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mile relay team in a special competition in Texas when I was a freshman in college."

Summarizing your Sporting Career: "It made high school much more enjoyable than it would otherwise have been. Athletics taught me self-discipline, being comfortable and having common goals as part of a team, dealing with a certain amount of pain and taking pleasure in what I was occasionally able to accomplish."

**Robert Gotwals, Chemistry Instructor**

Basic Description: "I



Gotwals is fourth from right in the bottom row.

played varsity ice hockey in high school, located outside of Philadelphia. I played wing and center, and was one of the smaller guys on the ice.

We practiced at an outdoor rink about 10 miles outside of town, usually very early in the morning or very late at night. Temperatures were typically in the low 20s during practice, pretty cold, especially when you got hit by a puck.

I also played men's league ice hockey while I was in the Navy, and I played men's league hockey in DC and in Raleigh until I was about 45."

Why Ice Hockey? "I learned how to skate on local ponds when they were frozen; we played a lot of pickup hockey. We played without gear, and I lost teeth from getting hit in the mouth with pucks. Because I was so small, being able to skate fast was an exercise in self-preservation. I could skate up to the bigger guys, smack them, and then take off."

Favorite memory: "I was a pretty average player, not great, but not terrible either. My favorite memory was scoring a hat trick (3-goals) at Wissahickon Hockey Camp in the summer of 1972. My dad, who was quite ill, was healthy enough to see that game, and he was very excited to see me with a hat trick!"

Summarizing your Sporting Career: "Ice hockey was great, because, as some have heard me say: 'It's not a sport unless you have a stick and can hit people with it....everything else is just a game.' Playing hockey was a great balance to everything else I was doing in high school (academics, chorus, orchestra, drama stuff, and working)."

**Sue Anne Lewis, Student Life Instructor**

Basic Description: "I was actually recruited to play softball in college and chose

to attend Meredith College. During the fall of my freshman year, I decided to try out for volleyball and made the team without having spoken to the coach. Even though I was recruited for softball, I never played a single day because I was coming off of having mono, and when I did try out, I broke my foot sliding into 3rd base on the last day. I kept score that year, but didn't feel the connection that I did on the volleyball team, and played spring volleyball for the next three years instead of softball."

Accomplishments: "My junior year at Meredith the NCAA introduced the libero position into division III college volleyball to test how it would work before introducing it into D1 or high schools. I was the first libero ever to play for Meredith. I was

a tri-captain for my junior and senior years. I played in every game all four years, and started every game my sophomore, junior, and senior years."

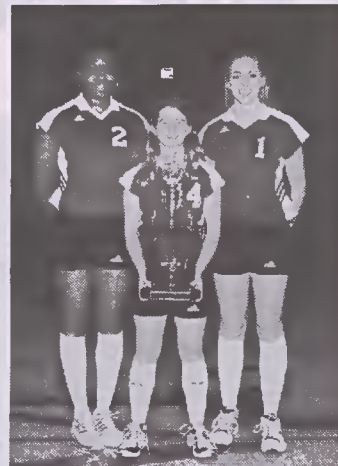
Favorite memory: "Walking into the interest meeting for volleyball, I was a super introverted freshman who knew no one. I walked in, found the volleyball group, and saw a woman who I thought was likely the coach - she had that feel. She asked if I was there for volleyball, and I replied in my quiet voice,

"Yes ma'am". She laughed and said that she wasn't the coach and pointed the actual coach out to me. Talk about being embarrassed on your first day! It was a junior, Kelley Davidson, who later became one of my best friends and the player on the court I played back row for before the libero position began. She gave me the nickname, 'Lil Bit,' and that's what everyone on the team called me for 4 years, and still to this day!"

Summarizing your Sporting Career: "Being a member of a college sports team was definitely one of the top three highlights of my time at Meredith College. At Meredith, being a Division III school, it didn't have the rigor of D1 schools, but you played more for the love of the sport. If it weren't for volleyball and having that family to depend on during my freshman year, I'm not sure if this small town girl would have survived. We had some of the best times on and off the court during my 4 years and I made lifelong friends."

**Juan Scivally, NCSSM Fine Arts Instructor**

Basic Description: "I played every sport ever imagined. I played tennis, basketball, football, and track and field. Football, I was a running back. In basketball, I was a center. I wasn't really the tallest, but I could jump the highest. I hated it, because I grew up as a point guard. In track, my goal was to be a decathlete, so I did all the events that would be the decathlon. I ran the mile, did the 880, long jump, shot put, discus."



