

Francis T. McAndrew was hired as a Visiting Instructor of Psychology in June of 1979. His interview dinner consisted of macaroni and cheese in the Knox cafeteria, where he was told that it was clear that the college could not hire the best candidate. Despite this inauspicious beginning, Frank has become one of Knox's most accomplished professors. Clearly, his search committee was wrong.

Frank has been a remarkably popular and impactful professor, teaching an impressive collection of 22 different courses during his time at Knox. He taught all three common-course *First-year Preceptorial* offerings, and he has been the most regular instructor for *Introduction to Psychology*. And, of course he is best known for his courses on *Social Psychology* and on *Evolution and Human Behavior*. Across these courses, Frank has taught the most students of any professor in the history of Knox College --- over 11,000! This outsized number is not just because he has been here for 46 years but also because he has excelled at his job. He is the one senior member of the Psychology Department who has consistently inspired students at every stage of his career. Myrissa Le, '24 captured his broad and enduring appeal in describing Frank as having "the vibe of a grandpa next door—a man packed with wisdom, humor, and warmth."

Indeed, many of his students have described Frank as one of the most influential people in their lives. For example, Paul Harris, '84 wrote in a tribute that, "Other than my parents, no one has had a greater influence." A student from twenty years later, Bogdan Kostic, '04, wrote, "Out of all my teachers, from preschool through grad school, none of them had as big of an influence on my life as [Frank]....I am fortunate enough to be a psychology professor today, which I consider to be the best job in the world, and a large part of my work and life is based on things I learned from [Frank]...". Sahil Shah, '12 echoed these comments, writing, "To say he is the best professor I've ever had would be an understatement. His impact reaches far beyond academic success; he has inspired countless students to strive for excellence, to think critically, and to embrace challenges with confidence."

Over 100 of the students who Frank has taught have earned doctorates in psychology or related fields. Many of these students credit him with sparking their interest in psychology and their specific subdiscipline in the field. They also say he has been a model for how to do their jobs, as they aim to emulate him interpersonally --- to be patient, kind, and fun loving. For example, Vicki Crawshaw Kwarcianny, '86, wrote, "Frank's personal style is one that I've tried to emulate with my clients and colleagues: confidence with humility; professionalism with fun; and to be myself while following my interests and passions." And Chris Holland, '13 noted that, "Perhaps the *most* important gift I was given by Frank was a clear image of who I wanted to be. I wanted to be like him: someone who taught with curiosity, authenticity, and levity. Someone who genuinely cared about students enough to support and mentor them, but also to hold them to account when necessary."

Given these and many other similar comments from students, it is not surprising that Frank was twice awarded the Philip Green Wright Lombard prize for teaching, that he received the Faculty Achievement Award, and that he was named to the endowed, Cornelia H. Dudley, professorship.

Frank is also one of the most prolific researchers at Knox. He wrote a classic text in Environmental Psychology that has been translated into several languages, and he has published close to 100 journal articles and book chapters. He has also given close to 100 invited talks and around 50 conference presentations. Especially notable is the fact that half of his journal publications and half of his conference presentations include Knox students as co-authors. Clearly Frank is a remarkable research mentor and scholar, as attested to by his election as a fellow in four psychological societies.

Frank is also well-known outside of academia. He has been interviewed hundreds of times, and his research has been featured thousands of times, in a wide array of media outlets, including documentary films and late-night comedy shows. Probably his fame has something to do with the topics he studies: gossip; the psychology, geography and architecture of horror and creepiness; the interplay of guns, testosterone and aggression; mail order brides; namesake-ing; and heroic rescue. Frank's engaging and approachable manner of presenting information also has greatly contributed to his renown.

Indeed, Frank is well known enough to have a Wikipedia page and to have been invited to numerous cool gigs outside of his day job at Knox. He regularly writes a popular blog for the magazine *Psychology Today* that is entitled "Out of the Ooze: Navigating the 21st century with a stone-age mind." He has consulted for zoos, architects, a horror film, and several documentary films. Currently, he is in conversations about the possibility of hosting a TV series, so even though the rumor that Frank was once a stand-up comic is untrue, perhaps we'll see him cracking jokes and sharing his psychological wisdom on TV sometime in the future.

As if all of this was not enough, Frank has also contributed in significant and diverse ways to Knox College as a whole. He was head or assistant wrestling coach for almost 30 years, he served as the Acting Associate Dean, he founded the Environmental Studies program, he ran Knox's self-study not once but twice, he served as McNair faculty tutorial director for many years, and he was also the faculty development coordinator. Plus, he was elected to and chaired the Faculty Personal Committee, the Executive Committee, and FASCOM.

Finally, there is something truly special about having Frank as a colleague. When he was Chair, our department was recognized as one of the most cohesive and effectively run on campus. He was always available and approachable, and he provided prompt, effective, and sensible solutions to problems. Even though he is no longer Chair, he still offers to do many Chair-related duties. He is also very accommodating, offering to teach whatever and whenever the department needs. Another feature of Frank that his colleagues so appreciate was his willingness to support younger faculty who wanted to make changes in the department. He is that rare senior colleague who, instead of saying "that won't work," responded to new ideas with "let's give it a try." Frank made the Psychology Department a place you wanted to be, and he made you feel as if you belonged.

Frank, we will miss your humor, your expertise on both academic and general world knowledge, and your guidance. It is difficult to imagine the Psychology Department and Knox College without Frank McAndrew.

I move that these remarks be entered into the Faculty meeting minutes.