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## Nearby Sex Offenders' House Shocks UT

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Special Investigation

Seven sexual predators and 10 sex offenders were living in a home just two blocks from campus last month, and most still live there.

The number fluctuates weekly, but as of Tuesday, the address was home to five registered sexual predators and five registered sex offenders, according to state records obtained by *The Minaret*.

UT officials, criminologists and even Tampa police officers were shocked and worried when they heard about the home.

Initially thought to be a state-run halfway house, the private residence has no law enforcement or counseling staff on site.

Though the state requires home visits every six months, Tampa Police officers check on them every three months, said TPD spokeswoman Laura McElroy.

"Most of these guys just want to stay clean," she said. To fly below the radar."

They might have off-site counseling sessions as part of

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This is the true story of several sexual predators, who picked to live in a house (two blocks from campus) with all their crimes exposed . . . and find out what happens when people stop being imprisoned and start being released into...



## Communities Struggle to Manage Them

An excited neighborhood huddles around the announcement of its newest addition.

The new arrival's wallet-size face looks up at his new neighbors, who carefully read his name, birthday, his height and his weight.

The block is abuzz, and the whole community, like new parents, will sleep a bit lighter simply because he is there. Signs

are put in yards, but they hardly welcome this new neighbor. The "welcome wagon" almost never rolls out for men like him.

He is a registered sexual predator.

As many as 17 registered sexual offenders, including seven registered sexual predators, have lived at a house within two blocks of the University of Tampa.

Sex offenders and sexual

predators defy prediction, especially when the stakes are so high.

Some of them might be the absolute, unqualified worst of society. Hopeless hunters of children. Hijackers of youth. Serial molesters. Child rapists.

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## A Note to Our Readers and a Call for Discretion

For almost every story Charles McKenzie's Journalism II class heard about registered sex offenders and sexual predators reoffending, they also heard of someone who had served his time and started a new life only to be physically attacked or driven from his home of job.

To avoid this type of vigilante justice, *The Minaret* has chosen to print neither the actual address nor the identity of any of the offenders. All of that information is publicly available through a number of online databases. Students at any urban open university should be vigilant when walking on or off campus, and singling out one address should not make them any more alert. We fear that it could do more harm than good.

Tampa police reports obtained for the home have shown no unusual illegal activity there in the last five years. Neighbors and the elementary school nearby know about the home and its inhabitants' records. They report concern but stress they have had no problems.

This article came about as part of an extensive semester-long investigation by McKenzie's journalism students: Raubi Perilli, Jordan Myers, Kendea Jones, Angela Solomon, Ann McGuire and Mollie Anderson. In their effort to provide a balanced story, the sex offenders living at the address were asked in writing for an interview. Phone numbers, an E-mail address and a mailing addresses were left. No responses were received. Phone messages left for the home's owner went unreturned. If they choose to tell their story, and we hope they do, we will add it the stories' online versions. This print edition is the last of the year.

*The Minaret* and the administration of the University of Tampa encourage students to act in a mature responsible manner. Though these offenders might be viewed as a menace, they have served their time.

We hope that a message board on *The Minaret* Web site (www.theminaretonline.com) will foster discussion about this topic.

## Advice For Those Going Global

Sam Kellenberger  
Staff Writer

Safety is generally the last thing on students' minds with school so close to an end. But with many Spartans making plans to venture abroad for part or all of the summer session, it's a valid and important issue.

For various reasons, anti-American sentiment is currently at such a level that some American tourists are claiming Canadian nationality. While this shouldn't deter students from enrolling in study abroad programs, it is true that such travel does carry inherent risks. Many travel abroad organizations offer their own safety guidelines, and several have been published by individual

schools through government programs to make students aware of common issues and suggest how they can better prepare.

After whittling baggage down to two suitcases (the number allowed per passenger by most airlines), one of the most crucial pre-travel steps anyone can take is to pack a back-up for everything that is difficult or impossible to replace easily without being within

100 miles of a CVS or Walgreen's. Keep photocopies of important documents, and be sure to pack emergency money. If traveling with a group, be familiar with or have copies of an itinerary in the event that the group gets

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# SAC To Fight Apathy and Injustice on the Front Lines

Heather Goode  
Staff Writer

Nate Jaeger isn't sure which is worse: problems within the system or student apathy towards those problems. He proposes a solution to both.

The Student Action Coalition (SAC), an organization that will focus on the power of protest in order to promote change, may be one of the new organizations available to students by next semester.

"Many people feel that their voices aren't heard on campus. I would like to give them a place to be heard," Jaeger, a freshman, declared.

His efforts were prompted when Human Resources failed to deliver a paycheck for his work at the post office.

"People tell me about instances where they were paid less than they had earned. Several established workers did not get their paychecks sometimes, and also I have heard that occasionally the pay stub and check have differing amounts."

Because of such difficulties, SAC was originally designed as a worker's union that would target UT's student employees. Jaeger,

however, decided that a program with a more general purpose would benefit a wider scope of students. He hopes to tackle certain student government processes and issues such as racial and religious discrimination.

"I see [discrimination] often in the newspaper, most notably in Gianni LoVario's columns. While he does not represent the paper in any way, I feel that anyone trying to portray a certain belief as laughable or stupid should be reprimanded or suspended, which is where student government would come into play."

As the organization grows, Jaeger hopes to address issues greater than those on campus, such as the passing of a bill that would allow for phosphorous mining along the banks of the Hillsborough River. "That needs to be vetoed or stopped immediately."

Until now, Rebecca Palmer was UT's only student protester within recent history. Her sign, which concerned the preservation of the student-teacher ratio during the announcement of the new residence halls, generated three weeks of e-mail responses from administration members, she said.

Dean of Students Bob Ruday and Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Joseph Scalfani,

claimed that she hadn't "gone through the proper channels" in order to get her protest approved. Administration from the Student Activities Office accused her of soliciting.

Palmer said that her sign had been approved by student activities prior to the time of her protest. She had also previously contacted president Vaughn by e-mail weeks beforehand, in which she asked how the funding of new residence halls would affect the student-teacher ratio. She did not receive a response.

"I was just holding a sign. I was just standing there, and I wasn't even yelling."

Despite the administration's reaction, Palmer's protest is only part of Jaeger's plan for more widespread organization. "Together we can unify our voices and be heard en masse," he commented. "There is always strength in numbers, especially when it's an unpopular or controversial opinion."

One of the greatest challenges Jaeger may face is not racism or pollution but the student apathy that ultimately, he says, sanctions such issues. "The student body here is apathetic and I see that as a problem. If people don't care that there are problems then nothing will get fixed."

# UT's Legacy



The UT Matricula.

Photo by Heather Goode

Heather Goode  
Staff Writer

The UT Matricula is now displayed in the library, near the entrance. The 4-inch, leather-bound book contains the signatures of the freshman classes who entered between 2002 and 2005. Dr. Deborah Lester, Director of Academic Operations and Support, hopes that it will one day contain 100 years of history.

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### Penalty kick gone bad

At 11:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, Security responded to a fight on the Pepin-Rood Soccer Field. Tampa Police was contacted to trespass a non-student off-campus.

### "We miss that touch so much, that we crash into each other ..."

At 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, Security responded to a vehicle accident in the Thomas Parking Garage

### Art Attack!

At 3:30 p.m. on April 20, Security was dispatched to the Bailey Art Studio in reference to an injured student.



### One too many burned calories ...

At 6:05 p.m. on April 20, Security responded to a call of a medical emergency at the McNiff Fitness Center. The individual was taken to the hospital.

### Beer laps ... fun times

At 5 p.m. on April 20, Security responded to a call of intoxicated students at the swimming pool.

### Missing. Presumed behind the couch

At 3 a.m. on Friday, April 21, Security took a report of stolen items from the Vaughn Center.

### A quick pick-me-up

At 7:10 a.m. on April 21, Security responded to a medical emergency in the elevator of the Thomas Parking Garage.

### Drive carefully

At 4:40 p.m. on April 21, Security was contacted regarding a motor vehicle accident in the Thomas Parking Garage.

### Crash in the Caf

At 3:58 p.m. on April 21, Security responded to a report of an injury in the cafeteria.

### At least leave a note behind ...

At 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, Security was contacted in reference to a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident in the West Parking Garage.

### Disappearing act

At 7:30 p.m. on April 22, Security was dispatched to report missing items from a dorm room in the Vaughn Center.

### "They took the freakin' radio!"

At 12:20 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, Security was contacted regarding theft of a vehicle radio in the West Parking Garage.

### They spiked my car!

At 5:20 p.m. on April 23, Security was informed of damage to a vehicle due to a metal spike in the stop block outside of the Thomas Parking Garage.



Have you witnessed crimes or other incidents taking place on campus? If so, let *The Minaret* know. E-mail [e\\_minaret@hotmail.com](mailto:e_minaret@hotmail.com)



Dan Sullivan  
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

# SG REPORT

From the April 25 Student Government Meeting

Dan Sullivan  
Asst. Editor-In-Chief

Director of Special Events Mark Kieslor announced that next year's "Get the Scoop" will be held on August 24. Sign-up forms for the event were distributed at the meeting. Organizations wanting to take part in "Get the Scoop" should turn in their forms to the Student Activities Office by the end of finals week.

Secretary Stephanie Dutka reported that organizations on probation are no longer on probation as of the end of this semester.

Mark Kieslor also asked that anyone with ideas for SG-sponsored events they would like to see take place next semester should email him at mkieslor@ut.edu.

Director of Student Services Brad Whittier requested feedback on ways to reduce spending for Student Services while keeping up the same level of service and convenience. He also reported that he is seeking ideas for how to bring a greater local awareness to UT. One idea Whittier brought up was the purchase of banners with the words "Spartan Territory" to hang on light posts and other places in and around campus. Anyone with other comments and suggestions can email bwhittier@ut.edu.

## Plenty Of Books, But No One To Shelf Them

Victor O'Brien  
Editor-In-Chief

In times of tragedy, people rush to help, usually in the form of a monetary donation. However, these gifts can sometimes be given based on rumors and half-truths. Out of the news, but still circulating on the Internet is the rumor that New Orleans Public Library is asking for donations of books, due to the fact that when Hurricane Katrina wiped out much of New Orleans, it took the public library system with it.

Shortly after the tragedy, the New Orleans Public Library (NOPL) and the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library (FNOPL) sent out requests and press releases requesting books. Much like the game of Telephone, mass e-mails with revised versions of the original request only confused the issue. Long after Katrina, the e-mails still tell of different needs that don't necessarily reflect the current needs of New Orleans.

"People thought they were doing the library a favor by pulling out the one line 'new books'" said

Patrick O'Brien, executive director of the FNOPL. "You can't put well-used books on library shelves because after 10 checkouts, it's time to pull it off the shelf. We don't want to see another book for another ten years ... it would have been nicer for [people] to send us the 10 dollars instead of shipping costs for used books. It's carving us more work with little manpower."

The Friends of the New Orleans Public Library has been running a donation drive with a goal of \$150,000 since Oct. 2005. Currently, they have raised close to \$30,000. "Money is what we need the most," said O'Brien.

The original donation goal of \$150,000 has been scaled back to meet the realistic needs of the city, which are less since the city's population is spread elsewhere.

"Since New Orleans will not be back for the next 15-25 years, that goal isn't realistic," O'Brien explained. "Nobody is buying anything because nothing is open. We're going on eight months and still no answers."

The money is needed to fund salaries of workers who shelve the books and catalog them. Since so many of New Orleans' citizens have yet to return, the sales and property taxes to support government endeavors like libraries simply don't exist.

The library system used to employ 240 workers over 13 libraries. Now they have five branches and 20 permanent employees.

And that's not even taking into account the absence of library users - the people who need the libraries the most aren't there. Many students have relocated to other schools and others are still returning to heavily affected academic programs at schools like Tulane University.

O'Brien believes Katrina has helped the public education system of New Orleans because it has brought attention to "one of the worst education systems in the United States. It forced people to move into different areas. The poor will have better opportunity elsewhere."

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separated, especially since most airports are high-activity and very crowded.

Luckily, most details of safety abroad can be taken care of with a bit of pre-planning. Acting with intelligence, and perhaps most importantly, respect towards the culture which one is visiting, should narrow the likelihood of any international incident dramatically. Contingency plans, political awareness, and familiarity with local laws are a few other concerns to be prepared for. There is a truth behind the aphorism 'better safe than sorry'. Following these guidelines should ensure a fun and safe summer for everyone traveling abroad this summer.

### Safety Abroad Checklist

1. Contact those people in the United States that need to know that you are safe.
2. Check with the study abroad program for their advice on appropriate procedures.
3. Protect valuable documents.
4. Keep a low profile. Do not wear clothing that identifies you as a U.S. citizen or as wealthy.
5. Avoid places frequented by large numbers of U.S. citizens.
6. Avoid demonstrations, even if they seem peaceful.
7. Be aware of your surroundings at all times
8. Do not take pictures of police or military installations.

# GPS Keeps Tabs on Registered Offenders and Kids

Cutting edge technologies are now helping governments prevent sex offenders and sexual predators from reoffending.

Several states, including Florida, have made use of the global positioning system (GPS). GPS relies on 24 satellites that orbit the earth twice per day. Many states already have this system in place in order to prevent domestic violence. More and more states are

beginning to use this technology to track convicted sex offenders.

Governor Jeb Bush has mandated that all convicted sex offenders that have committed sex crimes against children 11 years of age or younger require mandatory lifetime GPS tracking. Recently, this bill passed through the senate and the house unanimously. Funding this program the next five years could exceed \$20 million.

Several other states have either signed or are considering signing similar bills. Some states are also beginning to use other forms of technology to track.

For example, in the state of Oregon officers are making use of a program that can search and locate pornographic images on personal computers for forensic purposes.

Jeff Snyder, Criminal Justice

Manager for Multnomah County, Ore., acknowledges this program's effectiveness in cases involving child pornography. The program acts as a type of "key" into the locked computer files of sex offenders.

One California company revealed this year a system that also uses GPS. However, the GPS does not track the sex offenders, but instead tracks children at risks

of sexual predators.

The device has been placed within Children's cellular phones. When a child comes near a sexual predator's home or any other area deemed unsafe, the phone will send off an alert to that child's parents. The CATS (Child Alert Tracking System) technology is able to alert parents that their child may be in danger via email, a pager, or even a text-message.

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Murderers in waiting. We won't know their potential for violence until some future newspaper details their evil acts.

We might even shake our heads then: How could someone like that have been walking among us? But they do.

However, experts say most child molesters are rarely violent to their victims, leaving emotional rather than physical scars. Statistics vary, but only a fourth of them will re-offend, fewer if they stay in counseling, experts say.

Most of these registered offenders, in fact, served their time and learned their lesson. Upon release, there will be no celebration, no welcome party back to society. No, they are free but will never know true freedom, heading instead for the margins of society where they hope to lead anonymous lives under the radar of a watchful and condemning community.

For them, if we ever see their faces in the newspaper again, it will be after their deaths, in an obituary that will most likely describe their second lives: the ones after their rebirth, a fitting metaphor as most sexual predators and sex offenders who are released emerge childlike, unable to go out after dusk and under constant grounding.

If sex offenders and sexual predators can't be locked down, at least they can be locked in, we think. Satellites, like dutiful orbiting babysitters, will check in on them for us—make us feel safe. Curfews can protect us from them by protecting them from temptations that creep in the night, but these conditions of sex offenders releases can also give us a false sense of security.

### Where They Live

Dana Berry, who spearheads Sexual Predators Information Notification (S.P.I.N) at the Tampa Police Department, said that Cleveland Street is not the only popular transitional house for sexual predators in the Tampa Bay area.

"A lot of places such as that meet the criteria needed to keep them [sexual offenders] monitored," Berry said.

One of the credentials she spoke about is the 1,000-foot rule that keeps sex offenders away from places frequented by children.

Sex offenders must register at any location that they go to. If a sexual predator refuses to register with S.P.I.N within 48 hours of their

relocation, even if it is temporary, they will be picked up by police officials.

"It is a third degree felony, and they will get jail time," Berry said.

S.P.I.N is a community initiative by the Tampa Police Department in order to keep track of registered sexual predators in the area. Last May, a sweep of registered sexual offenders yielded 28 arrests in the county.

S.P.I.N was established in 1997 and has been making 200 arrests a year, Berry said.

In addition, S.P.I.N is also closely affiliated with the Florida Department of Corrections who keeps records of offenders on probation. After the sex offender is registered by S.P.I.N, he or she is monitored by street units from the Tampa Police Department once every three months.

She also said that many of the sexual predators live at these addresses for economic reasons.

"Many of them don't really make a six figure salary, and some of them aren't even on probation," Berry said. "Sometimes these certain houses are all they can afford."

Currently TPD is upgrading S.P.I.N by employing people to help with the registration and monitoring

process.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office recently published in the *Tampa Tribune* a special section listing every sex offender and sexual predator living in the county. Photos, names, addresses and other identifying information was included.

### Communities Respond

Such lists and the sex offender registry available at the FDLE website have empowered many citizens and whole neighborhoods to take their protection into their own hands.

The *Tampa Tribune* reported last year that residents in the Northdale community were printing out flyers and maps alerting residents of the five sexual predators who were living within five miles.

"We are letting these bad guys know we mean business," one man said.

Some communities like New Port Richey have tried to ban sex offenders altogether. Other communities limit where they can live, forcing many like the sex offenders living on Cleveland Street to use informal networks to find places to live.

Tampa, which has at least four such addresses where sex

offenders congregate, is not the only city with this problem. A front-page story in the *New York Times* in March described how tough new state laws in Iowa were driving sex offenders underground. Layers of restrictions kept them from moving anywhere legally. Fearful of becoming dumping grounds for the sex offenders, neighboring states upped their restrictions.

Of the more than 6,000 registered sex offenders in Iowa, 140 were listed as "whereabouts unknown" before the law. After it's passing, that number went up to 400 and its growing, a deputy sheriff told the *Times*. A sheriff in another county reported that while before the law, he knew the whereabouts of 90 percent of his county's registered sex offenders, after the law, he knew of only half.

### Sex Offender Registries Go Public

Some experts say its problematic to publish photos, names and addresses of sex offenders. USF criminologist Eric Beauregard believes more negative effects than positive ones come from making the offenders' information available to everyone in society.

Stories have appeared across the country of other citizens who have turned addresses of registered sex offenders into vigilante justice. A sex offender's Bradenton home was burned, and an elderly registered sex offender committed suicide after flyers were posted in his Orlando neighborhood. Other homes and innocent residents were attacked due to typographical errors or out-of-date registries.

An attack in Newark, N.J., left the wrong man beaten up after vigilantes

burst through the door of a home listed on a registry. As a result, the *Newark Star-Ledger* changed its policy of reporting registered sex offenders' specific street addresses.

Beauregard believes the registry should include only the sexual predators with a high risk of reoffending and should be made available solely to the police.

"We should trust those who are responsible to protect us: the police, the correctional system, etc," Beauregard said. "But we are responsible of our own security, so I think that everybody should be educated about how to protect themselves and their family from offenders."

Beauregard moved from Canada to the U.S. less than a year ago and has found some differences in the way sex offenders' information is treated. The publication of names and addresses of convicted sex offenders is illegal in Canada. The information is confidential and no agencies have the right to distribute or provide the address of released sex offenders. There is an offender registry in Canada, but its use is restricted to law enforcement in cases of criminal investigation.

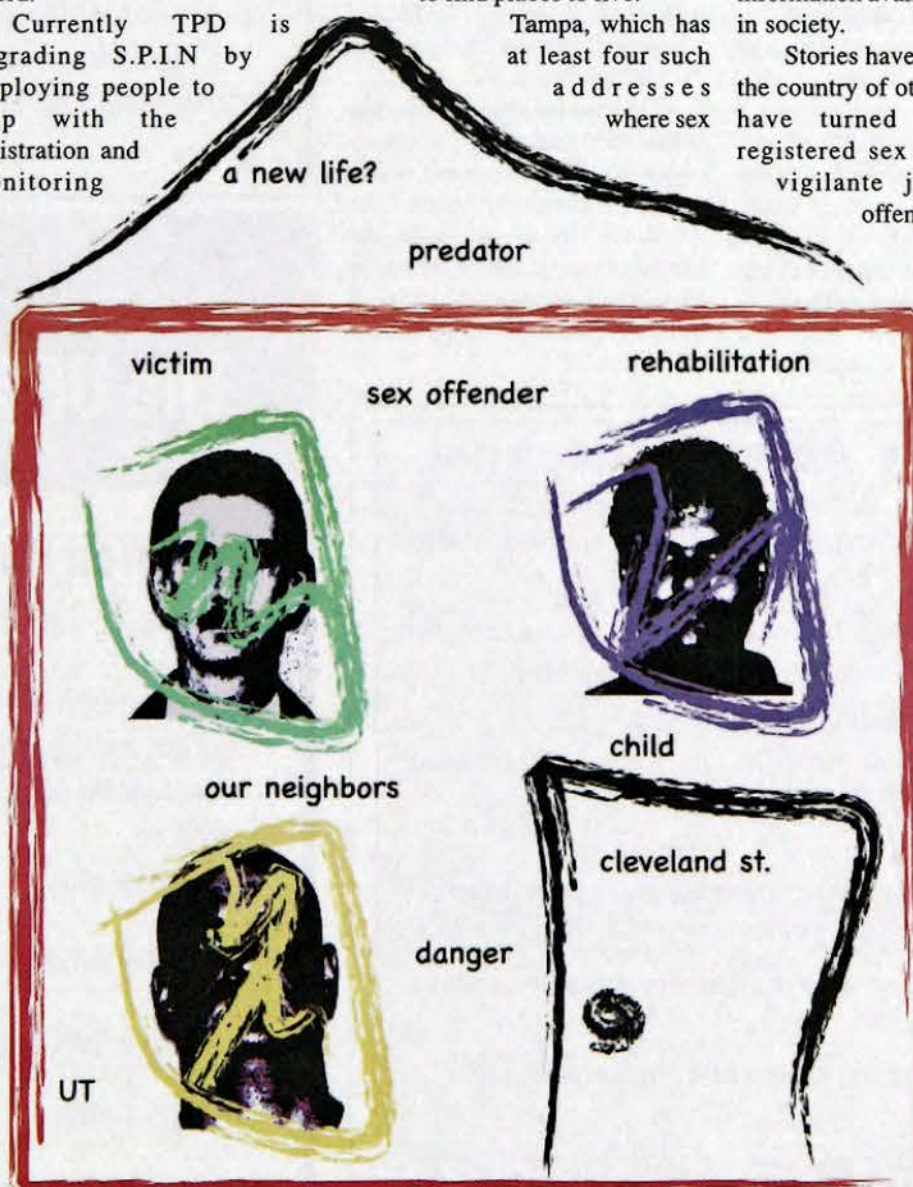
### False Sense of Security

UT criminology professor Susan Brinkley stresses that people must be aware that registries do not guarantee protection from offenders.

"Sexual predators are serial—seeking out defenseless people," Brinkley said. "Age is not a factor. Appearance and gender are not factors. It is more significant to worry about the unknown offenders, those who have not committed a crime or slipped by the system."

Beauregard believes the registry gives people a false sense of security. People assume that if none of the offenders in the registry are living in their neighborhood, then they are safe.

"As a parent, you may decide to let your kids play outside alone because you know that there are no sex offenders living around," Beauregard said. "The problem is that some people tend to forget that sex offenders found in such a publication or in the registry are convicted sex offenders, which means that they have been apprehended. What about all of the sex offenders who have not been apprehended yet?"



Graphic By Sarah Johnson

# State Transitional Houses Could Help Sex Offenders But Have Costs Too, Criminologists Say

Some states and countries have turned to transitional or halfway houses for registered sex offenders. Florida has none.

Criminology professor Eric Beauregard of the University of South Florida learned the upside and downside to halfway houses while working in one in Canada.

The state of Florida currently has no state-run transitional houses for registered sex offenders, according to Federal Department of Corrections officials.

Many factors impact recidivism rates and successful treatment, Beauregard said. Halfway houses, which are designed to integrate convicted sex offenders back into society, are both beneficial and dangerous to the offenders and those around them.

