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## Spartans beat #1, lose to #2 in OT

By JODY LINK  
Staff Reporter

Did they have a chance? Evidently, the Spartans did.

The much-hyped, highly-anticipated meeting between the University of Tampa Spartans and Adelphi University (N.Y.) Panthers was a force to be reckoned with, as the game started out in Tampa's favor with 4 back-to-back scores in the first 2 minutes of the game.

The Spartans took the lead for good after the 10 minute mark of the first half, and the Panthers were never able to retake them through the rest of the game. The Spartans employed a vengeful defensive scheme to contain the highly-potent Panther team. Adelphi, now 31-1, was the lone undefeated team in the NCAA, out of 992 schools among all three divisions, before entering the Centennial Garden in Bakersfield, Cal.

Leading the team through most of its victorious season, Adelphi's Ryan McCormack broke many of the team's records during the season, including most wins and minutes played. Although McCormack scored a team-high 22 points in the game, Tampa's defense found a way to shut the rest of the team down to

an average of less than 6 points each.

Tampa's James Mereus scored 10 points and hit all 4 free throws in the second half, while Elijah Piazza came off the bench to score a team-high 19 points.

Richard Schmidt, UT head coach, commented after the game that he felt Adelphi did not play their best game and "that was not the team I saw tapes of before coming here."

The 82-68 victory against Adelphi allowed the Spartans to advance to the second round and face Division II powerhouse Kentucky Wesleyan College.

UT 82 - Adelphi Univ. 68

After coming off the emotional high of beating the #1-ranked team, the Spartans had to face the #2-ranked team the next day.

The mindsets shifted from "do they have a chance?" to "maybe they can go all the way" after UT eliminated Adelphi University in the first round.

However, #2-ranked Kentucky Wesleyan College, known for its speed and aggressive play, stood in the way of the Spartans' dreams of a national championship.

The Spartans were held to 29 points in the first half, as KWC took the 6-point lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Spartans came back to the court with one thing in mind—to win—and tied the game at 56 with 8:49 left in the game with a field goal by Elijah Piazza.

The teams literally fought head-to-head as each team wanted the win. The Spartans, vividly not agreeing with the officiating, were hit with 14 fouls in the second half, while KWC was dealt 16.

After a foul on KWC's Marshall Sanders with 4 seconds left, UT's hopes rested upon the free throw shooting of junior Jon Brown. He nailed both and the game ended tied at 75.

The fans could not believe what they were seeing, as the 5 minute overtime started with the unranked Spartans taking the #2-ranked KWC Panthers for a roller coaster ride.

The team also received an additional 5 fouls during overtime, including a flagrant one by Elijah Piazza as he commenced a belly-to-back-suplex on KWC's Lorico Duncan with 23 seconds left.

KWC won the game 85-84 and ended the Spartans hopes of a national championship.

They also went on to beat Washburn University (Kan.) 72-63 in the title game, giving KWC their second championship in three years UT 84 - KWC 85.



--Jody Link

Gecarri Freeman slams the ball against KWC in the semi-finals of the Division II championships last week in Bakersfield, Cal.



## Honor symposium presented on Harold Pinter

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Dr. Frank Gillen was both energetic and engaging in last week's honor symposium. The presentation entitled "Harold Pinter: Revolutionary Playwright" covered everything from Pinter's three major periods to the famous "Pinter Pauses."

Gillen began the presentation by discussing Pinter's unique characters and their lack of background then segued into what is commonly known as "Pinter Pauses." Gillen explained that often times in Pinter's plays what is not said is as important as what is said.

At the end of the symposium, Gillen showed clips from two of Pinter's plays, *The Homecoming*

and *Old Times*. He used clips from *The Homecoming* to illustrate several key elements of Pinter's plays, including his non-endings and strong female characters.

Gillen compared Pinter's treatment of women to other great playwrights including George Bernard Shaw and William Shakespeare. Pinter writes strong female characters in situations where they can compete equally with the male characters. He used scenes from *Old Times* to illustrate the fight for dominance that usually exists in Pinter's plays as well as to illustrate his non-endings.

Dr. Gillen is the founder of the Honors Program at UT. He has also taught several classes here covering Pinter's plays and is co-editor of the University published Pinter Review.

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# The Pre-Registration Uphill Battle

EDITORIAL

No matter how slowly the current semester is progressing, despite the unbearable load of work beginning to be levied by instructors as the school draws to a close, the initial review of the upcoming semester's course offerings never ceases to create a feeling of renewed hope and excitement.

Whether it's the understanding that the catalog's placement in campus mailboxes signifies the impending nearness of a long semester's end or the realization that this will be for many the last time of standing in the snaking amusement park line to pre-register, the time of choosing classes epitomizes the sense of giddiness and youthful exuberance which should accompany a student throughout the entirety of his or her college experience. Usually, though, it happens like this: the student receives the catalog in the mail, eagerly flips through its pages, and creates a rough draft of the ideal schedule for the new year. After receiving an adviser's signature, the pupil attempts to register for the suitable courses, only to find that those first choices have all been filled, and, upon selecting from a pre-determined list of secondary options, discovers that even lesser desired classes which could be used to fill pre-requisites are closed. Sauntering away from the front of the line, the student retreats to a nearby table, identifies those courses not posted on the sheet emblazoned "CLOSED CLASSES," carelessly substitutes the new choices, rejoins the line (now stretching back into the mail room) and considers him- or herself lucky to make it to their afternoon classes on time and enrolled for next term as a full time student.

While the university is currently making attempts to rectify this dilemma, it is the instructors of whom we beseech their good grace and generosity of spirit. In weeks following pre-enrollment, many disgruntled students will come to you in the hopes that you'll allow them to overload into your classes. Yet, while you are certainly overworked and probably won't be able to find room in your cramped classroom for yet another desk/chair, please consider carefully the pleas of these desperate students before you hurry off to your next class or appointment. We are eager to learn. Remember that feeling of exhilaration at seeing all those new opportunities for knowledge soon to be offered. Though our excitement is genuine, it is easily dismissed, for, unfortunate as it may be, we are often discouraged in our academic pursuits at a university which is, at times, reluctant to expand its approach to education in equal proportion to its ballooning rates of enrollment. Perhaps you'd let us into your course. And maybe we are not such bad students. A few of us even have some insightful viewpoints to offer. We like your class, and decide to adopt the field in which you instruct as our major. Our love for the program grows and, at the end of our time at UT, we will look back and have you to thank as the motivating factor in our ultimate educational expectations and achievements.

We are students and desire to be taught. Please don't shut us out because of class size and university policy. We'll even take a seat on the floor if we have to. You won't even notice us. But, hopefully, you will.

STARTING  
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## Close enough to touch

COLUMN

Over the past months, I've written about a variety of different topics—everything from Martha Stewart to Einstein and the meaning of life—but I have yet to dive into the one topic that is the most important to me: happiness.



By  
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If I could have one wish, well, at least one meaningful wish, it would be for happiness. I know that sounds cheesy, but think about it. Happiness. To different people, the word

has many different meanings. To some, it may simply mean to be loved unconditionally; to others, perhaps security in a job they love to do. I can't define my sense of happiness—all I know is, when it finds me, I'll know it.

I find myself in deep thought every once in a while, and every time my thoughts turn to happiness. Am I happy? Most of the time I would say yes. Am I completely happy? No, there are times when things go wrong, or bad things happen to good people—I cannot honestly say I am truly happy.

In the bleakest times of my life—too painful to mention here—I have asked to be

happy. If I were happy, things would be wonderful. I would never cry, except tears of happiness, I would wake up with a smile on my face, and fall asleep with an even bigger smile. I could walk through life in a gleeful daze—not a care in the world.

But let's get real. Nothing is perfect, and it's hard to imagine a world that would be. No one would argue, no heated debate over politics. There would be no conflict, not even over pizza toppings. There would be nothing to do but sing songs while skipping around a clear pond on a warm day.

I used to think that if everyone were happy, we could all be equal—no one would be better than anyone else. So many nights I lay in bed, tears rolling down my eyes, begging for happiness.

I have this ritual I perform when I cry. I

sit in front of the mirror, watching the tear drops slowly fall down my cheek. And I speak. Not necessarily talking to myself, but making my feelings vocal so

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someone, something, somewhere might hear me and offer help.

If that unknown did help me, it took its sweet time. Things get better with time, I've learned that. It's all going to be okay. I've learned that too. Those lessons don't matter unless you believe they are true. It's taken me my entire life to realize this. And now that I have, I think I might be starting to get happy.



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## LETTERS FROM OXFORD

### Hasty marriage and the college student

COLUMN

My roommate is engaged. This might not seem like such a shocking statement considering she is 22 years old and gradu-



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New Jersey, came to Oxford with a boyfriend. Granted, they were having relationship problems before she left, but it seemed that they were on the fast track back to love. They were talking on the phone again and even planned a week

ating in May. Let's try again: My roommate is engaged to a man she's known for three weeks.

Now do you see this as shocking? Kellie, sweet little innocent Catholic girl from northern

long tryst in Paris, the city of love. Then Chris, an Oxford choir director, started coming around to the flat. Three weeks later, he called me to see if I could find out her ring size because he asked her to marry him.

I've heard of love at first sight. Who hasn't? We've all grown up with the same fairy tales and movies about instantaneous love. Eyes always meet across crowded rooms in Hollywood. But does such love exist in real life? Do Kellie and Chris really have a deep understanding and affection that will last a

lifetime after knowing each other for under a month? Perhaps the oddest part about this tale is that it's not the first time it's happened in my house. The summer before I arrived, a tenant met a British guy, and quicker than you can say "high tea" they were engaged.

This past fall, a girl came from Michigan to study psychology and ended up engaged to our British flat mate with a wedding planned for September.

The usual response to my telling this tale of lightning love to friends is that they look at me and say, "So the luck ran out for you, huh?" I even had someone calculate that, if I moved at the rate of the other American

girls from my house, I could find a British guy and get engaged twice in the time I had left, but I don't think such a fortune is awaiting me. I'm in no great rush to

settle down and start spitting out kids, thank you very much.

Kellie and Chris are meant to be married in 2003, but it will be interesting to see if it happens. She's headed back to the United States this week to graduate college and start

her job at L'Oreal while Chris finishes school in Oxford. Part of me feels that he asked her just to make sure she wouldn't dump him when she left. I've seen too many long distance relationships fall apart here, so perhaps he figures that a diamond on her finger will keep her loyal. I'm not saying that Kellie is some engagement hopper, but she did come here with a boyfriend, who, ironically, is also named Chris.

I wish her the best of luck, and I hope their love isn't affection made into commitment by panic of impending separation. I don't forecast that I'll break their record and return home with a ring on my finger unless it's something I buy for myself, and I can't afford a diamond. As Pete, one of the English fiancés, says, "We're just taking our 200 years of back taxes." They sure won't be taking it in the form of me. I'll leave that to the other American girls.

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### Should we know our neighbors' past?

COLUMN

This past week, I spent a lot of time mulling over piles of documents on community notification of sex offenders for a



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fender living across the street. Since then, all 50 states have implemented a registration system to track sex offenders, but some important questions still remain—is community notification fair, constitutional and, moreover, does it work?

Many would argue that community notification laws violate constitutional *ex post facto* protection by inflicting punishment on offenders who were convicted and sentenced before the laws were passed. Some states have indeed walked a fine line in establishing notification programs in that, even though the law was not established until 1994, some states,

Massachusetts for example, require sex offenders released from custody dating back to 1981 to be registered. If these laws are to be effective, Americans have two choices—either amend the constitution or eliminate mandated registry of sex offenders before 1994, just to be "fair."

But in terms of fairness, is it fair that a sexual predator has the power over another human being by raping a child, and then fail to notify citizens of this possibly dangerous neighbor because he "paid his debt to society" and did the jail time? Is it fair that innocent children suffer the consequences of a sexual attack for the rest of their lives because of a pedophile's fascination with young, defenseless flesh?

Some claim that notifying the members of a community that there is a convicted sex offender living in that community violates the privacy of offenders after they have been released from prison and that the laws create a stigma that constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. Is it cruel or unusual after someone has raped a 4-year-old to let his neighbors know he's done this sort of thing? Is it not cruel and unusual punishment when a 45-year-old man rips open the vagina of a

3-year-old girl? Is it not cruel and unusual punishment that she will have to suffer in silence and go through life unable to trust other people? One in six rape victims is under the age of 12, and statistics have continually worsened in recent years.

I have heard people say that being an American citizen entitles you to unalienable rights—that is what makes our country so

unique and wonderful. But when an adult brutally rapes a child, those rights should be snatched away as quickly as that child's innocence was. When a sex crime is committed against an innocent

child, we must remember who the real victims are: the child, not the offender.

One of the most intriguing and mystifying parts of being a human being is how we rarely want to admit impropriety. That is one of the reasons that we have a justice system—to determine the facts. But the justice system is too often concerned with the offenders. Take the San Diego area school shootings a few weeks ago. When we watch the news, we don't hear much about the families of the victims; instead we see a shackled 15-year-old being led into a courtroom, sitting next to a lawyer who is claiming that he

should not be tried as an adult. That boy killed people, an adult crime that must face adult consequences.

Perhaps the most sickening and saddening part of these messes is that rarely do we hear about the victims. The lawyers and litigation teams make their *ex post facto* and double jeopardy claims in favor of the offender, defending criminals whose recidivism rate is a high 18 percent, when, in reality, the double jeopardy claims become moot because if an offender was convicted of a sex crime in 1996, serves his time in prison and then is released on parole four years later, and commits another act of sexual assault against a different person, double jeopardy is discarded. Just look at Megan Kanka's murderer: a convicted and paroled sex offender who had supposedly paid his debt to society is released and rapes and murders another child.

The people I have heard argue against community notification rarely, if at all, have children in their families who have been sexually assaulted. We shouldn't even have to ask where the cruel and unusual punishment lies, because the answer is so blatantly clear—if you are ignorant and despicable enough to rape a child in the first place, you deserve whatever hellish existence your brutality earns you, and community notification is a godsend compared to the scars that child will suffer.

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# A Strap-o-Lounger for the 21st Century

FACULTY FORUM

On a rainy day in Tarrant County, Tex., just a little over seven months ago, James A. Livingston, 30, was having a particularly bad day. Livingston, who was



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receiving treatment for paranoid schizophrenia, who believed that he would be killed by a relative, went to the local sheriff's department seeking refuge. He would be dead within eight hours. Not from the actions of a relative, but at the hands of the local police.

It is not unusual for schizophrenics to become agitated and appear incoherent under stress. According to published reports, shortly after his arrival at the sheriff's office, Livingston was pepper-sprayed in the face and then placed in a restraining chair. There he remained, and, under county procedures, was prevented from washing the irritant from his eyes. The cause of death was officially listed as asphyxiation. Prolonged exposure to pepper spray can cause inflammation and swelling of the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and mouth, eventually leading to nausea, coughing, impaired breathing and possible death. All attempts to revive him failed.

Livingston had been placed in a restraint chair, a device better suited to the 16th century. Prison employees refer to it as the strap-o-lounger or devil's chair. It is equipped with belts, straps and cuffs, and was designed to immobilize violent inmates who pose danger to themselves or others. However, according to reports from Amnesty International (AI) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the strap-o-lounger is frequently being used in inappropriate situations, often in sadistic ways. There have been numer-

ous instances where it has been used to punish nonthreatening behavior, and in some cases prisoners have been interrogated or required to testify while in restraint chairs. Amnesty International has documented cases where prisoners have been physically abused and threatened with electrocution while restrained. Since 1993, at least 11 people have died after being placed in the chair.

According to a report filed by AI (1997), Daniel Sagers died in a jail in Osceola Co., Fla., after being placed in a restraint chair. Sagers, who was mentally ill and under treatment, had fired a shotgun on a golf range. He was beaten by guards after being placed in the chair. The official report of the medical examiner concluded that his head had been pushed backward with such force that his brainstem had been damaged. His family filed a civil lawsuit and was later awarded a \$2.2 million settlement.

Michael Valent died after being restrained in the nude for over 16 hours in a Utah prison (*ACLU Reporter*, 1997). He had spent six years at the Utah State Mental Hospital with a diagnosis of schizophrenia after "voices in his head" told him to kill his grandmother. He was then transferred to the Utah prison. Following a confrontation with a guard (he refused to remove a pillow case from his head), Valent was shackled with chains and straps to a restraining chair. The seat of the chair was set at an angle so that his legs were elevated to a jack-knife position. The angle was so severe that his legs were cut below his knees. During those 16 hours, which must have seemed like 16 days, he was never given an opportunity to exercise his legs or arms. An autopsy showed that blood clots had formed in his legs, and later moved to his lungs causing death. Similar incidences leading to death have been reported from Sacramento, Cal. (Carmelo Marrero, 1995; *Sacramento Bee*), Phoenix, Ariz. (Scott Norberg, 1996), Kansas City, Mo. (Anthony R. Goins, 1997), Pueblo, Colo. (Kenneth Bishop, 1998), and Hartford, Ct. (Katalin Zentai, 1996; *Hartford Courant*),

to mention a few.

In 1999, lawyers for several plaintiffs in Sacramento, Cal., settled a class-action lawsuit against the Sacramento Sheriff's Department for \$755,000. The suit alleged that deputies were using the restraint chair in sadistic ways, especially with minorities and women. Videotapes of the their restraining procedures were used as evidence during the hearings. After being restrained, some people were told that they would be electrocuted. Others were forced to urinate on themselves. One videotape showed Gena Domogio being strapped to the chair naked. Many of the individuals were clearly terrified by their ordeal.

