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Schmelzer demonstrates the "Monastero Mash" to underclassmen

By HORRENDO RIVERA
Entertainment Tonight

A freshman paid the ultimate price for illegal parking Tuesday when he was run down by police chief Harold Schmelzer.

Perry Monastero, 18, was pursued to his death by Schmelzer after he was observed parking in front of the student union instead of the designated freshman parking area behind the sports center. "It's time to teach these freshmen a lesson," said Schmelzer, who refused to allow Monastero to surrender after a lively chase across campus, including an exciting cross-country trek through the post office.

Final damages were costly, but like the Mounties, Schmelzer got his man, flattening him in front of the police station. "I would have gotten him sooner, but the little bugger was too quick," observed Schmelzer.

"How inconsiderate can you get," said Pete Gonzalez, facilities manager, as he hosed down the tarmac trying to remove the blood. "The police should have to clean up after themselves."



Joan Collins — The National Enquirer

Freshman Perry Monastero spills his guts to UT chief of police Harold Schmelzer

Jeff Klepfer, dean of students, had no official statement except that he would not consider this a valid excuse for missing final exams.

Dan Caplin, senior senator, applauded the action. "These freshmen are altogether too cocky. Parking is an upper-class privilege. Let them walk."

Andy Solomon, writing professor, expressed regret at the situation. "He was showing some real

improvement," said Solomon after grading Monastero's final assignment.

General consensus was that it was no big loss as there are too many freshmen on campus anyway. However, almost all observers were amazed at the speed and agility Monastero exhibited before he tripped on a loose shoe string. "Hey, I put ten bucks on him," said Dana Hess, Monastero's resident advisor.



Jacques Cousteau — National Geographic

Killer dolphins from hell were sighted in the UT pool Thursday. Stanley Rice hot on the trail. See story p. 9.

Visiting crews sing the blues

By RALPH NADER
Emission Control Expert

A showerhead will be installed at the entrance of the cafeteria to deodorize Yankee rowers, said Stacy Kirby, food services director, Wednesday.

"There is a God," said Doug Scibeck, card-carrying communist, who incited diners to dismember two rowers last week when they attempted to share his table. "This administration is finally displaying sensitivity to the

students' needs." Scibeck promised to recall flyers urging a "Burn The Boathouse" rally Friday.

Yale students denounced mandatory showers as "rank bigotry."

"You don't see people complaining about the ROTC cadets who come in to eat right after P.T.," said campus agitator Belinda Luke. "I'm sure the American Civil Liberties Union will want to hear about this."

"Like, it would be totally awesome if Epicure gave out Nexus products," commented Dana Hess, 1989 Homecoming King.

Rodriguez and Stonewell discover politics makes strange bedfellows

By MARIA CIANFLONE
Propaganda Ministry

University of Tampa Democrats and College Republicans announced an organizational merger Thursday and promised publication of a new campus weekly, *The Conservative Rag*.

"Well, we were always seeing each other at the same rallies and we figured, 'Hey, why not carpool?'" said Steven Rodriguez, CR president. "The merger will contain administrative overhead on both sides."

"This is an ecologically sound decision," commented Stephen Stonewell, president of UT Democrats. "Less fossil fuels will be burned commuting to rallies, and fewer trees will be sacrificed to paper mills."

"This is an exciting step towards world peace," said Sister Anne Dougherty, Catholic chaplain.

"Perhaps *The Minaret* can be persuaded to join this coalition of campus publications," said Bruce Samson, UT president. "It would make censorship a heck of a lot easier."

Samson resigns

By GLEN FINNERTY
TV Guide

University of Tampa president Bruce Samson resigned his position today leaving behind a stunned UT community.

Samson said his resignation was only the result of a better career opportunity. "I have been very happy these last three years at UT," Samson said. "But I couldn't pass up the opportunity that I'm about to take." Samson will be the newest Amway distributor in Hillsborough County.

Wayne Darland, UT locksmith, will succeed Samson as the new president. Darland was given the position when he accidentally parked in Samson's parking space. "I'm extremely happy with this position," Darland said. "I know that I can do

just as good a job as Samson, and probably even better."

Terrell Sessums, chairman of the Board of Trustees, is elated over Darland's new position. "I really believe that the right man has been selected for the job," Sessums said. "We believe that Darland, using his skills as a locksmith, can take this University to new heights as a learning institution."

