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Applicants sought for '92 Denoff award

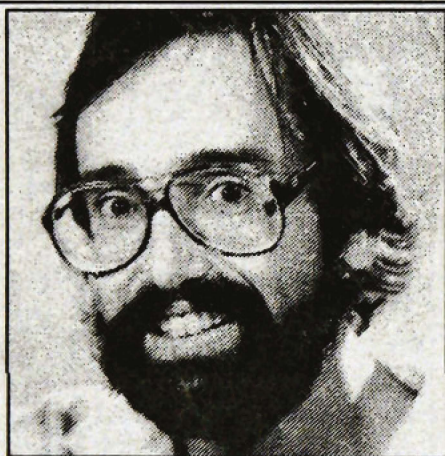
By KAREN LYNCH
Assistant Editor

Dr. Richard Piper, chair and professor of political science and history, would like to remind students that applications are being taken for the Marty Denoff Volunteer Award which is provided by the Denoff Memorial Fund.

Denoff, who was an associate professor of social work, died of a heart attack in his Plant Hall office April 24, 1991.

The recipient of the \$500 award that will be given to a student who has made outstanding contributions of community volunteer service will be announced in Leadership Awards night in April.

"The thrust of the award (Marty Denoff Volunteer Award) is to commemorate Dr. Denoff's contribution to his community," said Dr. Suzanne Nickeson, counselor, Personal Development Center. "He gave a great deal of his time to volunteer organizations so, this is a fitting tribute to the student who volunteers his or her time."



Dr. Marty Denoff

Those wishing to apply must be a full-time UT student, currently enrolled as a Junior; have a GPA of 3.0 or above and have an outstanding record of volunteer service that is described in a typed essay of around 250 words. The applicant must also provide, in writing, at least one reference who has observed that community service. Volunteer service should not include work for which the student has received academic credit or remuneration.

The deadline for submitting an application has been extended to April 10 and should be submitted to Suzanne Nickeson, Box 90K. If you have any questions concerning the Denoff Award, please contact Suzanne Nickeson, Dr. Steve Hekkanen, Dr. Phillip or Dr. Richard Piper (members of the Denoff Memorial Fund Committee).

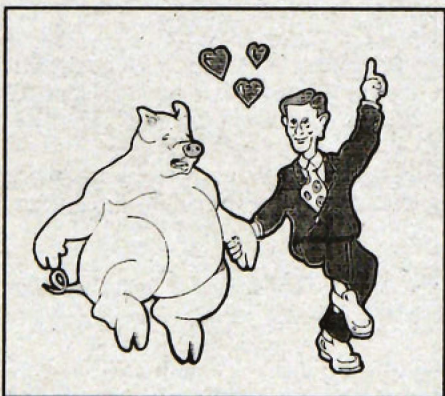
Ruffer hopes to bring home the bacon

By ANDREA McCASLAND
Staff Writer

Will President David G. Ruffer be in hog heaven come April 14? According to Dr. Jeff Klepfer, vice president of student affairs, that is what he hopes will happen. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay are having a Kiss-A-Pig contest fundraiser in which community figures compete to get the most votes.

People can vote by donating money to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. The top three vote-getters will be able to pucker up to a porker. "It's a unique way to have a fund raiser," said Klepfer. "President Ruffer really appreciates the Boys and Girls Club."

"I hope I win!," said Ruffer. "The only thing [bad about the contest] is that they can't promise me a pig." Ruffer expressed a specific desire to raise more money than *Tampa Tribune* sports editor Tom McEwen. "It would be awful if Tom McEwen got to kiss a pig and I didn't!"



said Ruffer.

Klepfer said that university offices, clubs and organizations will be asked to donate rather than individuals, although all donations are welcome. The donations are going to fund the Tampa Boys and Girls Clubs' After School Education and Prevention Programs.

The official pig-kissing will occur at the West Tampa Boys and Girls Club (1415 N. MacDill Ave.) on Apr. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Discrimination complaint brings investigators to UT

By KAREN LYNCH
Assistant Editor

Investigators Carol A. Kennedy and Philip Weltner, from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, spent the past four days touring UT's facilities and interviewing various campus groups.

The investigation is the result of a suit brought against UT by Jeff Kinner, a student presently enrolled at the university. The suit claims UT does not provide adequate access for physically handicapped students, and also discriminates against students over traditional age.

Linda English, vice-president of Human Resources, said the investigators were to remain on campus for the remainder of the week.

"They started out with a list of people that were relevant to the complaint," English said. "As they did the interviews they included other people they thought relevant. They touched on a cross section of the university's community."

"The selection of the students to be interviewed was strictly pragmatic," said Dean of Students, Linda Devine. "I found out one day before spring break that they were coming which, in essence, gave me two working days to pull it together."

"There were four student sessions, one for students over the age of 25, handicapped students, representatives of

the sororities and fraternities and representatives of other student organizations," Devine added. "I was told to do the best job I could to obtain five or ten students per session. The Office of Civil Rights named four students for me to invite."

The interviews, which have been held at various locations at the university, have consisted of questions concerning the interviewees' knowledge of any incidences that may or may not substantiate the claim filed.

Don Baker, a freshman who represented the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity said, "We were asked if we knew of any occurrences of either handicapped or non-traditional aged student discrimination. Some students said they did know of some cases. I don't remember the particulars but, there weren't many."

Baker added, "We were asked if we had any non-traditional age students in our fraternity and I said we had one or two. Our fraternity does not discriminate concerning the age of our members."

One of the age discrimination complaint Kinner made was that he had to produce his student I.D. card. Baker, who is 18, felt this was ridiculous.

"Although I'm not completely familiar with all of the circumstances (surrounding the complaint) I don't think showing your student I.D. is offensive to me, and I have been asked to show mine."

The results of the investigation will not be available until some time in June.

IRS says scholarship money may be taxed

CPS—

As the April 15 Tax deadline approaches, the Internal Revenue Service reminds students that their scholarship money may be considered taxable income.

Any scholarship money applied by a student to room, board or travel expenses—when the scholarship is above a certain minimum—has been considered taxable income since 1987.

According to the IRS, any student who is claimed as a dependent on his or her parents' tax return must pay taxes if they make more than \$3,400, including scholarship money or financial aid ap-

plied to room, board or travel.

If a student is not claimed by his or her parents, the income is not taxable unless it exceeds \$5,500. That amount also includes scholarship money or financial aid applied to room, board or travel.

Any scholarship money used for books, supplies and tuition is still tax-free.

The IRS says students who don't claim their scholarship money on their tax return and are caught are subject to pay the tax due plus a penalty of up to 25 percent of the unpaid amount.

EDITORIAL

Tolerance required to understand the issue

If one thing could be named that best describes the current situation, and regardless of the position either party takes apathy can no longer be tolerated by those who have the controlling voice or the ruling hand. There can be no deviation on this point, and to argue would be fruitless.

The situation has deteriorated to the point where unless something is done yesterday, and more study will be considered in the future, the very thoughts that bind the organization together into one of strength will begin to understand all of the ramifications of the rainfall.

This naturally brings us to the subject of the previous semester. When the problem began it originated in spite of furious objections by all who had no interest whatsoever in bringing the matter up for debate, or as Shakespeare so aptly put it, "Though this be madness, yet methinks there's method in it, or maybe not." This could not apply to the situation here if it were not the incredible policies that are in place regarding all that shall remain unsolved until further deliberation.

Several suggestions have been made as to how the effect of the underlying discontent can be corrected by closer alignment with the proposition, or even constructing a new matrix which would balance the scales in favor of a more ordered approach. Nothing can be determined at this point, however, as research has been inconclusive.

The effect all of this would have on the student population is an area of concern for the impropriety of the previous constituents, but no one has expressed any interest in reliving the ongoing and somewhat traumatic experiences related to all of these issues. There seems to be a concerted effort by several splinter groups to come together under separate banners and join forces to ally their inherent similarities.

Such willingness to seek out and resolve common issues should remind everyone of the seemingly inappropriate ability possessed by only a handful which allows meaningful discussion and perpetuates the confusion that reigns in all cases of this type. Nothing complimentary can be said about those who have attempted to allay their fears to inanimate objects appearing on every format within the unique and troublesome realm of everything that was previously held sacred.

The only logical resolution must necessarily be one that portrays the eloquent and often impeccable nuisance everyone has grown to understand and relate to but should strive to manipulate the statistics to reflect the general trends. It is easy to stand on the sidelines and maintain a posture of reflective generality while others transpire to ascend to proportions magnified by the very essence of celestial antiquities.

It must be acknowledged that the forerunner will always sing the praises of the confiscation. One cannot, therefore, assume that politics can be postured to mimic the instrument with any degree of visual acuity. This can only be accomplished by strictly adhering to the principles held in abeyance by loftier goals that allow for a certain understanding that if you have read this far, we hope you had a bountiful, joyous and fulfilling April Fool's Day.

