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## California Dreamin'

*Spartans make Division II Elite 8 for the first time in school history*

After taking the lead with 9:07 left in the game, the team saw the light and never looked back.

By JODY LINK  
Staff Reporter

For the first time in the University of Tampa's history, the men's basketball team is going to the NCAA Division II Elite 8 national championships.

The Spartan men's basketball team has been so close, yet so far away in seven previous attempts to get to the national championships. Maybe eight is enough.

With the loss of their most prominent scorer halfway through the season, the men's hopes of a national championship was questioned. So far, they have turned some non-believers into cheerleaders for the team.

Although the Spartans lost in the first round of the Sunshine State

Conference tournament to Eckerd College, they redeemed themselves in the first round of the NCAA Division II regional championships.

The men played Kentucky State University in the first round and, with Gecarri Freeman and J.B. Bryan scoring close to 20 points each, the Spartans succeeded in downing the KSU team 83-68.

The next game was sweet revenge for the team as they knocked Eckerd College out of the tournament with a 67-56 victory in front of 1,500 fans.

Jon Brown played a team-high 39 minutes and was the team's leading scorer with 18 points.

Last Saturday night the Spartans played the Henderson State University Reddies from Arkadelphia, Ark. for the regional championship and the right to go on to the national championships.

The team started off sluggish

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rest of this story.*



--Jody Link  
*The Spartans, now 24-6, will travel to Bakersfield, Calif. next week to continue their championship run.*

## Student receives state award

By JODY LINK  
Staff Reporter

Recently, a UT student was one of thirteen Florida scholars awarded honorable mention in the Florida Student of the Year (SOTY) contest.

Senior Paul Trusik was ecstatic when he was notified during spring break that he had received the award.

Trusik said he completed the application after Dean of Students Bob Ruday mentioned it to him.

Ruday stated, "I felt Paul had a good chance at winning because he is active on campus and a stand out student."

Trusik started the application process in January and barely had it finished by the February deadline. He said the paperwork never seems to end and the he "was afraid they would find some small reason to throw out" his application.

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, he has been a student at UT for all four of his college years and is preparing to graduate in May with a major in communications and a minor in business administration. He plans to stay in Tampa and has already searched for an apartment to live in after graduation.

Currently a job, internship, and various campus activities keep Trusik busy. He feels the scariest thing he will face after graduation is not knowing how busy he'll be. "Right now, I know pretty

helped organize a spirit walk for the 1998 homecoming, and has participated on the men's crew team.

Because of all these extracurricular activities he has learned many things, including time management.

A self-proclaimed procrastinator, Trusik said, "there were many times I stayed up until 5:00 a.m. to get an assignment done, but it was turned in on time."

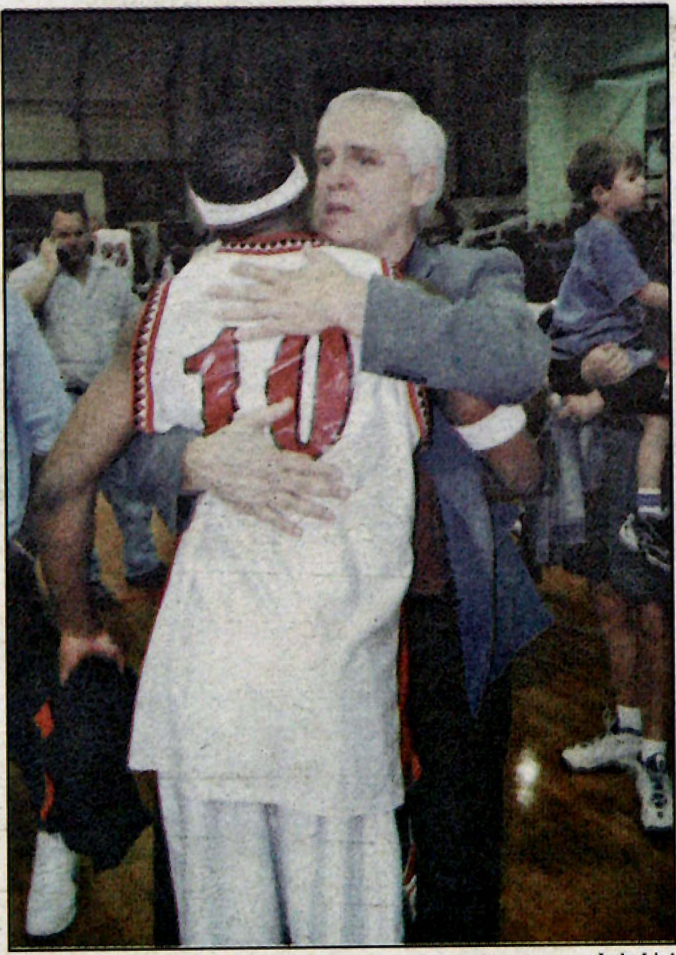
The award is in its 14th year, and is given to 20 campus leaders throughout the state. The process is rigid and complex, but well worth it to the students who win. Awards totalling more than \$55,000 are distributed among the semi-finalists.

The seven finalists are then narrowed down to one, and the STOY is announced at the awards

banquet in Tallahassee on April 12. All 20 students are required to attend this event and the leadership retreat that takes place on April 13.

Students who wish to compete need at least a 3.25 gpa, be active in campus organizations and show financial stability while in college.

For more information, visit the Florida Leader website at [www.floridaleader.com](http://www.floridaleader.com)



--Jody Link  
*Head Coach, Richard Schmidt, congratulates Leonard Kelly after the game.*

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# Police Beat

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO

Staff Reporter

**Feb. 26**

## ***Student's keys presumed stolen from room***

A male student entered security around 9:30 a.m. and reported that his room and car keys were stolen from his room. The previous night he went to his room around 11 p.m. When he awoke in the morning, he could not find his keys. When he entered the room the previous night, his roommates were there, but he does not think they took his keys. He also does not know if the door was left unlocked, since he went to sleep right away.

## ***Vending machines vandalized in Crescent Place***

A call came into security from an employee of Showtime Vending. An officer and the employee went to the sixth floor social room of Crescent Place. The employee stated that when she arrived to fill the machine, it was empty of both merchandise and money. She stated she filled the machine on Feb. 23. The estimated loss was about \$300. Also, the Pepsi machine in the same room had damage to it, and Pepsi was contacted about the damage. The officer questioned a student from the sixth floor who stated she went to make a purchase on Feb. 25, and the machine accepted her money but did not give her the food. She stated that she shook the machine to retrieve her candy, and the machine's door popped open. She also left a note under the RA's door saying that the machine was broken. Next, the officer interviewed the RA who stated that she found a note that the machine was broken. When she went to check the machine, she found it completely empty. Further investigation resulted in a re-interview of the RA and the female, as well as talking to the custodial workers.

**Feb. 27**

## ***Car stolen from Martinez parking lot***

A student entered security, declaring that her car was stolen. She parked it in the Martinez parking lot in the third or fourth row near the Biology bus. She was given the number of TPD. Later the same day, a Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputy telephoned to report that he had found the vehicle on Moran Road. The car had damage to the driver's door and the ignition. After not being able to contact the owner, the vehicle was towed. The owner was contacted and given this information.

**Feb. 28**

## ***Student receives obscene phone calls***

A female student received two obscene phone calls from a male stating in graphic detail what he would like to do. Security asked if she knew the voice on these messages, and the student replied that she did not. In one of the messages the caller said that he would see her tomorrow. The next day, while in the shower, the girl heard a loud knock on the door. When she was finished, she checked the peephole but did not see anyone. About five minutes later, she checked the door and saw that there was a message, which she presumed to be from the unknown caller the previous night. Security advised the student to contact them if she feels unsafe or sees any suspicious people.

**Mar. 2**

## ***Boyfriend and girlfriend have argument, conflicting stories***

An anonymous caller requested security's assistance at Brevard Hall for an incident between a boyfriend and a girlfriend. Upon arrival, the officer questioned the female and she said that she and her boyfriend had been arguing for the past two days. According to her, her boyfriend followed her into a stairwell and confronted her, holding

her back by using his body and arms. He jumped on her back and she fell onto the floor, injuring her arm. TPD was called and two officers arrived but did not file a report. UT security spoke to the male student later, and he had a different account of what happened. He said that they had an argument in his room, and his girlfriend was leaving to go to her room. He attempted to stop her from leaving and tried to talk to her. According to the male, the female bumped into him and he fell down the stairs. He stood up and tried to speak to her by holding on to her, but she fell down the stairs. He ran down to help, but she was screaming and would not talk to him. He was upset and then stayed off campus with a friend.

**Mar. 3**

## ***Student has seizure***

At 1:20 p.m. a call was made to security stating that a female student was having a seizure in Brevard. When the officers arrived at the room the caller provided, there was no problem. The officers asked the RA if there was an emergency. The RA knew of none. After going to every female room on the floor, no problem was found. Facilities made a second call to security and stated the correct room in which they were needed. Upon arrival they found a female alert on her bed. She was alert and aware of her surroundings. She told the officers she had epilepsy, and the medication she had was old. The medication was on her desk and she said she had taken it a few days ago. The officer called Tampa Fire and Rescue to assist the student. An ambulance arrived 35 minutes later and the girl was taken to Tampa General Hospital.

**Mar. 5**

## ***Grand theft auto occurs near Plant Hall***

A car was stolen from the Plant Hall parking lot. The vehicle was parked on the northwest corner and was adjacent to North B Street. The victim left his car at 7:00 p.m., and when he returned at 7:30 p.m. his car was missing. He was given the non-emergency number of TPD and told to report that his car was stolen.

## ***Facilities worker injured***

A facilities worker was moving furniture on the Plant Hall loading dock when he was injured. He tried to squeeze through a passageway between furniture and a push cart that were near the elevator. The push cart had a wooden bookshelf on top and it fell on the employee. Later, the security officer noticed the employee swaying his arm normally and did not appear to have any difficulties doing so.

**Mar. 12**

## ***Student needs medical attention***

A student telephoned security and stated that she needed to see a doctor. An officer went over to the room and found the female's glands on the right side of her throat swollen. She stated it had been like that for two days and that she has asthma. She stated she felt as though she had trouble breathing. The officer then called the after-hours answering service and was told to wait for a return call from a doctor. Five minutes later, the doctor called back. After talking to the female, the doctor wanted her to go to the emergency room just as a precaution. The officer then called a cab company to take her to the hospital. The cab arrived 25 minutes later and took the student to the hospital. When she arrived back on campus she notified security that she was given some medicine, and would be fine.

### ***A NOTE FROM SECURITY:***

Due to the increase of vehicle thefts, we would like to issue these reminders:

- 1.) Always lock your vehicle.
- 2.) Use "The Club" or a similar type device; they are a good deterrent to theft.
- 3.) Install a vehicle alarm and use it.
- 4.) Don't leave your vehicle running or your keys in it, even if you're only going to be gone a few minutes.
- 5.) Don't leave an extra set of keys in a "secret" hiding place in your vehicle.
- 6.) Don't ignore a car alarm. Call security, as it may not be a false alarm.

If you see suspicious activity on campus call security. We would rather respond and find that nothing is wrong than not be called and have something happen.


Numbers for Campus Security:  
From on campus: x3333  
From off campus: 251-5133

***The Minaret wishes the men's basketball team good luck in the NCAA championships.***

**“Did you know?”**  
By Vanessa Irizarry  
staff writer

1. With a major outbreak in Britain of foot-and-mouth disease, which affects cloven-hoofed animals, French officials put a temporary ban on all livestock exports. The disease was found in French farms within infected sheep brought in from Britain.
2. A photograph of a so-called spiral galaxy, known as NGC 4013, was taken by the Hubble Space Telescope. The galaxy is 55 million light-years from Earth and is reported to be more immense than what Hubble's field of view revealed.
3. New kinds of plastics may start being produced by a gene found in a common plant. Researchers at Purdue University and DuPont Corp. discovered a gene that enables plants to store materials in their genes. Researchers see the gene discovery as a possible starter material for modern plastics.
4. Dean Kamen, an inventor, has originated a new type of transportation. Although Kamen will not unveil his invention until next year, reports state the invention, referred to as "Ginger" or "IT," is a two-wheeled, hydrogen-powered scooter that is emission-free.
5. Movie ticket prices are on the rise and customers are now paying 6.3 percent more for tickets. Contributing factors to the higher prices are star salary increases and special-effects budgets that have soared. Reports have shown movie attendance decreased to 1.42 billion because of higher prices. Many movie studios hope that their movies become blockbuster hits, which will help increase revenue.






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## Nursing students volunteer at health fair

By Dr. CATHY KESSENICH  
Special to the Minaret

Nurse Practitioner students at the University of Tampa are registered nurses who choose to return to school to obtain a master's degree and the knowledge and skills to become primary health care providers. Essential components of the nurse practitioner role are health education and screening.

On Saturday, February 24, students in the Advanced Health Assessment Course (NUR 618) provided essential assistance to a locally sponsored health fair. The health fair was titled "Health Fair 2001: Ask a Nurse Practitioner." It was held at the Clearwater Mall and co-sponsored by the Tampa and Clearwater Nurse Practitioner Councils. The health fair provided health information about the following topics: smoking cessation, domestic violence, weight management, immunizations, men's and women's health, geriatric issues, HIV, and community resources.

Primary health screenings were offered free of charge to attendees. More than 5,000 Tampa Bay residents were provided skin cancer and osteoporosis screenings, blood pressure checks, cholesterol tests, and blood sugar measurements for diabetes. The fair was open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and several booths ran out of supplies and informational materials due to the overwhelming response of the public.

Twenty UT Nurse Practitioner students spent the day at the fair contributing their knowledge and expertise. Students ran several of the booths,

spending the day checking blood pressures, assessing cholesterol levels, and conducting finger sticks for blood sugars. Several students were trained to use a heel ultrasound machine so that they could conduct screening assessments of bone density and assess attendees' risk of osteoporosis.