One of the most popular strap-o-loungers, referred to as the "Prostraint Violent Prisoner Chair," is manufactured by AEDEC International, Inc. (Beaverton, Ore.). The company refers to its chair as being "humane," and it sells for \$900 - \$1300. Major customers include the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, the Forest Service and the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, as well as state, county and city jails. AEDEC also sells the chair to other countries including the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Greece, Uganda and several countries in South America. The company also advertises that the chair can be used for detaining people in "mass entertainment facilities" such as concert halls and sports arenas. This puts the phrase "rage against the machine" in an entirely different light.

Another popular restraint chair is made by KLC, Inc. of Phoenix, Ariz. The basic model (including straps, cuffs, ankle chains), listed as the "Violent Person Restraint Chair," sells for about \$2290 and can be ordered in special sizes and colors. Anne-Marie Cusac, managing editor of *The Progressive*, phoned the company requesting additional information. KLC declined to comment ("The Devil's Chair," *The Progressive*, April 2000). I have also tried, without success, to obtain additional information from KLC. At present, they seem to respond only to faxes sent on official stationary of law enforcement agencies.

Perhaps we would not be surprised if these events had occurred in places with oppressive regimes. The U.S. is always ready to rebuke countries like China, Cuba, Iraq, Russia, etc. for their human rights violations. In light of our own record of abuse against Native Americans, other minorities and poor people, and the way in which we have embraced capital punishment, it would appear that we need to take a long look at ourselves. The U.S. incarcerates more people than any other industrialized nation. We are also at the top of that list in enforcing the death penalty. Many of our migrant farm workers live under deplorable conditions, without adequate housing, running water, and are frequently exposed to abuse and intimidation. We are a nation where racial profiling is all too common, where many children suffer from hunger and inadequate medical treatment, where millions of workers have no health insurance, and where too many of our elderly are subjected to abuse and neglect. Racism. Sexism. Homophobia. Death by electrocution or lethal injection. And now, comfortable seating in the strap-o-lounger.

Some effort is being made to limit (hopefully ban) the use of restraining chairs. Class-action lawsuits are currently pending in California, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and Tennessee to restrict the use of these chairs. Amnesty International has called for "an urgent national inquiry" into the use of restraining devices and has initiated discussions with senators and other legislators that will hopefully lead to strict guidelines on their use in the near future. Write to your elected representatives and voice your concern about this issue. For more information on restraining chairs review the information provided by the ACLU ([www.acluutah.org/restraint.htm](http://www.acluutah.org/restraint.htm); or [www.aclufl.org](http://www.aclufl.org)) and AI ([www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org)).

## What's the missing element at UT? Respect

COLUMN

By JODY LINK  
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After spending almost a week in Bakersfield, Cal. covering the men's basketball championship run, I saw the good, the bad and the ugly of how teams play, are treated and how they are respected.

Our team was the only unranked team of the championship—the one who wasn't supposed to be there. But they were. Not because of a reputation the school has—Lord knows our local press barely mention the words "Tampa Spartan"—but because they earned it.

Our team arrived as the media-known underdogs, and it was announced day in and day out, either by a reporter during a press conference, or by fellow photographers who were on the court while doing their job.

At one time, before the tournament started, UT was an 18-point underdog. Yes, they were expected to lose to the undefeated #1-ranked Adelphi Panthers by more than 18 points. What a spread. Too bad we didn't go to Vegas and take that line; we would have returned very, very rich college students.

Even their coach acknowledged that was a huge margin and commented that he didn't know if either team was an underdog, much less an 18-point one.

One thing kept smacking me in the face every day I was there, though: we had no local fan support. Yes, some parents traveled more than 2,000 miles to see their be-

loved ones participate in a chance of a lifetime, and we sent four media personnel to the game (two from *The Minaret* and two from WUTZ), but what about the other students or administrative staff? I understand it is a long trip, but when some of the schools there can set up chartered buses and flights for their fans to travel to the game site, I believe we could have done the same. One school even played in Paris, France during the year and their fans found a way to support the team by traveling alongside them.

The local coordinators of the tournament did a great job of having a high school band perform for each team, setting up the site, and getting the area businesses pumped to produce the event. Almost everywhere we went we saw the Elite 8 buttons, or "Welcome to Bakersfield" signs. We even had local residents chanting and cheering for our team, the underdogs that they were, as the games progressed. The bands were also given team apparel, souvenirs and signs to show which school they were supporting. They used this and their musical repertoire, including the schools' fight songs, to support and encourage "their team" to win.

How much of that has our team received, or will they receive from the student body, faculty, staff and administrators since returning home? Not enough, guaranteed.

**A** team busts its chops during the game to earn the right to perform in a championship tournament, yet doesn't have the right to stay and watch the finale.

This lack of respect is also true of the NCAA in one very uncommon and disliked rule in Division II sports. The losing team must leave the tournament site within 24 hours after the game, meaning all the hard work doesn't even allow them to watch the remainder of the tournament.

How fair is that? A team busts its chops during the game to earn the right to perform in a championship tournament, yet doesn't have the right to stay and watch the finale. Great reward the teams receive, I'd say.

In NCAA Division I tournaments, the teams are allowed to stay until the round they are competing in is complete. Thus, if the team loses in the first game of the first round, they are allowed to stay and watch the rest of the first round games before having to go home.

It is probably very unlikely that UT will ever host a championship tournament of this caliber, not because we don't have the quality teams to compete, but because we don't have enough attendance and support from the campus population.

To be honest with you, we had more fans cheering for us in the audience than we had at our own home games where it is free for students to attend. This isn't just basketball games either. When was the last time you saw a softball or soccer game?

Our sports teams may not be the FSU Seminoles or UF Gators, but they are very respectable in each of their programs and deserve to be treated as such.

As one of the many photographers on the basketball court, I was supposed to show impartiality and present myself as a photo-journalist, not as a college student there to support his team. Trust me, I wasn't getting paid like the other photographers were, and this "lack of school support" did not happen after the first game.

I was more than proud of our team, the way they eliminated the #1-ranked team and the way they projected themselves throughout the banquet dinner, press conferences and the time they spent at the hotel.

I wore a University of Tampa shirt and hat during the second game we played, and was more than willing to cheer our team on, even though I was wearing a bright orange-colored armband that meant I was a photographer for the NCAA championship.

Like any team that loses the chance at a championship, our team was obviously feeling down and letting their emotions show; however, they have nothing to be ashamed of. They showed what it meant to play with little respect from others and to play with heart and dignity. For that, I am more than proud to say I am a University of Tampa Spartan, and our team should hold their heads high and be proud.

Our men's basketball team made the Elite 8 for the first time in the school's history, an accomplishment that is second-to-none for our team, but how many people knew about it? How many people cared?



## The following students will be your 2001-2002 Student Government leaders

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## “Did you know?”

By Vanessa Irizarry  
staff writer

1. With the rapid spread of foot-and-mouth disease, Britain announced almost all livestock on farms adjacent to infected sites would be slaughtered. There have been over 560 cases reported in Britain. Scientists say the number of cases could climb to 4,000 by June. Veterinarians in Britain are making certain exactly which at-risk animals should be slaughtered.

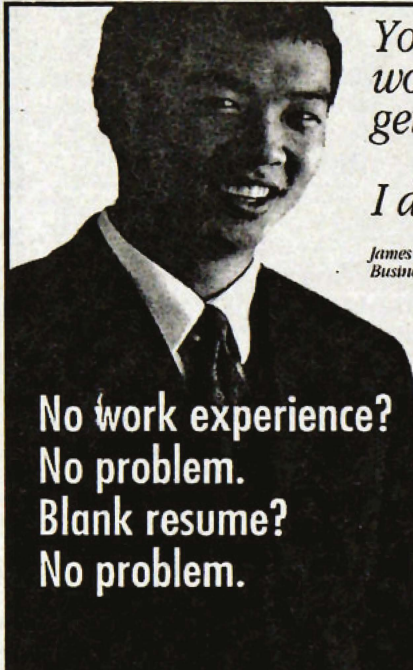
2. Pilots of Comair Inc., the nation's second-largest regional carrier, are on strike. This strike is the first to occur in the airline's 24-year history. Passengers, totaling approximately 25,000 each day, are now having to book flights with other airlines. Each day the strike is not settled with Comair pilots, they will make announcements stating the next day's flights are canceled.

3. Russian officials have approved California millionaire, Dennis Tito, a seat aboard a Soyuz rocket. Tito will pay \$20 million for his excursion. Scheduled to blast off April 30, if all plans follow through, Tito would be the world's first space tourist aboard the International Space Station. NASA is firmly opposed to Tito's plans because they feel he is a non-professional, but Russian space officials were quick to acknowledge the fact that Tito has fulfilled over 700 hours of training.

4. After more than 20 years, the rivalry between World Championship Wrestling and the World Wrestling Federation was brought to an end when the WWF bought out WCW. Reports have stated that in 2000, WCW lost approximately \$80 million. Disclosure of the terms were not stated.

5. The world's first compressed-air roller coaster was unveiled at Paramount's Kings Dominion theme park in Doswell, Va. Known as the HyperSonic XLC, the roller coaster reaches a 90-degree incline, blasting riders straight up a 165-foot tower. The HyperSonic XLC can reach 0 to 80 mph in two seconds.

**Editor's Note:** Due to Chief Buddy Campbell's absence, *The Minaret* was unable to obtain the police reports for this week's POLICE BEAT. We will include them in the next issue of *The Minaret*.



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# It's time to chat and chuck

## A look at disposable cell phones

By SAMANTHA HORVATH  
Staff Reporter

There are disposable diapers, disposable razors, disposable silverware and even disposable cameras, but has anyone ever wondered why there aren't any disposable cell phones? Not until just recently. Randi Altschul of Cliffside Park, N.J., spawned the idea of disposable cell phones when trying to resist the temptation of throwing her cell phone out of the window. She has "married two of America's favorites activities—yapping on the phone and throwing things out."

I bet you are probably wondering, how much of this phone is really disposable, and how much does it cost? Interestingly enough, the phone will cost only about \$20-\$30 for a 60, 90, or 120 minute pack. However, "like the razor blade in a razor, the air clips can be changed. That is the only truly disposable part of the phone," Telespree chief executive, Alon Segal, explains. There is even a \$2-\$3 rebate that is rewarded as an incentive to encourage recycling. The phones will be marketed towards senior citizens, pre-teens, travelers, and "those who find the devices today too confusing or complex." Actually, the phone, itself, has only two buttons, one for on/off and the other to send. The entire system works by voice recognition. Simply say the number, and the system automatically dials the number. In fact, Telespree hopes

to include online speed dial lists.

Okay, so we know how much it costs, but how is it cheap enough to make disposable? Altschul explains, "The key to the device is its ultra-cheap, ultra-thin circuitry made by applying metallic conductive inks to paper. We've printed a phone." Once all of the prepaid minutes are used, consumers can keep the colorful handsets and throw away the battery and airtime packs. They then just replace the battery/airtime pack set with the prepaid minutes and keep on yakking.

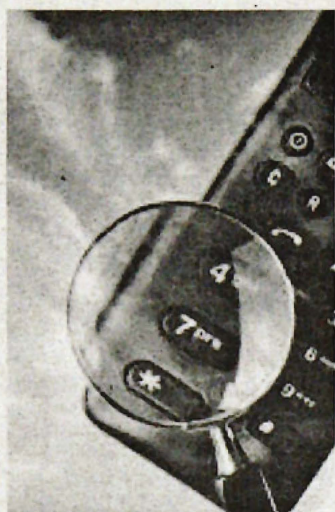
Could this cut into the already fragile cell phone market? Only 40 percent of Americans are wired for conversation. Bryan Prohm, a senior analyst with Gartner Dataquest, has high doubts that the disposable cell phone business will affect the large conglomerates of Nokia, Ericsson or Motorola. In some ways, it may even help these companies. This new

product would acclimate individuals into the world of cellular, making them for comfortable and confident in purchasing a higher-tech cell phone. These phones should be hitting stores near you by late this year.

Altschul has already spoken with major retailers and has several businesses lined up. The Airclips will be sold at drug stores, supermarkets, gas stations, and other retail outlets. "Imagine being able to enter a McDonald's and get a cell phone with your meal!" she jokes. Or, "Imagine giving a wireless phone to your 8-year-old child, so he can call you to pick him up after school by saying, 'Call home.'"

Next time you enter a

McDonald's, maybe you'll hear "do you want a cell phone with that extra-value meal?" If you do, don't be surprised. Technology has come a long these past few decades. Ever wonder what they will come up with next? How about disposable lab tops? Think it's too far fetched, then think again. They are already on their way.



courtesy gte.com

# The circle of lust, sex and betrayal

## A review of UT's production of La Ronde

By SAMANTHA HORVATH  
Staff Reporter

This past weekend, the fine arts department at UT performed "the most censored play in the history of the theater." If you don't know why *La Ronde* is the most censored play, then you obviously didn't go. For four nights, UT students delighted audiences with a series of ten vignettes, each ending with a couple having sex. It was obviously a shocker to some of the spectators.

Like all plays, there was a deeper meaning, although it may have been hard to catch with all of the legs, sexy clothes and bedroom language. The main point was this, *La Ronde* in French means "the circle," and basically, each scene held a man and a woman looking for companionship; however, the person that they were with was not the one that they wanted but merely a substitution for their real desire.

Take, for example, "the married woman." She wanted to

be closer to her husband, like they were in the past; however, she used "the student" as a substitute for her desire of the husband. Make sense? As clear as mud? Anyway, *La Ronde* is "set in turn-of-the-century Vienna," and it "explores the decadence and anxiety of love and relation-

scenes, the auditorium was filled with catcalls, screams, whistles, and applause. It is true that the entire cast, as well as the behind-the-scenes members, produced a well-acted and memorable show.

Afterwards, I had heard from several people that the show was very interesting, something that they wouldn't think to see on a college campus. In fact, many community members came to see the show and thought that it was wonderful. One woman remarked that it would be her second time seeing it. However, despite the seemingly family appeal, this is no family night experience. It would be so weird to watch people "gettin' it on" with my parents. So, in the future, avoid this show when the 'rents are in town.

If you decided that the theater was not for you, it was your loss. This was a chance for you to see some skin and good acting without costing you a penny. Maybe next time more people will come to support UT's drama program when they perform for us.



photo courtesy of imdb.com

Actress Nicole Kidman has appeared in both the erotic film *Eyes Wide Shut* and the explicit stage drama *The Blue Room*, each adapted from works by *La Ronde*'s author of Arthur Schintzler.

ships—or lack thereof—at the turn of the century. Although it was originally published in 1896, *La Ronde* fits nicely into the beginning of a new century, as we still face many of the same problems today."

The audience loved every second on the play. After certain

# HOROSCOPE

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By JESSICA CASTILLEJA  
Astrologist



**Aries**

**Lucky Number: 4**

You will damage your reputation if you are too open about your feelings. You will be easily misinterpreted. Good fortune in dealings may come from almost ANY area this week. Right now you have the chance to progress in any desired direction, so go for it.



**Taurus**

**Lucky Number: 16**

Don't say things that might put someone else in a tight spot. Avoid loading too much 'to do' on your plate this week as your stars show 'opportunity' comes along later in the week from the 29th to the 1st.



**Gemini**

**Lucky Number: 21**

Think before you speak. You will find that you seem to have an extra injection of energy this week, with a conjunction between the Sun and Venus.



**Cancer**

**Lucky Number: 7**

Emotions will be hard to control. A conjunction between the Sun and Venus this week brings a sunnier atmosphere to bear on your life and circumstances.



**Leo**

**Lucky Number: 12**

You may find yourself reflecting on some of your most strongly held beliefs, and seeing clearly which ones seem to support your goals and aspirations, and which ones tend to get in the way and stop you from progressing.



**Virgo**

**Lucky Number: 1**

You receive a visit from an angel in a dream this week. Demands on your time, patience, energy and generosity will prove your worth and ability, especially near the 29th to 31st.



**Libra**

**Lucky Number: 8**

Your enthusiasm and energy will inspire those who talk to you. Take great care to write down any dream you have that involves a household pet. This dream will have a prophetic meaning to it.



**Scorpio**

**Lucky Number: 24**

Secret matters must be dealt with. Your dreams will be colorful and entertaining, but unfortunately have little impact on you. Dish out info on a 'need to know' basis ONLY.



**Sagittarius**

**Lucky Number: 32**

Keep your thoughts to yourself. Someone may be trying to undermine you. Break that bad habit or get yourself into a regimented program geared to getting back on track.



**Capricorn**

**Lucky Number: 22**

Don't make promises or commitments to a group that you're uncertain about. You may be guilty of 'holding back' on a friend near the 31st. Explain yourself or run the risk of being 'misunderstood.'



**Aquarius**

**Lucky Number: 36**

You can find out important information if you listen carefully to colleagues or clients. Trust your friendship ESP this week and take a chance on confronting some one you feel is 'in need' but not sharing what it is.



**Pisces**

**Lucky Number: 14**

You can make physical changes that will enhance your appearance. Get out and go shopping. You need to boost your spirits. Remember you don't have to spend a bundle to get something nice.



# Ft. Lauderdale, Miami rejoice as U2 kicks off much anticipated *Elevation* world tour

By CHRISTA TINSLEY  
Staff Reporter

U2, the self-acclaimed "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world," opened their *Elevation* Tour 2001 in Ft. Lauderdale to a sold-out crowd (including Lenny Kravitz) who packed into the National Car Rental Center on the evening of Saturday, March

and The Edge showed up on stage and broke into the song "Elevation," followed by the three-time Grammy winning hit "Beautiful Day."