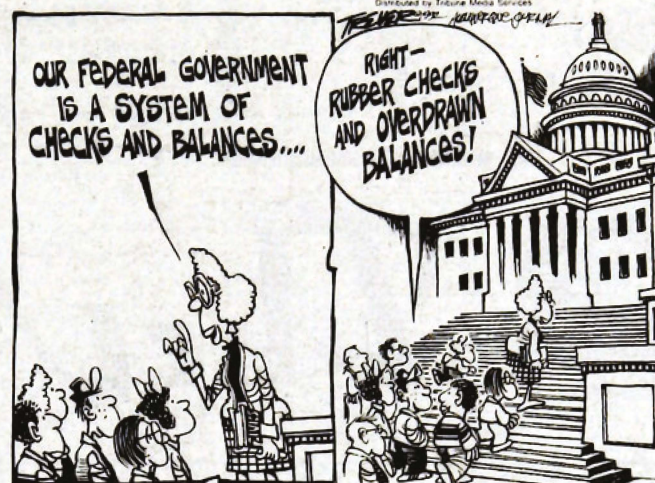
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HARPER'S INDEX

- Ratio of the average number of children an American mother has to the number an American welfare mother has: 1:1
- Chances that an American pediatrician has treated a child for a gunshot wound in the last year: 1 in 6
- Ratio of federal spending on prison construction to federal spending on public-housing construction since 1990: 4:3
- Amount President Bush proposes to spend on construction of new public housing in 1993: 0
- Percentage of all spending the President proposes for the next five years that will come from Pentagon budget cuts: 0.6
- Average number of Harlequin romance novels sold in Hungary each day last year: 17,800
- Number of weeks "Croatia's Gotta Be Free" has been in the top 10 on Croatia's largest radio station: 12
- Average combined SAT score for children in families whose annual income is more than \$70,000: 997
- Average combined SAT score for children in families whose annual income is less than \$10,000: 768
- Percentage of Japanese graduating high-school seniors who have taken the last six years of English-language classes: 100
- Percentage of Americans who say that the United States is "blaming Japan for its own economic problems": 52
- Chances that a Japanese car sold in the United States was manufactured in the United States: 2 in 5
- Sales of Tupperware in Japan last year: \$100,000,000
- Chances that a tax return filed by a U.S. corporation in 1980 was audited: 1 in 15
- Chances today: 1 in 39
- Average tax break President Bush's proposed capital-gains tax cut would give Americans earning less than \$50,000: \$11
- Percentage by which the IRS has determined that the Reagans underreported their income during the 1980's: 46
- New tax revenue that will be generated this year as a result of ending the deduction for cosmetic surgery: \$60,000,000
- Average cost of a year's worth of facial skin-lightening treatments: \$1,700
- Chances that a black American lives in a neighborhood that is at least 90 percent black: 1 in 3
- Chances that a white American lives in a neighborhood that is at least 90% white: 2 in 3
- Number of the five most segregated U.S. cities that are in the South: 1
- Rank of the South, West and Midwest, among such regions today: 1,2,3
- Portion of all breast-implant procedures that are performed in California: 1/5
- Ratio of the number of fan letters Mary Pickford received in 1919 to the number Madonna received last year: 6:1
- Number of years since the percentage of Americans describing themselves as "happy" was at its peak: 19
- Average number of Americans who joined the Hemlock Society each month last year: 800
- Percentage change, since 1990, in the number of new "gourmet" products introduced in U.S. stores: plus 66
- Percentage of Americans who think "espresso" is an "overnight delivery system": 7
- Number of minutes it takes to hard-boil an ostrich egg: 90
- Percentage of Americans who don't know how long it takes to hard-boil a chicken egg: 74
- Percentage of Americans who say they are "excellent" or "very good" cooks: 63
- Number of years Gloria Steinem says she lived in her apartment before realizing that the oven did not work: 4

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Melissa Etheridge's new *Never Ending* makes listeners wish it would

CD Review

Never Ending Island Records Melissa Etheridge



By BRIAN ELIS
Staff Writer

Most of the tracks on Melissa Etheridge's *Never Enough* will be familiar to her loyal fans. It is, for the most part, an intense continuation of the innovative rock and roll that won her a nomination for a Grammy Award a few years back, an award won that year by Bonnie Raitt.

Her voice, accompanied by a 12-string Ovation acoustic guitar, has made her one of the hottest soloists in rock over the last four years. Her songwriting is poetic:

Is the paint still wet in your do-it-by-number dream?

Can you tell me how it felt? Can you tell me what it means?

from the track "Similar Features" off her debut CD is just one example. She writes hard hitting tunes and soul-tugging ballads.

Her new disc has some serious flaws, though.

The tracks "2001" and "Must Be Crazy For Me" are probably the two worst tracks she has ever recorded. Leaving the rap-like back beat aside, they are both lyrically and musically empty.

"2001" has a heavy, mundane guitar harmony that is a snoozer, "Meet Me In The

Back" is an average tune distinguished by little, and listening to "It's For You" is a lot like drinking unsweetened Kool-Aid, tolerable but obviously missing a necessary element.

It took Melissa only one year to write and record her second album, *Brave And Crazy*, and it was an excellent disc. The new disc took three years to complete and 1/3 of it is rubbish. What gives?

Getting to the more positive aspects of about *Never Enough*, the best tracks, emphasizing her voice and guitar playing, are "The Boy Feels Strange," "Place Your Hand" and "Keep It Precious." "The Letting Go" is also an excellent song in a new style for Etheridge, including only her voice and piano.

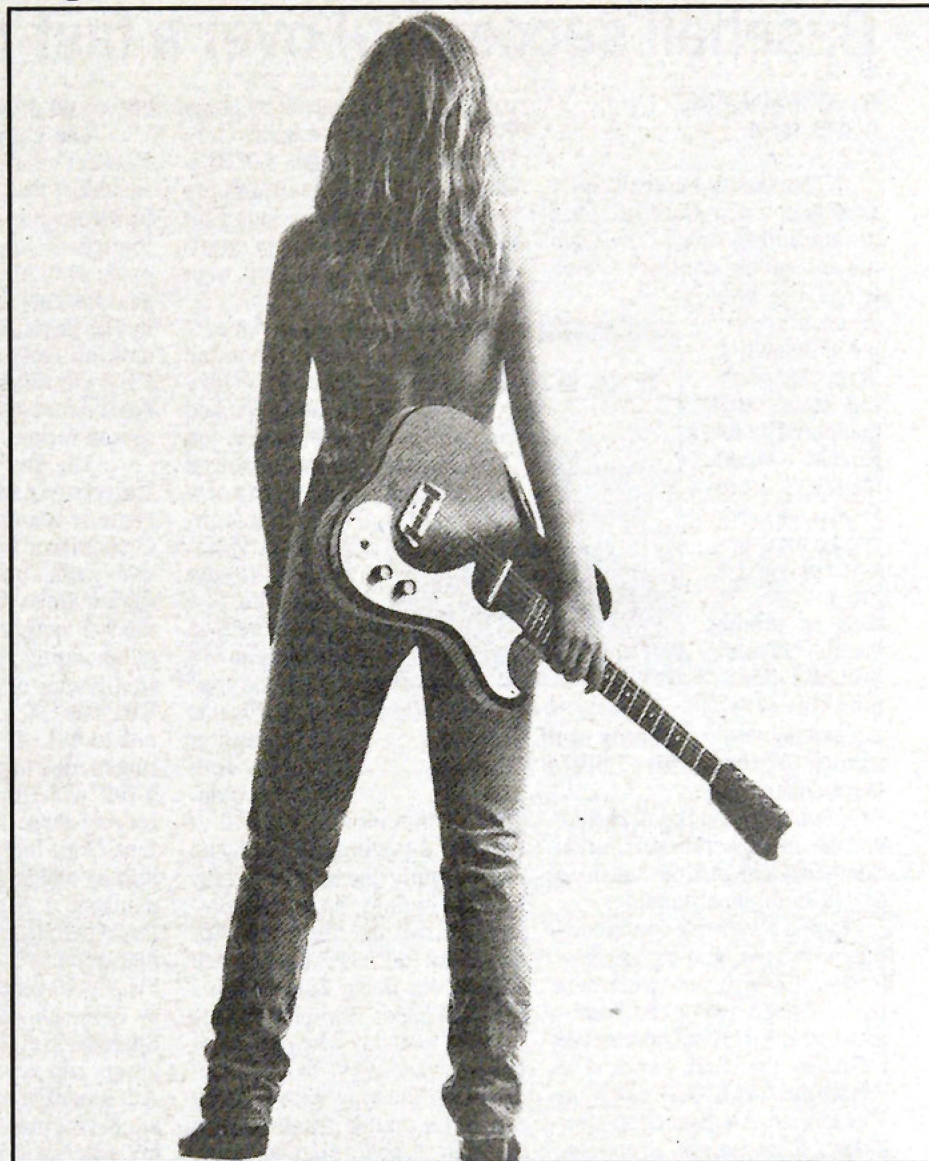
"Dance Without Sleeping" is a guitar and vocal piece with a mild keyboard sound. The opening track, "Ain't It Heavy," is a country rocker that is good, but not as commendable as similar songs from her past albums.

The average tunes on her other albums rank slightly lower than the best tracks on this disc. Like the economy, Etheridge's music is in a slump with a slow recovery. This disc lacks the magic that Melissa put on her two previous recordings. She tried to go out on a limb with this one, but ended up falling when it snapped.

Minaret Ratings:

- ★ poor
- ★★ fair
- ★★★ good
- ★★★★ excellent
- ★★★★★ a classic

Watch for next week's reviews of Bruce Springsteen's *Lucky Town* and *Human Touch*



Courtesy Island Records

Melissa Etheridge goes out on a weak limb with her new *Never Ending*.

Basic Instinct may be too sexy for you

Movie Review

Basic Instinct

Tri-Star Pictures

Michael Douglas,
Sharon Stone



By ALYSON M. STEPHAN
Staff Writer

What does it take for an American movie to succeed? The current state of the box office answers: SEX, SEX and MORE SEX.

