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**Benny & Carolyn Wallace | 51-55 | Sans & Suds**

“Thanks for forwarding the 13th edition of the Newsletter I was missing. By the way, I read with glee in the latest issue about the hallway lockout. We couldn't have been in Chicago when we locked you out; I never visited Chicago until after I retired. It had to have been Syracuse, NY or Champlain, IL at the NCAA tournaments. Those were the only times that I made the national team. I do seem to remember that it was a group of Girl Scouts and their leader that got off the elevator -- I'm serious! I don't remember the wintergreen but remember that we were horsing around and running out into the hall and back through the two hall doors of the adjoining rooms and I -- and Holder, think -- each closed a door on you. But hell, it was too long ago. I'm sticking to the the Girl Scout version, however. BCW”

**Chick & Jennie Cicio | 54-59 | The Thespian Vs. The Singer – The battle rages**

“Hi Jack....Great newsletter. I'm jealous that I can't seem to get to these reunions. I would love to see and talk old times with my fellow gymnasts and friends. Will be closing "Annie Get Your Gun" this weekend. I felt I didn't have time to get everything done to get to the reunion. Will plan early for the next one. I think I'm about ready to drop out of my theatre group (11+ years) I'm sort of getting tired of the constant rat race of preparing for each show (32). Jennie wants me to drop out and just sing with my other group, The South Florida Sunshine Chordsman....a barber shop group I got involved with....Just love to sing I guess. Ya'll have a great and safe reunion. Ciao & God Bless....Chick & Jennie” {Give this guy a stage and a mic and you'll never stop him....jmm}

**Mike Mann & Fran Millian | 57-67 | Re. email to Jim Fadigan**

“The Tallahassee Democrat printed a special section today to begin the upcoming week of activities commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Tallahassee Bus boycott. There were several full page reprints of Democrat front pages from the time. In scanning one of these a minor headline caught my eye "FSU to graduate 685 today." It is almost impossible to believe the number of graduates was ever that low. I also recall that my first semester, the fall of 1957, the cost for the term was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75. Do not forget Bill Schuessler that opened Bill's Bookstore in 1951. When I couldn't pay for the books, Bill would let me have them on credit (without interest), at times it took me a full year to get him paid off and then I wouldn't be able to afford the books for that term and he would extend credit again. I have often said that Bill carried me longer and more times than my mother did. I was not the only one, I knew several others that he did this for. When he passed away a few years ago I sent a card to his family that had my personal note "As one of the many that Bill helped to earn their degrees." ..Mike

**Jim & Arlene Fadigan | 52-56/58-62 | ?????? | Jim's response**

“I visited Bill's book store just after he died and met his daughter and her husband. We chatted for over an hour about all of the stories where her dad helped students, including me. One story you must hear is when someone managed to steal an expensive (in those days) book from me that also contained four expensive tickets to a ballet that were given to me by Nellie Bond Dickenson, then head of the Dance Dept. Bill helped me track down who sold the book to him and it turns out that he had done this with others. Ironically, I was teaching a Psych. Lab, and important class for Psych. Majors, and he was one of my students. He was confronted by both Bill and I at a meeting at Bill's book store. Neither Bill nor I wanted to get him expelled but did work at converting him. We were later friends in NY and I was the best man at his wedding. Bill was such a positive influence on so many. ....Jim “

**Jim & Arlene Fadigan | 52-56/58-62 | Rec: Communication between Jim and Charlie**

“I'll see to it you get the pics. We intend to do a pictorial of the event. Most will look like survivors of WWII and a couple from WWI. But then there are the few of us that just keep chasing youth. Trouble is, if we ever catch up to it we won't know what to do with it. Actually, all really looked great except for Joe Greene who gained weight due to grieving over his previous loss of weight but he kept us laughing in spite of his threatening size.”

