

VERDERY: Man Known As Positive, Energetic

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Verdery's wealth of international experience is one of the characteristics that makes him a good fit for the teaching role, said Joe Walenciak, director of graduate business programs.

The director has known Verdery for several years and described Verdery as positive, optimistic and energetic. Whether dealing with easy situations or tough circumstances, Verdery always brings the same open, engaging and professional approach, Walenciak said.

Career Hallmarks

Former colleagues at Procter & Gamble mentioned similar attributes.

"He's always up ... he's very resilient ... he's just a joy to be around," said Tom Muccio, who retired from P&G in 2003 as president of global customer teams.

Both were working for P&G when the decision was made to start a multifunctional team in Northwest Arkansas. Muccio, who was leading the initiative, asked Verdery to be part of the new team that would pioneer a supplier-retailer relationship focused on moving away from traditional buying, selling and negotiation to multifunctional collaboration and long-term business planning to improve both companies' sales, profits and cash flow.

Selection for that team was a key event in Verdery's career with P&G, as the change in relationship between Wal-Mart and P&G became a model that

both companies have used with other customers and suppliers.

It was an exciting opportunity, Verdery recalled. The new role later opened other doors for Verdery as he and his family moved to Mexico City and he helped build the Customer Business Development capability there and throughout South America. He later returned to Fayetteville and helped lead varied international endeavors.

Jeff Schomburger, now president of P&G's global Wal-Mart team, nominated Verdery for the company's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Schomburger said the award goes to one retiree each year at a Senior Leaders Meeting in Cincinnati (P&G's corporate headquarters). The honor is based on distinguished performance over a career in building the business and building organizational skills.

That's one of Verdery's strong qualities, Schomburger noted.

"It's not about Tom," he said in characterizing his former colleague. "He's incredibly giving and will go way out of his way to help others be successful. He plays to win, without regard as to who gets the credit. He's a true servant leader."

Verdery's passion for winning, developing people, and building trust and win/win relationships with customers also are among the qualities Schomburger listed.

In the Lifetime Achievement Award nomination form, the P&G leader also cited Verdery's community

service activities, including serving as a board member for Habitat for Humanity and supporting a Boy Scout troop.

Verdery and his wife, Barbara, are active members in First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. He serves as moderator for the committee on administration of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Carl Russell, co-scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 142, said the Verderys' sons, Christopher (now 23) and Scott (now 20), achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with the troop.

Seven years ago, the organization that had sponsored the troop was no longer able to continue as the troop's chartered organization.

"Tom and Christopher immediately proposed that we move our charter to their church, First United Presbyterian," Russell said. "They presented the idea to the church; it was accepted and we were quickly able to have a new chartered organization to sponsor us (and) a great place to meet. ... Our program was able to continue without missing a beat."

Verdery has continued to serve as charter representative to troop 142, Russell noted, even though his own sons have moved on to college and beyond.

"Our troop has prospered and doubled in size in these past several years," he said, "thanks in large part to having great and caring support from First United Presbyterian Church and also from Tom and the Verdery family."

CLUB HONORS WINNERS



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The Garden Club of Rogers honored Benton County Fair winners at a recent meeting. They included, from left, Dorothy Morsani, Sherri Eoff, Win Logue, Alice Mote and Sue Mank. Eoff was the grand prize winner in the horticulture category with more than 30 blue ribbons.

ADVOCATE APPRECIATION



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Mary Lou Kolb was recently honored by Court Appointed Special Advocates of Northwest Arkansas for her service as an advocate for the past 10 years. Kolb has given unlimited time and effort to create awareness of CASA in Northwest Arkansas, leaders said. She has volunteered as an advocate for children in foster care and the child welfare system, as well as donated her time to the Department of Human Services to assist the family service workers with their filing.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

