**PhotoShop Lesson: Add Pop to your Photos**

**Objective**: In this lesson you will apply special effects to photos by de-emphasizing the background in different ways.



1. Open or paste a picture.
2. Use the Rectangular Marquee to select the portion to be framed.
3. Choose SELECT/Transform Selection.    
   Then point to a corner and tilt it about 5 - 8˚
4. Click Apply or press ENTER http://moorec.people.cofc.edu/PS_quick/psImages/popphoto4.jpg
5. Press Ctrl-J to duplicate the layer.   
   Now look on your Layers palette and notice that the top layer is a cut-out.
6. To add a stroke and drop shadow to the top layer, choose LAYER/Layer Style/Stroke.   
   - Change Color to white  
   - Change Position to Inside  
   - Change Stroke to about 9pt  
     
   - Then add a Drop Shadow (About 130˚ places the shadow on the right/bottom.)
7. To add the darkened effect, click on the bottom layer.
8. Choose IMAGE/Adjustment/Levels.  Slide the dark level over to about 160
9. **Try different effects:** 
   * Undo the Levels effect. Then choose IMAGE/Adjustment/Desaturate (you now have a grayscale background)
   * Undo the Desaturation effect. Then choose FILTER/Radial Blur. Set to 36 and Zoom.