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ON THE COVER

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ANNOTATIONS

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There have been lots of double takes at the sight of giant heads currently adorning the main floor. These are the projects of Professor Mark Warwick’s Introduction to Sculpture class where students used different materials such as chicken wire, paper mache, magazines and metal to create an oversized portrait of themselves. The exhibit will be up through May.

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SUMMER READS

You’ve Gotta Read This! is now available. We again bring together recommendations for summer reading from across the Gettysburg College campus—plus movies, TV shows and even podcasts that have meant something special to us.

Ninety faculty, administrators and staff offer up spy novels and military histories, young-adult comedies and adult romances, murder mysteries and historical epics. Print copies are available at the library or you can download the booklet online from the Cupola: http://cupola.gettysburg.edu. Happy reading!

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These small parrots were the only ones native to the eastern United States. They became extinct in the early 20th century due to deforestation and to extermination by farmers protecting fruit crops, as well as those harvesting their feathers, which were prized for ladies’ hats. The last wild specimen was killed in Florida in 1904, and the last captive bird died in 1918 at the Cincinnati Zoo. They were officially declared extinct in 1939.

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NOT ADMITTED

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Women had been attending Gettysburg College since the 1880s. Then in the 1920s the Board of Trustees rescinded that decision citing financial and facilities constraints, as well as the expectation of a new women’s college opening in Maryland and operated by the Lutheran Church.

At this time Gettysburg was still primarily a men’s college and offered no housing or dining options for women. It was hoped the separate academy would fully accommodate women, thereby alleviating the Board’s growing concern about providing adequate resources for its men. Enrollment was already over capacity.

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To see this and other episodes go to: www.gettysburgcompiler.com and search “Roadshow.”