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## \$10 million gift largest in UT history

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A \$10 million gift from John and Susan Sykes made Sept. 11 "one of the most historic days" in the university's 66-year history, according to President Ronald L. Vaughn.

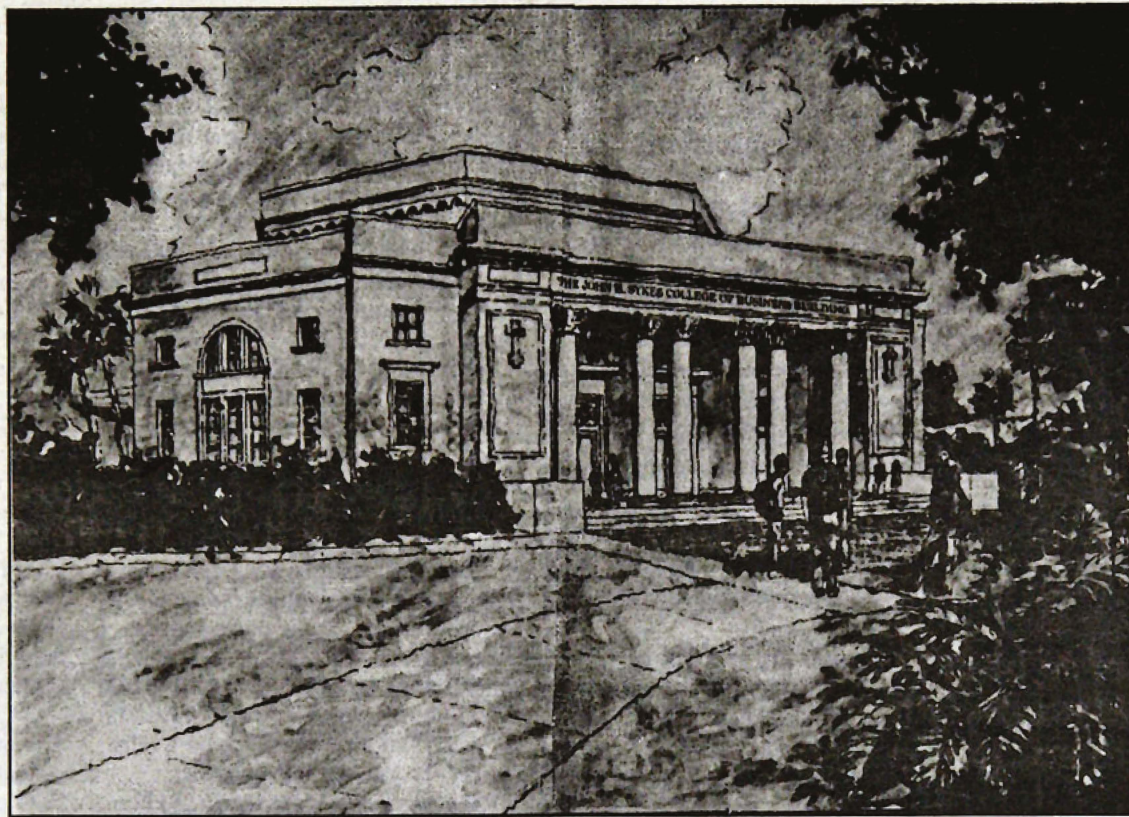
Students, professors, faculty, staff and even the media turned out on The University of Tampa campus last Thursday for Vaughn's announcement. Whether they had been informed through the grapevine, the University's Public Information office or voice mail from Vaughn, no one seemed to know what the occasion was, only that it was rumored to be major.

Before the press conference began, observers milled around in front of Plant Hall guessing at the news. Either no one knew, or no one was talking. The rumors were as farfetched as Disney buying-out the university or the University of Tampa getting a football team.

At 11 a.m. the truth was revealed.

"Only rarely in a university's history do events occur which forever change the direction of those institutions. I view this as one of those unique events," said Vaughn.

"On [the Sykes'] behalf, I am extremely pleased and honored to announce that the University of Tampa has received a commitment



An artist's conception of the John H. Sykes College of Business building upon its completion. The original building was opened in 1926 and renamed in 1960 after Tampa mayor D.B. McKay. The McKay name will somehow be recognized in the building.

from Susan and John for \$10 million."

The gift from the Sykes will provide \$1 million for the Center for Ethics, \$1.5 million to build the John H. Sykes Chapel and Inter-

cultural Center and \$7.5 million to convert the McKay auditorium into a state-of-the-art College of Business building. This will also allow the 30,000 square feet of space in Plant Hall now used by

the College of Business to be redesigned for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The endowment for the Center for Ethics places an emphasis on teaching ethics in Hillsborough

County public schools, one of the four missions of the center. According to Debbie Thorne LeClair, director for the Center for Ethics and assistant professor of marketing, the center's functions are to provide ethics education within the university and in the public school system. The center's roles also lie within the academic community and in providing seminars to help organizations implement high integrity cultures.

"The gift from the Sykes will allow us to strengthen our efforts and become a national resource for ethics education," said LeClair. "It will contribute to the operations of the Center for Ethics and give us the ability to pursue higher quality and a far-reaching impact in all of our programs."

The rehabilitation of McKay Auditorium has been in the university's plan for quite some time. The auditorium was originally closed in 1990 because of problems with asbestos. The 48,000 square feet has since remained unused. While closed for removal of the asbestos, the roof caught fire in June 1993, causing extensive water damage to the interior.

Thanks to the new funds, the building may be completed far sooner than anticipated. An addition to the original structure is

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## Convenient parking eludes most students

JUSTIN CATALANO and  
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According to the numbers, parking is not a problem. 1,415 spaces are available, with only 1,021 registered cars. Students, on the other hand, seem to disagree.

Many students have procrastinated getting their permit. Security officers can often be seen writing tickets to these students. In one count, 49 unregistered cars were found on University of Tampa property.

Last fall, when asked about the parking issue, President Vaughn stated, "Parking will get worse before it gets better. We've got to get busy looking for alternatives while the parking deck is under construction."

A physical count of parking spaces, performed by Rod Plowman, director of Administrative Services and Buddy Campbell, director of safety and security, re-

vealed a total of 1,415 spaces on campus. Of this total, 1,017 spaces are reserved for students, the same amount as last year. 325 spaces accounted for are reserved for faculty, and the remaining 73 reserved for ROTC, the Henry B. Plant Museum and Office of Admissions

shortage of convenient parking.

To alleviate this problem, a great deal of time and energy has been invested. Ronald Vaughn himself has called adjacent property owners, asking them if any land was available for short term parking. At least one lot, near the Valencia Garden restaurant, has been lent to the university until the parking problem is solved.

According to Plowman, "President Vaughn took this issue very seriously and offered many sugges-

tions."

The University also hired a company named DSA, a group that specializes in designing efficient parking systems. They did a campus-wide study of parking last year before the demolition of the Krusen building. DSA designed the lot that now sits between the science wing of Plant Hall and the Health Center. Henry C. Beck

visitors.

The problem lies, according to Plowman, in finding parking where students, faculty and staff prefer, not in the actual availability. Residential students prefer spaces closest to their halls, while faculty, staff and commuters request centrally located spaces and also those nearest Plant Hall. Therefore, the problem is in the

Anything could happen between  
Martinez and University West.



Susan Wheeler Hudmon—The Minaret

Obtaining a parking permit was the first of many frustrations for students. The lack of parking has been a common complaint among both new and returning Spartans.

Contracting built the lot after consulting with experts.

The lot in Martinez seems to be one of the biggest issues in the

"convenient parking" problem. Since it would have been un-

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# \$10 million donation will benefit all of us

EDITORIAL

It's hard to imagine how a gift to the university as large as \$10 million is going to affect you as an individual student. The construction may or may not be finished during your years at UT. You might not have classes in the new John H. Sykes College of Business. You will probably not have the chance to pray in the new chapel or meet your friends at the intercultural center. The projected dates for the completion of these buildings are all three years into the future. You may not feel effected at all by these events.

In reality, though, the gift does much more for the university as a whole than has been advertised. The gift promises to renovate the McKay Auditorium, which has been doing little more than taking up space for the past four years. Students found many uses for the surrounding space in the meantime, from dancing to relaxing, but the building was, for the most part, completely dysfunctional. The \$7 million will change that.

During his comments at the press conference, John Sykes related an anecdote about people asking about the building that is visible from his office reception area. The minarets of Plant Hall are often photographed. They appear in the newspapers and in several television news intros. Still, if you ask the average guy on the street, he probably won't know that there is a University of Tampa. And if he does, he will probably assume that it is merely an extension of USF.

Over the past three years, President Vaughn has done a great deal to improve the University. Although some departments suffered and in some cases disappeared in the crisis of 1994-95, most are now flourishing. Enrollment is up, more students are staying past their first year and old buildings are being replaced with new ones. The efforts of Vaughn, Vice President for Enrollment Management Barbara Strickler and others have not gone unnoticed. If nothing else, the \$10 million is sufficient proof. You don't give such grants to a place in which you have no faith.

There is a resurgence happening. You see it in every department of the school. From the graphic design major added last year to the ROTC rappel tower to the renovating of the dance studio, we are experiencing change. Change is not always a bad thing.

The most immediate benefit of the gift is the exposure that the university is receiving. Five television stations covered the press conference. The University of Tampa made the nightly news and the morning papers. We are making a name for this school with the help of John and Susan Sykes.

The Sykes spoke of this money as a down-payment, an investment in the future. We may all have graduated by the time the new additions to the university are complete, but at least we will have more to look back on. The improvement of the University can only make our diplomas more valuable. We will always be alumni. This will always be our alma mater.

