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Don Lopez, by his own estimation, didn't accomplish much as a UT student in the early 1940s. The one thing he did ace as a Spartan was learning to fly. What followed is an amazing saga that continues more than six decades later. Photo by Toni L. Sandys.

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Features

Sky King isn't his nickname, but it fits. From the time he waved to Charles Lindbergh to careers as fighter ace, author and deputy director of the National Air and Space Museum, Don Lopez and the sky have been mates.

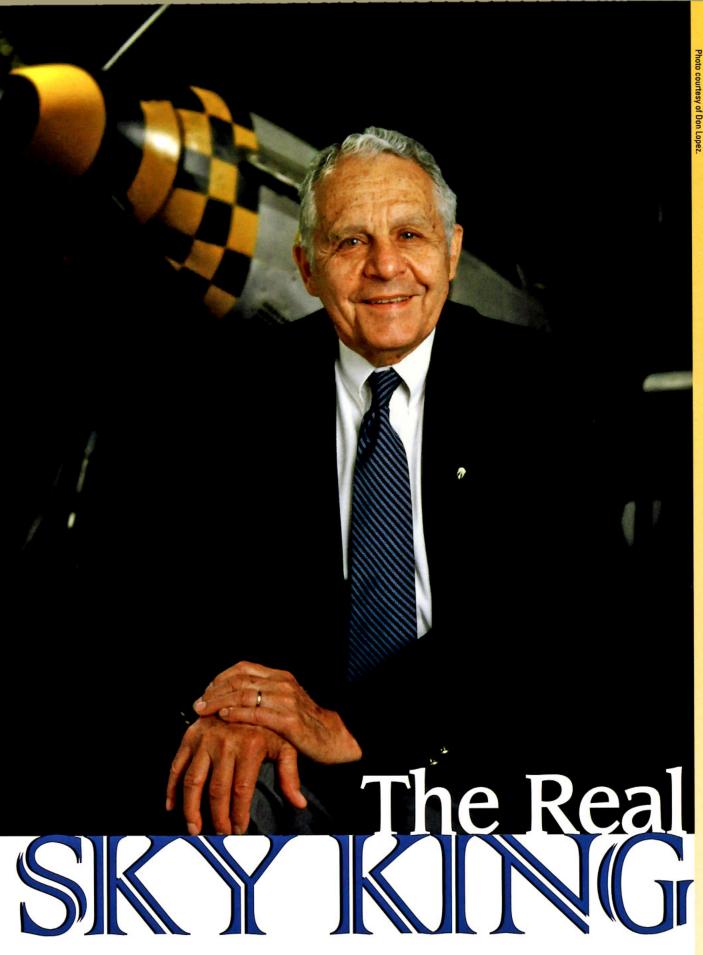
Uncommonly Successful. The University's Strategic Analysis Program isn't unique, but its full-fledged participation by undergraduates is rare, and both the undergrad and graduate components are winning business community accolades.

Yoshiko Ozawa is no run-of-the-mill student or dime-a-dozen athlete, and her origins are as fascinating as her future is promising. Sports information director Paul Martello merges her two worlds in a profile of one fascinating Spartan.

Life's complexities require that busy people wear a lot of different hats. In her final column, Kim Sperling talks about why she's put away the one with the minaret on top.

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love my job here, but I like flying better. —Don Lopez

By David Brothers Editor

Don Lopez never expected to work in a museum, much less in its upper-level administration. He no doubt would have had a spunky, good-natured wisecrack for anyone 35 years ago who would have suggested he'd be a museum administrator longer than he was a pilot.

love my job here, but I like flying better," he said in his book-filled office on the third floor of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. The books, like the museum of which he is deputy director, are about

flight, from the Wright Brothers to the Space Shuttle and everything in between, as well as projections beyond.

The books—five of which bear Lopez's **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



"Lope," as he came to be known, was a student at The University of Tampa.

At his own quick admission, he was anything but a stellar student after his first semester.

"I was on the dean's list the first semester. I was on his other list the second semester," he said with his usual mixture of candor, brevity and soft-spoken humor.

"I would fall asleep in class a lot, because I would get up at three in the morning to deliver papers—I had a giant paper route. I was used to carrying money, so I wasn't very alert, and I never did understand what the hell that chemistry teacher was talking about, anyway.

"But it was a good time," he said. "I enjoyed my time there."

Besides English and chemistry, he took math, engineering drawing and one class he doesn't recall—a rare lapse of an extraordinary memory.

"The guy who taught engineering drawing was a marine engineer. I did pass that," he said, "'cause that's pretty easy. I didn't have to think very hard."

His only "A" in the spring of 1942 was in English, and he attributes that at least partly to

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name as author—part occasionally to allow for something else. Among the few other occupants are a pair of clocks made to resemble flight instruments, a few paintings of military planes in flight, and a poster of a young Don Lopez in front of one of his planes in WWII.

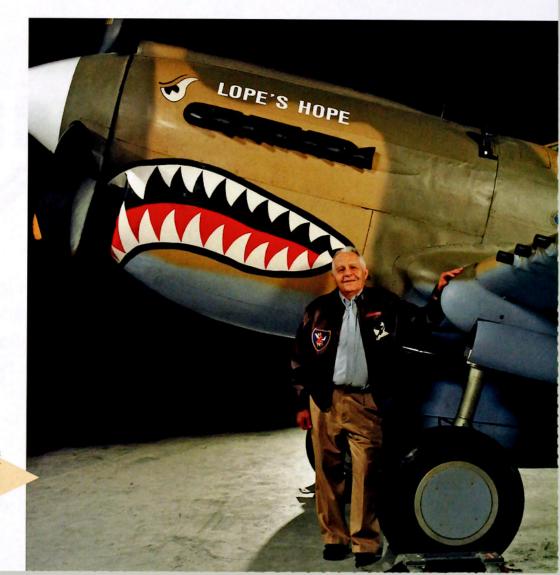
A painting behind his desk depicts the midair collision he had in 1943, a collision he came through unscathed despite the loss of about 30 inches of left wing from his U.S. Army Air Corps Curtiss P-40 Warhawk fighter plane. It was his first combat mission. His Japanese

opponent was not nearly as lucky.

The Other List

But long before he knew life as an author and museum administrator, or before that, a propulsion engineer for the space program, or before that, an instructor of thermodynamics at the Air Force Academy (one of the first), or before that, an Air Force test pilot, or before that, an ace fighter pilot,

High Hopes. Lopez named each of his three WWII airplanes "Lope's Hope." Two of them were Curtiss P-40 Warhawks (pictured), the other a North American P-51 Mustang. "Two of them wound up crashing," he said. "Fortunately, I wasn't in them when they did." Both pilots, he was happy to add, parachuted to safety. (Photo courtesy of Don Lopez.)



his participation on the crew team—which just happened to be coached by his English professor.

"James Nesworthy—he was the coach of the crew, and that was the first crew Tampa had ever had," he recalled. He's given tours to the Bushes and Michael Jackson, to name a few, but he never mentions them. He talks about everyday people, and remembers every name with ease.

"We had kind of a beat-up boat," he continued about crew, quickly steering away from the boat and straight back to the person. "He was a very nice guy and a very good rower. He had some kind of record for skulls, single ones, and he had some championship in that.

"I used to see him on TV. He did some of the color when they showed crew races. I suppose he's probably dead now, since he was quite a bit older than I was. He was a good guy, and I really liked him a lot."

Waving to Lindberg

ope joked that he liked to fly because he wasn't very athletic and couldn't run fast, but he liked to go fast. Maybe that also figured into his choice of activity when he wasn't aloft. Maybe being on the water figured, too, since it reflected the sky.

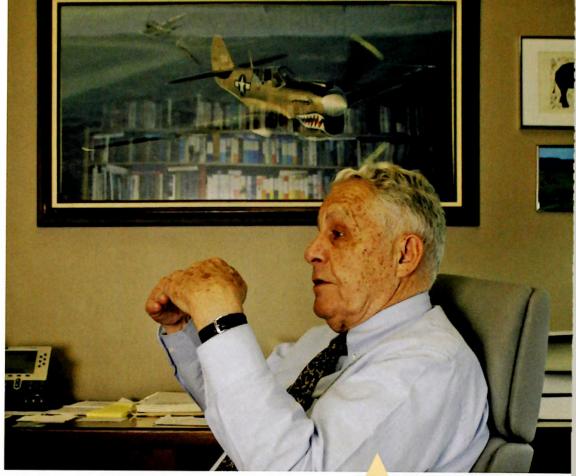
While Lope is quick to admit his academic shortcomings, English/crew aside, he also is quick to add that time was short, and distractions other than the usual kind on a college campus were plentiful: A war was looming already blazing over Europe—and Lope knew he wanted to fly.

It was not a new dream by any means. The first spark was kindled before his fourth birthday, when he waved to Charles Lindbergh at the parade in New York that celebrated Lucky Lindy's transcontinental solo triumph. Some of Lindy's luck must have rubbed off. Lope was later to be one lucky flyer, indeed.

His uncle, who must have sensed something in the air, took Lope to the first movie he remembers, *Wings*, a 1929 release about air power in WWI.

When he was 7, Lope enjoyed his first thrill in the sky when a family friend, a barnstorming pilot who flew people off Brooklyn's Jamaica Beach, took him and his mother for a spin aloft in a Waco, an old-fashioned opencockpit plane with pilot in back, two passengers in front.

"I just loved it," he said.



By the time he was in sixth grade, the lucky 12-year-old would ride his bike to Floyd Bennett Field, where the same friend ran a passenger service, and wait to be offered a free ride. He would stand by the fence and look sad, he said, and sometimes, he would score.

A Spartan with Wings

e was 15 when his father, a shipbuilder, moved the family to Tampa. Lope's flying days were over, but not for long. As his exceptional luck would have it, the place where he began college a few years later would, unexpectedly, offer him the chance to fly on his own.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority had begun the Civilian Pilot Training Program in 1939, and through the efforts of avid aviator and UT president James Elliot Mooney, UT became a designated learning center for the program in 1941. [See related story, Fall 2001 *Journal*, page 12.]

"I couldn't afford to go to anyplace that wasn't home," Lope said, "because I lived at home and had a job in Tampa. So, I started there in September of 1941. I went to Hillsborough High School, graduated from there in June of '41. While I was [at UT], the main things I remember the most were the students, the crew and the flying." Close One. Lopez describes his first air-to-air combat mission (depicted in the painting behind him), which involved a collision with a Japanese fighter plane and loss of part of the left wing of "Lope's Hope." The Japanese plane lost most of its right wing and crashed. "Almost saved you a trip up here," Lope joked. (Photo by Toni L. Sandys.)



Another Plane, Another Conflict. Lope in Korea by the cockpit of his Air Force F-86 Sabre jet fighter. (Photo courtesy of Don Lopez.)

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Ready and Eager. Lt. Don Lopez, U.S. Army Air Corps, ready for takeoff, 1943. (Photo courtesy of Don Lopez.)

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-Don Lopez



Well, he does also remember how he got to work.

"I hitchhiked to work with a very pretty girl who always got us good rides," he said with a wink.

"We learned to fly there at Peter O. Knight Airport. I didn't get my pilot's license," he recalled, "because that required 40 hours, and they only gave me 35 in the course."

He spent half his paper route earnings on buying the additional flight time. Once he had his license, the Beta Chi pledge would put the rest of his college experience on hold. The spread of war had reached the United States, and the Army had lowered the minimum age of fighter pilots from 21 to 18. It seemed again as though the sky was reaching for Lope as much as he was reaching for it.

"I went away to train to become a pilot. A whole bunch of us from The University of Tampa went over together and took the Aviation Cadet Exam, about five-six-seven of us did.

"It's a beautiful school now," he said of UT, having visited the campus in November while in town to receive a D.B. McKay Award from the Tampa Historical Society. "Everything is much improved from what it was when I was there. I always thought [Plant Hall] was such a distinctive building. I really enjoyed it." To know Lope for even a few hours is to trust sincerity in everything he says, and if his mention of his first alma mater seemed perfunctory, the reason was easy to figure: He'd spent a few minutes away from talking aviation, airplanes, flying, aeronautics, spaceflight, space program and his favorite museum.

One thing that almost could rival that cluster of topics might be his fondness for baseball, and in particular, his love of the New York Yankees, a love that dates to his childhood as a Big Apple native. But even that is quickly revealed to be a distant second love: Not one book, photograph, autograph, poster or piece of memorabilia in his office has anything to do with baseball or the Yankees.

He does have some books about the Yankees at home, he said, and his wife once got Joe DiMaggio to autograph a baseball when he visited the Air Force Academy. They gave the ball to one of their two sons.

This Way to Hyderabad

ope is a rare individual who lives daily with a first love that is inexorably tied to a past that often was unpleasant. He saw men, some of them his friends, die in planes like the ones he sees every day in the museum—not always in photographs, either, but the actual airplanes parked on the floor and suspended from the ceiling of the museum in downtown Washington and at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy (OOD-var HAH-zee) Center nearby at Dulles International Airport.

Time, he said, has blunted the memories "to some extent," but the frequent lectures he gives on the war regularly re-sharpen them.

"It stays pretty close in my mind to what I do, because I give talks on my combat in China quite a lot. There are memories of some of my friends who got killed, but you accept that very much in combat. You know it's going to happen to somebody, and you're glad it's not you.

"But you don't get all broken up over it. You just make believe they got transferred," he said, his affable tone and mirthful smile, both nearly omnipresent, returning after only a moment's absence.

The museum also holds happy memories for Lope, and lots of them. Even wartime holds some gems.

For Lope and his buddies, a favorite way to ease tension, fight boredom and have some laughs was to play pranks during idle time. The best still make him laugh. His favorite while he was stationed in India involved spotting a line of camels making its nightly trip hauling wares from Karachi to Hyderabad.

Seeing that the camel driver was asleep, Lope and his buddies would turn the lead



camel around, headed back to Karachi. He swears that the driver never figured it out, and they repeated the trick several times.

But as much as he enjoyed pranks, his favorite memories are in the sky, among them his days as a test pilot.

"I flew just about everything there was," Lope said, eyes beaming sky blue so brightly and deeply one wondered if it was an acquired color. "I flew the first jet the Air Force ever had, the P-59, while the war was still on, in June of 1945."

As the new jets came in, he flew those, too: the P-80 Shooting Star, F-84 Thunderjet and F-86 Sabre (the first swept-wing fighter plane, a plane he later flew in combat over Korea), the T-33 jet trainer and the F-104 Starfighter.

As it does for many test pilots, air shows came with the airspace, and Lope remembers in particular one he flew over Tampa in 1947 ("out of Drew Field, which is now Tampa International," he was quick to point out) during his second stint as a Floridian, this time as a pilot stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in the Panhandle. Eglin was a six-year assignment he particularly enjoyed.