Beauregard has also witnessed the advantages halfway houses may provide for convicted offenders. While stationed at the halfway houses, receiving treatment, many offenders work hard to integrate themselves back

into society. They follow the strict rules of the house and attend all treatment meetings. The problem for those who are attempting to recover then becomes the society that surrounds them.

In treatment, offenders are taught to interact with non-criminals, how to behave normally in society, and how to reintegrate themselves. Society, however, oftentimes does not want to give them the chance to put into practice what they have learned.

"On one side, therapists and clinicians are trying to reintegrate them, on the other side, the population tries to get them out," Beauregard said. Are we really helping them?"

University of Tampa Criminology professor, Dr. Susan Brinkley said halfway houses used to be much more prevalent than they are today.

"Years ago, every single inmate went to a halfway house to finish their sentence," Brinkley said. "Halfway houses were designed to test the waters for people that have been locked up for a while."

Halfway houses have slowly been faded out of society because of the expenses and responsibility they require. Brinkley, like Beauregard believes there are advantages and disadvantages to halfway houses.

"The upside of putting them together is that you know where you can find them—they are in your sight," Brinkley said. "The downside is of course, once they blend in, they blend in."

Blending in is exactly what many people are afraid of. Society wants to keep a close eye on them—know where they are and what they are doing.

"Does the society have the legal and moral right to never let certain citizens out of their sight?" Brinkley said.

## Sex Offenders: Myths & Facts

**Myth:** "Most sexual assaults are committed by strangers."

**Fact:** Most sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim or the victim's family, regardless of whether the victim is a child or an adult.

**Myth:** "The majority of sexual offenders are caught, convicted, and in prison."

**Fact:** Only a fraction of those who commit sexual assault are apprehended and convicted for their crimes. Most convicted sex offenders eventually are released to the community under probation or parole supervision.

**Myth:** "Most sex offenders reoffend."

**Fact:** Reconviction data suggest that this is not the case. Further, reoffense rates vary among different types of sex offenders and are related to specific characteristics of the offender and the offense.

**Myth:** "Sexual offense rates are higher than ever and continue to climb."

**Fact:** Despite the increase in publicity about sexual crimes, the actual rate of reported sexual assault has decreased slightly in recent years.

**Myth:** "All sex offenders are male."

**Fact:** The vast majority of sex offenders are male. However, females also commit sexual crimes.

**Myth:** "Sex offenders commit sexual crimes because they are under the influence of alcohol."

**Fact:** It is unlikely that an individual who otherwise would not commit a sexual assault would do so as a direct result of excessive drinking.

**Myth:** "Children who are sexually assaulted will sexually assault others when they grow up."

**Fact:** Most sex offenders were not sexually assaulted as children and most children who are sexually assaulted do not sexually assault others.

**Myth:** "Youths do not commit sex offenses."

**Fact:** Adolescents are responsible for a significant number of rape and child molestation cases each year.

**Myth:** "Juvenile sex offenders typically are victims of child sexual abuse and grow up to be adult sex offenders."

**Fact:** Multiple factors, not just sexual victimization as a child, are associated with the development of sexually offending behavior in youth.

**Myth:** "Treatment for sex offenders is ineffective."

**Fact:** Treatment programs can contribute to community safety because those who attend and cooperate with program conditions are less likely to re-offend than those who reject intervention.

**Myth:** "The cost of treating and managing sex offenders in the community is too high—they belong behind bars."

**Fact:** One year of intensive supervision and treatment in the community can range in cost between \$5,000 and \$15,000 per offender, depending on treatment modality. The average cost for incarcerating an offender is significantly higher, approximately \$22,000 per year, excluding treatment costs.

Source: Center for Sex Offender Management

## Definitions of "Sex Offender" & "Sexual Predator"

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Web site provides long and detailed definitions of the terms "sexual offender" and "sexual predator". The basic definitions are as follows.

### Sexual Offenders

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Web site defines a sexual offender as a person who has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit any of the following violations of statutes:

- Luring or enticing a child under the age of 12 into a structure, dwelling or conveyance for other than a lawful purpose
- Procuring a person under age of 18 for prostitution
- Lewd, lascivious, or indecent assault or act upon or in presence of child under the age of 16 years
- Sexual performance by a child of less than 18 years of age
- Distribution of obscene materials to minor under age 18
- Computer pornography involving a minor
- Selling or buying of minors for sexually explicit conduct
- Any sexual battery offense

### Sexual Predators

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Web site defines a sexual predator as a person who commits a sexual offense after previously being found to have committed certain other sexual offenses, or a person who commits a "one is enough" sexual offense. "One is enough" offenses include all capital, life, or first degree felony violations of Florida's sexual battery statute, or a violation of laws prohibiting the sale or purchase of minors with the knowledge that the minor will be included in a visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct. Sexual predators are also always considered to be sexual offenders.

More information on the exact definitions of these terms as well as sex offender registration requirements can be found at: [http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/OGC/Legal\\_Bulletins/lb9702\\_8-22.html](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/OGC/Legal_Bulletins/lb9702_8-22.html)

### FROM "HOUSE" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

their individual conditions for release. Some might have curfews or a tracking device, according to Florida Department of Corrections officials.

Neighbors of the home include Gorrie Elementary school, which lies just beyond the legally dictated buffer between sex offenders and schools. Neighbors, including the elementary school's administrators, stress they have never had a problem with any of the house's inhabitants.

Students and officials were surprised to learn of the home and even that such residences exist.

"I had no idea," said Valerie Hurley, a 21-year-old senior. "But then again, you never really know who is out there."

"Wow! That's surprising!" said Eric Beauregard, an assistant professor at USF. "I'm concerned

what can happen in such a house. I can't imagine having that many child molesters living two blocks away. This is the first I've heard about such a thing."

He said it can be problematic to have that many registered sex offenders and sexual predators together.

"When you have 13 or 14 sex offenders in the same house without any professional supervision, they can exchange pornography and talk about their crimes and victims," Beauregard said. "There is the risk of them planning more crimes—discussing strategies for getting their victims."

For years, the Cleveland Street home has been a refuge for newly released offenders. It houses a small part of the 23 sex offenders who live within one mile of the University and 153 who live

within three miles.

Campus security officials reported that they are alerted every time a sex offender or sexual predator moves into the area. However, when asked, every campus security officer and Tampa Police officer stationed at UT expressed astonishment and even disbelief that such a home was near campus.

Joseph Sclafani, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, stressed that students need to know their surroundings and realize that the university is an urban open-perimeter campus, which means anyone can enter the campus at any time.

He pointed out that there have been very few incidents of violence against UT students, faculty and staff in his nearly 20 years on campus.

A comparison to all other four-

year universities in the state showed UT ranking somewhere in the top five, depending on how wide the geographic search was. With the exception of the University of Florida, all were urban campuses.

According to the FDLE Web site, the Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act was created to extend the protections of sex offender registries and Megan's Law to college campuses. The CSCPA tracks convicted sex offenders attending or employed at institutions of higher learning.

UT's Human Resources officials say they keep no such records and do background checks only if warranted after initial reference checks. They referred reporters to Campus Security, which stated it had no such records because there are no registered sex offenders attending

UT or working on campus.

UT has had reported run-ins with sex offenders on campus. Tampa police reports show that two registered sex offenders who were parked in an automobile on campus were written trespass warnings this semester. Last fall, Austin Hall was cleared out to search for a sex offender who reportedly entered with a student. The search only turned up student alcohol violations.

Several years ago, a student worker was fired after after Gregg Bachman, a Communication professor, learned the stellar employee and bright student was a sex offender who often slept in the department's studios.

"He was doing a great job for us, running things like no one had ever run them," Bachman said. "He was one of the most intelligent students I had that semester."

## University of Tampa Has Had Past Run-Ins with Sex Offenders

# News Unskewed:

## UT Unites for Katrina Vigil

Sept. 23

Josh Kratovil  
News/Features Editor



Students light candles at vigil  
Photo by: Amanda Waldron

## Fifty Students Housed in Hyatt Regency Tampa

Sept. 9

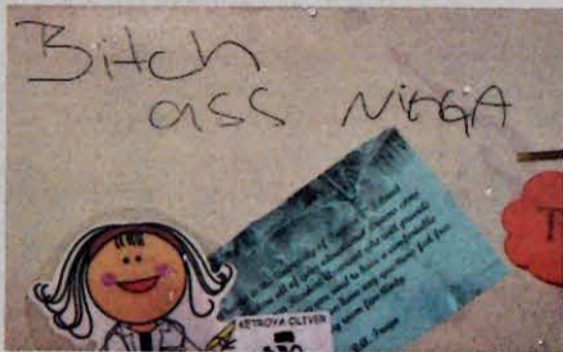
Jamey Smith  
Staff Writer

Hyatt residents also say that they were not properly informed that they would be staying at the hotel. Most of them were told that they would be living in Ashley Plaza. ...

## Rash of Racially-Charged Incidents Sweep Campus

Oct. 7

Adam Labonte & Mike Haines  
Staff Writers



Racist slur on an RA's door at Ashley Plaza  
Photo by: Ketroya Oliver

## Minaret Adviser Retires After 30 Years

Dec. 9

Adam Labonte  
Staff Writers



Dr. Solomon assists a student with the sports section.  
Photo by: Amanda Waldron

## UT Begins Master's Capstone Grad Program in Education

Feb. 3

Laura Fogarty  
Special To The Minaret

The University of Tampa is inviting outstanding recent and future graduates to apply for the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Capstone graduate degree program.

## Kennedy Place Construction Continues

Dec. 9

German Castro  
Staff Writer



Final Kennedy Place and current progress.  
Photo by: Crechelle Oliveira and www.ut.edu

## UT Addresses Sexual Assault

Oct. 21

Heather Goode  
Staff Writer

Despite rumors of up to 12 sexual assault cases involving UT students this semester, only one has been reported to campus authorities.

## Lone Protester Grabs Attention of Deans

Quilin Achat  
Staff Writer

Feb. 10



Rebecca Palmer protests new buildings.  
Photo by Quilin Achat

# A Year In Review

## Expanding Our Horizons... Literally

Sam Kellenberger  
Staff Writer

Feb. 10



## Poor Planning, Apathy Drown Elections

Feb. 24

Josh Kratovil  
News Editor

All totaled, three hundred and fifty-two people chose to participate in the elections through voting, or roughly eight percent of the student body.

It's anyone's guess as to why the election turnout this year was so abysmally low.



## Putting Responsibility in Students' Hands

Victor O'Brien  
Editor-in-Chief

Mar. 3



A student holds the Legal Limit BreathScan Alcohol Detector.

## UT Opens New Nursing Laboratory

Mar. 3



Prominent members of UT cut ribbon at nursing lab dedication. Photo by Olga Borushek

## SG Violates Own Constitution

Dan Sullivan  
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

Mar. 17

Student Government President Khristian Bartley is serving in violation of SG's own constitution, and as a result, a special commission will rewrite Student Government's constitution beginning this week.

## Provost Presents Promising Possibilities

Heather Goode  
Staff Writer

Mar. 17



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# Have A Safe Summer. Don't Drink and Drive.

From *The Minaret* and the Office of the Dean of Students



# 2006 Academic Awards Winners



<b>Outstanding Graduate in Accounting</b> Laura Borsch	<b>John I. Hopf Award to the Outstanding Sociology Major</b> Elizabeth W. Matthess	<b>Secondary Mathematics Education</b> Laura Brethauer Music Education Michael Barrineau	<b>Dawn M. Hoskins Outstanding BSN Graduate</b> Sarah E. McGraw	<b>Amanda M. Seljan Kali L. Shelor Keith G. Shevenell Iyandra P. Smith Aasjah W. Smith Holly B. Smith Jessica T. Soto Michael Stanski Jamie L. Stringer Jennifer M. Tarr Nadya Ryan C. Torrens Jeremy S. Voulgarakis Jessica C. Walsh Argatonia D. Weatherington Victoria A. Young</b>
<b>Outstanding Graduate in Computer Information Systems</b> Gianni LoVario	<b>Juried Student Art Exhibition Awards</b> <i>Award of Excellence</i> Nicole Banks-Bonilla Colleen Bright Kristen Kluberanz Matt McCann Jessica Pepper Daneel Smith	<b>William Stewart Award</b> Lauren E. Weber	<b>Scholarship Recognition MSN Graduate</b> Ramona Busse	
<b>Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Award</b> Gianni LoVario	<b>Honorable Mention Awards</b> David Andrade Brian Baker Shannon Bradley David Rothman C. Keone Silva	<b>Dr. Sue Gordon McCord Memorial Award</b> Angela M. Hughes	<b>BSN Graduate</b> Aditha Cher Taylor	
<b>Wall Street Journal Key Award</b> Chris Rosenbaum		<b>Outstanding Graduate in English</b> Brittany Holtsinger	<b>RN to BSN Graduate</b> Tracy Stoffle	
<b>Citigroup Student Ethics Award</b> Paul Blackmon, Jr.		<b>Outstanding Graduate in Writing</b> Yuly Restrepo	<b>Psi Chi Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology</b> Meghann L. Garrett David Schuster	<b>The Tim O'Connor Award for Outstanding Contribution to Quilt</b> Adrienne Nadeau
<b>Adam Smith Society Award for Outstanding Student in Economics</b> James Green	<b>Las Damas de Arte Award</b> Nicole Banks-Bonilla Jessica Pepper Daneel Smith Eileen Solie Award Colleen Bright	<b>Outstanding Writing Portfolio</b> Tamara Bird Kristen Clanton	<b>Outstanding Theatre Student of the Year</b> Kimberly Morgan	<b>Minaret Outstanding Journalism Awards</b>
<b>Outstanding Graduate in Finance</b> Michelle Eggers		<b>Outstanding English Portfolio</b> Graeme Dinneen	<b>The Best "Newcomer" in Theatre</b> Jacquelynn Schram	<i>Outstanding Journalism Student</i> Mollie Anderson
<b>Outstanding Graduate in International Business</b> Samantha Reynolds	<b>Beta Beta Beta Outstanding Senior in Life Sciences</b> Stephanie Box	<b>Advancement of Letters Award</b> Courtney Caragan	<b>The Theatre Service Award</b> Jaclyn Watt	<i>Adviser's Award</i> Victor O'Brien
<b>Ken Jensen Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate in Marketing</b> Kevin P. McCall	<b>Beta Beta Beta Outstanding First Year Student in Life Science</b> Mollie Taylor	<b>Wordsmith Awards</b> Nichole Saccareccia Christina Stramiello	<b>Dance Student of the Year</b> Jaclyn Watt	<i>Tim O'Connor Award for Meritorious Service</i> Dan Sullivan
<b>Lyle G. Trease Scholarship</b> Kevin P. McCall	<b>Electronic Media Arts and Technology Student of the Year</b> Dana Corrigan	<i>Wordsmith Honorable Mentions</i> Iveta Miglane William Holly Ariana Majerus	<b>International Programs Office Study Abroad Grant</b> Elizabeth Grillo Valerie Houseman Maria Alejandra Ortiz	<i>Announcements of 2006-07 Student Publication Editors</i> Minaret: Victor O'Brien Moroccan: Megan Alexandra Fernandez Quilt: Christopher J. Janus
<b>Outstanding Graduate in Management</b> Carly N. Hagen	<b>Communication Awards</b> <i>Culture and Society</i> Cindy Nelson <i>Visual Aesthetics</i> Fotios Tsaganis Jessica Grimshaw	<b>Outstanding Graduates in Exercise Science and Sport Studies</b> <i>Adult Fitness Teaching</i> Lorenzo Donastorg <i>Allied Health</i> Carolyn Bohnsack <i>Athletic Training</i> A. Ryan Nachit <i>Sport Management</i> Michael Terranova	<b>International Service Award</b> Dr. Susan Taylor	<b>National Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award</b> Christa Carpenter Lucas Mehl Iyandra Smith Chris Rosenbaum
<b>Beta Gamma Sigma Juniors</b> Elizabeth Ann Baker Cara Elizabeth Barone Jane A. Dinzik Brandon Fastow Casey Garcia Melissa Irene Hamer Jeffery J. Laux Kevin Phelan Lillie Donzell Samuels Melissa Jade Wadley Madeleine Vanessa Wawa William H. Webb Katrina A. Wise	<i>Writing</i> Ashley Wolf <i>Moving Image</i> Nancy Sullivan Bethany Linderman	<b>Outstanding Student in Anatomy and Physiology</b> Katherine M. Davis	<b>Alpha Chi National College Honor Society</b> Erik D. Allmond Elizabeth A. Baker Jeffrey B. Besen Katie J. Blundell Kristy L. Bolingbroke Angel L. Bradshaw Starr L. Brookins Peter D. Brooks Gary R. Christensen Dana E. Corrigan Matthew S. Crowe Pauline H. Fiely Laura M. Fogarty Meghann L. Garrett Kelly N. Glover Maria C. Guida Melissa A. Henderson Andrea M. Henkels Micah T. Hoffman Colin A. Hood Caroline E. Kallenbach James L. King Daniel M. Klee Adam P. Labonte Traci L. Loudin Nicholas Jon A. Mendoza Chedu Adrienne M. Nadeau Kathryn S. Netsch Genienne A. Noonan Lauren D. Oetinger Yvonne K. Otwoma Gregory Tanya D. Perich Raubi Perilli Stefanie R. Phillips Van H. Phillips Fatima I. Qayum Juliann Heather A. Reckard Kenneth B. Reynolds Kristine L. Sanchez Eric N. Schad Aurore M. Scordino	<b>Academic Advising Office Excellence in Academic Advising Award</b> Dr. Evan S. Chipouras
<b>Seniors</b> Dennis Michael Bedard Kristy Leigh Bolingbroke Gary R. Christensen Matthew D. Conley Michelle N. Eggers Mechelle C. Giroux Johan Holmberg Chedu Rumbidzayi Moyo Nathan D. Munger Joseph W. Orsino Christopher G. Rosenbaum Felix R. Sanchez Amanda M. Seljan Rachael Anne Simon Joseph G. Taormino	<i>Communication Spirit Award</i> Donna Eccleston	<b>C. Herbert Laub Award</b> Holly R. Pepi		<b>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year Award</b> Delia Segovia
<b>Masters</b> Oluniyi Bowale Adesanya Thomas W. Burgess David M. Clement Rudolf De Lange Jamie Lynn Faulkner Oliver R. Grinbergs Allison H. Hudson Precious Manchepalli Brian David Metz Chinedu Nosike Onyegbula Brian John Trimpe	<i>Communication Service Award</i> Fiona May Robert Voegel	<b>J. Ryan Beiser Award</b> Paula M. Fillion		<i>Jan K. Dargel Award for Outstanding Service to the College</i> Dr. Jeffrey L. Traster <i>Award for Scholarship</i> Dr. Cathy R. Kessenich <i>Award for Excellence in Teaching</i> Dr. Christopher R. Campsambelis
	<b>Film and Media Arts Students of the Year</b> Kori Feener Jennifer Flory	<b>Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Government and World Affairs</b> Diamond Montgomery Kali L. Shelor		<b>Sykes College of Business Teaching Excellence Award</b> Dr. Ronald Kuntze Honorable Mention: Dr. Jeffrey Donaldson <i>Excellence in Scholarship Award</i> Dr. Harold Webb Honorable Mention: Dr. Ronald Kuntze <i>Outstanding Service Award</i> Dr. Marca Marie Bear Honorable Mention: Dr. Erika Matulich <i>Outstanding Student Involvement Award</i> Dr. Lisa Bostick Dr. Judith Washburn
	<b>Outstanding Communication Student of the Year</b> Melissa Henderson	<b>Morris E. White Pre-Law Awards</b> Starr Brookins Juliann Raymond Tonia Sibbles Ryan Torrens Jessica Walsh		
	<b>Outstanding Criminology Seniors</b> Kathryn J. Copeland Maria C. Guida Fauzia A. Makar Stefanie R. Phillips	<b>Outstanding Honors Program Graduates</b> Gianni A. LoVario Diamond D. Montgomery Yuly A. Restrepo Kali L. Shelor		
	<b>Outstanding General Chemistry Student</b> Angelica Sheridan Honors Chemistry Graduate Jordan Zimmer	<b>Outstanding Senior in Mathematics</b> Jen Tarr		
	<b>Outstanding Teacher Education Graduates</b> Ayda Cano Diana Dellose Felicia King Kim Kopac Sarah McBride	<b>Antonini Music Award</b> Christina L. Yuretagoyena		
		<b>Faculty Recognition Awards</b> <i>Outstanding MSN Graduate</i>		



# Echeverry: A Look At The Out-Side From The Inside

Jasmine Lombardi  
Journalism I

Santiago Echeverry's orange pants, enthusiastic teaching and distinct accent are cause for a second glance, but what has gotten the most attention for this new UT professor is his controversial Web site.

The art professor became a topic of conversation earlier this year after his online syllabus provided the URL to a personal Web site ([www.santiago.cn](http://www.santiago.cn)) that some students and faculty members deemed inappropriate. Due to a student's anonymous complaint, Echeverry removed the link from his syllabus, but he has now restored it.

He says it is a reaction to conservatism on campus and the fact that his site and even more explicit material can be found through a simple Google search.

The site, which blends politics, love, current events and sexuality into an autobiographical multimedia presentation, includes photos of the openly gay Echeverry naked and in drag. Videos, photos and poems depict or refer to gay sex and masturbation.

Echeverry says he is able to completely express himself on the site, which receives about 60,000 hits per week.

Most of the site is not sexually explicit, focusing on everything from the violence and political climate in his native Columbia to pets and pop culture. Its main page offers links to photos, videos, poems and other media.

The poems range from life, death and youth to provocative titles like "Hustlers" and "Angels and Orgasms."

Echeverry, who has been in the United States for three years, says his art is not just about entertainment. It has political meaning for a man who grew up

gay in a place where people were imprisoned, tied to trees or worse.

Also included on his Web site is Patty, Echeverry's drag queen personality. Patty was created in 2000 for political survival and for entertainment in a crumbling political environment in his native Colombia.

Another one of Echeverry's alter-egos, "Sor Opus Gay," and another man also engaged in what they call "cyber activism" through a Web site called "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence - Colombian Order." According to the site, it is



Echeverry's site has caused some offense.

"a political response to the attacks on the Gay and Lesbian Community by the extreme right in Colombia." The site also includes a letter addressed to President Bush:

"Here is a souvenir from our marriage in Denmark, Canada, San Francisco, Brussels, Hawaii, Boston, Sweden among other places, and an invitation to join us very soon in Argentina, France, Italy, Spain and COLOMBIA. Certain things in life are unavoidable. May God bless you and let you sleep in peace. Big kisses and cuddles. Yours always, las hermanitas."

Echeverry's art is a reflection not only of the place where he's

lived but also the times in which he's lived. Growing up during the AIDS crisis, he lost many friends. Only by becoming aware was he able to survive the crisis that has killed more than 39 million people around the world. These statistics have inspired Echeverry to try to abolish stereotypes like those about the gay community.

After the recent controversy, Echeverry admitted that he was shocked to see how conservative some UT students are.

"When I create art, it is not to decorate a wall. It is a way to transform the world," he says. The site is intended to inform people about an ever-present subject that some people try to avoid.

Echeverry says his Web site was made available to his students not to offend but to provide them with an example of how art can positively alter perception.

Echeverry believes that as a place for higher education, college provides freedom of thinking and reasons for coexistence.

"By being myself, I show that we [humans] are all pretty much the same," he says.

Echeverry says that in order to make change, you most importantly must be yourself. "Be yourself, and take risks. That is the meaning behind my orange pants."

Echeverry says his supportive family allows him to live a life of truth without being afraid of who he is. He tries to set positive examples for his nieces and nephews and open people's eyes to the gay community.

For him, there is no better way to do this than through his art. Though his career began in video/performance in 1988, his passion is now the Web, which he says is the ultimate form of mass media.

"I believe in the web. I believe in digital media," Echeverry says. "Art is a way to transform the world."



Echeverry's custom paperweight.

