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Second, third etc. entry..... = Twenty-two (22) words per line, Eleven (11

“Once teammates, always teammates” by Charlie Christian.
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Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | Email to Mike on the Scott Stanton trophy quest “Mike, I just found the Scott Stanton Trophy picture. Now we should have three pics of lost awards; This pic if you note resembles the pose of Scotty. I believe Jack and I picked out the trophy based on this pic. The others are the one of us in front of Montgomery Gym holding the team trophy and Connie's pic accepting the Team Drill trophy in Chicago. You can also note the ribbon award Connie also received that you have in the web site noting first place. Don”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | Increasing Tumbling Tots materials in Web-site “I sent this out yesterday to the current director/coach of the Tallahassee Tumbling Tots. She personally had no problem giving me access to everything they had but wanted something in writing so she could bounce it off her bosses at City Hall. Hopefully I will have a reply when we return from Storytelling. Mike”

To: Katie Johnston Subject: Request for access and use of materials

“My name is Mike Mann and I am the Webmaster for the fsugymnastic.org web site (<http://fsugymnastics.org/>). This web site evolved from discussions with some of the FSU gymnasts from the 1950's and 1960's at our recent reunion at Alligator Point.

The site is devoted to commemorating the accomplishments of the FSU gymnastic teams, the Gymkana Show Troupe and the Tallahassee Tumbling Tots. At present the Tot's material is divided into decades from 1950 through 1990. Since various team members had at times also coached the Tots in the early days, they supplied a good deal of material from the fifties and sixties. In addition to former FSU gymnast/coaches, former Tots Claire Essig Traynor, Frank Dennard and Brent Pichard have supplied photos or helped with identifying people in the photographs. We even have the Tot's film that Dr. Hartley Price took to India with him (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Photos/TTT-Video/TTT-Video.htm>) and we also have a video of an appearance on the Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour by former coach Bob May and Tot's Frank Dennard and LuLu Dann (<http://fsugymnastics.org/Photos/Ted%20Mack/Ted%20Mack.htm>).

We have no materials or information for the later Tot's years which is the reason for my request. I would like to have access to your archival Tot's materials, which would be used to complete the Tot's history for the later 1960's and for the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's on the web site. It might at times be necessary for me to remove items from your location so that they could scanned or otherwise converted to digital formats for use on the web site. Any such materials will be treated with the greatest care and returned to your location as soon as possible.”

Response from Katy

“Mr. Mann, I have gotten permission from TPRD for you to use pictures from TGC. Please call 891-3960 any day after 1 p.m. and ask for Judy Kuhnle or myself, so that we can set up a time for you to come by and look at what we have. We have a big meet coming up next week-end here at the gym on the 14th & 15th, therefore it would be better for us to meet with you and get the materials out after then. You are welcome to come before then to visit or to our gymnastics meet if you would like. We are excited about the web-site and we look forward to working with you! Thanks, **Katy Johnston** Supervisor Trousdell Gymnastics Center 326 John Knox Rd. (850-891-3977) Tallahassee FL 32303” {Katy is such a cutie...jmm}

Jack Miles | 50-58 | Florida State Times Article “In November or 2004 I sent an article I had worked on for over a year about our reunions and sent it to: The Florida State Times, The Alumni Association, The Varsity Club, the USGA, The Tallahassee Democrat and most of you. As you remember it outlined your successes in Gymnastics and in your lives. The only response I received then was from Barry Adams, President of the Alumni Association. He responded, “I found the story compelling and one that we should all take pride in knowing. I have forwarded your materials to our associate VP for FSU communications and asked him to consider including something in the Florida State Times in early 2005.”.....Nothing.....I sent an email to the Varsity club representative and accused him of “stonewalling” us. When he reacted. I told Mike Mann that I was too pissed to deal with them. Mike and I mutually agreed that since Mike is “local” maybe he can put a fire under their seats. Then Jamile Ashmore said if we could send a shorter version he would push it through the proper channels at the USGA’s Gymnasts magazine. I shortened the article and wisely turned that over to Mike as well. Mike sent, called, met, and Jay pushed and it finally came out in the USGA’s magazine. That left the challenge of the Florida State Times for Mike and you read in the Newsletters how his progress was going. Well, it is now fall of 2006 and the shortened version of the article just came out in the Florida State Times. I am very proud of the article, and even prouder still of Mike’s tenacious efforts, Jay’s influence, Don & Connie Holder generous hosting Robert Perrone (who is a precious gift to us) in their home and thereby putting faces and facts on our group. It took us collectively one month shy of 2 years to get it done. It has been done. Where I had not succeeded the “Collective” wonderfully did. {Shades of Star War’s....jmm} See attachment