Several recent graduates of the UT nurse practitioner program were also involved in the fair. Six recent alumni were members of the health fair planning committee and were responsible for many of the organizational aspects of the fair.

Two Department of Nursing faculty members, Dr. Cathy Kessenich and Dr. Judith Anderson, spent the day helping to coordinate the efforts of the students. Kessenich, who is an expert in osteoporosis care, provided education and information about calcium supplementation. While Anderson, a specialist in cardiac health, provided assistance in the blood pressure and cholesterol screening areas.

Community health education and assessment is the foundation to the role of the nurse practitioner. The Department of Nursing faculty, students and alumni are actively involved in these efforts and invite you to visit the department to learn more about health education. Additionally, they invite you to attend the health fair next year when they hope to have an even greater presence and participation from University of Tampa students.

Dr. Cathy Kessenich is an Associate Professor in the Nursing Department.

## Alt. spring break a success

By MELANIE PAULUS & JULEEN JENNINGS  
Special to the Minaret

This spring break, P.E.A.C.E. took five UT students and one staff member to volunteer on its third annual "Alternative Spring Break."

The destination? The Anthony House in Zellwood, Fla. The Anthony House is a homeless shelter that teaches independence and leadership skills to individuals searching for a way out.

Zellwood is a small town 25 miles north of Orlando, and is home to the sweet corn festival.

Although the volunteers did not get to sample any fresh corn, they did get to help cook some meals for all of the residents of the house.

The UT volunteers were joined by volunteers from James Madison University, Randolph Macon Women's College, and Eastern Michigan University to sample their cooking.

The Anthony House relies on donated foods from the community and receives various food items throughout the year. Thus, the cooks need to be prepared for anything. The cook, who is also a resident of The Anthony House, was very creative and inventive with the meals she prepared. She made a feast for the resi-

dents which included 40 bell peppers, rice, chili soup, Ragu spaghetti sauce, and mozzarella cheese.

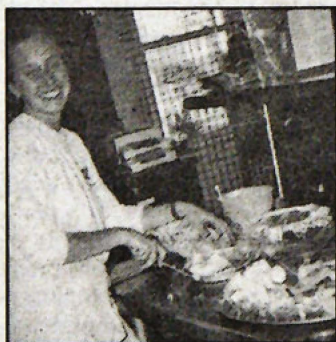
One project the students completed was to work 4-hour shifts in the on-site daycare. The daycare is provided for the children of the house's residents who have jobs.

The volunteers also completely reorganized the House's library. There wasn't any organization to the items in the room, so the volunteers completely removed all the items and started from scratch. Once completed, the library had categorized books and alphabetized movies.

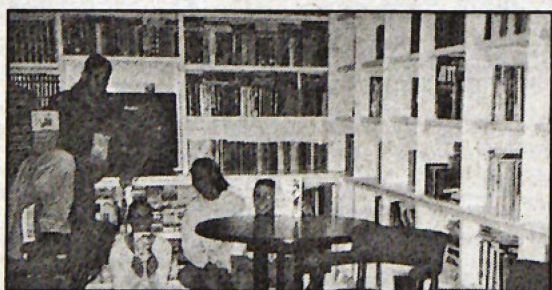
Other projects the volunteers assisted on were repainting the educational/computer room, sifting trash from one recycling bin to another, sorting donated goods for a garage sale, repairing a fence to keep wild dogs out, inventorying the House's freezer, and fixing many of the center's computer problems.

The residents and staff of The Anthony House were thankful for the friendship and hard work the volunteers gave during the week-long event. The volunteers

learned much more than what it is like being homeless. They learned about themselves and to never give up hope.



--Photo courtesy of P.E.A.C.E.  
Melanie Paulus smiles as she helps prepare one of the meals at



--Photo Courtesy of Melanie Paulus  
(L-R) Phil Morrow, Juleen Jennings, Chris Copeland, Quincy Jenkins and Angela Lauer pose after organizing the library.

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## Guns thwart kid's instincts, lives

## EDITORIAL

Another high school shooting, this time in Santee, Cal. Immediately, camera crews were on the scene to capture those familiar images of students running for cover, tears streaming down their horror-stricken faces. Such senseless violence is undeniably tragic, yet, handled in the characteristic fashion of the television media, the episode becomes desensitized and, dare it be said, digestible. Perhaps the ease by which these recurrent attacks pass through the American psyche is indebted to the sheer magnitude of such an incomprehensible event. We watch our televisions with undistracted interest, as if such a happening was a disciple of primetime drama; for an act so heinous could certainly not transpire in the reality of daily life, though, as the incident in Santee and Columbine before it prove, it does, over and over again.

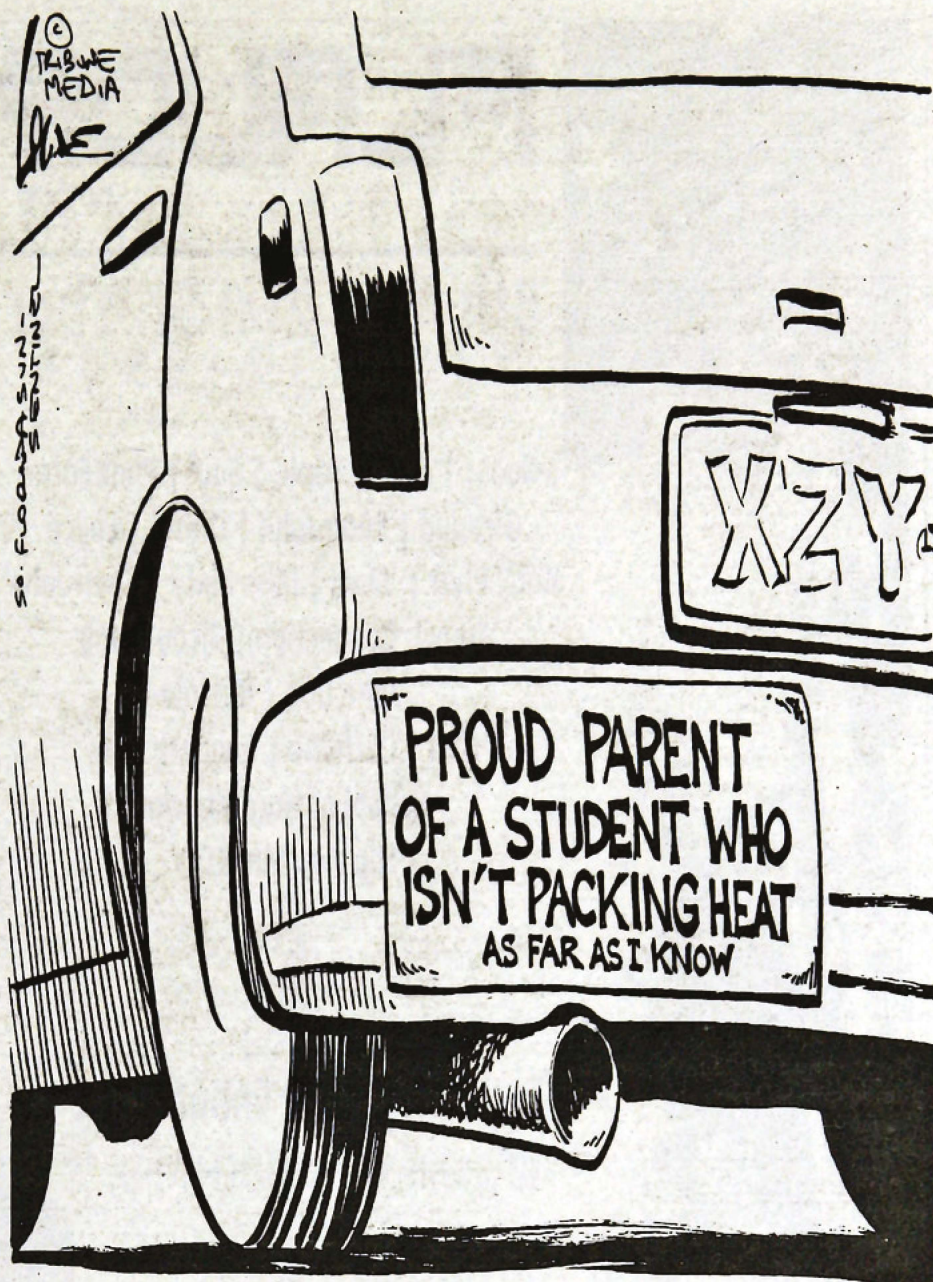
Certainly the safety of our children is of primary concern. As the violence across America's schools runs rampant and officials increase measures to counteract the adolescent rage, education in the classroom becomes less about success than survival. As our nation goes on the defensive, though, its students, to ensure their own safety, are asked to mature at a rate much greater than that expected of previous generations.

Adolescence is a time when one's identity is shaped through trial and error and much experimentation. Our grandparents understood that kids will be kids, offering such an adage to exempt us from the wrath of our enraged fathers and disappointed mothers. In modern America, however, kids being kids ultimately leads to dead kids. Teasing is forbidden, for fear of eventual reprisal at the hands of the offended. Success on the athletic field is discouraged in the event that a less able body should vent frustration in the form of gunfire. In the present time of stringent political correctness, teens, struggling to cope with their own flaws and fledgling self-confidence, are asked to accept the frightening differences of their classmates when they cannot even accept themselves.

There is a pecking order inherent in every segment of society, from grade school to the corporate work place. Juvenile mockery, to some degree, helps the tormented (for most everyone has fallen victim to such infantile harrassment at some point in their life) to build character and increase self-awareness. Modern American children are being asked to suppress valuable feelings of individualism and self-assertion in order to secure their personal health and well-being.

It is a distinct possibility that many young Americans will grow up without having entered into a scuffle, a brawl or a plain old-fashioned fist fight. Our parents speak somewhat wide-eyed about their former skirmishes, of the lessons learned and the wounds left to heal. Yet, many of us will never know the adrenaline which courses through the veins when approached with physical confrontation. Despite the rage we feel, we must restrain any flailing outburst, for fear a weapon will be drawn and blood will be spilled. We no longer fear a black eye, but a bullet wound.

If these kids are fortunate enough to survive their years of formal education, it's quite possible that, because they were afraid to punch back, they could suffer a far greater emotional disturbance later in life, when the possibility of remedying such trauma is less likely.



## On the recent school shooting

C O L U M N

Man, am I glad I don't go to high school anymore. It was bad enough being surrounded by people who considered me



By  
**SARAH  
MORGAN**

inferior, but they beat me down emotionally enough to make me dread each and every day of attendance. I dreaded school because I felt out of place there and hated those around me, but I didn't dread school because I felt unsafe. al-

though maybe I should have. My school had nothing by means of security—no rent-a-cop, not even a nun with an extra-long ruler on the prowl for troublemakers. The reason our security was lacking was because there wasn't really much need—who would think some clean-cut Catholic school brat would ever want to shoot his classmates?

Luckily, none of my peers felt homicidal—or, at least, acted on those feelings—when I went there. The only real security issue we ever had in my

four years was during my junior year when one of the graduating seniors threatened to show up at commencement and kill those who ever made fun of her. The big wigs went all out and placed armed guards at the doors, only three people per graduate allowed inside once patted down, only to sit next to wired plain-clothed cops.

If you watched the news, read the paper or listened to the radio at all this past week, you've heard about the two latest incidences in the school shooting plague. Two dead in California; one injured in Pennsylv-

vania. The list of prior circumstances involving one teen injuring or killing another human being is growing every day. I doubt if anyone can remember which city this morbid trend started in.

School administrators are trying to remedy this situation by adding metal detectors, security cameras and added staff. But is this really enough? I do believe all the accused shooters mentioned something to the effect that they were bullied-obviously not one of the "beautiful people," as they are sometimes called by those they oppress.

But is there anything a school can do to prevent this from ever happening again? An article written shortly after the California incident says the school had prepared for just this type of situation—emergency drills, beefed-up security and so on. In most people's eyes, they were prepared. But the tragedy still occurred. Two lives were lost.

Then the attention turns to the bullies. Is there any way to teach kids to just deal with,

rather than try to stop such torment? I'm not saying children should just deal with a bully—I was bullied, I know how emotionally straining it is to smile on the outside when you're crying on the inside—rather than trying to put

an end to the practice known as bullying. As long as one kid is shorter than another, or one smarter, there will always be bullies.

So the only thing left to try to work on is the ability to express anger in a normal, healthy way, instead of being hauled off to the police station while four classmates lay dying in pools of blood. Anger management may seem hokey, but it's a better last resort than bullets. We can't let this trend continue. I wish I had some failure-proof solution, but I don't. The only thing I can say is, this has got to stop.



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# LETTERS FROM OXFORD

## A spring break adventure

COLUMN

While most UT students were spending their Spring Breaks lounging in some tropical atmosphere, I was doing something a bit different. Instead of tanning in the warm Florida sun, I was tramping over the cliffs of Ireland, hoping I wouldn't lose my footing and plunge into the Atlantic.



By  
JEN  
MILLER

Along with a fellow UT student, Derrick McLaughlin, I took a four-day, three-night excursion to Dublin, Ireland. After touring the city itself, we spontaneously took a train up to Howth, a little coastal fishing town. We were climbing down to a rocky beach when Derrick pointed to a far away and looming cliff point and said, "Let's go there!"

This wouldn't have seemed like such a bad idea if I didn't have an intense fear

of heights, one that's been with me since I fell off a jungle gym in second grade, but I knew I at least had to make an attempt and could easily back down once we reached a perilous height.

The problem was that we didn't know where there was a path to reach the top, so we started with the most obvious idea: walk towards it. We then found a little side way that looked, at first, like a path towards the summit. It was only after I first sank my foot in mud that I realized it wasn't a paved road but more like a drain passage. Thankfully, it was only hill water and not human water.