## A Poem By Santiago Echeverry

### Bomb Kills 5 in Medellin, Colombia.

Thursday, January the 30th, 1997

11:17 PM, Channel 41, Univision / New York

I called immediately Jairo. I was able to recognize on TV a street that is not far away from his apartment. I was afraid he was hurt - or dead ...

His stupid voice-mail answered. I was worried. I left a message:

Hola Lindo, espero que estes bien. Es que acaban de mostrar en el noticiario las imagenes de la bomba que estallo hoy alla . Y queria saber si estabas bien, o si te habia pasado algo. Te vuelvo a llamar mas tarde. O manana. Te quiero mucho. Un beso....

Hi Cutie, I hope you're fine... They have just shown in the news the images of the bomb that exploded there. And I wanted to know if you were OK, or if something had happened to you. I will call you back later. Or tomorrow. I love you a lot. A kiss....

Ten minutes later, I called back...

He answered...

He was sleeping. What a relief. He said that the bomb exploded quite far away from his place. And that he loved me.

I said 'I love you too...'



La Distancia puede convertir en Mito hasta a la Muerte.

Distance can turn even Death into a Myth

Santiago Echeverry



Photoperformance by Santiago Echeverry.

Photos by Jim Lennon

# Traveling, People and Mary Beth

Stephanie Escalante  
Journalism I

She saw it in the eyes of the children she gave balloons and stickers to in Kenya. She's seen changes that former witchdoctors and moonshiners have made here. Mary Beth Doozan has even lived in a van in the inner city to spread the message of Jesus Christ.

While most young people are concerned with concerts and clothes, Doozan wants to be a world changer. Using the Bible as a back bone, she's served as a missionary in Europe when she was 16, Africa at 17, Latin America at 19, Europe at 20 and Asia at 24.

"Kenya was the most fascinating for me," 24-year-old Doozan said. "I actually felt like [it was] being back in the Bible times, going from village to village. It was the first time I really experienced the third world. It was a drastic difference."

She knew that conditions would be harsh. "We were out in the bush. There were animals roaming around ... dogs, chickens, goats, some cows ... people walking for miles to get water or food, small patches of gardens [with] mostly corn."

"It was really hot. There were flies always around us. We would see elderly people [lying] sick in the dirt outside or inside their hut. They [children] were ecstatic just to receive a sticker from us or a balloon animal."

She was shocked to realize that many of the Kenyans had never heard of Jesus. "...Seeing how even though no one had 'shared the gospel' with them, they knew there was a God, and they resonated with His plan for their lives. The expression on their face showed they understood. There were people who stopped performing voodoo on their own after they accepted the Lord."

Doozan also loved the "moments where people's eyes would light up when they wanted to receive him [Jesus]. It really motivated me to really follow Jesus' commission for us to go into

all the world and preach the gospel.

"God has given me a heart to love the poor and the marginalized. I really want people to know that if we exchange our life for what God has for us, he can give [us] the desires of [our] heart: passion, a reason to live for, and a purpose that goes beyond ourselves."

At age 19, Doozan's passion for the gospel was put to the test. After randomly selecting a trip she found on *missionfinder.org*, she headed off to Mexico, where she knew no one. Wanting to serve the Mexican people, Doozan "slept in a 15 passenger van because the house was so full of [other short-term missionaries]."

In Mexico, Doozan also had her faith tested. Cooking was difficult and because her and other missionaries had promised an impoverished neighborhood a Christmas festival, they dug a pit, burned coal, dumped pounds of tin foiled chickens in the pit and prayed that God would not only cook the food but that no one would get sick from eating it. Prayer answered: no one got sick, and the festival was a success.

This past summer, Doozan also used her athletic skills to reach out to the East Asian community. Because of the geopolitical climate, Doozan cannot report which country she was serving in.

However, she did explain that in other nations, opportunities to participate in sports are sparse, and she realized that by serving in sports, it not only breaks communication barriers but also offers credibility and a reason to be serving.

Regardless, Doozan finds that "people are the same every where you go. They have the same desires in life, and I find that no matter where I go there are people who do need the Lord."

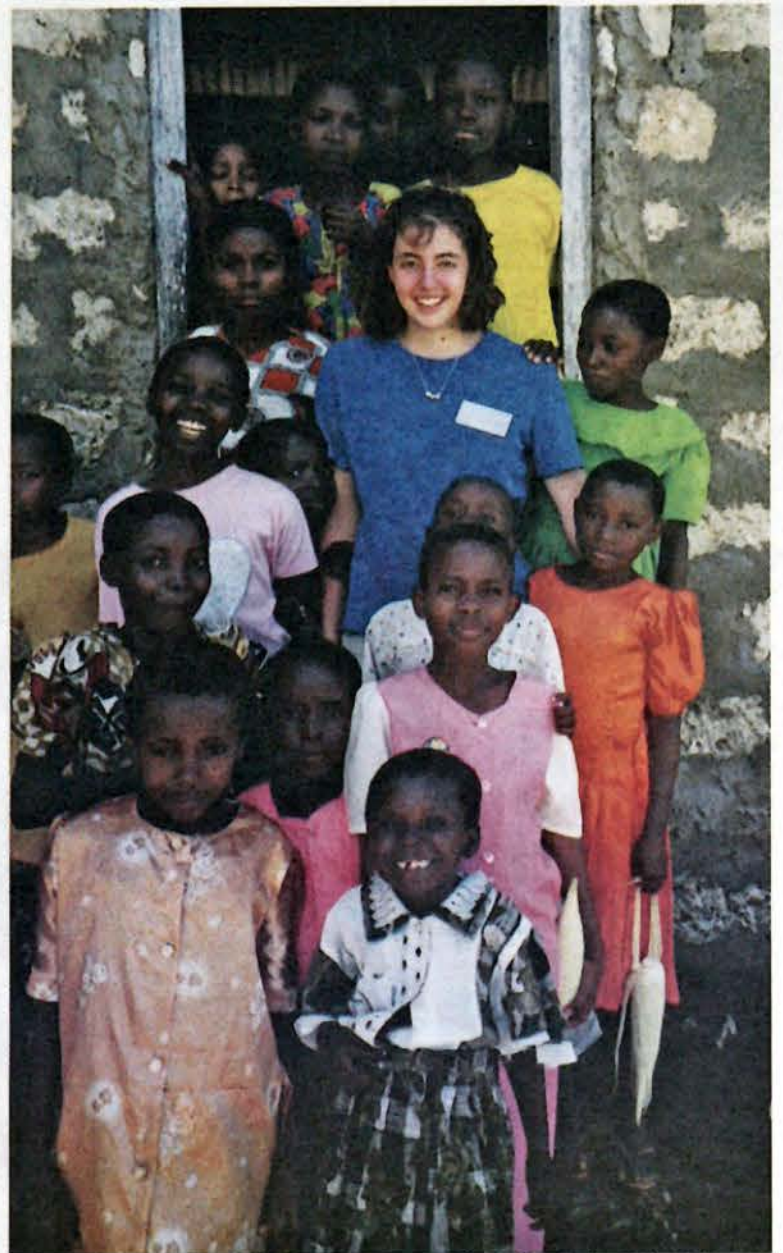
And not all of Doozan's work is done abroad. As a 20-year-old HCC student, Doozan learned about IVCF, or InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. With IVCF, Doozan opted to live

in Tampa Bay's inner city with the Tampa Urban Project the summer of 2004. There she took an urban theology class which motivated her to care about social issues such as poverty, racism and injustice from a biblical perspective.

In the fall of 2004, as a newly transferred junior at UT, Doozan continued serving the Ybor area. She tutored children to pass the FCAT so that the school could improve their "D" grade. It was during this time Doozan also founded and became president of UT's IVCF.

From all these experiences Doozan has discovered a sense of urgency. "I can't waste time, resources, energy on anything that's not building the kingdom of God. I see all my friendships and relationships as opportunities to show love to people."

When asked where she saw herself in ten years, the now senior just smiled, traced the hair band around her wrist and said, "I see myself in another nation, living in Africa, Asia or the Middle East, using sports as a way to communicate with other people." Doozan then hesitated, "I want people to realize and look around and see the needs. You don't have to look far. There's homelessness, oppression and starvation right around the corner. You can use what you have to help out. Be a world changer."



Doozan with Kenyan children. Photo Special to The Minaret.



Doozan bags an iguana with the help of locals. Photo Special to The Minaret.



Doozan with one of her star gymnasts. Photo Special to The Minaret.



Doozan, Michelle Verrill and Melissa Wadley at UT's Get The Scoop. Photo Special to The Minaret.

# The Best Hurricane Party Not On Campus

Lorien Mattiacci  
Staff Writer

When not brandishing beads in their flotillas, the members of the 57 Krewes of the Inter Krewe Council, or IKC, aid storm victims through an organization called Krewes Kare. Carl Hall of Ye Mystic Krewe of Neptune founded the Inter Krewe Council in the summer of 1992 as a way for Krewes to connect and work together. The IKC extended this mission in 2005 by creating Krewes Kare, which coordinates charity work benefiting hurricane victims.

Krewes Kare President Yvonne Painton, who also serves as President of the Krewe of Paradise, says the organization began with an influx of calls from

IKC members wanting to help Krewes who had fallen victim to Hurricane Katrina.

The group quickly recognized that they needed to help not just fellow Krewe members, but anyone they could. They still weren't sure what they could accomplish, let alone how to accomplish it, until fellow Krewe member Susan Long directed their attention to her mother, Mary Webb. Long's mom had founded Angel Flight Southeast, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing air transport for those in need. Angel Flight Southeast pilots informed Painton that the hurricane victims desperately needed supplies. The pilots promised to deliver if the Krewes could solicit the donations. By the time Krewes Kare threw their kick off party in September of 2005, the

band of merry marauders had coordinated the donation of enough medical equipment to outfit an entire hospital. The United States Air Force helped to deliver the booty.

Krewes Kare has since pillaged and plundered eager bay area benefactors for over 11,000 pounds of survival swag. Angel Flight Southeast has flown over a dozen flights to aid the magnanimous mercenaries in their battle against the tragic aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Painton says that the recipients referred to the organization as "the angels from Tampa" because when the victims asked, they received.

This year, Krewes Kare will begin their work before the storms



Krewes Kare workers prepare supplies. Photo Special to The Minaret



Krewes Kare members stand with their plunder.

Photo Special to The Minaret

with "The World's Largest Hurricane Party." This event, to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006, will raise not only funds but awareness as well. Participants who donate \$20 to the cause can expect to be held captive by music from the "Johnny G. Lyon Band" and "Crossfire," among others. The donation also entitles guests to partake in liberal libations as well as the feast provided by Rigatoni's Tuscan Oven and others. While beer, soda and water are included, proceeds from the sale of liquor will benefit the Shriners. The proceeds from an auction will benefit Angel Flight Southeast.

Raffle tickets will be available as will the opportunity to break a world record. Krewes Kare hopes to bring enough people to Hooper's Hollow, the Shriners'

outdoor waterfront park behind A La Carte Pavillion at 4050 Dana Shores Drive in Tampa, between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. to actually go down in history as the World's Largest Hurricane Party. Painton reminds Tampa Bay area residents that we need to prepare. She warns "it could have been us. It may be us."

Accepting cash before hurricanes arrive will allow Krewes Kare to "respond rapidly to needs as they develop because those needs change with the hurricane and location." For more information, contact Yvonne Painton at 813-839-1302 x629, or visit their website at <http://www.kreweskare.org/>. For information on Angel Flights Southeast, visit <http://www.angelflightse.org/> <<http://www.interkrewes.org/>.

## GoodSearch Turns Clicks Into Cash

Kendea Jones  
Staff Writer

How does an extra \$7,300 in your organization's budget sound? Ken and JJ Ramberg, two brothers and internet entrepreneurs, developed a way to use the internet to fund thousands of environmental organizations with the click of a mouse.

Their site, *GoodSearch.com*, is a search engine (powered by *Yahoo.com*) which donates 50 percent of its revenue to charities. The site's concept is as simple as the site is easy to use. Every time someone logs on to it, money is generated by advertisers for any number of charities and even schools. To give an idea of how quickly this money adds up, a mere 500 searches a day would earn an organization \$7,300.

"GoodSearch has the potential to generate significant funding, increase awareness and

gain new supporters for thousands of good causes," said co-founder Ken Ramberg. "We're very excited about the possibilities."

Some of the charities that GoodSearch helps to fund include Conservation International, the Waterkeeper Alliance, Earthshare of Oregon, Heal the Bay, One Percent for the Planet, the Student Conservation Association and the Issak Walton League of America.

Sue Citro, Digital Membership Manager for the Nature Conservancy, a leading conservation organization said, "GoodSearch has come up with a way to help organizations to raise awareness and build support for the important environmental issues that affect every one of us."

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# Editorial

## Preparing For The Future

This is the time of year on which most of us keep our focus from the moment the fall semester begins. As we say goodbye to our graduating seniors, the rest of us reflect on the year gone by as we move out of our dorms, finalize our summer plans and begin to think about the next year ahead of us.

Whether you are graduating or not, it is always wise to think beyond the short term. Not doing so is a mistake that a lot of people may make in college. For some, these four years are about little more than drinking and having a good time. These people fail to take advantage of the many opportunities that college provides and hold only a vague idea of where they would like to go afterwards.

Even for underclassmen it is important to progress through college as though graduation is just around the corner in order to avoid making this mistake. What do these four years really mean if you don't put your best foot forward all of the time, constantly advancing and improving yourself in order to stand out from those around you? Does holding a college degree alone make it more likely that you will end up in a career you enjoy?

For seniors, it is important to know how to make your accomplishments appear as a reflection of your true character. This issue of *The Minaret* will help you do just that. Our special career-guide section is designed to help readers develop such valuable skills as resume writing and business etiquette. We encourage seniors and others to take this section out and keep it as a reference guide for when they may need it in applying for jobs.

Getting involved on campus is not just about school spirit or helping others. A variety of co-curricular experiences is a big part of what will steer you to where you want to be in life. But what's most important is that you utilize those experiences in the right way in order to make the most out of your college experience.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

NEW MINARET PROMOTION! Facebook over 750 people and have *The Minaret* write an article about you! I was surprised to see an article about Dan Tanury in this weeks *Minaret*. I was so excited to read the article thinking I would be reading fascinating stories about how he rescued cats from burning buildings, helped Ronald Vaughn change a flat or simply made Dean's List three semesters in a row. Sadly, the article was not

about the deeds Tanury has done, rather the popularity of his nipple flicks and his Tarzan-like looks. This is not an article criticizing Tanury, rather the idea to print such an article promoting nothing. Anyone would jump at the chance to have an article written about them, including myself. I was just shocked this was considered news. The article wasn't really about anything tangible. Some terrorist jokes, some jokes about Dan's stellar performance in college and even some sexually related nipple remarks. That's it. Nothing more than that, just 500

words describing a student who rides a golf cart and goes to class. Amazing isn't it? The staff at *The Minaret* is too busy searching for people who touch themselves and drive battery operated karts that they've forgotten to include real campus news in the paper. When stories about nipple-touching Laser team drivers run out, don't worry *Minaret* staff, you can always interview the other hairy golf cart drivers, UT Security.

Joshua Tahan

Dear Editor,

First of all, I'd like to note that the article written by Gianni LoVario titled "Find Happiness, Stop Dating Liberals" is nothing but hypocrisy. Not necessarily for the information presented in the article, but from previous opinions expressed by the author. I think the article, that you've chosen to preach to the rest of the school is inconsequential and useless in understanding the importance of both parties when it comes to politics, let alone to the importance to understanding both parties. Obviously your source is a conservative one and a biased conservative one at that. I'd like to know if, while writing this article in all your glory, you stopped to ask yourself *who* exactly cares that conservatives are supposedly happier than liberals. Did you even bother to further research Will's "paradox?" Of course you didn't. Why would one conservative question another's judgment? And, of course, you believe that he's right. I have to admit that it's a very appealing logical fallacy he's presented.

Now, the reason why I've called you a hypocrite is because of the slight mistake that you made in mentioning Dennis Prager's view on how liberals feel towards conservatives. How "liberals deem conservatives to be racist, homophobic, war mongering, money worshipping and sexist." Now, I'm going to assume that you yourself are a conservative before I make my next argument, being another article you've written titled "I Have A Dream." I have to say, and I don't feel that I'm alone in doing so, that I saw this to be pretty sexist and possibly racist. In reality, the idea of creating not only a straight, white,

American male heritage month, but also organizing a National Association for the Advancement of SWAMs (Straight, White, American Males), could be viewed as ethnic superiority, couldn't it? A systemic chauvinism that relates to the question of power and capacity, which is a definition of racism if there was ever one.

You've also chosen to discuss Prager's proposed three questions "to help gauge liberal hatred." The idea of keying cars, police protection and respect being able to "gauge" anything is above me. I just think in that all that we can accomplish politically wise, we shouldn't have to rely on something so trivial to measure as broad a topic as this. I think what was lost in all of this information, was the fact that *people* make up these labels that we've given them. That people are behind the liberals you've chosen to degrade and behind the conservatives that are "happier" than those liberals. And instead of simply deciding who is worthy of our attention by these labels, we should instead see those who deserve attention. Opinions are simply one aspect of a person, and shouldn't be the sole basis in our deciding whether we should "date" them or not.

In closure, I just hope that instead of writing articles on how to find justification in not wanting to date a Liberal simply because you disagree with his or her opinions, you might use your talent to bring more awareness to intellectually stimulating topics. Maybe even try and find to a way to bridge our generation, rather than give us more reasons to do otherwise.

Marisel Valerio

## And the Award Goes to...

Simos Farrell  
Commentary Editor

Well, folks, it's been a long and successful year here at *The Minaret*. Many of those who are departing our staff this year are taking the time to thank all those hard-working, dedicated individuals who have made this incredible resurgence possible. I, too, would like to thank someone without whom the incredible success of our campus newspaper would not be possible.

This individual's amazing talents have been transformative not only to *The Minaret*, but to many other organizations and people on campus. You all know the luminary of whom I speak: me.

Yes, this year has seen astounding increases in the metrics by which we judge success here at the paper: readership, letters to the editor, free-food-to-meetings ratio, and my number of Facebook friends. Nowadays, when I go into the men's bathroom in Vaughn Center, *The Minaret* is not strewn about haphazardly on the floor of the stalls, but set aside carefully atop

the commode to serve as reading material during those contemplative private moments.

No doubt, readers are responding to my own unbelievable feats. For example, over the course of this semester I've piloted a jet, invented time travel, and conquered a small island nation. I also finally succeeded in finding a liberal other than myself who has time in their busy schedule of boycotting, protesting and picketing to write regularly for the paper.

Thank you, Steve! I hope that you will eventually find that happy place where people will respond to wordplay about communist ideologues and humorous impersonations of high-ranking Nazis with the enthusiasm such topics deserve.

I would also like to thank Alexander Davis, John "Jaguar" "Better Late Than Never" Phifer, and everyone else who contributed to the commentary section. I'm sure many of you out there are wondering what's next for commentary. "What's next for commentary?" I hear you ask. Well, that's a good question, to which I will now

respond.

My goals for commentary next year are threefold: 1) become more awesome. 2) implement a comics page (this being a fully-owned subsidiary of the commentary section) 3) implement advice columns, including, of course, a relationship column the likes of which you wouldn't want your parents reading. I will also be searching for an assistant commentary editor, a person whom, as you know, will ascend to my own august heights of greatness in the event of my untimely demise. So, I encourage anyone who might be interested in any of the above to begin thinking about them ... now.

I am also toying with the idea of creating my own internet blog. If I do so, it will most likely be linked to via *The Minaret's* fabulous website. Instead of facing the cold, bleak prospect of four months with no Simos, you will be able to tune in for even more of me on a weekly basis. Stay

tuned to the website for further developments on that as they become available.

Also bear in mind that since I will be spending most of the summer in Santa Fe, New Mexico, learning to be a professional hypnotherapist, I may have no choice but to put off the opening of the blog, and will simply hypnotize you into believing it exists.

At this time last year, I thanked certain figures on campus for helping me to get involved and making my college experience worthwhile. As you might expect, this was incredibly sappy and all extant copies I know of were burned when I assumed the mantle of commentary editor.

The last thing I need is to start looking up to people, which usually ends in disappointment. However, on a personal note, I feel there are some folks out there who have definitely earned an honorable mention.

Dr. Terry Parssinen, the man who is largely responsible for my current status as one of the University of Tampa's only triple majors — those being Creative Writing, English, and History.

Hopefully, I will soon be able to

repay his kindness by ascending to UT's Board of Trustees and /or writing a really good book about Nazis.

Minaret advisor Charles McKenzie, who owns a really cool hat.

Dr. Richard Mathews, making his second appearance on my "special thanks" list, this time for becoming my advisor and for helping me devise a future in which triple majoring is almost feasible.

McKay Area Coordinator Ann Calleja, whose work with me has been such a positive force in my life in so many ways that I've temporarily suspended my "no looking up to other people" rule. Thanks for the coffee.

Former McKay RA David King, who, to the best of my knowledge, will never read this, because he is presently speeding down the German autobahn in a jet-powered, monkey-navigated ... well, you get the picture.

And, of course, me, without whom none of this would have ever been possible.

Take a bow, me! You've earned it!

# Ignorance is Bliss For UT Students

Steve Knauss  
Staff Writer

As a wondrous and, I may add, vastly improved year at *The Minaret* ends its course, I would foremost love to congratulate all of our graduating seniors. Sparing my poor attempt at a graduation speech – I’ll leave that to our more able and, in my opinion, finely chosen graduation speakers – I simply wish to honor them by pointing out the void that will be left at UT after their departure.

As the administration progressively raises tuition, they proclaim that they are also raising the standards regarding admission. Yet, as an observant student, I have some serious concerns that these reports are misleading. As new halls are built to accommodate the influx of new students, student apathy looks to be increasing in linear correlation. What good is accepting students with a higher GPA when Ybor City and “4/20” take precedence over

intellectual cultivation?

Now I have no expertise in the business school, and it seems that the things the folks are accomplishing in the Sykes building are remarkable enough. I also have first-hand knowledge that there are groups of highly capable students swarming the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences as well, but certain incidents that I have observed in the last week make me think twice.

To illustrate, a friend of mine recently purchased a humorous and intentionally provocative t-shirt. It was titled “The Communist Party,” and contained a double entendre regarding the word “Party.” It featured significant Communist Party leaders – Marx, Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Castro – engaged in a collegiate party atmosphere equipped with rock music and plastic Dixie cups. For added emphasis, the shirt displayed front-and-center an incredibly large hammer and sickle.

Receiving his t-shirt in the mail, my friend deliberately waited to wear it until the day of the week

when he had the most classes. Anticipating much inquisition, he had hoped to explain his shirt and engage in much discussion and many laughs. When the day was through and not one student had shown the slightest interest in his shirt, I requested that we take matters into our own hands.

Seeking out a group of students and explicitly asking them what they thought of the shirt, it turned out that most of the group immediately turned their attention to other matters. The one whose attention we managed to keep simply responded “I have a Friends Don’t Let Friends Wear Mulletts shirt, so I definitely know where you’re coming from.”

Sarcastic shirts notwithstanding, a much more indicting case against a larger sample of UT students is found in an encounter I had the other day in Plant Hall. Walking through a crowded hall with a different friend, we were reviewing our World War II history generally, and making fun of Heinrich Himmler in particular. Referring

back to an interesting discovery we made earlier, I asked my friend what Himmler’s last known words were. My friend, perhaps not considering the potential consequences, quickly obliged by way of dramatic reinterpretation, pausing in the middle of the second floor to shout, “I am Heinrich Himmler!”

When not one of the multitudes of students traveling through the floor even so much as gave us a glance, we figured there were only two explanations. One possibility is that no one within shouting range in Plant Hall had the slightest clue who Heinrich Himmler was. The other, of course, is that the students recognized the name but had no problem with a student shouting out “I am Heinrich Himmler” in the middle of the University’s chief building.

Needless to say, neither possibility speaks kindly of our student body. Nevertheless, I would prefer that the students didn’t recognize Himmler’s name. Otherwise, apathy has reached a

new level on campus, where publicly extolling chief Nazis doesn’t even raise an eyebrow.