**Raphael & Diana Lecuona | 52-56 | Lecuona's meet Laredo**

“Coño! Just finished reading the whole, damned wonderful Newsletter...you know, it takes time to read the whole thing on a 17" screen...yeah, I could print it out, but did not this time....I am involved in the packing a lot of our junk to move back to Laredo...Houston is for the birds...and there are many around...the dy don't bother me, of course, in fact, they are about the only thing I can quietly enjoy every day in the morning or before the sun goes down...the rest: too many people everywhere...traffic is horrific...don't dare to drive at night...and, frankly...we feel "out of our environment" culturally wise here...so, back to the south, next to the Rio Bravo (as the Mexicans call it; or Rio Grande as called by the "gringo.") Incidentally, the killing fields you might have read about down the border is located right across the Rio Grande in Nuevo Laredo...Laredo, of course is on this side...well, after a few months in Houston, I realized that there are more killings, assaults, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, and the like than in Nuevo Laredo (from across the river) and certainly much more than in Laredo (on this side of the river)...furthermore, the killing takes place mainly among or between the drug Lords....the non drug-involved bystander might get hurt from time to time...but in Houston the

drug situation, bad as it is, does not make the crime statistics as obvious as it does south of the border...Well, frankly, I got carried away with the note that I started to make about congratulating you for another wonderful Newsletter...see you in Tally...I would like to know more about your taking care of those single-rich-businesswomen of yours...do you need an administrative assistant? Love Rafles”

**Dr. Frankie Hall | Re: email via Alice ( Englert) Zimmerman Carrie’s Mother**

**From Alice:**“Carrie is busy !!! For any who haven’t heard she was on the Royal Caribbean (largest cruise ship in world) for two days as it was in harbor in NYC (opening nights) because she was working with Magic Johnson’s head guy to set up press conference for him on one of his new projects **From Dr. Frankie Hall Re. Democrat Article ZIMMERMAN NAMED LARGEST FIRM:**”Tallahassee’s Zimmerman Agency has been named the largest public relations firm in Florida, according to recent rankings by two leading industry news sources, *PRWeek* and O’Dwyer’s. Zimmerman reported audited net fees in 2005 that were more than \$1 million than its closest competitor. Zimmerman also ranked in the Top 5 in the United States for public relations units of integrated marketing firms. Zimmerman’s national clients include CitiBusiness Credit Cards, Interstate Hotels & Resorts and the British Virgin Islands. The agency also represents the Tallahassee Tourist Development Council”

**Jimmy & Sanjuanita Janie Hanks | 52-56 | Re: Picture I sent him I titled “The Three Stooges”**

“Well...I’ll be damn! Thanks’ Jack. What wonderful surprise. Where were we (New York?) and is that Rafael? I know you of course, but that good looking third guy, I’ve never seen before and he looks shifty to me. { Talking about himself of course...jmm } I don’t know about you but I was so innocent back then - in awe of everything. That was the first and last train ride I ever took....Jim”

**My response**

“Some one slipped the great little picture to me at the reunion don’t remember who. The picture was wallet size. I blew it up. Gads! I was so handsome and as dumb as dishwater. It looks like NY or Washington Station. I don’t know. You are correct, the third guy was as slippery as an eel - that smiling young “whipper-snapper by crackie”. That is Jamile Ashmore with us. Spent my life in/on/around trains - a Yankee kid - but absolutely clueless about life. If I took all the mistakes out of my life I wouldn’t have enough material for one page in a life story. Nonetheless, we had a ton of laughs. Damn, they were good years”

**His response**

“They sure were great years and we were so involved with it, we didn’t realize how good they actually were....Thanks again. It sure made my day. { Deleted compliment here...jmm } { Change of mind...he said “I was special”, blush, blush....jmm }”

**Jimmy & Sanjuanita Janie Hanks | 52-56 | One of his best jokes**

“I understand a British company is developing new computer chips that stores music in women’s breast implants. This could be a major breakthrough because Women are always complaining about men staring at their breasts and not listening to them. TEE HEE!!!!...Jim”