Jeff Klepfer, vice president of student affairs, has also resigned his position to join the Peace Corps. Klepfer said he resigned mainly because he has always wanted to work in a rice paddy.

Harold Schmelzer, chief of police, will be leaving UT to become a crossing guard at a local elementary school. "This is a chance for me to give something back to the community," said Schmelzer humbly.



Pentagon file photo

Army ROTC cadets draw battle plans to repel supply room raiders.

Cadets put squeeze on Charmin

By JACQUI SECHTMAN
Fifth Columnist

Lt. Col. Gary Beck, professor of military science here, attended a Student Government Executive Board meeting Wednesday to confront accusers charging Army cadets with precipitating the toilet paper shortage on campus.

Black-bereted cadets forced a path for Beck through protesters thronging the student union chanting "Hell, no, we can't go!" Outside the board room Beck was involved in a verbal altercation with Rich Piper, president of UT Anarchists.

"It's your cadets who've commandeered all the toilet paper on campus!" Piper shouted at Beck. "Think they're a privileged class!"

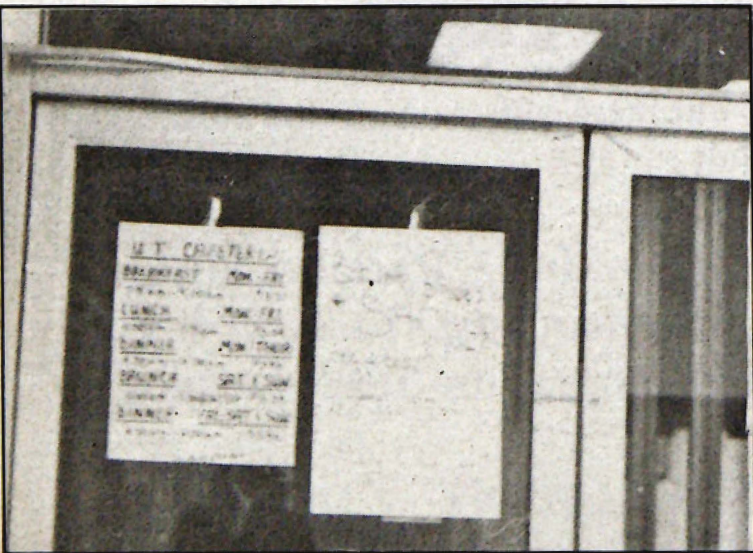
"They're fighting to defend your freedom," Beck replied.

"Freedom fighters always need more toilet paper."

Andy Solomon, president of the Coalition for Non-Militaristic Lavatory Usage, urged the cadets to throw open their supply room to non-partisan inspection. "There is no substitute for toilet paper," read Solomon from a prepared statement. "No napkin, no paper towel, no Kleenex, not even a Sears catalog will do."

The poly-sci department dispatched a model UN peacekeeping force to the ROTC building Monday when a clash between cadets and constipated radicals resulted in the death of supply room sergeant Robert Frierson.

"Our tails are in the sling again thanks to those Army grunts," noted hostage Kym Keravuori in a statement issued Tuesday from Beirut. Keravuori and 30 other Air Force cadets were mistakenly captured by the Lebanese Lavatory Liberation Front last week.



Norman Bates — Bates Motel, Inc.

Epicure has installed showers to control air pollution in the cafeteria. Crews of Yale students are protesting.

Inside

Computer virus spread by health center. See story, page 12.

Mutant rotifers escape into Hillsborough. Snell blames Epicure. See story, page 9.

Okra Winfrey visits campus. See interview, page 13.

New AD Connie Rynder to wed President Samson

Ghostwritten By
CARY BOGUE
Dead Sports Editor

The University of Tampa administration announced today that Connie Rynder was chosen as the new athletic director after a nationwide search.

In a brief statement, Jeff Klepfer indicated the change.

"I felt Ms. Rynder was the most qualified person for the job."

Rynder, a hard-line feminist and anti-football activist, made it clear that she was in favor of football providing that the head coach was a woman.

"Actually, I've been for football all along," Rynder said. "What had really been bothering me was that it wasn't a women's sport. With me in charge, though, you can bet your ass some women will be on the team."