"That was such a good deal down there at Eglin, because it was very informal, and I got to fly all the transports and all the bombers, and we traded around on all of that, so it was really great."

Eglin also was where Lope met Glyn, his wife of 57 years, who was working on the base as a secretary. Glyn Barron Lopez is a native of Panama City and the sister of the late Dempsey Barron, a former president of the Florida Senate and a dominant figure in state politics for 32 years, until his death in 2001.

One for the Books

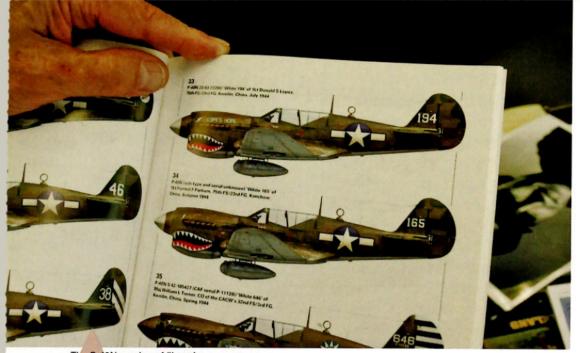
ventually, desire for knowledge began calling Lope back to college. He didn't go when he was a test pilot, he said, because there wasn't any opportunity. But after his test pilot days, he went to work at the Pentagon (1951-54) helping to select fighter planes and evaluate the companies that built them, and

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Lopez Was Here. For his 80th birthday, Lope received this poster of himself in front of one of his planes in WWII. Asked to pose with the poster, he first hung his nose over the top, hamming classic Kilroy style. "I'd take it home," he said of the poster, "but it won't fit in my car." (Photo by Toni L. Sandys.)

Shiny and New. Formal service portrait of newly commissioned Lt. Don Lopez, 1943. (Photo courtesy of Don Lopez.)

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The P-40N version of "Lope's Hope" as shown in Warhawk Aces of the CBI by Carl Molesworth. "CBI" stands for "China-Burma-India" theater. (Photo by Toni L. Sandys.)

went to school at night at the University of Maryland for almost four years. He then transferred to George Washington University to study advanced mathematics.

That mainly was a means of earning enough credits to gain admission to the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, OH, for two years ("two full years," he pointed out—"we went all summer") to complete his bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering.

Before graduation in 1956, he was picked to teach at the Air Force Academy, which then was just opening. He was sent to the California Institute of Technology, where he was a classmate of astronauts-to-be Gordon Cooper, the late Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, and Frank Borman, with whom he enjoys a close friendship. Grissom would die in 1967 in the U.S. space program's first human tragedy, the Apollo I launch pad fire.

"Cooper was the dumbest guy in class, but they hired him anyway," Lope said, the blunt language tingling with just enough subtle warmth to convey facetiousness about someone else he probably counts as a friend.

"Tom Stafford I know pretty well," he added, "and Wally Schirra I know."

He knows John Glenn well, too—was in the control room for Glenn's first trip into space—and said the Ohio senator and first American to orbit the earth drops by the museum fairly often.

At Cal Tech, Lope studied for a master's degree in aeronautics, which he completed in a single year ("the hardest year I ever spent in my life—that is a tough, tough school"), then was off to Colorado Springs in 1957 to begin his five-year teaching stint at the Academy. After that, it was back to the Pentagon.

"When I came back, I was in war plans for two years. I heard they were planning a war, so I got out," he joked.

Then, he gave the real explanation: The Pentagon was a four-year tour of duty. Lope's commanding general wanted him to finish that tour, go for more training, then return for another tour.

"I didn't want eight years in the Pentagon, because I was an engineer, and I didn't want to get that far away from engineering—you'll lose it if you don't work at it," he offered, but that was only a warm-up to the reason one has to expect from Lope.

"The main reason I got out was they said you couldn't fly anymore unless you had a fulltime flying job. If you were at the Pentagon, they didn't let you fly—and I didn't particularly want to stay in the Air Force if I couldn't fly."

And so, in 1964, after two wars and 22 years of fighter piloting and test piloting and Pentagon and the Academy, Col. Don "Lope" Lopez, career aviator and lover of the sky, WWII ace fighter pilot and friend to America's first space heroes, retired from the United States Air Force. He was 40.

Beyond the Sky

e went to work for the space program as a hydrogen-oxygen propulsion engineer on Project Apollo, the endeavor that would culminate in Americans walking on the face of Earth's only major natural satellite.

In an undertaking that demanded intense specialization, Lope's job was no less than engineering the second stage of the giant Saturn V rocket that would propel the Apollo spacecraft out of Earth's atmosphere and above the pull of its gravity. But with moon missions eventually exhausted and the SkyLab and Apollo-Soyuz projects completed, concerns over expense and risk began to curtail human spaceflight.

"I came here," he said, "after the space program starting pooping out. The company I was working for was part of Bell Labs. They decided to get out of the business."

They weren't alone. When the space race was followed by the space slowdown, and availability of engineering jobs tanked as a consequence, Lope headed up to Princeton, NJ, to work for Western Electric for a year.

"Most of the people at Bell were electrical engineers, and I wasn't, and I didn't really want to work on telephones very much," he joked.

But New Jersey would offer no permanence, either. Lope's heart—his wife's, too—remained firmly in the possession of the nation's capital. They kept vigilant eyes on DC for return possibilities. It wasn't long before one turned up. It was Glyn who spotted the break they had been looking for.

"My wife saw in the paper that they had gotten the money for [the Air and Space] museum. And she said, 'Why don't you go work in a museum? Apply for a job there. You're always hanging around the museum, anyway. You go there all the time.' The museum was here, but in a smaller form," he explained.

"So, I said, 'I don't really know what you do in a museum, but I'll write a letter to the director."

The director was Michael Collins, the former astronaut who had piloted the command module on the Apollo 11 mission, delivering Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to their respective destinies as first and second human beings to walk on the moon.

"I didn't know him," Lope said, "but I sent him a letter, told him that I knew he'd have to expand the staff, and that I'd like to join in some capacity."

Collins invited Lope for an interview, and hired him immediately as assistant director of the Aeronautics Department.

"About two days later," he said, "I was curating a gallery, and I didn't even know what to do. But it worked out okay."

After 11 years, he was named deputy director of the museum. He held that position for seven years, until 1990.

Not the Retiring Type

t age 66, he eased into retirement for what he says was the first and only time, and it had nothing to do with any notion, his or anyone else's, that he was of retirement age. Rather, it was a change at the top that drove the decision. And even then, his retirement was by no means a complete parting.

"We had a new director we didn't see eyeto-eye with. I stepped down from deputy director to senior adviser," he said with a pause for a sincere chuckle, "so I wouldn't have to be near him. So I became senior adviser to the director who doesn't take advice," he said, chuckling again. When the new director, Martin Harwit, started writing "all this stuff about the 'Enola Gay'" that Lope disagreed with wholeheartedly, he retired a bit more, from senior adviser to adviser emeritus, at age 70.

"I stayed on emeritus status until 1996. When Adm. Don Engen became director," Lope said, "he asked me to come back as deputy director, so I did."

After Engen was killed in a glider accident in 1999, Lope spent six months as acting director before returning to his deputy directorship with the appointment of Gen. Jack Dailey as director.

More than Memos

thor is another occupation the real Sky King never thought he'd have, but that worked out okay, too.

"I was dragged into it," he said. "I never wanted to write anything."

Memos, he said, had been his limit before jumping into books.

"We were doing a book for the opening of the new museum, a great big book with a lot of pictures in it—it's just called *The National Air and Space Museum*—and Ian Ballentine of Ballentine Books was the publisher of it."

It was necessary to have a curator present for the photo shoots, Lope said, which were

conducted after hours, and he volunteered. Ballentine also would attend the shoots.

"We didn't have much to do. I just had to make sure they didn't punch holes in any of the airplanes," he said.

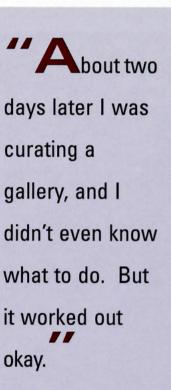
The two would chat their way through the idle hours, and inevitably,

Lope would tell flying stories.

"And [Ballentine] said, 'You've got to write a book.' He insisted for so long that he finally said, 'We're good friends now. Will you do me favor? Write me one chapter and an outline.'"

"So, I wrote him a chapter and outline, and sent it to him, and he sent me a check for \$5,000 and said, 'Now, where's the rest of the book?' So, I finally wrote it."

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—Don Lopez

Portrait of a Flyer. In front of another wall in his Smithsonian office, Lope shows that a real flyer can never have too many airplanes. (Photo by Toni L. Sandys.)

The FRONT BURNER

UT Student Creates His Own *Fate*

Story and Photos By Brian Vandervliet UT Web Editor

aniel Everson often has found solace in his music. Four years ago, hours before his mother's death from ovarian cancer, the high school senior sat at the family piano to compose a deeply personal six-minute song.

"It was the most traumatic thing, and I decided that the only way that I was going to get through this was that song," said Everson of the ballad he performed at her funeral.

Four years later, UT senior Everson once again would share his music—this time by



creating an elaborate musical production, *Fate.* For six months, Everson sacrificed sleep and social life in order to compose an original score, write a 72-page script, and direct a 15-member cast for the twohour drama that benefited the American Cancer Society.

Inspired by recollections, *Fate* depicts

a mother's death and a family's struggle for peace as she reaches to them from an unseen realm. While "She's flat-lining!" pierced the air in the Allen N. Reeves Theater during a second-night performance in February, Everson looked on—hearing his script echo his past.

"I ask of you all to open your minds," sang Julie Garte powerfully. But in truth, it's Everson, through his words and operatic music, asking the audience to reflect on significant issues such as life, death and destiny.

During the play, mystical creatures— Vabulas and Darvinians—act as guiding forces by steering intuition or through seemingly innocuous actions such as scattering papers. After her death, the mother, played by Leah Monzillo, finds herself amid this altered plane while trying to communicate with family, particularly her troubled daughter. Lyrical platitudes such as "the walking dead can change the living" and "fate is destiny" reflect Everson's belief in the afterlife, and that the spirit of his mother is indeed watching. In the play, the troubled daughter Ashley, played by Kim Morgan, is assured of her mother's presence through the appearance of dimes the mother places before her.

The message, says Everson, is that all events—good and bad—happen for a reason.

But beyond Everson's philosophies is *Fate's* core strength, his original melodies—a musical fusion of classical opera, jazz and hip-hop.

Long-time UT music professor Dr. David Isele, who advised Everson, has joined others in marveling about Everson's accomplishment and his sophisticated compositions.

"I don't call it a student production," said Isele. "Not that there's anything wrong with that, but this is a notch way above what you would expect a student production to be."

Praise also has come from Tampa businessman Tom Hall, a fine arts supporter with Broadway connections, who encouraged Everson to pursue his dream, and also helped fund the \$10,000 production.

"He has a wonderful talent," said Hall. "A lot of people in theater don't hit their stride until later in life, so he's getting a good early start."

After show's end, the capacity crowd gave Everson and his cast a standing ovation. Within the 180-seat theater were family members in the second row. His father, Craig Everson, and his beaming sister, Kristine Potochar, said the play rang true.

"I've been crying the whole time," said Potochar, who drove to Tampa from Leesburg, VA. "I got goose bumps at least five times. He brought to life a lot of what happened."

As the lights went on, Everson was swarmed by congratulating friends and family. He complimented the cast's flawless performances, then stopped for a moment to assess the special night.

"We were heard," he said with pride.

Top: UT students Joelle Maki, Natale Pirrotta and Katie Swegle (from left) make adjustments to their Fate costumes. "It's been real exciting," said Maki, a junior pursuing a minor in dance. "There are no pre-conceived notions. People don't know what to expect."

Bottom: Daniel Everson pauses during a rehearsal for *Fate*, the musical drama which he and a 15-member cast worked many late nights to create. The elaborate production was performed at the Allen N. Reeves Theater Feb. 24-27.

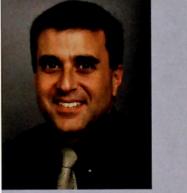
The FRONT BURNER

Forensics Program Announced

he University of Tampa is launching a forensics program this fall. The program, a joint venture of the departments of chemistry and criminology, features a major leading to a bachelor's degree in forensic chemistry. Also offered will be a minor in criminal investigation. There will be opportunities for research, internships and other interactions with Tampa Bay area forensic professionals.

Dr. Joseph P. Laurino, associate professor of chemistry, will head the program. Laurino, who also is associate director of the Honors Program, said funds have been approved to build the University's own forensics lab in the Cass Building. It will be completed by the fall. Meanwhile, a pending agreement with the Pinellas County Forensics Laboratory in Largo would enable students to serve internships there.

"A forensic scientist must be able to integrate multiple skills and knowledge in the examination, analysis, interpretation, reporting and testimonial support of physical evidence," Laurino said. "The potential for disasters and the ongoing battle against crime also drive the need for personnel trained in the theory and practice of new, unique, rapid and accurate methods of analyses."

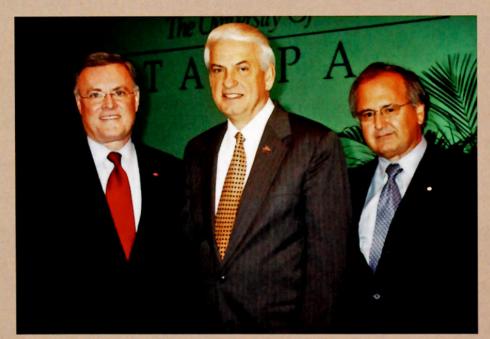


Dr. Joseph P. Laurino

Indian Film Screening Aids Tsunami Victims

he Department of Communication and the Tampa Bay Film Society presented *A Peck On The Cheek (Kannathil Muthamittal)* by Mani Ratnam at the Sunrise Theaters in Hyde Park Village on Feb. 22. All the proceeds from the screening went to UNICEF for the aid of tsunami victims.

The feature film is described as a vibrant mix of politics, pop culture and tragic circumstance. It focuses on a romance between two



Fellows Forum: The Right Brand

The annual Fellows Forum presented three internationally prominent business leaders at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on March 2. This year's discussion addressed the intricacies of corporate branding. Speakers were (from left) Kenneth D. Lewis, CEO and president of Bank of America; Tony Nicely, chairman, president and CEO of GEICO; and Philip S. Orsino, CEO and president of Masonite. Fellows Forum is the flagship event of the UT Board of Fellows. Proceeds from the Forum go toward University scholarships. Sri Lankan youths, Madhavan, played by Naandita Das, and her husband, a political activist. It also focuses on a happy middle-class couple and their daughter, Amudah, and questions that surround her adoption.

