team as part of the acknowledgement. Later I talked for the first time to a "Betsy" at FSU Varsity Members and clarified who was in the girls national winning Team (all FSU students with volunteer coach Connie).and also told them of those girls who later traveled to Penn State for the national trials in '56. No title won then. I gave her Mike's name as the best resource if she couldn't reach me, Dick or Don. I told her of Mike's web-site and told her everything is right there. She said she would pull it up. I emphasized that Mike is right there as a resource.

I submitted the final updated men's and woman's list of those "invitees" to the festivities which included a walk on the football field at half time of the football game. .

Note: Gail *Sontgerath* Whitney was also invited as a "USA Olympian & Former FSU Coach".. Bill Beavers too was invited as a former "FSU Gymnastics Coach". Ed Fernald was also to join the group as one of the original founding FSU Gymnastics team members. All "Gems" from our collection of gymnasts.....jmm }

Evelyn & Edward Borschel | TTT | FSU Half Time Event on DVD from Mike Mann

[<eborschel@yahoo.com>](mailto:eborschel@yahoo.com)

Subject: Re: My Video of Saturday's Honor Thank you, Mike. **We are PROUD!!** Evelyn (Laing) Borschel, Tallahassee Tumbling Tot from the early '50s. I remember those gymnasts well! And they certainly deserve to be recognized. Long overdue! “

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Open Letter to Randy Spetman FSU Athletics Director

September 19, 2008.....Mr. Randy Spetman, Athletics Director.....Florida State University Athletics Department
403 Stadium Dr. West.....Room D0107.....Tallahassee, Florida 32306

Dear Mr. Spetman,

It was a pleasure meeting you at the reception in the Varsity Club Friday September 12 honoring FSU's "First Champions." It was great of you to make an appearance at this event and to march out with the group on Saturday. I and the honorees appreciate the efforts of you, your staff, Ed Fernald and all who made this event such a success. All of the honorees as well as their friends and family who were in attendance were most impressed with the organization and execution of this event and are very appreciative of this recognition. The discovery of one of the championship trophies which we feared had been forever lost made the weekend especially memorable.

One member of your staff, Mr. Bernie Waxman, went above and beyond his responsibilities in assisting Mike Mann, former gymnast and now our webmaster, gain access to the field to film the presentation. I have rarely met someone who was so cooperative and solicitous of someone's needs while handling his normal tasks on what must be hectic game-day responsibilities.

I also appreciate your listening to and Ed Jonas and me explain our project to honor the past gymnastics teams with a commemorative statue on Legacy Walk. I'm sure Joel Padgett will be of assistance when he and Ed meet next month. I have been helping to coordinate the effort to raise funds for this project, and if you have any questions, please contact me.

If you communicate with Lou Burkel in the near future, please give him my regards. When I was the Varsity Men's Gymnastics Coach at GA Tech from 1970 to 1987 we shared memories of the "early" days of gymnastics in Nebraska where I grew up (Omaha) and competed in high school. I notice you hail from across the river in Council Bluffs. I'm sure you agree, that is a great area to spend your formative years.

Again, thank you. You are running a real class organization, and it makes me proud to be a Seminole!

Sincerely,.....Bill Beavers '61"

Gail Sontgerath & Bill Whitney	62-67	Lost FSU Girls Gymnasts found
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These are girls from my era. Please send them the next newsletter as I have sent them June and August. In fact when you get time please send me the July Newsletter as I did not find that one to send. Might want to ask them to write a short bio as I'm sure many would not know them. Thanks a bunch. Gail"

Jane Fortenberry jbaesman@bellsouth.net

Gail Giordano: gprzeclg@gmail.net

Gail Sontgerath & Bill Whitney	62-67	Response Gymnastics Bloopers sent
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{ My comment on sending the email was,
"So you wish you were back in the gym, right?"

Have seen bars break and bars fall...Right Carmine & Joe??.....Gail's response: "Brought me back to old days – imagine what kind of bloopers happen now with all the difficulty –hopefully they don't have faulty equipment. Our first Uneven/parallel bars and beam were home made by the Rec dept as were probably everyone else's at that time. Didn't work out in a gym till the day of a meet. That edge on the side of the beam really hurt when you missed a stunt....never knew what you missed because you never had it. Take care.....Gail"

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Report to Web-Site Team
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"Web site team - Some very interesting site statistics for September; 3911 pages have been visited, that is 50% more than the previous high month for the year and we still have a third of the month to go. 29,502 hits on those pages, that is 50% more than the previous high month for the year but is at least double most month's totals.

The greatest increases were these past two weekends; The 13th with Gerald Ensley's article in the Tallahassee Democrat and the on Doak Campbell stadium presentation ceremony, 548 pages, 3,202 hits on those pages.

The 20th, I published the new page and sent the mailing list an e-mail late on the 19th, 1062 pages and 7,662 hits and note that we still have most of today to go. Mike"

Benny & Carolyn Wallace	51-55	South Dakota Vacation
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"South Dakota photos We spent a couple of weeks driving through Colorado and South Dakota. Here are a few of the photos we took.