In another surprise move, UT president Bruce Samson announced his pending divorce and upcoming engagement to Rynder.

"Although it appeared we were at odds in the past, we have secretly been falling in love," said Samson. "Constance and I have much in common, including our love for women's rights."

Rynder refused to discuss Samson.

"Brucey isn't the issue here.

What is important now is that this becomes the number one Division II program in the country. I want to find a coach who is capable of developing a team that can go out there and kick some ass."

Interim provost Bill McReynolds expressed his approval of the situation.

"This marriage between the faculty and administration, no pun intended, is exactly what this University needs," said McReynolds.

Other faculty members expressed satisfaction with the new arrangement. David Ford called for a large wedding which all members of the faculty and administration could attend.

"Many people don't realize it but my little honey-muffin (Rynder) is a loveable, huggable, pushover," said Samson. "Our life together will be one big hug-a-thon."

"Knowing Connie as I do, I'm sure some sort of compromise regarding faculty salaries will come

about," said Ford. "As far as Connie becoming the new AD, that's no big shock to me. Connie has always been a sort of 'closet jock.' It was just a matter of time before she came out of the closet."

In other related news, men's sports took a serious beating at the hands of Rynder when she announced that a new sports information director would be hired for football and women's sports while current SID, Larry Grawburg, will be assigned to the men's sports.

"The men don't need much attention," said Rynder. "By giving Grawburg the job of promoting men's sports I can be assured that football and women's sports will get the maximum publicity they deserve."

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The Samson-Rynder wedding (both parties will retain their current last names) has been tentatively announced for April 1. The wedding is scheduled to be held at Tampa Stadium and the couple will honeymoon in Buffalo, N.Y.

In the Last Pew

with Howard Cosell



Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Howard Cosell. As you know by now your distinguished sports editor was brutally terminated last night. Yes, Cary Bogue, sports writer extraordinaire, was abrogated. I felt it incumbent on me, therefore, to supplant Bogue for this one week.

Being found malapropos with a knife in your forehead is certainly a portentous way to perish. I strongly believe that this heinous assassin should be apprehended and punished most severely. Therefore, I propose to list some of the most plausible transgressors.

First on the list must be the subject of Bogue's most recent denunciation, that amateurish, predisposed essayist, Chris Harry. Harry is a likely candidate to have been in the bathroom that night since many know he is full of detritus.

Second, that spacious basketball coach who was subdued by the Soviet Union in the Olympics last summer, John Thompson. Word has it that he got wind of Bogue's unflattering pronouncements and he was reportedly tumultuous. Thompson has recently been seen in the company of the Russian model who will be adorning the cover *Playboy*. Could she have had something to do with our Olympic loss?

Third, that opprobrious arbitrator, Joe Cassera. His officiating career has suffered cruelly due to caustic remarks by Bogue in his esteemed, world-famous column.

Running in fourth place is that gridiron disaster, Vincent Testaverde. Despite speculation that Testaverde would have missed and stabbed someone else, he must be placed in contention.

The quintuplet position is a tie between Ray Perkins and the NCAA. Both are excellent nominees.

Sixth place is the newest athletic director Constance Rynder. Less likely, she would probably have used a more rigorous method of execution. Perhaps tearing him apart limb by limb.

Seventh would be that sports information director, Larry Grawburg. He probably never would have gotten around to it, though.