After trying to follow Derrick's footsteps along the rocks and failing miserably (I'm much shorter than my adventurous friend), I gave up turning back. My New Balances were ruined and my feet couldn't get much wetter, so we con-

tinued up the road until it broke open into a quaint field, so perfectly charming except that it was guarded by barbed wire. That's no excuse not to climb over it, though, and I feel lucky that I didn't fall at a crucial moment and end up straddling the wire.

It was about this time, as Derrick was nursing a cut finger and me a stubbed toe, that we saw three other people strolling up a pre-forged and legal pathway to the cliff. Well, at least we wouldn't have to go back through the mud.

But the trip still wasn't over for my adventurous friend and me. We still hadn't reached the summit where it seemed some hikers and their dogs were sitting in carved out cliff seats enjoying sandwiches and coffee. If a dog can climb up, then I certainly can, I thought, phobia and all. For anyone who has ever done team-building

skills at UT and thought they have no worth in the real world, I am telling you now that I would not have climbed up that mountainside without such skills. Mimicking an exercise we completed for Gateways mentor training, Derrick successfully guided me up the hillside in his footsteps and then almost pulled me up to the top, and, even though I froze on the rock side a few times, it was quite a feeling to sit at the summit with the fellow hikers and dogs and look out over stretches of ocean. The Irish spring breeze skimmed over my flushed face, and I don't think I'll ever be able to feel such joy in relief again.

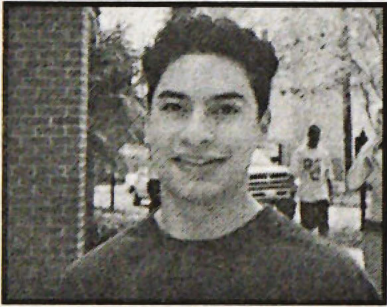
That night as we sat over a pint in an Irish pub and laughed about my fear and compared scars, bruises and windburn, I felt satisfied. I know the pictures we took can never compare to our feelings of conquest as we posed at the peak of the mountain or even the sigh of relief when we finally were back on the train towards Dublin, but they will help remind me how good I felt on that Irish spring day, overcoming fears and enjoying another small corner of the world.

**F**or anyone who has ever done team-building skills at UT and thought they have no worth in the real world, I am telling you now that I would not have climbed up that mountainside without such skills.



## Smoking: a random survey

By SAMANTHA HORVATH



Name: Matteo Vasquez

Age: 19

*Why did you decide to start smoking?*

I was always around my cousins, and they smoked.

*At what age did you start smoking? I started smoking around age 13.*

*Are you planning to quit or tried to quit?*

Probably not. Smoking relaxes me.



Name: Bill Barr

Age: 19

*Why did you decide to start smoking?*

I started due to the influence of my friends. I am a "social" smoker; I don't really like to smoke when I am by myself..

*At what age did you start smoking?*

Occasionally since I was 17.

*Are you planning to quit or tried to quit?*

I only smoke when I am around others who do.

*If so, why or why not?*

No response.



Name: Nate Jones

Age: 22

*Why did you start smoking?*

Boredom mostly. I needed something to do.

*At what age did you start smoking?*

I started when I was 18.

*Are you planning to quit or tried to quit?*

I tried to quit cold turkey once, but it didn't work. I hope to try again, but I don't really want to use the medications, either gradually or simply stop altogether.

*If so, why or why not? I am sick of the habit, and it's really bad for your health.*



Name: Malinda Weed

Age: 19

*Why did you decide not to smoke?*

I cannot afford it!

*Have you helped others to quit?*

Not really. Not many people smoke around me, and when they do, they are always very considerate.



# A brief look at feminism

FACULTY FORUM

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"Aren't feminists just a bunch of man-haters?" asked one of my first-year students during a discussion of language and sexism. The comment is common when the subject of feminism comes up.

It's ironic (at best) to label the belief that all people have equal worth and dignity, that all should be free from unjust limitations, as "hate." But what fascinates me is how perfectly the suggested definition—negative and fear-based—exemplifies a patriarchal (male-centered) system itself. The word "women" is excluded from the student's question, and the word "men" and the experience of men (as objects of hate) is made central. The student, mimicking volumes of backlash against feminism, prioritized "man" and left "woman" out entirely. Other explanations other students or I might suggest—"feminists believe in the equality of women and men," "feminism opposes all systems of oppression, those against children, the environment and women"—have a different emphasis.

Feminism argues radical ideas: Men's experience is not central to everyone's experience, and the suffering of women under patriarchy is undeniable. Domestic violence, pay inequalities (women earn at best three-quarters of what men earn for comparable work) and professional glass ceilings are only a few by-products of patriarchy. We refuse to consider that the way we socialize children might account for why many males choose to rape, murder and assault and why so many women choose to protect these aggressors.

When I write about patriarchy, I mean, a system that insists that one's biological sex and socialized gender presuppose one's destiny. Does this system benefit all men? I would argue it has lasting value for no one, but certainly some men gain, especially economically. What about the others? Many men find themselves constrained by the system as well. Some lose their children in custody battles predetermined by the stereotype that women are better parents. Some resist the compulsory heterosexuality of patriarchy—often to lose jobs, children and even their lives. Still others wake up in middle age devastated that "privilege and power" turned out to mean that they made rich men richer while ignoring the most important parts of their own lives.

Some religions burden men with being spiritual "heads of households" and therefore accountable for the morality of their spouses and their children. I wouldn't marry if I thought I might be forced to support a spouse even if our marriage failed. Should I really want to be the guy at the top, who believes he must control every decision himself while swallowing antacids, Scotch, or, worse—his ethics and spiritual well-being?

A doctor might explain her feminism by denouncing the comparative lag in resources devoted to studying the effects of HIV in women. She might fume that some health plans today cover Viagra and not birth control pills. It took decades for lawyers to change sexual harassment standards so they consider what a "reasonable woman" would think rather than only a "reasonable man." An economist might focus on the injustice and ramifications of disparate pay scales. (An accountant friend of mine in upper-management of an international corporation was just told she could apply for a promotion if, after her upcoming wedding, she deferred having children. Twenty years ago? No, last month. The man who got the promotion just became a father to twins and is now always late for work!)

But more than through social analysis, I understand feminism through my love of language. When I read "Lady Spartans" in the program as UT beat the Lions in basketball up at Saint Leo, I grimaced, as I always do when I encounter the fallacy of the male neutral. The implication is that all Spartans are male, and the adjective "Lady" is needed for qualification. Makes you wonder how that all-male civilization was kept going—ancient cloning? I guess Saint Leo must have a few feminists around who pointed out how stupid "Lady Lions" sounds. Or they figure if lions are still roaming the earth, it is a given that some are female. At this sporting event, I mean women's sporting event, the referees, coaches, timekeeper, scorekeeper and ticket takers were all males on the payroll. At least *The St. Petersburg Times*, in reporting the victory, dropped the "Lady" from Spartans.

Another example? Most monotheistic faiths teach that God is neither male nor female. Calling God "He" is just a convenience, you know, neutral. If you ask just about anyone, you'll be told the pronoun really doesn't matter. Then ask to change it to "She."

Which brings me to my last point. You might have thought the student I quoted above was male. But, in this case, the student was female. Women can be quite fierce patriarchy, comfortable in the present system and/or afraid of losing whatever power they enjoy by association. Men can be devoted to feminism: compassionate, maybe; secure they can achieve without a leg-up, probably; convinced patriarchy is a raw deal for them, too, definitely.

So, Happy Women's History Month.

Next time you hear "bitch-slap" on television and wonder why "bullshit" got censored instead, send a donation to your local women's shelter, rent *Tank Girl* from an independent video store, and sign up for Politics of Language or a Women's Studies course. In the meantime, attend one of the March "Focus on Women" activities: Women Speak Up, bell hooks' talk or any of the other events. It is better to live with open eyes no matter what you see.

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## Don't be afraid of the "F" word

By CHELSIA LAMIE  
Special to *The Minaret*

**Feminist Stereotype:** Those whining bitches that hate men. **Truth:** Those who believe in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes. (American Heritage Dictionary)

The definition of the word "feminist" changes drastically depending on whom you ask. Unfortunately, as a student at UT and a member of XX, Inc. (UT's Women's Organization) how true that is.

Strike up a conversation with a student on campus about women; abortion, sexual harassment, equal pay issues, and it's likely that you'll have an interesting conversation. However, mention that you're a feminist and watch the conversation come to a screeching halt. Once most students realize we're a "feminist" organization, chances are we'll never see them again.

Why is this? What is it about the word feminist that gets people so upset? Why would someone not want to join an organization that shares all of his or her beliefs? In my opinion, it's because they are afraid to be branded a "feminist" (the stereotyped definition, that is). What would their friends/sorority sisters/boyfriends/parents think? It's sad that people let incorrect stereotypes keep them from supporting a cause.

One of the biggest stereotypes about feminists is that we are "men bashers." That couldn't be further from the truth. Like most true feminists, we don't bash men. In fact, men attend our meetings. Many men are beginning to realize that sexism hurts them just as much as it hurts women, and so have decided to work with us as we strive for equality of all people.

At XX, Inc. we are a diverse group of strong and intelligent women and men. We are gay/straight, black/white/hispanic, with different ideas, opinions, and backgrounds. Our goal is to educate those in our community about women's issues and to work towards equality. From volunteering in our community to educating women about health and safety issues, we are simply trying to help each other succeed. We see each other as friends and assets, not threats!

If you are tired of sexism and want to build true, healthy relationships with other progressive men and women, stop by Plant Hall at 8pm on a Thursday. We'd love to see you there!

## Learn to cherish those you love, then show it

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I used to think that I could get through life without many friends. In fact, I was so fiercely independent—and secretly still am at times—that I would never let myself get attached to people. I always figured that in this great stage of life, all the players have their entrances and their exits, and those exits were certain. If I got too close to anyone, eventually they would leave and I would be the one both kicking myself and saying I told me so.



By  
LISA  
CHOJNACKI

Making friends can be difficult for some of us. Maybe one of the reasons that building lasting friendships is so difficult is that we are afraid of getting hurt. I know I was, and in many ways I still am. But that doesn't excuse us from not trying. As Seneca said, "It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult."

In the past year, I have allowed myself to get much closer to three special people. I have come to believe that it's because of my own spiritual growth that this has happened.

I view spiritual growth in many ways, not just as a Catholic. More and more, my mind wanders and I begin thinking about the universe as a whole—are there other planets far away that we have yet to learn about, that have creatures similar to us, who relate to one another in similar ways? Of course, I have yet to derive an answer, probably never will, but it's still fun to ponder great questions; it keeps the mind agile.

As my own growth occurs and the people I care for get to know me more, I feel an increased sense of freedom, like I can just be me and still be lovable. Sometimes, I feel as if the hectic, hurried life I once led is finally slowing down. Of course, that didn't happen by itself. It took an enormous amount of careful planning, but I now feel more relaxed and I don't cry over everyday stresses, the tears are saved either for laughing hard or crying hard, but only for good reason. I now have the confidence to take more risks: I'll try the aerobics class that my uncoordinated body once dreaded, I'll write publicly about issues such as sexual abuse, and I'll listen to music in a way that really makes me understand what Miles Davis meant when he urged courage in art and life: "Do not fear mistakes. There are none."

I feel as if I am not alone in the world anymore, like Leonardo da Vinci said, "Everything is related to everything else." The people I have grown more and more comfortable with no longer feel like bizarre treats whose presence I dare not grow dependent on because they're sure to leave; but these close friends that I have chosen and who have chosen me now feel like my family. I love them, and with two of them, have even felt comfortable enough to tell them so.

I no longer believe in telling people that I love them unless I can mean it with all of my heart. I have done that before, and I know how empty it feels to be handed nothing but shallow feelings in return, while those three words dangle from one of your heartstrings, the price you pay to deceive yourself that someone values you for a little while. I'm very selective in whom I love, for those chosen few are the ones who know me inside and out, what my voice sounds like when

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I'm about to cry and why, even though it makes my stomach ache, I'll still eat brie.

By learning to cherish the friends that we are lucky enough to have, we share a very precious gift with the valuable people in our lives—our souls. Nothing feels better than having someone's face light up because they are looking at you. I can't say for sure, but I think that when you love someone that much, it's probably comparable to the feeling a child gets when he sees his mother amid a jumbled crowd of buses and scrambling children after school.

By taking the time to learn about ourselves, we become more certain of what to look for in true friends. Sometimes, we're lucky—they just drift into our lives at the most opportune time. At times, we may find ourselves wandering aimlessly in search of someone, anyone to fill a vacancy in our spirit. The longer I live, though, the more I have come to believe that at the end of the day, we are the ones who must be happy with who we are.

True, having good friends is invaluable, but as an artist who has often been frustrated with a painting or other work, yet never thrown one away, I can honestly say that the final word has to come from us. We have all the answers.



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# Spartans Win

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and appeared to have left their best performance on the court the night before by being outscored 10-0 in the first four minutes of the game.

Elija Piazza started the Spartan rally with a simple free throw at the 15:31 mark. He averaged 12 points per game during the 3-day tournament and was named the tournament MVP.

Although the team only scored on 8 out of 27 field goal attempts in the first half, they were 4-7 for 3-pointers and hit 6 of 9 free throws.

The half ended with a Jon Brown jumper to bring the team within 5 points of the Reddies.

With a crowd of just over 700, and the Kappa Sigma fraternity leading the cheers, the Spartans came out ready to rumble in the second half.

Five minutes into the game the team started to show that they were not going to let this opportunity slip away again.

Brown made a defensive rebound and passed off to Piazza who turned the ball back over to Adrian Garland of KSU. Piazza then took the ball back from Garland and made the jumpshot

which began the offensive attack that would not die.