{ There he goes with that “Tee Hee” bit again. What with Larry Bestmann pointing his finger into his facial cheek dimple, twisting it like Shirley Temple, and saying “Wennie, Wennie, Wennie”. maybe these two should meet in a sort of a “Brokeback” Gym....jmm }

**Rick & Evelyn Miller | 55? |**

{ I learned from Rick Miller, her former husband, that Eleanor McDaniels did succumb to Breast Cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her...jmm }

**Jack Miles | 50-58 | I’ll never forget**

I visited FSU one week-end after being way for several years. I called the registrar’s office to try to find Bill Beavers who was still a student. I was told that he was in class at that time. I got the location of the class and drove over to the building. Then I boldly, with faked authority, walked into the class, a folded note in hand, and informed the instructor that, “I had an important message for a Bill Beavers”. The instructor dutifully pointed out Bill. Who by this time had all but disappeared as he slunk down in his chair. I delivered the note without a smile and marched out of the classroom. The note asked, “How’s your ole Wazzoo?”. I waited outside nearby and Bill greeted me with, “You crazy S.O.B”. and we hugged a greeting.” .....good times and I’m still laughing.

**Jim & Arlene Fadigan | 52-56/58-62 | Excerpts from email sent by Jim Fadigan**

“Well, the gymnasts get it done training’ and cooperation really showed it’s delightful head. Thanks to all for the enthusiasm, cooperation, help and stories you brought to the reunion. It made for so much easy flowing and natural enjoyment. You know, we really are a special group of crazies. “Here is the first CD of pictures from the reunion sent by Mike Mann. { Came as an attachment...jmm } This is the first of many we expect to receive from all of you. Mike has volunteered to accumulate the photos from all of us and create a reunion album. Each of us will get a CD containing the final product. This will allow each of us to access and view the photos as a slide show via a free photo program he will also send to all of us. This free program will allow everyone to easily view all of the pictures from the reunion and alter the photo presentation as they so desire. It will also allow us to create a slide show presentation that can run continuously on a computer throughout next reunion weekend. So send your reunion material to: [www.mikem@townbeacon.com](mailto:www.mikem@townbeacon.com)”

**Bill & Carole Beavers | 57-58/60-61 | Re. Alligator attacks in Florida – one in my neighborhood**

“Hey, what’s going on down there a reptile dysfunction?...bb” { Bill loves to quote “Moaners”. This was one of the better ones...jmm }

## Reunion Attendees (33)

Barbara <i>Sheehan</i> Withers	54-62
Beverly <i>Cude</i> Beaton	55-59
Bill & Carole Beavers	57-58/60-61
Bruce & Rita Davis	Coach
Claire <i>Essig</i> & Dick Traynor	59-62
Don & Connie Holder	51-57
Don & Patsy Rapp	53-55/58-60
Frank & Francis Dennard	64-66 TTT(50')
Gail <i>Sontgerath</i> & Bill Whitney	62-67
Jack & Chad Miles	50-58
Jamile & Barbara Ashmore	
Jay Schwarzman	51-55
Jim & Arlene Fadigan	52-56/58-62
Joe Green	
Joe Gusic	52-57
Joe Taylor	53-60/67-68
Larry Bestmann	55-58
Mike Mann	57-67
Mimi (Barbara's friend)	
Pierce Withers (Barbara's son)	
Raphael Lecuona	52-56
Rick & Evelyn Miller	55?