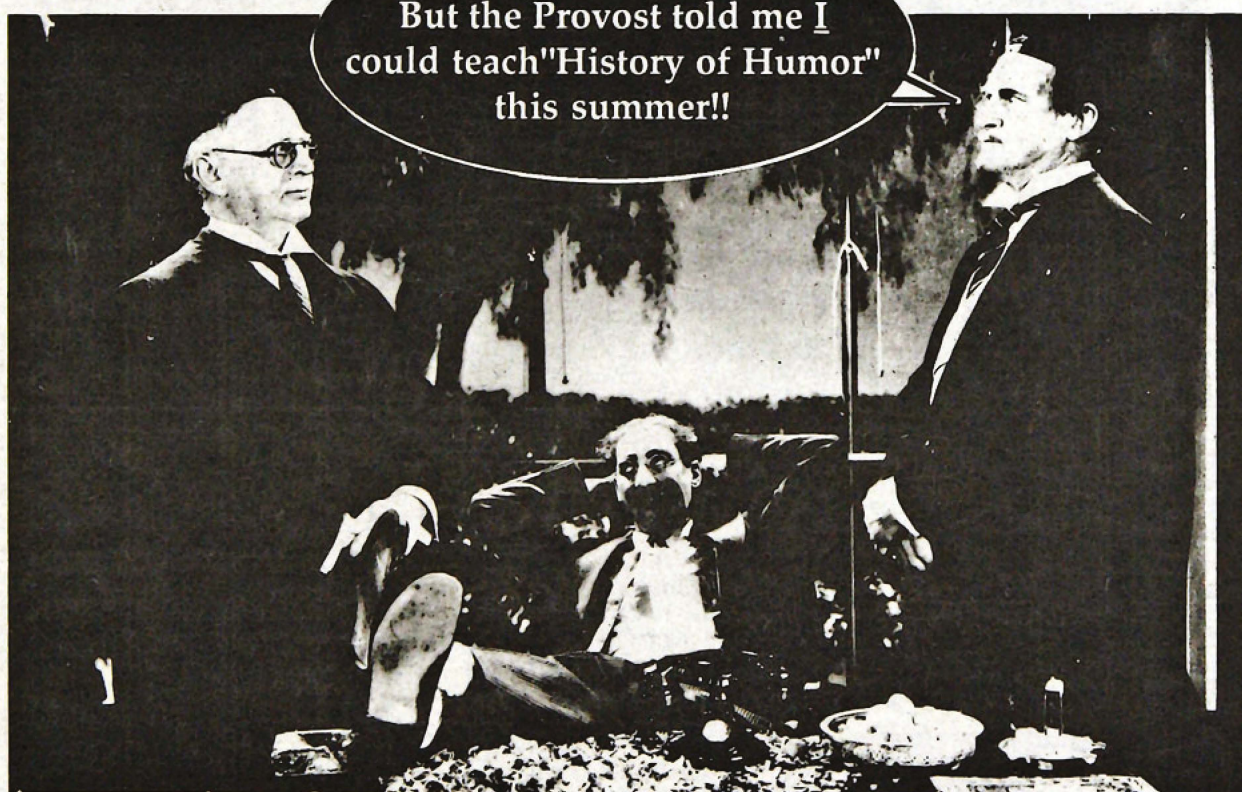
The rest are listed below. Goodbye, Mr. Bogue. You will be mi . . . er . . . absent.

Acosta, Lydia	Ashton-Jones, Evelyn	Birkenkott, Bob
Agnew, Louise	Babely, Art	Blankenship, Sue
Ahrens, Donna	Baker, Sharon	Bodwell, David
Alexander, Donna	Barfoot, Wing	Bohren, Judy
Andrews, Bill	Barton, Judy	Boos, Anita
Arnold, Linda	Beane, Deborah	Bostic, Don
Arsenault, Anzia	Beck, Gary	Botjer, George

... And the rest of the UT faculty and staff.

You can't read controversial Cary Bogue in *The Minaret* now. He's dead. Sorry.

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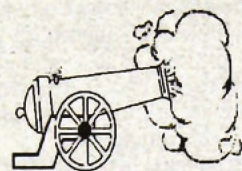
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Two candidates vie for SG presidency

By LLOYD CHATFIELD
News Editor

A debate held on the front porch of Plant Hall this week offered University of Tampa students a rare glimpse at the two candidates for UT's highest student office, Student Government president.

Current Junior Senator Pat Curran squared off with Vice President Jason Silvis before a crowd of about 40 people, exchanging with the crowd their views on such issues as SG appropriations, student apathy, and football feasibility at UT. The debate was sponsored by the UT Student Political Organization (SPO) and took place at 12 p.m. Tuesday.

Curran, who is sharing his ticket with vice presidential candidate Jeff Steiner, was granted first shot at the crowd after winning a coin toss. "I'm heavily involved on campus with Student Government, ROTC, Greek life, and in some ways, academics," said Curran in his opening statement.

Stressing the need for leadership, Curran explained to the crowd the potential he sees in SG.

"SG has all the resources to be a professional organization," Curran said. "[This year] SG has under-utilized these resources . . . next year the budget's going to be about \$150,000."

"I think that the grievance committee will accomplish much more than any one student could accomplish."