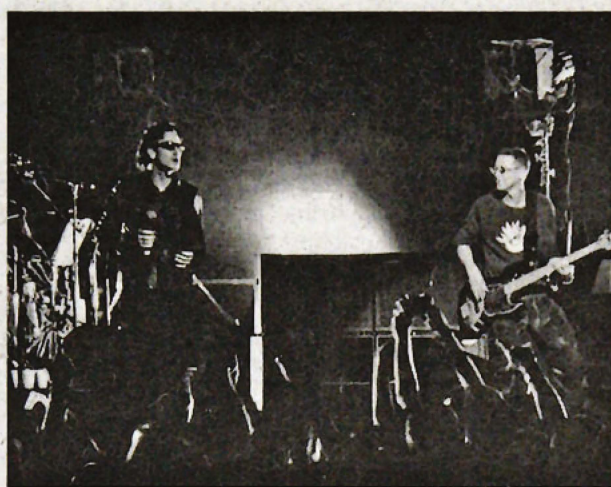
The stage for the 2001 tour is less showy and high-tech than the sets for U2's tours last decade. A few unexpected additions – video screens that rose up from behind the stage and gauzy

God complex for the evening.

U2 performed several songs from their newest album, *All That You Can't Leave Behind*, and many of their older favorites, ranging from the 1980 single "I Will Follow" through *The Joshua Tree* and *Achtung Baby* to a couple of songs from 1997's *Pop*. Lead guitarist The Edge compensated for the

While the kick-off performance to U2's world-wide tour was memorable, it was not the amazing, transcendent experience that gung-ho U2 fans might have been expecting. The energy level was high, but the usual connection between Bono and the audience was not as present. The band performing on Saturday night seemed to be a

decades – Bono dancing with a girl from the audience on stage, some sort of political statement (this time it was a call for gun control that led into "Bullet the Blue Sky") – were revived for their first tour of the new century. The set list was altered slightly; an acoustic "Angel of Harlem" replaced "Ground Beneath Her Feet" from the first show and this



(from l to r) "Are you ready to rock, Miami?"; U2 provides an explosive performance with the aid of powerful visual effects and blaring acoustics; a lucky Miami fan displays a treasured souvenir.

photos courtesy of U2.com

24. Opening for U2 at 7:30 pm was the Irish pop band the Corrs who were filling in for the previously scheduled PJ Harvey, who was unable to perform due to laryngitis.

The Corrs, sounding like a generic combination of "Riverdance" and the Go-Go's, played several mediocre songs from their newest album. A little after 9 p.m., Bono, Larry, Adam,

curtains that dropped down from above during certain songs – provided a pleasant surprise to the audience.

However, the biggest surprise of the night was when Bono fell off of the stage during the third song, "Until the End of the World." A few seconds later, he was lifted back onto the stage and continued the song, but the accident probably shattered his

lyrically-bland "New York" (obviously one of Bono's favorite songs, though it reeks of clichés) by an amazing performance of his typical soaring guitar solo.

Adam Clayton on bass and drummer Larry Mullen, Jr. balanced Bono's showy and sometimes excessive behavior by remaining calm and cool in the background.

completely different group from the passionate U2 of the '80's and the flashy U2 of the '90's.

However, the second performance on Monday, March 26 made up for any lacking vigor or zeal. Bono spent more time talking to the audience, even announcing his wife Ali's pregnancy.

The traditions that have permeated U2 performances for

time Bono performed some of the Rolling Stones' "Ruby Tuesday" in the midst of a fervent "Bad."

The audience seemed much more responsive as did Bono and company, promising that the *Elevation* Tour would not be as disappointing as the album it promotes.

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# Spartans' Elite Eight performance was truly elite

Tampa advances to the final four in their first Elite Eight appearance.

By DAVE MACE  
Reporter

## Elite Eight

### Kentucky Wesleyan College 85 Southwest State 66

The second-ranked Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers (29-3) came into the game as a major favorite over the ninth-ranked Southwest Mustangs (28-7) of Minnesota. KWC made its fourth straight Elite Eight appearance, including a national championship two seasons ago. The Mustangs made their first ever tournament appearance this season.

Both teams had All-Americans on their squads. KWC's Lorico Duncan made the *Basketball Times*' first-team selection and the NABC Great Lakes Region first-team. For Southwest State, Scott Koenen was selected to the NABC North Central Region first-team, the Daktronics second-team All-American and the *Basketball Times*' third-team All-American, along with head coach Tim Miles winning NABC Coach-of-the-Year for the Great Lakes Region.

This game proved to be a tale of two halves, as KWC led the Mustangs by only three points at the end of the first half. The Panthers' athleticism proved to be too much in the second half though, as Southwest State was outscored by 16 points, giving Kentucky Wesleyan its 29th victory of the season and their 83rd all-time in NCAA Division II Championship play.

The first half was tightly contested throughout, with six ties and two lead changes, and ended with Kentucky Wesleyan leading by only three playing 14 minutes without starting point-guard Anwar Perry who got into foul trouble early in the half. The Panthers shot 44 percent (12-27) from the field as compared to the Mustangs' 42 percent (13-31). KWC's Thad Key scored all his ten points in the first half for the Panthers, connecting on 4-5 shooting from the floor. The Mustangs defense is what kept them in the game in the first half as they scored 11 points off 14 Panther turnovers.

"We came out and tried to dictate the tempo of the game which we were able to do in the first half," stated Mustangs coach Tim Miles. "Our bench was phenomenal in helping us with tempo."

Ronald Evans scored 15 of his game-high 18 points for the Panthers in the second half, leading KWC to a dominating level of second half play. The Panthers scored eight or more points than the Mustangs in the second half in the paint and of off turnovers. St. Petersburg resident Marshall Sanders finished the game for the Panthers with 12 points that included 6-7 shooting from the charity stripe. Chris Landry finished the contest with nine points and a game-high nine rebounds.

Cory Johnson and All-American Scott Koenen each finished the game for the Mustangs with a team-high 11 points. Chad Koenen rounded out the double-digit scoring for Southwest State with ten points. As a team, the Mustangs were limited to 39 percent shooting from the floor and a horrendous 56 percent from the free-throw line.

Kentucky Wesleyan next

faced Tampa in the Final Four.

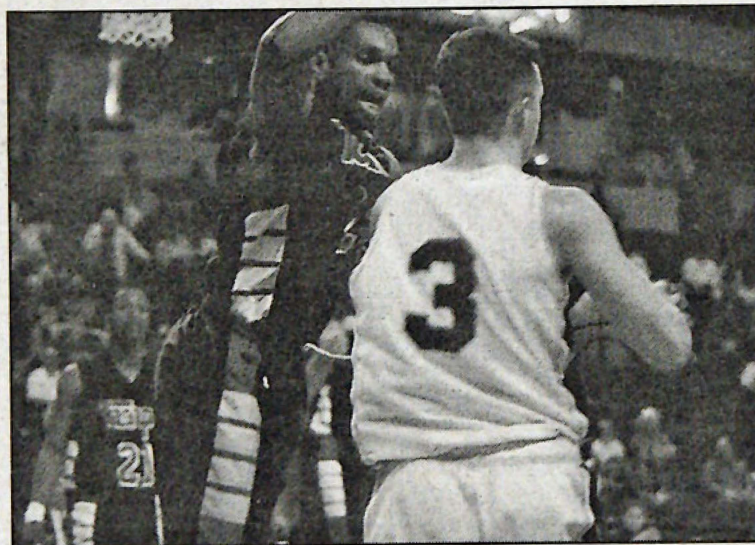
### Tampa 82 Adelphi 68

By STEVE CHAMPLIN  
Reporter

It was a match up that you might expect to find in a Hollywood movie. On one side was the only undefeated team in the nation. Adelphi University at 31-0, and the number one ranking in the nation.

On the other side stood Tampa University at 24-6, and had slipped out of the final rankings for the season after they were bounced from the Sunshine State Conference Tournament in the first round. But then something had happened. The Spartans had made a fantastic run through the South Region bracket, had captured that championship and now were poised to go against what was arguably the best team in Division II college basketball.

The Adelphi Panthers tried to establish themselves early by running on the Spartans. The first bucket was scored by Ryan McCormack barely 20 seconds into the game. The Spartans weren't afraid and they matched the heavily favored team shot for shot at the start of the game. There were four lead changes in the first 10 minutes of the game while the two teams were feeling each other out. Then the Spartans took the lead on Gecarri Freeman's jumper with 10:37 to go, and never looked back.



--Jody Link

Jon Brown presses Adelphi's Player-of-the-Year Ryan McCormack. McCormack was held to just 12 shots by the Tampa defense, and forced him to turn the ball over six times.

The Panthers were trying to keep the score close, but as the clock ticked on, the Spartans kept pulling further and further away. At the half, the Panthers (who had been favored by 18 points) were trailing the Spartans by 8. The Spartans were led by Freeman's 8 points, and an additional 8 supplied by Elijah Piazza from off of the bench. But McCormack, who was also named as Division II Player of the Year, has been held to just seven points. Even more notable than that, he had only one assist and four turnovers at the midway mark.

The Spartans had established themselves in the paint in the first half and continued to do that as the second began. James Mereus hit the Spartans first jumper to continue the dominating performance of the team. By that time, the Spartans had outscored the Panthers in the paint by a margin of 28-18, and they continued to pound the ball into the post against the Panthers, who weren't able to defend the much bigger and more athletic Tampa team.

McCormack was able to recover a bit from his lowly first half

performance. He finished the game with 22 points, 8 of those came from the line, and he also finished with 6 assists. But the Panthers as a whole weren't prepared for the intense defense of the Spartans. The previously undefeated team was held to a mere 39% from the floor, while the Spartans shot a comfortable 51%. The Tampa team led by as many as 17 points in the second half as they cruised to an easy 14 point victory to advance to the semi-finals against last year's defending champion, Kentucky Wesleyan.

One of the key performers for the Spartans was sixth man Elijah Piazza who finished with a game high 19 points, while also grabbing 7 boards. "My role all year long has been to come off the bench and the chemistry is what makes it work," he said in the post-game conference. "As for tonight, I scored a few more points than normal."

### Washburn 70 Johnson C. Smith 64

The highly underdog tenth-ranked Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls nearly came out with a victory against the fifth-ranked Ichabods of Washburn University. Washburn was led by Basketball Times first-team All-American Ewan Auguste with 16 points and nine rebounds while Johnson C. Smith's Daktronics All-American Wyble Petty scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds.

"We haven't finished games well all year," stated Washburn coach Bob Chipman, "but we hung in there and got it done just enough

from the three-point line.

The Golden Bulls were led on the evening by Antoine Sims who had a game-high 27 points on 8-24 shooting from the field and 8-9 from the charity stripe. Loemas Shingler led the Golden Bulls with a team-high 12 rebounds.

Washburn faced Western Washington in the final four.

### Western Washington 89 Queens 85

The fourth game of the elite Eight was played at a frenetic pace

Carlos Andrade added a team-high 18 points for the Royals in the loss.

Western Washington advanced to face Washburn in the final four.

## Final Four

### Kentucky Wesleyan 84 Tampa 84

By STEVE CHAMPLIN  
Reporter

After you beat the number one team in the nation, are you afraid of



--Jody Link

Gecarri Freeman connects on a jumper over Adelphi's Ryan McCormack.

with the seventh-ranked Western Washington Vikings holding off a very good eighth-ranked Queens College Royals team that was the second team from Charlotte, N.C. (J.C. Smith being the other) to be ousted from the Elite Eight.

Western Washington (27-3) held a 50-43 advantage at halftime, led predominantly by its superb first half shooting, as they went 17-24 from the floor including 5-7 from beyond the arc. The Royals (26-6) ended the first half 20-41 from the field, that included a disappointing 1-5 from three-point range and 2-5 from the free-throw line.

The Royals rallied from a ten-point deficit with :26 remaining in the game to pull within just three points with :05 remaining in the contest. The Vikings, however, made 11-12 free-throws in the last 2:21 of the game to prevent the Royals from ever taking the lead, which they had not since the 6:12 mark of the first half.

Ryan Kettman and Shelton Diggs each had a tremendous first half for the Vikings, scoring 15 and 13 points respectively. Diggs finished with game-highs in points (27) and rebounds (11). Kettman finished the game with 18 points, while Mike Palm and Jacon Stevenson each added 16 points in the win for Western Washington.

The Royals were paced by J.R. Gamble who had 11 first half points and ended with 16 in the contest on 7-21 shooting. From the field, while Ron Broxton and Chris Benson added 13 and 10 points respectively,

number two?

That was the situation of the Tampa Spartans. After defeating the #1 ranked Adelphi Panthers soundly in the first round of the Elite Eight, the Spartans were set to square off against the #2 ranked Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan College in the semi-finals. These Panthers were the defending champions of the 2000 tournament, and boasted one of the most potent offenses in the country having topped the 100-point marker several times in their season.

Luckily for the Spartans, they came into this portion of the tournament with the best defense of the Elite Eight teams. This defensive intensity had kept them from being blown out of any of their losses all year. The Spartans had their six losses come at a total combined 26 points (a mere 4.3 per game). This excellent defense had helped them harass the Adelphi Panthers into a 14-point victory and they would need it again to contain a powerful and hungry opponent.

Both teams came out playing very similar styles. Both the Spartans and Panthers like to play a man-to-man style defense, and both like to send the ball into the post. The Spartan matched the Panthers shot for shot at the start of the first half. The score was tied at 14 with 10:49 left in the half when the Spartans began to fall behind. Chuckie Powell's foul at 10:08 put the Panthers into the bonus and started to send them to the line more often than the Spartans. The Panthers



went on an 8-0 run before the Spartans responded with Earnest Williams' three-point play as he was fouled by the Panthers' Chris Landry.

UT's Sylvere (JB) Bryan was unable to get anything in the paint against the Panthers' Marshall Sanders, so he began to step beyond the three-point arch and hit a couple of long shots before the close of the half. When the buzzer sounded, the Spartans had been down by as many as eleven, but had closed the gap to a mere six points.

Gecarri Freeman, who had a solid game against Adelphi, had been held to a single point. Six of Bryan's 7 points had come from beyond the arch, and sixth-man Elijah Piazza had single bucket to

thers hit a jumper to tie the game at 81. Bryan took the inbound and tried to hit a wide open Elijah Piazza in the backcourt, but the pass was picked off by KW's Duncan. Piazza was all alone on that side of the court, and was forced to foul Duncan before he dribbled more time off the clock.

While he was waiting for the official to blow the whistle, Piazza became entangled with Duncan and both players crashed to the floor. Duncan took exception to the hard foul and was quickly up and moving to make an attack on the still immobile Piazza, when several members of the KW team pulled Duncan away. Piazza was called for a flagrant foul and Chuckie Powell was ejected for leaving the bench

left of the game clock.

"We played a little better in the second half, we are proud of our guys for that," said UT coach Richard Schmidt. "They hung in and did the job. We had our chance to win, and we didn't, that's the way it is."

"The way it is" is actually very impressive. The Spartan made a unprecedented run through the South region bracket, in the process eliminating Eckerd College, who had swept the Spartans in the regular season. They also defeated the number one ranked team by a 14-point margin, and very nearly edge the second ranked team, just falling by a single point in overtime. One could easily say that this is the best season that the UT Men's basketball program has ever enjoyed. That is until next year.

#### Washburn 96 Western Washington 90

The Washburn Ichabods (28-4) almost let this one get away as the Vikings (27-3) went on a 10-2 run with :46 left in the contest making it a two-point game at 90-88. Western Washington, however, could get no closer as the Ichabods made all six of their free-throw attempts in the final 24 seconds to advance to the NCC II National Championship game against Western Kentucky.

Washburn led by 12 points at intermission 47-25, behind the outstanding shooting of Ryan Murphy who was 8-12 in scoring 16 points at the break. The Ichabod defense also flexed its collective muscle, forcing nine first half turnovers by WWU. A.J. Giesa paced the Vikings with a team-high ten points in the first half on 5-8 shooting from the floor.

Ewan Auguste dominated the second half by scoring 25 points of his game-high and career-high 29 points in the second half. The third-team All-American finished the game on 9-14 shooting from the floor and 11-14 from the free-throw line as well as notching 12 rebounds. Ryan Murphy also notched 12 re-

bounds. Mike Palm and Giesa each added 21 points, while Palm added 12 rebounds in the defeat.

#### Championship

#### Kentucky Wesleyan 72 Washburn 63

Kentucky Wesleyan won its eighth NCAA Division II basketball championship with a victory over Washburn of Kansas.

Gino Bartolone scored 15 points - 12 in the first half - making five of eight 3-pointers for the Panthers in the game at Cal State Bakersfield. Lorico Duncan and Marshall Sanders contributed 13 points each. Duncan also had 11 rebounds.

Randolph Williams scored a game-high 19 points for Washburn,

what we did in the first half," said Kentucky Wesleyan coach Ray Harper.

Washburn committed six fouls in the final minute in a desperate attempt to regain possession - but succeeded only in allowing the Panthers to gain six points on eight free throw tries.

"If we get three straight stops, the game is over," Harper said he told his players entering the final minutes with a six-point lead.

It was the fourth consecutive season of 30 victories or more for Kentucky Wesleyan, and third straight year in the Division II final game. The Panthers won in 1998-99, and lost a year ago to Metro of Denver.

"They've been here before, they did a very good job in the first



--Jody Link

Elijah Piazza tries to maneuver around Kentucky Wesleyan's Lorico Duncan.

his credit. The Spartans and Panthers had shot similarly from the field (35 to 36 %), but the Panthers were much better from the charity stripe (91 to 64 %).