Four minutes later, with 9:07 left in the game, Brown made the all-important 3-pointer to take the lead 38-36. He went on to lead the team with 21 points, 5 defensive rebounds, and nailed 3 out of his 4 free throws.

The team led the entire second half, sometimes by more than 10 points, and began to get psyched up to win the game after a foul by Garland on Piazza, who went on to hit both shots from the line.

The crowd rallied behind the Spartans and started to chant "California" in the last minute of the game.

With 7 seconds left, Brown made a defensive rebound and passed down court to Piazza who was undefended. Piazza took the opportunity and made a strong statement with a dunk.

The team now has to play the nation's only unbeaten team, Adelphi (N.Y.), in Bakersfield, Cal. this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Eastern time in the first round of the NCAA Division II National Championship.

*For more tournament coverage, please see the Sports section, page 16.*

*For pictures from the tournament, please see pages 8 and 9.*

## ROTC opens its doors to all for military ball

By STEVEN CHAMPLIN  
Staff Reporter

For the first time in its thirty-year history, the University of Tampa Army ROTC will be opening its annual Military Ball to all who may wish to attend.

The event is scheduled to be a celebration of the three decades of excellence that the ROTC has experienced since it became a part of the university in 1971. Of the many illustrious alumni who have graduated and then were commissioned as lieutenants in the Army, three have risen to the rank of General.

Jeffrey Sergeant (1996) earned the Hughes Trophy for the most outstanding Army ROTC cadet in the nation, and Pete Peterson (the first US ambassador to Vietnam since the end of the Vietnam War), was also a member of the ROTC when he attended UT.

The history of the UT ROTC hasn't always been uplifting. The cadets organize the annual Lisa Pauchey Drill Meet, in memorial of Lisa Pauchey, who died tragically just days before her graduation and commissioning.

"Above anything else, the cadets in our program are students in the university," said Cadet Battalion Commander Justin Ward. "For most of the time that they've been at school, the cadets haven't always been able to have their friends or classmates see what it is they've been working towards. This year's Military Ball will finally allow that to happen--especially when the senior cadets are given their commissioning kits, which will help them move away from being cadets and towards being Lieutenants."

This year's Military Ball will take place on April 27, and will be held in Fletcher lounge. A cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 p.m., with dinner scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will soon be available in the ROTC building.

**Brevard Hall Council would like to remind all Brevard residents of Monday's BBQ delivery.**

## WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL

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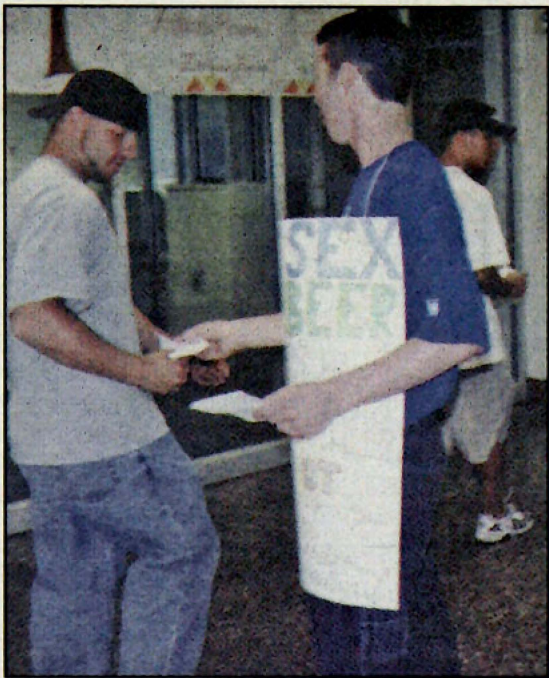
**DATE: MARCH 21st**

**GAME TIME: 9:00 PM**

**PLACE: UT INTRAMURAL FIELD**

- \* Interested women may sign up in the Student Activities Office on or before March 19th
- \* Format will be 7 vs 7
- \* All equipment will be provided
- \* Questions? Please call Charles Yezak, Coordinator of Intramurals & McNiff Fitness Center at 253-6233 ext. 3615





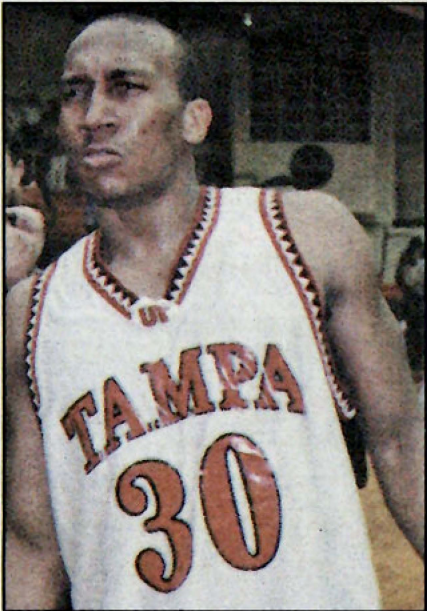
Hours before the big game, Jordan Baszner stood in the UT student union handing out directions to Eckerd College where the game was played.



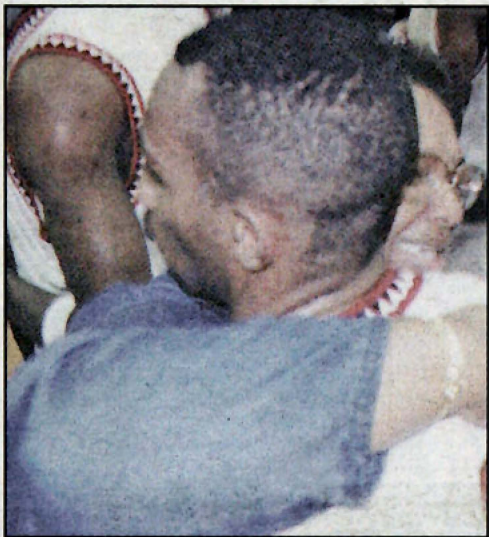
Senior Chuckie Powell gets the last cut and sole possession of one of the game's nets.



Jameel Wesley (left) of KSU watches as Jon Norris shoots a free throw.



Emotions weren't held back as Gecarri Freeman (above left) cries after the game. Above right, Jon Brown receives a tear-filled hug from his mother. The two were named to the UT All-Tournament team.



Peter Howard drives in between 4 KSU players for the layup

Photos by Jody Link



The victorious Spartans and some of their most dependable, vocal fans, the Kappa Sigmas after the game.



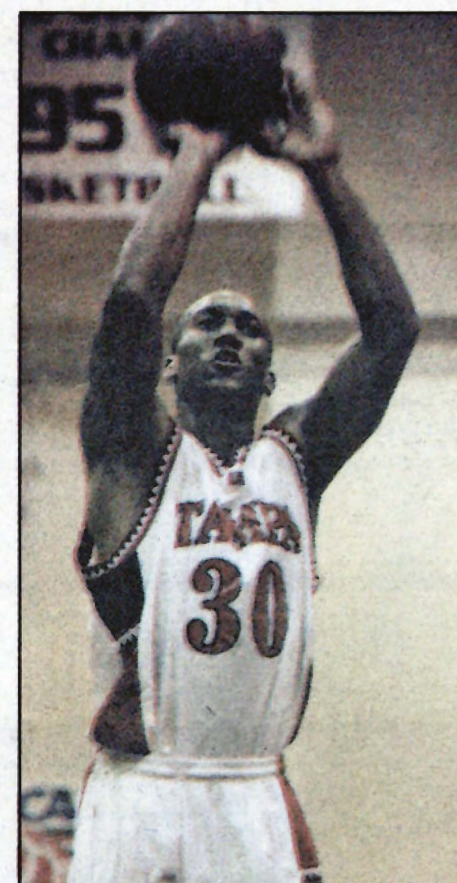


*The Kappa Sigmas applaud the Spartans as they return to play the 2nd half.*

*Jon Brown (right) and the Spartans rolled over the Kentucky State Reddies 60-51 in the NCAA Division II South Regional Championship*



*The team gets ready to warm up before the game.*



*Gecarri Freeman takes aim as he shoots for three.*



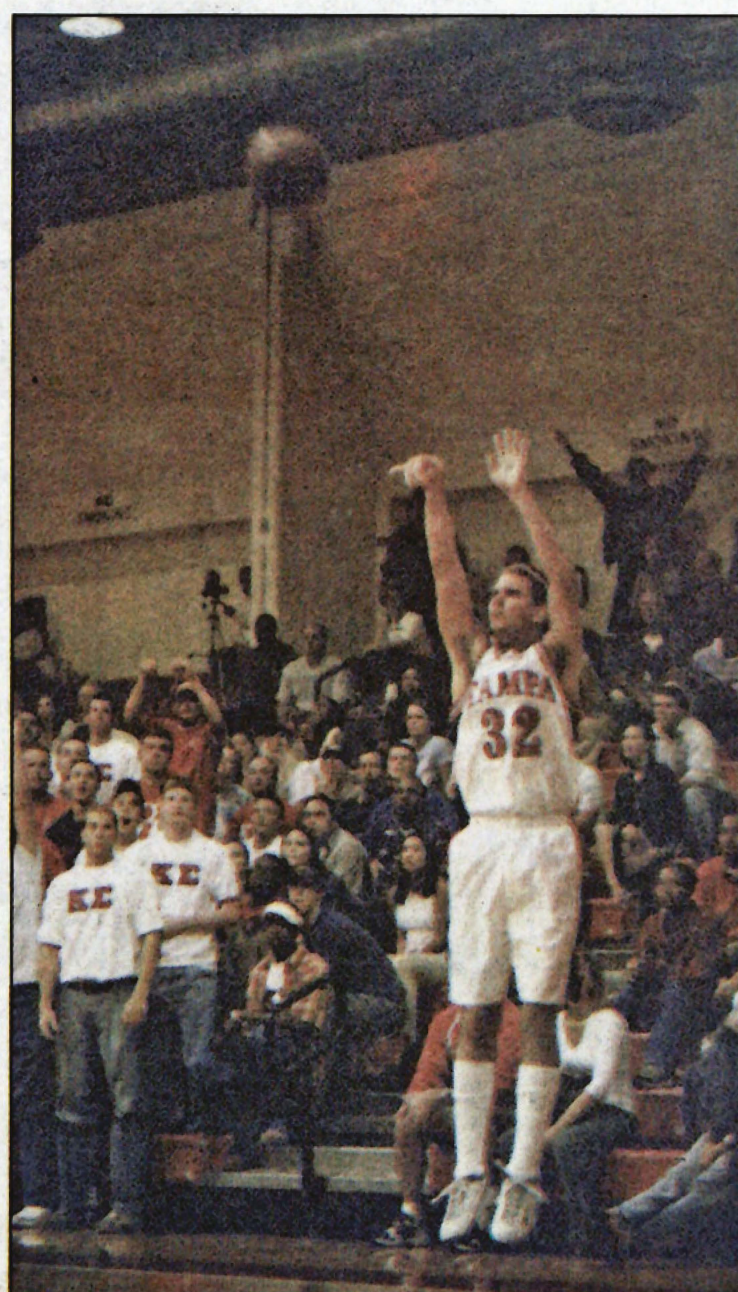
*Peter Howards appears to fly through the air as James Mereus (falling) gets knocked down by a KSU player trying to score.*



*The team rejoices at mid-court after their victory.*



*With 4 of the 5 defenders standing around, tournament MVP Elijah Piazza had no trouble scoring two points.*



*The crowd waits in awe to see if Peter Howard can knock down another three pointer.*



*Jon Brown takes his cut of the net after the game.*



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## Drinking heavily now doesn't always lead to it after graduation, study finds

By JERRY ABEJO

*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

Participation in Greek fraternities and sororities, long considered a haven for heavy drinking on college campuses, may not necessarily lead to heavier drinking later in life, a new study shows.

The study, published Sunday by the American Psychological Association, found that students in the Greek system tend to drink more often and more heavily than other students. But the average number of times a week that fraternity and sorority members drank — four or five for some — dropped significantly after graduation.

"Our analyses consistently indicated that Greeks drank more heavily than non-Greeks during the college years but that this difference was no longer apparent three years after college," the report stated.

The report found that most heavy drinkers are peer-influenced, and that most Greek students weren't driven by how enjoyable they perceived alcohol to be or by the perceived social benefits of alcohol use.

Students drink more in an atmosphere where heavy alcohol use is considered normal and where peers encourage and support this type of behavior. But when the situation changes, so does the drinking behavior. It's what the report's co-author, Dr. Kenneth Sher, referred to as "the maturing out effect."

Recent graduates assume new roles in society as parents, spouses and members of the workforce, and find they can no longer continue their college behavior." It's possible they still would like to engage in heavy drinking but find reality constraints prohibit that type of behavior," said Sher, a psychologist at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The study attributes heavier drinking in fraternities and sororities to a combination of two factors. First, the Greek environment may attract personality types already predisposed to heavy drinking. Second, the Greek social environment encourages heavy drinking.

The report studied 319 mostly white participants at a large Midwest-

ern university. They were evaluated yearly for their first four years at college and once three years later. Participants averaged 24 years old by the end of the report, and they will continue to be evaluated in future studies.

While heavy drinking tends not to continue after graduation, Mark Goldman of the University of South Florida said it could cause problems in school. Goldberg, a research professor working on a national report on college binge drinking, said alcohol-related violence, sexual assaults and car accidents continue to be campus problems.

Also, the long-term consequences of heavy college drinking can range from the subtle to the not so subtle, he said.

"Perhaps a student is not fulfilling their potential because they sort of went with half a brain throughout college," Goldman said. "There has also been some evidence that heavy alcohol use slows the nervous system. You're not as sharp, you're not as quick, your memory is not quite as good. The question is whether it remains there."

He added that many college students would be considered alcohol dependent using clinical criteria. And while many students are able to moderate their drinking after graduation, heavy drinking in college can trigger full-fledged alcoholism in some.