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## None of us are immune to tragedy

COLUMN

By TERRY LACY  
Copy Editor

It's four AM and I'm wide awake.

Normally I would be snoring into my girlfriend's ear at decibels she swears fighter jets take off at, but I think she lies. I mean, I'm in the same room with her, but I don't hear it. But now, she's sleeping like a stone, and I'm the one staring at the ceiling.

Clarifying this will require a little background, so bear with me. I grew up in a large, close family. I am the youngest of my generation, having four sisters, one brother, eight nieces and nephews and four great nieces and nephews. Christmas at my mom's house gets a little loud.

The reason I'm awake is that my mom called earlier tonight. My number two sister's number one son found a tumor.

Steve and I have always had a special but weird relationship. In lots of ways I'm still closer to him than my other nephews, even though we haven't really talked in years. We speak, but it's usually only enough to say hi and how are you.

Our relationship was special because it seemed that everything I did, so did he. I played drums, Steve played drums. I worked in a factory, Steve worked in the same factory. I sold insurance, Steve sold insurance. I joined the Army, Steve said screw that and went to work for another factory. So you see the closeness.

The tumor's bigger than a pin head, but smaller than a penny, and it's on the top of his head. He found it because he shaves his head once a year as a tribute to razors, I assume. He didn't think anything about it, thought he hit his head, but couldn't remember where. He just happened to have an appointment with his allergist right after he found it, and just happened to ask her what she thought it might be. He goes to see the doctor to have it biopsied tomorrow, and now it's four in the morning and I can't sleep.

I keep thinking of reasons why it can't happen to him. He's a swimmer. At one time they said the word Olympics in

his direction and no one was laughing. He's a firefighter now. He's been making runs with his dad on their local volunteer department since he was 12. He's an emergency medical technician and on the sheriff's search and rescue dive team. What I'm saying is that he's only 26. He's in great shape. He's happily married. He's my nephew. He can't have cancer.

I keep flashing back to the time when he was in high school and I was teaching drums for his band camp. I knew every player in the drum section, and I knew that Steve was the best of all of them, but he had stopped practicing, and some of the other kids had passed him. I told him that I was ashamed of him in front of the other kids. Drums were my life and I couldn't accept that they were only his hobby. I want to call him and tell him I'm sorry, but like I said, it's four a.m.

I'm sorry. This was supposed to be a light hearted column about life from an older student's perspective. It was supposed to be witty and ironic, but I suppose I missed that. I'll try again next week.

I'm writing this article because I feel I have to. I have to get it out of my system. I'm running it in the paper because I want you to know that it can happen to you. At your age. If you have a question about anything, the nurses are there and they're free. Go see them. It saved my nephew's life.

UPDATE: It's Saturday morning. The number two sister, Bobbie, called. Actually, her name is Christine, but she's been called Bobbie all her life because the number one sister couldn't say "baby" when they were children, so it came out "Bobbie." Hell of a way to get a nickname for the past 48 years, huh?

Anway, Bobbie called. The growth was malignant, but they caught it in time. They used a laser and some new, experimental technique, and Steve is going to be fine. He just has to be tested every two years for the rest of his life. Thanks for asking.

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## Same old story: first week of school

COLUMN

By JOE LAWLER  
Staff Writer

I'm quite sure that this exact same story probably runs in here every year, but since this is hopefully my only freshmen year I thought I'd do it anyway.

It wasn't easy leaving the lush, seamy, night-life of Des Moines, Iowa for the cold, harsh middle of nowhere that is Tampa. Upon my arrival, and the tagging and releasing of my parents ("You're free Mom, run! Run free!"), I realized two things: my room was too small for all my crap, and my roommate was dead. After several pokes with a sharp stick, I realized he was not dead, just typing on the computer.

Actually, my experience moving into the dorm went like this. After bringing up the first load of stuff, my dad decided that the quickest way down would be to go through the fire door. The door had a sign which read: ATTENTION, OPENING THIS DOOR WILL CAUSE EAR PIERCING SIRENS TO GO OFF, CAUSING YOUR SON TO BE FOREVER KNOWN AS THE GUY WHOSE DAD SET OFF THE FIRE ALARM. Completely ignoring the warning, through the door went my dad, which is why to this day women lower their heads when I pass, and children giggle at me from behind their licorice whips.

My next adventure was to attempt to set up my e-mail. For those of you who have not attempted to use your e-mail here, the system is set up in a rather bizarre way.

Apparently, about five years ago, UT decided that they wanted to be on the cutting edge of cyber-technology. Finding the most able designers that prisons, pre-schools and the zoo had to offer, they designed a vast system of gobbledygook that even Bill Gates couldn't figure out. After going through the 87 steps that are required to use it, I sent off a message to my friend Will, telling him to record an interview with Michael Jordan. I found out later that not only did he not get the message, but he did not record the show. How could he not have known.

On top of all this, they misspelled my name on my e-mail. After I first received my e-mail, I looked down at the sheet and read: JLawlor@alpha.tampa.com.cbs.espn.remedu. I pointed out the mistake.

I was not pleased with the response I received. "I'm sorry, we're all very busy. You can live with that name, can't you?" I replied, "Sure," and walked away, wondering how Mr. Helpful would like to go four years with a different name. My name sounds like some reject He-Man villain: "I, Lawlor, will defeat you Man-at-Arms, and then the Castle Grayskull will be mine!" So this is my new major, supervillainy, with a minor in accounting. Sure it's an overcrowded field, and I'm only mean enough to be the villain in a Pauly Shore movie, but I can only be pushed so far.

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# OPINION

## Let the buyer be afraid, very afraid

COLUMN

By BILL SHEERIN  
Staff Writer

In Massachusetts, new license plates are being issued with "Preserve the Trust" printed in bright red letters across the bottom. The "Live Free or Die" motto emblazons the license plates of New Hampshire cars. Missouri, for reasons I have never understood, is the "Show Me" state.

Here in Florida, however, I've noticed that license plates come in several designs, from county names to wildlife to the space shuttle. They embody no distinct, purely Floridian phrase. Allow me to suggest one, a phrase that truly captures the essence of Florida, one that is also the epitaph for the free world: *Caveat Emptor*, "Let the Buyer Beware."

After living off-campus in Tampa for two months, it became quite evident that I needed a car. Taking four buses every day in the blazing heat and sudden electrical storms soon became unbearable.

My wife and I set out on a search. Attempting to be responsible consumers, we perused several used car advertisements and began to comparison shop. During our search we stumbled across a small, family-run dealership on infamous Nebraska Avenue. Having been raised in a family-run business myself, my poor judgment of character now reared its sad, pathetic head.

My father runs an honest business, so I thought this guy probably does, too.

On sale was a fantastic car, at a seemingly great price: a 1987 Pontiac Firebird, glistening with a new paint job, sitting on four brand new tires. The car seductively beckoned me. After a couple of test drives and some ineffective price haggling, I paid the man and went on my way.

Here is where things get ugly. Really ugly. Within 48 hours of driving off of the

lot, my car was on a flatbed tow truck, completely dead. I called the dealership.

"The car you sold me two days ago is dead," I said, "It left my wife and me stranded."

"Oh, that's too bad," he replied.

"Well, I would like either my money returned, or for you to fix it," I demanded.

At this he actually chuckled.

"No refunds," he casually responded, "but I'll fix it for you. Tow it on over. I charge \$38.50 per hour, labor only."

I was furious and determined to do something about it. There was no way that I was going to part with one more penny of my money to that shyster. The "new" paint job had already begun to peel off in some places. I tried to stop the check, to no avail. I called everyone I could think of, from lawyers to television investigating teams to the state's attorney's office. And do you know what? It appears that if you buy a used car in Florida, you are allowed absolutely no consumer protection whatsoever. No "Lemon Law," no nothing.

The repairs, which were done at another, highly recommended, service station, came to almost \$500. This on top of the \$2,500 that I had already spent. The mechanic told me that the car had been rigged to run for a few days before the recharged battery and decrepit distributor gave out.

So that was bad. We had been conned (or as my wife would tell it, I had been conned) and lost quite a bit of money. When the insurance company ripped me off as well, I knew that it couldn't be just a coincidence.

We purchased car insurance when we bought the car, late last October. The car was sold in early December at a significantly lower price. The insurance had also been canceled at that time. I had overpaid my insurance bills by quite a bit and had been in-

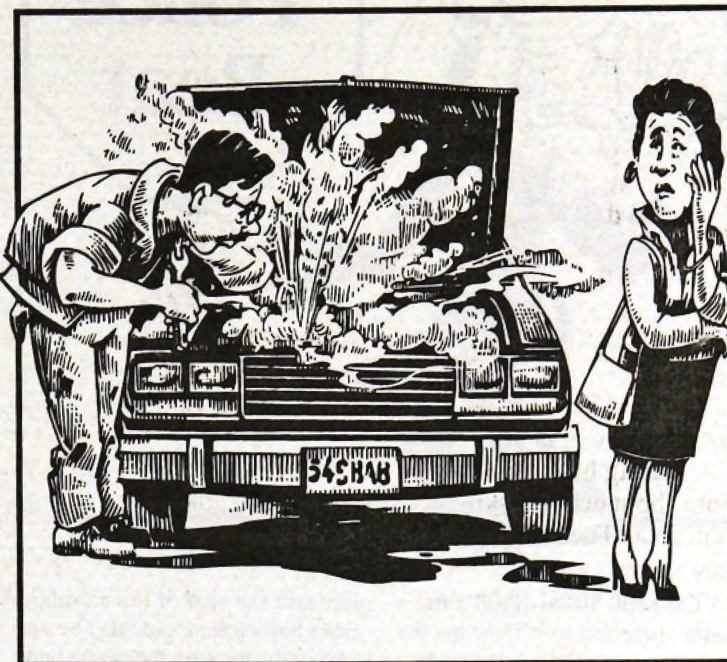
formed that I could expect a prompt refund.