Jason Silvis

Silvis opened his speech stressing the importance of "The Ticket," his coalition with vice presidential candidate Don Price. Silvis and Price have outlined a platform calling for better communication with students, improved decision making, and the estab-



Pat Curran

lishment of a grievance committee. "I think that the grievance committee will accomplish much more than any one student could accomplish," Silvis said.

Following their opening statements, the debate organizers asked a series of questions to which each candidate was to reply. Each candidate was also offered an opportunity for rebuttal following his opponent's reply.

SPO President Craig Huffman asked the candidates how they proposed to ascertain student opinion and how they would represent students to the UT administration.

"It's fair to say we could go to *The Minaret* and *The Moroccan* to find out student opinion and use that as a basis for going before the president," Curran said. As evidence of such communication he has undertaken in the past, Curran cited a dispute over the proposed alcohol ban at Oktoberfest last semester.

"We hashed out the issue," Curran said, "and presented it to the administration, and something came of that."

The administration eventually adjusted its policy for Oktoberfest, allowing alcohol to be served in the Rathskeller during part of the celebration.

"I'd refute the statement that SG initiated the process of allowing alcohol at Oktoberfest," Silvis said, claiming that the Interfraternity Council initiated the process and SG followed up on the issue. "It wasn't something we can say was from us."

Silvis then addressed the ques-

tion directly. He reiterated his proposal for a grievance committee and said that such a body would be a vehicle for students to voice their opinions. "It's something students could use . . . to give us a little more authority in dealing with the administration."

Curran used his rebuttal to discredit Silvis' proposed grievance committee. "It almost sounds like you weren't on SG this year," Curran said to Silvis. "Everyone is forgetting that the SG president meets with [Vice President of student affairs Jeff] Klepfer every week."

"Students can go to General Assembly and Executive Board," added Curran. "Why create a grievance committee when this is all in place? What SG needs to do is advertise or convey to students that there is a forum. It's their duty to utilize it."

Huffman's second question concerned vote-stacking. Organizations requesting money from SG often fill General Assembly with members to ensure passage of their appropriation. Huffman asked the candidates if they would feel responsible for weeding out the practice, "because [SG] is becoming an appropriations forum."

"The first thing you've got to do is get your people together."

Pat Curran

"I saw that as a big problem when a lot of money was given to a few students," Silvis said. "Students are only going to come out one time [to secure their money]. We need to make them come out more than once."

"We can't deny participation at General Assembly," Curran said. He added that attracting more students to SG meetings would offset the practice. "We need to advertise every week."

The third question, asked by Edwin Robinson of SPO, was whether or not organizations



Jason Silvis

should be limited to a certain number of appropriations for which they could apply.

Silvis answered that it would be unfair to limit organizations in such a way, although some appropriation requests often benefit only a few students.

"Some organizations are going to do more things for students," Silvis said.

Curran said he, too, would not support imposing such limits. "As long as money exists and they're going to use the proper channels, more power to 'em," Curran said.

Robinson's second question addressed the issue of student apathy stemming from "less than favorable reviews" of SG in *The Minaret* this year. Robinson asked the candidates how they would curb such apathy.

Curran answered first, blaming much of the problem on the chemistry of the current Executive Board. Proper leadership, he said, would alleviate student apathy.

"The first thing you've got to do," Curran said, "is get your people together."

Silvis proposed a different approach to attracting student interest. "I believe a strong committee structure will be the most effective aspect," said Silvis. "Too many people are self-reliant."

"We could work with the Diplomats," added Silvis. "We've got to get the students directly involved."

"Jason, this year you were in charge of General Assembly," said Curran in his rebuttal. "Why didn't they come out this year?"

"I'm not going to stand here

and be a scapegoat," Silvis said. "If we were united this year, we never would have had these problems."

"The key to this election is leadership," Curran said in his closing statement. "I can sit up here and blow smoke all day about what I'm going to do, but until we get good leadership, it's not going to happen."

"We can make the students work together," said Silvis in his conclusion. "Organization, committee structure, building strength and unity, it's not just SG, it's the entire student body. I will work to unify students and to get rid of student apathy."

After the debate, the candidates fielded questions from the audience. The first question came from debate mediator Huffman. Huffman asked the candidates to explain delays in the appropriations process. He cited an appropriation granted to SPO in November which has not yet been paid.