Mani Ratnam is a renowned artistic and commercial filmmaker in India. Two of his films have received Academy Award nominations for best foreignlanguage picture.

THINGS to do

APRIL

Thursday, April 21 Board of Counselors International Symposium 7:15 a.m. \$20 Vaughn Center Crescent Club

Friday, April 29 Spring Cabaret: "Take A Sentimental Journey." 7:30 p.m. Vaughn Center Reeves Theater

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Saturday, May 7 97th Commencement 1 p.m. St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa

Saturday, May 14 Tampa Tarpon Tournament Tampa Bayside Marina \$200

Thursday, May 19 UT Scholarship Golf Classic The Eagles Golf Club Odessa, FL 1 p.m. \$75

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Capt. Justin K. Ward, 1975-2005

Editor's Note:

Memorials to Capt. Ward may be made to Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Bicycle or Carpentry Ministry or Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip, 701 Westmont Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28305; or to Haven Friends for Life, 400 Fulford McMillian Rd., Raeford, NC 28376.

Donations to UT's ROTC program may be made in Ward's name to UT-ROTC, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Box D, Tampa, FL 33606. Make checks out to UT-ROTC, and put "Justin Ward" in the "for" or "memo" block at the bottom.

Condolences also may be sent to Ward's widow, Jennifer, at the UT ROTC address. They will be forwarded to her.

Capt. Justin Ward Killed in Accident

S. Army Capt. Justin K. Ward '01 was killed in a vehicle accident on Jan. 2 on Interstate 95 south of Lumberton, NC. He was 29.

BURNER

Ward's letter home for the Holidays was included in the winter *Journal (Spartans in Arms, Part II: Letters from the Front*, p.7). He had completed his tour of combat duty as an attack helicopter pilot in Iraq, and was stationed in Fayetteville, NC, when he was killed.

Ward was born on Feb. 26, 1975, in Colorado Springs, CO. He graduated from high school in 1993, and enlisted in the Army as an intelligence analyst. He was stationed at Fort Polk, Germany, and MacDill Air Force Base prior to attending The University of Tampa on a Green to Gold Scholarship in 1998. He graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in computer science, and was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 2001. He completed the Initial Entry Rotary Wing course and the Aviation Officer Basic course in December 2002, and attended the Army Airborne School in May 2003.

In June 2003, Ward tried out for the All-Army Triathlon Team before beginning his next assignment at Fort Bragg, where he was assigned as the executive officer in C Company, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Brigade. Following this duty position, he was assigned as a platoon leader in August 2003. He immediately deployed with Task Force Pegasus to Iraq, where he flew more than 80 combat missions and logged in excess of 200 combat hours. In September 2004, he was assigned to Delta Aviation Maintenance Company as the main support platoon leader.

The captain's awards include the Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon and NATO Medal. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal posthumously.

"It's been a sad time for UT ROTC with Justin's loss," said Lt. Col. Deirdre Dixon, Spartan Battalion commander. "I hope everyone will keep all of our grads in their prayers."

A funeral service was conducted at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, of which Ward was a member, in Fayetteville on Jan. 8, and Capt. Ward was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, on Feb. 2.

Ward is survived by his wife, Capt. Jennifer Leidel Ward of Fayetteville; his father and stepmother, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas and Susan Ward-Redding of California; his mother, Victoria Ward of Colorado Springs; a brother, Jeffrey Ward of Arlington; and his maternal grandmother, Kay Jensen of Colorado Springs.

Ambassador Speaks at Symposium

Ambassador Frans Van Daele (right) of Belgium visited the campus in January to speak about trans-Atlantic relations at an Honors Symposium. He is shown here with President Vaughn and Margrit Krewson, who helps to coordinate campus appearances by world dignitaries.



The FRONT BURNER

New Annual Fund Director Familiar with Community

racy Ann Edwards Frye joined the University staff as Annual Fund director in February, filling the position vacated by Kim Sperling a month earlier.

While she is new to the University community, Frye is familiar with the Tampa Bay community, and vice versa. Immediately before reporting to her Plant Hall office, she was director of annual giving for the Florida Orchestra, a position she had held since May of 2001.

Her previous positions included associate director of development for YMCA of the Suncoast, seasonal development associate for the Alzheimer's Association, and development assistant for the SPCA.

Frye is a 1993 Honors graduate of St. Petersburg Junior College (now St. Petersburg College), where she concentrated on liberal arts and business, and a 1995 *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of South Florida with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

"I'm very excited to join the development team here at UT," Frye said. "Living and working in Tampa Bay most of my life, I have always admired our beautiful campus and the exceptional educational opportunities it affords us. Now I have the privilege to play a part in UT's growth as director of the Annual Fund."

"While Tracy has some really big shoes to fill, I'm very confident that she has the talent and fortitude to fill them," said Dan Gura, vice president for Development and University Relations. "We are very pleased that she has chosen to be part of our team, and we're certain that she will be successful."



Tracy Edwards Frye

SAAC Brings Christmas to 225 Kids

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee worked with Interbay Boys and Girls Club in December to provide Christmas presents for 225 local children. Raising the money was only the beginning, as SAAC volunteers then went shopping. They purchased the gifts at a local Wal-Mart, wrapped them all, and delivered them to Interbay.

SAAC is comprised of student-athletes from each sport at the University. They meet twice a month to provide student-athlete representation on NCAA legislation and institutional decisions, to create a vehicle for representation on campus-wide and conference-wide committees, and to generate community-service projects.

BREAKING NEWS

Spartan Swimmer Wins Three National Titles, Sets Records

he University of Tampa's Chelsea Hastings won three national championships in swimming at the NCAA Div. II National Swimming and Diving Championships at the YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando in March, just before this issue of the *Journal* went to press. She joined Laura Atteberry as the only UT swimmers to win three individual national titles in the same year.

On opening day, Hastings won the 200yard individual medley with a time of 2:02.26, crowning her national champ and setting a Div. II national record in the process.

On the meet's final night, Hastings shattered a school record by winning the 200-yard backstroke with a clocking of 1:59.74. She also won the national title and set another school record for the 100-yard back-stroke, which helped UT to a sixth-place finish in women's competition, while the men finished in seventh place.

Other notable performances for the Spartans included a school record by Meredith Roberts in the 50-yard freestyle. She posted a fourth-place time of 23.37. Jasmine DeGross finished 15th (24.59) in the event for Tampa. Shanna Halsell's time of 2:08.63 was good for 12th in the nation in the 200 IM, the same event won by Hastings. Halsell, Roberts, DeGross and Diane Mielke swam to a thirdplace effort in the 200-yard medley relay with a 1:45.54 clocking.

For the Tampa men's squad, Daniel Klee was the top individual finisher with a sixthplace effort in the 50 free (20.76). Daniel Laidlaw was 12th in the 200 IM with a time of 1:53.60. The combination of Malcolm Trier, Lee Webber, Matthew Mattingly and Klee placed seventh in the 200 medley relay at 1:32.86.





APRIL

Wednesday, April 20-Saturday, April 23 Student Dance Happening 8 p.m. (also 2 p.m. Saturday) Edison Building

Sunday, April 24 Erica Bauman, Senior Showcase 7:30 p.m. Vaughn Center Reeves Theater

Tuesday, April 26 UT Jazz Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Falk Theater

Friday, April 29 UT Wind Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Falk Theater

MAY

Sunday, May 1 UT Annual Concerto Recital 4 p.m. Vaughn Center Reeves Theater

Sunday, May 1

Jazz Concert with Tim Riddle Combo and Friends. 7:30 p.m. Falk Theater

Wednesday, May 4-Saturday, May 7 BFA Exit Show Bailey Art Studios Scarfone/ Hartley Gallery

Friday, May 6 BFA Exit Show Reception 7-9 p.m. Bailey Art Studios Scarfone/ Hartley Gallery

Friday, May 13-Thursday, May 26

High School Arts 2005. Bailey Art Studios Scarfone/ Hartley Gallery

Friday, May 13 Reception for High School Arts 2005 7-9 p.m. Bailey Art Studios Scarfone/ Hartley Gallery

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First Cambridge Debates Announced

he University will hold its first Cambridge Debates this spring, in what is being billed as an annual event and a "true war of words." Four UT students and four students from England's famous Cambridge University were scheduled to face off on Monday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in the Plant Hall Fletcher Lounge. Auditions for four debaters and a moderator were held in early February. Each auditioning debate hopeful was required to deliver a twominute prepared speech and a one-minute impromptu speech.

Four Spartan Writers Win State Awards

our University of Tampa Honors Program students won awards in the Florida Collegiate Honors Council Writing Contest for 2004-05. They received certificates and checks at the FCHC annual conference in Gainesville, Feb. 18-20.

Tamara Rena Bird, a UT senior majoring in writing, won first place in the poetry category for "China Cup."

Another first-place winner is Liza Lugo-Clark, a senior government and world affairs major, who won in the junior/senior documented research or critical thinking category for "The Inadequate Funding of Public Elementary and Secondary Education."

Taking second place in the same category is David Schuster, a junior psychology major, for "The Search for Justice in Rosewood." Crystal Banning, a senior Honors research fellow majoring in government and world affairs, won third place in the creative prose category for "No Child Left Behind."

The FCHC, representing all of the Honors programs at universities and colleges in the state, gives a total of 15 writing awards each year, three in each of five categories, to competitors from across the state.

BizKid Admitted to UT

anielle Lugo-Schelmety, a participant in the Sykes College of Business's BizKidz program, has been accepted for admission to the University this fall. BizKidz brings at-risk youth to campus for lessons in entrepreneurship as a means of heading them in a positive direction. Lugo-Schelmety resides at Steppin' Stone Farms, a major BizKidz client, where she attends high school on site.

Wireless Network Expanding

On't tell the fashion police, but you might want to spread the word to laptop owners and technophiles in general: You may now go wireless by the campus pool. For that matter, you can do it in the Vaughn Center lobby, too. The campus wireless network, available since 2002, recently expanded, and now includes more than a dozen indoor and outdoor locations on campus. Donna Alexander, director of information technology, said the entire campus could have wireless Internet access within five years.

NBC Today at UT

An NBC film crew was on campus in March filming a follow-up segment on UT freshman Shehila Stephens of Denver, who had named UT as her University of choice during an NBC *Today Show* a year ago. Stephens received a full scholarship from the Daniels Fund. She had been involved with YouthBiz, a Denver workshop for young people that trains them in business and academic skills. At UT, she is pursuing a major in child psychology. The segment was scheduled to air on the *Today Show* April 8.

Planned Giving Launches Interactive Web Site

A new Planned Giving Web site replaced its less-adept predecessor in February. The new version introduces interactivity where the original was static. Links supply a variety of options for visitors, including a planned gift calculator that computes their tax benefits, annuity income, etc. The new site also features a series of e-brochures that can be requested with the click of a mouse. Phased out with the old site is *Estate and Financial Planning Review*, an online planned giving publication rendered obsolete by the features of the new site. Go to **www.ut.edu/alumni/giving.html**, and click on "Planned Giving."

Beyond the lectern

Oscar-Winning Animators Shine at *Electronics Alive III*

ward-winning director/animator Anthony LaMolinara (*Spider-Man*, *Spider-Man II*, *Hollow Man*) and director/animator Chris Landreth (*Ryan*) shared the brilliance of their craft at *Electronics Alive III* at the R.K. Bailey Art Studios Scarfone/Hartley Gallery Feb. 1-March 4.

Art professors Lew Harris, Doug Sutherland, and Gallery Director Dorothy Cowden curated the show, an exhibition of new experimental and interactive computer animations, and computer graphics throughout the world.

The show also included the work of artists from the U.S., Canada, France, the U.K., Japan and China. Many of the works were first



Ryan, directed by Chris Landreth, was on display at *Electronics Alive III*. (Image courtesy of the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery.)

shown at the Annual Animators Conference in California at the 2004 SIGGRAPH Art Gallery.

The "award-winning" tag, which applied to both LaMolinara and Landreth before the opening of *Electronics Alive III*, grew exponentially during the exhibition, and the big news was not from campus, but from Hollywood: Both animation whizzes won Academy Awards for their work.

LaMolinara, who has made appearing at *Electronics Alive* an annual event, won an Oscar along with fellow animators John Dykstra, Scott Stokdyk and John Frazier in the visual effects category for *Spider-Man II*, beating out *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and *I*, *Robot*. It was LaMolinara's second nomination in the category, his previous being for *Spider-Man* in 2002.

Landreth won best animated short film for *Ryan*, a three-dimensional, computer-animated true story about Canadian animation pioneer Ryan Larkin, who fell from his heyday on Canada's National Film Board to the alcoholic, drug-addicted life of a panhandler in Montreal. The film also won best short film at Cannes.

In addition to LaMolinara and Landreth, guest lecturers included Bruce Wands of the New York School of Visual Arts. The exhibition also included award-winning animations on continuous view and computers in the Gallery for visitors to view interactive Web sites and original digital images.

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Honors Program Symposia

Thursday, April 21 *Revolutionary Revision: Parody* 4:15 p.m. Macdonald-Kelce Library, AV room 2

Saturday, April 30 The Music of George Gershwin 7:30 p.m. Vaughn Center Reeves Theater

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More Top-Notch Writers Slated

ontinuing its annual tradition of bringing top-notch writers to campus, Writers at the University this spring presents poets Richard Terrill and Keith Retzlaff, and fiction writer Karen Brennan.

Terrill won the 2004 Minnesota Book Award in Poetry for *Coming Late to Rachmaninoff*, published by the UT Press. He also is the author of three books of creative nonfiction. His essays, poems, and translations from the Chinese have appeared widely in journals. He has taught at universities in China and Korea.

Ratzlaff's poems have appeared in *Poetry Northwest* (which awarded him its 1996 Theodore Roethke Award) and others. His collection of poems, *Man Under a Pear Tree*, won the 1996 Anhinga Prize for Poetry. He also is the author of two chapbooks and a full-length volume of poems, *Across the Known World*.

Brennan wrote Being With Rachel: a Story of Memory and Survival, a Pulitzer Prize-nominated memoir, among other works.

Beyond the lectern



Dr. Lola Hidalgo-Calle



Dr. Mark Putnam

Two New to Who's Who

Two UT professors, Lola Hidalgo-Calle and Mark Putnam, have been chosen for inclusion in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers.* Hidalgo-Calle is an assistant professor of Spanish; Putnam is an assistant professor of English and director of the Saunders Writing Center. They are spouses.

The publication, issued every fall, accepts nominations solely from students listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, The National Dean's List, and Who's Who Among American High School Students—Sports Edition.

Grand Debut for Real Women

comprehensive historical review of the roles women have played in the development of the Tampa Bay community made its official debut on Feb. 1, when Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio introduced historian Doris Weatherford, author of *Real Women of Tampa & Hillsborough County from Prehistory to the Millennium.* Weatherford discussed the book at a reception and book signing in the Plant Hall Grand Salon.