Strangely enough, I continued to receive bills every month for my now canceled policy. The insurance company attributed it to "computer error," and told me to disregard the bills. But when a bill arrived in March, complete with late charges, I went back to the insurance company.

Incredibly, they had NOT canceled my policy after all, due to a human clerical error rather than computer one. They were very apologetic and vowed to rectify the situation immediately. We again signed a series of papers and went home, satisfied that at last the issue had been solved.

When I next received a threatening letter from the insurance company's collections lawyer, demanding the immediate payment of my "delinquent" bills, I nearly blew a capillary. Although I contacted the state's insurance commission, the Better Business Bureau and a lawyer, a year has nearly slipped by. I've heard nothing. Again, I've been had.

So, let's recap. Badly conned by a chuckling car dealer, ripped off by an incompetent insurance company, I'm afraid



to even buy groceries around here anymore.

In my apartment I've accumulated a large pile of broken things: vacuum cleaners, computers and musical equipment. I'm hesitant to use any repair service or maintenance company. I'm reluctant to part with one more dime in this state, unless absolutely necessary. This is why "*Caveat Emptor*" printed across the bottoms of Floridian license plates seems so suitable. It's not just "Let the Buyer Beware," it's more like "Let the Buyer Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid."

Hey, anyone want to buy a bridge? It overlooks scenic San Francisco Bay. Since you've got an honest face, I'll let it go for cheap.

Bill Sheerin is a senior majoring in English.

## Life will lead you where you want to go

By KEITH MCBRIDE  
Staff Writer

I guess it would be fair to call me a new kid on the block when it comes to my experience on *The Minaret* staff. In truth, my whole experience with writing is rather minimal, as well. I never really took writing seriously at all, and actually considered it an ability to "b.s." more than anything else. But I must say that I have found a new respect for literature, both reading and writing, here at the University of Tampa, and I've learned a couple of valuable lessons that I would like to share through my personal little success story. I guess you could call this column my pep talk to this year's freshman, and at the same time an introduction to any returning students who may not be familiar with me yet.

After an (at best) mediocre high school experience, I was looking forward to a clean slate in college. I considered myself lucky to be accepted to college. I found success at school was more important to me than ever

before, and realized that a new mature approach to work would be required for this success. Along with that realization came the much fabled and dreaded "college workload." Every freshman worries about this, among a million other things, when entering college. What I found was that it was mostly reading. And in a more startling discovery, I learned that I actually liked reading. It was mentally challenging, like a contest, yet entertaining and occasionally even (dare I say it?) fun.

I found that the reading brought about a lot of thinking, and mental exercise. I began to use logic that I never knew existed. I began to think philosophically and found that I had developed an ideology. This ideology is based on compromises. I found, and maintain to this day, the idea that representing extremes is a root of problems among



the world's leaders, peoples and teachers, too.

So where did all this get me? I had lots of ideas, an ideology that was purely all my own, and nowhere to use it. I began writing. At first, it was personal paragraphs in a journal. That turned into essays, treatises and English 101 papers. And it was a new discovery, there in my freshman English class, that I actually liked to write. What would come next? I remember joking that soon, I might even trade in my rock, rap and R&B music for jazz or something worse.

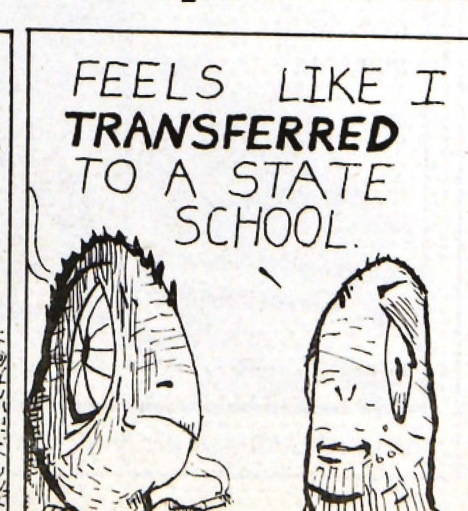
I wouldn't call myself "well-read" or even "well educated" as of yet, but I would say that I don't talk to hear myself speak. If I don't know about something, I open my mouth only to say that I do not know enough about the topic to form an opinion. With this in mind, let me promise that I will never write a column based on abortion or gun control. Besides being over-discussed and therefore tedious, these are also topics on which I am not exactly bursting with enlightenment. I assure you, the reader, that my

opinions are informed, and I welcome debates, responses, and why not, even a little hate mail.

So that's how I became a writer, and I guess you could say that it is also a fair introduction to myself, my ideology and my writing style. Things certainly have changed for me since my humble academic beginnings in Connecticut. I actually made the dean's list for my first semester, and my parents were thrilled with my efforts. When it came time for my big Christmas present, the reward for my grades, I knew exactly what I needed. So, as I sit here behind the very same word processor that I requested for my efforts, listening to the jazz music coming out of my stereo, I can't help but wonder what could possibly come next for me. I've been so bad at predicting my future, I'm not going to bother to speculate anymore. I've been lucky, so I guess it's best to let whatever will happen, happen.

Keith McBride is a sophomore majoring in political science.

## UTITES



By Jake Miller





On Sept. 10, at 12:05 a.m., a student reported to UTCS that the student's purse had been stolen. According to the student, the purse was stolen from the passenger seat of a friend's car. The victim said that her purse had been placed un-

demeath the seat of the car many times before the incident. The victim left the purse in the car on Sept. 5 and found it missing on Sept. 10. The car had not been broken into or damaged. According to the owner of the vehicle, it was kept

locked at all times when not in use. The owner of the car also stated having no knowledge of the whereabouts of the purse, and during the time in question no one else had been in the car. It had been parked in the same area of the parking lot. The purse missing is described as tri-fold and brown in color, about nine inches long, and four inches wide. It contained personal checks, a Georgia driver's license, a card size school diploma and numerous business cards. The victim was advised to contact Tampa Police Department.

On Sept. 11, at 9:05 a.m., UTCS responded to North B. St. south side, between University-West and ResCom upon a call of a burglary to a car. A UT student reported that the student's vehicle had been broken into between 1:00 a.m. on Sept. 10, and 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 11. The student reported that a radio had been stolen from the vehicle. UTCS checked the car and

found that it had a soft top and that the clear plastic window in the rear, which was previously damaged and taped, had been pushed open, allowing entry. The missing item is described as a JVC AM-FM stereo cassette radio, valued at \$400.

On Sept. 12, at 9:15 a.m., a Tampa Prep student reported to UTCS that while playing basketball in the Martinez Sports Center, between 5 and 6 p.m., on Sept. 11, jewelry was stolen from the student. The victim had been playing basketball with other Tampa Prep students and left the missing jewelry in a pair of shoes. The victim reported seeing no one near the shoes while playing. The items missing are a 20 inch gold link chain and an eight inch gold bracelet with an eagle charm. The items are valued at \$300.

On Sept. 12, at 1:16 p.m., a student reported that damage had been done to the student's car. The student reported that the car was

parked at 8:45 a.m. and upon return at 1:05 p.m., the victim noticed a dent in the right passenger door. The dent is round and about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. There was no one parked next to the victim upon arrival or departure.

On Sept. 13, at 6:55 p.m., the fire alarm in Delo Hall was activated by a discharge of the sprinkler system in a room. The Tampa Fire Department responded on the scene and advised UTCS that there was no fire or smoke in the building. The triggering of the alarm was caused by a visitor staying in the room of a sibling. The sprinklers went off when the visitor, trying to dry a shirt, put a plastic hanger on the sprinkler head. That caused it to go off, spraying water in the room and in two other rooms in the building. The RA on duty reported that the resident of the room was never in the room and that the sibling had been in the room for over two weeks. The RA stated that this incident had been previously reported to ResLife.

If you notice any suspicious activity on campus notify campus security at Ext. 3333

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planned. The new three story classroom annex will contain approximately 70,000 total square feet of functional space.

The most surprising of the endowments was the allocation for the construction of the John H. Sykes Chapel and Intercultural Center.

After the elimination of the religion and philosophy majors and the much-protested termination of several full-time professors, the reintroduction of religion into the university shocked many students and faculty.

"It was not high on the priority list in the capital expansion plan, but we wanted to escalate that because it is something that is really needed. When you go to recruit for a private university I think it's good to let the parents know that there is a foundation that goes beyond

education," said John Sykes.

John Sykes, chief executive officer of Sykes Enterprises, has been very active in the community.

According to Mayor Dick Grecko, University of Tampa alumnus, the Sykes have donated both time and money in the Tampa

believe in children. They believe in tomorrow. They are going to do many, many more things. I'm working with John on some things he wants to help the city with. You tell him about a problem and he's there," said Grecko.

"If there be a truer measure of a person than what he or she does, it must be what he or she gives," said Vaughn.

"Business and education have to be able to connect," said John Sykes.

"Education cannot do it alone. Business must be a part of it."