It looked like the Spartans might continue to fall further behind the Panthers as Landry hit an early lay-up and then UT's James Mereus missed one of two free throws. But responding to a huge dunk made by Freeman, the Spartans tied the game at 39. Never shirking away from the Panthers, the Spartans matched them shot for shot. Kentucky pulled away a couple of times, but never more than four points, and never more than the Spartans could respond to.

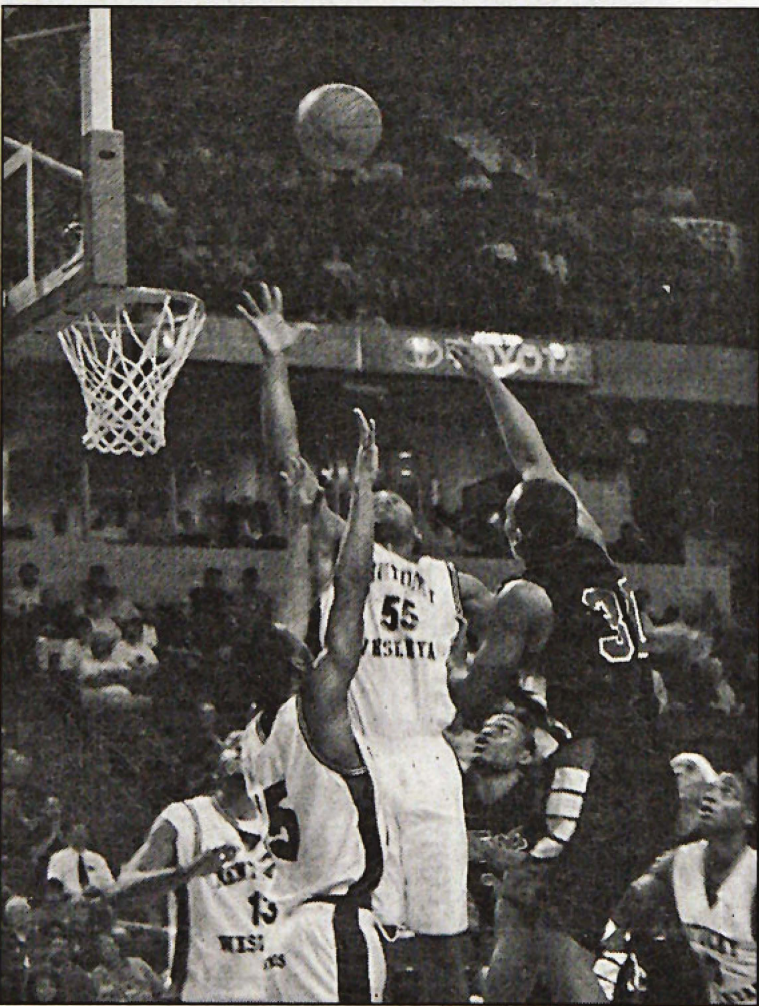
With just under three minutes to go in the half, the Spartans held a four-point edge over the Panthers. And with seven lead changes so far in the half, no lead was safe with these two teams. A three-pointer by KW's Ronald Evans pulled the Panthers to within one, and Lori Duncan hit a pair of free throws to give the lead back to the Panthers. UT's Jon Brown had a turnover that gave KW's Duncan an easy fast break and a three point lead to the Panthers with a scant 1:26 on the game clock.

Bryan had a tip-in to cut the lead back to one, and the Panthers' Gino Bartolone made one of two from the line to put the lead back at two with 15 seconds to go. The Spartan spread the floor and let Jon Brown work one-on-one and drive to the basket. He was fouled by KW's Sanders, his fifth and final of the game, and Brown went to the line. He hit both free throws to tie the game at 75 - 75 with four seconds left. Bartolone missed a three-pointer that would have won the game, and the Spartans went to overtime against the defending champions.

Once again the two teams went back and forth with neither team gaining an advantage. With 26 seconds left in the overtime, the Pan-

during the melee.

Duncan hit one of his free throws and Bartolone hit one of the technical free throws, and the Panthers got the ball to inbound with 6 seconds to go. Bryan was forced to foul in order to stop the clock, and in doing so, fouled out of the game. He left with 14 points, 8 rebounds,



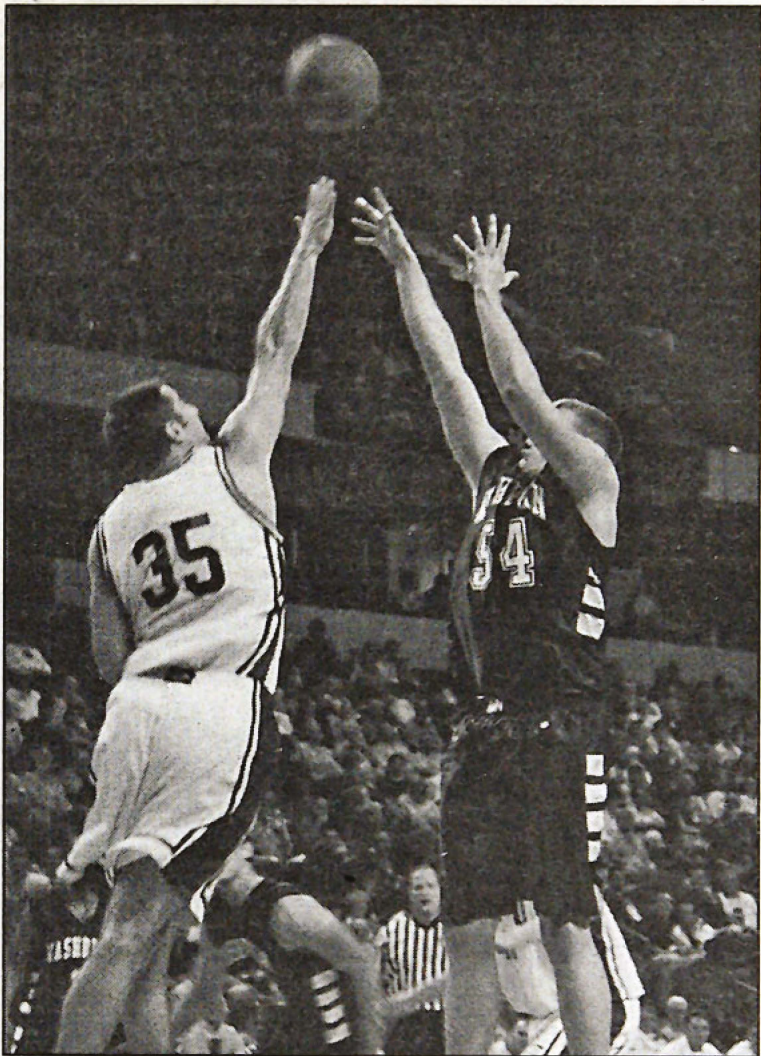
--Jody Link

Gecarri Freeman drives through three KWC players for a score.

and 2 blocks. Anwar Perry hit both free throws to make the lead four, and UT's Brown answered with a three pointer that brought the Spartans back to within one, but the Panthers were able to successfully inbound the ball and run out what was

bounds to go along with his 21 points.

Jacob Stevenson scored 24 points on 8-15 shooting from the floor for WWU. The 24 points moved Stevenson over the 1,000-point mark for his career with the



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Washburn's Ryan Murphy hits a jump shot over Western Washington's A.J. Giesa.

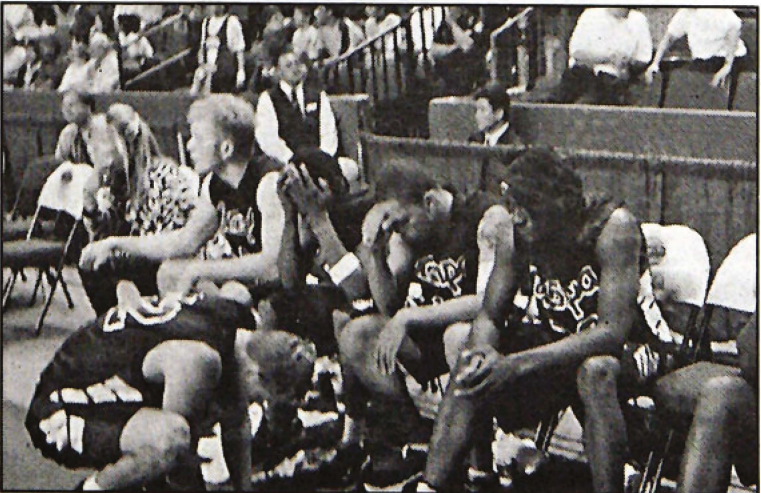
scoring on 8 of 17 tries from the floor. Kentucky Wesleyan (31-3) dominated during the first half and led Washburn 48-32 at the break.

Washburn regrouped in the second half, scoring the first seven points and closing the gap to three points with 4:44 remaining. But Washburn's shooting went cold, and the Ichabods (29-5) went scoreless until a 3-pointer in the final seconds by Melvin Ware.

"One of the last things I said to the kids coming out of the locker room before the game is that we want to be the aggressor, not be passive, let's attack, and I thought that's

half, I thought they got our key players in foul trouble," said Washburn coach Bob Chapman. "Then our guys came back like we knew they would. "We had two or three shots there to tie it, that didn't go."

Sanders and Duncan of Kentucky Wesleyan were named to the all-tournament team, along with Ewan Auguste and Ryan Murphy of Washburn, and Sylvere Bryan Jr. of Tampa, which lost to the eventual champion by a single point in overtime in the semifinals Thursday. Auguste had 14 points and Murphy 10 rebounds in the championship game.



--Jody Link

Tampa looks on as their magnificent season comes to a close. The mighty Spartans finished with an impressive 25-7 season.



# Basketball in Bakersfield

Photos by news editor Jody Link

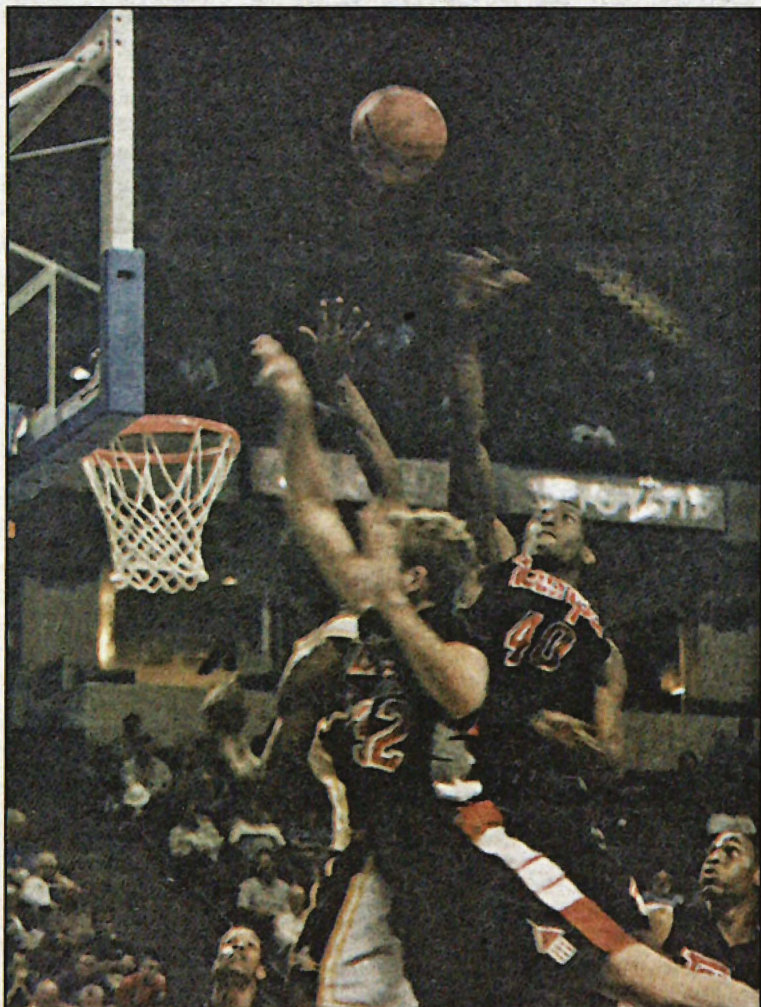
Men's team makes final four for first time in history



Gecarri Freeman busts through three KWC defenders for the layup.



The Adelphi University dance team is all smiles before the game.



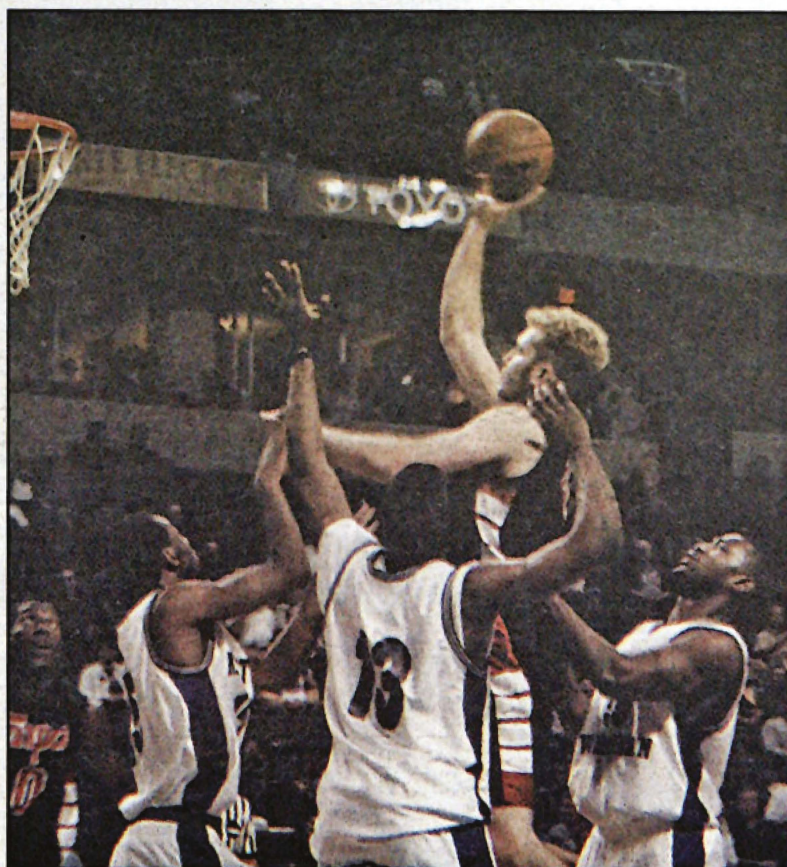
Elijah Piazza and JB Bryan block an Adelphi player's shot.



One of the many mountain ranges on the way to California.

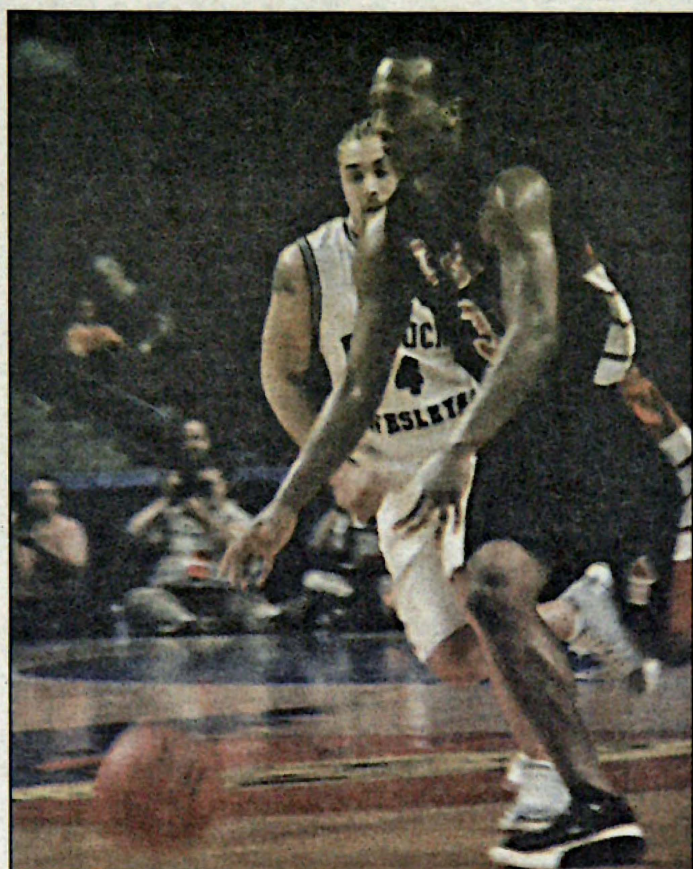


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Elijah Piazza pushes through the crowd to make the layup.