I hope that I’m being too hasty in my judgment. It would please me to see the student population, upon reading this article, raise its voice and denounce the charges of apathy. Unfortunately, this seems unlikely, being that the student population, by and large, doesn’t even bother to read its student-run publication.

My intention is not to insult the UT student body. I genuinely admire our current graduating class, and I know that they have collectively earned their degree with their immense academic achievement. As they leave us behind, it is worth noting the emerging problem of student apathy that seems poised to become increasingly worse. As *The Minaret* deserves congratulations for its positive transformation this past year, perhaps it can become the organization that tackles this problem when the fall semester begins.

## You Mean We Can Only Have One Kid?

Sabrina Saer-Blanco  
Staff Writer

China has been under a one-child policy for 25 years now and has successfully accomplished its goal: to lessen the population. The CCP (Chinese Communist Party) recently came to the conclusion that even though the one-child policy was successful and did wonders for the economy, it’s time to end it. China has come across the one situation they thought would never happen: there are not enough children being born compared to the number of elderly people dying every day. Now the CCP wants to miraculously change the values, morals and mindsets of the people who have been living according to a severe standard for a very long time.

Ever wonder what would happen if the same rule were applied in the US? One thing is certain, not many people would follow it. They would protest and argue against it like it was a matter of life and death (more like birth than death); consequently, the government would probably reduce the number of sanctions imposed on those who did not obey the rules.

China didn’t have the luxury of protesting against the one-child policy. Many people did refuse, but the consequences of opposing the CCP are numerous and not something to look forward to. From charging annual fees to throwing people in jail, the CCP did anything they could to stop mothers from having more kids. They managed to control the

situation in the major cities such as Shanghai and Beijing; but the population in the countryside kept growing and growing. It is considerably harder to keep an eye on peasants and farmer families that live deep in the mountains.

Rewards are powerful, manipulation is efficient and fear moves the world. The CCP knows they have control of everything around them, so when they felt like raising the population number, they created exceptions to the one child-policy. From giving pregnant mothers longer maternity leaves, better health care and supplying those families who decided to have more than one child with annual bonuses; they scraped the edges of China in the search for more babies.

Some of you might be wondering what the point of this article is, and my response would be something like ‘there’s no point, it’s a commentary article’, but that’s not true. Many people are not aware of the difficult and life-threatening situations taking place in other countries. I know the one-child policy is hardly life-threatening, but it is something that has been affecting China for twenty-five years and will continue to do so in the years to come. I’m not saying you should revolve your entire life around countries besides your own, but it wouldn’t hurt to have a basic knowledge of things that could someday relate to you. Furthermore, if you are in mating season and wish to impress your prey, throwing some researched information about their native country into the conversation always helps.

### What are your summer plans?

Campus Voice

Rachel Levinsky  
Journalism I



“I’m going to work at car shows and Rick’s Fish and Pet Supply in Maryland.”  
-Jessica Newton



“As soon as I get home for the summer I’m going to substitute for two weeks. I’m also working at a summer camp after that.”  
-Briana Conroy



“I’m staying around Tampa. I’m going to take one class this summer here. That’s about it.”  
- Jon Kuhn

“I plan on taking summer school so I can get into my classes next semester. I’m going to be working a lot to pay for a car and living off campus.”  
-Jessica Simpson



“I am bartending at home until I find a career.”  
-Alan DeLeo

Letter To The Editor

Dear Alexander Davis,

I understand that finals are coming up very soon and you may be under stress, however, that is no excuse for your lack of research for accurate information to include in your article on chiropractors. The article may be considered enlightening to some, but those who are educated can tell you how wrong and misleading your article is.

You called chiropractors "the lead offenders against rational medicine," but apparently you missed the fact that there is an internal conflict within the profession and the type of chiropractor you spoke of is not the most common. Your article regarded, what is called within the profession "straights," or those that focus exclusively on spinal adjustments. They do not necessary use physical therapy methods or work with M.D.s to assist their patient's recovery. The other type of chiropractor is known as "mixers" or those that work with M.D.s and practice more mainstream methods. These are what true chiropractors are. They use adjustments to assist with their patient's recovery and pain management, but also know when a problem is out of the realm. Mixers then refer their patients to a more specialized M.D. so that they may have a better and quicker recovery. They do NOT claim, as your article led people to believe, that chiropractics can cure all physical ailments and that all diseases are essentially a result of a misaligned joints and nerves. Also, adjustments are in no way

like a massage. I would assume you would know that if you have ever had one by a "mixer" chiropractor.

You were correct about the fact that chiropractors are not M.D.s, but instead are D.C.s (doctors of chiropractic.) This does not mean that they do not have strict requirements or a demanding education. Chiropractors must attend a four-year university, spend four more years in a chiropractic college, and then pass a state's board test to receive their practicing license.

My father has been a chiropractor for almost 22 years in the state of Florida and is a licensed State Examiner (conducts the required boards test), is hired by the state to review chiropractors with malpractice claims, and has certifications in acupuncture, orthopedics and neurology so that he can further help diagnose and treat his patients. He and his colleagues have been fighting the same misconception that your article spoke about: that chiropractors are quacks and do not use "real" medical practices that are effective. This battle has led to a much skewed view on what chiropractors are and how they treat patients, which is quite unfair and inaccurate. I hope this letter educated you on your blatant mistakes Mr. Davis and any readers that might have been disillusioned by your misleading article. Please take some time to make sure you get the recommended eight hours of sleep before you research and write your next article!

Krysta Felt

All Good Things Must Come to an End

Gianni LoVario  
Staff Writer

It is amazing how quickly time flies by. Four years ago I was graduating high school, receiving my diploma, and preparing to face college. Now in a few days I will graduate once more, but this time with a bachelor's degree.

When asked what I would do differently if I were to redo my undergraduate years, my answer would simply be this: write more for the paper. It has been a joy sharing my opinions through *The Minaret* and I am thankful to my dedicated readers for encouraging me to write on, especially the crazy liberals. Impassioned to respond to my articles, it was clear that these liberals were the most committed readers a columnist could ever wish for.

A great way to remember this year in particular is to take a trip down memory lane. Back in September 2005 Jon Noll, emphatically stated that "the writing of this Rush Limba [sic] wannabe must come to an end." A full school year later and I am still exercising my First Amendment rights.

Another great memory began near the end of October with my fight for a Straight, White, American, Male (SWAM) history month. I am thankful of the numerous responses I received

and I only hope that open dialogue on the pursuit for equality on various levels would continue to be a part of the UT experience.

In February, we began the great atheism debate. A highlight in this series was Alexander Davis' letter to the editor. He started off saying, "The article filled me with astonishment, that a college student could compose such a thing, and resignation, that it was published." He concludes with, "Enough...there is more to the article, but not more to my patience." Once again, it seems to me that conservatives are happier than liberals.

This school year has been an enjoyable writing experience. From liberals self-defeating responses to their desire to see me silenced, championing the conservative voice has been a great honor. I hope that no subscribers to *The Minaret* would ever boycott the paper because of one writer but acknowledge the various opinions college students have to offer.

And to the liberals who are convinced that the paper has a conservative bent, I would encourage you all to study what bias is because *The Minaret* lacks one. The lack of a liberal commentary, in itself, does not constitute bias, just an expression of your apathy to commit to

something. And that is okay since conservative ideals are the only ones worthy of debate since they actually propose solutions.

Case in point, this school year has seen a lack of a formal political debate. As a result, yours truly stepped in to keep politics alive. I desire that political discussion remains a part of *The Minaret* and that a conservative voice be heard especially since the mid-term elections are drawing near.

And for those who are considering writing about politics in my absence, take heed that such commentaries bring judgment from your peers and require "muchos huevos grandes," as Stephen Colbert once said. But no matter what you champion, unless it is a conservative ideal, the silent majority will vote in opposition to you. So pick your battles carefully.

In the end, college is a time for inquiry and debate. Don't shy away from the challenges that college may pose. Proverbs 27:17 states that "iron is sharpened by iron" so make it a point to debate others at UT for it will ultimately refine your own arguments.

After four years of debate, I can confidently leave liberals with one bit of advice that will serve them well: don't hate me because I am conservative, hate me because I am willing to spark the flame of debate.

The Gospel According to Phifer

John Phifer  
Special To The Minaret

I have noticed in my experiences that, in modern times, there has been some argument over the validity of some of the so-called "lost books of the Bible." The most recent of such books is the Gospel of Judas, discovered in Egypt. It tells us that Judas did not in fact betray Jesus but was instructed by Jesus himself to turn him into the Romans.

I won't bore you with all the details of what the book says as you can look it up online as easily as I can.

A thought occurred to me in reading about this controversy, "What if I were to write my own book in the Bible telling my experiences?" Since there is already a John in there, my book will be "The Gospel of Phifer." My story will probably be very different from that which they portray in the existing books of the Bible. It will be the tell-all book that reveals the secrets of the Bible that they didn't want you to know.

Before going on, I must assure you that I am in no way trying to prove that the Christian faith is a lie, I myself am a practicing Lutheran. I am simply saying that there is room for doubt that some of the things Jesus was said to have done may not have happened the way they are told.

The reason most people believe in God and the whole story of Jesus Christ is because they knew how to scare people into

believing their existence. This can be proven in two ways: death and lack of understanding. I'll elaborate for those that don't believe me. If you read the Bible, there is a lot of punishment and killing going on, a prime example being the story of Noah and his ark. Since God is angry with his people, he decides to wipe out all but two of everything and start over. I think I'd be convinced that a higher power existed if it rained for 40 days and 40 nights unexplainably, wouldn't you? There are too many other stories of people being killed as proof of God for me to name, but feel free to read about it sometime if you don't believe me.

Similarly, Jesus was said to be the son of God because he was supposedly able to walk on water, heal the unwell, as well as many other miracles. Any of these supposed miracles could have been simple acts as far as we in modern times are concerned. Recently a news article was published stating findings from Florida State University that suitable conditions existed during the time of Jesus Christ for a layer of ice to form over bodies of water. If this is indeed true, then one of the most well-known accomplishments of our savior may not be so great after all.

My next argument in the possible exaggeration of Jesus' abilities has to do with him turning water into wine. In the second book of John, there is a story of a wedding which Jesus attended. They ran out of wine partway

through, so the mother notified Jesus of the problem. It goes on to say that he had six twenty-gallon stone jars filled with water and that when the waiters served the water drawn from the jars, it was wine. Now as a college student who sees the effects of alcohol on the average person at a party, I have a hard time with this account.

I'll apply this story to college life, and you can be the judge. You're at a party where everyone has been drinking for awhile and partway through, they run out of beer. You tell your buddy the bad news and he tells you he'll take care of it, he just needs a few empty kegs. "Magically," your buddy has filled the kegs, and everyone is happy again. My point here is that if this was a group of heavy drinkers at the wedding in the Bible story, that we really can't trust the testimony of anyone that was present.

The observations I have made here today are not meant to make disbelievers of you. I just wish for people to not always take a story that was written over 2,000 years ago and has been interpreted into multiple languages from its original form at face value. To those that do simply take the stories of the Bible as truth without first thinking about them, I have a question for you: If a jaguar were to walk into the Vaughn Center lobby and immediately began killing people, would you bow down and start to worship it as well?



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# Farewell From Dan The Man

Dan Sullivan  
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

It seems to be the general tradition that when a member of *The Minaret's* editorial staff graduates from the university, they must write a "farewell column." In this column they typically write out a lengthy letter of thanks to their parents, friends, siblings, aunts, uncles, teachers, mentors, coaches, priests, dogs, cats, hamsters and others who somehow acted as a driving force in getting them through college.

Now that I am about to graduate, I thought it was probably necessary for me to write one of those columns. In fact, I have spent a lot of time throughout this semester thinking of just who would be worthy of my thanks and how I might write my column differently than any other departing editor has done before. After all, this was a year unlike any other for *The Minaret*.

It was a year in which Editor-in-Chief Victor O'Brien and I accomplished the daunting task of reorganizing and redesigning the entire publication to prevent its disappearance due to its previous poor quality and an extremely small number of regular staffers. Along with the help of this year's fabulous staff and new Faculty

Adviser Charles McKenzie, we made *The Minaret* better than it has ever been. From better layout and visual appeal, to better coverage of harder-hitting stories, it is hard to find an aspect of *The Minaret* that has not improved this year.

Yet, it seems to me that praise for this accomplishment has been very limited. One of the biggest lessons I have learned in my time as Assistant Editor-in-Chief is that people tend to gravitate toward pointing out what they believe is wrong with certain things. It seemed that for every compliment we received for our work on the paper this year, there was inevitably at least one other individual who would take delight in pointing out our flaws.

Don't get me wrong, I am all for constructive criticism. However, I also believe that criticism is something that must be dispensed with an equal amount of praise for all the things that are done right. I think there is one member of *The Minaret* staff in particular who can relate to what I am talking about better than anyone else.

As Editor-in-Chief of this year's paper, Victor O'Brien has taken the brunt all criticism we have received. Though my position in the paper was only a step below his, I did not envy him

in the least. For even amongst our own staff (fabulous as they are), there seems to be a lack of appreciation for just how much time, effort and energy Victor has sacrificed for the sake of the paper. Truthfully, I do not believe *The Minaret* would be in existence today if Victor had not cared enough to take control and do what had to be done, to not only ensure the paper's survival but also to enact all the major changes that have made us a truly outstanding piece of journalism.

The university community as a whole owes Victor a huge thanks. Thanks for all the nights that he stayed up past 3 a.m. finishing up layout and talking on the phone to the printer to figure out why the issue files were not being properly transferred. Thanks for all the hours of sleep he lost so that he could run the paper in addition to maintaining his high GPA. Thanks for doing all the annoying managerial tasks and making all the complicated ethical decisions. Thanks for doing all of this simply so that students, faculty and staff could know what was going on around them and have an outlet to voice their opinions and frustrations.

I will not pretend that working



with Victor was always easy. There were many times when he and I had conflicts and disagreements about various things. But none of that matters in the long run. All that truly matters is that in working with Victor, I was allowed the opportunity to leave a lasting and remarkable legacy on the publication that has made up the most significant portion of my

education over the past four years.

It was a privilege and an honor to work with Victor this year. For that, he is the only individual I wish to recognize here as I say farewell. I can only hope that as he continues on as Editor-in-Chief through 2007, the university community recognizes and rewards him for his efforts as well.

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## "Silent Hill" A Complete Nightmare

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You've played the video games or at least heard of them. You've seen the trailers and heard your friends scream from the thought of it. You were expecting "Silent Hill" to be one of the greatest horror movies of this year, and you even sacrificed your wallet's durability by going to see it on the premiere night. As you walk out of the movie theater

trying to hold back your tears, you feel a strong chest pain all of a sudden. Your expectations for this movie have been torn and ripped. You want to sink into a bottomless dark hole only to drown your sorrows within the darkness of your solitude. The only reason why you will not end your life this very moment is because of the surprising change of pace and resurrection of the storyline the last half of the movie.



Radha Mitchell in "Silent Hill."

got lost in a town named Silent Hill. That town is everything but ordinary, many horrible things took place there years before and it has been scarred for life. The movie indeed did a good job in maintaining the same story and characters as the video game. The only apparent difference is the main character which, in the movie is the mother, Rose Da Silva, while the main character in the video game is a man. Despite this, it will definitely please the gamers in the audience as it didn't betray

the rest of the movie. Radha Mitchell (as the mother, Rose Da Silva) and Jodelle Ferland (Sharon Da Silva, as her daughter) are just two of the many impressive talents starring in Silent Hill.

Despite the long and sleep-inducing beginning, the movie takes a 180 degree turn into something intriguing that you cannot stop watching. It would be a good investment to rent and fast forward through the first hour in order to be able to appreciate the rest, which is visually stunning.



Silent Hill was not something worth staying awake for the first half of the movie. Although the storyline was very resourceful and entertaining, it was not communicated in a consistent way. There are many scenes that stretch out far too long, and eventually your brain begins to lose the subject matter of the scene. Wishing gets you nowhere, and so when you're finally pondering whether to leave your friends and run away forever, the movie suddenly gets interesting and addictive.

you who do not find blood attractive, for there's plenty of it. This movie did do a great service for humanity in the sense that it showed what nobody ever wants to see or at least admit they appreciate: Blood, guts and torture. It was incredibly well done as the demons were actually people dressed in latex and live makeup. Consequently, they look real, with human-like movements and expressions. The only computer generated images were those of the fog that drenches the town and some shots of cliffs and fast mid-action shots of blood and people being ripped to pieces, your typical everyday scenario of course.

The plot itself is simple. It's about a mother searching desperately for her daughter who

the essence of the video game which is rated among one of the best ones ever released.

The actors were amazing, they were talented and passionate. Horror movies could easily be among the most complicated movies to act out. All of the actors did a wonderful job portraying fear, sadness and plain madness which enriches



## Eagles Of Death Rocks

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When I first heard about Eagles of Death Metal, I instantly wrote them off. However, on further inspection, I realized that this was no ordinary cheesy rock band.

The second album from Eagles of Death Metal, "Death By Sexy," is a return to their immediately likeable style of humorous, danceable and cocky throwback rock. A series of guest stars appearing throughout the record including Dave Grohl and Jack Black, help "Death By Sexy" live up to its title quite well. This album, after all, is simply too sexy.

With a number of songs containing overt sexual innuendos

and tributes to the devil, Eagles of Death Metal somehow remain very satirical and tongue-in-cheek without sounding overly contrived.

"Cherry Cola" is one of the album's standout performances. Heavy guitars, impeccable drums and catchy falsetto vocals have everything to do with the success of this song. This track showcases the musical prowess of Eagles of Death Metal right alongside their light-hearted take on glam metal.

"I Like to Move in the Night" manages to rock out in that AC/DC meets Steve Miller Band and gets a drink with Lynyrd Skynyrd kind of way. Not that this track doesn't sound completely original in its own right, but it definitely shows their inspirational roots

more, so than the other songs on this album.

The only real problem with this album is the way the tracks seem somewhat interchangeable. While the musicianship is top-notch there seems to be something missing.

This album is no doubt one of the most fun rock releases of the year. If you like anything from The Rolling Stones to AC/DC, you'll find something to dance to with this album.



### Summer Releases:

For the break, I thought I'd compile a list of upcoming releases to look out for this summer. Enjoy, and don't ruin your hearing.

- Tool- "10,000 Days" (May 2)
- Mob Deep- "Blood Money" (May 2)
- Red Hot Chili Peppers- "Stadium Arcadium" (May 9)
- Snow Patrol- "Eyes Open" (May 9)
- Regina Spektor- "Begin to Hope" (June 13)
- Ani DiFranco- "Reprive" (July 11)



## Look Out For Quilt



Usually Quilt is comprised of work by students in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, artwork and photography. Students submit their work at the end of the fall semester and beginning of spring semester, and different student committees choose the pieces that are published.

This year's Quilt offers a new theme section. This year, the staff chose "2 a.m." as the theme, and students could submit work in any genre that they felt was representative or included some mention of it. The staff has also tried to spread the artwork throughout the entire book, which hasn't been done in a few years.

The staff plans to distribute copies of Quilt either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week in the Vaughn lobby and will put some copies at the information desk and other visible places. If people have problems finding a copy, they can email yrestrepo@ut.edu.

# Ybor City: A Ride



The Rough Riders



Pardo and Gonzalez grocery store



New brick Ybor cigar factory



La Sentima

**Mollie Anderson**  
A & E Editor

Imagine strolling through the streets of Ybor City in the early 1900s. Walking around on the dark red brick streets, you are surrounded by a culture all its own. With the aroma of food and cigars filling your nose, you are immersed in a different world altogether.

You look around to see not tourist shops, bars and piercing parlors but cigar factories, restaurants and social clubs all made of the dark red brick that has made Ybor City famous. Spanish, Cuban, German and Romanian immigrants are all here, making Ybor come alive.

When walking around today, one can still spot bits and pieces of historic Ybor hiding behind the neon world of driving beats and parking garages. Some of the old restaurants such as "The Columbia Restaurant" still exist.

But one doesn't have to visit Ybor City to appreciate its historical significance. Thanks to author Frank Trebín Lastra, who wrote the book "Ybor City, The Making of a Landmark Town," people from all over the country can now appreciate historic Ybor City.

Born and raised on Ybor Street in 1922, Lastra was fully immersed in Ybor's Latin flavor. He left the city to attend M.I.T. and the Georgia Institute of Technology. While away, he also served in World War II. He returned in 1960 to help with his ailing father and open a lumber supply store in Lutz. Lastra joined the Ybor Chamber of Commerce in 1974 and has continued to work tirelessly on preserving the historical landmark.

Lastra's book covers everything from Ybor City's early years to its future plans. Full of pictures, listings of restaurants, bakeries, famous personalities and even some Spanish sayings, the book will take its reader back to Ybor's culturally rich past.

"I felt like I had to write something to preserve our father's land," Lastra said.

This book itself, 10 years in the making, is also a piece of history, celebrating the 120-year-old life of a changing city.

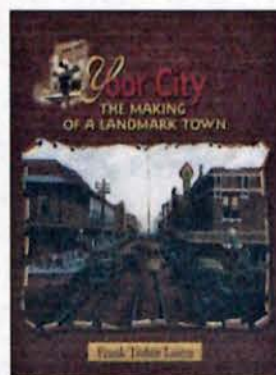
Lastra combined his research with works of art by Arnold Martinez, who also grew up in Ybor. The self-taught painter now lives outside of Ybor and has a gallery on 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Martinez developed painting with a medium that mixes coffee and tobacco to make a molasses type of texture. Lastra and Martinez are both members of the Ybor City Museum Society. When he was asked to contribute the cover of the book, Martinez knew the perfect painting.

"[The painting] depicts Ybor City the way it used to be in the 1930's," he said.

And if you look closely at the cover, Martinez painted himself into the scene, portraying himself as a child boarding one of Ybor's famous trolleys.

With its artistic cover, historic photographs and colorful storytelling, the completed work is more than just a book to Lastra, who calls it his legacy for future generations to enjoy.

"I'm so happy that we have something to leave behind for the future."



Cover of book

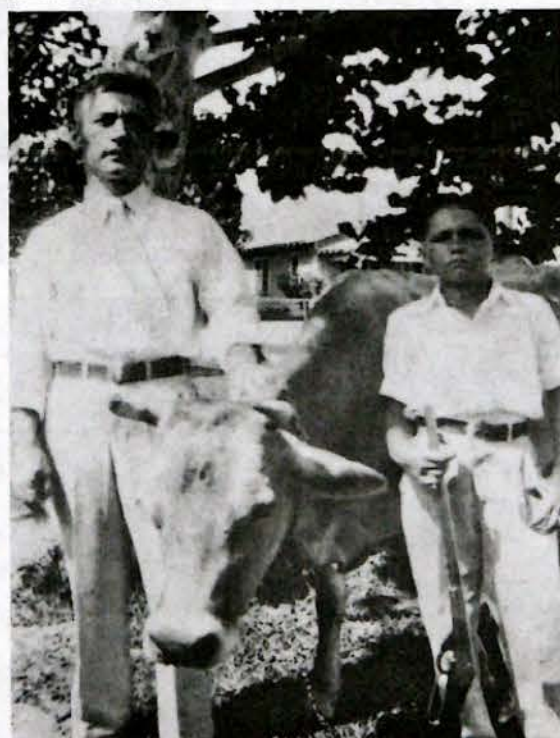
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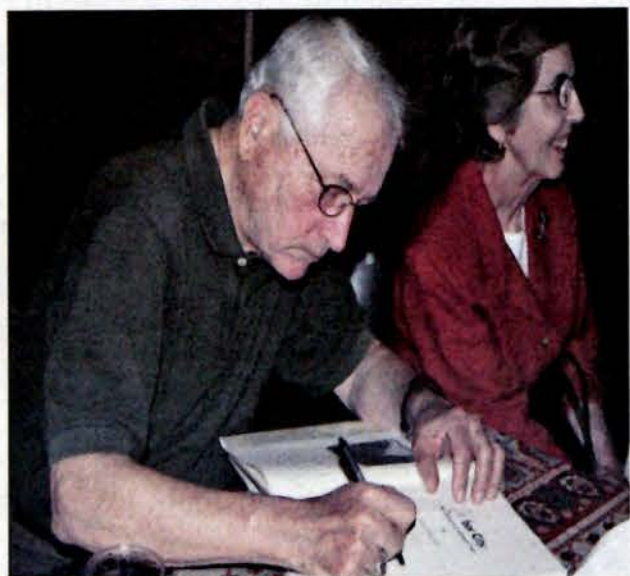
For lively dancing in the Roaring Twenties, the basement of Centro Asturiano clubhouse had a handsome lounge.