Curran said many of the delayed appropriations were now being paid. "The president should show leadership," Curran said.

"When SG appropriates money," explained Silvis, "forms go to accounts payable . . . we talked to Jose [Ramos] about this and he ended up getting a lot of the checks cut."

The candidates later responded to a student who wanted to know how each of them felt about football at UT.

"I am for football," said Curran, "but I'm not for bringing it back immediately. Why have a football program that's going to hurt the university?"

"Once you've read through it, you can see it's a big gamble," Silvis replied. "I'm from Las Vegas and even I don't like to gamble that much."

"If they think there's a way of doing it without losing money, I'm for it," added Silvis.

SG elections will be held Monday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 4 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Plant Hall. All full-time students who have valid UT Identification are eligible to vote.

VP hopefuls face off

By LLOYD CHATFIELD
News Editor

Two candidates for University of Tampa Student Government vice president discussed issues facing the UT student body in a debate sponsored by the Student Political Organization Tuesday on the Plant Hall porch.

Junior Don Price, who is sharing a ticket with presidential candidate Jason Silvis, opened his presentation explaining changes he proposes for SG.

"Being an elected representative is the most important thing," Price said.

"Why are social programs held which people never hear of?" asked Price.

"Experience is one of the main things," Steiner said. "I think I have sufficient experience."

The first question directed at the candidates came from SPO President Craig Huffman.

"In what ways do you propose to cut or eliminate waste in SG monies?" Huffman asked.

"Reggae Fest and Oktoberfest didn't draw enough people to pay

for themselves," Price said. "What should be done is eliminate them and put money into other things, or publicize them better."

"This year I haven't seen much waste," Steiner said.

"If elected, you'd be in charge of General Assembly next year," Huffman said. "Should an amendment be made to eliminate packing meetings when people come in for their [appropriations] money?"

"I have mixed feelings," Steiner said. "They have a right to come . . . to get money they will use that they feel will benefit students as a whole."

"If they want to come for one particular meeting to get their money," Price said, "they aren't serving anyone but themselves. Groups could be required to come one week prior to the appropriation at General Assembly."

Edwin Robinson of SPO asked the candidates how they would attempt to represent students to the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Price stressed the value of the proposed grievance committee in addressing student needs.

"This board would have enough expertise to approach them," Price said. "We could find out if there was justification."

Steiner blamed some of the inability of students to voice opinion on student apathy.

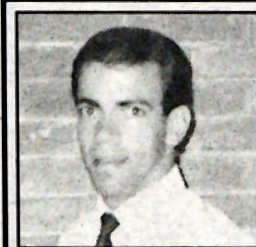
"A lot of times, students hear about things through *The Minaret*, but they don't go about trying to organize," Steiner said.

"As vice president next year I will be very much attuned to the students," said Steiner in his closing statement. "I see good and bad in SG this year. I would like to emphasize the positive next year."

"I spent five years in the military," concluded Price. "In leadership courses I learned the importance of asking 'why?' I won't be afraid to ask 'why?'"

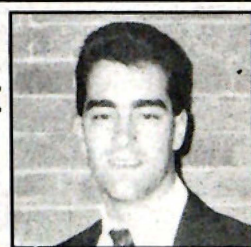
Price and Steiner are running on tickets with presidential candidates. Steiner is running with Pat Curran, Price with Jason Silvis. Students have the option, however, of voting for candidates from opposite tickets. Polls will be open on Monday and Tuesday in the Plant Hall lobby from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Candidates



Don Price (jr)
"Representing students is the most important duty of an SG officer."

Vice President



Jeff Steiner (so)
"As vice president, I will be very much attuned to the students."



Michelle Baker
"I hope to help SG promote a more positive image on campus and in the community."

Senior Senator



Brian Scott
"I will combat student apathy with competence, experience and dedication."



Maria Miller

Junior Senator

"I want to bridge the gap between the student body and SG."

"I will aim for more programs which benefit the entire student body."



Luis Moreno



Chris Conlan (fr)

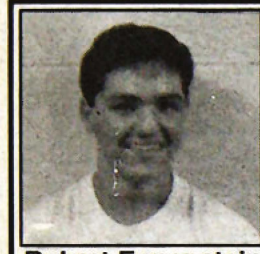
Senator-at-Large

"I want to continue to program strong events and be a voice for the students."