Matt Sullivan | **51 Volleyballer** | **Response to our Article in the Florida State Times** “Looking at the picture of the gymnasts brought back good memories. I started as a freshman in '51 and roomed with Dick Ireland...knew Jim Fadiganrode the horse that jumped at steel pier in NJ. Joe Gusic was in our social group called the FEDS...I was the low man on the volleyball team.....do you have any idea where Ireland might be today. I would love to e-mail him.....thanks you for your consideration.... Matt Sullivan (Work number) 1-800-828-3191, 6636 Pebble Beach, Lakewood Ranch, Fl. 34202”

Jan Eberly Anastasato | **51-** | **Response to our Article in the Florida State Times** “Jack: I wondered if you were at the same address. I pass your house often to and from work. I loved seeing all my old friends in the FSU newsletter, but you were the only one I recognized.” (That’s because I am still so handsome....and can still mimic a Don Holder nose.....jmm)... 2nd email following.... “I have two email addresses: jan_anastasato@yahoo.com or jan@mhabroward.org. The latter is also the MHA website which includes my program, 9Muses Art Center, Gallery & Frame Shop, a drop-in center for adults with behavioral diagnoses. We're at 7139 W. Oakland Park Blvd. in Lauderhill in Oakbrook Plaza I'll get back to you later with more info. Fondly, Jan” Would you add me to the mailing list, email or 2816 NE 27 Street, Ft. Lauderdale 33306? Thanks. All the best. Jan/Janice

Jack Miles | **50-58** | **My reply to Jan above** “Oh my God! We have found you - terrific - terrific - terrific. This is so great. Yes, I still live in my little house in Sunrise, Jamerica. I live here with my 14 year old son. Still putting it back together after Wilma. Your name has come up so many times at the reunions. Do you have an email address? If so, then I have a big surprise for you. I started sending out a free email letter a year ago to almost eighty of your friends. It was supposed to be a quarterly, but it became so popular it had gone out about every two weeks. If you have email, there have been 23 Newsletters already gone out and can be pulled up on <fsugymnastics.org>. If you don't have email I can send them to you in hard copy. The 24th Edition will be going out this week-end. I can also send to you a copy of our present email address list - which is growing by the week. The Newsletter is actually composed of some great emails sent to me by your friends, I cut and paste with comments from yours truly. I know you will freak out. So let me know what your email address is. I see that you sent this to me this evening, that's a good sign that you have an email address. You have made the article in the FSU Times all worth the effort. Please advise. Love, Jack}{ This girl/woman helped me organize the first reunion held here at Ft. Lauderdale Beach. She was a big part of Gymkana and the girls gymnastics. She lives about 15 minutes from me. Would you believe that? That's three responses so far – see next entry.jmm }

Howard “Beans” Stephens | **49-** | **Response to our Article in the Florida State Times** Jack, I read with interest, in the FSU Times, the reunion of the gymnasts. Please put me on the mailing or email list. How are you doing? I am fine, retired from teaching, but still teach one graduate course per semester. I am a professor emeritus and former Dean of the College of Education. Howard "Beans" Stephens 501-225-3128 (hgstephens@ualr.edu) {Here was another gymnasts message that made my heart leap. “Beans” was the first southerner I ever met. In spite of that I could actually understand what he was saying. The first night Jack Sharp and I arrived in Tallahassee. Howard “Beans” Stephens met us and let us sleep on the couches in his fraternity house. We became good friends sharing tons of good moments. Months later he invited us to his parent’s home on the way to Panama City beach. They had a small charming home on a river with a dock and wild pear trees. My ex was pregnant with son, David, and she had a craving for pears. She sat at the base of the that tree gorging herself on pears for what seemed like hours. I was a big city boy and that country house was as close to heaven as you could get. And the food was fantastic. I am now forever-more hooked on Southern Cooking..... I sent him a similar message as the one I sent to Jan Eberly Anastasado above. We should be reading more about him soon....jmm }