Basic Instinct, a Tri Star Pictures release, has enough steamy sex scenes to wilt kudzu. The film grossed a whopping \$15.1 million in the first week and is currently rated the #1 movie in America—showing at over 1,560 screens nationwide.

Starring Michael Douglas (*Fatal Attraction*, *War of the Roses*) as Nick, a detective whose notorious past and addictions to cocaine, alcohol and cigarettes make him an easy target for the mind games of Catherine, played by Sharon Stone (*Total Recall*).

Catherine, the beautiful, brilliant, bisexual writer is not only the main character of the movie but also the focal point of feminist, gay and lesbian protestors. Why? Have they seen the movie? It's not derogatory toward anybody. The male characters in the movie aren't too intelligent, but there haven't been any protests from men in MENSA. Besides, doesn't a bisexual character have as much right to be psycho as anyone else?

Instinct's writer Joe Eszterhas (*Fatal Attraction*) backed away from the film during production to side with protesters, then joined back in when it was considered a hit.

After many attempts to give it the controversial NC-17 rating, *Basic Instinct* received an R—but not before director Paul Verhoven made several trips back to the editing room.

The screenplay can be confusing—by the end of the film, the identity of the killer(s) is still open to viewer interpretation. Though *Basic Instinct's* exterior is basically formulaic, the interior contains a few puzzling and humorous surprises.

Basic Instinct is an entertaining, intriguing and suspenseful psychological thriller influenced by directors such as Alfred Hitchcock and Brian De Palma. And it's sexy, not a movie for those who are easily offended.

The Minaret joins the university community in sending its best wishes to

Dr. Ken Jensen
Assistant Professor of Marketing

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April 12 at 7 p.m.



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Baseball successful over a fast-paced Spring Break

By JOSE MARTINEZ
Sports writer

The varsity baseball Spartans kept up a rigorous pace during Spring Break. The team played seven contests which tested not only the team's record but its durability. With the pitching squad still hampered by injuries, Head Coach Lelo Prado has recently used position players on the mound, as well as junior varsity players. Still, the Spartans have remained number seven in the latest *Collegiate Baseball* Division II poll and are second to powerhouse Florida Southern College in the Sunshine State Conference standings.

Tampa continued conference play with a two-game set against Rollins College two weekends back. Tampa swept the home-and-home series in impressive form. In the first game, UT blasted the Tars 12-2. Senior Matt Hudson, an All-American candidate, tossed eight strong innings, backed by nineteen hits from his teammates. Senior All-American Joe Urso, junior Lance Chambers and freshman Jason Reed all hit home runs. The Spartans took the second game by a score of 14-6. Chambers

paced the hitting attack by going 3-for-4, and junior catcher Greg Hamilton contributed 5 RBI's. Chambers said, "I was in a slump before this game and once I hit the homer, I regained my confidence and have hit well ever since."

All-American sophomore pitcher Gary Graham picked up his fourth win of the season as Tampa set a new high for consecutive victories this year with seven.

The win streak came to a halt on the road against Florida Tech. Panther starter Joel Stephens out-

duled UT's senior Sam Steed to take the 2-0 win. Though Steed allowed only one hit through the first six innings, he was victimized for two late runs. UT produced just four base hits, of which only junior Brian Zaletel's was for extra bases. Tampa took one back the next day when the Spartans downed FIT, 5-3. Zaletel again led the way with a home run and a double. Hudson won his fifth straight start with his complete game outing. He said, "The win felt good and it helped the team a lot by not having to use the bullpen in order to save them for the big games coming up against Florida Southern and St. Leo, because this coming week-

end could decide the top seed."

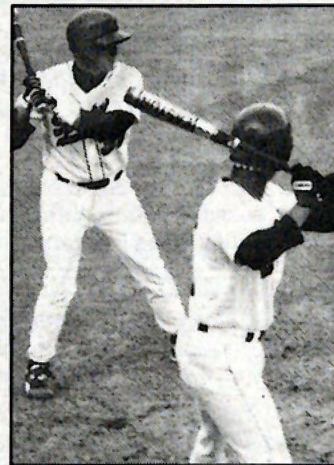
The University of Toledo Rockets returned to Sam Bailey Field last Friday and avenged a loss from one week earlier to the Spartans. Junior Mark Jones made only his third start of the year for Tampa and was hit hard by the Division I Rockets, who took an early 6-2 lead. A late rally was not enough as Toledo held on for an 8-7 win, averting a season series sweep by Tampa.

The Buccaneers of Barry University came in for a two-game series this past weekend. Graham won his fourth consecutive game on Saturday, with senior Steve White preserving the 9-5 victory with a scoreless ninth inning. Hamilton hit his first homer of the year for two RBI's as UT raised its SSC record to 6-1. The Bucs took the rubber matchup on Sunday with a 5-2 win. Barry struck early, scoring three in the top of the first. Hard-luck Steed was again hurt by a lack of support, as UT managed only three hits. One of those belonged to Zaletel, who hit his fourth home run to extend his school-record hitting streak to nineteen. Zaletel leads the Spartans in eight offensive categories and is making a bid for All-American status. He said, "I am having fun and am glad that my success is helping the team and I hope that it continues into the weekend against Florida Southern."

UT continues its stretch of tough contests with several games this week. The Alabama Crimson Tide will roll in from

the rugged Southeastern Conference for its only meeting with Tampa today at 3. Freshman Jason Fondren is scheduled to make his return to the starting rotation against the Tide.

This weekend will see two key games in the SSC race. The Spartans play the number one team in the land and try to knock the Florida Southern Moccasins out of first place. The two teams will battle in Lakeland on Saturday, with the series shifting to Tampa for a 2 p.m. Sunday finale. Prado calls this game, "just another tough conference game," and says, "this is a big weekend for us." At the halfway point of



Dan O'Hara—The Minaret

UT players wait on deck.

conference play, these two games could have much bearing on the current and final SSC standings, and determine who goes where in the post-season.

SPARTAN SPORTSBEAT

Thursday
April 2
Baseball vs. Alabama
3 p.m.

Thursday/Friday
April 2/3
Men's and Women's
Tennis in SSC
Tournament at
Riverfront Park
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday/Saturday
April 3/4
Softball vs. Univ. of
West Florida

Saturday
April 4
Baseball at Florida
Southern
1 p.m.

Saturday
April 4
Crew at the Atlanta
Rowing Festival

Sunday
April 5
Baseball vs. Florida
Southern
2 p.m.

Tuesday
April 7
Baseball at Eckerd
3 p.m.

UT's junior Cassella provides a huge net gain

By KRIS SWOFFORD
Sports Editor

UT's women's tennis team saw a good thing coming three years ago when Linda Cassella walked on as a freshman.

Though the team won only one match (against Alma College) during her first year, Cassella has been named the team's number one player ever since she started playing for the Spartans. Cassella's singles record is 11-5 and she has seen some success with her doubles partner, freshman Jennifer Ginsberg.

The team recruited a new coach last year and has had a solid record ever since, winning nine out of 15 matches last year. This year, the team is holding an 8-9 record.

Cassella comes by her talent naturally, as her mother is a tennis coach and Cassella was All-Conference at Parsippany High. The junior star plans to spend her summer at home in New Jersey, practicing her strokes and serves for next season's matches.

"I feel that I will improve next year, but I'm concerned about the team, since so many



Courtesy Linda Cassella

UT Junior Linda Cassella practices for a match.

people are graduating this semester," Cassella said.

A communication major, Cassella says she came to UT because she wanted to go to a school in Florida. "I couldn't

resist the temptation of coming to school in a warm climate, like everyone else," she jokes.

Cassella says she plans to stay in Florida after graduation next spring and hopes to work in television or at Disney World/MGM Studios in Orlando.

Cassella faces some tough competition in the upcoming Sunshine State Conference (SSC) tournament where she will face Florida Southern's Mara Sullivan, ranked thirty-fourth in the nation. Cassella split 2-2 with Sullivan earlier in the season.

Only the winner of the tournament will advance to the Regionals. Cassella faces several tough matches but is UT's best chance for post-season success.

WATCH SPARTAN ATHLETICS

Another victory for Men's Crew

By KRIS SWOFFORD
Sports Editor

Undefeated. Yes, undefeated is what UT's men's varsity lightweight four crew has finished this season.

First it was Mardi Gras, then a narrow squeaker over Yale in the President's Cup, and just two weekends ago a two boat-length victory in the Florida Crew Classic in Gainesville.

Tampa beat two University of Florida boats, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and Clemson in their latest win and will face the same competition this weekend in the Atlanta Rowing Festival.

The Spartans' victories can be attributed to four things: a new bow-coxed boat, new Ultralite oars, practice and just plain muscle, according to Coach Bill Dunlap. The four guys that are pulling hard for UT are TJ Kelsey, Oscar Verges, Dave Nicholas and Jeff Freedman, coxed by senior Robbie Tenenbaum.

"This will be a tough combination to beat come May," said Dunlap, referring to the Dad Vail Regatta (the small college national championships) in Phila-

delphia where UT will be pitted against some of the top rowing programs in the nation.

Tenenbaum is looking forward to this coming weekend and his fiftieth victory in his fourth year coxing for the Spartans. "This has been a wonderful surprise for me because this boat was not expected to be as good as it has shown, but now we have set our sights on an undefeated season," said Tenenbaum.