The bear and elk shots were pretty lucky. It was early morning and the road was deserted. The bear just sat there as I slowly rolled to a stop and eased out my camera. Neither he nor the elk seemed inclined to move! It was in a large sort of game preserve so they were apparently used to people. A group of wild burros blocked the road and came up and licked the windows. I suspect people were feeding them. BCW+1" {Terrific shots especially Benny posing for the sculptor in front of the great ones, T. Roosevelt, carved out of the mountain....jmm}

Mike Mann & Fran Millians	57-67	Miss Gymkana Court
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"I decided on taking a look at the Bacchanal program. As I was paging past the Miss Gymkana court I thought I saw a familiar face in the front row. Checking it out I found it was not someone that I knew.

However, in the process I did spot a familiar name and then a familiar but much younger face of Beth Switzer. She is a combination local PBS, radio and TV personality and news woman. Does interviews with university and/or state officials almost every week. Married quite late but now has a young daughter that has been assisting her in covering the WFSU-FM pledge breaks the last couple of times. Mike”

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Email to Barbara Re. Woman's Team

“Barbara, The last page of the 1971 Gymkana Program, (Bacchanal) has a summary of near the last of the Women's team that was coached by Gail. There was also a Hartley Price Award for the most valuable team member from 1963 through probably 1970 or 71. Perhaps some of this could be added to the early history of Women's teams at FSU Bill Beavers”

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | Gene Rabbitt's passing away

“Always a sad note to have one of our team members pass. Gene Rabbitt was such an outstanding Pommel Horse man, not too many surpassed his ability, maybe Bill Roetzheim for one.

Regressing many years when we all became acquainted with Gene, was back in the forties when we (Signorelli, Regna's, Koslow, Holder) we competing against Gene in the Jersey City High School system. It was almost ten year later when Gene arrived at FSU as a grad student. What a great addition to our Championship team. For one, I was coached by Gene (we needed one) along with the rest of the team which improved our scores immensely.

Gene not only was one of our nation's outstanding pommel horse workers, coached us as well with the Indian Club event and was a true gentleman of our great sport. Needless to say we will miss him.

One amusing anecdote, sometime in the mid fifties, Connie and I we heading back to Jersey with my Mom Mae, in our old '49 Chevy (no air) Gene wanted to hop a ride. Gladly he accepted our invite, what he didn't know that we hadn't the money to stop at a Motel, it was a non stop except for gas (27cents a gal). The heat passing through Georgia was unbearable. He did not ride back to Tally. Don”

Dave & Judy Carmolli | 57-59? | Change of Address

“Hi Jack, Sew Special Embroidery has a new address. We are now located on the Lakeshore Mall perimeter road.

That Address is: Sew Special Embroidery 933 Mall Ring Road Sebring, FL 33872 863.385.1449”

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Searching for all Gymkana Court Members, performers and staff

“Barbara and Jack, Wanted to send this before this weekend, perhaps we can discuss. There are roughly 205 names of Gymkana court members (C), production staff (Pd) and non-gymnast performers in the show (Pf) with the year they first appeared in a Gymkana program preceding their designation. I have also included the letter I have roughed out, but not the brochure. I will make some copies of that before I come down. Total new finds come to around 270 participants. Perhaps some of them have money and fond memories!

Jack,
40 + new gymnasts listed by year of graduation and denoted by (G) beginning on p.6. These along with the 25 or so other new "finds" make roughly 65 former team members we have found. Many do not have e-mails, and I have not taken the time to call any of them as yet. I sent you the whole list, as I did not know how to divide out one group from the other.

Look forward to seeing you both this weekend. “bill {The list that Bill has compiled would blow your mind. It is AWESOME...jmm}

Bill & Carol Beavers | 57-61/69-70 | Mary Jane Martin - Vegue

“Jack,, Some of the team members who were PE or Rec. majors from 1954 on, may remember Mary Jayne Martin-Vegue. She passed away recently according the the FSU Times. Her husband, George taught in the FSU Dept of History. She was very kind to me when I was a starving student and offered me odd jobs around her home which helped me exist for a few semesters. I discovered this when I read the Times after returning from Tallahassee after the half-time event. The odd thing was that I met someone in the parking lot before the game who had known her and Grace Fox and we talked fondly of both of them. ..bill”

Jack Miles & Nancy Dye | 50-58 | They don't fall far from the tree

“With so much valuable information to include in this Newsletter you I spared you my jokes and tid-

bits...nonetheless, I wanted t tell you a true story (Some have heard it at Barbara's party) I, the wise and all knowing, father had just finished telling my son Chad.... the challenges that he should expect if ever he married.... I mumbld that if I was ever single again and it looked like I might remarry he had my permission to shoot me.

As I was also telling him that he could have his first date at thirty-five. And while I was dressing my pants zipper got caught in some pants material and I couldn't close the dam zipper. So, I picked up a paring knife nearby, and turning my back to Chad, I started sawing the thread free. Chad, not able to see what I was doing exactly, exclaimed, “Don't do it Dad, Don't do it.”.....that's my boy