The event was sponsored by The University of Tampa Press, which published of the 465-page volume, Friends of the Library at UT, and the Athena Society, which commissioned the project with support from the Duckwall Foundation and the Saunders Foundation.

Beginning with Ulela, "Florida's Pocahontas," and concluding with the many achievements of women as Hillsborough County entered the 21st century, Weatherford profiles both familiar and lesser-known women, from Clara Frye, who opened the first local hospital for blacks in 1908, to Teresa Manuel, Florida's first female Olympian, and Sandy Freedman, Tampa's first woman mayor.

Copies of *Real Women* will be donated by the Athena Society to all branches of the Tampa/Hillsborough County public library system, as well as to middle school, high school, and college and university libraries countywide.

Weatherford has authored many books about women, among them Foreign and Female: Immigrant Women in America, 1840-1930, American Women and World War II, History of the American Suffragist Movement and, most recently, History of Women in the United States: State-by-State Reference (Grolier/Scholastic, 2003).

In addition to her writing, Weatherford has managed political campaigns, chaired the Florida Women's Hall of Fame, and sometimes teaches at the University of South Florida. She lives with her husband, a USF professor, in Seffner, FL, near Tampa.

In 1991, the Athena Society underwrote publication of *A History of Women in Tampa*, also written by Weatherford. This updated history project was initiated by the late Nancy

Womer

Ford, a well-known community leader in Tampa and a founder of the Athena Society, an organization of business and professional people whose shared purpose is interaction and the promotion of equal opportunity for women.

Two Grad Programs Launched

he John H. Sykes College of Business has launched a Saturday Professional MBA option, increasing the flexibility of an MBA program that already includes parttime evening and fulltime day options, as well as the Master of Science in Technology and Innovation Management.

The Saturday option is aimed at working professionals with five years experience. Candidates will enter as a group (cohort program) next fall and move in lock step through the program.

"We know the Tampa Bay business community will love this program," said Joe McCann, dean of the Sykes College. "The premier MBA program in the region just became even more accessible. This is the program that so many executives have asked to see, and now it's here."

MS in Accounting

Also debuting this fall at the Sykes College is a Master of Science in Accounting degree. The new graduate degree in accounting is designed to satisfy the state of Florida's academic requirements for the certified public accounting examination.

Additionally, students will develop a comprehensive understanding of accounting systems, theories and practical skills while building the critical-thinking, problem-solving, research and communications skills required for success in a global economy with increased scrutiny of corporate accounting practices.

Beyond the lectern

"Accountability" Key Word in Accreditation Renewal

he key word in the University's quest for renewal of its SACS accreditation is "accountability," Dr. Joseph Sclafani said. While re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a move necessary every 10 years, is nothing new for UT, its emphasis this time is, and approval of the region's leading accrediting body is more important than ever.

"We, as an institution of higher education, have to have this kind of regional accreditation in order to do two things: one, receive federal financial aid for our students, and two, allow our credits to be transferable," said Sclafani, who is the designated driving force of the re-accreditation process, and who will become acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences on July 1.

"What accreditation says is that an institution has met certain requirements; therefore, one institution is willing to accept the transfer credits of another accredited school because, they'll say, 'Their requirements are as stringent as ours.'"

Six regional accrediting bodies combine to cover the nation. The federal government designates one in each region that it will recognize officially, and in the Southeast, SACS is it.

Other accrediting bodies have surfaced in recent years, Sclafani said, but they lack federal recognition and demand less of their member institutions.

"You'll sometimes hear other accreditations in advertisements for other schools. Those are lesser. Unless you hear the name "SACS" in the Southeast region, it's a lesser accreditation than what we have."

Sclafani said a new emphasis makes SACS accreditation more a necessity than a desired outcome.

"In the current political climate, accreditation is more about accountability," he said. "We need to show the American public and the student and the parent of the student, who's paying the tuition, that they're getting their money's worth.

"The schools are taking it on themselves to do these peer-review self studies. The impetus for them to do this is that they don't want the federal government to intrude and set the standards."

The process, Sclafani said, essentially involves two parts. The first, known as a compliance certification audit, looks back over the previous 10 years, certifying that the institution consistently has delivered everything it said it would in terms of meeting its mission, teaching its students, and documenting student learning outcomes.

A big theme is documentation of "best practices."

"You need to show that the way you're doing business is the best way possible," he said. "You can't be doing things that are oldfashioned or outdated. You need to be doing current, state-of-the-art delivery, instruction and curriculum."

The second part, Sclafani said, is a recently added additional requirement called a Quality Enhancement Plan, or QEP, which looks forward, committing the institution to a plan for improving student learning outcomes, no matter how impressive they may have been to that point.

The QEP, he said, cannot be a new direction, but must grow from the institution's established work and goals. UT's 2005 SACS reaccreditation, expected to be completed in December, will be the University's first requiring submission of a QEP.

SACS accreditation is comprehensive, Sclafani said, covering an institution's financial resources, budget, faculty credentials, mission, academic department organization, structure, program delivery, degrees, course layouts, student activities, support services, library and other academic services, and even a review of the Board of Trustees' bylaws. Departmental accreditations are wholly independent of SACS approval, although SACS takes such accreditations as evidence of quality in an institution.

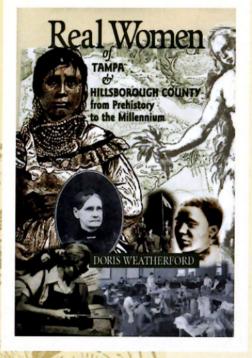
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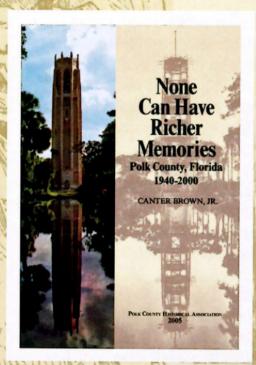
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—Dr. Joseph Sclafani

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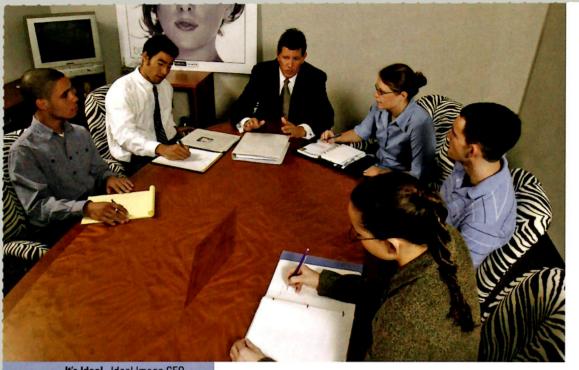
By David Brothers Editor Photos by Cliff McBride

ampa Bay Devil Rays' owner Vincent Naimoli created the Naimoli Institute for Business Strategy in 1999 to help ensure that UT students and the business community would enjoy a mutual exchange of their best business ideas.

Management and entrepreneurship instructor Alan Weimer was the first director of the Naimoli Institute, a position to which he acceded naturally as head of the fledgling Strategic Analysis Program, created the previous year at the urging of Alfred N. Page, then dean of the College of Business. Strategy being the obvious common denominator, the Naimoli Institute then subsumed the Strategic Analysis Program. The root of SAP dates back further still. It was in place—if only in rudimentary form since about 1993. Naimoli's presence helped to subsidize the program and give it an identity. With a fresh insurgence of stability and name recognition, the program grew exponentially.

"There were courses, but there was no program to speak of," Weimer said of the Strategic Analysis Program's infancy in the early 1990s. "Teachers found their own clients, very often, and if they couldn't find them, they'd tell the students to go find them."

Weimer credits Page with asking him in 1998 to create a *program* of strategic analysis, something that would turn the principles of the course into an organized hands-on experience for students. Ready for Their Bite of the Apple. UT undergraduates in the Strategic Analysis Program this spring include (from left) Jamal Pope, T.C. Mueller, Allison Davis, Lisa Ritch and Kevin Maust, photographed on-site at Nature's Harvest Market & Deli in Tampa.



It's Ideal. Ideal Image CEO Dean Akers (center) has nothing but raves for the Strategic Analysis Program. Here, he anchors a meeting with his team of student analysts. From left are Jason Garel, Paco Perez, Kelly Neff, Chris Meehan and Shanti Beaurline.



Alan Weimer, director, Strategic Analysis Program



Dr. Alfred N. Page, former dean, Sykes College of Business

It was a simple and fairly small operation in its first year. Weimer taught the undergraduate sections and recruited the businesses. Dr. Corrine Young, a marketing professor who left the University in 2002, taught the graduate sections.

The analyses students did for companies then were free, and the program needed money, so Weimer put together fundraisers to pad the program's coffers, he said, and the program's growth rate went from walk to trot. In 1999, when the program was absorbed by the Naimoli Institute, it went to full gallop.

The program's services are no longer free, but for a small fraction of the cost of an analysis by a professional consulting firm—\$100 or \$300 (for an undergraduate or graduate analysis, respectively) vs. up to \$20,000—a business gets a detailed, in-depth report on every aspect of its operation. For students, it means the empowering learning experience of reality and a look inside a business operation from top to bottom.

A Rapid Metamorphosis

he program's own estimates put the number of student participants at more than 1,500 and participating businesses in excess of 300 since 1999.

Dr. George "Jody" Tompson took over the directorship from Weimer in 2002.

"I think everyone puts his or her own spin on it. Probably the biggest change has been the growth of it," Tompson said.

The program has metamorphosed rapidly from a struggle to find enough students to make one group, to a scramble to come up with enough businesses to occupy all the groups. Even amid a continual frenzy of recruiting new businesses for the program, some larger operations are being asked to accept two groups of student analysts.

"We've got team sizes that are always four or five students," Tompson said. "As enrollments at the college are growing, we need more and more companies to fill out the demand for the students. We've got 37 companies this semester, and I'm even doubling up some companies."

Those 37 companies are employing more than 40 teams, or some 200 UT student analysts, to tell them what they're doing right and what needs improvement.

The demand for participating organizations has broadened the definition of "company," and the list for this academic year includes numerous nonprofit organizations, among them three local YMCAs, the Child Abuse Council, the Florida Holocaust Museum, and Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

In fact, restaurants and cafes, furniture stores and realty offices, childcare centers, ministries, even consulting firms themselves are rounding out a list that is quickly casting the key word "company" to obsolescence.

The demand also makes Tompson's job more daunting almost by the day.

"I go to all the chamber meetings I can, and Rotary clubs, and anywhere there's a group of business owners, I try to go there and say, 'This is what we do.'"

"It's gotten great feedback. It's good for the students; it's good for the companies."

The Naimoli Institute is about more than just the SAP—but not much more.

"It's probably about 95% of what happens. Usually once a year, we'll do some kind of professional development seminar or a mini-conference. Usually it's an outside speaker or a panel of speakers who get together and talk about some topic that is under the domain of strategy."

In-Depth Means In-Depth

rganizations sign agreements acknowledging the scope of examination they're about to undergo, and the macro-focus and micro-focus have no limits. In return, they get a non-disclosure contract guarantying the confidentiality of everything the group sees, hears or otherwise discovers. They also establish a single contact within the group, so that communications are minimized and non-repetitive. "It's designed to be comprehensive and also what we call cross-functional," Tompson said. "Each team is supposed to be a mixture of all majors, so that they do address everything. The recommendations that come out might be human resource-related, they might be finance-related, they might be information systems-related. So, we ask the students really to try to look broadly, and come up with ideas and analyses that could fall under anything."

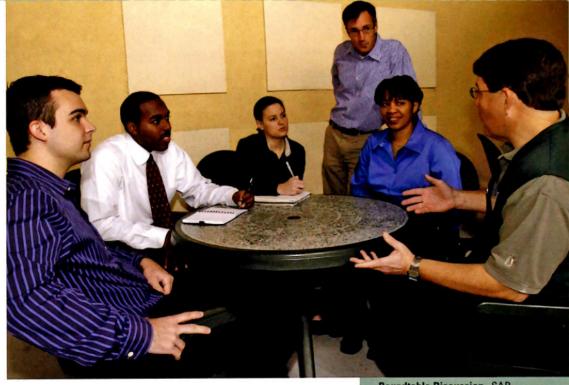
The upshot of that is that only individual personnel files are off-limits, and even financial records are fair game for in-depth examination, a reality that participating organizations agree to accept, although there is occasional balking once the process begins in earnest.

One business this semester was nixed from the program, Tompson said, when it refused to give students access to its financial records. Tompson reminded the firm's management about the agreement it had signed before the process began, and about how management had been thoroughly briefed as to the scope of the coming examination.

When the request for financial documents again was refused, Tompson shifted into another gear he rarely has to use—overdrive to find a replacement for the group, with a semester clock already running. The reluctant company was merely told it would not get its analysis—and would not be considered for a future one, either.

Turning the Scope Around

Imost every semester, I hear about at least job interviews that students get, and sometimes even a job offer," Tompson said.



Tompson likes to tell prospective business participants that an additional benefit comes with employing student examiners: Most of these students soon will be career seekers, which implies an invitation to management to turn the scope around and examine the examiners.

"I'll say, 'If you're considering growing anytime in the future, or hiring, this is a great way to do an almost-15-week job interview with a group of students. There are no strings attached, no expectations, but you get to see how they work," Tompson tells them. "'If you're interested, you can set up full interviews after that, but at least, you can have a good hard look at them.""

"I think that makes sense to a lot of executives. 'I'll be able to tell how much I like these guys if I spend some time with them.""

In spite of the program's obvious appeal, Tompson said, he has a harder time finding takers that he anticipated.



"I still hear more people say, 'No, I don't want to do it,' than I would expect. So, I think it's a little bit intimidating to some business owners to have students, especially if they're

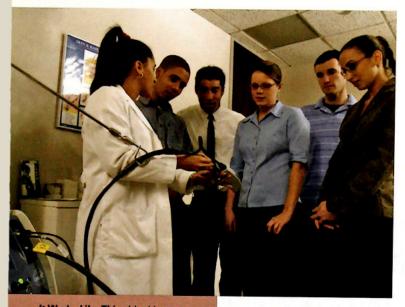
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The Whole Picture. Taylor explains some of the fine points of stocking and selling whole grains. Roundtable Discussion. SAP students at Nature's Harvest meet with owner David Taylor (right) while SAP program director Dr. George "Jody" Tompson (standing) listens in.



every semester, I hear about at least job interviews that students get, and sometimes even a job offer.

—Dr. George "Jody" Tompson



It Works Like This. Ideal Image nurse practitioner Meliasa Conze (left) explains one of the tools of her trade to SAP students. Conze is a 2004 UT graduate with a master's degree in nursing.

What like best about it is the out-of-thebox thinking and creativity. It's refreshing to see [the students] working without boundaries, free to ask whatever they want. I think it's great for the community, and I imagine it's great for the University.