The UT crew will be rowing the next three weekends in preparation for the Florida State Championships in Tampa at the end of April.

Men's and Women's SSC TENNIS Tournament!

When: April 2/3, 1992

Where: Riverfront Park

Hosted by UT Tennis

Amazing! UT Hub For Alien Spring Break

Library satellite dish causes cosmic short circuit

By KEVEN MCGINN
Staff Writer

Tourists from the outer reaches of the Orion Nebula paid UT a surprise visit last week when a triangulation of factors in the space-time continuum bumped them off course. Apparently the aliens were on an intergalactic planetary break from routine schoolwork in an unnamed binary star system.

The three aliens, who called themselves Tom, Dick and Harry, were found out when strange reports from Plant Hall began flooding the university police department.

"It was just hard to believe that a Chisler's sale could be mistaken for the New York Stock Exchange," said Officer Gene Guy. "These perpetrators were suspicious from the beginning. It was obvious that they weren't your ordinary student types. They seemed to be able to read, and I admit that the minute I noticed one of them attempting to purchase a book on quantum physics... well, that's when I moved in for the arrest.

Larry indicated that the feat of being temporarily routed to Earth was not an easy one and was the result of unprecedented cosmic events which occurred simultaneously.

"We only had a week of break from school, see," Tom said. "So we thought we'd do the Milky Way thing — you know, cruise the galaxy for a week

workin' on our tans."

Dr. Wayne Price, professor of biology, had to be called in to translate into layman's terms the aliens' description of the events surrounding the abrupt course reversal.

"Apparently, the Rathskellar was doing a brisk business selling Itza Pizza that day," said Price. "Upon laboratory examination of the dough used for the pizzas, I discovered that it contained thousands of silicon wafers. When heated to 2,143° Fahrenheit — which I also found to be the exact temperature of the oven used by the cooks — the wafers in the dough fuse into monolithic integrated circuits."

"The average physical education major knows that this alone is not sufficient to predispose interplanetary warping," Price said. "So a second event was occurring simultaneously, that of a student caught working during Spring break at the University Union. He was too embarrassed to reveal himself, but we do know that anyone walking around with a completed term paper finished more than one hour before it is due is suspect."

"Anyway, this student was using the Union's photocopier as well as a computer printer at the same time. The printer's transit time oscillator, which also has microwave applications, interfaced with the copier's toner, which fused into silicon as the copies were being made."

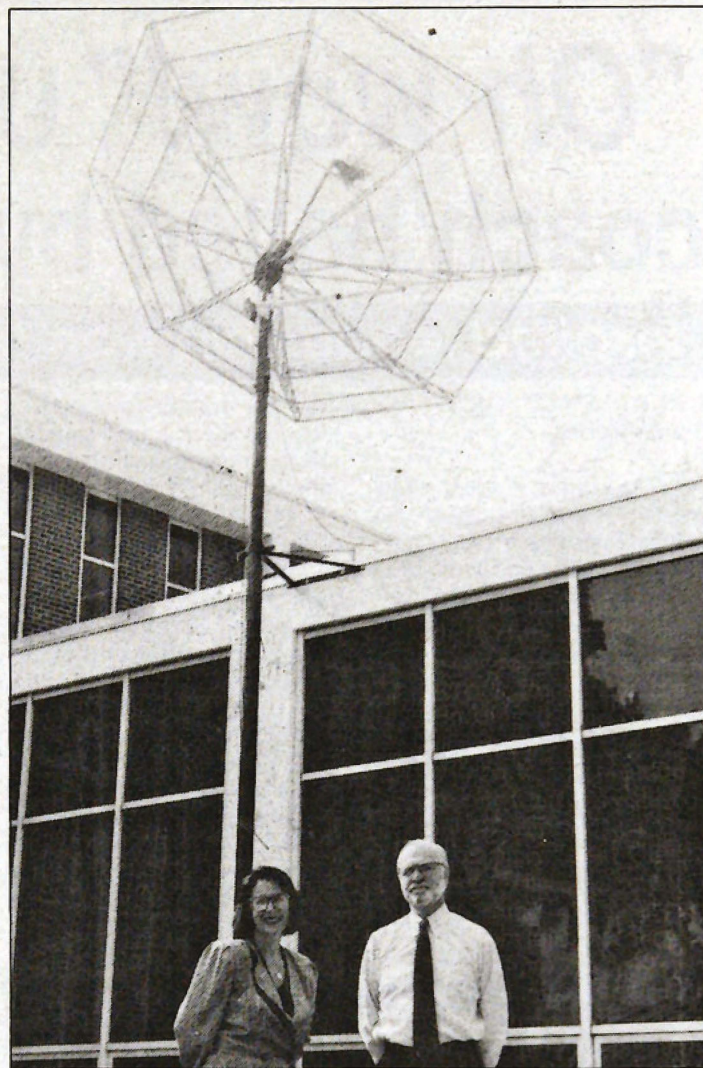
"This generated an energy

vortex of stupendous proportion. But, even those two concurrent events could not produce a phase shift in the universe. It took a third occurrence, and this was the most important of all — that of the cosmic alignment of the Merl Kelce Library's satellite dish."

"At that exact moment in time, audio-visual coordinator Douglas Harding was making adjustments to the dish when the jelly donut he was eating slipped from his hand and fell into the dish. The contents of the donut, confirmed by my lab assistant Brian Watson to be strawberry jam, leaked out as the confections seal was compromised. The melting jam acted as a crystal oscillator, while the excess was converted into a chemical vapor which acted as a form of kinetic energy in ions."

"The combination of all the factors generated a tear in the space-time continuum and our extraterrestrials from millions of light years away were able to barrel through. An explanation simple enough for even the average student with even a cursory knowledge of celestial mechanics to understand," concluded Price.

John Dolan, vice-president for admissions and financial aid, said, "We tried to recruit the three aliens into the university's MBA program. We thought it would be good publicity to attract foreign students, even offering them full tuition, but they turned the offer



Library Director Lydia Acosta and Communication Professor Tim Kennedy confirmed the reports of alien activity. Kennedy plans to use video footage for an IDS.

down."

"Even though we enjoyed the banana shakes over at Checker's in Clearwater, we really prefer the atmosphere on Venus where the air is much fresher," said Dick.

Whether he was referring to the clouds of concentrated sulfu-

ric acid or the planet's lack of mass transportation remains to be known, as the extraterrestrials phased out on Friday night to give themselves enough time to make it back to Orion.

The *Minirat* has it on good authority that the aliens were using aliases.

They're back! Dead Writers Scheduled To Lecture At UT

By SHANNON LAKANEN
Features Editor

The Writers at the University of Tampa Series is sponsoring a special reading over the summer by a few of the most respected writers in history.

The program, entitled "Dead Writers at the University," will feature William Shakespeare, Franz Kafka, Ernest Hemingway, Henry David Thoreau, Stephen Crane and Emily Dickinson all reading original works.

These writers were brought back to life for this special occasion by Alcor, a cryogenic organization. Shakespeare, who was the first subject of this freezing technique declared, "The new question is 'To chill or not to chill?'" upon exiting his cryogenic bubble, shivering but quite alive.

The other writers, except for Hemingway and Kafka, were also the benefactors of cryogenic technology. Hemingway who survived by sheer force of will, said, "It is good."

Kafka, a firm believer in the adage, "The more you complain, the longer God lets you live,"

had no comment but referred to his lawyer who said, "We're withholding comment until we find out what exactly we are accused of." Kafka's only comment concerned the size of the roaches at the Waterfront Hilton.

Dickinson appeared dressed in all white, much to the dismay of the progressives who are presently her most dedicated fans.

Stephen Crane immediately set about searching for the remains of the Yale crew while Thoreau frolicked on the artificial turf of the Suncoast Dome, frantically attempting to identify the particular strain of plastic grass.

The reading is to be held on June 12. The location will vary, due to the writers' disagreements as to the "proper setting." Hemingway will begin the evening in the Ballroom, the event moves to a private upstairs room painted all white for Ms. Dickinson, the balcony of Plant Hall for Shakespeare, then to Plant Park for Thoreau, the Rat for Kafka and finally, the sewer for Stephen Crane.

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U-TPA-2

"Oh wow!" UT baseball coach baited by Marlins

"Inspired leadership won him the job..."

By KRIS SWOFFORD
Sports Editor

The *Minirat* has learned by reading *Sports Illustrated* that UT baseball coach Lelo Prado will resign at the end of the 1992 season to become the first manager of the new Florida major league baseball team, the Florida Marlins.

Prado's departure comes as a shock to the entire Tampa community because he was coming off his fourth year of coaching and had turned the Spartans into a powerhouse in the South by winning the Sunshine State Conference.

"The Marlins made me a lucrative offer I just couldn't refuse. The guys should be happy for me," said Prado.

Instead, he has been the butt of several practical jokes.

His car has recently come up missing, replaced by a twenty foot marlin. His office restroom was filled with copies of Hemingway's *Old Man and the Sea*. The culprits did not forget his office, decorating the rafters with line and hooks baited with Monopoly money. But the crowning blow came when he accidentally applied an obscene amount of whale oil to his face, neck, chest and armpits from a

doctored cologne bottle just before the season-ending banquet.

Prado is determined to make the Marlins the most progressive team in the National League and insists on three-dimensional uniforms complete with fins on the players' caps. The team's theme song will be "Fins," a Jimmy Buffet tribute.