### **Benny & Carolyn Wallace** | 51-55 | **Re: The Reunion**

"Don sent me some photos and notes to identify people. Good thing he did. I thought you were him {I am the better looking twin...jmm} and had no clue who Joe Taylor, and Fadigan were! The last time that I saw you, or anyone else, was 24 years ago on the 4th of July weekend when I met you at MIA on my way to Tallahassee! Cheers, Benny"

{It is really a wonderful and interesting phenomena, Benny, that when you see one of these guys and gals after so many years there is much confusion at first, like ...Who to hell is this?. It is an adjustment - after you get up off the floor or look at yourself in the mirror. Within just a few seconds, after seeing their manner, way of speaking, moving, etc. you are immediately snapped back into seeing the person you knew so well in the past. Especially the eyes...the eyes have it. The real shocker is seeing the after reunion pictures and for the life of me I know we didn't look that old in person. The best part of the reunion is that each person remembers something or event from the past that you might have forgotten - or remembers details that fascinate you. Like "I'll be damned I had forgotten all about that". Or, "They are wrong that wasn't me. That was Bollinger, Benny, or Bestmann that did that insane thing".....jmm}

### **Charlie Christians** | 55-57 | **Re: Response to Reunion Slide Show from Mike Mann**

"Hey Mike, I've viewed most of your slide show of the '06 gymnastic member reunion and I will eventually view them all. Thanks so much for your contribution. Sorry I was not fortunate to meet you and was not able to attend the reunion but I have heard so many nice things about you from Jack Miles. The pics bring back so many fond memories of good times of our youth. They were all very special to me while at FSU! From what I have learned from Jack's newsletter, NO member of a FSU gymnastic team has failed to make an outstanding contribution and were all so successful in their careers. Thanks also for the names on the pics, we do change a bit, huh?"

### **Mike Mann & Fran Millian** | 57-67 | **Reply to Charlie Christian**

"Hey Charlie - I do believe we have met, but you don't remember because I was just a roommate to, probably, Bill. Bill and I were both motorcycle riders in high school and Jack was always saying he was a little afraid of them. We, but mostly Bill, kept telling them there was nothing to worry about as long as you "were careful sensible when riding them." One year, I believe, you showed up at the gym with a new bike. Bill asked for you to let him have a ride, you agreed, and he popped a "wheelie" for about a half a block. I thought you and Jack both were going to have a heart attack. It just looked "careful and sensible" to me....Mike" {Mike later found out it was Bob Christians he met not Charlie Christian....jmm}

### **Bill & Carole Beavers** | 57-58/60-61 | **After the Reunion**

"Jack; Really enjoyed meeting Chad. Great Guy! If he is ever in a tennis tournament in Atlanta, You both have a place to stay. Only rules; no peeing in the yard, and don't sacrifice any goats in the back. The photos of you and Chad and the Kayak trip I realize are low resolution. Can send one or two at a time if you want copies, or can send you a CD with the original pixel resolution." {How did he find out about the goats?.....Coincidentally, my neighborhood is primarily Jamaican and about a year ago I had to call the city because there was a goat's head floating in the canal behind my house. Evidently, the natives were restless but I never heard the drums or saw any women chanting with hands waving in the air.... Welcome to America Folks....jmm.....} {Mike Mann loaned his kayaks to Chad and me and we paddled with Bill & Carole up and down the Wakulla River. Gosh, that clear water is beautiful....jmm}

### **Gail Sontgerath & Bob Whitney** | 62-67 | **Pete Everett**

[ I Asked...this was her reply...jmm]"I Stayed and taught 2 years after graduation at FSU in the Physical Education Department under Dr. Miller.....I don't know if anyone remembers Pete Everett (he was Head of PE Department after Dr. Miller). He passed away March 22, 2006. He was 81. Maybe some remembered him. Best Regards, Gail"

**Jack Miles | 50-58 | Subscription and CSI**

Thank you for the two "Subscriptions" I received at the reunion. It is greatly appreciated.....Another amazing story. Students, from my son Chad's, St. Thomas Aquinas, School were attending a summer elective class called CSI (Crime Scene Investigation). They were conducting a CSI field test in Ft. Lauderdale's Holiday Park - where a crime scene was set up prior to the kids' arrival....complete with a cardboard skeleton. And, what are the odds that they would discover an actual dead man? They at first thought it was part of the fake crime scene. When the smell and reality set in.....911 was called ..... The kids received counseling and a day they will remember forever. ....The dead man was found to be a young vagrant who died of natural causes.