Lewis is in the center.

Best dunk: "There was this freshman (this was my senior year I think) and we used to all meet down in this park (Robertson Park in Raleigh). And he didn't know who I was, and it was the first time on the court, and I just took it down and dunked it right in his face. And then I just left."

Crazy dunks: "Funny story, when I got to college, I had some problems and I lost a ton of weight; it never occurred to me that was all the problem, I could lose ten pounds and do all the crazy dunks."

Favorite Memory: "I made it my mission to score 30 points every game and get 25 rebounds. The exact game after that I scored 25 points and had 10 rebounds, and so I thought that was a failure, so the next game I had 35 points, 25 rebounds. And then we went to Hillside and they triple teamed me."

Accomplishments: "My goal was to be all-conference all three sports (football, basketball, and track) and I did get that."

Choosing Art Over Sports: "I just didn't think I had—in high school, because I did everything, so I thought in college I couldn't keep it up, and in college I just wanted to specialize in what I was really passionate about, and it was a no-brainer, it was art, so for me, it wasn't really a tough decision."

**Marion Brisk, Chemistry Instructor**

Basic Description: "I was an athlete-scholar from high school. I was very much

involved with bowling; I started bowling when I was twelve. I was the state champion in New York State. In college, I competed in gymnastics and volleyball, and I was continuing competing in bowling. I was considered a semi-professional and I won national tournaments and was put on the U.S. team where I competed internationally. I won a bronze medal in one competition and I've been written up in many newspapers.

I was also written up in the National Choir. That's something I'm terribly proud of. I was written up, right underneath Joan Collins. She is an actress, who has been around for many, many decades, and who was very controversial in different periods of her acting career, so I'm written up right underneath her, and my name has been announced on country and western talk shows and radio shows."

Why bowling: "She [my mom] actually got interested in the sport after me. In New York, it's cold in the winter, so it's very common that folks go bowling. And she then spent time in the bowling alley and got involved with folks who were there and was in charge of forming leagues and was in charge of increasing the number of people who participated."

Bowling for the U.S. Team: "I was a professor at the time at City College of New York in Chemistry and this was something I did on weekends and part-time. Along with doing research and teaching, lecturing, I had quite a full schedule. But one of the competitions I remember the most was in Venezuela and it was at a new bowling facility that was quite beautiful, tropical plants growing, it was built by a well-known architect. That's where I won a bronze medal. I do remember, in these international competitions, really having a great time interacting with folks all over the world."

Photos courtesy of Steve Warsaw, Bob Gotwals, and Sue Anne Lewis respectively.

## Ask Tori

Dear Tori, College decisions are coming out soon and I am extremely nervous because I think I am going to get rejected. I have been working and dreaming for what seems like my whole life for this college, and I don't know what I will do if I do not get in. What should I do?

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous, take a deep breath. The college application process is a stressful one, and one of the best moments in our lives.

Try to stay positive and not think too much about it; it will not help your chances of getting accepted.

Keep your mind and options open, and while you are waiting keep yourself busy and work on some other college applications too just in

case.

Consider other schools that you would like to attend, both reach and "back-up" schools. Make sure you have a wide variety of colleges you apply to so that later you can make the best decision for you.

Know that rejection happens. Not every college is for you and sometimes it is not meant to be.

If you get rejected, know that it is not the end and that there are hundreds of other options available to you and that in the end everything will be okay no matter where you end up going to college.

Best of luck, Tori

If you have a question that you think Tori could help you with, please submit it by email to [stentorian123@gmail.com](mailto:stentorian123@gmail.com). It may appear in a future issue.

## Correction

In the "Obscure News from around the World" section, there was an editing error as The Stentorian was formatting the section on "Earthquake of Magnitude 7.3 hits Japan". A part of the news was edited out, leaving the impression that 19,000 people were killed from the magnitude 7.3 earthquake mentioned. This is incorrect, and we apologize for our mistake in editing. The 19,000 people killed was a reference to the March 2011 magnitude 9.0 earthquake that triggered massive radiation leaks at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. Thank you to readers who politely informed the Stentorian of this mistake.

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