"Oh, wow man, Lelo's gonna be their coach," said Seattle Mariner and former UT Spartan Tino Martinez, for whom the Bob Martinez Sports Center is named. "If I'da known that, I woulda asked to be traded down there."

"I'm bettin' on Prado's suc-



Coach Lelo Prado accepts offer hook line and sinker.

cess," said Pete Rose from force of habit.

Prado's new salary was undisclosed but reported to be so much that the Marlins will not be able to afford base coaches and will rely on Prado, bullhorn in hand, to relay his instructions to his baserunners. "We are counting on the element of surprise to defeat our opponents," said

Prado, who hinted the surprise will lie in which ancient language he will shout his instructions in.

"It is this kind of inspired leadership that won him the job and will propel the Marlins into a winning first season," said Faye Vincent, baseball commissioner. "Lelo is my kind of guy."

UT Athletic Director Hindman Wall confessed to depression and confusion at having to replace Prado. "I'm happy for Lelo, of course, as this is the best thing for him and his family short of getting on *Family Fued*. But still, guys like Lelo just don't grow on trees. But you win some, you lose some and some just get rained out. You've got to take the bad with the good. Into every life a little rain must fall. When the going gets tough the tough get going. They never promised me a rose garden." Wall was still speaking when the press left the room.



Gloria Sears — The Minirat

Incoming freshmen are already preparing for the challenging row around the world.

Rowing for the record

Freshmen crew to put UT on map

Terry E. Beattie
Staff Writer

UT crew coach Bill Dunlop has announced his intention to set the new world record for crewing around the world. The record will be attempted by the fall '92 incoming freshmen.

The official world record was set by Yale last year. "Their record of 465 days, 23 hours and 36.45 minutes can easily be defeated," said Dunlop. Their (Yale's) inability to stay afloat this Spring has convinced me that the new group of kids can and will sacrifice their freshman year so that we can be number one in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. I have seen the arms and legs of every recruit and they are awesome. Now all we have to do is get their parents to pay for their food and an extra year's tuition and we will be set to row."

Incoming freshman Hugh "B.O." Fink, great-great grandson of the legendary Mike Fink,

King of the Ohio River, said, "I just know that my great-great grandfather is rowing strokes in the grand river of eternity thinking about my year abroad. I can't wait to get started on the ocean-going adventure. I will do nothing but eat, sleep and row from now until the row-off on June 1, 1992."

Fink's father, Ratford Fink, is looking forward to the row-off, too. "I'm going to bring Grandfather's rowing shoes to the boathouse on the Hillsborough River and put 'B.O.'s' feet into them myself. I want him to row in his great-great grandpa's shoes," said Mr. Fink.

President Ruffer said, "This race is certain to ensure that UT will put their mark on the globe. I couldn't be happier for the class of '97 or will it be '98? Anyway, it doesn't matter when or if they graduate just as long as they beat Yale's record. I want our names in the record book."

PRIVATE EYE Faulkner's Secret Plans To Woo Queen

By SHANNON LAKANEN
Features Editor

Director of Student Activities Bill Faulkner has spent his Spring Break scheming to use Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's educational goals to his own advantage.

Though Faulkner denies the allegations, *The Minirat* has received substantial evidence indicating that he is brushing up on his royal dos and don'ts in hopes of sweeping Her Majesty off her regal feet by the end of the fall term.

Jane Lisbeth, Student Activities secretary says that her suspicions of Faulkner's little-known passion for tapestries and imperial appointments reached a peak when "he asked me if I thought we could justify having red carpet installed in his office entrance."

Lisbeth also claims to have overheard trumpets sounding through the headphones Faulkner wears each morning when he comes to work.

Perry Monastero, Senior Class President, said that he noticed Faulkner's recent retreat into "his own little world" when he started being addressed as "Sir Perry" by the director.

A picture of Faulkner lounging at home in his majestic attire was slipped under the door of *The Minirat*'s office over Spring Break by an anonymous source. Faulkner is hoping to join Queen Elizabeth on her return trip back to Buckingham Palace after finals.

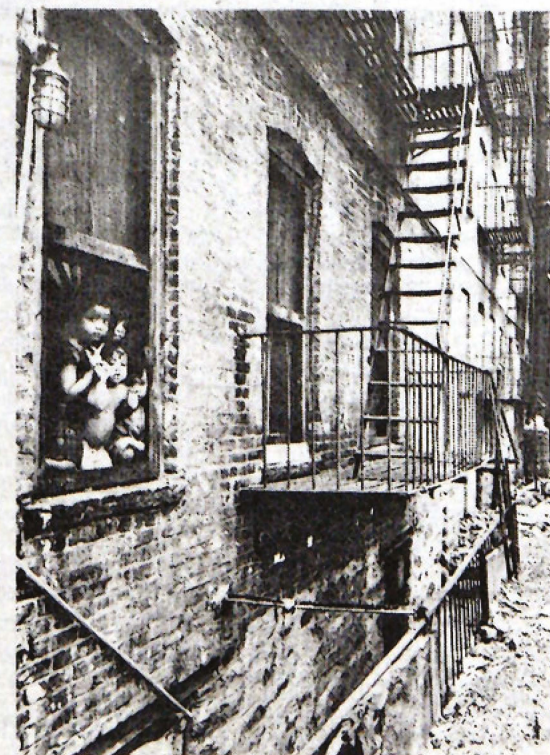


"I have the clothes, all I need is the job." Bill Faulkner

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BIBLE STUDY

We all need spiritual knowledge; an on-campus bible study group will meet every Sunday night at 9 p.m. in the Delo Front Office. POC is Greg Canty. Call ext. 7660 for more information. See you there!

FINANCIAL AID

Orville Redenbacher Inc. is sponsoring twenty national scholarships of \$1,000 for the 1992-1993 academic year. To be eligible for this scholarship you must be enrolled at least part time and be over 30 years old. Applications are provided by the Financial Aid Office PH 447. The deadline to apply is May 1, 1992.

HONORS PROGRAM JOURNAL

Honors students: please submit your outstanding research papers in our new Honors Journal. We are looking for nonfiction works written in 1991-92. This is a great opportunity for undergraduate students to be recognized and published. Let your hard work count for more than just good grades. Submit your papers to Anne Blake Cummings as soon as possible at Box 1375.

The journal will be managed, edited and designed by Honor students. If you have PageMaker experience and would like to contribute 10 hours a week, we encourage you to apply for a position as Assistant Editor in preparation to succeed as paid Editor of the 1992-93 edition. Please respond to Anne, Box 1375.

APOLLO NIGHT 1992

The University of Tampa Association of Minority Collegians will present Apollo 1992 on April 4 in Falk Theatre. The event will be hosted by actor/comedian Steve White, and there will be a post-event party in the Dome Room free to all Apollo ticket holders and \$2 for all others.

Tickets are on sale this week for \$3 in Plant Hall Lobby.

PERSONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Personal & Career Development Center will offer workshops throughout the Spring semester from 4-5 p.m. in PH 309. No sign-up is required. Following is a list of dates and topics:

Study Skills
Thurs., April 2 Improving reading comprehension
Thurs., April 9 How to catch up if you're behind
Thurs., April 23 Preparing for finals

EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS

Several organizations will be on campus to interview students for employment.

The interview schedule for the period April 3 through 10 is as follows:

April 3
Florida Engineered Construction Products
DANKA Industries
April 6
AETNA Life and Casualty
April 8
American Income Life
April 9
Pinney Bowes
Kentucky Fried Chicken
April 9
North Western Mutual Life Insurance

SOCIAL WORK CLUB

Social work students have recently united at UT to form a club with the following objectives:

- Increase community awareness about social work at UT
- Increase social work students' awareness of employment in the field of social work
- Participate as volunteers for non-profit organizations serving those in need
- Sponsor field trips to various social work programs
- Donate monies to the Dr. Martin Denoff Scholarship Memorial Fund

For more information, please contact Merry at 237-0423 or leave a message

WELLNESS SERIES

There are three remaining presentations in this series, a continuation of the series started first semester. The subjects and dates are as follows:

Thursday, April 2
"Eating Disorders," presented by a speaker from Rader Institute (eating disorder treatment program) in Seminole. Delo Rec Room, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16
"Stress Management," speaker from Charter Hospital. Delo Rec Rm, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30
"Depression," speaker from Medfield Hospital. Smiley Hall Study Room, 2nd floor, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB

Inter-Faith Council, Newman Club, Meditation Room has been moved to room 111, University East (the pink and blue residence hall behind the book store). It is open daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for your convenience. Come browse, pray or rest a while. Some reading and/or reflection materials are available for your use.

The Newman Club will sponsor a sharing/discussion session titled "Let's Talk About Prayer" at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 2.

YOGA

Interested in learning and practicing yoga? Yoga classes meet Wed. at 4 p.m. Classes meet in the movement lab, Martinez Sports Center.

ACCOUNTING LAB

The hours for the Accounting lab (PH 220) for students of Accounting 202 and 203 are as follows:

ACC 202 — Mon. 3 to 5 p.m.
ACC 203 — Wed. 3 to 5 p.m.

Anyone is welcome, and bilingual assistance is available.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The student chapter of Human Resource Management is now accepting new members. All are welcome to participate in and benefit from HR professional guest speakers, internship opportunities, local contacts before graduation, learning about the field of HR, holding a leadership position in the chapter and receiving the HR magazine and newspaper. For more information, write to Box 2761.