**Joe Taylor | 53-60/67-68 | Resume of past 53 decades**

"Attended FSU from 1/53 to 8/57 then stayed around and competed for Gymkana until early 1960's. Came back and got my Masters during 67-68. Worked for State Vocational Rehabilitation for 42 years (9/57-9/99) in Tally. Lived in Tally from 1/53 to 5/77 then moved to Monticello and been here since. {I have been asking Joe for his resume and if you know unassuming Joe..... I was lucky to get this, Oh, Yes, along the way he married his loving wife Dottie....jmm}

Chick & Jennie Cicio	55 years, 56 in April, 06
Don & Connie Holder	55 years, 56 in August, 06
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	52 years, 53 in May, 06
Carmine & Daneen Regna	51 years,
Jim & Marlene Jackson	50 years, 51 in July, 06
Don & Patsy Rapp	50 years, 51 in November 06
Sam & Topsy Bailie	49 years, 50 in June 06
Jon & Boots Culbertson	48 years, 49 in June, 06
Jay & Ellie Schwarzman	48 years, 49 in September
Jack & Almira Sharp	47 years
Beverley & Bill Beaton	45 years
Claire & Dick Traynor	44 years, 45 in February 07
Lennart & Karsthin Malmlin	43 years, 44 in May, 06
Bill & Carole Beavers	37 years (for good behavior)
Dick & Susie Gutting	37 years, 38 in June, 06
Wayne & Heather Thompson	36 years
Derek & Nancy Lawler	35 years
Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	34 years
Jimmy & Janie Hanks	27 years
Fernando & Linda Lecuona	18 years

**Harmer & Magdalena Maggie Weichel | 48-53/59-61 | Re: Warning about using plastic in Microwave & plastic bottles in freezer**

"Jack, thanks for the cancer news. I had colon cancer twice '85 and '87. Everyone should get a colonoscopy after age 50 or so. I was hiking, running and could still do giants on the bar so I was in good shape. But I noticed blood in stools and a doctor ran a tube in me and said, "uh -o' any how I'm missing 4' of intestines so I'm not as full of poop as used to be. I've had so many colonoscopies that I automatically bend over when I see a Dr. A rubber glove makes me sweat. I'm OK now but to old for the bar and I'm walking instead of running due to a sore knee ligament. I've made friends with all the dogs in our neighbor hood so I'm safe. Last year I got a physical from a gorgeous P. A. Female. She said, "Strip to your shorts." I swallowed and did. She said, "Now drop your shorts." I did. She said, "cough", I did and said," be careful I don't need Viagra and we may have a reaction.".. laughter,.. "I've got 4 teenage sons and have seen it all." then she pulled on a glove and said bend over. There is nothing more emasculating then having your prostate checked by a fine looking woman and there is nothing more embarrassing than getting an erection when being examined by a male Dr. It happened to me one time. Thanks for the addresses. Peace,.....Harmer"

**P.S. #1** {Welcome Frank and Francis Dennard to our recipients group. A former TTT Instructor, and FSU gymnast. He promised a resume soon and a video of the reunion. I wonder how many of you were TTT coaches? It would be interesting to find out....jmm}

**P.S. #2**

{Did anyone tell you about the fabulous food the chef teams prepared at the reunion: Mexican, Italian, Red-neck, Spanish, Sea-food, Pastries, Pancakes, Cookies, etc. etc.? More in next Newsletter....jmm}

**P.S. #3**

{Benny said he didn't recognize me in the photos...Hell, I didn't even recognize me in the morror.....I'm still on De Nile....jmm}

**P.S. #4**

{My daughter, Sandy, and family with Chad and I visited Barbara the following week. The mosquitoes were out in full force. The sea breezes kept them away at the reunion. We at the reunion were very fortunate.....jmm}