—Dean Akers

undergrads, snooping around in the business."

But the takers, Tompson said, have been pleased, without exception.

"We send out a survey, a referral form and an invoice at the end of every semester," he said. "We use the same survey every year so we can compare, and

it's been universally positive."

He is quick to point out, however, that that "universal" approval does not mean that every firm agrees with every facet of the assessment.

"I have had a few instances where a client said, 'I really disagree with what they recommended.' I've heard that a few times."

But, he said, the "universally positive" part has applied without exception to company feedback related to the professional conduct and work ethic of the students, and to a general satisfaction with having participated. Further, most executives say that the group made at least one significant, lasting contribution to how the organization conducts itself, or at the very least, how it sees itself.

Impromptu random calls to a few of the participating organizations backed up Tompson's claims.

The Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce was a fall 2004 participant, and Paul Senory, a volunteer with the chamber, spoke in glowing terms that were no less than universally positive, and were typical of the responses.

"They did a great job," he said. "They really came up with some great ideas. I was impressed."

Asked for a specific example, i.e. a recommendation that was followed, Senory had one immediately. It concerned a policy and procedures manual.

"They said, 'Make sure it's so well documented that you could hand it to anyone, and they'd be able to follow it. This is too general.'

"They were right, and thanks to them, we made it better. Those young ladies and gentlemen were very impressive." Dean Akers is CEO of Ideal Image Development Corp., a company that this semester is undergoing SAP analysis. If return business is the indicator most business people and consumers think it is, he gave one of the best compliments yet for the program.

"We used [SAP] at my other business [Akers Landscaping] last year," Akers said. "I would do it every year.

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Akers said he refers every business contact to the program, and guessed that he's gotten 15-20 to sign up.

An Intensive Process

ach group collectively spends hundreds of out-of-class hours preparing the final written reports, Tompson said, and a quick glance at any of the finished products would seem to bear him out.

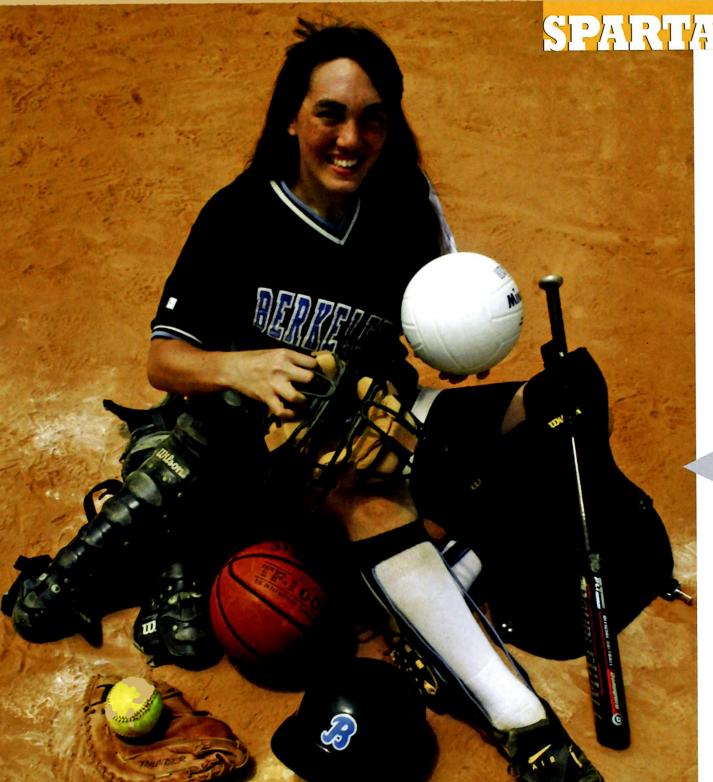
The fall 2004 *Strategic Analysis of Woodworks International*, for example, is a 63page lexicon replete with rationale for the adoption of mission and vision statements (including a proposed version of the former), a value chain flow chart, a "strategic group map," and in-depth analyses of everything from driving forces and success factors to financial ratio and asset management. The report is crisply written, generally well edited (by the instructors), and neatly packaged. And it was done by an undergraduate group.

A graduate group tackled a full-blown analysis of the Interbay-Glover YMCA, and produced an exceptionally impressive document that runs more than 100 pages, including charts and graphs by the dozen and some 20 pages of appendices.

"As far as the students go," Tompson said, "it's really an intensive process. They spend an awful lot of time outside the class working on these—weekends, nights—it's a big piece of work."

And as far as the teaching end goes? "This course is really hard to teach, not only for the workload, but for managing that relationship with the company. I think it takes

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SPARTA NSportsbag



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Yoshiko was named Tampa Tribune Female High School Athlete of the Year in 2000 as a senior at Berkeley Prep High School. (Photo by Candace C. Mundy of the Tampa Tribune)

> The commitment to succeed and persevere is in Yoshiko Ozawa's blood.

Athlete's Commitment COESTICE DISTRICE

eing a student and an athlete is extremely demanding of one's time. Imagine the effort is takes to play three sports at the collegiate level and maintain a grade point average of 3.76. Now add a full student-teaching load to the schedule. The commitment to succeed and persevere is in Yoshiko Ozawa's blood.

The University of Tampa senior has seen her parents do just that while living thousands of miles apart for the past 20 years. Her father, Masashi, is of Japanese descent. He enjoyed a great deal of success as a professional wrestler in the WWF and as a sumo wrestler in his native country. He has lived in Japan since ending his wrestling career in the States in the early 1980s. Cindy, Yoshiko's mother, has persisted as a single parent devoting her life to her three children while living in Tampa. Yoshiko's parents were introduced by her

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SPARIAN Sportsbag

Baseball: No Bare Cupboards

he UT baseball team lost a major portion of its lineup from the 2004 season. Make no mistake, though: Despite the Spartans being a new-look team in 2005, the cupboards are not bare. According to head coach Joe Urso, who will be in his fifth season with the Spartans, this is one of the deepest teams he has had. Although the team is not loaded with superstars as it was in the past, many players on the roster can play multiple positions, which gives Urso the opportunity to have a very versatile lineup.

The Spartans are loaded with talent on the mound, but it is young and inexperienced. Last year's national save leader and third-team All-America Justin Boza will move to the starting rotation with sophomore Sergio Perez. Perez went 8-1 in his first collegiate season, and is ready for the No. 1 starting slot, while Boza will take over the No. 2 starter role. Roberto Valiente returns to center field. A 2004 first-team All-South Region selection, he is the Spartans' best player, and led UT in hits (73) and stolen bases (31) last year in his first season with the squad.

Because of their inexperienced pitching staff, the Spartans have a lot to prove this

season. Tampa was picked to finish third in the SSC behind Florida Southern and Rollins in the conference preseason poll. If the explosive bats light up and the speed of the Tampa team can wreak havoc on opponents, the Spartans can help themselves as their young arms gain experience. With a lineup that can be loaded with defensive specialists and offensive fireworks, Tampa will be a tough opponent for all comers in 2005, and should once again compete for the SSC crown and a berth in the NCAA playoffs.



Pitcher Justin Boza moves from the bullpen to the starting rotation this year.



Junior Katie Bender returns as one of the Spartans' top hitters.

Softball: Team Will Jell

leven players, including six starters, return from the UT softball team that reached the NCAA Tournament in 2004. According to head coach Leslie Kanter, entering her 12th season as the Spartans' head coach, this is a very strong team on paper.

The team appears to be rich in pitching talent, and should be potent offensively at least through the first six batters. Several veterans likely will be changing positions, which could make for some chemistry problems early on. However, Kanter feels confident that the team will jell as the players take on their new roles.

Second-team all-SSC selection Kristen Law returns to the lineup, but will move from center field to catcher. Pitching is one area where little movement will take place, and that could be a key to success. Devlin Dougherty returns as the team's ace, and is expected to be just as strong as she was last year as a freshman, when she posted 20 wins and a 1.09 ERA. Newcomer Niki Trowell, a transfer from Indian River Community College who was highly recruited by several Division I schools, should come in and take over the No. 2 spot. Kanter feels this might be the best one-two combination she has had on the mound during her tenure at UT.

Provided the pitching staff stays healthy and the team clicks chemistry-wise early in the season, the Spartans once again will fight for the conference crown and another spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Brennan Not the Only

Thanks to letters from a couple of UT swim alumni, I learned that I was incorrect when I wrote that the only swimming coach at The University of Tampa was Ed Brennan, who has led the team since 1980 ("The Proof is in the Pool," winter Journal). In fact, Craig McConnell started the UT swimming program in 1976. When McConnell departed for work in the private sector, Brad Glenn took over until Brennan began his long tenure.

-Paul Martello

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mother's friend while Masashi was in the U.S. on a business trip. They are still married, even though they haven't seen each other for two decades. Masashi left for Japan when Yoshiko was 4 years old. He owns a restaurant and helps his family financially; he just doesn't see them a whole lot.

"My father's career was always in Japan," Ozawa said. "From the time he was 11 years old until he was 24, he was raised at the sumo stables. It's always been his home. He's really big into their customs. He respects his country and honors the traditions extremely well."

Yoshiko's mother is the special person in her life. They talk almost every day. When Yoshiko, her sister Yukie, and her brother David were younger, Cindy was the caretaker. She got up every morning and made a hot breakfast for the kids, then packed all of them a great lunch before driving her children to school. Since all of her children were involved in sports, Cindy was the taxi driver after school, carting one child to practice here, another there...picking up one child, then the next. Her children are her life, and she did it all out of love.

"My mother was always on the go. She felt that her life should be devoted to her children," Ozawa commented. "I've become a better person because of what she has taught me, and I want to treat my children based on the examples she showed me."

Jellyfish Salad and Horsemeat

oshiko admits that her family life isn't what most would call normal, but her parents love and care for each other and talk once a week, always about the children. As for Yoshiko, she speaks to her dad four times a year and writes him letters.

"Although I don't see him, he's always been supportive. He is a father who cares and would always do anything for his children," Ozawa said.

Yoshiko has made four trips to Japan, seeing her father for a couple of months total

since he moved away from the family. Once she graduates in May, she will travel to Tokyo to visit him. Some of her favorite memories of her previous trips revolve around eating Japanese cuisine.

"My father eats anything in front of him," Ozawa said. "When I go over there, I can't read the menu, so my father always says, 'Don't worry, I'll surprise you.' I've eaten things like live octopus, jellyfish salad and horsemeat."

The trip is very important to her, as she hopes to spend a lot of time with her father, learn the culture, and teach En-

glish. Teaching is something Yoshiko has grown to love. At first, she was an exercise science major at UT, but once she sat in on a one-hour observation with elementary students for a class requirement, she fell for the kids and the profession.

"I want to be a role model for my students and make their lives better," Ozawa said. "My teachers and coaches have

done that for me."

Carrying a dean's list GPA, she recently was nominated for Academic All-America status, an award that signifies her success in the classroom and athletics.

Playing No Favorites

oshiko has just completed her final season on the women's basketball team. She also has been a successful Spartan volleyball and softball player. This isn't unusual for her: She has played at least three sports since CONTINUED ON PAGE 26







Top: Yoshiko's father, Masashi, was known as "Killer Khan" during his career in the WWF. Middle: Yoshiko has always been close to her mother, Cindy, who has long provided for her three children. Bottom: At an early age, Yoshiko knew sports would be an important part of her life. Left: Proud of her heritage, Yoshiko is pictured in her younger years wearing a Japanese kimono. (Photos courtesy of Yoshiko Ozawa.)

SPARTANSportsbag Soccer Festival Salutes A Legendary Spartan



Fitzgerald's Collegiate Coaching Career

1987 NCAA	Tampa Semifinals	16-3-1
1988	Tampa	11-8-2
1989	First Round Tampa	
NCAA	Second Rour	nd
1990 NCAA	Tampa First Round	14-3-1
	Tampa Quarterfinals	17-4-1
	Tampa Runner-Up	15-4-0
1993	Tampa First Round	14-3-1
1994	Tampa	15-2-1
	Champions	
1995 NCAA	Tampa Quarterfinals	18-1-2
2002 NCAA	UCLA Champions	18-3-3
2003	UCLA Quarterfinals	20-2-1
2004	Tampa	6-9-1
176-46-	12 seasons, 16 (.773), 2 Na	ational
Champi Tournar	onships, 11 N	ICAA

ollowing through on a plan announced at a December memorial service, the inaugural Tom Fitzgerald Soccer Festival was held at Art and Polly Pepin Stadium on Feb. 13. The plan calls for the festival to be an annual event, beginning a lasting tribute to a coach who left an indelible legacy.

Family, friends, colleagues, past and present student-athletes, and members of the UT and Tampa Bay communities turned out literally by the hundreds on Dec. 7 to pay their respects to "Fitz." The 53-year-old Spartan soccer legend died in a traffic accident on Dec. 5. He was struck by a vehicle while he rode his Harley-Davidson motorcycle in South Tampa.

The festival promised at that service was the brainchild of Greg Andrulis, Columbus Crew assistant coach under Fitzgerald and now the Major League Soccer team's head coach, and John Ellinger, another former Fitzgerald assistant and the recently appointed head coach of MLS's Salt Lake City expansion team, along with UT athletic director Larry Marfise and his staff, former Spartan assistant Adrian Bush, who succeeded Fitzgerald as head coach, and assistant coach Keith Loregnard. Together, they put the festival together and pulled it off without a hitch in less than 10 weeks.

Establishing the festival also would serve as a means of celebrating Fitzgerald's life in the place where he established his legend, an idea proffered by Larry Marfise, UT athletic director, at the December gathering.

It was fitting, Marfise said, that the remembrance would celebrate Fitzgerald's life "the way he would have liked us to," at Pepin Stadium.

"This was Tom's house," he said. A crowd of greater than 1,500 showed up at "Tom's house" for the festival, which included an exhibition game between Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew and Real Salt Lake, another featuring the league's D.C.



The Tom Fitzgerald Award is now given to the Major League Soccer Combine MVP. This year's recipient was Luke Kreamalmeyer of Real Salt Lake. Pictured from left to right: Columbus Crew general manager Mark McCullers, Real Salt Lake head coach John Ellinger, Columbus Crew head coach Greg Andrulis, Kreamalmeyer, Debi Fitzgerald (Tom's widow) and sons Shane and Jessee Fitzgerald.

United vs. the under-17 U.S. national team, a youth soccer camp, and a coaching clinic. Numerous MLS stars were available for autographs.

An auction of soccer collectibles—including an autographed 2002 U.S. World Cup Team ball—raised more than \$4,400 for the newly established Tom Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship Fund, which already holds in excess of \$42,000. Donations from players in a UT-USF match the day before totaled about \$2,500, Bush said.