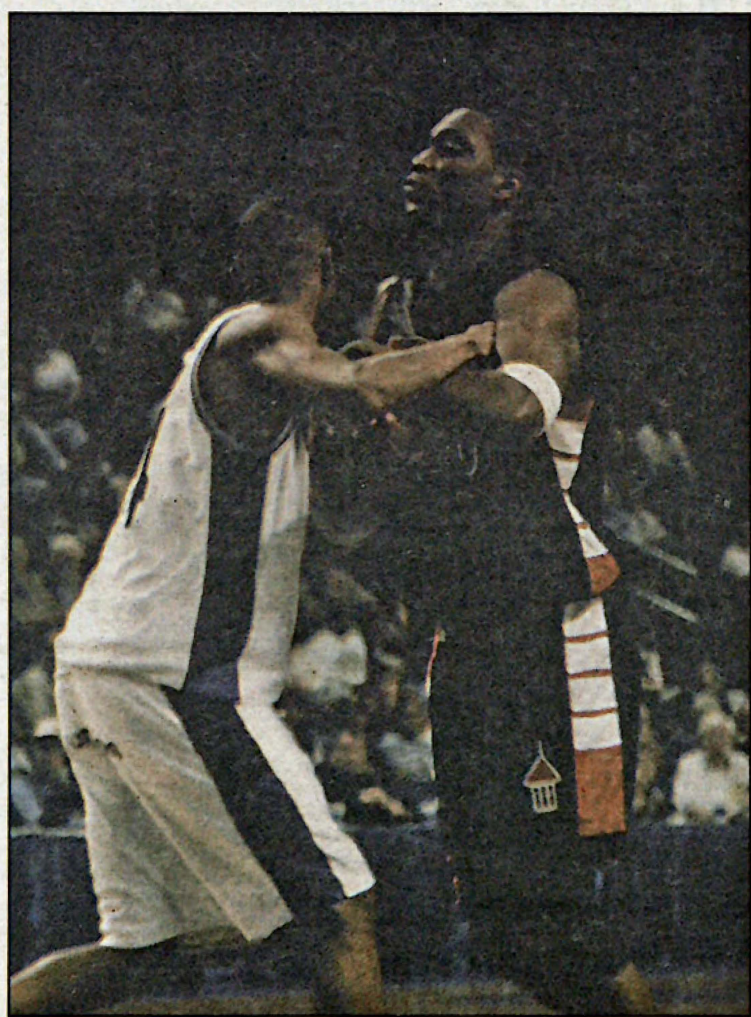




Gecarri Freeman travels down court past KWC's Gino Bartolone.



Queen's (N.C.) head coach Bart Lundy is interviewed at a pre-game press conference.



James Mereus (right) gets entangled with Ronald Evans of KWC.



Elijah Piazza (left) gets a fashion tip from Tom Kolbe.



Adelphi University was caught lying down on the court during their loss to UT.



Washburn University cheerleaders during the National Anthem.



A local high school band performed for the University of Tampa.



# Exizian tosses three extra-inning shutouts

By DAVE MACE

Reporter

Junior Christy Exizian was named Co-Conference Pitcher-Player-of-the-Week for the first time in her young college career. She shares the title with Alana Klaus from Lynn University.

Exizian was 3-0 with three shutouts and also appeared once in relief. The junior from Port Saint Lucie, Fla. hurled 35 2/3 innings, allowing only one run, 15 hits, seven walks and 31 strikeouts.

All her shutouts were in extra innings (12 against FSC, 11 against SLU and nine against Eckerd).

## St. Leo 5 Tampa 3

The Lions toyed with the Spartans after the first three innings gaining a 2-1 lead, until they scored two runs in the top of the fourth inning to pull ahead 4-1.

Down 5-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Spartans rallied with two runs to just fall short. Kristen Abbott tripled with one out and Nikki "Dr." Katz followed by getting hit by a pitch. "Downtown" Dena Glover doubled to bring in both runners in the two-run rally.

Abbott led the Spartans going

2-3 with two runs and two triples, and Glover added some pop going 1-4 with two RBI's and a double.

Martin led the Lions going a perfect 4-4 with two triples, two runs, a stolen base and an RBI. Shirley also played well by going 2-4 with two RBI's for the Lions.

Laci Tiarks fell to 9-8 on the season allowing ten hits and four runs in 3 1/3 innings. Hardesty improved to 10-1 for the Lions as she scattered seven hits and three runs in a complete game victory.

## Tampa 1 St. Leo 0

Christy Exizian pitched an 11 inning complete game shutout against the Lions. She scattered four hits and struck out 12 to improve to 9-3 on the season.

Nikki "Dr." Katz led off the bottom of the eleventh inning with a single and Dena Glover reached on an error that was credited as a sacrifice to put a runner in scoring position. Dawn Wallace followed with a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners, and Melissa Tapia followed with an RBI single to win the game for the Spartans.

Katz led Tampa by going 2-5 with a run scored, and Tapia had the lone RBI in the game. Four players had one hit for the Lions in the de-

feat.

St. Leo's Croteau pitched an excellent game as well. She pitched a 10 1/3 complete game scattering eight hits and one unearned run while striking out ten.

## Florida Southern 2 Tampa 0

Carrie Newton shut down and shutout the Spartans as she pitched seven innings to blank Tampa.

FSC scored all their runs in the first inning. Sara Lentz and Autumn Lynch each had two hits for the Mocs in the victory.

Tampa was led by Kristen Abbott who collected two hits on the day. pitcher Laci Tiarks continues her unluckiness of not being able to catch a break as she gave up only two runs in the complete game loss.

## Tampa 2 Florida Southern 0

Christy Exizian continued to show her amazing stamina on the mound as she pitched a 12 inning shutout. Exizian scattered three hits and struck out five in the contest.

Megan Towne was the hero as she drove in both runs for the Spartans in the top of the 12th inning. Towne was 1-5 with a two-run homerun on the day.

## This Week in Softball

By BECKIE LOISELLE

SID

**Last Week-** The University of Tampa (19-12, 6-4 in SSC) continued its battle for Sunshine State Conference leadership as the Spartans played three teams in the South Region. Wednesday, March 21, Tampa swept the Eckerd College Tritons (10-15, 0-10) with scores of 3-1 and 2-0 (9). Saturday, March 24, the Spartans split with Florida Southern College (21-5, 6-1). The Spartans won 2-0 (12) and lost 2-0. Sunday, March 25 Tampa split against the Saint Leo University Lions (20-12, 6-4) winning 1-0 (11) and losing 5-3.

**This Week-** The Spartans are on the road this week when they travel to Winter Park, Fla. to take on the Rollins College Tars (20-8, 2-6) on March 31, and on April 1 they travel to Melbourne, Fla. to face the Florida Institute of Technology Panthers (19-10-1, 0-7-1).

**Who's on First?** Senior first-baseman Megan Towne has been quite an inspiration for the team's morale. Leading the team in homeruns (3), she hit the game winning homer in the 12th inning of the first game against Florida Southern to drive in freshman Lacinda Norman for the 2-0 victory.

**In the Conference-** Beginning the conference season, Tampa has given three SSC rivals their first conference loss as Lynn, Florida Southern and Barry were all set back by the Spartans.

## The forgotten success

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO

Reporter

As many people know, UT has produced MLB, NFL, NBA and WWF superstars; however, most people don't know that UT is the alma mater of PGA players as well. Yes, that's correct, the Professional Golf Association. The one team that very few people on campus have heard about is the men's golf team. In fact, the golf team won two Division II titles in 1987 and 1988.

Coached by Rick Christie for eight years, he has produced four professional players throughout his career. His outlook for the season is to take it tournament by tournament. If the team did well on the tournament from this past weekend, then they will still be alive and possibly be able to continue on to regionals. Already, the team has done well in the past two tournaments. In the Embury Riddle Tournament, the team broke 300; "any time you do that is good," stated Christie.

The golf team is led by Senior Captain Matt Freeman, who finished last year with an average of 77.4. Freeman is one member of the eight-person team. Approximately 20 to 30 males try out to walk on the team, and the team is able to retain only eight or nine players. The golf team is just like any other team that UT has, being around each other so much they formed a type of family.

However, unlike other teams

here, the golf team has to go off campus to practice every day. They do not have the luxury to play games at home or even have a fan base. Even the Internet site does not provide up-to-date information like there is for other teams. Scholarships for the golf players are also rare to come by.

Being from the South puts UT in a competitive division. Due to the nice weather, many people have more of a regular opportunity to go out and play golf. Rollins College is currently ranked number one in the nation, and UT plays against them throughout the course of the season. There are about eight tournaments a year, and currently, Freeman has played in all of them in his four years.

The goal of the entire team is to get a score below 80 and to make regionals. The hard part about the golf team is that they are all individuals competing separately but together. Freeman would love to continue playing golf and take it to a higher level after leaving UT. He explains, "Having Coach Christie as our coach is wonderful, he is teaching us so much."

The sports program in general is not supported as much as it should be, and the golf team just finds itself at the bottom of that list. One thing that they wish for is more publicity; they would like others to appreciate the time and effort that the students put into their sport. Check for updates on the golf team in upcoming issues of *The Minaret*!

## Ohio is rocked by UT swimmers

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO

Reporter

Like the men's basketball team, the men's and women's swim teams ended on a high note. Their 2000-2001 season finally came to an end at the NCAA Division II championships in Canton, Ohio, on March 17.

Both teams finished seventh out of fields of 26 for the men and 27 for the women.

The men's swim team is used to competing on a high level. Obviously, the team is continuing their tradition after winning the SSC conference earlier this February for the first time in UT's history.

In the previous year, only the men's swim team went to the championships and took ten contestants. This year provided an opportunity for the ladies as well. The women's team had eight swimmers, and the men's team had seven participants in the NCAA championships.

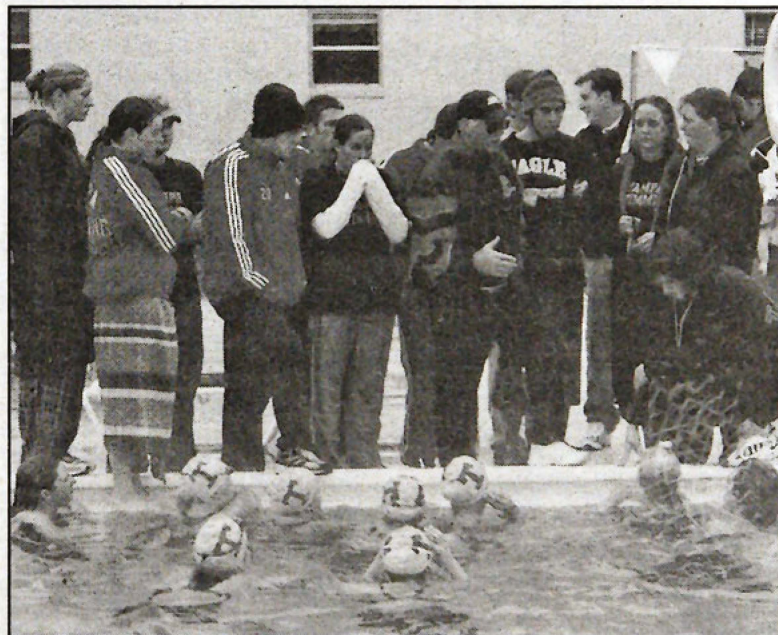
Coach Ed Brennan's outlook at the start of the season was to get a few people to nationals. The results surpassed everyone's expectations.

On the first day there, the group went to the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame, gearing them up for a frantic trip. The second day the teams went to the banquet that all of the NCAA swim teams attended.

Free time was hard to come by. After the museum, the remaining days were filled with either preliminaries, finals, spending time with family (who had traveled to watch the meet), or getting some much-needed rest.

The trip became routine, and by the end, everyone was ready to crash. However, on the final day in Ohio, Coach Brennan had a celebration for the contestants where they all had fun and talked about how they felt they did. They were all on an adrenaline high, and didn't come down until they were on the plane back to Tampa.

For many of the students, this was a new experience where they had a lot of good fun and became even closer to one another. One of the female swimmers stated, "Overall, I think it went really well. Ev-



--Jody Link

The Tampa swim teams after an arduous practice on a chilly Tampa afternoon.

everyone was pleased as to how they did at the meet."

The atmosphere of the facility was fantastic. During each event, teams would cheer, and there was even an announcer. Freshman Shannon Treen declared, "The energy that I felt from walking into the pool with the nation's best Division II swimmers made me full of excitement."

The highlighted performances came from Elysia Moreland. She broke the school record in the 200m individual medley, and she came in second for that event. In every event that Moreland swam she placed in the top three.

Jim Kiner won the 100m breaststroke, breaking the previous record, and came in the top eight in the 200m breaststroke. Steve Foster and Les Bernys made it to the finals for the 200m backstroke and came in the top eight as well.

Shannon Treen came in third in the 200m butterfly, and Mike Chase got to the final in his best event too. The females free relay 800m and 400m teams both came in fifth, while the men also placed in the top

eight in all relays.

This was an experience that the participants will always remember. From the time in between conference and nationals, it brought the participants closer together.

They could not go on spring break like the and had to practice just as hard as before. They endured the hardship like a family.

Some of the swimmers experienced a little more than they bargained for. Several of the swimmers are from the South, and seeing snow for the first time was exciting.

Even though this was the last meet of the season for both of the swim teams, they will continue to practice in order to get ready for next season. This year Tampa's swim team's success was a surprise to everyone. The teams have made a name for themselves and are ready to compete again.

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# Spartans return to number one in the nation

By DAVE MACE

Reporter

## Tampa 7 Rollins 5

Tampa came back from a first-inning 4-0 deficit to tie the game on a five-run fourth inning, before winning the contest in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Rollins opened up the offense early in the first inning. Alfonso led off the inning with a single to rightfield and the advanced to second on a passed ball. Hannigan then grounded out to third to score Alfonso. With two outs Fitzgerald singled to bring home Davidson to take a 2-0 lead. Park finished the first inning barrage with a two-run homerun to clear the bases.

Alfonso drove home Park in the top of the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly to the rightfielder to give the Tars a 5-0 advantage going into the bottom of the inning before Tampa would retaliate with a flurry of bats.

Thomas Carrow led off the assault with a double to centerfield. Major League catching prospect Mike Rabelo followed up with an RBI single. Neal Maybin then hit a single and further advanced he and the runner on an errant throw by the pitcher that eluded the catcher.

Burruazzo grounded out to the shortstop, but he did not fail to achieve an RBI as Rabelo was able to find his way home. With two outs Bragg singled in Maybin, while Kenny White followed up with a single to call his own. Cruz then nailed a tumultuous single to center to clear the bases, scoring an evasive White and an elusive Bragg to tie the game at 5-5.

Tampa was not through, however, as the boys of summer scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to conclude their come-from-behind victory.

White and Cruz led the Spartans into victory. White was 3-4 with two runs. A double and an RBI. Cruz was a stellar 3-4 with three RBI's. Davidson and Fitzgerald led the Tars with two hits apiece.

Adrian Goas picked up the victory in relief to improve to 3-0 on the year. Goas pitched 1 1/3 innings striking out two and allowing just one hit. Ribley was credited with the loss for the Tars in mid-relief. He allowed three hits and two runs in just 1 2/3 innings.

Tampa improved to 26-3 on the season and the #11 Tars of Rollins College fell to 23-11.

## Tampa 4 Rollins 2

Rollins and Tampa fought a close battle with neither team scor-

ing until the middle innings until the Spartans pulled away with two runs in the bottom of the eighth to win the game.

In the fourth inning Rollins jumped out to a 1-0 lead behind an RBI single by Fitzgerald, but Tampa responded in their next at-bat. The Spartans scored in the bottom of the inning on a bases loaded walk by Bragg. Rollins did counter, mind you, in the top of the next inning to take a 2-1 lead. Oh haza! For the Spartans tied the game back up in the bottom of the sixth inning on an RBI double by Bragg.

The score was now tied 2-2, and the Spartans were in the bottom of the eighth inning. With one out, Rabelo walked and soon advanced to third on a single by Neal Maybin. Charlie Manning then loaded the bases with a walk of his own. Burruazzo then became hero for a day as he singled home Rabelo and then Maybin followed suit on an error as the Spartans went on to claim victory.

Rabelo led the victorious Spartans by going 3-3 with three runs and a double in a heroic effort by the catcher. Fitzgerald was the bright spot for the Tars as he went 3-4 with a double and an RBI.

Joey Watts pitched well for the Spartans as he allowed only two runs in seven innings, but he was not the victor. Muley picked up the win in mid-relief for Tampa as he pitched one inning of scoreless ball to improve to 3-0 on the season. Kris Sutton pitched a scoreless ninth inning to record his tenth save of the year and breaking the Tampa career record for saves.

O'Sullivan was dealt the loss as he fell to 5-1 on the year. He threw 7 1/3 innings scattering seven hits and four runs.

## Tampa 13 UMASS-Lowell 10

Tampa blew a 13-4 lead after six innings as the River Hawks outscored the Spartans 6-0 in the remainder of the game to create a bit of a scare late in the game.

Tampa was led by Mike Rabelo and Bragg once again. Rabelo was 3-4 with three runs, three RBI's, two doubles and a homerun. Bragg was 3-4 with three runs, two RBI's, a double, a triple and a stolen base. Carter led UMASS-Lowell by going 4-5 with a double, a run and an RBI.

McKenzie picked up the win for the Spartans as he pitched five innings with six hits and two earned runs while striking out five. Shirley fell to 0-1 on the season as he gave up a horrendous ten hits and ten runs in just 4 1/3 innings.

## Spartan tennis team loses 12th consecutive match

By TOM KOLBE

SID

The University of Tampa women's tennis is nearing the end of their season as they currently stand at 1-12 on the season.

After opening the season with a 7-2 victory over Saint Leo, the Spartans played the next nine matches without their top player, Jenny LaRue, who returned to the lineup March 16 against St. Cloud, where Tampa fell by a score of 8-1.

In the previous two matches, Tampa fell 7-2 against Gulf Coast and 9-0 against SSC-rival Florida Southern. Tampa looks forward to Saturday's 9:00 A.M. match against Barry, who is a perennial power-

house in Division II women's tennis.

Tampa plays is arguably the nations top Division II tennis conference as the Sunshine State Conference is home to teams like Lynn, Rollins, Barry and Florida Southern, teams that remain competitive every season.