Sher pointed out that heavy drinking is a part of American culture, in particular college culture. This is part of the reason, he said, that college administrations are having a hard time combating heavy drinking.

In addition, universities have trouble delivering a clear message because they deal with both minors and adults, which means a college can denounce underage drinking yet permit alcohol advertising in its athletic stadium.

"It's a way of people spending time together and socializing. Social functions are strongly associated with alcohol. The reality is it's part of college life," said Sher.

A copy of the report, "Short- and Long-Term Effects of Fraternity and Sorority membership on Heavy Drinking: A Social Norms Perspective," can be obtained at [www.apa.org/journals/adb/adb15142.html](http://www.apa.org/journals/adb/adb15142.html)

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**Movies**  
**Showing**  
**March**  
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**Saturday 17**  
12 a.m. - **Woman on Top**  
3 a.m. - **The Firm**  
6 a.m. - **Saving Grace**  
8 a.m. - **Sunset Strip**  
7:30 p.m. - **Pelican Brief**  
10 p.m. - **Way of the Gun**  
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Under the Minarets  
6:50 a.m.

**Sunday 18**  
12 a.m. - **The Firm**  
3 a.m. - **Saving Grace**  
6 a.m. - **Sunset Strip**  
4:30 p.m. - **Pelican Brief**  
7:30 p.m. - **Way of the Gun**  
10 p.m. - **Woman on Top**  
Quilt Open Mic @ 8:28 a.m.

**Monday 19**  
12 a.m. - **Sunset Strip**  
3 a.m. - **Pelican Brief**  
6 a.m. - **Way of the Gun**  
4:30 p.m. - **Woman on Top**  
7:30 p.m. - **The Firm**  
10:25 p.m. - **Saving Grace**  
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Quilt Open Mic @ 6:58 p.m.

**Tuesday 20**  
12 a.m. - **Way of the Gun**  
3 a.m. - **Woman on Top**  
6 a.m. - **The Firm**  
4:30 p.m. - **Saving Grace**  
7:30 p.m. - **Sunset Strip**  
10:30 p.m. - **Pelican Brief**  
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SG meeting airs @ 6:04 p.m.

**Wednesday 21**  
12 a.m. - **The Firm**  
3 a.m. - **Saving Grace**  
6 a.m. - **Sunset Strip**  
4:30 p.m. - **Pelican Brief**  
7:30 p.m. - **Way of the Gun**  
10 p.m. - **Woman on Top**  
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Lyrical Masterminds @ 7:28 a.m.

**Thursday 22**  
12 a.m. - **Die Hard with a Vengeance**  
3 a.m. - **Magnolia**  
6:18 a.m. - **St. Francisville Experiment**  
4:30 p.m. - **Dude, Where's My Car**  
8 p.m. - **Men of Honor**  
10 p.m. - **The Client**

**Friday 23**  
12 a.m. - **St. Francisville Experiment**  
3 a.m. - **Dude, Where's My Car**  
6 a.m. - **Men of Honor**  
4 p.m. - **The Client**  
6:30 p.m. - **Die Hard with a Vengeance**  
8:50 p.m. - **Magnolia**



# Love notes and other internet faux pas could get you fired

By T. SHAWN TAYLOR

Chicago Tribune

Before you send a romantic e-mail to your betrothed, consider this real-life cyber disaster:

A woman in England sent her boyfriend an e-love note complimenting him on an evening of passion. It was so complimentary, he decided to forward it to a half-dozen friends working in law firms and banks with international offices.

That very personal e-mail message ended up traveling to 10 million computers in London, Australia, Hong Kong and the United States. The London tabloids got wind of it and pursued the woman relentlessly, sending her into hiding.

There is an important lesson here, but it extends far beyond love notes. Any electronic communication you send or engage in at work could be viewed by someone else, whether it's your boss, some unknown techie on the 19th floor, the person in the next cubicle, or an infinite numbers of strangers.

"It's just like any rumor. The potential for embarrassment is enormous," said Nancy Flynn, author of "The e-Policy Handbook" (Amacom, 2001, \$19.95) and executive director of the e-Policy Institute, which helps companies reduce liability by developing effective e-policies.

If a red face is all you get out of a cyber slip-up, you could be one of the lucky ones. Increasingly, companies are firing and reprimanding employees for forwarding adult jokes and socially insensitive rhetoric, visiting inappropriate Web sites, and inadvertently sabotaging computer systems with personal e-junk.

For example, defense contractor Lockheed Martin fired an employee who caused its e-mail system to crash for six hours after sending thousands of co-workers a personal e-mail message that requested an electronic receipt.

"You can imagine how much money they lost in terms of productivity and inability to respond to customers," Flynn said. "They had to fly a Microsoft rescue squad in to repair the damage."

In recent years, employees have lost their jobs for any num-

ber of e-mail or Internet faux pas involving sexually explicit material, passing of trade secrets, loss of productivity and bad-mouthing of company officials.

Xerox Corp. fired more



Xerox Corp. fired over forty employees due to their frequenting of pornographic web sites by way of company work stations.

than 40 employees for wasting up to eight hours a day on pornographic Web sites. Last September, the U.S. Department of Defense fired more than 100 workers for circulating jokes with sexual content over its computer system.

One company subpoenaed Yahoo! to get the identities of employees participating in online chat rooms for its own stock. Guess what? They were fired.

Workers who are terminated for violating e-policies have little legal recourse. Most are at-will employees and they can be fired for any reason, said Gerald Maatman, an attorney for Baker & McKenzie in Chicago.

Companies take jokes very seriously, he warns.

"1/8 Employees 3/8 may think they're innocently engaged in pranks and horseplay, but employers are worried about potential liability and will take action to stop the behavior," Maatman said.

Some companies cross-reference their sexual harassment and Internet policies, because sexually offensive material is admissible as evidence in sexual-harassment cases, he said.

It's important to note that even if your managers say they're not watching, assume they are.

In 1996, a Pennsylvania court dismissed a lawsuit filed against Pillsbury by Michael Smyth, a former operations manager. Contrary to assurances by the company that employee e-mail

communications were private, Smyth was fired in January 1995 after management intercepted two e-mail messages. The company considered one message in reference to sales managers a threat. In another, he called an upcoming company party the "Jim Jones Kool-Aid affair," referring to the 1978 Jonestown massacre in Guyana where 913 cult members drank cyanide-poisoned punch.

"He said bad things about managers and he was fired," said Beth

Givens of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego. "I actually think that management needs a thicker skin in such situations. Electronic mail is a freeing-up communications medium. People tend to say things they wouldn't ordinarily put into a memo or letter. They use off-handed comments without realizing they are creating a permanent record."

Once a message goes out, hitting the delete key doesn't make it go away, Maatman warns. Many companies use forensic software that can retrieve deleted messages and monitor every keystroke.

Employees should also be aware of the potential for human error. In December, a lawyer in the UK intending to forward a joke to a colleague hit the wrong button, sending the message into cyberspace with the company's logo attached.

"I don't think it's an overreaction for companies to be concerned about employees forwarding inappropriate materials," Maatman said.

Flynn recommends that all companies adopt written policies and provide training for employees outlining what they should and shouldn't do at their computer terminals.

To be on the safe side, Flynn advises employees never to use company e-mail to send a really personal message.

"Do not write anything that you would feel uncomfortable saying in an elevator crowded with colleagues and competitors," she said. "Compose yourself before you com-

pose your e-mail."

When it comes to privacy in the workplace, workers essentially have none regarding electronic devices. The federal government protects employers' rights to monitor all electronic communications in the workplace.

Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) is planning to reintroduce a bill in Congress this year that would require companies to provide notification of monitoring and define notification in a way that is clear and relevant to employees.

More than 80 percent of companies that conduct electronic monitoring inform their employees of their policies, according to a

aren't enough hours in the day."

Nearly 75 percent of U.S. companies do some form of electronic monitoring, including e-mail, Internet connections, phone and voice-mail monitoring and computer surveillance, according to the survey.

Even workers who weren't targeted have been known to get into trouble. In June, Hewitt Associates, a global benefits consulting and delivery firm in Lincolnshire, fired 35 employees for violating its harassment policy for forwarding offensive e-mails. Jennifer Frighetto, a spokeswoman, said managers came across them accidentally.

"An associate had left the firm and turned files over to his managers with project work to follow up on," she said.

In the digital age, communications sent from home are fair game, too. Maatman said he defended an employee trying to sell photos of women in various stages of undress who was fired for forwarding the photos to colleagues from his home computer.

Overall, the point that should be taken from all this is this: Stick to business when you're at work. If you receive an e-mail message you feel may be inappropriate, notify someone in human resources or tech support.

"That way the employee is covered," Flynn said.

Maltby said most employees are aware that some level of monitoring is going on.

"Your boss probably didn't read that mushy e-mail you sent to your husband last week. But if you've been there any length of time, your employer probably did read something that was personal and sensitive. You just don't know when it was," he said.

He added that people could feel fairly certain that the monitors are professionals who won't tell their business. But they're also human, and, sometimes, they gossip.

"We do hear from people who have heard something personal about themselves at work that had to have come from an e-mail message," he said.

After all, people make mistakes, not computers.



Image courtesy of Gateway.com

2000 survey by the American Management Association. But Lewis Maltby, president of the National Work Rights Institute, said many of them are extremely general.

"Most notices are reservation of rights written by lawyers," Maltby said. "One thing employees need to do is assume they're being monitored because they probably are."

Maltby said it's almost never your immediate supervisor who is doing the snooping. Most companies have corporate communications workers who conduct monitoring.

"No one knows what these little spies are up to because they're not telling," Maltby said. "It seems clear that companies are not reading each and every message. There

## A \$5 note goes a lot further today than it did in Abe Lincoln's time

By WILLIAM HAGEMAN

Chicago Tribune

Katherine Anne Huntington has some interesting stuff ("I guess I shouldn't call it 'stuff,'" she said, smiling) back home in California.

"Boxes and boxes of it," said Huntington, an adapted physical education specialist who teaches students with special needs.

Her great-grandfather, W.S. Huntington, was a Washington, D.C., banker during the 1860s, a friend of Abraham Lincoln. Among the items handed down through the family were letters signed by such notables as U.S. Grant; carte de vistes of Lincoln, some of his Cabinet members and generals; and the gown and jewelry Katherine's great-grandmother wore to Lincoln's inaugural ball.

Then there was the \$5 bank note.

It was the first \$5 bill ever issued by the U.S. Treasury Department, and it was put aside in 1863 by W.S. Huntington, who was then the Cashier of the First National Bank of Washington. It has remained in the same envelope, like new, for nearly 138 years.

The note was part of an amazing package of history that Huntington consigned for auction Saturday night at the Chicago Paper Money Expo in Rosemont, Ill. Also in her auction lot were one of Lincoln's calling cards, on the back of which he instructed the secretary of the Treasury to look into a clerkship for Huntington (it's signed "A. Lincoln"); a carte de viste of Lincoln from the Matthew Brady Galleries; and various papers, mostly banking related.

Presale estimates put the value at between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Those numbers were raised to between \$75,000 and \$150,000 after an Internet bid for



\$77,500 was submitted.

"I had no idea what this is really worth," Huntington said as she waited for her lot to come up. "I made my decision and I was going to go through with it. So I had no expectations. Then I heard

that first bid \$77,500 and I was excited."

The opening \$77,500 bid was instantly topped by one of \$150,000 from the floor. Bids quickly increased in \$10,000 increments, topping out at \$200,000. The entire process was over in about the time it takes to watch an H&R Block commercial on TV.

The winning bidder, whose final cost will be \$220,000 counting a 10 percent buyer's premium, was not identified.

Huntington's bill shared the spotlight with an ever-rarer piece of currency, a \$20 Civil War note, one of only six known to exist. Preauction estimates put its value at between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

It opened at \$150,000 and quickly climbed until being gavelled down by Ron Guth of Lyn Knight Currency Auctions for \$220,000. Add in the buyer's

premium the winner was a Midwestern collector whose identity was not revealed and the total came to \$242,000.

"It went faster than I thought it would," said the bill's consigner, an East Coast resident who also asked that his name not be used. "You'd always like to see it go higher, but I'm pleased."

He should be especially pleased in light of the fact that two coin dealers had previously offered him \$1,153 and \$1,900 for a collection of some 65 bills that included the \$20 note. He did further research, which led him to the Littleton (N.H.) Coin Co., which told him the bills, especially the Civil War note, were worth considerably more, and suggested he put it up for auction.

"It's fair to say we have no regrets about selling it," the owner said. "It's a special bill."



# TAMPA BITES

## Pita's: Fast and Filling

By STEFANIA LOUMPOS  
Cuisine Critic

Pita's is a Tampa favorite that I have heard about for a while, but I had never been there until now. My experience lived up to their reputation. As their menu proclaims, Pita's gives you "healthy eats served fast." That is exactly what I found, and it was a treat. So, if you are seeking a quick meal and a great value, direct yourself to one of the five Pita's locations. I went to the South Tampa location for lunch, and I discovered there an exciting and varied offering of Mediterranean cuisine.

Pita's puts up no front, and really has little ambiance, but that is because tasty foods at good prices are the emphasis. It has a seat yourself, self service setup. The service truly was surprisingly fast, and the employees are friendly and helpful, and although the table tops needed attention, this was remedied when brought to their attention. The restrooms are clean, albeit a little trippy in the decor.

Their menu contains something for nearly everyone. They have a wide selec-

tion of sandwiches (including many excellent vegetarian choices), as well as salads, platters, and personal-sized pizzas. They have a variety of hot and cold pita wrap sandwiches, such as gyros (\$4.19) and the triple cheese and veggie pita (\$3.49). Their wraps are all \$4.95, and some enticing ones are the "2 birds in 1" wrap (with chicken salad and sliced turkey) and the steak fajita wrap. Also, they have the smaller pocket pita sandwiches, which include several of the popular pita wrap ingredients (such as falafel or chicken salad) and are \$3.49.