GETTING SOME R&R

- ACROSS
- 1 Injure
 - 7 Little Bo —
 - 11 Old Russ. state
 - 14 Crusoe creator Daniel
 - 19 Drivers' 180s
 - 20 Lacking in courtesy
 - 22 In advance
 - 23 Post-disaster efforts
 - 25 Part of a 45
 - 26 Partner of 43-Down
 - 27 Sod buster
 - 28 Of right mind
 - 29 Stuff
 - 30 Details of contest regulations
 - 36 Heavy metal
 - 37 — de la Cité (Notre Dame site)
 - 38 City WNW of Paris
 - 39 Elvis' music
 - 44 Future sign
 - 46 Part of CD or DJ
 - 50 24-can unit
 - 51 With 121-Across, 1996-2007 Yankees manager
 - 52 Pi follower
 - 53 Little cat
 - 54 Gotten out of bed
 - 57 Logical sense
 - 61 Hershiser of baseball
 - 63 Particular publication
 - 64 "The — Squad"
 - 65 Hired car
 - 68 Crude but effective
 - 72 "Nuts" actor WALLACH
 - 73 With 65-Down, prix fixe alternative
 - 74 Miffed
 - 75 First wife of Jacob
 - 77 1936 Bing Crosby hit
 - 82 The slightest degree
 - 86 "Petty" crime
 - 87 Miracle- —
 - 88 Copy a dove
 - 89 Depraved emperor
 - 90 "No sweat!"
 - 91 "Marci X" star Kudrow
 - 93 Talk wildly
 - 97 Is obligated
 - 99 "— Abner"
 - 100 Alluring
 - 101 Like a fulfilled order
 - 110 Seeps out
 - 111 Village
 - 112 Singer Cassidy
 - 113 Grazing area
 - 115 Place
 - 116 Legendary founders of Italy's capital
 - 121 See 51-Across
 - 122 Like fruit with intact skin
 - 123 Next at bat
 - 124 More artful
 - 125 Fly- — (airshow thrills)

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- 126 Head, in Brest
- 127 Core groups
- DOWN
- 1 — Lube (engine treatment)
 - 2 "Don't shed — for me"
 - 3 — pork (Chinese menu item)
 - 4 Curved bit
 - 5 Wildebeest
 - 6 Lingo suffix
 - 7 Attach, as a brooch
 - 8 Stopped
 - 9 Continent north of Afr.
 - 10 Market in advance
 - 11 Holy person
 - 12 Vile smile
 - 13 Court arbiter
 - 14 Argument
 - 15 West Bengal locale
 - 16 — -Lay (food brand)
 - 17 Bygone
 - 18 Ogling sorts
 - 21 World-weary
 - 24 Lend — (give help)
 - 29 Thom — shoes
 - 31 This way
 - 32 Memorable period
 - 33 Heir, often
 - 34 The life of —
 - 35 Rink base
 - 39 Philips rival
 - 40 Rower's tool
 - 41 CBS series with two spinoffs
 - 42 — Nabisco (1980s corporation)
 - 43 Fireworks viewer's cry
 - 44 Atheist leader Madalyn Murray —
 - 45 Del — (fruit juice brand)
 - 47 "Who's there?" reply
 - 48 Tavern seat
 - 49 Pop singer Lauper
 - 52 Actor/comic Foxx
 - 53 Nairobi native
 - 55 Off-course
 - 56 Broadway lights
 - 58 "The Evil That —"
 - 59 Tuning knob
 - 60 Calf-roping contest
 - 62 Moon goddess
 - 65 See 73-Across
 - 66 Maui "hello"
 - 67 Infants
 - 69 Saucer-shaped bells
 - 70 Nine-headed serpent
 - 71 Nautical leader?
 - 76 King of England, 1413-22
 - 78 Challenge-ending phrase
 - 79 Burn, as milk
 - 80 Really long time
 - 81 Topping type
 - 83 "Mame" actress Arthur
 - 84 Kucinnet or Gotti
 - 85 Tot's "piggy"
 - 91 Reduced by
 - 92 Suffix with real or left
 - 93 Curl of hair
 - 94 Happy — be
 - 95 Originally called
 - 96 Cato's 511
 - 98 Gardener, at times
 - 99 Western actor Lash
 - 101 Time-outs
 - 102 Praise highly
 - 103 Search engine input
 - 104 Black wood
 - 105 Jilts
 - 106 Put back to zero
 - 107 Escape
 - 108 Glue guy
 - 109 Two, in cards
 - 114 Requests
 - 116 Buff, e.g.
 - 117 Ending for duct or glob
 - 118 "ER" worker
 - 119 Stranded stuff in cells
 - 120 Byrnes, Hall, or Roush

Paul Chosen To Compete In International Law Event

STAFF REPORT

Harrison M. Paull, Cadet Second Class at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, has been selected to compete as a member of the Air Force Academy's three-person team at the Concours Jean Pictet Competition on International Humanitarian Law in Montreal, Canada, in March 2010.

The Pictet Competition, held in a different country each year, is a week-long event that will test each team's training in the fields of international humanitarian law (the laws of armed conflict), international criminal law and refugee law.

Law school students, graduate school students and service academy cadets from around the world gather to compete at the Pictet Competition, which is hosted by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

In preparation for the Pictet Competition, Paull will begin advanced studies of international humanitarian law next semester at the Air Force Academy, where he is majoring in law.

Harrison is the son of Debra and Lee Paull of Rogers.



Paull

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals O

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CROSSWORD & CRYPTOQUIP ANSWERS

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