Fitzgerald's widow, Debi, said people from across the country have contributed to the scholarship.

"It's been more than you could hope for," said Fitzgerald's son Shane. "Everybody loses their parents, but not everybody gets to experience this sort of thing. ..."

"It's been a lot of work to pull this together, but it's just been a beautiful day today," Bush said. "It's all a testament to Fitz and all the people he affected while he was here."

A Champion's Legacy

"Fitz" had just returned to the University in March, two years after winning an NCAA Division I national championship at UCLA. His return was fueled by family interests, he said.

"My children and grandchild reside in Tampa," he said last spring, "and I'm at a point in my life where I want to be close to my family."

But with that sentiment was a desire to lead the Spartans back to the top of their game.

"I have been following Tampa's progression since I left there for MLS," he said, "and after watching the Spartans fall out of national contention the past two years, I feel a sense of loyalty to put UT back on track."

Fitzgerald had coached the Spartans to a Division II national championship in 1994. He was men's soccer head coach at UT from 1987-95.

Last fall, he guided UCLA to a 20-2-1 record, an undefeated Pac-10 season, and a No. 1 national ranking for nine weeks as his team advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals. He was named NCAA West Region Coach of the Year for the second straight year. In 2002, his championship season at UCLA, he led the Bruins to their first Pac-10 Conference title.

Fitzgerald got off to an unprecedented start at UCLA, becoming the first coach to win an NCAA Division I national title in his first



season. He also ranks as only the third coach in history to win NCAA national championships in both Division I and Division II.

At UT, the 1974 USF graduate led the Spartans to three NCAA II Final Four appearances, including the '94 title run. His teams won five Sunshine State Conference championships and made nine consecutive trips to the NCAA II Tournament. He was a three-time state, threetime regional and four-time conference coach of the year.

He posted a nine-year record of 132-32-11 (.786) with the Spartans in his first UT tenure. His accomplishments earned him a place in the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame, and last fall, he was voted the SSC Silver Anniversary Team Head Coach.

In 1995, Fitzgerald left college coaching to pursue a position with Major League Soccer. He joined the Columbus Crew as an assistant coach in 1996, and was named head coach later in the season, leading the Crew to a 9-1 record in their final 10 games. He went on to lead Columbus to three consecutive Eastern Conference finals and to the 1998 U.S. Open Cup Finals.

The 2004 season was the only in Fitzgerald's career that did not end with a winning record and post-season play. Including this season, his cumulative record with the Spartans is 138-41-12 (.754).

Fitzgerald is survived by his wife, Debi; two sons, Shane and Jesse; a grandson, Caelan; his mother, Betty; two brothers, James and Sam; two sisters, Bonnie Horrocks and Debbie Risso; three nephews, Ryan Horrocks, Kenny Horrocks and J. J. Lawrence; and two nieces, Ashley Horrocks and Dawn Lawrence. A crowd of more than 1,500 attended the Tom Fitzgerald Memorial Soccer Festival at Art and Polly Pepin Stadium on Feb. 13.



A youngster fills a "Fitz Lives" T-shirt with autographs of the MLS stars in town for the event.

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Left: Yoshiko and her high school teammates from Berkeley Prep celebrate a win. Below: An all-star at an early age, Yoshiko has continued her athletic success through college. (Photos courtesy of Yoshiko Ozawa.)



The following schedules are for home games only. For more information, call the Athletic Office at (813) 253-6240. UT faculty, staff and students free with ID. General public admission: \$5/adults, \$3/ senior citizens, college-age students and children. *Indicates Sunshine State Conference game. (DH) Indicates double-header.

SOFTBALL

Games played at the softball field. Wednesday, April 13 Valdosta State (DH) 4 p.m.

Friday, April 15 Nova Southeastern* 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 Nova Southeastern (DH)* 1 p.m.

BASEBALL Games played at Sam Bailey Field. Friday, April 15 Eckerd*

7 p.m. Saturday, April 16 Eckerd (DH)* 1 p.m.

Friday, April 29 Lynn* 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30 Lynn (DH)*

1 p.m.

A complete listing of University events can be found at ut.edu

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she was in fifth grade, and has played all of them well.

But she was not always a model studentathlete. While in high school at Berkeley Prep in Tampa, she focused on sports and did not know how to study. Yoshiko's grades as a freshman and sophomore suffered, but as a junior, she became dedicated to academics, and the results are obvious. The devotion to succeed in school carried into college. In addition to her elementary education major, she has turned a lifelong affinity for painting, drawing, ceramics and sculpture into a minor in art at UT, tacking that onto an already hectic schedule.

While concentrating more on schoolwork, her commitment to athletics has never waned. Her accomplishments on the playing field also are obvious. As a high school senior, Yoshiko was named Tampa Tribune Athlete of the Year, and has played a major role in the success of each of the three teams she has participated on at the university. She always puts the team first, maybe something she learned from her mother's selflessness.

"Playing sports helps you put the team before individual accomplishments. One player's achievement is everyone's success," Ozawa said. "Playing sports here at UT has made me a better person because of my coaches. All of them want their players

to benefit, not themselves." She has played for volleyball coach Chris Catanach and softball coach Leslie Kanter, and was guided by women's basketball coach Tom Jessee. She doesn't have a

favorite coach, or even a favorite sport, but will take a little bit from all of her experiences with the different teams.

Allstars

"Coach Catanach is a warm person, easygoing," Ozawa described. "I'll always come up to him and give him a hug. I know we'll be friends for the rest of our lives. Coach Kanter has a lot of energy, more than most of her players. She always had a spark to her. I'm really happy Coach Jessee is the last coach I'll play under. He has bestowed me with a lot of good advice. He's very patient, and has made me a better person and a better player."

The Top Priority

hat will she do when her playing days are over?

"I'll definitely have more time on my hands, but my career as a teacher will take up a lot of my time," she said. "I'll also spend more time with my family. I love them to death, but I feel like I've always put other priorities ahead of them. They are my top priority—I just need to show them that."

It's almost as if Ozawa feels she has been consumed with incidental aspects of her life and ignored the importance of her family, when in reality she has taken the work ethic instilled by her father and the selfless acts of her mother to become the successful person she is today. Really, her priorities have been in place all long.

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two years to learn how to teach this course very well. You make every mistake in the book."

Weimer concurs, and adds that, in fact, the program is so labor-intensive for faculty, especially with the undergraduates, that he decided to leave after a few years.

"Recruiting businesses turned into seven days a week," he said. Editing the undergraduate reports was another aspect that proved particularly labor-intensive for the instructors.

"At the undergraduate level, what we're really trying to teach them is the process: How do you perform analysis, how do you assess what you analyze, and once you have that assessment, what do you do with it in terms of actually creating a strategy? So, we really take them through the methodical step-bystep. Whereas in graduate school, we just basically assume they know that. Here's your project; go do it."

It is the undergraduate program of which Weimer is especially proud, however, because of its rarity. At most business schools, he said, no one would dream of turning undergrads loose on local businesses. To his knowledge, only one other university has such a program.

Tompson had taught business at four other universities, and was certain none had the program for undergraduates, nor had he heard of any elsewhere.

Weimer said his decision to leave has done nothing to diminish his enthusiasm for the program.

"I'm proud of what we started, and I'm glad I did it."

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He finished it in 1985. The result sold 65,000 copies in its first run. Lope realized years later, after the book was out of print, that he had given away his last copies. A friend told him about a bookstore in Williamsburg, VA, that had a copy. He wound up not only paying for a copy of his own book, but paying extra for it—because it was autographed.

His wife edited the book, and would still be editing it, he said, if there hadn't been a deadline. He was quick to add, however, that she made a lot of valuable suggestions. His suspicion is that her urging for his writing a second book was so she could have another one to edit. Write it he did, and three more after.

Being a published author naturally led to writing numerous book reviews and forewords to several books by other authors ("I just write the same foreword and change the subject for each one," he said in a hush of mock secrecy).

Lope said he has no intention of retiring again—ever.

"I love what I do, and I feel great. Why should I retire? I suppose eventually I might have to, but as long as I'm able, I'll be here."

One Leg Up

he topic gave him a natural segue to others who have eschewed retirement,

topic itself is short-lived, blasted to the sky by another wartime memory from one of

but then that

Lope's favorite occupations other than flyer prankster.

"Our flight surgeon practiced well into his 80s. I think he retired because he died. He was a real character, that flight surgeon. He and I became big buddies. ...

"We dreamed up an act we called 'Lopez and Keefe: Two Legs Between 'Em.' We were supposed to be war veterans who had each lost a leg in the war."

They would stand together, each holding one leg behind him, and jump up and down while singing 'Samuel Hall.'

The real Sky King (who is still flying, by the way) grinned wide as he supplied the first verse for the forgetful or uninitiated.

My name is Samuel Hall, Samuel Hall, Samuel Hall

My name is Samuel Hall, and I hate you one and all

You're a bunch of bastards all Damn your eyes, damn your eyes "It's got a whole bunch of verses—a very enlightening song," he said with a youthful grin. "We did it at the slightest provocation."

Editor's Note:

The five books Lopez authored are The National Air and Space Museum: A Visit in Pictures (Ballentine, 1985; second edition: Smithsonian Press, 1989); Flight: Great Planes of the Century (Viking, 1985); Into the Teeth of the Tiger (Bantam, 1986; second edition: Smithsonian Press, 1997); Fighter Pilot's Heaven: Flight Testing the Early Jets (Smithsonian Press, 1995; foreword by Frank Borman); and Smithsonian Guide to Aviation (MacMillan, 1995).





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Alumni Lead the Way

e often have heard it said that leaders are born and not made. While this view is accepted by many, I have a different perspective. I believe that individuals can develop leadership abilities through interactions with their peers and through regular involvement in service activities.

As a University of Tampa alumnus, you have many opportunities to strengthen your leadership skills through participation in alumni chapters, social activities and volunteer efforts. Having said that, now comes the important question: *What are YOU doing to use and improve your leadership abilities?*

Leading Alumni Chapters

If you are seeking to expand your leadership abilities in committee or group settings, try getting involved with one of UT's alumni chapters. By sharing ideas, serving on committees and taking an active role in meetings, you can improve your interpersonal and communication skills and become a better leader. UT's Tampa Alpha chapter offers many opportunities for local alumni to work together on a variety of fun activities. Outside of the Tampa Bay area, alumni groups meet regularly in Atlanta, New York, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, New England and South Florida. MBA graduates should check out the University's MBA Association for networking, professional development and leadership opportunities. There is a place for everyone in our alumni chapters!

Lead your Friends Back

Alumni also can lead the way by helping out with UT's Homecoming and reunion activities. Every October, the University invites alumni back to campus for a weekend of reminiscing and fun gatherings. During this time, the alumni office looks to alumni volunteers to help us host the events and attract attendees. At Homecoming 2005, the alumni office would like to introduce a new event for graduates of the last decade (class years 1995-2005), and we are looking for some alumni leaders from these class years to serve on a planning committee or just offer input or suggestions. We're also reaching out to leaders from the classes of '80, '95 and '00 to help plan their respective 25th, 10th and fifth reunions. To get involved with any of these leadership teams or for more information on Homecoming involvement, contact the alumni office, **alumni@ut.edu**.

Recruiting Leaders

If you have friends who are great leaders, you are encouraged to nominate them for membership on the NAA Board of Directors. The NAA Board provides direction for the University's alumni association. Members have direct input into its programs, including affinity sources, student scholarships and alumni awards. Board members serve renewable two-year terms and meet quarterly on the UT campus. All ages and class years are welcome! To obtain a nomination form, e-mail **alumni@ut.edu** or call (813) 253-6209. Nominations are due by May 13.

Developing Leaders

Another opportunity for leadership development will be presented next January, when UT's National Alumni Association hosts its Alumni Learning Network. All alumni are invited to take part in this half-day seminar designed to educate alumni on current topics and motivate attendees to achieve more in their careers and personal lives. The Alumni Learning Network will be held on the UT campus on Jan. 27, the Friday before Gasparilla weekend. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event, and plan to stick around for the Tampa Alpha Gasparilla Brunch and the annual Gasparilla Parade! More information will be forthcoming as the program is finalized.

In 2005, I challenge all alumni to find a way to get involved and grow your leadership abilities. Remember, if you're not a leader, you might get left behind!

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Jean (Stezk) Fay lives in Port Charlotte, FL, and braved the wrath of Hurricane Charlie. She runs Lifeguard Security Systems, which was damaged during the hurricane. Jean looks forward to hearing from all the bridesmaids at her wedding reception held at UT.

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Sandra (Cape) Strobel married D.L. Strobel at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church in Tampa. They have known each other for more than 42 years.

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Frederico Firnhaber lives in Maracaibo, Venezuela. E-mail: firnhaber@ hotmail.com

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Richard and Mary (Bowen) Fimbel '71 recently moved to El Paso, TX. After retiring, Mary and Richard have spent a great deal of time volunteering for Andrew's Toy Box, a charity bringing joy to countless sick and underprivileged children across the U.S.A.

Wayne Granda recently was promoted to subject area leader for physical education with the Hillsborough County Schools. E-mail:

WG1Dog845@aol.com

Norman "Butch" Redding was promoted to deputy commander of the 53rd Separate Infantry Brigade of the Florida Army National Guard. He will be leading his brigade in Afghanistan in the spring.

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Gary E. Myers, Ph.D., received national honors when he was installed as president-elect of the Association for Behavioral Science and Medical Education at Southern Illinois University.

′71

Richard Johnson and his wife, Nancy '71, relocated near Columbia, SC, to be closer to their five children and nine grandchildren after spending 24 years in the Air Force and 18 years in the aerospace industry. **E-mail**:

jojans@bellsouth.net

′72

T. Scott Cushing Sr. was promoted to partner Frank, Hajek and Associates, P.A. He and his wife, Joanne, live in Maryland. E-mail:

scushingcpa@gtb.net

Samuel "Sonny" Hester has been named senior director of athletic operations and officials for the Florida High School Athletic Association. He and his wife, Pixie, will be relocating to Gainesville after he completes his tenure as athletic director at Brandon High School.

'74

David Jones has relocated to Wasilla, AR. He is a pilot with Northwest Airlines. E-mail: DVJNSAVTN@ netscape.com

′76

Louis S. Bezich, president of Public Solutions Inc., was featured in a September edition of SJ Magazine of Southern New Jersey. Website: www.publicsolutions.net

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Larry Cipollone is an Investment Representative with Edward Jones & Co. in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. E-mail:

cipollon@kingcon.com

Lawrence Rosenthal has relocated to Buffalo Grove, IL. He is president of Unique Upholstery, Carpet and Rug Cleaning Inc., which serves all of the Chicago metropolitan area.

′79

Gini L. England was promoted to captain in the Colorado State Patrol in October. He graduated from the University of Colorado-Denver with an Executive Leadership/ Master of Criminal Justice degree in December.