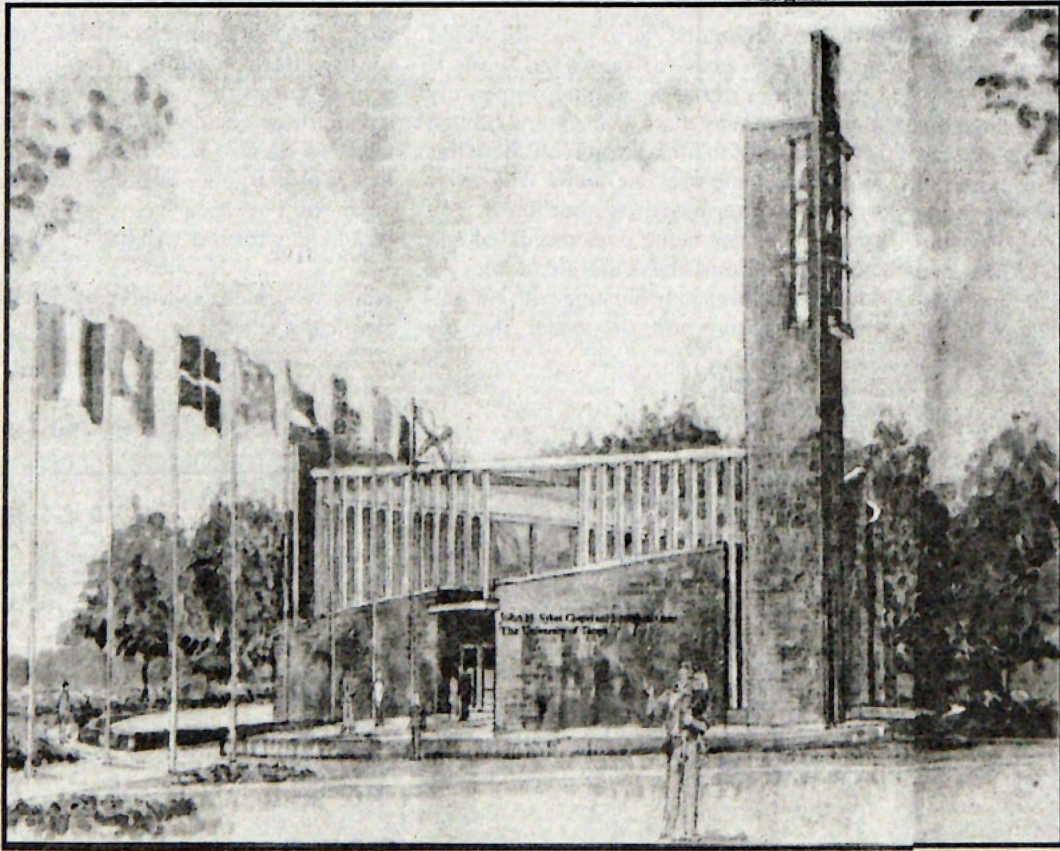
"We wanted to be a part of this," said John Sykes. "We should be a part of you. This is a historical day not because of what Susan and I have been blessed to be able to participate with you, but because of what you are doing under the able leadership of Dr. Ron Vaughn."

Bay community. John Sykes gave \$275,000 to help replace old gymnasium equipment for the downtown police station. Susan Sykes volunteers for the Crisis Center. The Sykes also recently bestowed a gift of \$1 million to the United Way.

"They are people with big hearts who truly believe in giving back to the community. They be-

**If there be a truer measure of a person than what he or she does, it must be what he or she gives.**

— Ron Vaughn



Artist rendering of the proposed John H. Sykes Chapel and Intercultural Center.

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By MICHILEEN MARTIN  
Opinion Editor

No, I said, 'plastic,' not 'plastique!'

A quiet neighborhood on Kirby Street got a little loud last Friday as a plumber's joke bombed, and bombed badly.

A neighborhood woman reported seeing what she believed to be a bomb in the middle of the street at approximately 1 p.m. on Friday, police said. Upon spotting the device from 20 feet away, TPD Officer T.L. Goff immediately called the Bomb Squad.

"There were six tube-like devices strapped together, wires running through it, and a clock device on the bottom," said Goff. Police evacuated 15 people from the street and cordoned off the area. As the Bomb squad sent its remote control robot to inspect the device, two men jumped out of a pick-up truck, yelling, "It's just a toy!"

Sean C. Perez, a 24-year-old plumber, had placed the toy bomb on the wheel well of his boss' truck earlier in the day as a prank. The joke backfired when another employee, unaware of the joke, got in the truck and drove off. The toy bomb fell off the wheel well on Kirby Street.

Perez faces a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine for planting a hoax explosive device—a third degree felony.

"The message here is, if you are going to mess with a fake bomb, you're going to go to a real jail," said TPD spokesman Steve Cole.

**She gave her the bird**  
Brenda Garcia said she only intended for Charlene Chenel to baby-sit Boo-Boo, her 16-year-old talking parrot, when she gave her to Chenel last August. According to Chenel, when Garcia went to the Chenel household on May 29 to retrieve the bird, and Chenel refused, Garcia grabbed the bird's cage and yelled, "I'm the bird's natural mother! I'm its natural mother!"

Boo-Boo's feet became infected last August, while still in Garcia's possession. Garcia gave the parrot to Chenel, who worked as a receptionist at the animal and bird hospital where Garcia brought Boo-Boo. Garcia claims her house was being remodeled and she just wanted Chenel to watch the bird because the dust was too much for it. Chenel claims Garcia gave her Boo-Boo for keeps because it was causing marital problems between Garcia and her husband Rick.

"It was a gift," said Chenel. "She gave me that bird." After the incident on May 29, Garcia called 911 to have the police retrieve Boo-Boo. The deputy she spoke to suggested that Garcia bring the matter to court.

"This is one of the strangest cases I've ever seen," said Judge Peyton Hyslop. "Both parties act like this bird is one of their natural-born children."

"To be frank, my wife loved

that bird as much as she loves my 16-year-old son," said Mr. Garcia. When the court decision was being announced at last Thursday's hearing, Garcia clutched a framed photo of Boo-Boo to her chest.



## Weird Wire

Boo-Boo was given to the Chenels, because Garcia had not shown enough evidence to prove the bird had not been given as a gift, Judge Hyslop said. Garcia had to be excused from the proceedings. Her wailing could be heard throughout the courthouse.

### Sweets of the Swedes

After the angry furor over reports that the Swedish government sterilized around 60,000 of its citizens between 1935 and 1976, the Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet*,

recently reported that more than 400 mentally handicapped people were force-fed large amounts of candy and other sweets from 1943-1953 for research on tooth decay.

The patients at Vipelholm mental hospital included in the experiment were given toffee, other sweets and white bread to eat every day for ten years.

"Society needed evidence," dentist Bo Krasse, who participated in the experiments, told *Aftonbladet*. "We thought we were doing a good deed."

### U.S.C. and S.N.L.—working together to fight crime

U.S. Customs Service Inspector Virginia Rodriguez was honored with a distinguished service medal and certificate last Friday. She was flown to Washington and shook the hand of Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. The hero treatment came in response to help in the capture of Phillip Noel Johnson, an armored car driver who is accused of the biggest heist in U.S. history—\$22 million.

According to Rodriguez, Jon Lovitz deserves some of the praise for his capture. Rodriguez was routinely inspecting a commercial bus on its way to Mexico when she questioned a man who claimed his name was Roger Lawter—one of Johnson's aliases. She said she probably

would not have decided to check the name, except when she asked the man his purpose for visiting Mexico, he answered that he was visiting friends. Rodriguez repeated, "Visiting friends," and he responded, "Yeah. That's it. To visit friends."

The first thing that came to Rodriguez's mind was the pathological liar character played by Jon Lovitz on Saturday Night Live. Lovitz's character was known to say things such as, "Heather Locklear is... my wife! Yeah. That's it. My wife."

### Another weapon in the Apocalypse arsenal—sheep farts

Scientists have built a tower in New Zealand to measure the output of sheep flatulence, the newest danger to the environment. When sheep belch or break wind, they release methane gas. One methane gas molecule is 21 times more powerful than a carbon dioxide molecule, making methane a potent contributor to the Greenhouse Effect.

Sheep diets are high in fiber and natural. These natural foods, after being digested, produce natural gas. Each time a sheep lets one loose, it releases 4.9 gallons of methane gas into the atmosphere. In New Zealand the sheep outnumber humans by over 10 to one, causing New Zealand to emit over eight times the average amount of methane for developed countries.

Stories compiled from the *St. Petersburg Times* and the *Tampa Tribune*

### Parking, from page 1

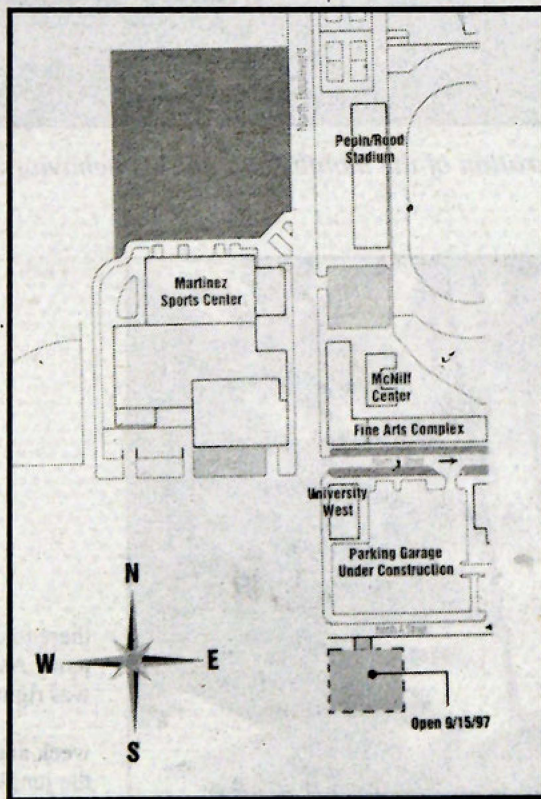
fair to ask upperclassmen to park there, it was decided that it would become parking expressly designated for freshmen. The lot was paved, a 24-hour security watch was instituted and two emergency telephones were installed.