Jack Miles | **50-58** | **The unknown soldiers** {Several of you asked who the soldiers were in the last Newsletter. That was Don Holder on the left and Jim Fadigan on the right. They were both so handsome then that recognition has been difficult a half century later for these old eyes.....jmm }

Don & Connie Holder | **51-57** | **Email to Mike from Don from one of his former students Dr. Paula Welch** “Mike, This letter just received is from a student I had close to 50 yrs ago. Grad of FSU ('63) Dr. Welch received an award from FSU recently and is a member of the Olympic Committee for History. One of my lectures at the U of Miami introduced her to the Olympic theme. As you can see she pursued her dream. Just made contact after all these years. Also sending you her reply regarding Joel Padgett who is with the boosters. Would this be a good contact? Don”

“Dear Don, It was great to hear from you!!!! Thank you for the e-mail. When I was in Tallahassee for the award, I spoke to Joel Padgett of Seminole Boosters. I asked if the gymnastics team was included in the history display at the Moore Center and he said no. What do you think of my sending him the FSU web site? I will check it out. I was aware that FSU had great men’s gymnastics and volleyball teams. I was informed that when FSU went “big time Football” that these sports were dropped. I always thought it was too bad. Sandy Lee Joyce was my guest for the weekend of the award presentation. We had a great time reminiscing about Jackson High School and FSU. I have thought about your introduction to the Olympic Games and have always appreciated it. I wanted to thank you and I am glad I could do it at FSU. I am glad to know that you are staying in shape. I ran for over 25 years and entered a lot of 10Ks, however, I decided to switch to cycling about four years ago. No knee problems but thought riding a bicycle would be good. I ride about 10-12 miles nearly every day. And thank you again for introducing me to the Olympic Games----a research area that lasted (still doing a little) nearly an entire career! Stay in touch. Best wishes, Paula.”

{An added email of interest.....jmm } “Hello Don,

Here is a picture taken with Sue Semrau, the women’s basketball coach at FSU. The picture was taken at the brunch where I spoke and had the pleasure of thanking people who made a difference in my life. You certainly opened a wonderful research area for me.

I enjoyed every research project and most focused on the Olympic Games. I interviewed many Olympians including Eleanor Holm and the son of the first American woman Olympic champion, Margaret Abbott. Gold medals were not awarded in 1900 so Margaret Abbott is a champion. The first American woman gold medalist was Ethelda Bleibtrey, triple swimming gold medalist in the 1920 Amsterdam Games. Last week, a former student was in Gainesville and I arranged for him to meet with two classes (the two classes I will lecture in next week). He is living his dream as an Olympic bobsledder. He was the national high school decathlon champion and came to UF on a track scholarship. He was an alternate in 2002, competed in Torino, and hopes to make the 2010 team. All for now. It is good to hear from you. Paula”

Don & Connie Holder | 51-57 | **Response to Paula Welch’s email** | “Dear Paula, Don Holder here. I took the liberty to seek your e-mail through the new FSU directory, I hope I didn't overstep the boundary.

How nice to hear from you after all these years. I do remember you as a suburb athlete at Jackson. Sometimes the faces fade after teaching 1000 a year towards the end of my career, however, some of the Athletic ones always stand out, as in your case.

Nice to hear of your accomplishments Dr. and your nomination to the Olympic Committee, great credentials. Sarah Bennet has done so much for women's athletics. I believe I had the very first girls gymnastic team in Dade County, thanks to Sarah.

Nice to hear that I influenced you towards the Olympic Games. Being truthful, I don't remember the lecture, so it is a good feeling that along the way I hit some positive notes.

If you get a chance, check the web for www.fsugymnastics.org. Not sure whether you are aware of the status of Gymnastics at FSU while you were there. A lot of internal politics caused the sport to be dropped from NCAA & AAU competition. In fact most of the history and all of the trophies were dumped. (We're still searching for many National Trophies). For the last decade, all us old timers, guys and gals have been to reunions, recent ones in Tally. You can see them at the web site. We have a computer geek who with the help of us all, is in the process of reinstating the history, namely Mike Mann who lives in Crawfordville, Fl. Also helping is a man named Bob Perrone who was just assigned as historian for Athletics at FSU. We did have several Olympians at FSU. He also is performing an outstanding effort to place Gymnastics back to a somewhat status where it belongs. Hopefully, with all our input and the expertise from Bob and Mike we will achieve our goal.