For an appetizer I had the spinach pie (also called spanakopita, \$2.65), which is a combination of spinach and feta cheese wrapped in phyllo dough. I found this to be very good, with nice flaky phyllo, although it could have been hotter. For my lunch I had one of the special lunch features from the board, which was the Mediterranean platter for \$5.95. It contained gyros meat (a blend of ground beef and lamb with spices, cooked on a vertical rotisserie) on a bed of tasty rice pilaf, accompanied by a pita, hummus, tabouli salad and yogurt sauce. The gyros was very good and well done, and the pilaf was enjoyable, with spices,

onions and green peppers. Tabouli salad is a conglomeration of bulgur wheat, tomatoes, onions, parsley and more, and I found the tabouli here to be fresh, crisp and better than most. The hummus (a dip/spread made of pulverized garbanzos with tahini and spices) was also better than average, but it could have used a bit more lemon and garlic for my taste. The yogurt sauce (yogurt with shredded cucumbers and spices, often called jajiki) was much better than what I usually find, I just wish I had more of it with my platter.

I had the opportunity to try the hummus and chicken pita wrap (\$4.29), and it was quite good. It consisted of juicy chicken with hummus and tahini sauce (the latter of which was requested on the side), and lettuce, onions, tomatoes and other veggies. The chicken is marinated breast meat cooked on a vertical rotisserie (a unique and excellent preparation), and was very satisfying.

I also got to try the falafel pita wrap (\$3.29), which was good-sized, and quite nice. Falafel are something like vegetarian meatballs, made of crushed garbanzo beans with vegetables and lightly fried in canola oil. These were good, and were served on lettuce, to-

matoes, onions, banana peppers and other veggies, and jajiki had been substituted for the tahini sauce which usually comes with it. The sandwich was also good with the addition of the tahini sauce, which is a bit heavy.

For dessert I had one of their mammoth smoothies (just \$2.99). I chose the mango surprise, and it was excellent. It is made of mango, banana and pineapple and was fresh and delicious! It really was a surprise how delectable it was. I also tried their baklava (\$1.25), and it was outstanding. I must say it was a highlight. It was very nutty, with honey abounding and crisp phyllo. It was very good and obviously fresh.

Overall, I have to say that Pita's is great, and I must reiterate the terrific value you get for the prices. Pita's was established in 1990, and their combination of good healthy food, good prices and variety is a recipe that has bred success. You can eat in or take out; they also do catering (a great idea, considering how wonderful their baklava is), and you should find the prices very good for these offerings as well. I will be back to try more of Pita's, and I'm looking forward to expanding my exploration of their smoothie selection.



Pita's is located at  
**808 S. Dale Mabry**  
(among other locations)  
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# Backstage Tour

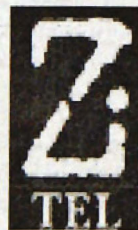
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## Z-Tel Technologies, Inc.

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The Association kicked off a season of bi-annual Backstage Tours in May 1999. The Tours provide students, alumni and faculty with a behind the scenes view of key Tampa area businesses, including a reception and talk with top administrators.



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## The University of Tampa's FOCUS on Women

### ON-GOING EVENTS

Look for articles in the Minaret; check out the bulletin boards in the Residence Halls and McNiff Fitness Center for Focus on Women highlights. Stop by the Library to see their featured readings.

### Safety Promotion - February 28 & March 1

10 am - Plant Hall Lobby  
Sigma Delta Tau will hand out whistles and fliers to promote safety issues for women.

### "Love Shouldn't Hurt" - Monday, March 12

7pm - Brevard Community Room  
Sponsored by Panhellenic  
An interactive program for men and women designed to explore healthy relationships and domestic violence. This is a presentation you don't want to miss, and will leave wanting to share this new understanding with others.

### Mama Benz - Thursday, March 15

4pm - Library's AV2  
Sponsored by the English Department  
A screening of the film about women's role in the African Market will be followed by a discussion lead by Dr. Mary Jane Schenck. Refreshments will be provided.

### bell hooks - Tuesday, March 20

8pm - Fletcher Lounge  
bell hooks is a cultural critic, feminist theorist, and writer. She has taught at Yale University, Oberlin College, City College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Referred to as one of our nation's leading public intellectuals by The Atlantic Monthly, she is a charismatic speaker who divides her time among teaching, writing, and lecturing around the world. She has authored more than sixteen books and lives in New York and Tampa.

### Women's Flag Football: "Powder Puff" - Wednesday, March 21

9pm - Intramural Field  
Women interested in playing may fill out an entry card starting February 28th in the SAO. All equipment will be provided. Contact Charles Yezak, Coordinator of Intramurals, at 253.6233 x3615 or cyezak@alpha.utampa.edu if you have questions.

### The Matrix Viewing and Discussion - Thursday, March 22

7pm - Fletcher Lounge  
A screening of the popular film and an interdisciplinary panel discussion by faculty members from the Communication, English, Psychology, and Philosophy/Religion Departments about the roles of women in the film. Sponsored by Student Productions.

### The Spring Volunteer Opportunity

Monday, March 26, 7pm - Tuesday, March 27, 6pm - Wednesday, March 28, 6pm - Thursday, March 29, 6pm  
Do you like children? If so, then this opportunity is perfect for you! The Spring of Tampa Bay Women's Shelter is looking for volunteers to participate in their Huggers and Rockers Program. Please contact the P.E.A.C.E. Office at x3695 for more information.

### Elvira Kurt & Stargazer Lily - Wednesday, March 28

7pm - Grand Salon  
Come have a fantastic time listening to female comedian, Elvira Kurt, and Stargazer Lily, a four-piece alternative/pop/rock female fronted quartet. Sponsored by Student Productions.

Coordinated by the  
Student Activities Office  
and the Black & Women's  
History Month task force



# Spartans seeking out first national championship

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trailed 10-0 to the fifth seed to begin the game. Tampa took the lead with just over nine minutes remaining in the game and held the lead for the remainder of the game.

Jon Brown led Tampa with a game-high 21 points. Elijah Piazza came off the bench to score 14 points and grab six rebounds.

**NCAA SECOND ROUND:** The Spartans earned the right to play for the NCAA South Region finals as they defeated Eckerd (22-8) 67-56 as Tampa defeated the Tritons after losing in two previous attempts during the regular season.

Tampa was led by Jon Brown, who scored a team-high 18 points. Brown also added four rebounds and three assists. James Mereus, Gecarri Freeman and Elijah Piazza each added 11 points for Tampa as Freeman led the team with eight rebounds.

**NCAA FIRST ROUND:** Tampa opened NCAA II South Region play with a first round 83-68 victory over SIAC Tourney champions Kentucky State (16-13).

The Spartans got 19 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks from 6-10 junior center Sylvere Bryan along with 18 points and seven boards from 6-4 junior forward Gecarri Freeman.

Tampa dominated the boards, out-rebounding KSU 49-29, totaled eight blocks and outshot their opponents 46-36 percent from the field. UT led 43-34 at the half, saw a 13-point second half lead of 57-44 dwindle to 65-62 and then led by as many as 18 points, 83-65 just prior to the end.

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:** Tampa's Gecarri Freeman and Jon Brown were part of the South Region all-Tournament team along with Henderson State's Brian Woodland and Niki Arinze.

Elijah Piazza was named the tournament MVP as he scored 11 points against Kentucky State and Eckerd followed by 14 against Henderson State. Piazza came off the bench in every game as he also played a career high 33 minutes against Eckerd.

**TAMPA'S NCAA HISTORY:** This is Tampa's 13th appearance in the NCAA Tourney in 18 years of basketball since Coach Richard Schmidt resurrected the program from a 13-year hiatus.

Tampa's three victories in this year's tournament gives the Spartans a 14-13 ledger in NCAA Tourney games. The Spartans have now advanced to the South Region championship game eight times as

they advance to the NCAA Elite Eight for the first time in the history of the program.

Last year, Tampa lost to Florida Southern 67-53 in the South Region Championship in Lakeland, Fla.

**THE COACH:** Richard Schmidt is in his 18th season at the helm of the Spartans, and his teams have posted a 390-147 record throughout his tenure, making him the winningest coach in school history.

The 1964 Western Kentucky graduate has guided his teams into the NCAA tournament in 13 of his 18 seasons and he has coached 14 teams to 20-plus victories in a season.

Schmidt was named the SSC Coach-of-the-Year last season, which was the fifth of his career as he holds a 162-68 SSC record.

Schmidt holds an overall coaching record of 418-174 after previously coaching at Vanderbilt for two seasons. Schmidt is assisted by Lisa Beamer (Virginia Commonwealth '85) and Mark Olson (Eastern Illinois '86).

**PROBABLE STARTERS** G Chuckie Powell (6-0, 175, Sr., Tampa, Fla., 5.1 ppg, 4.5 apg) G Jon Brown (6-1, 190, Jr., Belle Glade, Fla., 10.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg) F Gecarri Freeman (6-4, 210, Jr., Titusville, Fla., 13.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg) F James Mereus (6-8, 210, So., Fort Pierce, Fla., 10.3 ppg, 5.6 rpg) C Sylvere Bryan (6-10, 230, Jr., Portsmouth, Dominica, 10.3 ppg, 7.0 rpg)

**TOP RESERVES** F Will Gregory (6-4, 215, Jr. Ernest Willimantic, Ct., 0.5 ppg, 0.9 rpg) G/F Peter Howard (6-4, 190, Jr., Lexington, Ky., 5.2 ppg, 2.3 rpg) G Leonard Kelly (6-0, 170, Jr., Titusville, Fla., 3.2 ppg, 1.3 apg) G Jon Norris (6-1, 190, Fr., St. Louis, Mo., 2.4 ppg, 1.0 rpg) F Elijah Piazza (6-6, 225, Jr., Tampa, Fla., 9.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg)

**RANKINGS:** Tampa was unranked in the final NABC poll after opening the season as the number 12 team in that poll and has been ranked as high as number seven, a spot it held for one week after holding the number nine ranking for two weeks.

The pre-season pick to win the Sunshine State Conference, the Spartans were ranked No. 1 in the South Region for several weeks before a first-round upset in the SSC Tourney and held a number two ranking in the final South region poll and a number three South region Tournament ranking.

**STREAKS:** Tampa's longest win streak this season was 11 games, four wins short of the school record of 15. Tampa twice lost two straight including heading into the South Region Tournament.

The Spartans have currently won three consecutive games. Four of Tampa's six losses have come at home as they also lost at Eckerd and to Barry at the SSC Tournament in Lakeland.

**ALWAYS IN THE GAME:** Tampa has been in a position to win every game this season as their six losses have come by a combined 26 points, an average of 4.3 points for each game they have lost.

Tampa's worst defeat this season was a six-point loss, which occurred twice, to Carthage (overtime) and Rollins. Tampa has outscored its opponents this season by an average of 78.2 to 63.7, a 14.5-point margin. In Tampa's 24 victories, the Spartans have won by an average of nearly 19 points a game.

**WHO WILL IT BE:** The hardest thing to predict about this season's squad is who will step up and be the team's top performer.

Several players, including Gecarri Freeman, Jon Brown, Sylvere Bryan, James Mereus and Elijah Piazza, have all stepped up at key times and provided the team with a lift.

Freeman is the team's leading scorer, while Brown is on the floor for most of the game and answers with points and good court knowledge.

Bryan leads the team in rebounding and blocks while Mereus has the ability to dominate the boards, especially on the offensive.

Piazza has come off the bench to score and rebound for the Spartans in relief of Bryan and Mereus.

**THE UNKNOWN:** A key contributor of the team this year is senior Chuckie Powell. The captain of this year's squad leads the team in assists (135) and steals (63).

His veteran leadership and solid defensive skills have helped Tampa in every game this season. Powell is also one of four players (Brown, Freeman, Mereus) to score in each of Tampa's 30 games this season. Peter Howard has been used off the bench after starting 27 games last season. Howard is a streaky three-point shooter who is also a fiery competitor with a good work ethic.

**DELIVERING ON TIME:** Elijah Piazza has provided his team with tremendous play over the past three games.

The MVP of the NCAA South Region scored 11 points against Kentucky State and Eckerd followed by 14 against Henderson State while coming off the bench.

Piazza has thrived this season as a sixth man while scoring in 29 of the team's 30 games.

Piazza has averaged 13.0 ppg and 6.7 rpg over the past three games as he was also named the SSC Player-of-the-Week on March 12 for his NCAA south Region play. He has registered double figures in 15 games this season.

**PLAYER NOTES:** Senior guard Chuckie Powell is fifth on the school season assist chart at 135 as he needs 13 to move past Mike Sheppard (1995-96) to move into fourth place. Powell has 341 career assists to rank fourth as he moves towards Mike Rouse (373/1990-93) in third place.

Sylvere Bryan has 193 career blocks with a chance next year to surpass Nate Johnston's 14-year old record of 230 (1983-87). Bryan has recorded six double-doubles this season as his most recent came against Kentucky State on March 8. He has blocked at least one shot in the past nine games and in 25 of 30 games this season.

Gecarri Freeman has scored in double figures in 20 games this season as he has failed to go two consecutive games without scoring double figures, he has also surpassed 20 points six times this season, including a career high 29 twice.

**HONORS:** Sylvere Bryan and Gecarri Freeman were named first-team all-Sunshine State Conference, while Bryan was the league's player-of-the-month in February.

Bryan was also named SSC Player-of-the-Week for the week leading up to the SSC Tournament. This is the first all-SSC honor for both players. Bryan was a member of the SSC All-Freshman team two years ago.