INTERNSHIPS

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington, D.C. is accepting applications for their Summer Internship Program. This is an excellent opportunity for Hispanic students to broaden their knowledge of the federal government and the American political system. Also, The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is accepting entries for its 1992 Paid Summer Internship Program. This program will offer college students summer internships in 24 different areas of the television industry during an eight-week period in the summer of 1992. For more information on these and other programs, contact Mamie Tapp in the Career Information Center, PH 301, or call 253-6218.

DELTA SIGMA PI

The three on three basketball tournament that was scheduled to take place on March 15 will now take place on April 12. The place remains the same — the Martinez Sports Center. There will be an entry fee of \$5. Prizes will be awarded to the best team. For more information, call John at ext. 7684.

CRIMINOLOGY INTERNSHIPS

Anyone interested in Summer or Fall 1992 internships in criminology should contact Dr. Susan Brinkley (PH 317 or ext. 3315) by April 17.

PEER ACADEMIC CONSULTANT

The following is a list of the PACs, their office hours and where you can locate them:

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Thursday 7-9:30 p.m. McKay desk
Shawn Gregory x7689 Box 805
Wednesday 7-9:30 p.m. McKay desk
Thursday 7-9:30 p.m. McKay desk
SMILEY PACS
Carolyn Masters x7966 Box 1398
Tuesday 7-9:30 p.m. Smiley desk
Wednesday 7-9:30 p.m. Smiley desk
Heather Witterman x7875 Box 2413
Monday 7-9:30 p.m. Smiley desk
Thursday 7-9:30 p.m. Smiley desk
DELO PACS
Whitney Torpey x7485 Box 1859
Monday 7:30-10 p.m. Delo desk
Wednesday 7:30-10 p.m. Delo desk
Glen Kelly x 7462 Box 1045
Tuesday 7-10 p.m. Delo desk
Thursday 8-10 p.m. Delo desk
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Monday 7-9:30 p.m. Howell desk
Wednesday 7-9:30 p.m. Howell desk
Andrea Clendennen x7997 Box 1832
Tuesday 7-9 p.m. Howell desk
Thursday 6-9 p.m. Howell desk

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Tampa Women's Club is offering three \$100 scholarships, one for each class (freshman, sophomore, junior). Students will be judged on scholarship and financial need. Letters of application should be turned into Mr. Thomas J. Judge, Director, Financial Aid, UT Box E, by Wednesday, April 8, 4:30 p.m. Winners will be announced at the Honors Convocation on April 22.

ANGER WORKSHOP

There will be an Anger Workshop for women only on Monday, April 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. facilitated by Dr. Suzanne Nickeson and Jean Masquelier. This will be an experimental workshop which will be held in a private location. If you are interested in attending, please stop by PH 301 to receive detailed information for this workshop.

PI SIGMA EPSILON

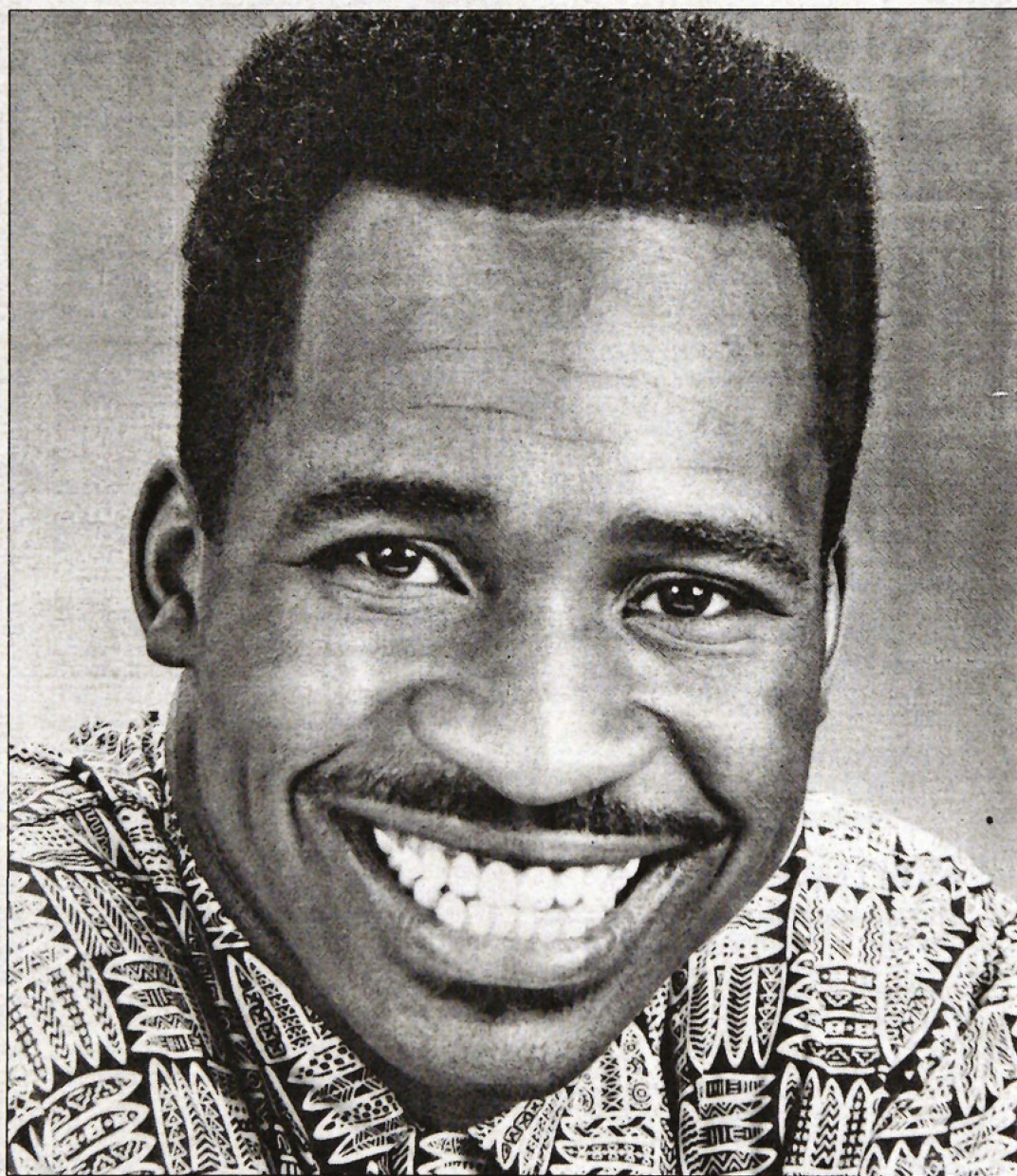
Pi Sigma Epsilon, a professional sales and marketing fraternity, will host guest speaker Judy Barton at 9 p.m. on April 7 in the Ballroom. The presentation is titled, "You Only Have 7 Seconds" and is extremely helpful in interviewing skills and résumé writing. All student are welcome.

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will join UT this fall. She is reported to be looking for a bookbag to match her tiara

ROYAL WATCH

Monarch trades in crown for cap and gown

By KAREN LYNCH
Assistant Editor

John Dolan, vice-president of admissions and financial aid, announced Friday that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England was so taken with her visit to the University of Tampa's campus last May that she has enrolled for the Fall 1992 term.

Queen Elizabeth's secretary, Penelope Pittfall, explained the monarch's sudden decision to return to the academic environment.

"Her Majesty has never felt her education adequately finished," said Pittfall, "and she feels this is the perfect time in her royal career to embark on fulfilling this long awaited goal."

"So many good things reached her royal ear about student life at UT, especially the fact that over-traditional age students were not discriminated against when it came to academic or social participation. This was extremely good news as another of the Queen's long cherished dreams is to join a sorority."

"We have decided to major in political science and are greatly anticipating attending classes taught by those two most heralded professors, Dr. Richard Piper and Dr. Mark Lombardi," said Her Majesty in a TransAtlantic phone interview.

The *Minirat* has invited the Queen to be on the staff, and she has graciously accepted the position. She will undertake the task of writing a weekly companion commentary to that of President David G. Ruffer's.

The Queen and her entourage are expected to require the entire first floor of Smiley Dorm. This will put something of a burden on Residence Life as to the housing of students normally in residence

on Smiley's first floor.

Pam Cunningham, director of residence life and student affairs, was in an uproar over this development.

"Where do they expect me to house the displaced students," ranted Cunningham.

Tampa Mayor Sandy Freedman, in an effort to accommodate the homeless students, volunteered to take them into her own home. This led to charges by disgruntled former political opponents that Freedman was fawning on Her Majesty in hope of being appointed Assistant Queen.

The UT police department have been advised that the Queen will require four limousine-sized parking spaces in front of Plant Hall for her personal car and those

*Queen picks poli/
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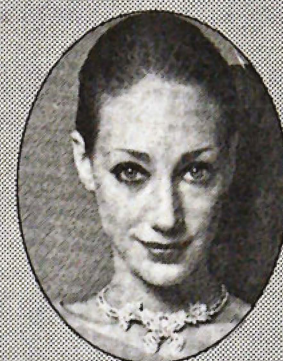
of her security forces. This special security unit has requisitioned the ROTC building as their headquarters in the absence of the UT's Spartan Battalion which will be on assignment in Croatia.

"I can not tell you how much Her Majesty's coming to the university means to our foreign student recruitment drive," said Ruffer. "The loss of the extraterrestrial students was certainly a blow to our program, but in the end we made a nice recovery. We lost three aliens, but we gained a queen. Even Graceland was never like this."