1925 corner view of La Sentina and 22nd Street.



Mr. Lastra, young Frank Lastra pose with family cow.



Author Frank Trebin Lastra



Before leaving Tampa in 1898, Rough Riders, including Teddy Roosevelt (right).

# Stripped: Simply A Success!



Left: Ashley Arias, Right: Jenn Smietana. Photos by Christopher Gurrie

“Twenty Somethings: Stripped, an Evening of Oral Performances,” which took place Wednesday in Reeves Theater, was a success for the Speech 205 class. The class performed speeches on different topics throughout the night.



Left: Hannah Zdenek, Right: Jenn Smietana



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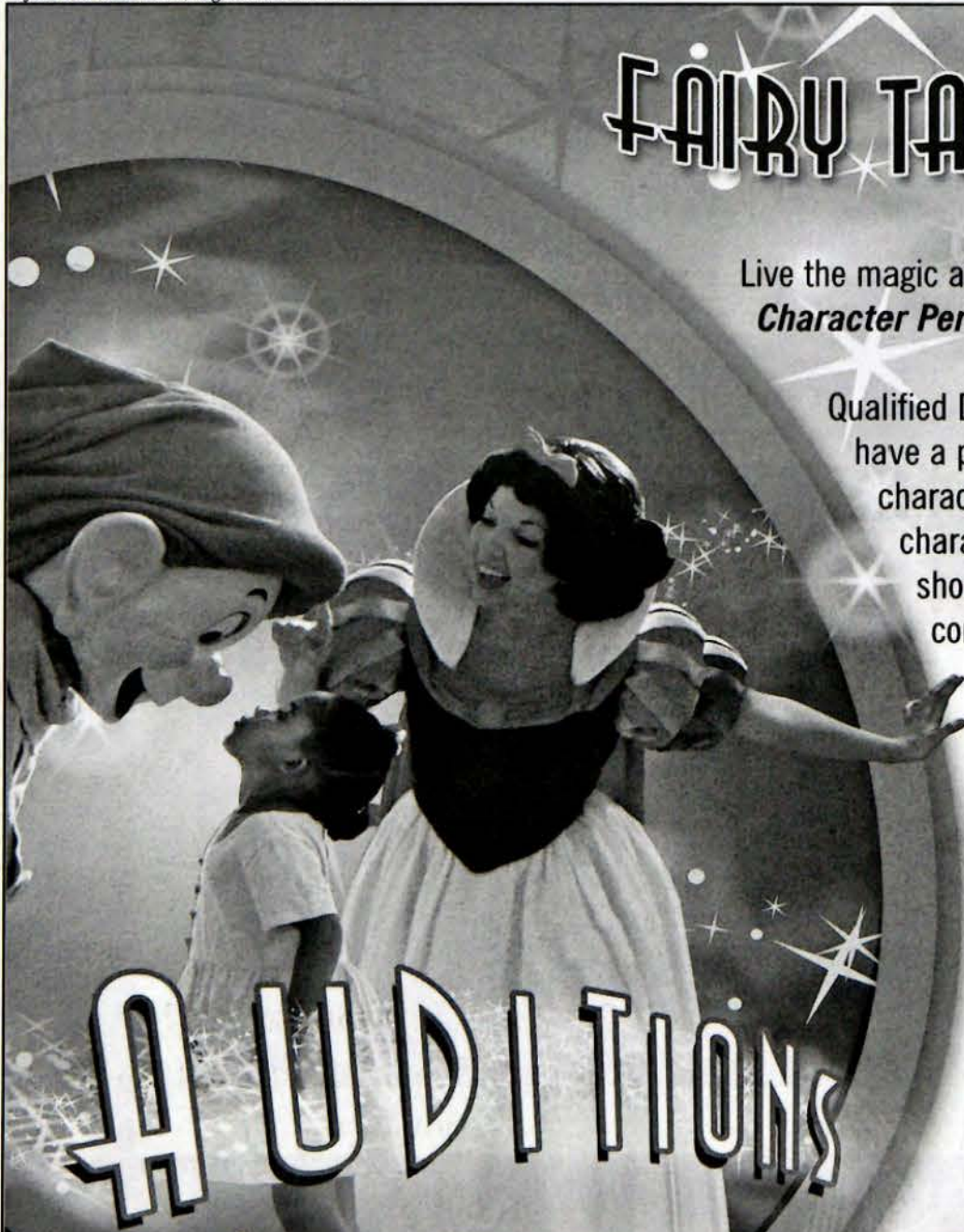
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# AUDITIONS

# Tips To Spotting A Good Summer Flick

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Staff Writer

One of the best ways to keep yourself from getting scammed this summer at the movies is to know what to look for. Here are three key things you should check that will determine the quality of the film before you even see it.

**The Director.** The director makes a big difference in what a movie will be like. The director shapes every shot to their specific vision. This can be a positive or a negative experience. If the director is Uwe Boll ("House of the Dead," "Alone in the Dark," "Bloodrayne") it is most likely a negative. If the director is someone who is, not that

experienced and has made movies that you have enjoyed before, like Gore Verbinski ("Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl," "The Ring," "Mouse Hunt"), then it is likely that the resulting movie will be better. In this case, I would say that "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," would be a safe bet because Verbinski directed the original as well. Other movies this summer helmed by talented directors are "Superman Returns," directed by Brian Singer ("The Usual Suspects," "X-Men," "X-Men 2") and "Nacho Libre," directed by Jared Hess ("Napoleon Dynamite").

**The Writer.** The writer creates or adapts the film and characters.

Legendary Japanese film director Akira Kurosawa once said, "With a good script, a good director can produce a masterpiece. With the same script, a mediocre director can produce a passable

film. But with a bad script even a good director can't possibly make a good film." One of the strongest points of the successful film, "Batman Begins," was a script by David S. Goyer and Christopher Nolan that made the idea of Batman feasible. Some films coming out this summer that have solid screenwriters behind them are "Clerks II," directed by Kevin Smith who also directed "Dogma," "Mallrats," "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," "Clerks" and "Lady in the Water," M. Night Shyamalan who has directed numerous films such as "The Sixth Sense," "Signs" and "Stuart Little." The highly anticipated, "The Da Vinci Code," is directed by Akiva Goldsman who directed "A Time to Kill" and "A Beautiful Mind."

**The Cast.** The cast brings the film to life and embodies the characters developed by the writer and envisioned by the director. Though a good director can take an unknown cast and make an engaging and interesting film, it is much more common for films to feature celebrities that people easily identify with. Such was the case with 2001's "Ocean's Eleven," which featured Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Matt Damon and more. The right actors can make or break a movie. Take Johnny Depp's role as Mort Rainey in 2004's "Secret Window," for example. The versatility of Depp as an actor made it possible to watch an author basically walk around a log cabin for ninety six minutes. Some movies coming out this summer with a good



Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom "Pirates of The Caribbean"

assortment of star power are "X-Men: The Last Stand," as Kelsey Grammer joins the cast along side Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry and Ian McKellen. If you are a Tom Cruise fan (and who isn't these days?) you might want to check out "Mission Impossible 3" with this year's Oscar winner Philip Seymour Hoffman playing the bad guy. There is also "The Break Up" starring Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Anniston.

Though the director, writers, and cast have a major influence on whether you enjoy the film, they do not guarantee that the film will

be good. Not every film that Steven Spielberg has made has been mind blowing, not every script that M. Night Shyamalan has written has been a hit, and not every Halle Berry movie has been amazing ("Catwoman"). The more that you know about a film, however, the better you can judge which one to go out and spend money on. Also, if you don't like any of my suggestions, there is always "Snakes on a Plane."

Information on the writers, directors and cast of these films and more is located on the Internet Movie Data Base, [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).



Jack Black in "Nacho Libre."

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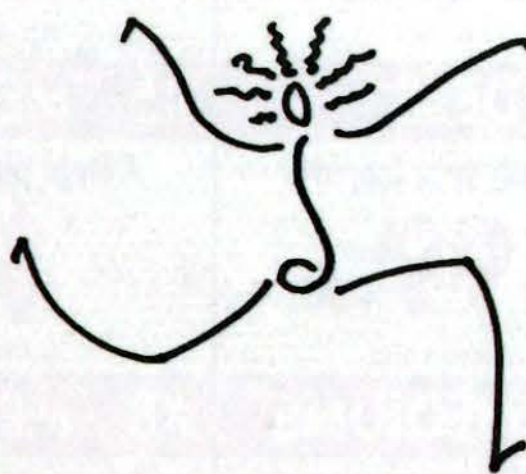
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# 32 Countries to Gather this Summer for 18th World Cup

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Asst. Layout Editor

After several years of qualifying tournaments within the six FIFA continental zones, Germany will host 32 nations in their quest for the 2006 World Cup title from June 9 to July 9. Held every four years, this tournament is one of the most widely viewed

sporting events in the world. This eighteenth tournament is sure to bring some surprises between first time qualifying teams and the consistent top teams.

The eight groups, each consisting of four teams, were selected back in December when eight teams were seeded at the draw and assigned a group. The rest were drawn at random.

Several nations are making their World Cup debut this

summer. For instance, Trinidad and Tobago will be the smallest nation in the tournament this year. They placed fourth out of six in the CONCACAF (the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football). Placed in Group B, they are up for a challenge against England and Sweden. Trinidad and Tobago's players are unaccustomed to the World Cup stage, and winning one game will be a great achievement for the newcomers.

Serbia and Montenegro, another first-time qualifier, have had no World Cup experience since the breakup of Yugoslavia. Defensively they are hard to break, and the team itself is well organized. In Group C, they will be facing top teams Argentina and Mexico.

Also in Group C, the Ivory Coast will be competing after eight attempts.

The three other African nations competing for the first time will be Angola, Ghana and Togo. With a group of young and talented members the teams will hopefully have a good showing at competition.

Some nations that we should be looking at for strong competition against the power countries include Ecuador, Croatia and Costa Rica. Ecuador has a lot of potential, as seen during qualifying rounds when they

managed to beat both Brazil and Argentina at home. Although they lack European experience, their play has improved by switching from short passing through the middle to striking from the sides.

Croatia has one of the best defenses in the world. This will be their third consecutive World Cup and they qualified easily at the top of European Group 8. Placed in Group F alongside Brazil, they will surely be able to prove their worth on the field against the five-time winners.

Costa Rica came very close to falling to Cuba in the first round qualifier due to the away goals rule. Luckily, they made it into the final 32 teams. The team had been struggling early until coach Alexandre Guimaraes, known to be an excellent tactician, was re-appointed and turned things around. Costa Rica may have only played in the World Cup twice, but they have scores of championships under their belt. If the team manages to tighten up defensively, they are bound to make a good show.

As usual, everyone will be waiting to see how the top countries will perform this time around. World Cup champion favorite Brazil hopes to win their sixth title. Brazil has appeared in every World Cup and has a long list of titles attached to their name. With a team comprised of players

with unparalleled skill, they hope to take it all. However, teams like the Czech Republic, Argentina, the Netherlands and Portugal could easily dash the Brazilian's hopes come the final round.

The Czech team scored more goals than any other in the European qualifiers. They also have numerous talented players. Argentina is a two-time World Cup winner and has appeared in 13 of the tournaments. They can also boast Copa America winners 14 times and the Pan American Cup six times.

The Netherlands have never won the grand prize in the World Cup. They have appeared in two finals, semi-finals and quarter finals. The team as a whole is an excellent unit who want to demonstrate their skill on the field.

Hoping to emulate the 1966 team which debuted at the World Cup and managed to win into the semi-finals, Portugal wants to make just as strong a showing. After being undefeated in their qualifying group, they have earned bragging rights and want to display their solid defense and excellent players on the field this summer.

As the days count down, fans throughout the world will be eagerly preparing to cheer on their team in competition that should be full of surprises and excellent game play.

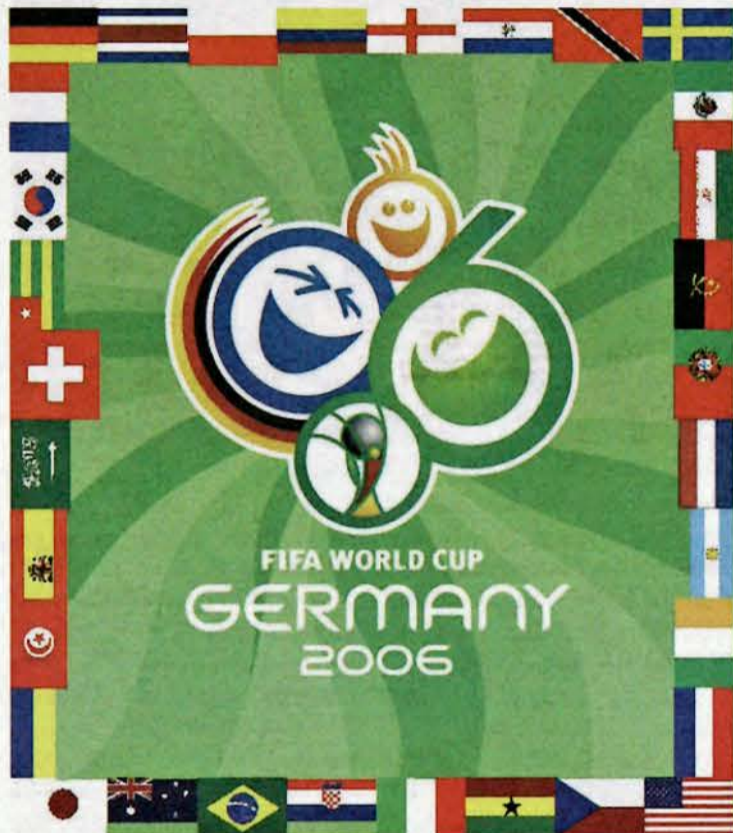






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# Is Major League Baseball Still Juicing?

Andy Sullivan  
Sports Writer

The Major League Baseball season is under way, and the steroid issue remains a hot topic. Over the past few years, MLB has tried to rid themselves of this dark cloud. In November of 2005 they announced a stricter penalty system where first-time drug offenders would receive a 50 game suspension, a second offense would draw a 100 game suspension and a third offense would result in a lifetime ban.

Books, such as the highly publicized "Game of Shadows" that directly link Giants slugger Barry Bonds with steroids, led to Bud Selig beginning an investigation into steroid use. One would think this would diminish the eye-popping numbers that players have produced in the last decade.

One month into the season, the offensive output by certain players have many people still questioning the integrity of the game. The numbers are hard to ignore.

The home runs per game in 2005 were 2.06. Early in the 2006 season, it has jumped to 2.62.

Take a look at third year Detroit first baseman Chris Shelton. As of April 23, he has nine

home runs and 18 runs batted in. At this pace, he would hit 81 homers and knock in 162 runs.

That's a dramatic improvement for Shelton who only hit 18 home runs with 59 RBI last year. Then there's Albert Pujols. Arguably the best hitter in the league, Pujols is off to a huge start. He leads all of baseball with 12 home runs and 29 RBI. He's on pace to record an astonishing 99 home runs and 234 RBI.

No one expects either of these players to maintain these incredible starts. The point is, anyone expecting a dramatic decline of offensive performance because of baseball's new stance on performing enhancing drugs is going to be surprised. The question remains, why are the numbers remaining so high?

One popular explanation is the "juiced-ball." This is a process in which baseballs are manufactured differently to increase the distance traveled after being hit.

Traditionally, players and managers have dismissed this theory quickly. But the surge in offense has left the public wondering. According to an AP report, Bud Selig was quoted saying, "it's too early for juiced-ball talk". This quote hardly slams the door on the belief that the "juiced-ball" theory is illegitimate.

The other explanation is that ball players are still using performing enhancing drugs. The most talked about is human growth hormones, known as hGH.

Under the new testing policy of Major League Baseball, it is one of the 45 steroids to be banned. However, hGH cannot be detected through a urine sample, which is the only testing method MLB uses.

With the offensive explosion early in the 2006 campaign, it is very possible that the players have looked for another edge and found it in hGH.

MLB knows what sells. Tape-measured home runs are seen on sports broadcasts every night. People show up early at games to witness batting practice and to marvel at the power of the athletes as they pepper balls over the fences.

The offensive numbers put up in the league gains the most attention. Baseball wants to maintain this at any cost. This last decade they turned a blind eye towards steroid use because it delivered massive exposure and increased popularity. The offensive display put on in the early going may mean they have turned a blind eye once again.

# Course Short on Amenities



Rogers Park Golf Course needs improvement.

Photo by Angela Solomon

## "Golf"

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"I work very closely with Coach Christie," Kolbe said. "We also speak 2-3 times per week about the team, which is the same as other teams. I can assure you that Coach Christie and the athletic department has had no problems with the facilities"

If the golf team does have certain issues with the lack of support from the athletic department, Kolbe and Marfise seem unaware of them. Both Marfise and Kolbe made it clear that they have not been contacted this year with any requests or

complaints from either Coach Christie or any members of the golf team.

Golfers Brian Alberico and Chad Bouchard both mentioned there have been improvements in the support from last year to this; however, the athletic department does not seem to take their request for a better golf course seriously.

"There have been improvements with regards to the support from the athletic department," Bouchard said. "Our main concern, which has not been addressed, is the golf course we play at—it does not, in any way, help us prepare for tournament play."

The golfers frustration with the lack of attention from the

athletic department could be the fact that not many people, especially students, know UT has a golf team. The less support a team has, the weaker their voice seems to be with the athletic department.

Perhaps overall support is what the golf team is looking for. A lack of support from the general UT population could be adding to their frustration with the athletic department.

"Golf is a hard sport to market to people in college," Bouchard said. "It's not a fan accessible sport because almost all of our tournaments are played away from Tampa. It would be nice to see support though when it comes to the Spartan Invitational in the fall."

## "Recap"

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success Borders had, he just didn't have enough help around him. The Spartans lacked an inside force, although Jeremy Black looked promising towards the end of the season.

If the team can develop Black and find another stand-out point guard, they will be in good shape for the 2006-2007 season. UT (19-9) lost in the first round of the SSC tournament to Eckerd (21-8).

The Lady Spartans basketball team exceeded all preseason expectations. The UT women were picked to finish in the middle of the pack in the SSC before the season, but Tay Mathis and Shaneisha Walton led the Spartans (24-7) to an SSC tournament championship.



Walton

UT defeated previously unbeaten and heavily favored Rollins (28-1) 56-47 in the SSC tournament final. Although the Spartans would lose in the first round of the South Regional tournament, the season was definitely a success.

Walton was named first team All-SSC, and Mathis earned second team honors. The team looks to improve next year, as they will return four of the team's five starters.

The UT softball team (19-28) has five games left in the regular season. The team is led by top hitter and pitcher Devlin Dougherty (14-16, 1.98 ERA, .354, 3 Home runs, 25 RBI). The team's next home game is on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. against St. Leo.



Dougherty

The top ranked University of Tampa baseball team (37-6) has 15 games left in the regular season. It seems like this will be the year when the Spartans finally overtake rival Florida Southern (33-15) as the top team in the conference.

Much of the Spartans success is due to the performance of Lee Cruz (.451, 18 Home Runs, 70 RBI) and Orlando Rosales (.445, 13 Home Runs, 52 RBI). Sergio Perez (7-2) and Ross Jackson (7-0) will be crucial for the Spartans come playoff time. The team's next home game is at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28 against Newberry.



Cruz

# UT Sports By The Numbers

1

Number of season losses by Rollins College women's basketball team (28-1) - to UT in the SSC Championship

3

SSC Championships captured by UT

4

SSC Player of the Week Awards Earned by Mark Borders and Lee Cruz each

5

Individual NCAA Championships won by UT Swimmers

14

Previous record for all-time tennis singles win, broken by Heather Eli (15-0)

15

Season assists by women's soccer player Kate Robinson (A UT single-season record)

21

Consecutive victories by UT Baseball

105

Season blocks by women's basketball player Shaneisha Walton

643

Career assists by Mark Borders (A UT record)



# Spartan Sports



## Golf Team Stuck in Sand Trap Athletic Department Provides Sub-Par Golf Course

Angela Solomon  
Sports Editor

The UT golf team recently completed their 2006 season with a ninth place finish in the SSC conference, and although their season is over, there are still questions as to how much support the Athletic Department has provided for them.

The golf team plays on one of the worst golf courses in the Tampa Bay area, Rogers Park.

It's no surprise that many of the players are frustrated with this. While the Athletic Department seems to be lending support to some of the major sports such as basketball, baseball and soccer, the golfers feel they are left to fend for themselves.

"We do not have proper support from our athletic department," Golfer Brian Alberico said. "Our home course is the worst golf course in the area."

Though the golf team has been around for over fifteen years and has been asking for a nicer golf course for a while, the athletic department claims they have been addressing the matter.

"In years past I have had students talk to me about the course we use," Athletic Director Larry Marfise said. "I would not say the course is one of the worst in Tampa, but it isn't as nice as

some of the Country Clubs and semi-private courses."

Marfise and Sports Information Director Tom Kolbe believe that Rogers Park is the most sensible golf course for the team. Their number one concern, they say, is the safety of the players.

Rogers Park is the closest to the University of Tampa and

according to Marfise, has the best driving range and practice facility in the city of Tampa. He worries about the golf team having a distant golf course because of the dangers of driving to and from the course in traffic.

Marfise's main concern is making sure the golfers can get to practice and not miss class, as well as get back to campus in a

relatively short period of time so they can attend night classes and eat meals before it's too late.

He also stresses the fact that they have tried to get the golf team on some of the local country clubs; however, the managers of the courses are unwilling to work with them.

Kolbe also says that Rogers Park is a good place for the team

to practice.

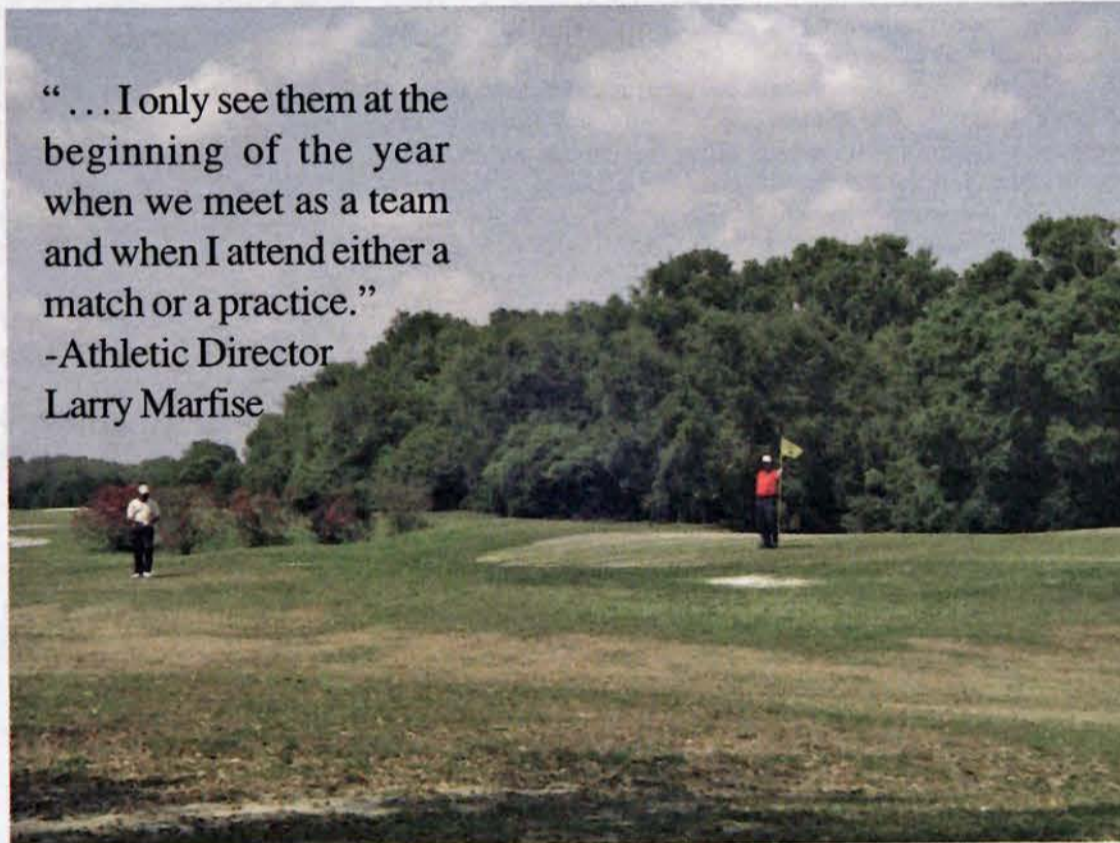
"I would also be the first to tell you that Rogers Park is not one of the worst courses in the Tampa Bay area," Kolbe said. "I believe that Rogers Park is unfairly labeled by some due to the fact that it is located in a primarily African-American part of Tampa."