Despite this, many students still have complaints. Upperclassmen can still be found parking in this lot, despite its designation as a freshmen lot, because of the lack of residential spaces near Rescom and University West.

Although there is 24-hour security in the lot, there has been at least one incident in which two female students were harassed when returning from the Martinez parking lot at 7 p.m. Sunday evening.

Four men in a passing car on North Boulevard began to call to the women in Spanish, a language neither understood, while they were walking in front of the Bob Martinez Building. The men slowed to the pace of the students and attempted to convince the women to get into their car, offering them a ride home.

"After you get out of the parking lot, the security



Problematic parking areas, as shown above, have been concerning many students.



The Minaret — File Photo

The parking lot between Rescom and West was demolished this summer to make way for a parking structure scheduled to open in the Spring of 1998.

guard can't see you. Anything could happen between Martinez and University West. A female freshman put in the same position might not know how to react," said one of the seniors that was accosted.

"If they had wanted us in their car we wouldn't have stood much of a chance. There were four of them and only two of us," said the senior's roommate.

Plans for a walkway connecting the Martinez Building, future home of the Physical Therapy program, was rejected by the city of Tampa because of the small number of students who would benefit. Students feel that the benefits of the walkway greatly outweigh the cost.

Plowman said that he was still working on the issue with Tampa officials.

"If everyone will work with us, parking will be a past issue and we can concentrate on other issues," said Campbell.

Phase one of the parking deck is scheduled to be completed in January of 1998, making 563 new spaces available. Until then, parking will be limited.

## Women must watch for signs of violence

By College Press Service

A woman who worries that her new boyfriend may become violent should be on the lookout for early signs of abuse, such as controlling behavior, says a University of Dayton professor.

Short of physical abuse, there are at least eight ways to tell if a budding relationship has the potential to turn ugly, according to William P. Roberts.

Because many romances start in the fall, when students arrive back to campus, it's important for a woman to look now for any traits that could foreshadow violence in a dating relationship, he says.

A woman should ask herself about the control factor. "If he says, 'I don't want to see you...' or 'I don't want to ever catch you...' doing or saying something, that can be a sign of seeking to control you," Roberts says. "The most scary form of this kind of control is if he tries to limit your contacts with other people by forbidding you to see them or talk to them, even by telephone."

Also on the list:

- Are you afraid of him?
- Do you alter your behavior in unreasonable ways to avoid angering him?
- Does he insult you, call you names, belittle you or threaten you?
- Does he make you feel that's he's doing you a favor

by dating you and that no one else would like you if he didn't?

- Does he pressure you sexually?
- Does he snoop into your personal belongings and violate your privacy?
- Has he broken or harmed any of your personal belongings?

If the relationship contains some of these elements, "the best approach is to confront the issue, although that doesn't necessarily mean confronting the person, if safety is a factor," says Steven D. Mueller, director of counseling services at Dayton.

"A counselor can help you gain some practical ideas on how to get out of the relationship, give you a new perspective from an independent source, or you may want to gain some insight into why you put up with a controlling partner," Mueller says.

According to the federal Bureau of Justice, women are more likely to be victimized by someone they know than by a stranger. In 1992-93, about 9 percent of female victims reported that the offender was a relative, and 29 percent said the offender was a current or former romantic partner.

A key clue that you may need to examine a relationship more closely is to look to your own behavior, Mueller says. "If you're not able to be yourself in a relationship, that's a sign."



# Costa Rican jungle sets vivid back

By JEN WOLFSON  
Assistant Photo Editor

Desperation makes people do strange things. In my case, it lead me the Costa Rican jungle for a month with seventeen strangers and no way out. I was desperate to find a school with the two Psychology classes I needed, I was desperate to find out if I really wanted to go for a Ph.D. in animal behavior, but mostly I was desperate to get away from society and find my true identity. And I did it all in one summer.

It started last spring when I learned that by taking Statistics and any other senior Psychology course over the summer, I could graduate this year. I immediately began my quest to find any school that was offering the two courses I needed. It did not matter where I had to go. I was somehow going to get those two classes on my transcript. It turned out that I'm a very lucky person.

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington was offering Statistics first summer session and Animal Behavior in Costa Rica second summer session. Luckily, I live in Wilmington, so I immediately began my fight with Financial Aid for the two thousand dollar loan I would need for the courses (Costa Rica itself was two grand.) I then went home and plowed my way through four intensive weeks of Statistics in a frenzy to get to Costa Rica.

Maybe I should fill you in on the fact that I had recently fallen in love with the idea of studying Chimpanzee's in the wild. I read all of Jane Goodall's books, saw her lecture at the Tampa Theatre, and was researching graduate programs. The Costa Rican Animal Behavior class was my opportunity to really decide if this is what I wanted to do.

On July 4th, I boarded a plane with 15 classmates, my professor, his wife and headed for San Jose, Costa Rica. We had a one day layover arranged in San Jose to see the sights before heading for Corcovado National Park where we would stay for the rest of the month. When we got off the plane in San Jose, the locals stared at us, but I managed to ignore that. We got to the hotel and I settled into my room with my roommate, Worth. I left to check out the central market that I had read so much about in the tourist guides. I felt like someone had pounded me with the two-by-four of culture shock.

The men hissed and whistled and said things under their breath when I walked by. My Spanish was very poor, so I had no clue what they said but I can relate it to construction workers in New York City. I tried really hard to enjoy being in a foreign city, but I hated it. I went back to the hotel to call home, but found out that American Express wouldn't work through our hotel phone line. By the time I got the phone to work and called my dad I was crying. My dad calmed me down, told me everything was going to be ok, and that I should be thankful the guys were making those sounds because if they weren't it would mean I'm ugly.

Then he told me to find a taxi driver who spoke a little English and get him to show me around. Once again luck kicked in; when I walked out of the hotel a taxi driver immediately offered to help me. For five dollars I got a tour of the city and then he dropped me off in a very nice shopping district. I was in the Costa Rican version of Hyde park.

The next day we broke up into groups of four for the plane ride to Corcovado. The planes were so small that the wing was just barely above my head. After our beautiful flight across mountains and rivers we landed on the beach. We had been told that we could only bring 25 pounds of stuff due to weight restrictions on the plane and because we would have to carry our backpacks down the beach. Fortunately, we were met by Erik the manager of the camp we were staying in. He had the horse and cart



For the duration of the month-long animal behavior class, 17 college students resid

Phot  
Jen W



The beautiful Costa Rican beach was merely steps away from Jen's hut. At the end of the day the surf lulled her to sleep.

there to carry our stuff We were also expectin tents. As it turned out we had a cook named was right on the beach yet on a mountain also

The class was very difficult. Dr. Wil week and we sat on wooden picnic benches w the jungle and a final back in San Jose at the e the subject much more difficult than necessa about lab experiments. I wanted to learn about academically from the class. However, most ki experience.

On one particular day, I happened upo They threw branches and shook the tree to try swing gracefully from tree to tree. I spent hour mountain behind our camp. I watched the mac the almonds. I learned all the Spanish words camp. After being sick for two weeks from the word for mashed potatoes (the only thing that

None of the workers spoke English y horses out at night so that we could ride bareba old man who knew about medicinal plants of I learned that communication does not necessa tence anyone can learn a new language. I fou phones, electricity, air conditioning, and telev myself for going an entire month without shav the luxuries of life that I take for



# kdrop for month long paradise



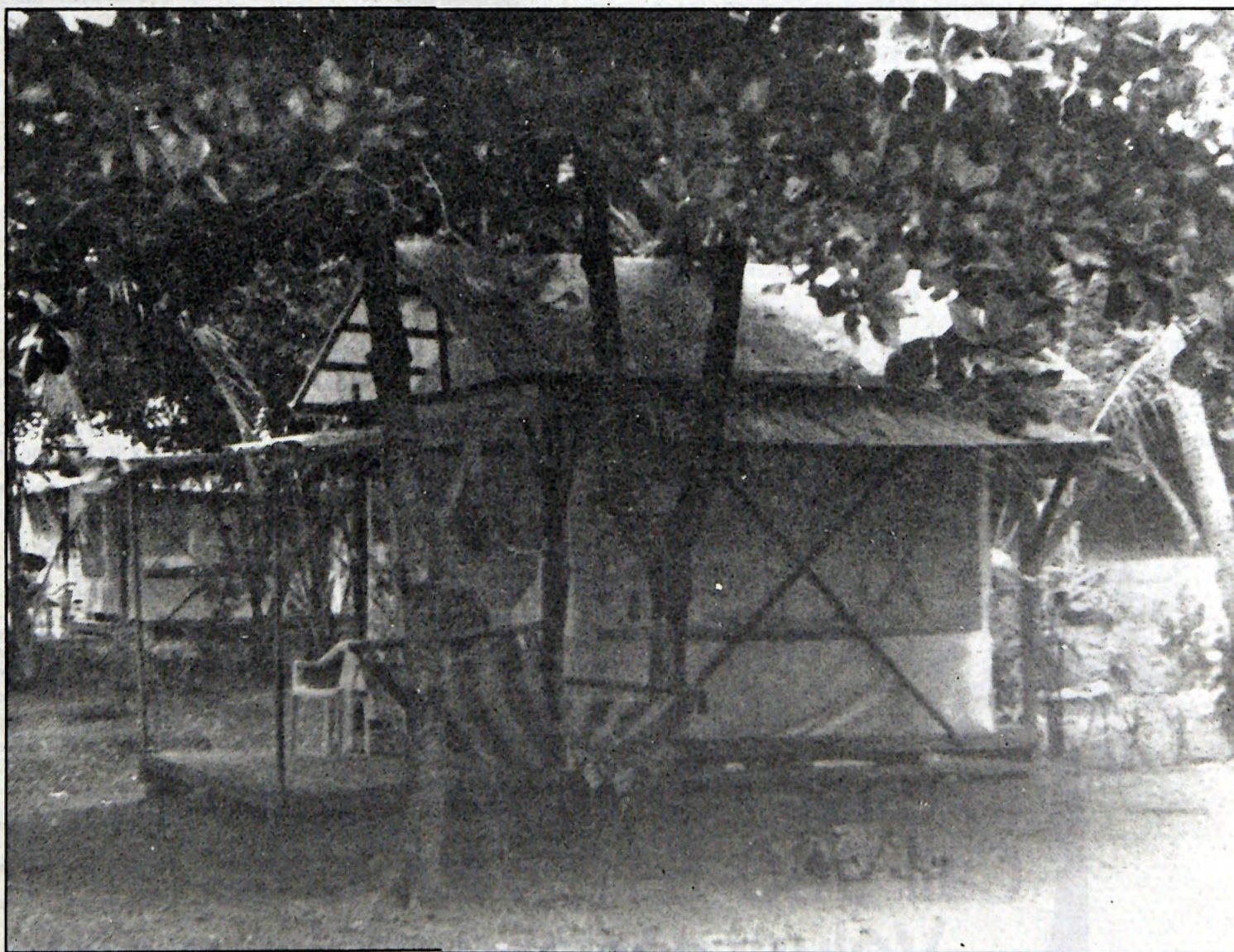
at the picturesque Corcozado Campground on the beach of Costa Rican. This breathtaking shot is the view from a nearby mountain overlooking the grounds.