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DEAR PRINCESS: My boyfriend keeps complaining that my legs are too hairy. I tried shaving for a while, but that didn't work. Every time he rubbed his hand along my leg he cut himself. I'm really desperate. He said he would leave me if my hairs kept getting between us. I don't want to lose him, what can I do?
The Fuzzy Lady of ResCom.

DEAR FUZZY: Well, my dear subject, I understand your frustration. My advice would be electrolysis, but considering how expensive that is, all you can do is try waxing. The secret is that you must use a very thick tar. That's the only thing that will save your boyfriend, and your legs. You may experience some problems removing the tar from your legs, but look at the bright side: your dark legs will be everybody's envy and you'll never need to go to the beach again.

DEAR PRINCESS: I've just been promoted, but I need to improve my image because I will be the new public relations representative in the office. But I have one confession: I don't know anything about make-up! To make things worse, I'm a redhead! Can you help me?
Confused Carrot-top.

DEAR COPPERDOME: Don't panic, you've come to the perfect person. Make-up is everything to the woman of the 90's, even to some men of the 90's. The first thing you must know is that the best and most sensual perfume is available in 5 gallon barrels at K-Mart. Scotty's hardware store offers the finest in make-up kits, located in their paint section. As a redhead, you'll want to get oranges and yellows. The base needs to consist of a deep and defined bright pink powder, previously mixed with water. This will prevent it from running all over your brown lipstick. You must keep your eye-shadow soft. Use blue and green colors, especially with the brown lips. Your eyeliner must extend to the far end of your eyes, giving you that special and irresistible cat-woman appearance. If people stare at you, don't feel awkward. It's just that they are admiring your creativity and beauty!

DEAR PRINCESS: I've been thinking about trying to be a model, and I'm going to try out for a fashion show. What do you think I should wear? I really want to impress the agents because I truly believe that I can make it in the cat-walk! *Soon to be Rich & Famous.*

DEAR KIDDING HERSELF: The in thing to do these days is mix colors and patterns. If you were thinking about wearing pants and a shirt, try a tie-dye shirt with checker pants. High heels should go along with that, but make the pumps turquoise or bright pink. A dress can also catch their

eye. Assuming that you're tall and skinny, you'll want to wear a dress that resembles the color of your skin. It should be mid-length, very ample and covering as much of your chest as possible. Models shouldn't display too much flesh. If jewelry is a consideration, wear huge anchor earrings and a snake bracelet. Rhinestones should match and a necklace with an evil eye should accompany everything. Last but not least, watch what they do in Paris and don't make the same mistakes!

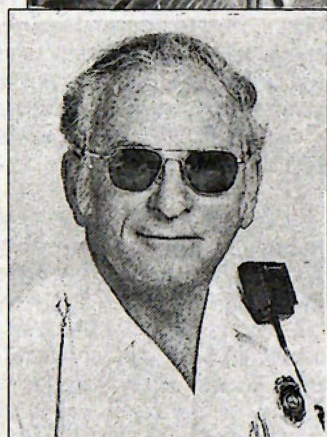
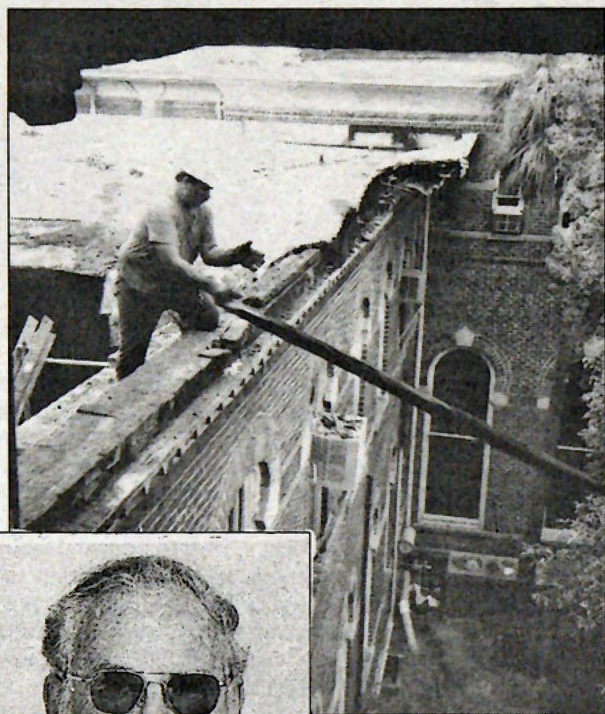
DEAR PRINCESS: I've been really interested in this guy for some weeks now, but I'm afraid that if I don't show him what I feel, he'll look for another girl who likes him better. I don't want him to think that I like him too much, or that I don't like him at all. What do you think should be the right approach?
Reluctant Coquette.

DEAR COQ: As a starter, you don't want to be too sweet or too mean. What you need to do is find the right balance and keep him swinging there. When he calls you to do something, tell him that you're studying with the best looking guy in your class. Guys love that: a girl who studies on a Friday evening and has good taste on top of it. If you end up going out with him somewhere, offer to pay for everything. You don't want him to think that in the future you'll be a kept woman. Never compliment his clothes, never laugh at his jokes, and most important, never tell him how smart and cute he is. Guys hate that. They want to be rough, and pain is their ultimate experience. So if you turn him down twenty times, don't worry, he'll be back. Think of it: when has he been back when you were a sweetie? So try some reverse psychology, that should blow his mind, if he has one.

DEAR PRINCESS: I'm a tall, debonair guy who has been told repeatedly by my mother that any girl would be lucky to have me. I've got two stunning blue eyes, and when I smile it looks like each of my teeth has been individually waxed and buffed. Still, the woman I pine for, Eunice Sapperstein, won't give me the time of day even though she has two watches. What could be wrong?
Perfect But Lonely.

DEAR STUCK ON HIMSELF EVEN IF NO ONE ELSE IS: You naïve boy. Anyone can see what your problem is. You've got the eyes, the teeth, obviously what is missing is the tan. Women love a tan. I mean, they see an otherwise attractive man with white, pasty skin and they think, "What is this guy, an accountant or something? Yuck!" Let me tell you about women, because I don't think you'll ever learn about them any other way: women want a guy with a tan. A tan means that when you're both 45, he'll look older.

SCIENCE WING SHOCKER



Plant Hall's restorations were for naught as workers began the preliminary construction on the new parking garage.

Though most were saddened to hear about the plans, Officer Gene Guy was thrilled about the ticket writing potentials.

- Secret contracts
- Cancelled majors
- Unemployed professors

...BUT LOTS OF COVERED PARKING!

By TERRY E. BEATTIE
Staff Writer

Sources close to the *Minirat* report that the wrecking ball will hit the interior of the science wing of Plant Hall early next week. The renovative work done on the wing since the August 1990 laboratory fire will be demolished. A secretly hired engineering firm has submitted final plans for an air-conditioned structure to house 500 sub-compact cars and two tour buses.

President David G. Ruffer has signed the necessary documents to lead the way for the construction of the new garage. Ruffer said, "I can't believe that we were able to push this through so quickly. After [Campus Police Officer Gene] Guy's stroke last fall, it was deemed necessary that he stay indoors all day, and because of his incredible ticketing capabilities we wanted to accommodate him. As most students know, Officer Guy works hard all day and has won numerous awards for his non-stop approach to issuing parking tick-

ets. With the building of this garage, Officer Guy will never have to venture out of doors, saving his health, and garnering untold revenues for the University."

Ruffer admits there are two problems with the new project. He said that as the parking spaces will be quite small and the turning radius tight, students with standard sized vehicles will be forced to park outside. Guy will not be able to issue tickets to these students as he will be allowed to work inside only. Guy is considering subcontracting all outdoor tickets to a private meter maid firm.

Officer Guy said, "I can't believe what expense the University is taking on to help me stay healthy and alive. I expect to get on my little golf-cart and work my fingers to the bone issuing tickets to help pay for the demolition of the new construction to the science wing and the birth of the parking garage. I am very excited about the parking garage and so are my grandchildren. They are happy that I will be able to work long past retirement age."

"After this semester there will no longer be a science major," Ruffer admitted. "This may inconvenience those students who have yet to fulfill their lab science requirement."

Associate Chemistry Professor Bruce C. Winkler said, "I am enraged. I can hardly believe that I am being turned out of my office for 500 sub-compact cars and two tour buses. I want my job back, and what am I going to do with my beakers and Bunsen burners?"

Officer Guy said, "The beakers will make perfect pylons to mark parking spaces. We will fill them with that orange stuff that they sell in the cafeteria and the Rat." His suggestion for what Winkler could do with the Bunsen burners was deemed not printable.

President Ruffer said, "As a biology professor, I am naturally saddened by the demise of the science department. I am confident, however, that UT students can glean most of the important scientific information that they will ever need by watching *Cosmos* and *Mr. Wizard*."

CELEBS TRY TO PRESERVE THE BUILDING

Generous Rockers Fight Losing Battle

By ANDREA McCASLAND
Staff Writer

The "Save the Science Wing" concert was considered a huge success, attracting rock stars and thousands of fans, but will it actually keep the big minaret from being torn down to make a parking lot?

In early March, the Musicians Against Racial Corporate Suit Wearing Scum and For Saving the Animals, the Environment, and the Human Race, (Except Lawyers) and For the Use of Politically Correct Language and the Preservation of Minarets (MARCSWSFSAEHRELFLUPCLPM) got together to raise money for and awareness of the renovation of Fletcher Lounge.