Though Marfise says that he has worked hard to address the golf team's concerns, he admits the relationship with the team is only "average."

"The reason our relationship with the golf team is average is because they practice off campus and I only see them at the beginning of the year when we meet as a team and when I attend either a match or a practice," Marfise said.

Head golf coach Rick Christie is in his fourteenth year as the head coach of the University of Tampa golf team. He has produced four professionals and served as a personal instructor to PGA Player of the Year Wayne Levi. One would assume that such a man would have more power in the athletic department.

Kolbe believes the relationship between the athletic department and golf team, especially Coach Christie, is strong.



Two golfers on the "green" at Rogers Park Golf Course.

Photo by Angela Solomon

"... I only see them at the beginning of the year when we meet as a team and when I attend either a match or a practice."

-Athletic Director  
Larry Marfise

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## The UT Sports Year in Review

### A Look Back at the Accomplishments of Spartan Athletes

Mike Jones  
Sports Writer

From dramatic wins and losses, to conference championships, to come from behind wins, the 2005-2006 season has had everything you could ask for.

The women's volleyball team dominated the court during the fall, finishing the season with a 29-4 record before falling to Grand Valley State in the National semi-finals. The team won its fourteenth



Womack

Sunshine State Conference title and went on to win the South Regional Tournament, finishing the year ranked third in the nation.

The Lady Spartans managed to do something that few UT teams have done- get students to come to games and show some school spirit. UT students came out in packs during the South Regional Tournament, painting their faces and chests in support of the team.

All-American senior Erica Womack was named conference Player of the Year in her last season at UT.

Despite losing their best player, the Spartans look strong again next year. Returning players include Margeaux Sinibaldi, who holds the Spartans single season record for digs, first team All-SSC outside hitter Stephanie Rivera and

second team All-SSC outside hitter Katelen Dixon.

Men's soccer finished the season with a disappointing 7-7-3 overall record and a 2-4-2 record in the Sunshine State Conference.

Seniors Luke Enna and Robbie Folbrycht earned second team all SSC honors. Enna (9 goals, 3 assists) was rewarded for his excellent play as he was drafted by the Kansas City Wizards in the 2006 MLS supplemental draft. Enna became just the fourth Spartan soccer player to be drafted by an MLS team.

The UT



Enna

women's soccer team won their first regular season Sunshine State Conference title behind the strong play of SSC Freshman of the Year Shelby Kuni.

Kuni, Shannon Aitken and Samantha Robinson were all named first team All-SSC. The Lady Spartans (14-2-2) advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament but were eliminated in a tough 1-0 loss against the University of West Florida (20-2-2).

Robinson, who set a school record with 15 assists, was named third team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The big story of the year in men's basketball was the play of senior point guard Mark Borders. Borders, a preseason All-

American, had an outstanding year for the Spartans, proving he was worthy of all the recognition.

The SSC Player of the Year averaged 17.4 points a game and dished out 8.9 assists a game. Borders recorded a UT record 643 assists in just three years with the Spartans.

Despite all the individual



Borders

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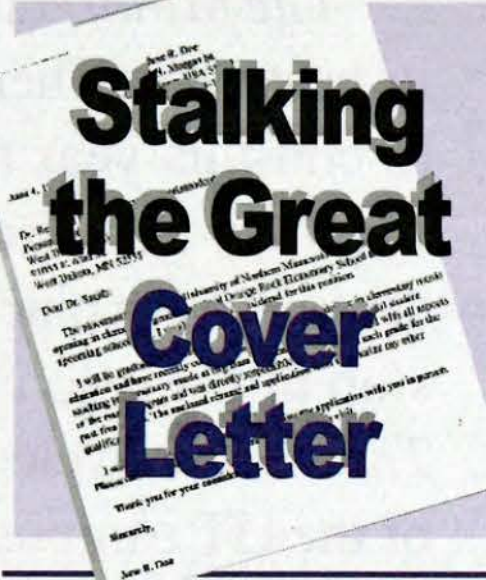
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"The only difference between a date and a job interview is there aren't many job interviews where there's a chance you'll end up naked at the end of it."

-Jerry Seinfeld

## Stalking the Great Cover Letter



The purpose of the cover letter is twofold, to introduce the resume and to entice the employer to read your resume. Employers generally do not read or respond to a resume which is sent without a cover letter; the lack of a cover letter signifies an incomplete effort by the job seeker—a definite turn-off. The only times when a cover letter is not mandatory are if you are giving your resume to friends or family or if someone asks for a copy of your resume and you give it to him/her in person.

Your cover letter should be three or four well-written paragraphs not exceeding one page in length. You should include your purpose for writing, your job objective, the specific skills and experience you have for this position and/or this organization and a follow-up plan.

The first paragraph should indicate your purpose for writing and perhaps your job objective and/or the reasons you would like to work for this organization. This is your opportunity to show that you have done your research about the organization. Use this paragraph to distinguish yourself from the competition; remember that the first sentence or two of your letter sets the tone for the reader and should want to make him continue to read. Keep in mind that every paragraph must include at least two sentences.

The second (and perhaps third) paragraph(s) can include your job objective if

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## Look the Part: Dress for Success

For interviews, a good rule of thumb is to dress for the position one step above the one for which you are interviewing.

Keep in mind that even in a "business casual" environment, it will be to your benefit to dress in formal business attire to show

your respect for the company and the interviewer.

While interviewing, take notice of how the employees dress and take your cue from them as to how you will dress once you are hired. Remember that your formal business attire

will be modified once you are employed.

Colors, ties, etc. will become much more flexible, but always depend on company culture and daily schedules (e.g., going off-site to visit a client).



Above: Erik Allmond

Right: Julie Stark

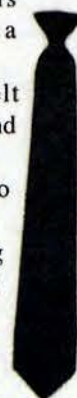
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### For Him Formal Business or Interview Attire

- Two-piece business suit (navy or gray, single-breasted)
- Long-sleeved starched Oxford cloth shirt in white or light blue
- Conservative necktie in color and pattern; avoid cartoon characters, less-than-serious graphic and theme ties
- Over-the-calf dark socks; avoid light colored socks with a dark suit
- Business-style leather shoes, well-shined; avoid loafers and anything resembling a sports shoe
- Match shoe and belt color; don't mix black and brown
- Briefcase or portfolio; no backpack
- A wristwatch and ring (at most, one ring per hand)
- Well-groomed hairstyle; avoid unusual styles and colors
- Minimal cologne or perfume
- No visible body piercing or body art; cover tattoos with clothing if possible



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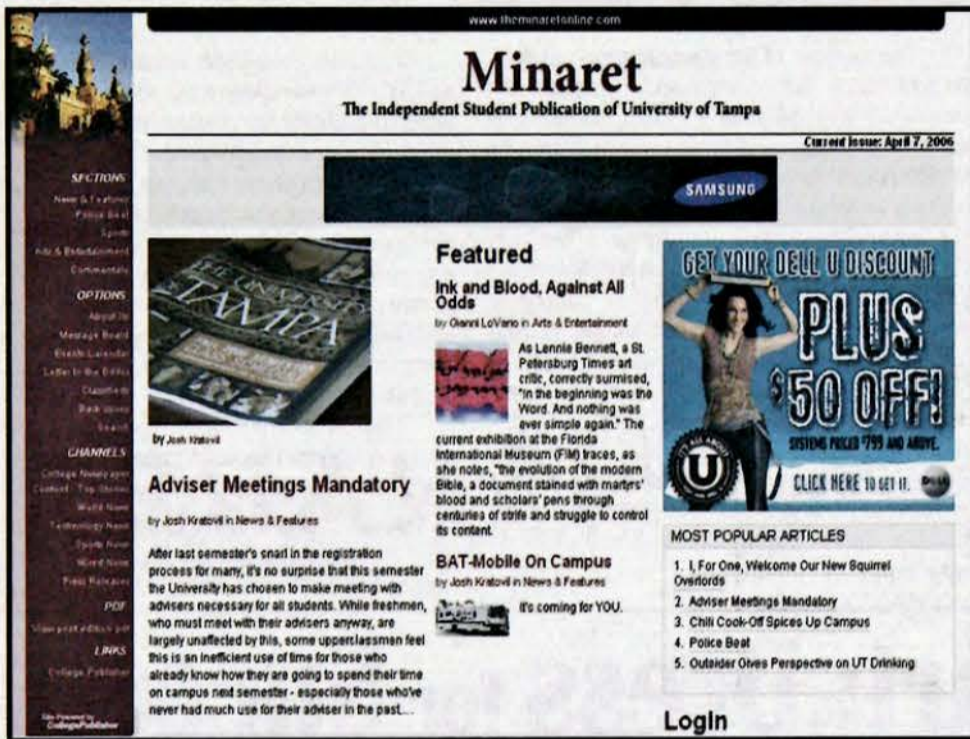
- Two-piece business suit (navy or gray, single-breasted)
- Suit with a skirt is preferable to a pantsuit
- Avoid ill-fitting (short, tight, clingy or slit) skirts; skirt should be no higher than one to two inches above the knee when standing
- White, off-white or neutral colored blouse with a conservative neckline
- Closed-toe leather pumps with low to medium heels (no higher than two inches); avoid open-toe, strappy high heels, sandals or shoes with decorations
- Skin-colored hosiery
- Briefcase or portfolio in place of a handbag or purse; no backpack
- Conservative nail polish; avoid unusual colors, e.g., blue, green, purple
- Understated makeup
- Understated classic accessories
- Small stud earrings instead of dangling or oversized earrings
- A wristwatch and no more than one ring
- Well-groomed hairstyle; avoid



- unusual styles and colors; long hair pulled back in a neat, simple style
- Minimal cologne or perfume
- No visible body piercings, including multiple earrings in one ear
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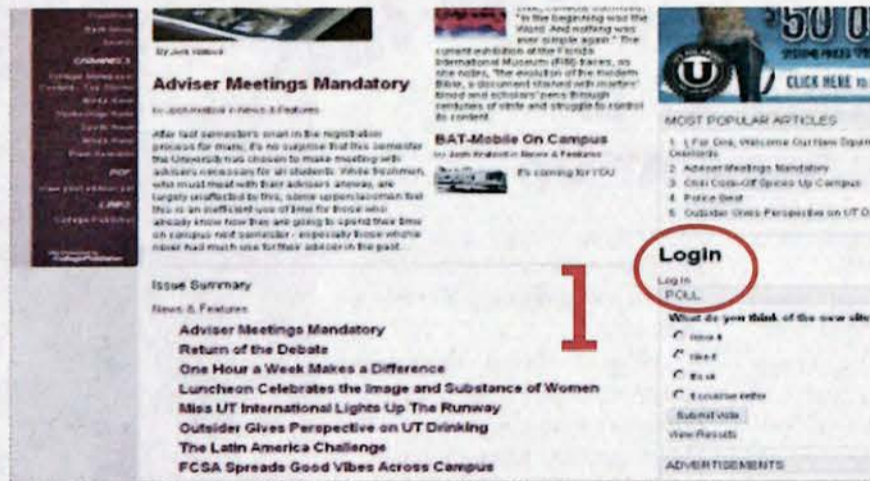


The Minaret is finishing one of its best years. There is no better way to end this year than to announce *The Minaret* is online. Now, the campus has a place to go to for one-stop information on all things UT. *The Minaret* welcomes all members of the UT campus to join and participate in all features the website has to offer.

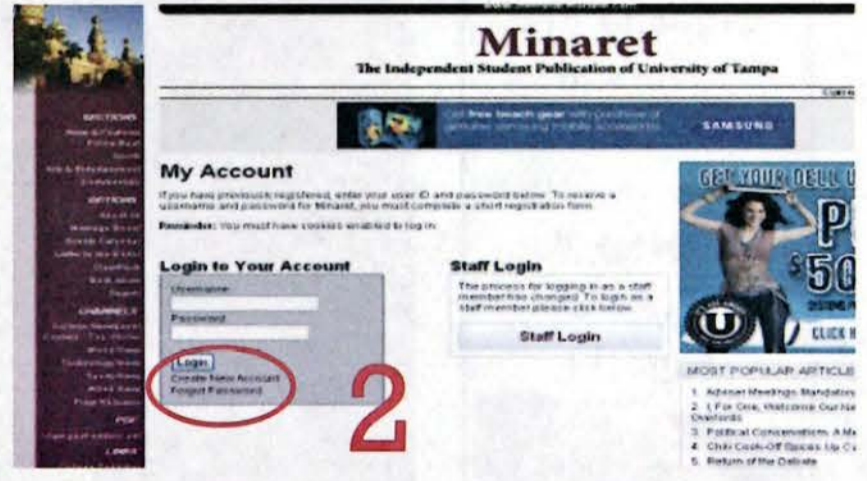
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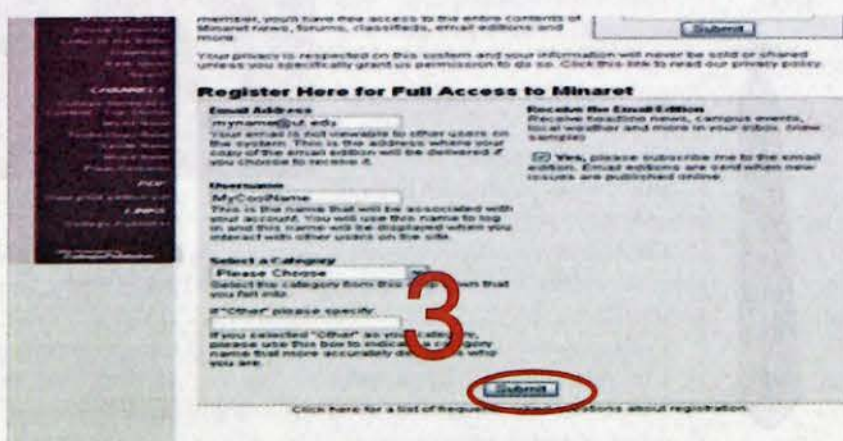
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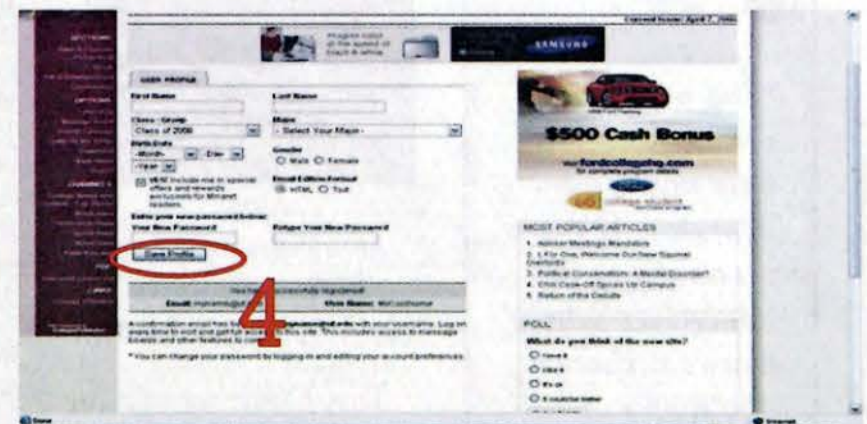
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In the gray login box is a "Create New Account" link. Click that to begin creating your new account.



Add your e-mail address to the first field, then create a username for your Minaret account. From the "Category" drop-down box, choose the category the most appropriate. Check the e-mail edition, register, also. When finished click "Submit."



This takes you to the "Create Profile" page. Fill in the info, pick a new password and click "Save Profile".

# Starting Salaries Up for Spring Graduates

Composed from *Minaret Wire Services*

Starting salaries for spring graduates are up this year, particularly for business and engineering majors, according to a recent report from the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

According to the organization's most recent salary survey report, competition for new college graduates is pushing starting pay offers up by as much as five percent compared to last

year.

Students with degrees in business saw the largest increases. Salary offers for those with accounting degrees rose by 5.4 percent to \$46,188. Business administration and management majors saw a 3.9 percent increase in starting pay to \$40,976. Economics and finance graduates can expect an average starting offer of \$45,058, up 5.3 percent.

Engineering disciplines also posted solid increases. The average salary offer for chemical engineering graduates increased

4.2 percent to \$56,549 and the average starting offer for civil engineering graduates rose 4.8 percent to \$56,549.

Computer engineering graduates are being offered \$54,200 on average to start, and mechanical engineering majors could expect to make \$51,761 to start.

Data about starting pay for various liberal arts disciplines are limited at this time, but initial reports show most are making 2 percent more than last year, starting at \$30,958.

Not all disciplines saw increases in starting pay, as marketing graduates saw their average offer decline by 1 percent to \$37,446. Computer science graduates are also being offered less than last year, their average pay falling to \$50,892.

"Overall, we believe that this year's graduates will fare well in the job market," said NACE executive director Marilyn Mackes in a press release. "At the same time, the good job market shouldn't be an excuse for students to sit back and wait for employers to come to them."

Cynthia Jenkins, assistant director of Career Services, agrees and encourages students to attend job fairs long before they graduate.

Each year, Jenkins' office sponsors two all-majors job fairs,

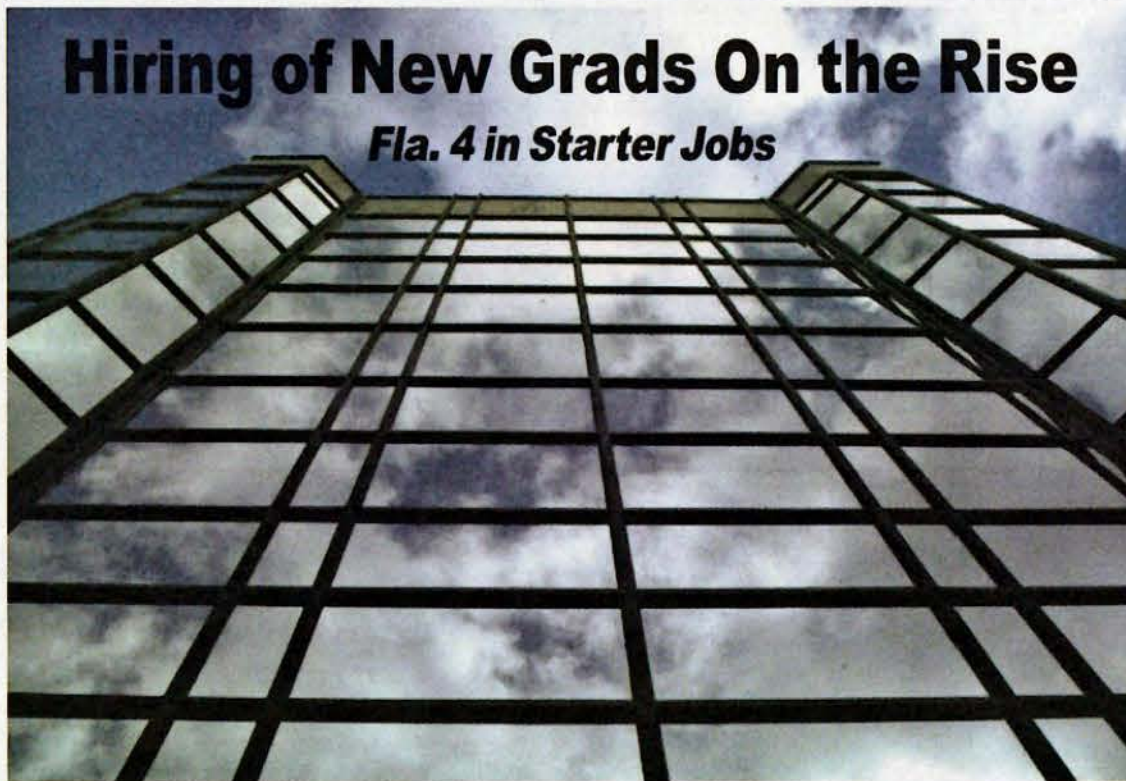
which she said is a good way for students to make contacts with future employers. If students make contacts early, chances are they will be remembered when jobs open up.

"If a recruiter can see your face, shake your hand and make a connection, they will remember you, which makes you much more likely to get the job than someone who just sends in a resume," Jenkins said.

UT graduates will benefit not only from the national increase in post-collegiate employment, but also from a 10-20 percent increase in jobs and a 4-6 percent increase in salaries in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area, said Michael Tooke, assistant director for the Career Center at the University of South Florida.

## Hiring of New Grads On the Rise

### Fla. 4 in Starter Jobs



**(U-WIRE)** - More than half of employers surveyed seek to hire new graduates in anticipation of Baby Boomer retirements.

The class of 2006 will soon graduate and join an entry-level job market that continues to strengthen, according to MonsterTRAK's annual nationwide survey of employers, college students and recent graduates.

Findings reveal that 72 percent of employers plan to hire 2006 graduates in the spring or summer, compared to 64 percent last year.

Additionally, 37 percent of companies expect to recruit more entry-level candidates than in 2005. Despite a growing job market, however, a surprising 67 percent of employers indicated 2006 entry-level earnings would not increase over 2005 wages.

MonsterTRAK is the student division of Monster, the global online careers Website.

"This year's MonsterTRAK survey suggests that the market is at an advantageous tipping point for entry-level workers, with more opportunities creating more competition amongst employers to attract and retain top talent," said Julie Goldthwait, Vice President and General Manager, MonsterTRAK.

"The strong supply of entry-level positions is also reflective of demographic shifts in America's workforce, as 55 percent of companies surveyed indicate they expect to recruit Generation Y employees in the near future to help fill vacancies left by

transitioning Baby Boomers."

The confident class of 2006 appears to hear opportunity knocking - 82 percent expect to receive at least one job offer when they graduate while 64 percent expect two or more offers. Seventy-eight percent note that their undergraduate experience has prepared them for the working world.

Where are the Entry-Level jobs? An analysis of job postings currently on Monster revealed entry-level opportunities are most abundant in California, followed by Texas, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. At the market-specific level, New York City and Los Angeles feature the most available jobs, with Philadelphia, Houston, Boston-Manchester and Miami-Ft. Lauderdale close behind.

Additionally, 15 percent of entry-level "Internet/eCommerce" jobs are located in the San Francisco-Oakland/San Jose area, while 14 percent of "Healthcare - Therapy/Rehab Services" positions can be found in the Boston-Manchester market.

The sales sector is seeking the most entry-level candidates, while positions in the administrative and support services, customer service and call center, retail/wholesale and advertising/marketing/public relations sectors are also plentiful.

**Growing Internship Programs Underscore Strong Demand for Entry-Level Workers**

Internships remain an effective way for students to gain relevant work experience, as well

as get a foot in the door of some of the country's best companies, before graduating. More than half of employers surveyed offer an internship program - 31 percent report it is larger in 2006 than 2005. Most students are taking advantage of the opportunity to gain some professional experience, as 56 percent of 2006 graduates completed one or more internship during their college career.