I just turned 78, my wife Connie is 75 also a former National Champion in Gymnastics. Have three sons, Tim, Terry and Patrick. Still doing my pull ups and weights and maintaining same weight 150lbs. Something's have shifted despite the training.

Hope I haven't bored you with this lengthy letter. If I can help in any way, please inform me. Sincerely, Don Holder”

Paula Welch | | **Reply to Paula Welch’s email from Don, subject Joel Padgett** | “Dear Paula, Thanks for you response. Re: Sending Joel Padgett the FSU web site, I would think it would be helpful to our goal if Joel could influence others to include our sport into the history as well. Volleyball as you stated is in the same boat. They also should be included. Anything you think of would be greatly appreciated. Would you know if Joel is working with Bob Perrone, the historian for Athletics at FSU? Don”

Almira (Mrs. Jack) Sharp | 51-53/60-62 | **Newsletter brings back memories** | “Jack, receiving the newsletter is such a joy for me. It brings back such happy memories of our years at FSU and all they meant to Jack. Thank you so much. Love, peace and joy, Almira” {This from a later email from Almira...jmm} “The Amish's forgiveness is a lesson for us all. All of the funds they are receiving will be divided and some will go to the shooter's family. They are truly living Jesus' message.

Jack Miles | 50-58 | **To all you Newsletter recipients Re: The Statue** | “Hi: Keeping you updated I am attaching the e-mail's related to a proposed statue on the FSU campus.

We have loosely grouped ourselves into teams as those who have offered and helped as support team members:.

Corrections, deletions additions welcomed

A. The Reunion Team (Barbara Withers)

Barbara Withers, Don & Connie Holder, Jim & Arlene Fadigan, Pat Signorelli, Joe Gusic, Beverly Beaton, Claire *Essig* Traynor, Bill & Carole Beavers. Frank & Francis Dennard, Larry Bestmann, Mike Mann

B. The Web-site Team (Mike Mann)

Mike Mann, Don & Connie Holder, Bill & Carole Beavers, Frank & Francis Dennard, Larry Bestmann, Jack Miles

C. The Statue Team

Ed Jonas, Barbara Withers, Raphael Lecuona, Don & Connie Holder, Jim & Arlene Fadigan, Beverly Beaton, Mike Mann, Jack Miles,

To help in communications I have these people grouped in my computer. **Anyone is very welcomed to join any or all of the teams, no one rejected.**

Who should be the designated main contact person? Who did I miss? Please advise. Love, Jack”

Jon & Boots Culbertson | 64-66 | **Their new home shown on a separate email** | “Jack: I will use you as an intercedent and request that you get Bailie to contact me and give me his new address and/or email. { I sent him an updated email list...jmm} We have lost contact; and have not communicated since the "roast" for Charlie Pond right before he died (2003?). I can't keep track of the years. They just roll by with a more rapid pace.

Boots and I have finally become grandparents with the arrival of our daughters' twin girls last August. Also, we have moved into our new house last February which same daughter designed and should receive an architectural award. People stop and look all the time. Attached is a pic. Jon” {When you have twin grandchildren, do you become Grandmama and Grandpapa?.....jmm}

Jim & Arlene Fadigan | 52-56/58-62 | **A tribute to Don & Connie Holder** “Don & Connie: The two of you are about the closest and most influential friends I have met in my life. Why, I can't explain, but I feel we both know. All of our wandering and exploring is really about trying to answer the big question of what the hell is it all about. One of my best points of reference during my crazy life has been Don & Connie. Basic, so reliable, and the foundation I needed to keep exploring and trying to find my way and, hopefully, make some kind of a contribution to what I have been unable to explain - even to myself. Love & thanks, Jim”

Mike Mann & Fran Millians | 57-67 | **Another Newsletter solicitation.** “Jack - The 1958-1963 Tally Ho's that I picked up from Bill and Carol have proven to be an excellent source of old photographs. In particular, for a number of people that I didn't have pictures to put on their personal pages. I sent Don Rapp a copy of one out of the 1959 Talley Ho of him and Jim Fadigan doing some "take away/over" juggling. Don and Patsy have offered me the use of their Annuals from the mid fifties. If we could get them from 1948 or 49 up to the mid fifties and then from 1964 through 1970 it would be really helpful. If anyone has those and can send them to me then I will take good care of them and return them as soon as I have scanned any useful images. Mike”