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During the summer, two students shared one of the 10 by 10 huts, smaller than the single bedrooms in ResCom.



## ACCENT

Jen and Jake take turns on *The Game*

*The Game*, starring Michael Douglas and Sean Penn



By  
JEN WOLFSON

was a 6 on the good ol' 1 to 10 scale. Douglas stars as a rich executive who inherits an expansive estate at a very young age. He is the movie's typical rich guy caught up in his wealth. Penn plays the schizophrenic brother. *The Game* is a birthday gift with potential to show what one really needs in life. Money and friends cannot help Douglas escape the traps of the game that Penn has set up for him. There is no escape. You must win for the game to end. It's no psychological thriller, but it definitely plays with your head.

I found this movie to be irritating to say the least. Every time I thought it must be the end he falls into another unavoidable trap and the game continues. Just when you think someone is being the hero, he ends up left for dead in Mexico by another employee of the

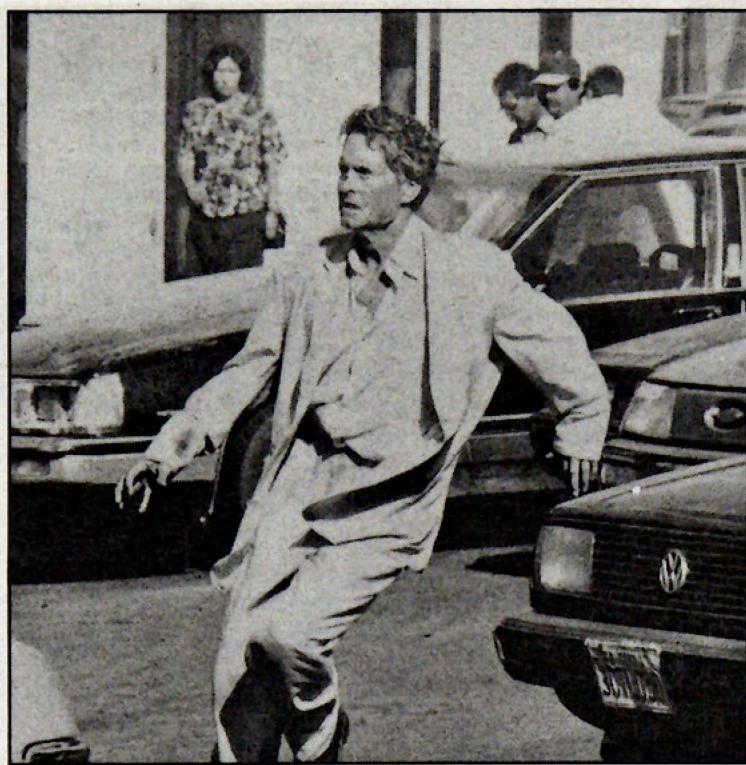


Photo courtesy of PolyGram Films

game. Sometimes it just drags on and you wonder how much more can this guy take before he cracks and goes psycho.

Sometimes I wondered how much more I could take before I had to get up and leave. The special effects were interesting and not too unbelievable. I don't recommend bothering with the high cost of a movie

theatre to see this flick unless you're bored and can't find something else to do. Wait until it hits the stands and rent it on a Sunday night when you need decent entertainment but aren't expecting too much. It's not a bad movie, but it's definitely not as good as some of the other movies out right now like *G.I. Jane*.

Without having any knowledge of the rules or any-

thing for the matter, would you play a game? But no ordinary game, to each player his/her

own game destined to change your life.

"My brother got it for me as a gift... some company... they play those big elaborate games." Nicholas Van Orten (Michael Douglas) put it so unknowingly before he's thrust into a nonstop mental roller coaster of a game risking his family empire while gambling with his sanity.



## MOVIE REVIEW

Playing fairly basic characters Douglas' performance was subtle yet effective, Penn was excellent with newcomer Deborah Kara Unger coming out on top as well.

Bordering on the game *Clue* with a shade of *Total Recall*, it was a mysterious and gripping Hollywood action thriller full of those strange coincidences that can only happen in the movies. After a while, you wonder "What's going on here?" but fortunately *The Game* executed on demand leaving just what you need to know. Overall a good flick, I'd recommend taking a chance. Besides, what do you have to lose?



By  
JAKE MILLER



Photo courtesy of PolyGram Films

## Community Dance Program invites all

By MELODY DIANAT  
Staff Writer

Many students are involved in the Community Dance Program. It enables students to learn not only with their peers, but also with other people in the community. This program was founded in 1990 by the director of the dance program Susan Taylor Lennon.

"I started this program to continue the tradition of providing a wide range of students to take dance classes," says Lennon.

This program was designed after the Tampa Ballet moved. Lennon has made the dance program what it is now.

Her uplifting classes have encouraged students to continue and begin dancing.

"She wants to bring self awareness and self confidence in her student," says senior John Walker.

Many students take these dance classes for an aerobic workout. As well as getting in shape, these students are able to learn dif-

ferent forms of dance. All the instructors are provide professional instruction in the dance arts.

The classes include ballroom dance, adult beginning and intermediate ballet, adult jazz, free form dancing, and country line dancing.

Ballroom dance is a class for beginners and dancers who want to improve their previous dance techniques. The students get the opportunity to learn the waltz, swing, tango, and rumba.

The adult beginner ballet course is for people who are new to ballet and eager to learn.

The intermediate ballet class is geared toward continuing students who are familiar with the basics of ballet. The adult jazz classes enables students to learn modern

jazz.

The monthly dance party allows students to participate in



free form dancing. Country line dancing is for those country lovers.

Dance has become a different art form which is physical

and athletic. It can now be considered a sport.

"If you go in one of these dance classes, you better be prepared to sweat," said Walker.

Walker has been dancing for this program for the workout and his love for dance. He plans on majoring in liberal studies and minoring in dance. He shows great love and gratitude towards Taylor.

"She's a very giving and loving instructor, and she wants people to live life as dance," adds Walker.

Dance is what he considers power, grace, and movement. Although men are not too involved in the community dance program, Walker is a good example of a male dancer.

The dance program's target audience includes both students and adults.

"Many adults do not have the opportunity to become in-

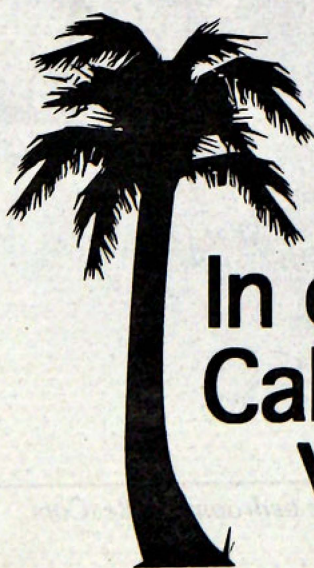
involved in dance programs and this gives them the chance to become involved," says Lennon.

This program enables anyone who loves to dance to finally become involved. No experience is needed and anyone can join. She started this program so students and adults would feel a sense of unity.

"It gives people on campus a deeper idea of what happens in our culture," adds Lennon.

The instructors include Lennon, Deborah Loren, Joseph Miller, Julie Murphy, Richard Ploch and Lynn Myers. These professionals each have their own different style in teaching.

The first session started September 8th but students are encouraged to start classes at any time. Students are able to pay by the class or by the session. An advantage to many UT students is their tuition is cut in half. So if you're looking for a fun workout, the community dance program is something you should look into.



## Environmental Alert!

### The National Coastal Cleanup

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Volunteer and make a difference.