′80

Deborah (Schultz) Mulligan has received a new job as a Web training developer for IBM. She lives in Baltimore, and finished her MA summa cum laude. E-mail: deborahmulligan@

hotmail.com

Daniel J. Lucas, a captain in the Tampa Police Department, has retired after 30 years of service to the Tampa community. He lives in Land O' Lakes, FL. E-mail: LawmanLuke31@

′81

hotmail.com

Kristen Price, MD, was appointed chairman of the Department of Critical Care at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Her husband is a cardiologist at the hospital, and they live in Houston. E-mail: kjprice@ mdanderson.org



Brian J.D. Hughes

'84 Brian J.D. Hughes has joined Pitcairn Financial Group as senior vice president and national sales manager.

Trish (Lusby) Delaurier was promoted to publisher of SRDS Newspaper and local Market Media Division of SRDS. She lives in Port Orange, FL, with her husband, Ed. E-mail: wedelaurier@ bellsouth.net

'85

Connie May Fowler recently completed her sixth book, *The Problem with Murmur Lee*, which is scheduled to be published early in 2006. She is a professor of creative writing at Rollins College, and lives in Winter Park, FL. **E-mail**:

conniemaysmile@ aol.com

'87

Will Godfrey, a major in the U.S. Army, recently was promoted to chief of podiatry at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital. Will and his wife, Delores, live at Ft. Polk, LA. E-mail: williamtrekkie@ earthlink.net

'88

David Hunter was inducted into the Wethersfield High School (CT) Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. David swam for UT, and was the Division II National Champion and record holder in the 200m butterfly in 1985 and 1986. He works for CL & P, and lives in Glastonbury, CT, with his wife, Shelly, and son, Brandon.

'89

Julie Robicheau recently got married to Chris Mancini, and lives in Hopkins, MN.

′90

Robert (Bob) Crouch recently returned from Iraq after serving a oneyear tour of duty as a support operations officer for the 4th Corps Material Management Center. Bob's wife, Colleen '89 works as a parent-teacher liason at Hollie Parsons Elementary School. Bob and Colleen live in Copperas Cove, TX, with their two children, Kenny and Lucy. E-mail: crouchrs@ earthlink.net

Robert J. Kruskie has been promoted by the Department of Justice to lead contracting officer for the Northeast region. Robert and his wife, Lisa, live in Danville, PA, and are expecting their first child in August. E-mail: bobbykruskie@ evenlink.com

ClassActs

Ronald Maslow recently joined the Expo Logic team as Director of Sales at their corporate headquarters outside Philadelphia.

Cynthia (Falco, Figueroa) Sherman has retired from the U.S. Army after more than 21 years of military service. She received her master's degree in 2003. She plans to work for the Federal Government as a procurement contracting officer in Orlando. She lives in Orlando with her husband, Kevin, and two sons. E-mail:

cyndisherman@cfl.rr.com

David Gee, who was chief deputy, was elected sheriff of Hillsborough County in November.

Patrick Turtle and his wife, Jennifer, announced the birth of their son, Jack Thomas, on Oct. 26, 2004. They live in Tampa. E-mail: ptinc@ tampabay.rr.com

Jeannie (Kvanvig) Robertson is a stay-athome mom with three children, and home schools Austin, fourth grade, Lorin, third grade, and Gracie, kindergarten. Jeannie formerly served as a captain in the United States military. E-mail: kvanvig@ westernintl.com

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The Robertson Family



ClassActs

'91

Waylon Peterson has become a certified financial planner and works for TCU Investment Services as a manager. He lives in Coranger, IN.

Susan (Sims) Sunderland

has relocated with her husband, Gary, from Tampa to Hayden, ID. She is employed with Partnerships for Inclusion, and works with children with developmental disabilities. Susan and Gary celebrated the birth of their first child, Anabella Grace, on April 28, 2003. E-mail: SueRenee@aol.com

'92

Carrie (Drotos) Buck got married on March 27, 2004. Carrie works for Bristol-Myers Squibb as a territory manager. The

couple live in Tampa. E-mail: Carrie.buck@bms.com

Iskender Besen has started teaching an Introduction to Mobile Data course in Oakton, VA, where he lives. E-mail: alex@ thebesengroup.com

Stephen "Chris" Jordan recently accepted a position as capital campaign manager for Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. He lives with his wife, Amy Lynn, in St. Petersburg, FL E-mail: chrisjordan@ thehospice.org

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Mary Ellen (Giunta) Pinsker and her husband, Rob, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Rose, on May 22. Mary Ellen teaches English parttime at Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, VA. She and her husband live in Virginia Beach.

Hiroshi Shigemoto

married in 1994 and moved to the Netherlands, where he studied management for four years. In 1998, he and his wife, Zetsia, moved back to St. Maarten, where Hiroshi works for the government of St. Maarten as a civil servant in charge of managing the Finance Department. E-mail: hirozets@ sintmaarten.net

'93

James J. Kazel has completed two master's degrees, and works at a high school run by the Brothers of the Holy Cross as a guidance counselor, director of student service program, and head lacrosse coach. James and his wife, Regan, were married in 2003 and live in Chesterland, OH. E-mail:

kazelj@gilmour.org

Henry R. Malloy got married in 2002. He is owner and president of Travel 4 Real.com. They live in Everett, WA. E-mail: rem@travel4real.com

Holly Tharp is building a 50-meter cruise boat for Western Australia cruising. She is employed with North Star Cruises, and works with special projects. She lives in Broome, Australia. E-mail: holly@ northstarcruises.com.au

Joseph F. Rhoderick, his wife, Susan, and their daughter, Abbey, live in Missoula, MT. E-mail: Fred.rhoderick@ umontana.edu

'94

David and Melissa (Magiera) '93 Antarsh welcomed the birth of their son, Braden James,



Braden James Antarsh

on Oct. 30. He joins his big sister, Leightyn Rose, 18 months. Melissa works for Proctor and Gamble, and David works for Primax Recoveries. They live in Canton, CT. E-mail:

antarshm@comcast.net

William F. Wilkerson has been deployed to Kuwait since February 2004. His family hopes to have him home after his extended deployment ends in April. Captain Wilkerson and his wife, Debra, have three children, and live in Franklin, KY. E-mail: william.wilkerson@ usarmy.mil

Cindy (Marinak) Studnicki was married on Oct. 16 at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. Cindy works for Interface Software as a senior designer. She and her husband, Jim, live in Towson, MD. E-mail: cmarinak@hotmail.com

Cindy and Jim Studnicki





Dylan Taylor Kenney

Stacie (Taylor) Kenney and her husband, Rich, celebrated the birth of their son, Dylan Taylor, on July 7. Stacie is employed as an IT Business Analyst for Miller Brewing. They recently built a new home in Menomonee Falls, WI. E-mail: staciedkenney@ yahoo.com

David Virgilio is employed as a commodities trader for **Constellation Energy** Commodities Group in Baltimore. He lives in Reisterstown, MD. E-mail: davidvirgilio@ comcast.net

Desiree Giler married Nicholas Anthony Mann in New York City. She is an associate specializing in environmental law at the Manhattan office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walter law firm.



Cameron James Bailey

'95

Kyle and Michelle Bailey announced the birth of their son, Cameron James, on Dec. 27. E-mail: kyle@kyle-bailey.com

Dan Ofstein currently works for Johnson and Wales University as the director of residential life.

He lives in Miami. E-mail: ofstein@mindspring.com Brian and Amy Smith '97 celebrated the birth of their son in 2004. E-mail: Amyc910@aol.com

'96

Thad J. Sharp is pursuing his master's degree in health physics at Purdue University . He is serving active duty as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy radiation health officer community. E-mail: sharp@purdue.edu

'97

Venessa Fegley-Villalba completed her doctoral degree in clinical psychology in 2004, and was married in October. She works for the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a specialist in correctional psychology. She and her husband, Eddie, live in Coconut Creek, FL. E-mail:

vmfegley@comcast.net

Maria (Werner-

Rodriguez) Schneider is serving as an engineer officer in the United States Army supporting the mission in Iraq. She and her husband, Chris, are stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Deborah Ginsberg is working on her master's degree in social work at Barry University, and will graduate in August. She works for the city of Miami Beach. E-mail: dginsberg@ miamibeachfl.gov

Devin A. Herz is the owner of a growing media and printing company called Media FX Inc., located in Tampa. E-mail: devin@ weprintcheap.com

Wendy (Rowe) Overholt lives in Orono, ME, while her husband, Dustin, serves in Mosul, Iraq. They have an 18-monthold girl, Hanna. Wendy graduates in May from the University of Alaska with a master's degree in counseling. E-mail: wendyoverholt@ yahoo.com

Amy (Cohen) Smith and her husband, Brian,



The Smith Family

welcomed their son, Avery Jack, to their family on Aug. 6. E-mail: Amyc910@aol.com

Jessica M. Spencer received a master's degree in 2002 from Nova Southeastern University. She is a certified addictions prevention professional. She lives in Tampa. E-mail: sigdelt24@msn.com

'99

Brian A. Adams is a wedding and portrait photographer in Winter Park, FL. Web site: www.bapg.net. E-mail: badams@bapg.net

Lori E. Burchell recently left a position as a research and development chemist at MDS Pharmaceutical Services in Tampa, and now attends

the University of Florida College of Dentistry. E-mail:

lori_burchell@yahoo.com

Paul Washeba recently was promoted to director of finance for the IBM division of Avnet Inc. Paul and his wife, Sheila, live in San Antonio, TX. E-mail: Paul.washeba@ avnet.com

Jennifer R. Berry graduated from Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad Law Center in May. She recently moved back to her home state of Michigan and passed the Michigan bar exam. She lives in Traverse City, MI. E-mail: Jberry5752@aol.com

'00

Sharon Kremer married Howie Carroll and had a son who turned 2 in March. Sharon works as assistant housing director for the city of Clearwater, FL. Sharon and Howie live in Palm Harbor. E-mail: Skc819@msn.com

Chrys Fusi recently became a U.S. citizen in Tampa, Originally from Cameroon, Chrys has decided to make the U.S. his home. He will begin graduate studies in nursing in the coming months.

Ralph Markley completed his chiropractic doctorate and moved back to Tampa from Dallas to work with his father as an associate chiropractor at Markley Chiropractic and Acupuncture in Plant City. E-mail: Robyn0222@aol.com



Desire M. Voinche works as the media relations specialist at Hanger Orthopedic Group Inc. in Bethesda, MD. She is also working on her M.A. in Public Relations at John Hopkins University. She lives in Arlington, VA. E-mail:

dvoinche@excite.com

'02 Crissy Barnes announced





Crissy Barnes and Justin Ditmore

her engagement to 2nd Lt. Justin Ditmore '04 on Dec. 7. They live in Tampa. E-mail: antkee1@aol.com

Drew E. Townsend has started his own production company called Sound-N-Style Productions. He is married to Tammy '95, who is a fifth-grade teacher at DeSoto Elementary School in Tampa, where they live. E-mail: soundnstyle@ hotmail.com

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What's Happenin'?

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Leor C. Zellner is pursuing a Ph.D. in physiology/pharmacology at West Virginia University. He lives in Morgantown, WV. E-mail: dtrtlz@hotmail.com

Tanya M. Nocella is attending Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, and is expected to graduate with a DVM degree in May 2007.

Henry Robles Jr. recently became a contract specialist with Danka Office Imaging Co. in St. Petersburg, FL. He lives in Seffner. E-mail: roblesjrhenry@aol.com

Stephan Tome has been working as a production assistant for Hillsborough TV 22 in Tampa and as a freelance screenwriter for XP Media Entertainment, based in Spring Hill, FL, where he lives.

Amber L. Tucker has been attending the Florida State University College of Law, and expects to graduate in May. E-mail: alt02@fsu.edu

′03

Jonathan Kaplan has joined the Savannah Sand Gnats as group sales manager.

Genevieve R. Whitaker is pursuing her law degree at Stetson University, and works as a legal assistant for a personal injury attorney in downtown Tampa. She was a delegate for the International Mission on Diplomacy, in which she visited three Eastern European countries and spoke with various diplomats last summer. E-mail: genwhitaker@ hotmail.com

Luke Medvegy was deployed to Iraq in January as a U.S. Army Officer. He lives in Savannah, GA. E-mail: Luke_Medvegy@ msn.com

Steve and Amanda (Schmahl) Chadwick are stationed in Vilseck, Germany. Steve recently was promoted to first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. E-mail: steveandamanda63@ hotmail.com

Eric Hopkins received his master of finance degree from the University of Newcastle, Australia. He lives in Hudson, MA. E-mail: eric@erichopkins.net Justin Wilson is employed with the Tampa Bay Lightning as a corporate salesman. He recently received a championship ring as an employee of the world champion Lightning. During this strikeburdened year, Justin stays busy booking events like monster truck rallies, Extreme International Ice Racing, and some NBA preseason games at the St. Pete Times Forum.

Stacey L. Cummins is studying at the University of South Florida, pursuing a master's degree in art in pure math, and hopes to continue for a Ph.D. She lives in Tarpon Springs, FL. E-mail: unclearuniverse@ yahoo.com

′04

Kerry E. Frechette was promoted to national sales associate with Cigna Behavioral Health. She recently got engaged to Radek Knesl '04 and will be married in April. Radek was promoted to vice president of TCM Bank.

Brianna L. Holmes is stationed at Ft. Drum, NY, as a medical service officer. E-mail: briholmes@yahoo.com

Jennifer Loucks is moving back to Chicago.

Bradley S. Sultan accepted a position as a general manager in training for Steak-N-Shake. E-mail: B123rad@aol.com

Alumnotes

Seeking the Lost!

t Homecoming 2005, the classes of '80, '95 and '00 will celebrate their 25th, 10th, and fifth reunions, respectively, and the class of 1955 will join the Golden Spartan Society. With these festivities only a few months away, we need your help



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1955

Addison, Janet Boyd, Robert Castellano, Nick Collentine, Thomas E. Cuscaden, Margaret A. Englehardt, Horace M. Fernandez, Josephine S. St. Hare, Curtis Richard Sumner, Vivian V. Weigle, Robert L.

1980

Bivens, Jean Heffner Blevins, Cecelia Solano Bozewicz–Ditto, Lucinda Burnett, Tricia M. Cahill, Cathleen Canonico, Claire Chappelle, John M. Cleveland, Paula L. Coffey, M. Kevin

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with finding "lost alumni." If you have contact information for any of those listed below, please contact the Alumni Office at **alumni@ut.edu** or Box H, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa FL 33606-1490. Make sure to include the name, phone number, e-mail address and mailing address for the alumnus.

1995

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Schmitz, Taylor C. Scotti, Stephanie M. Smith, Patricia E. Sumulong, Liza R.C. Vazquez, Janella Wiklund, Martin S. Wiley, Anne L.