Chick & Jennie Cicio	56 years, 57 in April, 07
Don & Connie Holder	56 years, 57 in August, 07
Benny & Carolyn Wallace	53 years, 54 in May, 07
Carmine & Daneen Regna	51 years,
Jim & Marlene Jackson	50 years, 51 in July, 06
Don & Patsy Rapp	50 years, 51 in November 06
Sam & Tpsi Bailie	50 years, 51 in June 07
Jon & Boots Culbertson	49 years, 50 in June 07
Jay & Ellie Schwarzman	48 years, 49 in September
Jack & Almira Sharp	47 years of marriage
Lennart & Karsthin Malmelin	47 years of marriage
Beverley & Bill Beaton	45 years
Claire <i>Essig</i> & Dick Traynor	44 years of marriage
Nancy <i>Lamb</i> & Bob Durocher	42 years, 43 in Dec. 06
Bill & Carole Beavers	39 years, 40 in July, 07
Dick & Susie Gutting	38 years, 39 in June, 07
Wayne & Heather Thompson	36 years, 37 in January 07
Derek & Nancy Lawler	35 years
Harmer & Magdalena Weichel	34 years
Jimmy & Janie Hanks	27 years, 28 in November 06

Jim & Marlene Jackson | 55-58 | **Email address change** “Hello everyone! Jim and I have DSL! We are riding in the fast lane! And because of this we are changing our email address. Our new address is jumpingjacks@bellsouth.net. So, use this new email address from this time forth. Please update your contact lists. Have a wonderful weekend! Love, Jim & Marlene” {Welcome to the 21st century, you guys.....jmm} {Email today....jmm} “ Jack, Jim asked me if I had notified you and Mike Mann etc. about change of email address. I said well Aladdin our computer wizard said he forwarded address book of mine. Anyway I looked at a print out and that address is vs daddio@ yahoo etc. probably that is for newsletter. Vicki gave us an extra IBM computer from her L.A. apt. which she said is better than Imac so Marlene is learning a new computer. Then to speed up and better my email experience have also changed address to same as yours bellsouth which makes sense if have that as phone also. We are doing fine. Jim busy with teaching gymnastics at 78. He just had his birthday. Love, Marlene {I know who daddio is. I will correct the list.....jmm}

Jack Miles | 50-58 | **Shorts in a bunch** “ Geez, please don't get your shorts in a bunch for cripes sake if you are the one who took such great offense in that It was stated that I was an Olympic TEAM member and not an Olympic SQUAD member. You see in 1956 there was a big to do about the selection of the members of the TEAM. So the powers that were decided to pick a SQUAD of nine members (Picture on the web-site) - from that squad they picked the final six TEAM members, with three alternates. One traveled with the team and two went home with instructions to stay in shape in case they had to fly one of us to Melbourne in case of an injury. (The two that stayed home were Joe Kotys and myself) Even though the traveling alternate was crippled and injured his University coach who was also the Olympic Team coach elected to not call Joe or myself as a replacement. – Interestingly, it wasn't long after that that the governing power then, the AAU, was bumped out and the USGF became the determining body in the gymnastics Olympic selection process. (Thank God). I wore out the Blazer they gave me, and kept the emblems (Displayed also in the FSU Website). A year or so later, I also received another emblem in the mail, “USA Olympian”. My whole story and resume can be reviewed in the <gymnasticshalloffame.org> web-site. (Which included input from several of the 1956 Team members). Also, corrections are being made on our <fsugymnastics.org>web-site. So as my inspirational hero, Bill Clinton, would say. “Let me be very clear”, I did not make the Olympic TEAM I made the Olympic SQUAD as an ALTERNATE and am in the USA Hall of Fame and received a “USA Olympian” emblem. Geeeezzzz....”The Revisionist Historian”. Jack”

"Note: I am still following my policy of not forwarding and emailing "stuff". The buck stops here. I receive an average of eighty plus hits a day. Please **DO NOT send anything political or religious** - Inspirational is good. Moaning and groaning about old age, and woe is us about the way it was in the good old days is depressing - Yuk! Your health and condition are of great interest to us. Humor and uplifting stories are wonderful. It has always been my goal to make the