The concert, located outdoors on the west side of Fletcher Lounge, started early in the morning with Sting. A shirtless Sting spoke out against the idea of tearing down the beloved building to build a parking lot,

claiming it (the building, not the parking lot, although his own pronoun usage was obscure) is rich in culture and is home to many strange and unusual species, such as lab rats and science professors. The audience was almost brought to tears when he sang the theme to *Bonanza*.

Country rocker K. D. Lang introduced her set by condemning those who allow livestock to be killed just so people can eat meat. Her set was followed by Jimmy Buffet, who sang a rousing version of "Cheeseburger in Paradise." Bob Dylan and his translator sang "Like a Rolling Stone," but Dylan, now 50, fell asleep before he could finish the song, suffering a nasty rip in his tongue when it lodged in a hole of his harmonica. Sinéad O'Connor spent two hours on stage, but unfortunately was so busy speaking out against everything that she forgot to sing and was forced off stage.

Bruce Springsteen was almost unable to perform at the concert due to a problem with his



A little too late.

Even rock star Phil Collins could not save the science wing from imminent demolition.

throat. When his voice "cleared up" he was still unable to sing with his distinct, throaty sound. Fortunately, the cafeteria offered Springsteen some buffalo wings for lunch and his voice became as raspy as ever.

Phil Collins sang several love ballads with the help of Guns n' Roses, the high point coming when Phil Collins and Axl Rose sang the duet "Separate Lives." Mariah Carey caused a commo-

tion when she sang, "Emotions," which attracted all the dogs in the metropolitan area to UT.

Peter Gabriel performed his set and did his traditional backwards fall into the audience where the crowd is supposed to catch him. Only this time, just as sure as O'Connor forgot to sing, the audience failed to catch Gabriel. He was only temporarily stunned and was able to finish his set.

The grand finale of the "Save

the Science Wing Concert" involved all the performers and some additional vocal guests, such as R. E. M., Nirvana, Elton John, Air Supply and Garth Brooks, joining President David G. Ruffer on stage to sing the University of Tampa Alma Mater. When it became clear that no one knew the words, they switched unobtrusively back to the theme from *Bonanza*.

Plant Hall Really Heartbreak Hotel

Elvis *is* alive and running UT

By MARTY SOLOMON
Staff Writer

University of Tampa President David G. Ruffer announced Wednesday in a tearful press conference that he is in fact Elvis Presley. "I've been running for so long," he said, a bit of The King's drawl slipping into his voice, "I've been so lonely. I had to make public my shame."

However, Bocephus Miller, a private detective hired by the campus police to investigate Ruffer's strange behavior, alleges that he was close to the truth and that Ruffer went public to control damage to his reputation. "I was almost sure," said Miller. "I mean, he thought he was pretty cute pretending to know biology and talking like Jack Benny, but I knew. He just beat me to the punch. I had all the evidence."

Miller was retained by Chief of Campus Police Lee O. Henley after the astute officer noticed odd behavior on Ruffer's part. "He started ordering blue suede and velvet decorations for his office," said Henley, "and one night I caught him in the parking lot wearing a rhinestone-studded butterfly collar."

Dolores Hull, Ruffer's secretary, claimed her suspicions were aroused when she was ordered to have his presidential portrait painted on black velvet. She said,



Elvis Ruffer goes public.

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"We've had our suspicions for quite some time. The eight-track cassette player, the white rayon bell bottoms stashed in the office closet, it was all just too frightening to believe." Hull described the incident, just days ago, which confirmed her suspicions. She walked into Ruffer's office and found him, hips swaying, hair coiffed, crooning a Presleyesque version of "I'm Too Sexy" by the British group Right Said Fred.

With a wistful look in his eye, Ruffer detailed his escape from oppressive wife Priscilla and his stint in a South American

institute for reconstructive surgery. "Ah, the nose-job, the belly vaccum, the tush tuck, through it all I was just so glad to be free." He said that after taking the name David Ruffer from a Bolivian comic strip called "If You Can Read This You're Obviously Not From Here," he returned to America and immersed himself in the academic community.

"The disco thing really shook me," Ruffer said. "I turned to books to help me through. I just couldn't bring myself to say 'solid, man' in earnest."

Ruffer is determined to retain his position as president of the university and has announced that in order to make his transition back to his former identity, he will require all female students to wear poodle skirts and chew gum, and to swoon in his presence. In addition, all male students must comb their hair in a D.A. pompadour style or risk expulsion.

"These extreme measures," he said, "won't be in place for long. I just need them for now." Ruffer has decided that the only permanent change he will make on campus will be the new alma mater, "Don't Step on My Blue Suede School," which will be recorded later in the month and released by RCA records with backing vocals by the New Kids on the Block under the direction of David Isele.



Material girl to offer life lessons at graduation

By SHANNON LAKANEN
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The Provost's office has announced that Madonna will be the guest speaker at this year's graduation. A source working for Dr. Hegarty said that the office was contacted by the pop star's agent, Reginald Tusch, shortly after President Ruffer revealed his true identity as the previously "deceased" Elvis Presley.

The Material Girl requested the opportunity to sing a duet with The King during the ceremony. "Performing at UT with such a legend will give my career the boost I've been waiting for," said Madonna.

Ruffer's office had not offered a response to the singer's request as of this printing, but a source close to The King says that he has "penciled in" the "Boy Toy."

US Defense Department Assigns Spartan Battalion To UN Peacekeeping Mission

By KAREN LYNCH
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Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney announced at a special news conference held early yesterday morning that the elite troops of the University of Tampa's Spartan Battalion would be assigned to the U.N. peace-keeping forces. The Blue Berets are scheduled to be sent to Croatia in late April.

Despite the fact that the Blue Berets will be only lightly armed, their first assignment will be to break the stubborn pattern of mutual recrimination which has persisted for the nine months of the Yugoslav conflict.

"The Spartan Battalion, which has consistently distinguished itself in competition nationally," Cheney said, "has received the dubious honor of being sent to Krajina, where they are expected to receive heavy resistance from paramilitary groups reluctant to lay down their arms."

In a statement made from his home yesterday evening, Lt. Col. Robert Ryan,

commander of the Spartan Battalion, said, "After many mock assaults on the university campus and stellar performances at Camp Swampy and Ft. Lewis, Wa., I have every confidence that my troops can handle the situation."

Assistant Professor of Political Science Mark Lombardi bristled at the assignment. "Clearly, now that he is dropping in the polls, [President George] Bush thinks he can boost his popularity by having the Spartans kick a little butt. This reeks of opportunism, just plain reeks," said Lombardi.

"Reeks?" replied Bush when apprised of Lombardi's comments, "Never known Mark to speak of me that way before. Gonna call him."

Democratic front (just barely) runner Bill Clinton applauded the move but suggested middle class Spartans be trimmed from the fighting force. "We've got to have more cuts for the middle class," said Clinton.

Former Governor of La La Land (California) Jerry Brown protested, "This is typical of a system that just can't work



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Hang in there!

With little time remaining before they ship out, Spartan Cadets intensify training to insure proficiency in completing their recent assignment.

any more. I think we should send 13 percent of all ROTC students in the country to ...where did you say that was?"

Cheney, however, remains firm in his decision.

"News of the deployment of the Spartan Battalion is welcomed by both Serbia and Croatia," said Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. "Although the dissidents have been resisting efforts to disarm them, when faced with the crack troops of the Spartan Battalion, the rebellion should be

ended in short order."

Croatia's President, Franjo Tudjman, also supports the first U.N. peacekeeping mission in Europe. Though reluctant to relinquish territorial control to the U.N., Tudjman said, "I asked for military assistance, but I think that sending the Spartan Battalion may be an overkill."

When asked about his feelings on the deployment, Cadet Commander Norman Witt replied, "hummm Ah..."

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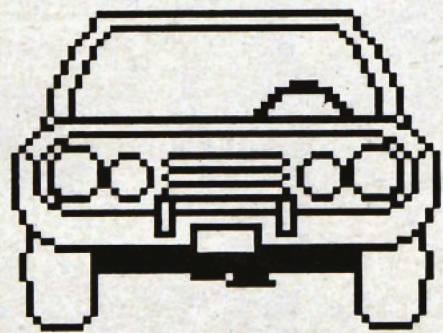


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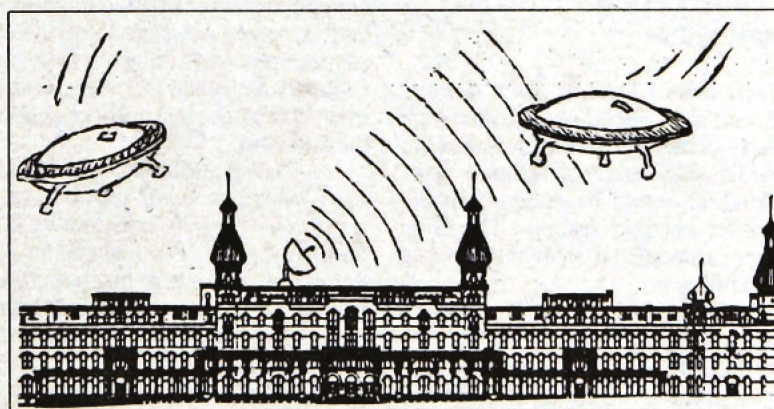
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