# ACCENT

## Musante always lives on the cutting edge

By JEREMY MCGEE  
Staff Writer

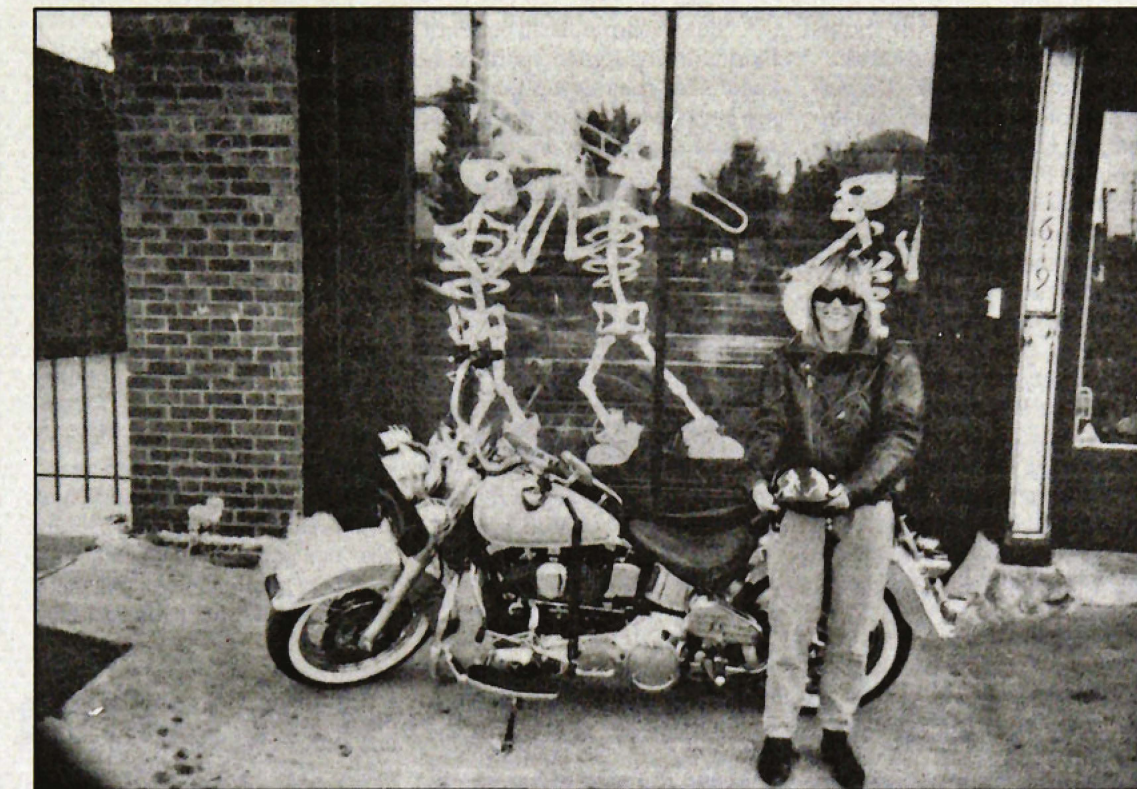
Her office looks like any other professor's office, plaques and degrees on the walls, books spilling from shelves, papers strewn every which way. And she looks like any other professor dressed in her green suit with black trim, seated behind the desk covered with papers and magazines; until you notice the black sports watch on her wrist and the sparkle in her blue eyes, full of energy.

Linda Musante is not an ordinary professor. Aside from chairing the Psychology Department, she is a world class triathlete, a researcher in health psychology, and a weekend motorcyclist.

Musante has been a triathlete since the age of 30. She got into it because of her three brothers, all avid athletes in their own right. She instantly fell in love with the sport. While she enjoys winning, competition is her true love.

Musante has competed in triathlons all over, and the Ironman is her favorite. "Ironman" denotes the length of the race, not gender. In 1995, she competed for the most famous Ironman race in Hawaii, and placed 12th in her age group. No small feat considering the race draws an average 1500 competitors. In 1989, she placed 6th in the Ironman at New Hampshire. She even met her husband at one of these races.

A triathlon is composed of three separate sports: swim-



Linda Musante rides a Harley, attends Biketober Fest, competes in the triathlon and travels around the world. She is not your typical psychology professor

Photo Courtesy of Linda Musante  
ming, bicycling, and running. It is a demanding sport of both mind and body. Musante is best "off the bike," meaning that the transition from bicycling to running is a difficult one. Her motto is, "Work hard. Play hard." To her, triathlons are play, but her work comes first.

Musante is from Winter Springs, Fl. She attended Eckerd College where she switched majors from Education to Literature before receiving her Bachelor's in Psychology since that is what she

had the most credits in as a senior.

She liked the research involved with psychology, and the concept of why people do the things they do, so she completed her graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

During her junior year at Eckerd, she studied in London and traveled all through Europe. She encourages students to do the same.

"I wish UT students would go places and travel more,"

she said. "Because sooner than you think, you'll be married, working, have kids and won't be able to take six months off to travel. You have all of the time in the world. You might as well take advantage of it."

Aside from teaching and competing in triathlons, Musante has also been involved in a research program with the Medical School of Georgia for the last ten years. She has been studying the behaviors that predict heart disease, following over 100 case stud-

ies since the age of six.

"Heart disease is very hard to treat in its later stages," she said. "They are trying to discover how to spot it early on, and thus prevent it."

Perhaps her most interesting hobby is motorcycles. About two years ago, her husband bought a Heritage Classic. At first, she admits, she was wary of riding it, but she soon got over that and found yet another thrill: the open road.

She doesn't know how to drive a bike just yet, but she wants to learn.

"I don't really even drive my car that well," she admits.

She and her husband take bike trips all the time, hitting the Poker Run to Key West last year and the upcoming Biketober Fest in Daytona. She enjoys the camaraderie of bikers, usually other professionals off for a weekend blast.

"We usually go with about ten other bikers," she said, "And then you meet up with other packs, and pretty soon you feel like your in *Easy Rider*!"

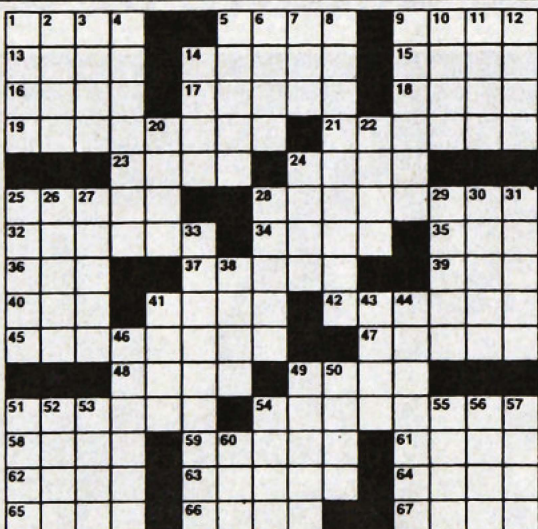
While taking all of her exploits seriously, Musante also understands the need to lay back, relax, and just enjoy life.

She admits being lazy this summer.

"I know people who have crossed the line [in exercise] to the unhealthy," she said. "Triathletes require an obsessive personality. But sometimes I think, maybe I should lighten up a bit."

### THE Crossword

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  - Dueling memento
  - Solitary
  - Contradict
  - Weighty work
  - Bard's river
  - Kilns
  - Enthusiastic
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  - Bus fare
  - First home
  - Baseball team
  - Grade
  - Household servant
  - Dorothy's home
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## Saunders Writing Center

### Fall 1997 Hours

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### Trivia Question:

What actor's first novel was included in *Entertainment Weekly's* list of the worst books of 1996?

Turn answers in to Box 2757 by Monday at 5 p.m.

### Last week's Trivia Question:

What actor has played two famous, dead rock stars and in what movies did he play them?

Answer: Val Kilmer as:  
Jim Morrison *The Doors*  
Elvis' spirit *True Romance*

Congratulations to John Page for getting the answer. He won a CD.

In what movie  
will you find this line?

"Don't forget to drink your ovaltine."



## SPORTS

## College football polls: skill or score?

By ROB KELLEY  
Staff Writer

The 1997 college football season kicked off over three weeks ago, and is already being thrown around in every locker room of all the power house teams in the country.

With 112 Division 1-A teams in the nation, it's obviously tough to say who is number one. We have three different polls to answer this question; the Associated Press (or AP) Poll, the USA Today/ESPN Poll, and the Alliance Poll.

The only problem with this system is that all three panels are made up of idiots!

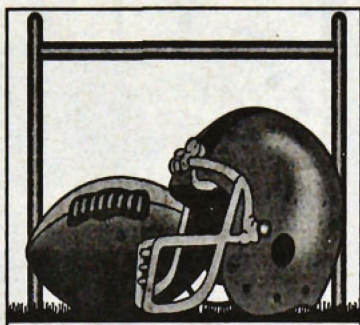
The old saying used to go, "In order to be the best, you have to

beat the best." This still holds true...except in college football.

On September 6, the University of Florida absolutely annihilated the University of Central Michigan. Penn State also won by a much narrower margin, defeating Pittsburgh. When all was said and done, the Gators leapt ahead of the Nittany Littany—Lions. Penn State beat a better team, but UF won by more points.

Does anyone know why? It's because Joe Paterno, head coach at Penn State, is a decent man. He had a lead and knew the game was out of reach, so he emptied the bench and gave everyone a chance to see some action. It was a noble thing to do, and I think he should be told so.

Steve Spurrier, head coach of Florida is not a good sport, he is known for running up the score just because he can. By doing this,



the other team is shamed into the locker room in embarrassment.

Did you ever wonder why so many Gators hold all of those SEC records? I think we have already

answered that question.

Coach Paterno said that it shouldn't matter if a team wins by 25 points or by 10 points, as long as they get the job done. This should be the motto of every coach in the country. Unfortunately, for the underdog, it isn't.