2000

Al-Mouallimi, Faris A. Berlett, Christina Bunch, Lisa M. Codling, Racquel A. Cox, Tera Cruz, Adneris Genovese, Charles T. Graziano, Kelly K. Hartman, Courtney M. Malloy, Kevin J. Perla, Jennifer M. Pridgen, James M. Tirado, Pamela A. Wright, Nigil D.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

APRIL

Thursday, April 14 Tampa Alpha Alumni **Chapter Meeting** 6 p.m. Social 6:30 p.m. meeting **Riverside Center** Alumni Conference Room

Wednesday, April 20 **MBAA** Leadership Meeting 5:15 p.m. Sykes College of Business, **Room 150**

Friday, April 22 Tampa Alpha Golf Tournament 1 p.m. Shotgun Start Fox Hollow Golf Club \$150 per golfer

MAY

Friday, May 6 NAA Board of Directors Meeting 8:30 a.m. Vaughn Center President's Conference Room

Thursday, May 12

Royal Krewe of Sparta Membership Meeting 6 p.m. **Riverside Center**

Alumni Conference Room Saturday, May 14 Tampa Tarpon Tournament 6 a.m. Tampa Bayside Marina

Wednesday, May 18 MBAA Leadership Meeting 5:15 p.m. Sykes College of Business, **Room 150**

\$200 per angler

Thursday, May 19 Tampa Alpha Alumni **Chapter Meeting** 6 p.m. Social 6:30 p.m. Meeting **Riverside Center** Alumni Conference Room JUNE

Wednesday, June 9 **Royal Krewe of Sparta Membership** Meeting 6 p.m. **Riverside Center** Alumni Conference Room

Wednesday, June 15 **MBAA Leadership Meeting** 5:15 p.m. Sykes College of Business, **Room 150**

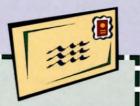
Thursday, June 16 Tampa Alpha Alumni **Chapter Meeting** 6 p.m. Social 6:30 p.m. Meeting **Riverside Center** Alumni Conference Room



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Make plans now to join Bay Area alumni at the Tampa Alpha annual golf tournament on Friday, April 22. This year's tournament will be held at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Pasco County (New Port Richey), and will benefit UT scholarships. Cost is \$150 per golfer, and sponsorships are available. Contact alumni@ ut.edu with questions. Un



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Chicagoland Chapter
Clearwater Alumni Chapter
COB Alumni Chanter
CIS Alumni Chapter (Computer
Information Systems)
Germany Alumni Chapter
Honors Alumni Association
Jacksonville Chapter
 Jacksonville Chapter Manasota Omega Chapter
(Manatee/Sarasota Counties)
MBA Association
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Above: After 50 years as Spartans, they still look great! Members of the class of '55 smile after being inducted into the Golden Spartan Society on Feb. 17. With the addition of the class of '55, the Golden Spartan Society now has more than 800 members!

At right: Remember way back when? Golden Spartans look back in time as they peruse old yearbooks and UT memorabilia at the annual induction luncheon.

Mark your calendar now!

Homecoming and Reunions 2005 will be celebrated on Oct. 19-23. The Classes of '80, '95 and '00 will commemorate their 25th, 10th and fifth reunions, respectively, on Oct. 22.



Golden Moments

The class of 1955 was officially inducted into the Golden Spartan Society on Feb. 17. More than 120 Golden Spartan alumni were on hand to welcome their classmates and congratulate them on 50 years of being Spartans! The next Golden Spartan reunion luncheon will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20, during Homecoming.

Visions and Vintages

MBA alumni, students and faculty gathered Nov. 11 on the ninth floor of the Vaughn Center to hear former mayor Dick Greco and UT president Ron Vaughn talk about their visions for the city of Tampa and the University. While enjoying the presentations and a sunset view of downtown, guests sampled a variety of wines from Bern's Fine Wine and Spirits. For more information on the MBA Association, e-mail **mbaa@ut.edu**.

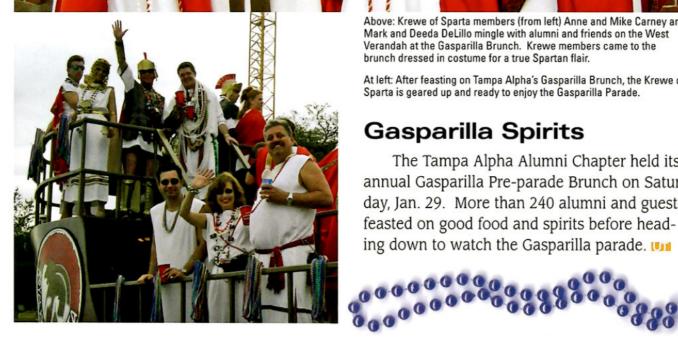


MBAA past president David Knapp (left) visits with former mayor Dick Greco (center) and Greco's wife Linda (right) at the Visions and Vintages event on Nov. 11. Greco entertained the crowd with Tampa stories from years gone by and talked about his ideas for the city's future.



From left: Christof Hammerli '97, Dr. Bill Rhey, John H. Sykes College of Business associate dean and director of graduate programs, and Amanda (Baldemor) Hammerli '99 mingle at the Visions and Vintages event.

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The UT Diplomats will host their first reunion in the Rathskellar later this year, and all Diplomat alumni are invited to attend. For more information or get involved, contact Julie Stark, diplomat reunion chair, at jstark@ ut.edu. Uni



Above: Krewe of Sparta members (from left) Anne and Mike Carney and

Mark and Deeda DeLillo mingle with alumni and friends on the West Verandah at the Gasparilla Brunch. Krewe members came to the

ing down to watch the Gasparilla parade.



Atlanta does the **Twist**

Members of the Greater Atlanta Theta Chapter gathered Feb. 22 for a networking reception at the Twist Restaurant in Buckhead. Robyn Wesley MBA '98 coordinated the event. Those interested in Atlanta-area alumni activities can e-mail Robyn at rfw0796@aol.com. UT

More than 20 alumni attended the Feb. 22 Atlanta Chapter event.

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From left: Shauna Hagan '01, Colleen Kelly '03, Jenna Schebell '02, '04 and Paul McGurkin '03 gathered at Dave and Busters in Philadelphia.

Phun in Philly

Greater Philadelphia area alumni enjoyed an evening of fun and games at Dave and Busters in Philadelphia on Nov. 11. The event drew more than 20 and was hosted by Chris McNulty '89, Bill Mullin '90 and Colleen Kelly '03. Another Philly event is being planned for later this year. To get involved, contact McNulty at chris.mcnulty.l00i@statefarm.com.

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Do you Rendezvous?

ome ambitious alumni seek like-minded individuals for Spartan gatherings in their regions. If you live in the following areas and have Spartan spirit, then contact the identified person!

NEW ENGLAND: New England alumni met on March 25 for a social at Paddy Burke's Pub and a Boston Celtics game. The event was hosted by UT's New England Alumni Chapter. To get involved or for more information on the New England chapter, contact David Tedford '84 at tedfordd@lakeview tech.com.

ORLANDO: Looking for a UT connection in central Florida? Mary Wood MBA '03 would like to meet central Florida Spartans for networking and social events. Contact Mary at **marywood@surfwg.net** if you would like to participate. **NEW YORK CITY:** Plans are in the works for a New York Mets baseball game and pre-game social at Shea Stadium later this spring. Be on the lookout for an invitation to this exciting event. To get involved with New York alumni, contact Jennifer Guild '95 at jcg06902@yahoo.com or Donna (Small) Walid '94 at donna94ut@yahoo.com.

SOUTH FLORIDA: Teri Bendell '87 and Leo Berman '69 are ready to organize another activity for South Florida Spartans! If you have ideas or want to participate, contact Teri at **tbendell@hotmail.com** or Leo at **dacheze@aol.com**.

WASHINGTON, DC: The Washington, DC, Zeta Chapter is planning a spring social gathering for alumni living near our nation's capital. Contact Abebi Wolfe '98 at abebi.wolfe@rcn.net to join in the fun. un

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Thomas R. Giddens, Ph.D. is UT's planned giving director, a post he has held since July 1996. He also has been a regular contributor to "Capital Ideas," a practical guide to financial planning and planned giving at UT, for the Journal.

Giddens also directs UT's Institute for Estate and Financial Planning, which assists alumni and friends of the University with estate and financial planning needs via lectures, seminars, in-home study courses and other educational programs that focus on wills, trusts and life estate contracts, taxes, investments, life insurance, long-term health care and retirement planning. LUI

Giving With and For a Purpose

By Kelly E. Ritrievi, JD Planned Giving Officer

lizabeth (Holton) Enlow's legacy, reflecting her strong belief in education, continues to touch students' lives every day at UT.

Elizabeth got a degree in education at UT in 1944 and became a teacher in the Dallas public school system. She retired in the late 1980s. She and her husband, Holland Enlow, had no children of their own, so, after his death, she "adopted" future generations of UT students as the beneficiaries of her legacy. She named The University of Tampa as residual beneficiary of her estate in her will, and designated the assets to fund student scholarships. Now, her name is forever honored at UT through the Elizabeth Holton Enlow Scholarship Fund for Honors students.

Elizabeth Enlow had the foresight to determine how and to whom she wanted her estate to be distributed after her death by having a current and valid will. A will makes certain your wishes are carried out. By making a will, you can be assured that your personal and charitable goals are achieved after you are gone.

Charitable bequests make up the majority of planned gifts to UT. A bequest to The University of Tampa shows that its mission and purpose of providing rich educational experiences for many generations of students are special to you. We've received many bequests, small and large, from alumni and friends who want to continue to support the University. And it's always appreciated.

There are different types of bequests that can be made to UT, depending on your circumstances and goals:

• Specific bequest or legacy—a gift of a specific asset or specific dollar amount. It may be a gift of cash, securities, real estate or tan-gible personal property (i.e. artwork, transcripts, documents, homes or boats).

• Residuary bequest—names The University of Tampa as a recipient of all or a percentage of the remainder of the estate after specific bequests have been fulfilled.

• Contingent bequest—a gift that takes effect only if all primary beneficiaries named in the will are predeceased.

Like Elizabeth Enlow and other donors, you may specify in your will how you want your gift applied. For example, you may direct your gift to the unrestricted needs of the institution or to a particular department or program at the University.

Since most people (more than 70%) die without wills, the University's Office of Planned Giving has developed a Will Kit to help you make decisions about your estate plan. We're happy to provide you a complimentary copy of the Will Kit; however, please consult a lawyer whether you are establishing your will for the first time or revising an existing will. It's important that the laws of your state are followed and that any bequest be properly stated in the document itself.

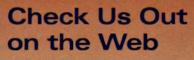
The Planned Giving staff is glad to assist you or your lawyer in any way, including suggesting specific language or reviewing proposed phrasing of your bequest. Informing us that you have included UT in your estate plan helps the University plan for the future and allows us to properly thank you for your generosity. It also qualifies you for membership in the Legacy Society.

For more information on remembering The University of Tampa in your will, or to request a copy of our Will Kit:

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There's more information on wills, trusts and other planned giving topics on our Web site at www.ut.edu/alumni/giving.html. Click on "Planned Giving."

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A Little Slice of Heaven

e all play many roles in our lives. One may be a parent, spouse, child, employee, for example, with responsibilities and demands within each role. The tricky thing is that these roles are constantly evolving and changing priorities over time. Sometimes they conflict by stealing time and resources from each other.

Working parents feel these pressures every day, as do fulltime students working to pay for their education. One role is always trying to bubble up to the top at various times of the year, month, day or hour.

A Role Adjustment

I am juggling my roles as a fulltime employee at UT, mother of a young child and wife of a workaholic. For most of my adult life, I also have been a long-distance daughter, sister and aunt to my family in the Tidewater area of Virginia. This distance from family, as well as pressures in my role as a working mother, recently motivated me to seek a career change—geographically.

That's why I accepted a fundraising position at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Resigning from UT was a hard decision to make, but a critical one. This choice provides a challenging career move, relocates me closer to my family, and

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Alumni response to the match has been very positive. We are confident that we will exceed the \$50,000 match this spring and look forward to reporting its success. For more information, contact Tracy Edwards Frye at (813) 258-7401or tfrye@ut.edu. also allows my daughter to more fully play out her role as beloved grandchild.

Yet, it is hard to say goodbye to friends and co-workers and to the institution and position with which I have so strongly identified myself.

The move provides an opportunity for me to reflect on my evolving roles at the University, too. When I accepted this job in 1999, Dan Gura, vice president for Development and University Relations, assured me: "Working at UT is like a little slice of heaven."

He was right. Over time, my role multiplied from simply employee to student, alumnus and even donor. Like my own family, the Spartan family has provided me with a wealth of support, friendship, and opportunities for personal and professional enrichment. I hope that also has been true for the parents, students, alumni and staff whom I have had the pleasure of working with for more than half a decade.

Together, we have accomplished many things in alumni giving to provide countless opportunities for students. We met the \$100,000 alumni challenge put forth by an anonymous donor in 1999, and we are very close to topping off the McLeod Match, raising an additional \$50,000 in new and increased gifts this fiscal year. Alumni giving inched up from 17 percent to 21 percent during my tenure.

Initiatives in Progress

Perhaps most rewarding, though, was facilitating alumni giving to the *Take UT to the Top* capital campaign. I had the daunting and exciting opportunity to participate in the \$82million campaign that transformed this campus in so many ways. Many other great initiatives are in progress (online giving and an electronic alumni newsletter, for example) and I will miss seeing those through to completion.

To UT's many alumni, parent, faculty and staff donors, I want to express my personal gratitude for your support. Over the years, I have enjoyed meeting and working with many of you in person, by phone, via email, or sometimes simply by opening the donation you sent in the mail. It has been a learning and rewarding experience for me, and I hope for you, too. I



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n this photo, believed to have been taken in September 1958, volunteers form a cluster of restorative activity around some of the campus statuary.

The children are unidentified.

Adults, from left: Camilla Cooper, secretary to the dean of women, ca. 1954-63; Lucille King, dean of women (identification tentative); Dr. Francis J. Thompson, professor of English, 1955-72 (d. 1989); unidentified (woman in black dress); Dr. Alvan R. McFadyen, professor of English, 1952-71 (d. 1979).

We invite readers to help us fill in the blanks. Alumni are our best source of information on many of these old photographs, some of which were archived with no accompanying information, and others, including this one, with very little. Reference Librarian/Archivist Art Bagley added considerably to the sketchy information. Gail S. Jewel

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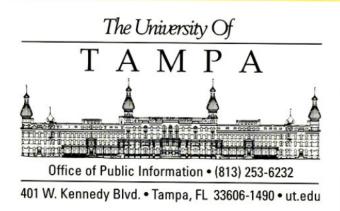
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