"There is no question that attracting and hiring the best entry-level candidates has become increasingly competitive as the job market continues to improve," said Amy Van Kirk, National Campus Recruiting Director for Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLC. "We are focused on the importance of introducing students to Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLC while they are still in school by encouraging participation in our extensive internship program, which is currently comprised of about 2,500 people. More than 90 percent of interns who receive a full-time employment offer accept it; they see first hand our commitment to training and development, as well as the work/life flexibility we offer."

**Heading Back to the Nest**  
Roughly half (48 percent) of 2006 graduates are planning to move home after graduation. Interestingly, 44 percent of last year's graduates are still living with their parents and, of this group, slightly less than half say it is due to limited financial resources.

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# Planning Ahead: Successful Interviews Don't Just Happen

### How to Prepare Yourself for the Interview

- Learn about the organization.
- Read company literature!
- Examine company ratings.
- Have a specific job or jobs in mind.
- Review your qualifications for the job.
- Prepare answers to broad questions about yourself.
- Review your résumé.
- Practice an interview with a friend or relative.
- Arrive before the scheduled time of your interview.
- Layout your wardrobe a few days before and have a friend check you out.

### Pre-Interview Checklist

#### A list of things you should know before walking in the door

- Company name:
- CEO:
- Ownership (public or private):
- Nature of business:
- Major product lines:

- Newest product line:
- Last year's sales:
- Recent growth record:
- Major competitors:
- Dress code (formal or informal):
- Intelligent questions to ask:
- Directions to interview:

### What to Bring to an Interview:

- Social Security card.
- Government-issued ID (driver's license).
- Résumé. Although not all employers require applicants to bring a résumé, you should be able to furnish the interviewer information about your education, training and previous employment.
- References. Employers typically require three references. Get

permission before using anyone as a reference. Make sure that they will give you a good reference. Try to avoid using relatives as references.

• Transcripts. Employers may require an official copy of transcripts to verify grades, coursework, dates of attendance and degree awarded.

## Do's

- Act natural.
- Be prompt, neat and courteous.
- Carry out promises.
- Ask relevant questions.
- Allow employer to express himself/herself.
- Smile and try to relax.
- Evaluate objectively.
- Follow procedures.
- Make yourself understood.
- Listen to the other person.
- Present informative credentials
- Think of your potential service to the employer.



## Don'ts

- Criticize yourself.
- Be late for an interview.
- Freeze or become tense.
- Present an extreme appearance.
- Become impatient.
- Become emotional.
- Talk too little or too much.
- Oversell your case.
- Draw out the interview.
- Make elaborate promises.
- Come unprepared.
- Try to be funny.
- Unduly emphasize starting salary.

## Behavioral Questions

In addition to the standard interview questions, employers are likely to ask "behavioral questions" designed to elicit from the interviewee specific examples of skills necessary for the job. To prepare for this type of question, be sure to get a job description that includes the qualifications and responsibilities of the position. Then be ready to answer questions remembering that you want to "STAR" during the interview.

**Situation**—Describe the situation

**Task(s)**—Describe the task(s) involved

**Action(s)**—Describe the action(s) you took

**Result(s)**—What was the result of your action?

If you can't think of a job situation to use as an example, use classroom exercises or extracurricular activities. The following are examples of questions of this type:

1. Describe a time on any job which you've held in which you were faced with problems or stresses which tested your coping skills. What did you do?
2. Give an example of a time in which you had to keep from speaking or not finish a task because you did not have enough information to come to a good decision.
3. Give an example of a time in which you had to be relatively quick in coming to a decision.
4. Tell me about a time in which you had to use your spoken communication skills in order to get a point across that was important to you.

5. Can you tell me about a job experience in which you had to speak up in order to be sure that other people knew what you thought or felt?

6. Give me an example of a specific occasion in which you conformed to a policy with which you did not agree.

7. Describe a situation in which you felt it necessary to be very attentive and vigilant to your environment.

8. Give an example of a time in which you had to use your fact-finding skills to gain information for solving a problem; then tell me how you analyzed the information to come to a decision.

9. Give me an example of an important goal which you had set in the past and tell me about your success in reaching it.

10. Describe the most significant written document/report/presentation which you have had to complete.

11. Give me an example of a time when you were able to communicate successfully with another person, even when that individual may not have personally liked you.

12. Give me an example of a time when you had to go above and beyond the call of duty to get a job done.

13. Describe a situation in which you were able to effectively "read" another person and guide your actions by your understanding of his/her individual needs or values.

14. Describe a time in which you felt it was necessary to modify or change your actions in order to respond to the needs of another person.

# Beware: Facebook Haunts Job Applicants

By Andrew Grossman  
Michigan Daily (U-WIRE)

Members of *Facebook.com* groups such as "My BAC is higher than my GPA." and "I make poor life decisions" may want to reconsider whether they still want to be in them.

The social networking site is gaining more attention as it grows — not only from students, but also from potential employers, who are screening the profiles of job candidates and often finding objectionable information or pictures.

In response to an influx of student questions on the subject, the University of Michigan's Career Center sent students an e-mail warning them about their online image earlier this month.

Lynne Seville-White, an assistant director at UM's Career Center, said employers are likely to use Facebook to screen potential hires.

This threat is increasing as students who are familiar with Facebook graduate and enter the workforce.

"Especially as we see people who were once students and have



alumni accounts going out into the workforce as human resources representatives," Seville-White said.

While access to UM's section of Facebook is limited to those with e-mail addresses ending in umich.edu, those addresses are available to all 425,000 of the UM's alumni, some of whom recruit or hire from the university.

Additionally, employers who aren't alumni can access the site through current interns or other employees with university e-mail accounts.

Facebook users can edit their privacy settings so that alumni and staff are prohibited from viewing their profiles.

Students had mixed reactions when they learned that potential

employers may be looking at their profiles.

LSA freshman Gary Foreman was a member of groups like "Potheads" and "Legalize absinthe" until he spoke to a Michigan Daily reporter yesterday. A few minutes after the interview, Foreman had left the groups.

"Obviously that would probably send a bad message to employers about what my extra activities are," he said.

Senior Charlie Klecha said he is not worried about potential employers being turned off by his membership in "I smoke entirely too much reefer."

"In general, the type of employment I generally seek, I wouldn't say is condoning of that, but wouldn't exclude me for that sort of information," Klecha said. "I've never been a very private person about the fact that I smoke weed."

Klecha is a theater major and plans to seek employment as a freelance lighting designer.

Seville-White said students should approach their Facebook profiles in the same way they would approach an interview.

"It's a matter of how you want to be seen and how you manage your image," she said. "It's sort of like being your own PR agent."

Many students have posted on the site pictures of themselves pole-dancing, underage drinking or doing illegal drugs. Even Facebook walls, where other members post public messages on their friends' profiles, often contain objectionable content.

Seville-White also cautioned students about other uses of the Internet. E-mail and personal websites could pose problems for job applicants as well, she said.

"You need to at least be thinking about it and making some conscious decisions about what you put in a public space," she said. "It may not even be something from your (Facebook) profile but from correspondence with other people."

Klecha said he is unsure whether employers should use Facebook to evaluate candidates.

"It's a very gray area," he said. "It's a really public, easy to use way to find out a lot information. I guess its sort of use at your own risk."

## Ivy Leaguers: We're Not Ready For Life

Tatiana Lau  
The Daily Princetonian

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. - If a recent survey is to be believed, only a slim majority of University students could survive today outside the Princeton University bubble.

On a Point poll this Tuesday, students were asked, "Are you prepared for the real world (taxes, insurance, food, etc.)?"

Forty-four percent of the 836 students polled replied "Possibly," while 37 percent answered "Absolutely Not." Fourteen percent confidently replied "Absolutely," while five percent were unsure, choosing a response of "Never really thought about it."

Several freshmen agreed that they would not be able to survive outside of campus if they graduated today.

"I don't have any life skills. It's actually very sad," Maria Saliccioli '09 said. "I need a life manager."

"I need a life skills class," T.J. Klein '09 said.

Others were more specific as to which "life skills" they needed.

"I'm lucky if I can do my own laundry!" Aimee Gasior '09 explained.

"When I graduate, I'll be prepared academically," she added, but "I learned more life skills in middle school than I do here."

Sophomores were more skeptical about the necessity of "life skills" classes.

"This isn't home-[economics]. The point of Princeton is to secure a career and understand the importance of maturity," Amy Maletz '08 said.

Maletz agreed, however, that she does not yet have the skills to survive on her own. "I just feel that if I were to step out into the real world today, I'd probably need a personal assistant to actually be functional," she said.

Eleni Azarias '08 argued otherwise. "Although we are babied to a certain extent, it's a step [towards adulthood]. Over the summer I lived by myself for a month, and I was fine, but I would run into some trouble with taxes," she said.

Juniors and seniors seemed more confident about their chances of survival in terms of networking, filing taxes and other "life skills." Some joked that Princeton had taught them to do laundry while others cited Princeton as the source of their maturity.

"I cook my own food, do my taxes and laundry," Carl Boettiger '07 said. "I wouldn't say [Princeton] has failed me by holding my hand too much, but it has not gone out of its way to teach you life skills."

"I think studying abroad definitely helped. That made me a lot more independent," Sonia Lee '06, who studied last year at University College London, said.

"I feel like [Princeton has] helped me figure out who I am, how I deal with people, what my strengths and weaknesses are," Lee added. "[People here] may not have learned skills other than schmoozing and networking, but it's something that initiates you. Call it the four-year transition period."

In general, Erica Lee '06 said, "Princeton has taught me how to think, how to write."

For those students motivated

enough to pursue them, there are opportunities to learn about tax returns and other mundane skills.

"A lot of student organizations have panels," Jackie Ng '06 said. "It's never things that the University does, so you have to be in certain organizations. If you email alumni, they are good at responding."

Meanwhile, other seniors attribute their "life skills" to activities they've done outside of the University.

"I usually do my own taxes," Stephanie Chen '06 said. "I took a year off before Princeton. I worked in a lab full time for half of it and went to Australia for the other half. I was sort of financially independent. It's not that hard, so I did it."

To become fully self-sufficient, however, some seniors said classes could be helpful.

"Cooking classes would be good," Remijan said.

"I think some post-graduation things would be helpful, like how to find an apartment, where are good places to live, particular areas you can look into," Ng said.

But most seniors agreed that it was not Princeton's responsibility to teach them practical everyday skills.

"The stuff I learn at Princeton is less 'real-world' skills," Chen said. "I feel like it's more about preparing us after college in less of an everyday sense. It's more about book-smarts."

"Princeton doesn't practically train you for those everyday sorts of things," Remijan noted. "You have to figure out things for yourself."

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# Guide to Writing a Resume

The purpose of the resume is not to get a job but to get an interview. It is your advertisement to companies and recruiters. You are the product; they are the buyers, it is your job to convince the reader of your resume that you are the product they should buy.

The first step in writing a resume is a self-assessment. What skills and experiences do you bring to the job? And more importantly, what kind of a job do you want? The second step in writing a resume is to research the employer or job family for which you are applying and structure your resume accordingly. Ideally you should have one resume for every job for which you apply; more realistically you should prepare one resume for each type of job for which you apply. Consider those skills and experiences which are most relevant for the job and structure those in the manner that best showcases them.

Now you are ready to write your resume. There is no one perfect format. Just make sure that it contains the information you want to impart clearly, concisely and error-free. For most people, and certainly for most college students, it should be no longer than one page. Categories to include are Objective (optional), Summary of Qualifications (also optional but include one or the other), Education, Work History, Special Skills, Extracurricular Activities/Community Service and anything else you think will be pertinent to the position in which you are interested. References should be placed on a separate page and only provided when requested.

There are three basic formats: Chronological, Functional and Combination. The Chronological resume is the easiest to follow since it begins with the most recent education and experience and continues with additional information in reverse chronological order. It has one great advantage—prospective employers like it—and that is the reason most people choose to use it. The Functional resume focuses on the functional areas (Marketing Experience, Communication Experience, etc.) and relies less on chronological order. The Combination resume combines the two by presenting some information under traditional headings and organizing other elements according to job functions. Which format to use? The answer is really very simple—Use the format that best highlights your qualifications and abilities.

After you have decided upon the format you wish to use, you must clearly and concisely delineate the skills that you have—what you have done in previous jobs, activities, etc. that will benefit the employer. Be sure to use action verbs to describe what you have done; and whenever you can, quantify your experience. (“Increased productivity by 45percent over a two-month period” or “Saved the division \$40,000 by...”)

Once you have chosen a format, used clear and concise words and written your resume, the most important thing for you to do is proofread it. Remember that employers are looking for an excuse to throw a resume out of the applicant pool. Your resume must be spotless and error-free. Have at least two people proofread it; don't depend on your spell-check.



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## Summary of Qualifications Professional Profile

Use nouns and adjectives to describe the qualifications you bring to the position.

**Nouns:** capability, skill, ability, experience, expertise, background

**Adjectives:** excellent, recognized, proven, demonstrated, well-developed, extensive, broad, seasoned, outstanding, exceptional

### Examples

#### To highlight organizational skills:

- Recognized ability to plan, organize, coordinate and direct the activities of others
- Demonstrated capability to work independently and to handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Exceptional organizational skills
- Proven organizational and time management skills

#### To highlight leadership skills and/or teamwork skills:

- Proven leadership skills within a team environment
- Ability to provide leadership and to function as an active team participant
- Ability to work well independently and as a team member
- Goal-oriented team player with supporting background and education

#### To highlight communication skills:

- Proven interpersonal and negotiating skills
- Well-developed interpersonal skills
- Excellent oral, written and interpersonal communication skills
- Proven oral and written communication and presentation skills

## You've Expanded Your

### What Is Networking?

- Connecting with people and then nurturing the resulting relationships.
- Tapping into the hidden job market (learning about job opportunities that are never advertised!)
- Learning about career fields and jobs.
- Pooling resources from an ever-growing number of sources.
- Being creative in expanding your contacts.
- The most effective means of finding a job!

### Networking Tips

- Generate a list of everyone you know personal, professional, academic. Think HUGELY! Do NOT discount someone simply because you think s/he doesn't know anyone. Don't make assumptions: you do not know this person or who s/he knows.
- Categorize your list and prioritize the categories by significance (most likely to be knowledgeable/helpful) OR by comfort level (most familiar to least).
- Create a database or file of contacts related to your career interests.

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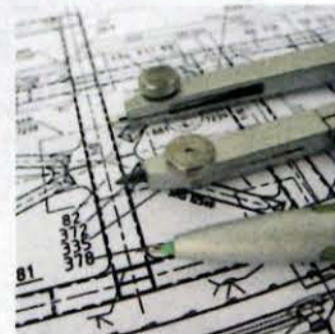
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<b>WORK HISTORY</b>	(It is better if you can have two separate headings: RELEVANT EXPERIENCE which can include internships, part time positions, class projects or research, volunteer experience in addition to work experience and ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY.)	
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<b>ACTIVITIES</b> (Consider titling this section LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES or VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ List activities in order of priority</li> <li>▪ Professional organizations</li> <li>▪ Student Government—specify leadership roles</li> <li>▪ Campus activities—specify leadership roles</li> <li>▪ Social or athletic</li> <li>▪ Be careful in listing specific names of fraternities, sororities, religious or political organizations to avoid prejudicing the reader of your resume</li> </ul>	
<b>SPECIAL SKILLS</b> importance to position	<b>Computer:</b> List computer programs with which you are familiar in order of importance to position	
	<b>Foreign Languages:</b> Indicate level of proficiency, e.g., "Fluent in French" or "Basic conversational ability in Spanish"	
<b>REFERENCES</b>	Your references should be on a separate page and contain the following information: complete addresses and phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses of three to five people who can attest to your work ethic and/or academic progress.	



## Tips For Building Your Resume

- Don't list every job you've ever had on your resume. Highlight work experience that is most relevant to your intended future.
- When a new graduate, most often education information should be placed at the top of the resume.
- An objective statement is not a necessity; however when used, it must be concise and to the point. Ex. To obtain a position with \_\_\_\_\_
- Include your GPA if it is 3.0 or higher.
- Do not include high school data
- Include awards and honors
- If you have financed over 50 percent of your college education, include that on your resume.
- Do not include overused phrases ex. "I gave 150 percent at my last job." What exactly is 150 percent anyway?



## Mind. Now Why Not Expand Your Network?

Maintain manageable records.  
 • Do your homework:  
 • Know yourself: skills, interests, values, personality  
 • Inventory your accomplishments  
 • Research careers, companies, industries  
 • Plan and practice your opener. Discuss with a friend, colleague or counselor first if desired.  
 • Make your move! Send an e-mail or letter first; follow with a phone call. Or simply CALL! Assign yourself a daily quota. Be

persistent but not pesky!  
 • Follow-up! Call again within a week if no response. Arrange a "meeting" in person or by phone. Ask for 30 - 45 minutes only. You could get even luckier!  
 • Set the tone. Know why you are calling and what you hope to learn (industry information, career exploration, mentoring, job search advice, graduate or professional school guidance, etc.) You are NOT asking for a job!  
 • Ask for names of others. Most

important question: Whom do you recommend I contact for additional information?  
 • Send a thank you note within 48 hours! E-mail is OK! A personal letter can be very effective too!  
 • Maintain connections. Nurture the relationships by staying in touch and letting them know where you "land!"  
 • Be patient. Networking takes time. Never stop networking!



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# Business Meal Etiquette: Things NOT to Do

- Holding up order because you can't decide. Decide quickly or at least by the time everyone else is ready. Don't ask the waiter to explain everything on the menu. You'll come across as indecisive and annoying.
- Ordering messy meals. Don't even think about that big, juicy hamburger or onion soup. Stick to manageable meals you can eat with your fork. Some pasta dishes, such as linguini and angel hair pasta, are also bad choices because they have "splash potential." And, if you don't know how to eat something, don't order it.
- Taking someone else's bread or drinking from another person's glass. In most place settings, the bread plate is on your left and the water glass is on your right. Remember this rule: "food" has four letters and so does the word "left"; "drink" has five letters and so does the word "right."
- Tucking your napkin under your chin. Remember, you're not at a family picnic! Your napkin goes on your lap when everyone else has been seated. Etiquette dictates that you wait for your host to do so first. When leaving the table temporarily, put your napkin on your seat. When you're finished eating, place the napkin to the left of your plate.
- Holding your fork as if it were pitchfork. You'll look like you just came out of a cave. Also, when you're speaking, keep your utensils down. Don't wave your fork or knife in the air.
- Do not replace any used silverware on the table.

- Licking your fingers or utensils. Never use your hand to clear crumbs off the table either.
- Drinking too much alcohol. It's always better and safer to abstain. If you do choose to drink alcohol, limit yourself to one glass.
- No elbows on the table please.

- Fighting over the check. The host is the person who did the inviting and that person pays the bill – *regardless of gender*. Be gracious. Do not fight about the bill or offer to pay the tip. And it is always appropriate to send a written thank you to your host within two days.

## How to Display Table Manners



- Chew with your mouth closed.
- Hold the silverware correctly.
- Pass food to the right.
  - Serve food on the left and remove soiled platter from the right.
  - Serve beverages from the right.
  - Pass both the salt and pepper.
  - Butter hot bread by opening bread with fork and butter all.
- Break hot or cold bread, and eat one bite at a time.
- Your feet should be flat on the floor.
- Sit up straight in your chair.
- Modify your voice so that you are talking short range.
- Excuse yourself to people on each side if you should leave the table.
  - If you have to refuse anything, simply say "no thank you." No explanation is necessary.
  - Pass the butter with the butter knife on the dish.
  - When stirring and seasoning iced tea, drop the lemon into the glass and pierce with the spoon and quietly move the spoon up and down in the glass.
  - "Please pass the \_\_\_\_\_," or "May I have the \_\_\_\_\_," is the correct way to ask for something you need.
  - Watch to see that all the condiments have been passed.
  - Unfold a luncheon napkin entirely across lap. A dinner napkin is unfolded only in half.
  - Place napkin in chair if you have to leave the table during the meal.
  - Place napkin to the left of the place setting when you have finished the meal and are leaving the table.
- Eat at a moderate speed.
  - Make sure that you do not make the others wait forever for you to finish your meal.
  - Watch the host or hostess for beginnings and endings.
  - Cut one bite at a time.
  - Eat quietly, not making noise with your mouth or silverware.
  - When removing pits, bones, seeds and foreign matter from the mouth, remember that it comes out the same way that it went in.
    - If it went in with your fingers, as an olive on a relish tray, it comes out with your fingers. If it went in on your fork, as an olive as part of a salad, it comes out on your fork. Except bones, which are always removed by the thumb and forefinger.
  - Holding your white wine glass by the stem (to keep it cool) and your red wine glass with fingers on both stem and bowl of glass is correct.

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not previously stated and the benefits that you bring to this employer. The cover letter is not a re-telling of your resume; it should focus on two or three positive traits/skills/activities that you want to highlight and amplify. You are the product that you are selling; the employer is the buyer. Why should he "buy" you? What benefit do you bring him? What special skills or talents separate you from the competition?

The final paragraph should refer to your enclosed resume and include your action plan. Indicate that you will follow up your letter with a phone call in a few days. You want to ensure that your resume has arrived and been read without enough time for it to be forgotten. (A Friday mailing and a Tuesday or Wednesday follow-up call is clever strategy.) Be sure to include a phone number (including area code) where you can be reached. If it is absolutely impossible to get a contact name and phone number, you have no control to take any further action and must depend

on the organization to call you. Include a statement about what you wish for them to do; don't be pushy, just confident. Type your letter on 8 1/2 x 11 paper that matches your resume, preferably white or ivory, and sign your name in black ink. Always try to get the name of a specific individual to whom you will send the letter; if this is impossible, address it to a title—Human Resources Director, Hiring Authority, etc. With the advent of resume scanning by computer, it is advisable not to fold your correspondence; therefore, put your cover letter and resume, unfolded, in a mailing envelope with a typed mailing label.

## "Being a Great Conversationalist Means . . . What Was I Saying?"

- Maintain eye contact and listen closely. Do not interrupt or finish another person's statement.
- Be well-informed and able to talk on a wide range of subjects. Stay informed on major news events around the world.
- Be interested in what other people do for a living.
- Be able to flow from one topic to another with ease.
- Do not pretend to be an expert on topics that you are not.
- Do not correct another's grammar or pronunciation in public.
- Gracefully accept any compliments given to you.
- Be sensitive to the timing of when to talk about non-business topics and vice versa.
- Do not ask a professional for advice or information at a social function or casual meeting.



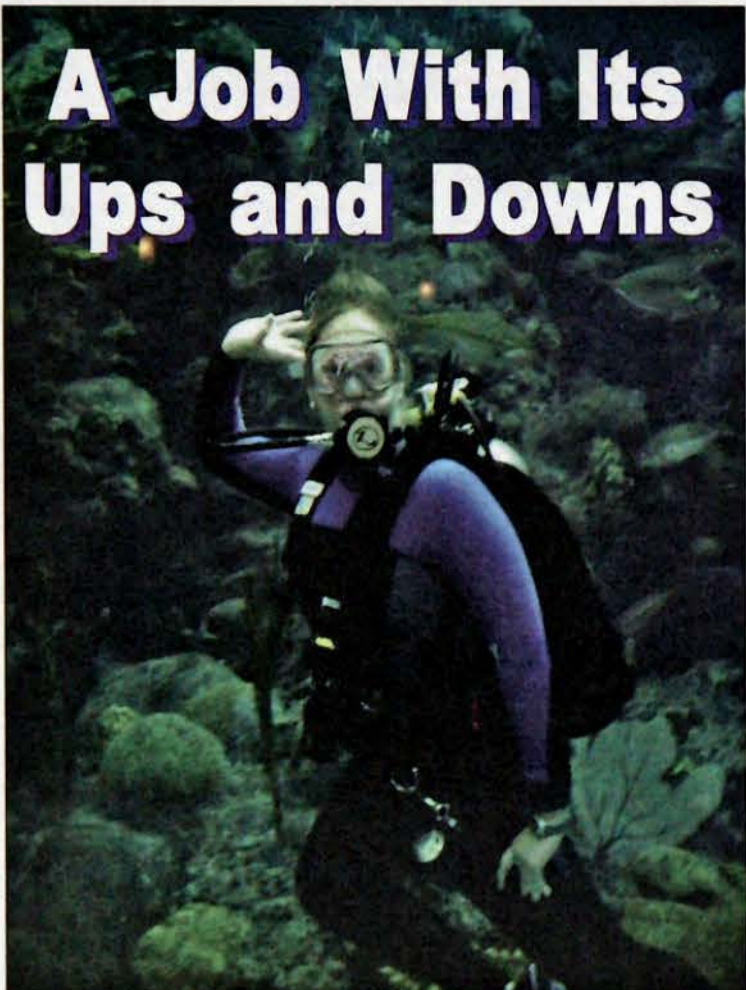
- Be sure to converse with everyone within the group.
- Be sensitive to a shy person within the group.
- Keep the conversation flowing; try to avoid an awkward silence.
- Be diplomatic in situations where you are too busy to carry on a conversation.