Saturday's match against Barry will be the final home match of the 2001 season as Tampa plays their final three matches on the road against Hillsborough Community College, Saint Leo and Eckerd. The women will then travel to the SSC Tournament in St. Petersburg on April 20-22.

## Mark Johnson's: This week in UT basball

By MARK JOHNSON

SID

**This Week:** After sweeping #11 Rollins in their first Sunshine State Conference series, the Spartans hit the road Tuesday to face Embry-Riddle at 4 pm at Daytona Beach. Wednesday, Felician College (NJ) will come to Sam Bailey Field for a 7 pm game. The Spartans' next conference series is against Florida Tech on Friday and Saturday with all three games in Melbourne. Tampa has never played Embry-Riddle or Felician College. Embry-Riddle is ranked tenth in the NAIA top 25 poll. The Spartans have a 51-15 record against the Panthers of Florida Tech. Last year, Tampa beat Florida Tech 2-1 in conference play. Tampa is 24-8 all time at Florida Tech. The Panthers have won only two of the last 13 games against the Spartans. Tampa has their best record ever in the first 29 games of the season at 26-3.

**Last Week:** Tampa played two ranked opponents including conference rival Rollins College, ranked 11th on Tuesday the Spartans defeated #26 UMass-Lowell by the score of 13-10. Mike Rabelo was 3-4 with two doubles, a homerun, three runs and three RBI's. Adam Bragg was also 3-4 with three runs, two RBI's and a triple. Casey McKenzie picked up the win with five innings pitched and five strikeouts. On Thursday, Division I Army came to town, and Tampa disposed of the Black Knights 15-7. Tampa pounded out 16 hits with Angel Cruz, Tom Carrow and Adam Bragg having three each. Kenny White hit a grand slam and Carrow and Cruz each had homeruns.

On Friday and Saturday, the Spartans had to come from behind in all three games against Rollins. On Friday, the Tars took a 6-0 lead against Charlie Manning. Tom Carrow proved to be too much for Rollins as he went 4-5 with a double and game-tying homerun. Mike Rabelo scored the go-ahead run and Adam Bragg would add insurance with his second homerun of the season as the Spartans won 9-6. The first game of Saturday's double-header found Tampa behind 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth. Tampa tied it 1-1 only to fall behind again. The Spartans would score again in the sixth inning to tie the game 2-2. In the bottom of the eighth Tampa scored two runs on Mike Burruazzo's infield hit and error. Tampa fell behind early in game two, with the Tars scoring four runs in the first inning. Sam Figueroa pitched 5.2 innings though to hold Rollins to five runs. Tampa scored five in the fifth inning to tie the game. The inning was capped by an Angel Cruz 2 RBI single. In the sixth, the Spartans took the lead for good with singles from Burruazzo, Kenny White and Cruz. Adrian Goas picked up the win pitching the final 1.1 innings.

**Records:** Kris Sutton set a new career saves record for The University of Tampa with 16. He earned his 14th against UMass-Lowell on Tuesday. Sutton's 15th save, against Rollins on Friday, tied Dan Maglich, who set the record in 1988. Sutton earned the record setting save at home in the first game against Rollins in the 4-2 victory. All of Sutton's saves came against ranked opponents. On the week, Kris pitched 5.0 innings in four appearances allowing no runs, three hits, one walk and striking out six.

**Conference Report:** At 3-0, Tampa is the only undefeated team in conference play thus far. Lynn is second with a 5-1. The Spartans play their next home conference game against Eckerd on April 7th at 2 pm in a double header. Mike Rabelo won the conference Player-of-the-Week honors. He hit .611 with four doubles, one triple, one homer, six runs and three RBI's. He was 7-10 against Rollins.

**The Stats:** Tom Carrow is leading the team in hitting with a .432 batting average and doubles with 11. Matt Smith leads the team in RBI's with 31. Angel Cruz and Kenny White each lead the team in hits with 39. White also leads in runs scored with 36. Freshman Joey Watts leads the pitching staff with 40 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.81. Charlie Manning has 43.2 innings pitched and his five victories lead the team. Kris Sutton has 10 saves on the year, just one shy of the single season record.

**Coach Urso** Says: "I am really proud of the way these guys played this weekend. We came from behind three times against a really good team (Rollins). Mike (Rabelo) had an outstanding week for us. His success will carry us a long way."

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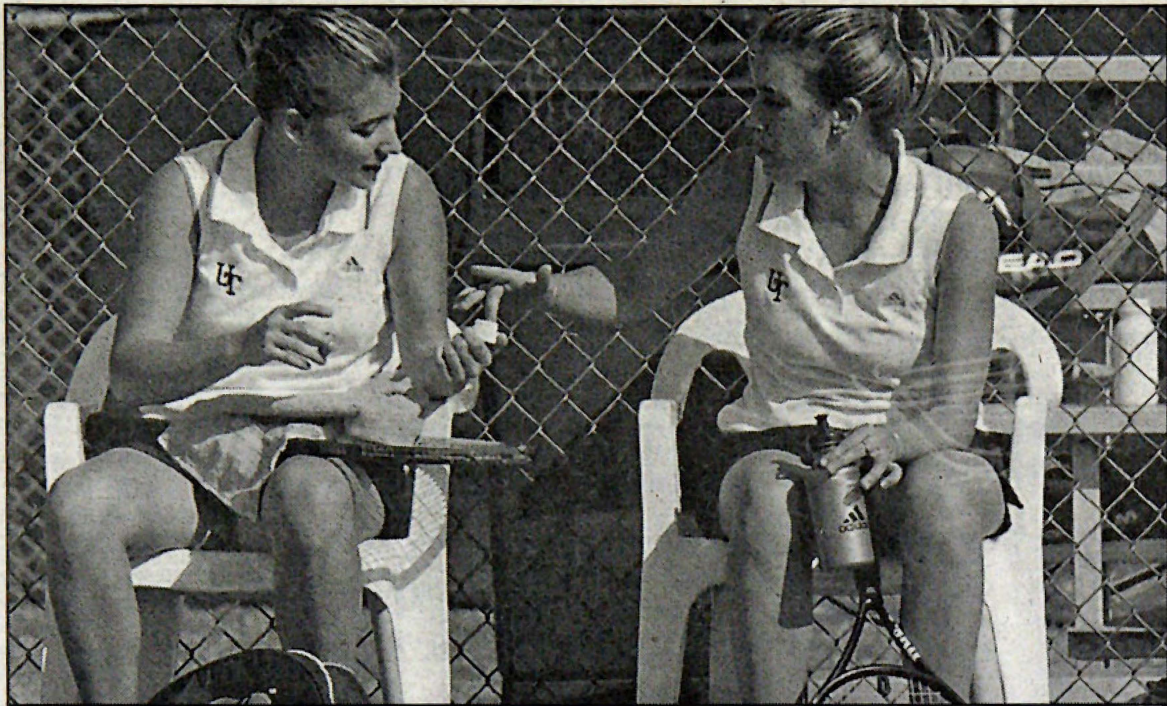
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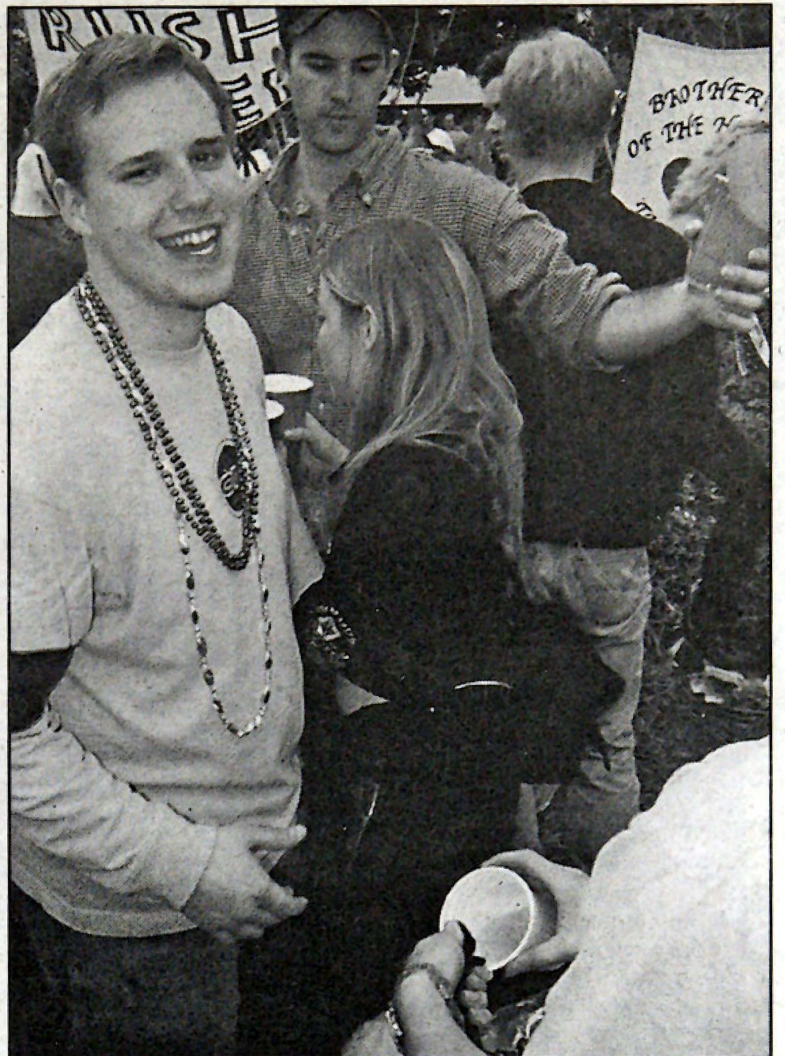
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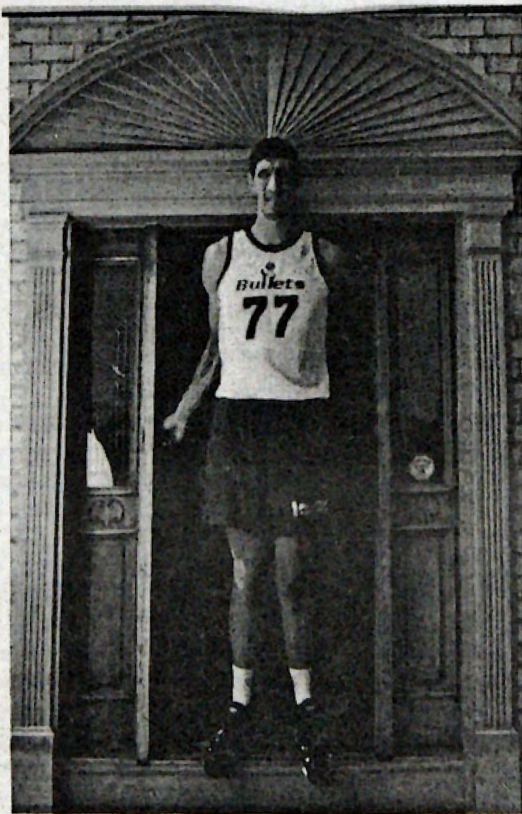
## Notre Thine Enemies & Heal Thyself



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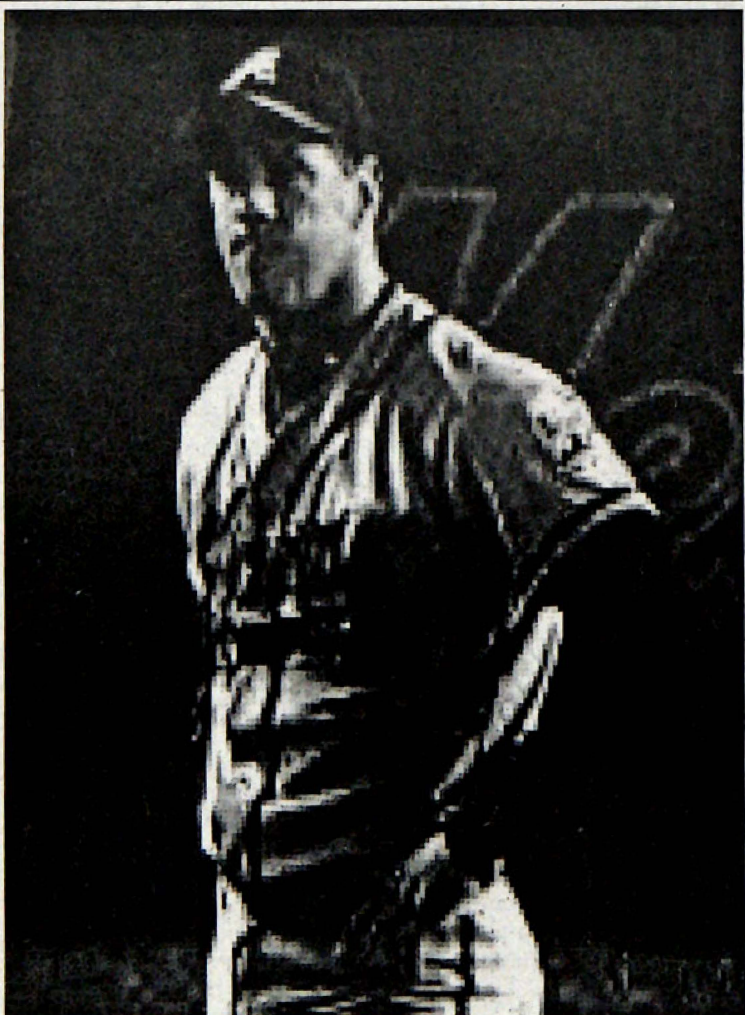
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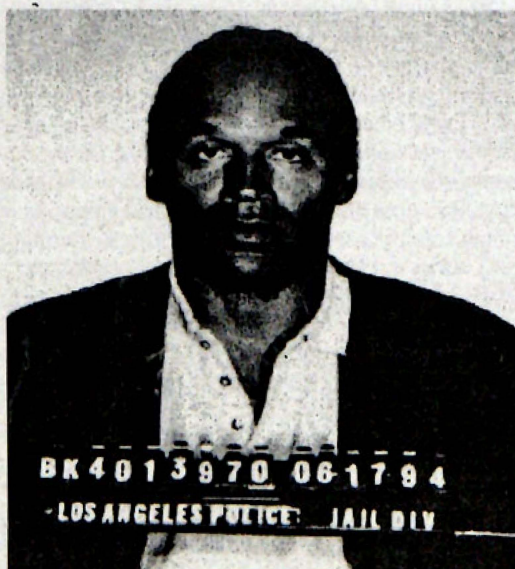
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# Kentucky Wesleyan Coach Arrested after D II Championships

By JEFF EVANS  
Reporter

In all the fervor that surrounded the celebration of Kentucky Wesleyan's second national title in four years, there were the hushed tones of shock and surprise.

Coach Ray Harper, who has led the Panthers to the championship game for the last four years, was arrested in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 25 by the Bakersfield, CA police department.

He was apprehended behind a local downtown nightspot after an unusual commotion drew the attention of passersby.

"I couldn't really tell what was going on," said local man James Taft, who was identified as the caller. "I just knew there wasn't something right about it."

Police arrived quickly to the scene and were able to get Harper to come out the vehicle which he was in, a rental van which the institution and acquired for their championship run at Bakersfield. Police said Harper wasn't exactly forthcoming when questioned about who was in the van with him.

"I could tell there was something he there that he didn't want me to see," said Officer Alan Hale, who made the arrest.

It wasn't something that Harper didn't want seen, it was someone. Also in the van with him was Mike Richardson, a local man who works at the popular nightspot Riley's.

Richardson is a man who is rather short of stature, standing a mere 4'8" tall. He is a bartender/dancer at the spot where he can be seen serving drinks behind the bar, or on one of the tables, dancing in



Ray Harper  
Two-time National  
Coach of the Year

-- KFC

KWC coach Ray Harper.

nothing more than a thong.

When they emerged from the vehicle, both men were described as being in a disheveled state of dress.

After a short amount of questioning, neither of the men could come up with a plausible explanation for why they were there in the vehicle or for what they were doing.

Hale arrested both men and

charged them with indecent exposure, lewd and lascivious behavior, and creating a public nuisance. The vehicle was then impounded, and both men were able to post bail the next day.

Coach Harper was unable to be reached for comment on the incident, but KWC Athletic Director Larry Moore issued a statement the read,

"We never asked Ray to be perfect. We knew when he first came here that he had a few problems, but we accept that since we win championships. We'll stick by him through this, just like we have before."

The Director's comment refers to an incident at last year's Elite Eight Championship. Following the Panthers lost to Metropolitan State,

Harper was apprehended after he trespassed on a local children's petting zoo. As this time, Harper could offer to sensible explanation as to why he was there at that time.

When asked to comment Mike Richardson said, "Call me runt, little person, or midget or whatever you want to, but be sure you come to Riley's Tuesday til Saturday to watch me work."



Mike "The Midget" (left) and an assortment of the riff raff involved in the ruckus.

## ESPN Analyst invades UT again



I have once again invaded the University to provide all those athletes with nicknames that will haunt them during and beyond their athletic careers at Tampa. As I was not here for the fall sports, some of you have been spared.

Making their way on the Women's Volleyball team is Jennifer Jefferson Davis, Bonnie have you driven a Ford Lately, Kam Dizzy Gillispie, Gretchen Pablo Naruta, Lisa Emmanuel Lewis Webster, Sandi Rommel, Desert Fox, Tiffany Row Row Your Boatwright, and team manager Samantha John Vogt and coach Jeff Reavis and Butthead.

Players on the Women's Basketball team include Melissa Leonard Part Six, Laurie Von Hayes, Amy Better Holmes and Gardens, Jill The Thrill Terry, Nichole The Blair Witch Project, Chandra Holden Caulfield, Tiffany Pope John Paul II, Jessie The Body McDowell, Kara Bowman Trading Cards, April Fools Hinton, Yushonda Morse Code and Megan Sanford And Son.