**TEAM LEADERS:** Tampa's team leaders in specific categories include: James Mereus, .540 (115-213) field goal percentage; Sylvere Bryan, .385 (20-52) three-point percentage; Gecarri Freeman, .735 (75-102) free-throw percentage, 393 points, 13.1 ppg, 46 three pointers made; Sylvere Bryan, 211 rebounds, 7.0 rpg, 70 offensive rebounds, 141 defensive rebounds, 65 blocked shots, 2.1 bpg; Chuckie Powell, 135 assists, 4.5 apg, 63 steals, 2.1 spg; Jon Brown, 935 minutes, 31.2 minutes per game.

**WHITE OUT:** Senior starting

forward Percy White was declared academically ineligible prior to the beginning of this semester. White was leading the team in scoring (14.5) and rebounding (7.4). He started the first 12 games for the Spartans this season after starting 27 of 29 games last season and being a first-team all-SSC selection.

**SIGNIFICANT NON-CONFERENCE VICTORY:** Tampa defeated then ninth-ranked Salem International 97-75 on Nov. 25 at Salem International to the NCAA East Region Final before falling to Queens (N.C.) 81-67. Salem International was the only NCAA qualifier on Tampa's schedule this season outside the South Region.

**NEWCOMERS COMING THROUGH:** After showing some reluctance to play Jon Norris and Will Gregory early in the season, Schmidt has given the two newcomers some time on the floor as Norris has come through as one of the team's top defenders who has been used to stop the opponent's top guard.

Norris has been a key situation player at the end of close games for the Spartans. Gregory has stepped up as a reserve post player when he is called upon to spell Sylvere Bryan or James Mereus. Both have added solid depth and have produced when the regulars come out of the game.

Leonard Kelly has also seen some time at point guard and is known for his competitiveness and quickness. Kelly's role has been likened to that of Norris's, however, the junior college transfer is also a very good creator.

**TAMPA PIPELINE:** Several players on this year's team have played with another member of the team at the junior college or the prep level or have ties to Tampa.

Elijah Piazza and Leonard Kelly played together the previous two seasons at Florida College and Kelly played high school basketball with Gecarri Freeman at Titusville's Astronaut High School.

Kelly has also been a regular at Tampa's summer basketball camps as he attended when he was in high school. James Mereus and Earnest Williams played together at Westwood High School in Fort Pierce and Peter Howard and Sylvere Bryan played at Bates Creek High School in Lexington, Ky.

Jon Norris came to Tampa where his uncle, Jerome Fulton, serves as the Director of Facilities in the Athletic Department.

## Bryan wins SSC Player-of-the-Month

Sylvere "J.B." Bryan, a senior from Portsmouth, Dominica, averaged 14 points, 7.6 rebounds, 3.6 blocks and one assist in seven games. He had a career-high eight blocks in the final regular season game against Eckerd College, a career-high 24 points against Florida Tech and had a pair of double-doubles.

Bryan was 33-57 from the floor for a .579 field goal percentage. He was also 7-13 from beyond the arc for a percentage of .467 and was 25-32 from the free-throw line for a percentage of .781.

"Sylvere (J.B.) has been improving all season and throughout the month of February, he played the way we have envisioned since he arrived here," said Tampa Coach Richard Schmidt. "He has developed his game as a premier big man and is also a great shot blocker. He has come through for us many times this year. His play this past month gives us a lot to look forward to."



J.B. Bryan cuts down the net after winning the regional tournament.

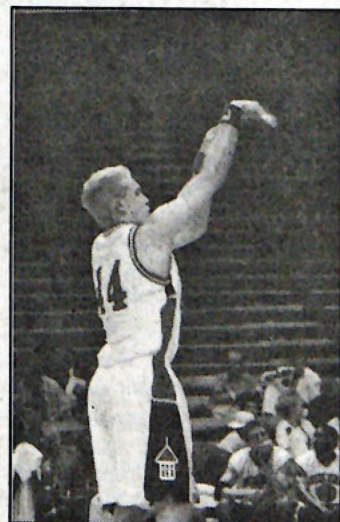
--Jody Link

## Piazza wins Player-of-the-week and Tournament MVP

University of Tampa junior forward and perennial 'six-man' Elijah Piazza was chosen most valuable player in the Division II South Region men's basketball tournament held at Eckerd College.

The Tampa, Fla. resident averaged 12 points, 6.7 rebounds, one assist and 0.67 steals in a reserve role, averaging just 28 minutes per game for three games.

Piazza was 14-29 from the floor for a .483 percentage and was 8-12 from the free-throw line for a .667 percentage. Tampa, seeded number three, defeated sixth seeded Kentucky State, two-seeded Eckerd College and fifth seeded Henderson State in the title game.



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Piazza sinks a free-throw to ice the game.



# Spartans' Christy Exizian tosses no-hitter

By DAVE MACE  
Reporter

## North Florida 6 Tampa 5

Tampa fell to 9-8 on the season as the Ospreys used a five-run third inning to shut down the Spartans.

UNF scored first as Cathy Jester doubled home Jessica Rhodes in the bottom of the first inning. Tampa came back in the top of the second inning to tie the game at 1-1 as Laci Tiarks singled home Dawn Wallace.

Tampa then took a 5-1 lead in the top of the third inning. With the bases loaded, Wallace singled home Nikki Katz and Lacinda Norman. Melissa Tapia then followed up with a sacrifice fly to score "Downtown" Dena Glover. Tiarks then finished off the scoring drive with her second RBI of the game as she drove in Wallace on a single.

The Ospreys came back, however, in the bottom of the inning with five runs to take a 6-5 lead and hold on to it to win the game.

Wallace, Katz and Tiarks each had two hits for the Spartans. Wallace also added two runs and two RBI's and Tiarks added two RBI's as well. Kristen Atkinson and Courtney Lee led UNF with two RBI's apiece.

Jessica Chewning picked up the win for the Ospreys as she improved to 2-0 on the season by scattering five hits and five runs in three innings. Cari Chewning picked up her first save of the year in relief as she gave up two hits and struck out three in four innings.

Tiarks fell to 4-5 on the year for the Spartans as she surrendered nine hits and five runs in six innings.

## North Florida 4 Tampa 2

The Spartans lost a close game as they gave up two runs in the top of the third inning and could not recover.

The Ospreys led off the first inning as Kelly McGrath singled home Kelly Lee. Tampa tied it up in the bottom of the second inning as Michelle Stark doubled home Dawn Wallace.



-- Sports Information

*Brittney Fischer hit a homerun during this stretch.*

UNF countered in the top of the third as McGrath once again drove home in Lee along with Amanda Williard to take a 3-1 lead. Tampa added a run in the bottom of the fourth inning to cut the lead to one run, but UNF tacked on an insurance run in the seventh inning to ensure victory.

Kristen Abbott led Tampa going 2-3 with an RBI. Kelly "The Grapes of" McGrath led the Ospreys going 2-4 with three RBI's and a double.

Laci Tiarks picked up the loss as she gave up three runs on three hits in 2 2/3 innings to fall to 4-4 on the year. Cari Chewning improved to 9-2 as she scattered four hits and two runs while striking out six batters in a complete game.

## Tampa 2 North Florida 1

The Spartans defeated the Ospreys in upset fashion as they won in extra innings.

Tampa scored first as they Lacinda Norman picked up an RBI as she was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded allowing pinch-runner Linda Parks to score.

UNF tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the fifth inning as Cathy "The Court" Jester was walked with the bases loaded that scored pinch-runner Megan DeMichele.

Dawn Wallace hit the game-win-

ning RBI as she hit a bases-loaded single to drive home Lacinda Norman to win the game in extra innings.

Kristen Abbott led the Spartan attack going 3-3. Kelly Lee led the Ospreys going 2-4 in the losing effort.

Laci Tiarks picked up the win for the Spartans as the team improved to 9-6 on the year. Tiarks gave up just one run on four hits in 4 1/3 innings. Cari Chewning received the loss as she gave up two runs and six hits in a complete game loss.

## Tampa 3 Ashland 1

The Spartans scored in three consecutive innings en route to victory.

Nikki "Dr." Katz went 2-4 with a stolen base and an RBI. Pitcher Christy Exizian was 13 with and RBI and she pitched a complete game striking out six and allowing one run to improve to 4-4 on the season.

Ashland's Amanda McDonald led the team going 1-3 with the team's only RBI. Kim Squire earned the loss as she gave up four hits and two runs (one earned).

Tampa improved to 8-6 and Ashland 2-1 on the season.

## Tampa 1 Queens College 0

Tampa's Laci Tiarks pitched an extra inning complete-game shutout by striking out eight and scattering five hits in nine innings. Melissa Tapia scored the winning run on a passed ball in the top of the ninth inning.

Megan Towne led the Spartans going 2-4, and Kathy Blake led the Queens going 2-4 as well.

## North Florida 2 Tampa 1

The Ospreys pulled out a close victory as they scored the tie-breaking run in bottom of the sixth inning on a homerun by Cathy "The Court" Jester.

Jester led the Osprey as she drove in both of the team's run as she went 1-3 with a homerun and a sacrifice fly. Gina Ripper led the pitching attack as she struck out seven and gave up one run in six

innings as she improved to an impressive 6-0 on the season.

Christy Exizian got the loss as she fell to 3-3 on the season in a complete game loss.

## Ashland 7 Tampa 1

Ashland jumped out to a 6-0 lead en route to victory over the Spartans.

Brenda Drabniak led Ashland going an impressive 2-2 with four runs, two walks, two stolen bases and two runs. Lacinda "Stormin'" Norman led the Spartans as she went 2-4 with a run and a stolen base.

Laci Tiarks got shelled in the loss as she gave up five runs in just 1 1/3 innings as the Spartans fell to 6-5 on the season. Katie Weyand pitched six strong innings for Ashland as she picked up the win by striking out five and allowing one run.

## Tampa 3 Northwood 0

The Spartans split the double-header with Northwood Christy Exizian tossed a no-hitter.



--Sports Information

*Nikki Katz's defensive performance is key to the success of the Spartans.*

Brittney Fischer and Christy Exizian led the Spartans into victory. Fischer went 1-1 with an RBI and two sacrifices from the plate and Exizian was 1-2 with an RBI and she pitched a no-hitter while striking out. Vernes recorded the loss for Northwood as she gave up five hits

and three runs in six innings.

Tampa improved to 6-4 on the season as Northwood fell to 1-6.

## Northwood 4 Tampa 3

Northwood won the first game of the double-header as they shook off a two-run rally in the bottom of the seventh by the Spartans to retain the lead.

Dawn Wallace and Lucinda "Stormin'" Norman led the Spartan attack as Wallace went 2-3 with an RBI and Norman went 2-4 with an RBI.

Northwood was led by Honey and Sutherland. Honey was 2-4 with two runs and a stolen base, and Sutherland was 1-3 with two RBI's.

Hansen picked up the win for Northwood as she pitched seven innings allowing three runs (two earned) and struck out four. Laci Tiarks fell to 3-2 for the Spartans as she gave up four runs (one earned) in seven innings.

## Tampa 2 Mercyhurst 0

The Spartans showed no mercy as they shutout Mercyhurst to improve to 5-3 on the season.

Tampa scored in the first inning as Melissa Tapia followed up a Lacinda Norman triple with a double that brought Norman home. The Spartans other run came in the bottom of the third inning on a Brittney Fischer single that brought home Dawn Wallace.

Norman led the Spartans going 2-4 with a triple and a run scored. Christy Exizian improved to 2-2 as she struck out seven and gave up two hits in 5 1/3 innings. Laci Tiarks got the save for the Spartans by striking out two and allowing one hit in 1 2/3 innings.

## Tampa 7 Mercyhurst 2

Tampa demolished Mercyhurst behind a two-run homerun in the fifth inning by Brittney Fischer.

Nikki "Dr." Katz led the Spartans led the Spartan attack as she went 3-4 with three RBI's and a run scored en route to victory.

Laci Tiarks gave up two unearned runs in seven innings and struck out seven to improve to 3-1 on the season.

## The Woman Behind the Iron Mask

BY RAQUEL PITTIGLIO  
Reporter

Dawn Wallace, a senior, is the catcher and the team captain for the Women's Softball team. It is evident when she plays that she has an effect on the field. From taking a hit from a runner stealing home, or rocketing the ball back to second base, Dawn does it all "with a smile on her face."

Who is Dawn Wallace, anyway? Dawn went to Dunedin High School right here in Florida. She has been a part of the softball team all of her four years at UT. However, she has been playing softball for 12 years, illustrating the dedication she has for this sport. Since she is graduating this year, she plans on going to graduate school and becoming a physical therapist, but she may take a year off to relax. She would like to stay at UT forever and continue playing softball, yet she knows that she must move on and leave Tampa behind.

In fact, one of the coaches, for the not yet up and running Professional Softball League, will be coming to watch Dawn play at one of the games.

Currently, she has a .190 bat-

ting average, an on-base percentage of .250, and has the highest average of stolen bases (as of March 2, 2001). Last year, she led the team with 40 hits, had 21 RBI's, and had a fielding percentage of .976. The coach, Leslie Kanter, has been quoted as saying, that she "expects Wallace to be the best catcher in the conference."

Playing a sport for many years teaches the players many more aspects of life than simply how to adjust the frame and instincts. For Dawn, softball has taught her discipline, perseverance, a strong work ethic, and how to have fun. Along those same lines, her teammates see her as a leader: "She's like a third coach. She makes it known when to be serious and when to have fun. She makes practice go by quickly," stated Katy Bailey, another catcher for the team.

Her successor, Freshman, Katy Bailey, has learned much from Dawn, including how to become more vocal on the field, how to be a good leader, and how to create enthusiasm in the rest of the team. "I see Dawn in two different aspects. On the field, she is one of the toughest players I've seen, and, off the field, she is someone you can turn to anytime." The two catchers think very highly of

each other, and both wish each other luck in the years to come. One of the team's pitchers, Holly Schmidt, observes Dawn as a "very motivated person, who will always push you and never give up on you." Holly also declared that Dawn is really good at changing the frame. To this comment, Dawn replied that all you need is a loose wrist; this position is what makes the ball look like it's over the plate.