**Avoid Discussing:**

- o The health or illness of yourself or others.
- o Sensitive topics such as abortion, religion, etc.
- o Money
- o Tragedies
- o Gossip
- o Sex



# A Job With Its Ups and Downs



A bizarre creature swims through the tanks at the Florida Aquarium. Its 5-foot-4-inch body includes a bulbous spine and two fins that extend from outstretched legs.

Its name -- or her name, rather -- is Emily Rose. For the last year, she has sported a scuba tank and dive fins while working in the education department at the Florida Aquarium.

Because she had a full schedule of classes, the sophomore marine biology major originally worked only birthday parties and handled animals for the Creature Feature exhibit, Rose said.

Now Rose is swimming with the big fish, working as a dive interpreter.

"It involves doing dive shows where we are able to do informative talks while in the water with special full face masks that have microphones and earphones in them," Rose said.

Rose's duties also include working with the "touch tanks," feeding the sting rays and giving behind-the-scenes tours. She also

takes care of the animals that are used for educational purposes such as the alligators, snakes and as she puts it, "an obnoxious quail."

Besides all of her normal responsibilities, Rose also has to be prepared for possible scary moments.

"The worst single incident was probably getting bit by a crocodile when a little kid pinched it, but at least I still have all my fingers," Rose said.

This is not Rose's first time working at an aquarium. She previously worked at Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. where she trained seals and penguins.

Rose wanted to work at an aquarium to gain experience in the marine biology field and to work with animals in order to educate the public. She also views her job as an excellent way to make connections for the future.

Rose says the best part of her job is being paid to scuba dive and do work she is genuinely interested in. She feels the worst part is realizing how ignorant people are of the environment.

After completing her degree at the University of Tampa, Rose plans on attending graduate school.

"I'm not quite sure what my future holds for me, but I know that I am interested in environment protection, especially the marine aspect," Rose said.

Till then, Rose plans to continue getting her fins wet at the Florida Aquarium.



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# College Students Favor Smaller Employers 7 to 3

**A large majority of new graduates prefer small to medium companies as employers of choice**

In a recent poll at *CollegeGrad.com*, an Entry Level Job Site, 70 percent of job seekers said they would prefer working for a medium or small employer. Only 30 percent said they would prefer working for a large international company.

"This feedback is contrary to the generally held view that college graduates only want to work for Fortune 500 or Global 1000 companies," said Brian Krueger, president of *CollegeGrad.com*. "Not only are college grads interested in small and medium size companies, they prefer them."

In their job search, students and recent grads no longer consider employer name recognition as their primary criterion. College grad job seekers are most interested in companies that will invest in them and provide growth opportunities.

"Today's graduates have seen the cyclical nature of the global and national economies," said Steven Jungman, Division Director for ChaseSource, LP. "Terms like 'downsizing,' 'furloughs,' and 'mass-layoffs' are now a part of everyone's vocabulary and are typically associated with larger firms."

Instead of only chasing the giant paycheck, graduates are now opting for jobs with growing companies who can offer competitive benefits and a balanced work life. Small and mid-size companies offer a strong work-life balance, flextime, volunteer incentive programs and other unique benefits to attract college grads.

Some larger firms are adjusting

their recruiting style to target these grads. Maureen Crawford Hentz, Diversity Recruiter for Osram Sylvania explains. "It's a whole new ball game in terms of landing our top candidates," said Hentz. "We spend a lot of time emphasizing our smaller working groups, individual professional development and the ability to move up within the company."

The recently published results of *CollegeGrad.com*'s annual Top Entry Level Employers Survey suggest good news for today's grads. Many listed among the **Top 500** are small or medium companies who are significantly increasing their hiring in 2006. The Top 500 Entry Level Employers and their 2006 recruiting plans can be viewed [online](#).

The results of the poll reveal that college grad job seekers want a more personal work experience. They want to be names, not just numbers on a spreadsheet. They want opportunities to have a positive impact on their company, and to see the results.

"So if you are a medium or small employer, wondering if you can compete at the entry level with the large employers," says Krueger, "the answer is a resounding yes."

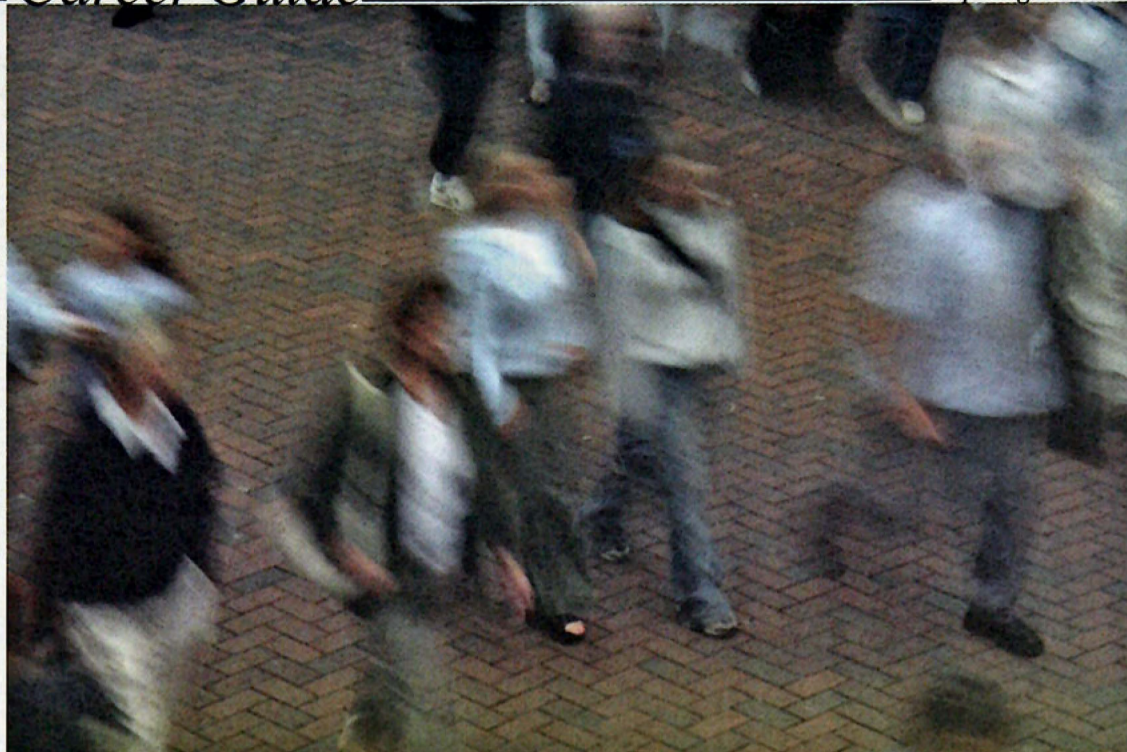
Following are the overall survey results:

What size company would you most like to work for?

- A small or medium size company - 70 percent

- A large international company - 30 percent

The survey was conducted nationally using an online poll placed on the *CollegeGrad.com* home page. The results are based on nearly 500 respondents.



## Internnation.com Allows Students To Network With Fellow Interns

**Haley Huie**  
Technician (N.C. State)

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. - Students across the country may be breathing a sigh of relief when they're searching for housing or roommates for summer or semester internships far from home. Professional experience awaits many eager interns, but may take them to a new city where they're faced with finding friends, a place to live and roommates.

*Internnation.com*, a new Web site founded by a recent Notre Dame University graduate, offers students a chance to network with other interns and find these components to the internship experience.

"Wherever students end up, there are other interns — hopefully from their own school," *Internnation.com* founder Fran Larkin said.

The idea sprung from an experience Larkin said he had in Brussels, Belgium, where he was completely out of his element and had a hard time adjusting to his new surroundings.

"The first two weeks were impossible for me," he said.

Larkin was eventually able to connect with other students from his area through parents and mutual acquaintances — which ultimately gave him the idea to start a service that would make getting hands-on experience more accessible for interns.

Students who register with the service are able to post current housing opportunities, find apartments in their destination and hopefully be renting from other students in the same position.

He said the service is free, but requires students to fill out a profile of themselves so other users can tell who they're dealing with. The profiles do not require sensitive information such as social security numbers or addresses and phone numbers.

*Facebook.com* and Craig's List are two of myriad sources students have to find housing and roommates currently, and *Internnation* is a compilation of the services that are more secure due to the limited age group and registrant pool, according to Larkin.

The user-generated content is a community that polices itself with students having the opportunity to post advice and

comments about their experiences for future users.

Larkin said the site has served interns in most major Metropolitan areas across the country.

Wood Catoe, assistant director for University Career Services at North Carolina State University, said he had similar difficulties when his son lived in Dublin, Ireland.

He said he found a service that helped his son find housing and lined up a job — making the transition much smoother and giving the family more piece of mind.

Catoe pointed to + as an effective resource for students but urged them to evaluate any fees these services charge and to look at the safety aspects.

He touted the importance of internships as a supplement to the college experience and said it was necessary for entering such a competitive job market.

"I can't imagine a student going through college without having had hands-on experience," he said, explaining that some form of job or internship is extremely valuable for most professional fields.

# UT Entrepreneurs Want To Make Waves In Business

**Rachel Levinsky**  
Journalism I

Jenna Turchich and Kyle Smith seem like two very different people on the outside. Turchich's room is covered with posters sporting names like Volcom, Hurley and Surfing Magazine. Cracking open a cold beer on a bright, sunny day while cruising on a boat is Kyle Smith's idea of a perfect day.

"Nothing's better than fashion and surfing," Turchich says.

Smith, on the other hand, lives for boats.

"I love them, man. They are

the best things ever," he says.

They may not know it, but they actually have a lot in common. Both are students at UT who are looking to turn their passions into successful business ventures.

Turchich, a sophomore, is majoring in business management. This will be part of her necessary training to run a successful business.

"I came to the University of Tampa because I knew it had a good business school that would help prepare me to run a successful business," she says.

Smith, a junior, is majoring in entrepreneurship and is an active member of the business fraternity

Delta Sigma Pi.

"I wanted to use it for networking. It looks great on a resume, and I absolutely despise social fraternities," he says.

Turchich, who's been surfing off and on since age 15, envisions her surf shop in Dana Point, California.

"I picture my shop in the beginning to be small but welcoming and to only have women's clothes at first," Turchich said. "When you walk in, I picture surfboards to the left lining the wall and a nice selection of clothes throughout the store including bathing suits, wetsuits, skirts, shirts, pants and much more. The

shop will be colorful and laid back with a beach motif."

Turchich is no stranger to retail in the surf industry. Her dad owns half of the surf retailer Hobie.

Smith will have to give up his days in the sun to enter the world of suits and paperwork for a short while. He knows this is a necessary evil.

"It takes money to make money," he says.

Although Turchich has big dreams, she also has some big fears. She worries she won't have the money to start up her business. She also worries that her business will be lost in the already established surf shops, and it

won't be able to break through into success.

"Even though there are a lot of things that could go wrong, I try to think of all the things that could go right and keep pursuing my dream.

Smith moved to Tampa for three simple things, "family, boats and beaches."

"Florida's what's up. It's the hot spot, baby. It's just beautiful, man."

Both students are looking to further their own goals in life by using their current interests and opportunities that are available — which is the true essence of entrepreneurship.

# So You Get An Offer: Now What?

## Is It Really "An Offer You Can't Refuse?"

Once you receive a job offer, you are faced with a difficult decision and must evaluate the offer carefully. Fortunately, most organizations will not expect you to accept or reject an offer immediately.

There are many issues to consider when assessing a job offer. Will the organization be a good place to work? Will the job be interesting? Are there opportunities for advancement? Is the salary fair? Does the employer offer good benefits? If you have not already figured out exactly what you want, the following discussion may help you to develop criteria for judging job offers.

### The organization

Background information on an organization can help you to decide whether it is a good place for you to work. Factors to consider include the

organization's business or activity, financial condition, age, size and location.

You generally can get background information on an organization, particularly a large

organization, on its Internet site or by telephoning its public relations office. A public company's annual report to the stockholders tells about its corporate philosophy, history, products or services, goals and financial status.

Most government agencies can furnish reports that describe their programs and missions. Press releases, company newsletters or magazines and recruitment brochures also can be useful. Ask the organization for any other items that might interest a prospective employee. If possible, speak to current or former employees of the organization.

Background information on the organization may be available at your public or school library. If you cannot get an annual report, check the library for reference directories that may provide basic facts about the company, such as earnings, products and services and number of employees. Some directories widely available in libraries either in print or as online databases include:

- *Dun & Bradstreet's Million Dollar Directory*
- *Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations*
- *Mergent's Industrial Review (formerly Moody's Industrial Manual)*
- *Thomas Register of American Manufacturers*
- *Ward's Business Directory*

Stories about an organization in magazines and newspapers can tell a great deal about its successes, failures and plans for the future. You can identify articles on a company by looking under its name in periodical or computerized indexes in libraries. However, it probably will not be useful to look back more than two or three years.

The library also may have government publications that present projections of growth for the industry in which the organization is classified.

Long-term projections of employment and output for detailed industries, covering the entire U.S. economy, are developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and revised every two years. See the November 2005 *Monthly Labor Review* for the most recent projections, covering the 2004-2014 period, on the Internet at: <http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/mlrhome.htm>. Trade magazines also may include articles on the trends for specific industries.

Career centers at colleges and universities often have information on employers that is not available in libraries. Ask a career center representative how to find out about a particular organization.



## Questions to Ask Yourself

### Does the organization's business or activity match your own interests and beliefs?

It is easier to apply yourself to the work if you are enthusiastic about what the organization does.

### How will the size of the organization affect you?

Large firms generally offer a greater variety of training programs and career paths, more managerial levels for advancement and better employee benefits than do small firms. Large employers also may have more advanced technologies. However, many jobs in large firms tend to be highly specialized.

Jobs in small firms may offer broader authority and responsibility, a closer working relationship with top management and a chance to clearly see your contribution to the success of the organization.

### Should you work for a relatively new organization or one that is well established?

New businesses have a high failure rate, but for many people, the excitement of helping to create a company and the potential for sharing in its success more than offsets the risk of job loss. However, it may be just as exciting and rewarding to work for a young firm that already has a foothold on success.

### Does it make a difference if the company is private or public?

An individual or a family may control a privately owned company, and key jobs may be reserved for relatives and friends. A board of directors responsible to the stockholders controls a publicly owned company, and key jobs usually are open to anyone.

### Is the organization in an industry with favorable long-term prospects?

The most successful firms tend to be in industries that are growing rapidly.

### Nature of the job

Even if everything else about the job is attractive, you will be unhappy if you dislike the day-to-day work. Determining in advance whether you will like the work may

be difficult. However, the more you find out about the job before accepting or rejecting the offer, the more likely you are to make the right choice. Actually working in the industry and, if possible, for the company would provide considerable insight. You can gain work experience through part-time, temporary, summer jobs, through internship or work-study programs while in school, all of which can lead to permanent job offers.

### Where is the job located?

If the job is in another section of the country, you need to consider the cost of living, the availability of housing and transportation and the quality of educational and recreational facilities in that section of the country. Even if the job location is in your area, you should consider the time and expense of commuting.

### Does the work match your interests and make good use of your skills?

The duties and responsibilities of the job should be explained in enough detail to answer this question.

### How important is the job in this company?

An explanation of where you fit in the organization and how you are supposed to contribute to its overall objectives should give you an idea of the job's importance.

### Are you comfortable with the hours?

Most jobs involve regular hours—for example, 40 hours a week, during the day, Monday through Friday. Other jobs require night, weekend or holiday work. In addition, some jobs routinely require overtime to meet deadlines or sales or production goals, or to better serve customers. Consider the effect that the work hours will have on your personal life.

### How long do most people who enter this job stay with the company?

High turnover can mean dissatisfaction with the nature of the work or something else about the job.

## Things to Consider

### Opportunities offered by employers

A good job offers you opportunities to learn new skills, increase your earnings and rise to positions of greater authority, responsibility and prestige. A lack of opportunities can dampen interest in the work and result in frustration and boredom.

The company should have a training plan for you. What valuable new skills does the company plan to teach you?

The employer should give you some idea of promotion possibilities within the organization. What is the next step on the career ladder? If you have to wait for a job to become vacant before you can be promoted, how long does this usually take? When opportunities for advancement do arise, will you compete with applicants from outside the company? Can you apply for jobs for which you qualify elsewhere within the organization, or is mobility within the firm limited?

### Salaries and benefits

Wait for the employer to introduce these subjects. Some companies will not talk about pay until they have decided to hire you. In order to know if their offer is reasonable, you need a rough estimate of what the job should pay.

You may have to go to several sources for this information. Try to find family, friends or acquaintances who recently were hired in similar jobs. Ask your teachers and the staff in placement offices about starting pay for graduates with your qualifications. Help-wanted ads in newspapers sometimes give salary ranges for similar positions. Check the library

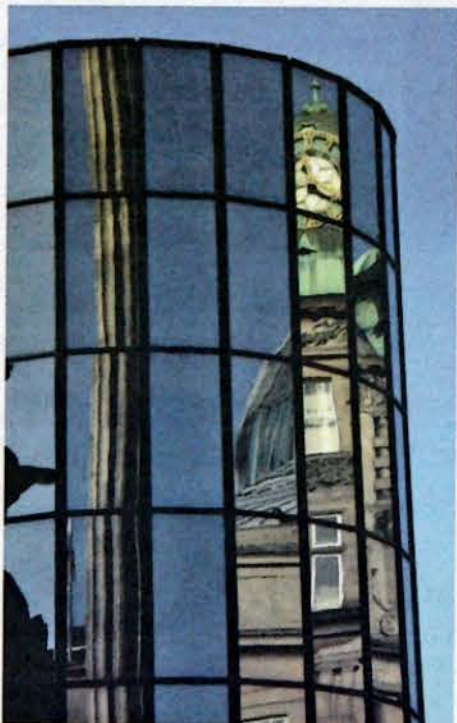
or your school's career center for salary surveys such as those conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers or various professional associations.

If you are considering the salary and benefits for a job in another geographic area, make allowances for differences in the cost of living, which may be significantly higher in a large metropolitan area than in a smaller city, town or rural area.

You also should learn the organization's policy regarding overtime. Depending on the job, you may or may not be exempt from laws requiring the employer to compensate you for overtime. Find out how many hours you will be expected to work each week and whether you receive overtime pay or compensatory time off for working more than the specified number of hours in a week.

Also take into account that the starting salary is just that—the start. Your salary should be reviewed on a regular basis; many organizations do it every year. How much can you expect to earn after one, two or three or more years? An employer cannot be specific about the amount of pay if it includes commissions and bonuses.

Benefits also can add a lot to your base pay, but they vary widely. Find out exactly what the benefit package includes and how much of the cost you must bear.



## For More Information

National, state and metropolitan area data from the Bureau's National Compensation Survey are available from:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Compensation Levels and Trends, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE., Room 4175, Washington, DC 20212-0001. Telephone: (202) 691-6199.

Internet: <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/>

Data on earnings by detailed occupation from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey are available from:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE., Room 2135, Washington, DC 20212-0001. Telephone: (202) 691-6569.

Internet: <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>

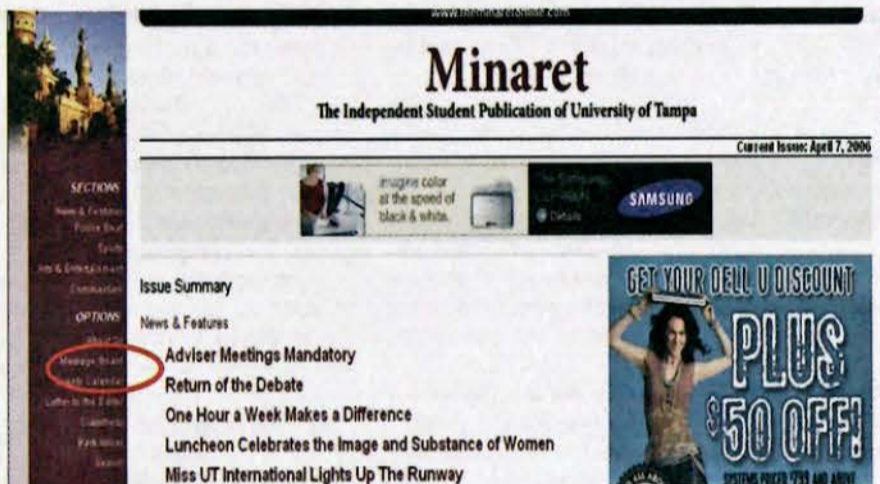
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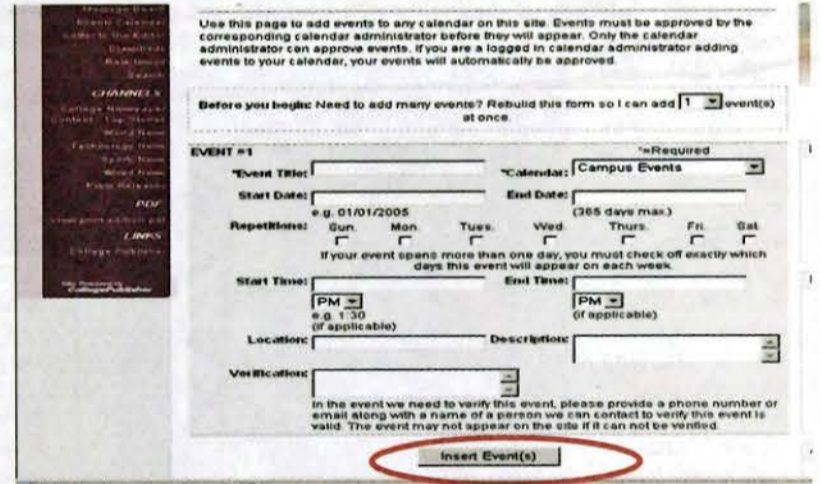
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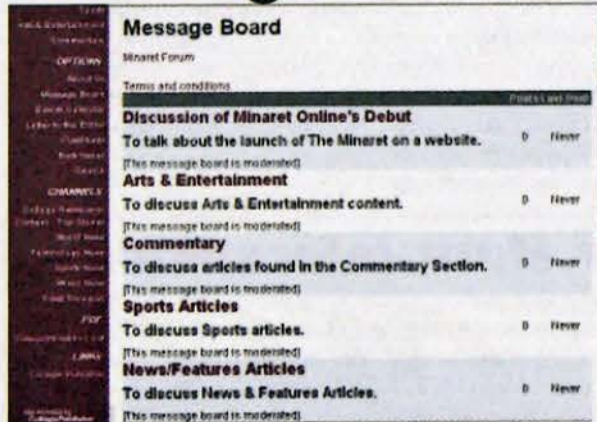
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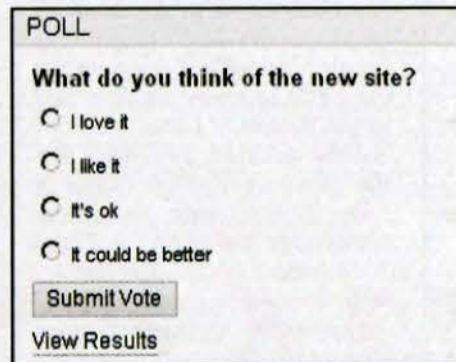
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