Rounding out the Men's Basketball team are Jason Famous Amos, Elijah Pepperoni Piazza, Leonard Nimoy Kelly, MTV VJ Jon Norris, Chuckie Colon Powell, Jon Brown's Raid, Joe Sorry Miss Jackson, Gecarri I am not golfer UT Matt Freeman's Brother, Peter Howard The Duck, Sir William Gregory of Dunkdom, Percy Snow White, and coach Mark Slick Olsen.

Making the Softball team are Lucinda Stormin Norman, Nikki Dr. Katz, Downtown Dena Glover, Dawn The Grease Stopper Wallace, Linda Chan Ho Parks, Megan Towne and Country, Amber Waves of Smith, Sabrina The Teenage Witch Demsky, Laci The Shark Tiarks and Kristen Hey! Abbott.

This years Baseball team consists of Angel Let Me Take You On A Sea Cruz, Kenny Night In White Satin, Dwight Razor's Edge, Wally Quiggly Down Under, Matt Wise Potato Chips, Joey 60 Watts, Sam The Marriage of Figuerroa, Kris Don Sutton, David Stubbom as a Muley. In other sports there is crew mate Ed Franklin and his Nu Nation,

Tracey The Buxton Stops Here from the cross-country squad golfer Matt For The Last Time I am Not Gecarri Freeman's Brother.

Well now I thought I would delve into the people that help make it all happen, the men and women in the athletic department. Making this first-ever squad is Tom Kolbe Cheese, Mark Big Johnson, Larry Legend Murphy, Gil The Thirll Swalls, Chelle Martin Luther King, Jerome Fulton Steamship, Boom Boom Beckie Loiselle and Sonny and Cher Pittenger.

I didn't stop there ladies and gentlemen, the staff of the Minaret must now be given new monikers. We have Editor-in-Chief You Are My Seanshine Manning, Assistant editor Sarah Captain Morgan, News editor Jody Hyper Link, Production Manager Josef The King Lawler and Sports Editor Dave The Handsome Stud Mace.

On their staff we also have Andy Fem Bott, Lisa Boom Chojnacki Nacki Boom, Charlie Cito Gaston, Stefania Umpa Loumpas, Keri Mary Kay Letourneau, Raquel Welch Pittiglio, and Christa Boyd Tinsley.

**If you are  
reading this  
than you are a  
moron.**

## UT's Annual 'SquashEvent' this Saturday; details inside the worst article ever published



By MUNGO COLONIC  
Reporter

gan to shave mullets into the heads of the players of the soccer team.

Yes folks once gain it is time for Tampa's annual 'Squah Event,' held every year honoring the student athletes' performances and participation in this past years programs. The event will be held on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm at Pimpin/Rood Stadium.

The event began some 50 years ago when a disgruntled Joe Wolfe was not recognized for his efforts on the basketball court. Granted Wolfe avergaed 2.2 points a game for the Boston Celtics during the Ed "Scurvy" Jones era, Wolfe had a legitimate gripe for his recognition. Wolfe retreated to Pimpin/Rood Stadium, then known as Charlie Laxative Field, and be-

The Mullet Cutting event is now the grandest event held during the annual Squash Event with the winner taking home a pair of tickets to their white trash NASCAR event of their choice. Other events include the sexy bikini contest where athletes dress their Bavarian goats in bikinis with the sexiest goat winning a date with Assistant Athletic Director Gil Swalls.

The highly coveted Squash Trophy goes to the athlete that can squash the most cats with a Gallagher-sized mallet. This event was first introduced to the field of games by legendary UT football player John Matuszak who would often step on cats for arousal. Unlike Matuszak, the contestants will not be eating the cats afterwards.



# With star-powered screenplay, Morrill set to take Hollywood by storm

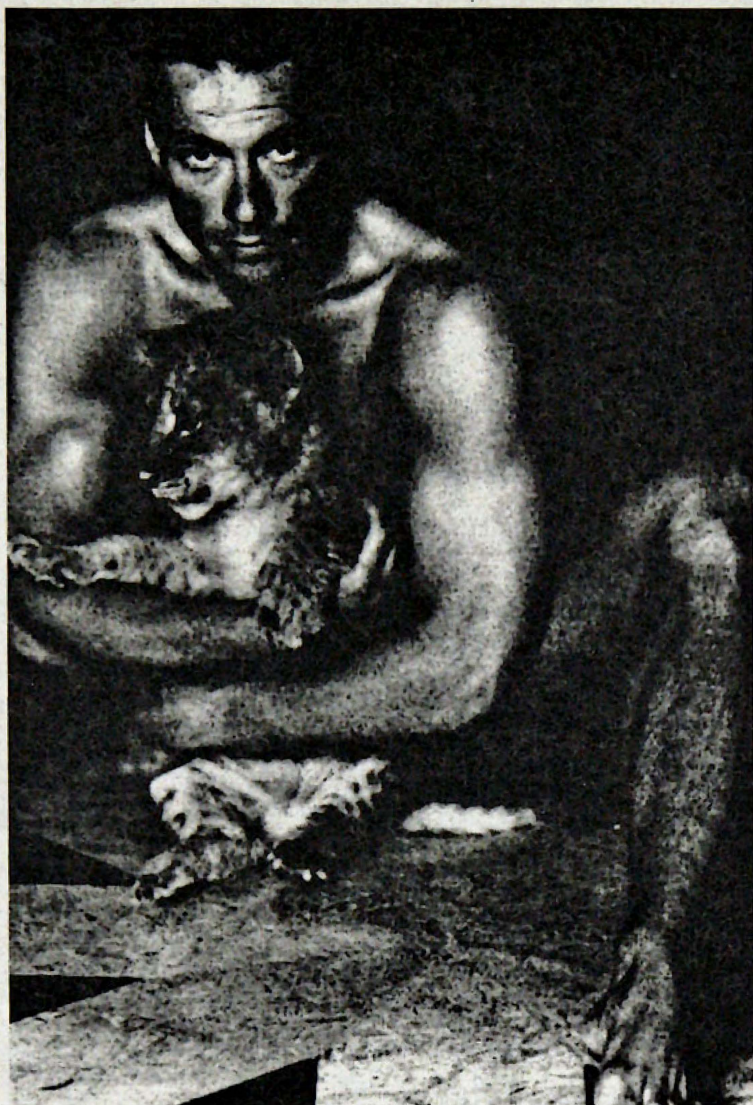
By CAESAR JOE DUCRAY  
Hollywood Insider

UT professor Donald Morrill, already published as a poet and author, can now add another feather to his cap. This summer filming will begin on his first screenplay, *BloodBath 2: Justice By Fire*. The film is a starring vehicle for Jean-Claude Van Damme and Pauley Shore.

"I believe this movie will give me a strong foothold into the world of screenwriting," said Morrill, chair of the English department. The movie is part of a three script deal for the professor.

"At first I submitted a script for *A Stranger's Neighborhood*. "The non-fiction novel is a deeply personal memoir of his life and travels abroad. "The studio loved it," said Morrill, "but they wanted it to feature Martin Lawrence and a sassy kid." Eventually Morrill and Warner Bros. reached a more suitable agreement.

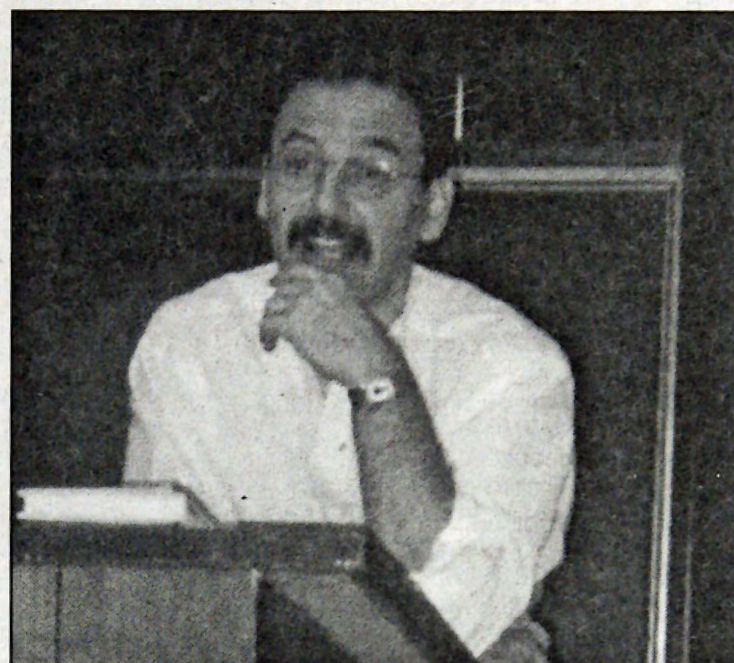
"Martin Lawrence became Van Damme and the sassy kid became Pauley Shore, and the studio wanted a new direction." After *BloodBath 2*, Morrill will begin work on a new draft of *A Stranger's Neighborhood*. His next film is expected to be an adaptation of



Wendy Wasserstein's play *Uncommon Women and Others*, altered slightly to star Bruce Willis and Tom Arnold.

"This is an exciting new step in my writing career," said Morrill.

"It's not often that one is allowed to remain true to their artistic vision while obtaining commercial success. Hollywood seems to be a place where both can happen."



(left) Jean-Claude Van Damme stars in Dr. Morrill's original screenplay *Bloodbath 2: Justice By Fire* (photo courtesy of [starpulse.com](http://starpulse.com)); Dr. Morrill's calm facade can be attributed to the vigorous action and gratuitous violence which he exorcises in his screenplays.

## Punzo gears up to challenge Irwin, others in globally televised endurance competition

By ART VANDALAY  
Confidant to the Stars

Well known for his commanding presence in front of the classroom, UT professor of biology Dr. Fred Punzo will now have the opportunity to exhibit his superior knowledge and mental prowess in more public and challenging arena: the crocodile pit.

Punzo will compete in the inaugural "Brains and Brawn: World's Most Capable Survivor" Competition May 14-15 in Melbourne, Australia. The event, created and sponsored by the cable television network "Ani-

mal Planet," will consist of a variety of physical and mental competitions pitting some of the world's most skilled survivalists against one another.

In addition to favored participant Steve Irwin, a.k.a. "The Crocodile Hunter," personalities such as Richard Hatch (winner of CBS *Survivor* television series in 2000), Dick Clark and Rolling Stones' guitarist Keith Richards will utilize their superior will and renowned survivalist mentality as they compete for a cash prize of one-million dollars.



Self-proclaimed "family man", Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin is said to have mocked challengers competing against him in May's survival competition.



In the true spirit of Australian hospitality (like in those Outback Steakhouse ads), Paul Hogan (a.k.a. Mick Dundee) will host the two-day competition.

Hosted by *Crocodile Dundee* star Paul Hogan, slated events include crocodile wrangling, genetic decoding, the 100-yard dash, cross-pollination of flowering species, and an obstacle course modeled upon the once-popular television show

*American Gladiators*.

When asked of his chances at winning the two-day long event, Punzo responded with fierce optimism. "In a sense, I've been training my entire life for this, both mentally and physically. Though I may not possess the strength and sheer lunacy of Irwin or the immortality of Richards, I do have one thing on my side...and that's heart."

Already, odds-makers are placing Punzo at a distant third in the

expected finish, behind both Irwin and author Norman Mailer (whose recent legal battles with an estranged ex-wife have intensified his already rigorous training regiment). However, despite the line in Vegas, Punzo suspects that he'll have a more favorable chance

than most would suspect.

"Irwin's got a few things going against him," said Punzo, somewhat reserved in his talk of strategy. "His wife Terri isn't going to be there to bail him out of trouble and, according to the officials with whom I've spoken, he will not be allowed to wear his khaki fatigues in competition. He's definitely tough, but there's no doubt he's beatable."

Depending on the success of the upcoming event, "Animal Planet" will then discussed adding a second competition for lightweight competitors. Those closely following the negotiations speculate that, if such an event should come to fruition, Dr. Emilio Toro, UT professor of mathematics, would head the list of invitees.

Taking a brief respite from an intense weight room training session led by legendary strongman Lou Ferrigno, Punzo told Minaret reporters that if victorious, he would donate the bulk of the earnings to the delayed construction of long-needed university science facilities.

"*Brains Versus Brawn: World's Most Capable Survivor*" is scheduled to air in its entirety May 14-16, following a weeklong tribute to Steve Irwin, "Can't Resist a Man in Uniform: The Crocodile Hunter as Sexual Icon for the Next Century." Be sure to check local listings for time.



# ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

## Win Big Prizes in the Annual Scavenger Hunt!

STEVE CHAMPAIGN, *B.M.O.C. and Event Chairperson*

In the Spirit of the upcoming Easter holiday, *The Minaret* will be sponsoring a Treasure Hunt (everyone on our staff is allergic to eggs). The Hunt will begin with this printing, and will be concluded at our next Minaret meeting April 2, 2001. The rules are simple, find as much stuff on our list as you can, and you'll earn prizes based on the points. So grab everything you can (we won't ask how you got it) and good luck to all.

**First prize** - 2002 Spring Break trip to Cacun, Mexico. All expenses paid !!

**Second prize** - Season pass to Universal Studios

**Third prize** - \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart

**Fourth prize** - 1 year free subscription to *The Minaret*

Pt. Value	Item to collect
20	A ticket stub to one of the 2001 Oscar nominated movies
50	A ticket stub to one of the 2000 Oscar nominated movies
40	UT parking pass
80	UT parking ticket
100	UT faculty parking pass
70	USF parking ticket
100	SAT Scores higher than 1400
75	President Vaughn's nameplate from office door
150	Picture with President Vaughn
300	Glass President Vaughn has taken a drink from
80	Starman movie poster
200	Drive-thru sign for McDonald's
60	Help wanted sign from 7-Eleven
40	Application for employment from Campus Security
90	Hair clipping from Dr. Solomon
10	Hair clipping from Dr. Tillson
40	An autographed baseball
50	Army ROTC shoulder patch
50	Air Force T-shirt
75	USF T-shirt
30	UT T-shirt



Pt. Value	Item to collect
200	Homerun baseball hit by UT player (must know when homerun was hit)
100	KWC Basketball Coach Ray Harper's home address
150	KWC Basketball Coach Ray Harper's home phone number
50	Hubcap from Dean Ruday's car
75	Hubcap from Tampa PD patrol car
150	Seat from the Holiday Inn shuttle bus
200	SID Mark Johnson's true height
100	Manual of rules for ResLife
400	Apology letter from ResLife
30	Florida license plate
100	Montana license plate
50	Dr. Lohman's hearing aid (double-points for both)
75	Unopened box of Boo-berry cereal
200	Moon from the top of one of the Minarets
30	Picture of the floor of Fletcher Lounge taken from within the rotunda
20	Autographed picture of "Gordon Nixon" - editor of Male Pattern Badass
50	Cast footprint of Brian Sutton
120	Picture of Brian Sutton with Bob Ruday
80	CD copy of the Frank Stallone & Gerri Halliwell duet
60	Carbarator from a AMC Gremlin
15	Lady's Night cup from Empire
200	Lady's night cup from Metropolis
300	Picture taken with local "dancer" Phoenix Black
120	Flyer advertising a Sigma Phi Epsilon program
100	List of officers for new UT sorority Delta Sigma Theta
20	Badge of UT security officer
100	Badge from West Shore Mall security officer
60	Picture of Col. Farnham in Yankees baseball cap
70	Ralph Nader's neck tie
40	Check from Denny's paid by Pat Buchanan
100	Tape of Chris Rock reciting the alphabet and refusing to say the letter "F"
300	Fleer rookie card for Sam Millitello



# Police Beat

By MISS BETSY

*Falk Theater Ghost*

**Mar. 19**

**Medical Report**

Around 2:35 a.m. a call came into security, requesting help at Brevard Hall. When the officers arrived at the room they found a male lying on his bed. The male student complained of; vomiting, poor digestion, dehydration, pains in his chest, headache, "Ghost eyes," and blood coming from his nose, teeth, and ears. Telling the officers that all of his symptoms reminded him of a hemorrhagic fever; that he learned about in his Global Issues class. The student further explained that he either had Machupo or Ebola. Officer's called a cab, which arrived within 20 minutes. They told the student to let the officers know how he was doing. Several hours later the student called and stated that he did indeed have Ebola, but was doing much better than before. A voice mail message was left for the Health Center.

**Room Disturbance**

A female student telephoned security asking for an officer to come over to her dorm room in Smiley. Upon arrival they found a hysterical female pointing to the bathroom. "It's in there," she declared. The officer entered the bathroom and found no one inside. He came out and told the girl that there wasn't anything inside. She told him to check the toilet. Again the officer entered the bathroom; this time he saw why the girl was so upset. Inside the toilet was a large baby alligator. The officer closed the door and told the girl to vacate the room until further notice. The officer then called the local Animal Control unit. Shortly, there after, a unit came and took the alligator away. The female was contacted and told that she could now re-enter her room.

**Mar. 21**

**Illegal Parking**

On a routine patrol an officer saw a car, illegally parked with its flashers on, outside of ResCom. The officer proceeded to write a ticket for the illegally parked car. An hour later the officer returned, and found that the car was still sitting in the same spot with its hazards on. Calling the local tow operator to try and remove this vehicle from

campus. When the tow truck arrived the officer spoke to the tow's operator. He turned back to find that the car had vanished. No further action was taken at this time.