Some say that Paterno is still whining because his team was denied a national championship in 1994, even though his team went undefeated. They say he is crying because he wants a playoff system instead of bowl games. If you agree that he needs to "get real," then Paterno is doing the right thing. Both Spurrier and Bobby Bowden, are very much at fault.

I am totally in favor of a playoff system. While I'm on the topic,

how can anyone vote Nebraska in the top six or seven teams in the nation? They lost too much talent and still have a fairly weak schedule. Granted, if they beat Washington this weekend, I will have been proven wrong. Also, since everyone knows that defense wins titles, why isn't North Carolina among the top five? Their defense is the best, and the offense is almost at the point of propelling the Tar Heels over Florida State in the ACC.

But these games don't matter. Unless there is a playoff system invoked, or the poll panels select people with half a brain, we will never really be able to say who the number one team in the nation is. We can only speculate.

## UT Soccer team learns a lesson from Alumni



A.P. Photo

UT's 1994 National Champs comprised most of the alumni that beat the younger Spartans Friday.

By Julie K. Tremmel  
Sports Editor

The University of Tampa's men's soccer team is 2-0, and number five in the nation. They were humbled on Friday, however, after a 5-2 loss to the UT Alumni team.

"It was a good game for us to loose because it didn't count against our record," Coach Kieth Fulk said.

"We needed it. We started the season off by beating so many good teams. This alumni game was a good opportunity for us to come off our high horse and continue to progress weekly, so we don't get

too overconfident."

The alumni team was comprised primarily of players from the 1994 Championship team, proving to be an excellent challenge for UT to undertake.

Only two players from the 1994 team remain on the UT roster. Both Anders Paulsson, and Tuomas Talvitie, of Sweden agreed they look forward to playing on the alumni team next year.

"There are not many teams we will face this year that will possess the tactical awareness and deadly finishing of the Spartan Alumni we played this week," Fulk said.

"It was a good learning experience for the team to lose."

## Varsity athletes take a trip to the decade of disco



Photo by Julie K. Tremmel



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Athletes, coaches, and members of the sports administration faculty gathered at the Martinez Center on Sat. for food, fun, dancing and team comradarie.

## Pirate flags are hoisted as the Bucs go 3-0

By Doug Richter  
Staff Writer

Hey sports fans, how about those Buc's? They are leading the NFC Central division with their 3-0 record. The season is still in its infancy and I am trying to forget that the Bucs are notorious for their innate ability to choke on the doorstep of victory.

Although it would be great to say that they will continue their success for the rest of the season, don't get on the band wagon just yet. As a matter of fact the band wagon is at standing-room only capacity, and the Bucs still have 13 games left.

Six of the games are in the division and Miami, New England and Arizona are a few of the others. This is not an easy schedule. Arizona managed to surprise the vaunted Cowboys last week. (Editor's note: The Cowboys came back this week defeating the Eagles 21-20, choking on the extra point.)

The Bucs played Sunday's game with a lot of heart. Is it possible that the new enthusiasm has been the flame that sparked the thumping over at One Buc Place? The final score was Bucs 28, Minnesota 14.

The main reason the Bucs are winning is that the offense finally

learned how to score a few points. The presence of a talented running back (Dunn) forces the opposition to honor the threat of scoring.

Dilfer threw two TD passes, while Dunn and Alstott both rushed for one TD each. Of the two, it's hard to say which was more spectacular, a fifty-yard sprint or the incredible second effort of Alstott. I'll leave that one to the philosophy majors.

Hardy Nickerson's defense, because Hardy is the will of that unit, played its usual high energy game, holding the Vikings to a single TD. The defense also managed to squelch the performance of Robert Smith who had been

extremely successful until the Bucs arrived at the Metrodome. Minnesota had fair warning because Tony Dungy is their former defensive coordinator. Even last year the Bucs defense did not produce, which is why they lost so often.

Another item of interest, the Glazier's are back to the old PR game. Since their new home is being built they are working to improve their pirate image. At home the Buccaneer flags are hoisted up the flag poles when they cross the opposition's twenty yard line. If they don't score, things will get ugly fast, after all Bucs fans have PhD's in pain and suffering.

Dungy did draft well this season. Proof of this lies in the production of his top draft picks. Riedell, Dunn and his offensive linemen.

Can they hold on? That is the question. The Bucs have not started this well since 1979. At least you can enjoy that.

Sunday night, the Bucs play the Dolphins in a sold out...I still can't say the "H" word Stadium. This ought to be a good game since Miami lost in Green Bay and also lost to the Bucs during pre-season.

Maybe pre-season doesn't say a lot about the regular season, but I don't think that Jimmy Johnson has forgotten that game.



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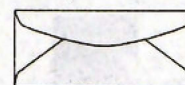
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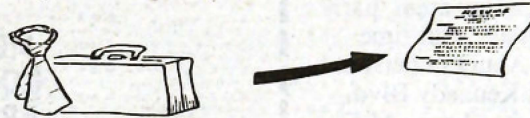
The University of Tampa, in cooperation with Sacred Heart Church, announces the King of Instruments Series with a concert presented by the Five Star Brass Quintet and David Isele, organ. These UT faculty and friends will play music from the sixteenth through the twentieth century, from soft dynamics to sounds that will raise the roof. In addition to four pieces combining the quintet and an organ, there will be music for brass alone and an organ solo. This sound sensation will be held Sunday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, downtown Tampa at Twiggs Street and Florida Avenue. There is no admission charge.

## Office of Career Services Upcoming Events

The Office of Career Services will sponsor a Part Time Jobs and Internship Opportunities Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Grand Salon. All students are welcome to come and talk to representatives about employment opportunities.



There will also be a Graduate and Professional Schools Day on Friday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Martinez Sports Center. Come and meet with representatives of graduate, law and professional schools.



A Career Day will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Martinez Sports Center. Come prepared to meet with representatives of organizations who have full time positions available after graduation. Business attire and resumes expected.

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## September Activities 97

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Offices closed SP sponsors: Pool Party, noon-4pm	2 Classes begin Student Activities Hiring Hall 5pm, Computer Lounge, 2nd Floor Student Union Sorority Rush: BBQ 4:30-6:30pm behind Student Union	3 UT Soccer vs Webster, 5pm	4 Vision Quest table in Plant Hall for new member sign up, 10am-1pm Sorority Rush Jersey Parties 8:30pm-midnight UT Honors Program Film "Vision Quest" SP Steve Hancock	5 Judicial Board & Traffic Board applications due Sorority Rush: Skit Parties 6pm-11pm	6 Sorority Rush Preference Parties 4:30-8:30pm
		Judicial Affairs Recruiting & 1st Hall Council Meetings				
		Sorority Rush				
7 Sorority Rush, 1st Day, 11am	8 PEACE Volunteer Day, Plant Hall Lobby Last day for 100% credit	9 UT Club/Organization Presidents' Meeting, 4pm, Trustees' Conference Room HFC Smoker, 8-11pm, Dome Theatre	10 Fraternity Smokers, Bob Martinez Sports Center, 8-11pm SP Movie Trip	11 PEACE Volunteer Day, Plant Hall Lobby Fraternity Recruitment On-Campus Events	12 Vision Quest: DJ Party, Dome Theatre Men's Intramural flag football roster due Fraternity Recruitment Off-Campus Events	13 Hall Council Training Campus Rec & SP sponsors: canoeing Fraternity Recruitment Off-Campus Events, 10am-3pm & Bud Extension 7pm-10pm
		Auditions for all UT Theatre Productions				
		Fraternity Rush				
14 Fraternity Rush, 2nd Acceptance Day	15 SP: Vine Henley, Comedian, Grand Salon	16 PEACE Volunteer Day, Plant Hall Lobby Alpha Chi Omega presents AIDS Seminar, Dome Theatre UT Honors Program Film "Local Hero"	17 Resume Presentation, 11-4pm, Computer Lounge SP: Democracy, Band on the Rat, 9pm UT Intramural soccer roster due SLT Elections in PH Lobby	18 PEACE Volunteer Day, Plant Hall Lobby Delta Gamma: Mr. Mrs. Anchorsplash, Fletcher Lounge Honors Program Symposium, Dr. Collins, 4pm	19 Delta Gamma Anchorsplash 8pm-10pm Slide behind the Student Union UT Soccer vs Nova	20 Delta Gamma Anchorsplash pool events RHA Training ULJP Test UT Volleyball vs Nova, 7pm Michael Spector voice recital, 9pm, Falk Theatre
		Delta Gamma presents: Anchorsplash				
21	22 Last day for 50% credit Global Village Simulation	23 Honors Program Symposium, Dr. Tilton, 7pm Part-Time Jobs & Internship Opportunities, 11am-2pm, Grand Salon & Dome Theatre	24 RA In-service 9pm Judicial Training 3-6pm Old Hyde Park Free Music Series, Jazz, 6-9pm Music event, Falk Theatre	25 Spartan Leaders' Dinner, 5pm, Dome Theatre	26 Kappa Sigma car wash UT Soccer vs St. Leo	27 Panhellenic Welcome Party for all new Greeks, Fletcher Lounge McKay Hall Comm. sponsors McKay Day Campus Rec & SP sponsors: Inner Tubing
		The Greek community presents: New Member Enrichment Week				
28 UT Soccer vs Lincoln Memorial	29 Blood Drive	30 UT Club/Organization Presidents' Meeting, 4pm, Trustees' Conference Room Honors Program Symposium, Dr. Lombardi, 4pm Blood Drive	Free Macintosh computer lessons every Wednesday in September & October, 4pm, Student Union			
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