Dawn is determined to see that this year's softball team goes as far as they can. She is sure that as long as all of the talent comes together, UT's softball team will be ranked in the top of their Division, with an excellent chance to make it to Regionals. When asked what she wants people to see when they look at this year's season, she replied that she wants people to see the team as a whole, rather than individuals; it is too good a team to focus on just one person.

If you head out to see one of the softball team's games this season, you are sure to take away the passion and the excitement that exudes from number 14 in every game that she plays. You better hurry to see Dawn before she graduates!

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# Spartans drop two to Charges and fall to #2

By DAVE MACE  
Reporter

## Tampa 5 UA-Huntsville 4

The Spartans rallied in the bottom of the ninth to come back from a 4-3 deficit to win 5-4. The victory ended the Spartans two-game losing streak.

Charlie Manning led off the inning with a solo shot to right field to tie the game. Angel Cruz and Matt Smith both followed with singles, and Neal Maybin drove in Cruz on a single for the game-winning RBI.

Maybin led the Spartans going 3-5 with an RBI. Adam Bragg also looked stellar in the victory as he went 2-5 with two runs, a homerun and an RBI.

Mike Sullivan picked up the victory in relief to improve to 4-0 on the season as he pitched one inning allowing four hits and one run. Davenport notched the loss for UA-Huntsville as he fell to 1-1 on the year.

With the victory, the Spartans improve to 19-3 on the season and UA-Huntsville drops to 15-2. UA-Huntsville took over first place in the NCAA Division II polls and Tampa fell to second place. The Spartans, however, did extend their Division II record of 276 games without being shutout.

## UA-Huntsville 10 Tampa 4

UA-Huntsville scored six runs in the top of the ninth inning to break a 4-4 tie and win the game. UA-Huntsville's comeback was sparked by a two-run homerun by Gates and a two-run homerun by Barnes.

Gates led UA-Huntsville going 3-5 with two runs, two RBI's a stolen base and a homerun in the win. Mathis also played well en route to

victory as he was 3-4 with a run scored and a double.

Thomas Carrow led the Spartans in the defeat. He was 3-4 with two RBI's and a homerun.

Donaldson picked up the win for UA-Huntsville in relief as he scattered four hits and one run in 2 1/3 innings to improve to 2-0 on the year.

Kris Sutton was credited with his first loss of the year as he fell to 0-1 as he gave up a very rare eight hits and six runs (five unearned) in 2 1/3 innings. In the previous eight games and 14 2/3 innings that he has pitched in, Sutton has only allowed one run and five hits. This outing increased his ERA to 1.06 for the season.

## UA-Huntsville 5 Tampa 1

Charlie Manning picked up his first loss of the year for the Spartans as he fell to 4-1 on the season. Manning gave up nine hits and five runs in seven innings as UA-Huntsville gave the Spartans their second loss of the year.

UA-Huntsville was led by Meadows who went 2-3 with two runs, a stolen base and an RBI. Gates also played well as he went 2-4 with a homerun and an RBI.

The Spartans were led by Dwight Edge, Thomas Carrow and Matt Smith who each had two hits apiece in the loss.

Bass improved to 5-0 on the year as he picked up the victory for Huntsville. He pitched 8 1/3 innings striking out seven and allowing an unearned run. Donaldson recorded his fourth save of the year as he walked one and struck out one in 2/3 of an inning.

## Tampa 10 St. Joseph's College 4

Tampa scored in the first three innings to jump out to a 6-1 lead and



Dwight Edge bashes elbows after hitting a homerun.

-- Jody Link

never looked back against SJC.

Three Spartans had three hits in the game. Angel Cruz was 3-4 with a double and a run, Dwight Edge was 3-4 with three runs, a stolen base and an RBI, and Mike Burruezo was 3-5 with two runs, two RBI's and a stolen base in the

win.

Neal Maybin and Thomas Carrow also had notable performances as Maybin was 2-5 with a run scored and Carrow was 2-4 with three RBI's, two doubles and a run scored.

Josh Weis, called up from Jun-

ior-Varsity, picked up his first victory to improve to 1-0 as he scattered six hits and four runs in five innings. Stasch picked up his first loss of the season for St. Joe's as he allowed 13 hits and ten runs over 6 1/3 innings.

Tampa improved to 18-1 on the season and SJC fell to 6-7.

## Tampa 15 Shippensburg 2

Tampa annihilated yet another northern school as they scored 15 runs on 17 against the Pennsylvania team.

Kenny White led the Spartan assault as he went 5-6 in the lead-off spot. White also scored three runs, stole a base and had an RBI. Thomas Carrow also played well as he was 3-5 with two runs. The Red Raiders were led by Berkey who was 2-4 and an RBI.

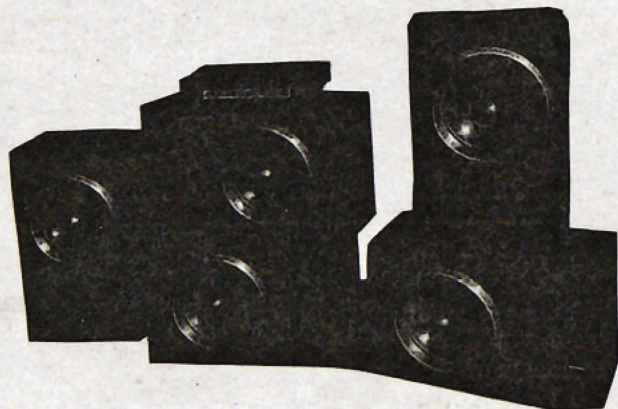
Mike Sullivan pitched six innings and gave up one run to earn his third victory for the Spartans. Abraham received the loss for Shippensburg as he gave up 12 runs on 11 hits in just four innings.

## Tampa 7 Indiana-Purdue 1

The Spartans used a four-run fourth inning to ensure victory over the Mastadons. Freshman Casey McKenzie pitched seven innings striking out six and allowing one run to bring his record to 1-0 on the year.

Tampa was led by Mike Rabelo as he went 3-4 with three runs, two doubles, a triple and an RBI. The Mastadons were led by Simanski who was 2-3 with a double and a run scored.

Horvath was credited with the loss for IU-Purdue as he fell to 0-2 on the year by allowing six runs on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings.



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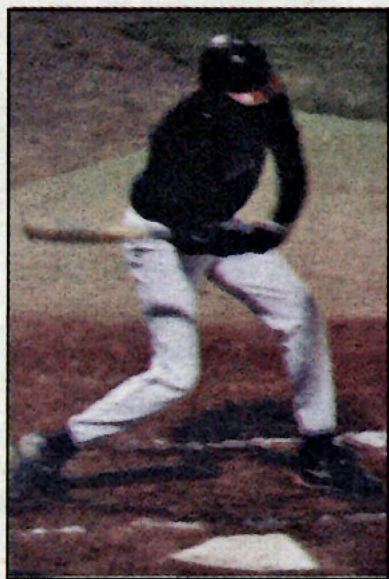


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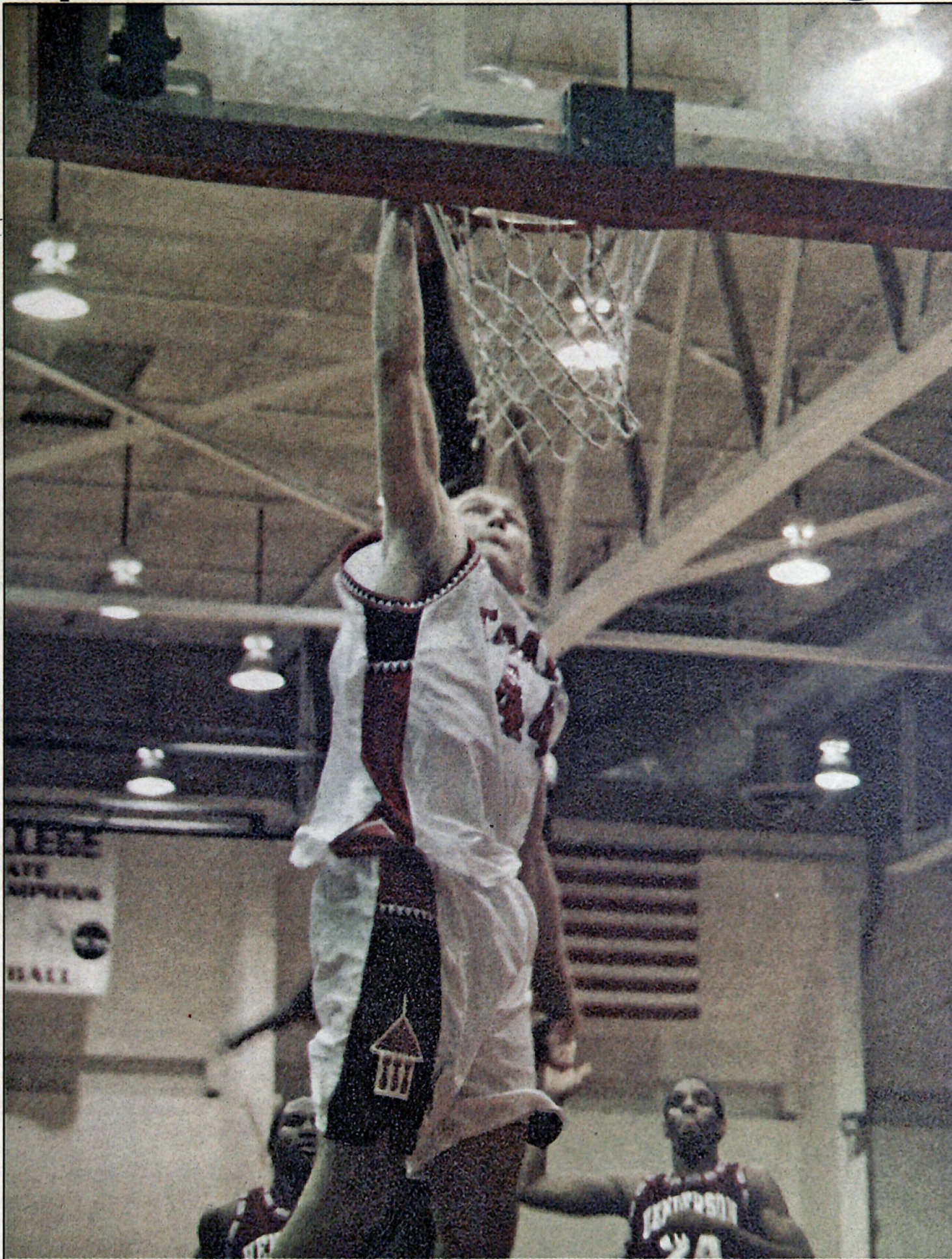
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Elijah Piazza slams home the Regional Championship. Piazza also was named MVP of the regional tournament.

--Jody Link

By TOM KOLBE  
Reporter

**NCAA ELITE EIGHT:** University of Tampa Spartans (24-6) versus Adelphi University Panthers (31-0), Wednesday, March 21, 5:30 p.m. E.S.T. at Centennial Gardens (8,848), Bakersfield, Cal.

**UPCOMING GAME:** Tampa faces the lone unbeaten in NCAA II as Adelphi enters the game with a perfect record. The Panthers were ranked first in the final NABC top 25 poll on March 5 as they also carried the number one ranking in the Northeast Region.

Adelphi opened the season with a number eight ranking and advanced to the Elite Eight with victories over Philadelphia (90-77) and third-ranked St. Michael's (80-69).

The winner will advance to the Final Four to play the winner

of the Kentucky Wesleyan/Southwest State game on Thursday at 9 P.M. E.S.T.

**ABOUT THE OPPONENT:** Adelphi is a member of the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYCAC) and finished conference play with a 22-0 record. Adelphi is located in Garden City, N.Y., and has an enrollment of 6,000 students.

The Panthers are coached by Jim Ferry, who holds a 78-15 record in three seasons at AU. Ferry is a 1990 graduate of Keene State University. Adelphi was founded in 1896.

**THE SERIES:** Tampa and Adelphi will meet for the first time in their respective histories. Of the remaining six teams in the Elite Eight field, Tampa has never played Queens (N.C.), Southwest State, Washburn and Western Washington. The Spartans are 0-6 all-time against Kentucky Wesleyan and 0-1 against Johnson

C. Smith. Tampa fell 83-77 last year to Johnson C. Smith.

**THE FIELD:** The four games on Wednesday in the Elite Eight will be: Kentucky Wesleyan (28-3) vs. Southwest State (28-6) at noon, Adelphi (31-0) vs. Tampa (24-6) at 2:30, Johnson C. Smith (27-4) vs. Washburn (27-4) at 6 and Queens (N.C.) (26-5) vs. Western Washington (26-3) at 8:30. The winners of the first two games will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. followed by the winners of the third and fourth games meeting at 8:30. The final will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. Please note that all times are Pacific.

**TICKET INFO:** Please call (661) 852-7300 or (661) 852-7777 for tickets. The box office is open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. E.S.T. Monday thru Friday and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

**THE SITE:** The Bakersfield Centennial Garden and Convention Center is located at 1001

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**DIRECTIONS:** 99-North-Rosedale Hwy Offramp-Turn Left On Rosedale, Right On Oak, Left On Truxtun, or 99-South California Ave Offramp-Right On California Ave., Left on Chester, Right On Truxtun.

**HOTEL INFO:** The Spartans will be staying at the Holiday Inn Select in Bakersfield. The phone number for that hotel is (661) 323-1900. The hotel is located at 801 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, Cal., 93301.

**NCAA SOUTH REGION FINAL:** Tampa advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time in school history as the Spartans defeated Henderson State (22-10) 60-51.

As the number three seed, Tampa came back from a 10-point deficit as the Spartans

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