**Mar. 22**

**Sports Injury**

11:26 p.m. a call was placed alerting security to an accident that occurred on the putting green. Supposedly, while practice his drives, the male student put too much force on the club and smacked his friend right in the nose. The recommendation was made for the students to go to the hospital to get stitches. The males transported themselves to Tampa General.

**Mar. 23**

**Harassing Phone Calls**

A female student alerted security that she has been receiving many phone calls where she can hear someone breathing and a twitching sound, but no one answers. Two officers went over to McKay to check her phone. While the officers were there, the phone rang. The officer picked it up and heard the same sounds that the female student had described. The student was asked if she knew anyone who would be making these types of calls to her, and she replied that she did not. She asked if a tap could be put on her phone. After inspection of the phone lines, it was discovered that the line to this student's phone had been malfunctioning. The actual caller was a rat that was chewing on the phone lines!

**Mar. 24**

**Personal Abuse**

Between midnight and one in the morning, a fight among "trolls" broke out in front of Crescent Place. The fight started when the head troll tried to kidnap "Princess Thistle," and the other trolls started to revolt. TPD was called to sort out these absurd claims. The TPD officers were just as equally confused. When some of the "trolls" started talking about "Princess Thistle" being a magical fairy, the officers then began to conduct sobriety tests. All of the combatants were found not under the use of any illegal drugs. However, they were notified that they would be put under judicial review, and some were given trespass warnings.

## Students to receive harsher punishments

By JAMES SNUCKA

*Staff Writer*

Wearing hats in class. Chewing gum. Showing up five minutes after class has begun. Until recently, such student behavior at the University of Tampa was, while frowned upon, hardly deemed punishable, save for their affect on particular grading and class participation policies. However, at the recent Board of Trustees meeting held on March 22, university executive measures ratified a policy which would impose mandatory detention for such inappropriate conduct.

In addition to those violations previously mentioned, students risk strict reprimand for such improprieties as wearing swim attire to class (part of a strictly regulated dress code prohibiting such garments as tanktops commonly referred to as "wife beaters" and skirts that have either sequins or are cut shorter four inches above the knee), failing to provide an authorized note excusing an absence, or any other type of behavior deemed by the instructor to be distracting to the overall classroom experience.

When asked to comment on the seemingly juvenile policy, one anonymous board member allowed, "If UT students are going to behave as if they are still in high school, then the administration must deal with them as such. This measure is by no means an attempt to censor individual expression. Rather, it is a means by which we may restore an atmosphere suitable to the traditional collegial environment which has

been so recently lacking at our hallowed institution."

Detentions, whose formal inception will correspond with the

parties who have scheduling conflict, a three hour marathon detention will be offered on Saturday mornings from 7 to 10 a.m. After-

the surrounding grounds.

If, after three detentions, a student is again found to be creating a disturbance or provocation, the

imposed.

While critics of the new policy have suggested heightening the profile of prospective UT students, board members feel the proposal will make great strides in reforming the seeming immaturity and irresponsibility of select portions of the student body.

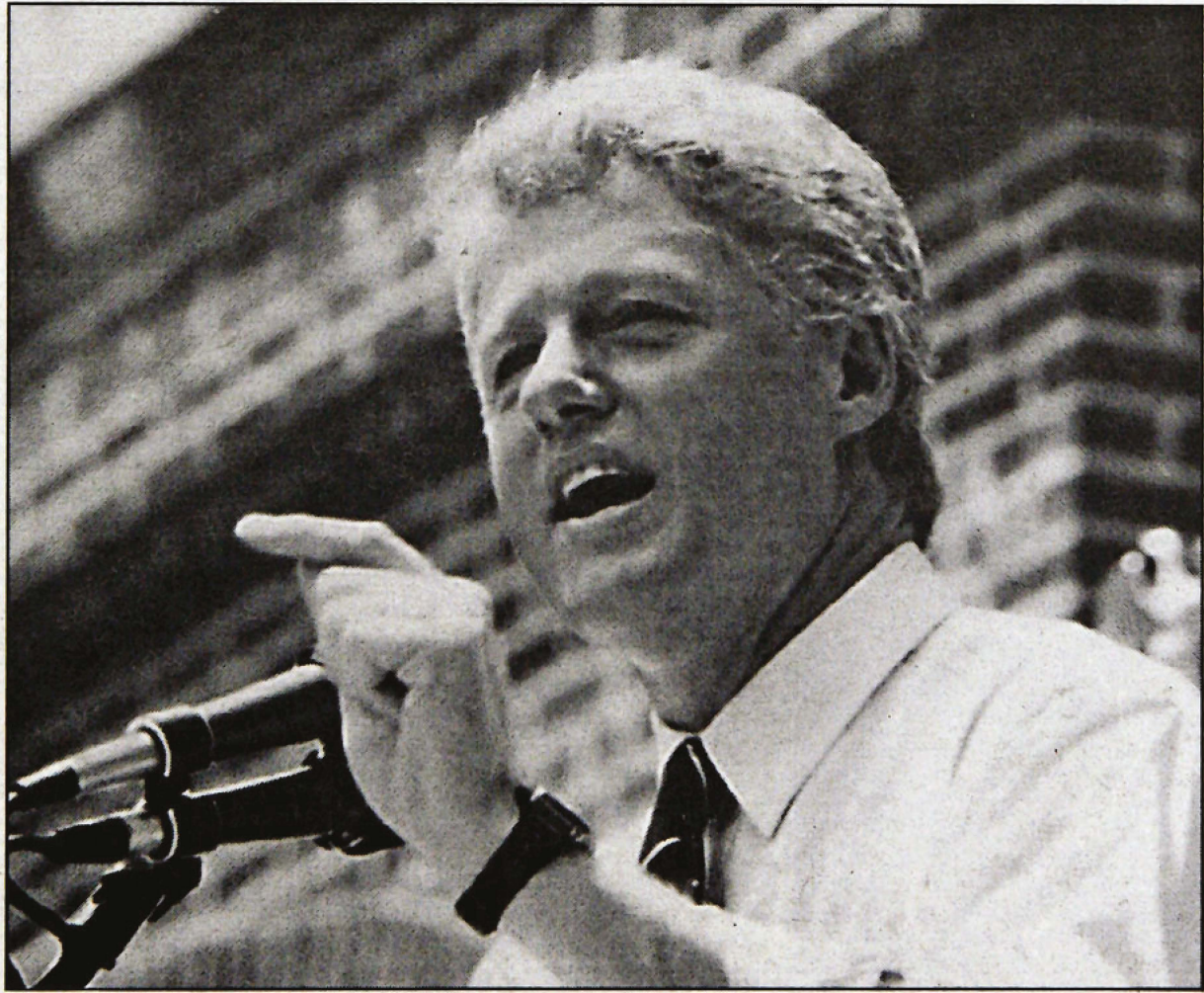
Though the new policy is a first in collegiate legislation both state-wide and throughout the nation, board members feel their move is the first in wave of similar measures to soon sweep across campuses.

"The student of today is just not the same as the student of, say, fifteen, even ten years ago. With attention spans steadily decreasing as a result of video games and computer technology, the new generation requires harsh discipline to keep their minds focused on the process of learning."

To quell fears that the students of the twenty-first century are not liable to bow to the threats of an administrative authority, letters notifying parents, which must be signed and returned within thirty days, will be mailed out upon the reception of a second detention.

While alternative measures such as prohibiting access to recess activities

such as attending the pool or utilizing the weight room facilities were discussed by the board, members ultimately voted unanimously to incept the detention policy into already existing university disciplinary policies.



Ex-President Bill Clinton is an outspoken proponent of corporal punishment and submissive tactics.

beginning of the Fall 2001 school year, will be the first of several measures taken to rehabilitate a student offender. Proctored by a rotating pool of faculty, detentions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:20. For those guilty

noon detentions will transpire in the form of a silent study hall, in which students may not talk, yet are permitted to do class assignments. Saturday detention will consist primarily of maintenance and landscaping duties throughout Plant Hall and

accused will be forced to undergo an in-school suspension for one to three days in length. With in-school suspension failing to remedy the problem, out of school detention, followed by ultimate expulsion from the university will be



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## Letters...

Letters to the Editor should not be submitted. Don't bother, we don't care and wont read them. But then again, no one would if we printed them.

If you still feel the need to submit a letter, it must be delivered by Churpas or Gopher-Gram to our office no later than three weeks before publication.

If you try to turn in a handwritten letter, I will punch you, if you don't e-mail it as an attachment, I will punch you. If you annoy me or refer to UT Crew as a "Crew Team" I will punch you. Crew Team is a redundancy, a crew is a team. It's like saying "Football ball"

I could care less what you think. You want something done, do it yourself. That's what my daddy learned me, and that's how you'll do it to. You think you're better than me? Kid, bring me my belt.



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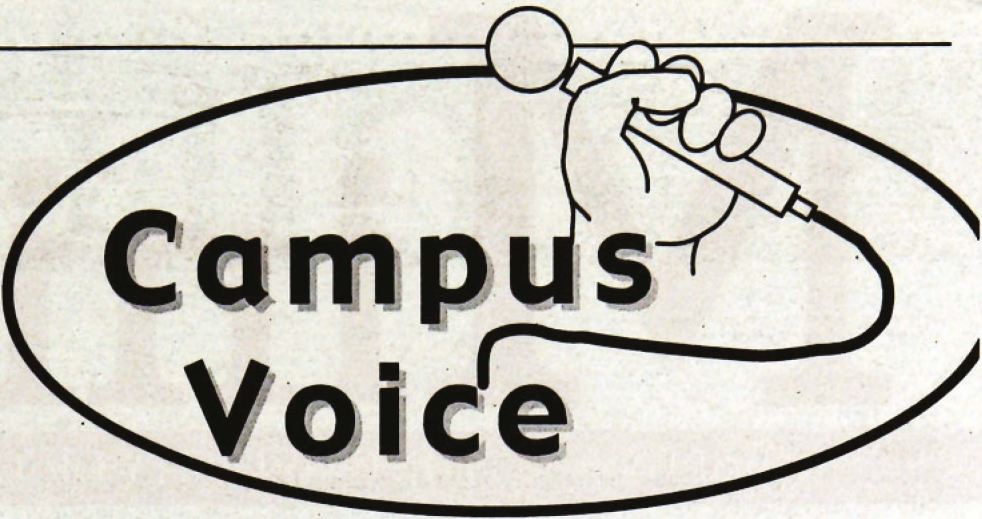
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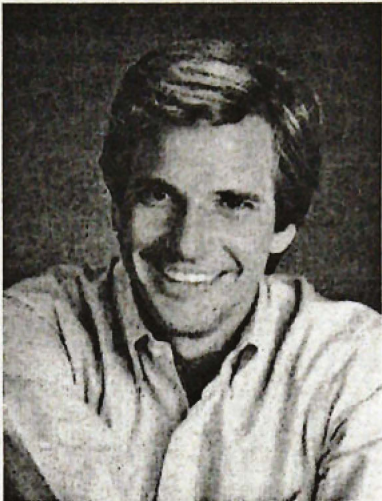
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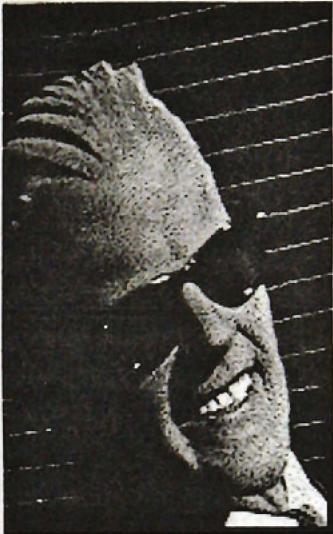
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# What do you think of the resurgence of Mr. T's career?



"Hey! I was on the A-Team too! Where's the work for me?"  
— Dirk "Face" Benedict



M-M-M-Mr T. is fantastic. H-H-H gives hope to all us 80s icons. R-R-R-Remember when I pitched New Coke?  
—M-M-M-Max Headroom

# I have had enough of these damn, dirty apes

## COLUMN

Why aren't we doing anything about these damn, dirty apes? It may seem a bit cliché, but in this day and age, why are they overrunning everything? This is not Russia, this is not Utah, we shouldn't be dealing with these flea-bitten primates.

I'm tired of toiling for these cruel masters. Why couldn't I have ended up in a post-apocalyptic future where robots ruled or something? Robots I can respect, they're machines, they use guns, what's not to like? Monkeys are dirty and they always hurl their

own feces at me. When I was a boy this country was proud and monkey-free. Now look at it, I can't order a freaking taco without getting a course, smell gorilla hair in it. I try to communicate to those around me that this is not how America should be, but the only response I get is a series of inarticulate grunts.

We are not animals! We are human beings! Rise up, throw off our evil monkey lords. I loathe them and their control collars, confining us to the bannana fields. There was a time when humans were the proud masters of the world, now it seems, our time has passed.

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post-apocalyptic future where robots ruled or something? Robots I can respect, they're machines, they use guns, what's not to like? Monkeys are dirty and they always hurl their own feces at me.

Take, for instance, my recent trip to the Statue of Liberty. That was when I realized things had really gotten out of hand. The dang thing was buried up to its neck! That's not how things were when I was growing up! I fell to my knees crying, realizing that the world has indeed changed, the carefree, monkey-free days of my youth were behind me.

It was earth! It was earth all along! Oh, how could I have been so blind? Soylent Green is people! If only my powers as Moses extended to my real life, I'd pull those monkeys apart like the Red Sea, maybe drop a plague of locusts on them, see how they'd like that.

But sadly, I am just a man, and perhaps I've realized too late that unlike my other problems, this is not one I can just shoot away. For one thing, I don't have enough bullets, and also, maybe I'm just as much a part of

the problem. Have I made any attempt to talk to these monkeys on a human level? No, I'll admit that. I haven't been as open minded as I could be. Afterall, I remember when I once declared women in the workforce to be the downfall of the

human race. Wait a second, now that I think about it, we give women jobs, and then we get taken over by damn, dirty monkeys. Well isn't that just the way of the world?

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April Fools! — THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA — Walla Walla Washington

## Smiley Hall surrendered to roach hoard

Caesar Joe Ducray  
Staff Reporter

Aging Smiley Hall was lost Thursday in the school's ongoing pest control war. At 12:01 p.m. today, President Ronald Vaughn is expected to sign treaties turning the building over to the United Roach Army.

The surrender follows a string of defeats in the building, which included a failed roach bombing and the devouring of freshman Sam Maxan.



An Army man reacts in horror to Vaughn's news.

"This is a bleak day," stated Chief Exterminator Jason Scott. "This is a building with a lot of history, the thought of those dirty, six-legged freaks in control makes me sick."

The victory gives the roaches a centralized stronghold, directly adjacent to Plant Hall. It is unknown if the roaches will make a further power play, but their proximity is making many nervous.

"Roaches exist with one goal, the expansion of their species," stated biology professor and resident genius Fred Punzo. "I have no doubt they will make a move for Plant Hall."

Much of the building is dark, humid, and the presence of only as-

ures their eventual siege.

The roach king was unavailable for comment.

Smiley residents have a relocation deadline of noon Saturday, though many students have left already.

"It's awful," said freshman Ali Baha, "they're coming out of the drains, they're in the walls. One of them wrote 'A.J. SUCKS!' on my Backstreet Boys poster."

"We will fight these roaches on the land," said a visibly enraged President Vaughn; "we will fight them in the air, at sea. From the halls of McKay to the game rooms of Brevard, I will not rest until these vermin have been wiped from our campus!"



President Ronald Vaughn addresses the recent roach attack. The roaches have recently acquired Smiley Hall, with McKay a likely next target

## Students to be paid to attend games

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University of Tampa officials have announced a new program to improve attendance at sporting events, while promising not to increase tuition by more than 15% this year.

University of Tampa President Ronald Vaughn announced during a conference last week that the UT board of trustees approved giving students living on campus \$5.00 to attend school sporting events, in an effort to boost attendance at the games.

Students who live off-campus will receive \$6.50 per game. The difference, according to Vaughn, is to help offset the costs of commuting to and from the campus.

This is the reverse of many institutions, where students must pay to attend a game. Some see it as a great step in the right direction.

"It's wonderful," says Shari Southernsmith, "I go to almost all the women's soccer games, and most of the other team sporting events, as well. Now I'll be able to pay a little back on my student loans

I have piling up."

Although university officials would not comment on how the idea got started, the trustees were very willing to try the new "Watch us play, you get paid" program.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, one campus official who works in a suite on the first floor of Plant Hall, near the main entrance, far from student visibility, with the number 117 on the door, said, "It feels weird to give back to the students what they've put into the program here (at UT)."

For students to get paid, they will have to get a special coupon at the beginning of each game and redeem it at the end of the game, where they will receive the computerized receipt.

Students will not receive cash at the games, however, they will receive a receipt to verify the proper amounts have been credited to their accounts.

A confidential source in Financial Management said, "This could be a new accounting nightmare for us, as we have some delays in keeping up-to-date records for what we have currently due to the overwhelming increase in the student

population."

Sports Information Director Tom Kolbe stated a concern the school did not address directly at the conference: what about the student assistants who are not getting paid, are not on scholarship, and will attend each game?

Kolbe feels the student assistants should be eligible for the vouchers, as well, even though they are required to attend.

When asked if they would change the program if the attendance did not increase, officials said they would consider "enhancing the deal to make it sweeter...if it would get us a...bed and breakfast inn for free...instead of cramped...office spaces on the...roof of Plant Hall."

So maybe the time is not right, students, for you to attend our sporting events.

(at right) The empty stands of a UT basketball game reflect decreasing student interest and diminished school spirit.



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