"I will work to straighten out organizational problems and facilitate better communication between SG and the UT community."



Kym Keravuori (jr)



Robert Eppenstein

Sophomore Senator

"I hope to make it a better organization with more activities and programs."

"I plan to use my ideas to get my class more involved on campus."



Perry Monastero



Silvia Alvarez (jr)

Secretary-Treasurer

(uncontested)

"I hope to make the students more aware of what's going on within the school."

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Jacqui Sechtman

Board of Trustees temporarily sidelines football

By GREG SCHMIDT
Editor

Because of previous financial difficulties at the University of Tampa, the Board of Trustees voted yesterday to indefinitely defer the proposal to re-establish intercollegiate football.

David Kerr, BOT legal counsel, read a statement from the BOT executive council that said the reimplementation of football should be considered in the future, but only after other financial needs and priorities have been addressed.

T. Terrell Sessums, BOT chair, listed other issues the BOT felt should be dealt with first, including:

- the renovation of Plant Hall
- the repayment of the Martinez Sports Center debt
- the filling of staff positions, specifically the vacant provost slot

"The proposal was a fundamentally sound one," Sessums said of the feasibility of football. "It's a wonderful opportunity with very little risk . . . But we need to meet our short run needs."

No reference was made at the meeting as to how long the football issue would be deferred. Sessums said every trustee has the right to bring it up again at any meeting, but added a 2-to-3 year wait was a reasonable prospect if the University stabilizes with several years of positive budgets.

Two trustees voted against deferring the issue to a later date: Helen Davis and Rick Thomas.

"The issue will always be in the future," a disappointed Thomas said later. Thomas was instrumental in establishing the original proposal concerning the feasibility of football.

Thomas said he would not be interested in working on the project in the future. "I really don't think I would want to address this again unless the president was solidly behind it," he said.

"It's a question of timing and priorities," said Bruce Samson, UT president. "The University is addressing its priorities."

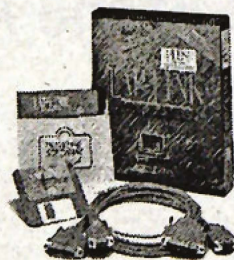
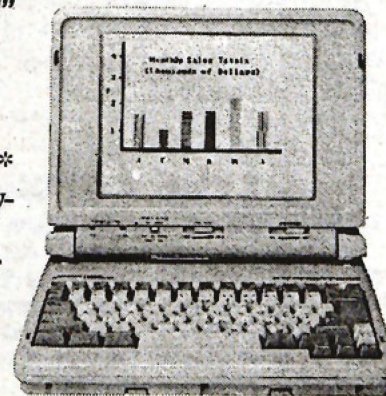


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Editorial

Silvis better choice for SG chief officer

University of Tampa students have a difficult choice this year: Two well-qualified candidates are competing for the top position in Student Government. Likewise, the vice presidential race is hotly contested with two capable students running against each other.

Juniors Pat Curran and Jason Silvis, the presidential candidates, both currently sit on the SG Executive Board; Curran is the junior senator and Silvis is the vice president. Both are active fraternity brothers and ROTC cadets. Over the past year, both have demonstrated their leadership ability and their desire to work hard.

Curran pulled off the highly successful Harold's Club earlier this semester and, last semester, he managed to turn Oktoberfest into a decent program, despite problems stemming from a potential fraternity boycott and teetotaling administrators. With Curran as president, students would definitely get an efficient, organized SG next year.

The same holds true for Silvis. As programming chair, Silvis is directly responsible for all the programs, including the bad ones, and must sometimes take over for senators who find themselves bogged down. For example, Silvis stepped in to direct the holiday reception when Curran bowed out to study for finals.

Silvis has also proven himself an administrator who isn't limited by rules. During the recent controversy concerning write-in candidates, Silvis spoke out for student rights, not what the SG constitution dictated or what would look best for SG.

Both Curran and Silvis are responsible and dependable. But Silvis could offer something more — innovation — a concept SG has been lacking in for several years. The last three administrations have all done the same programs, sponsored the same events, and run the same meetings. SG has offered nothing new to the students, nothing fresh.

While other SG administrators wasted time this year worrying about rules and regulations, Silvis seemed more concerned about the students, even if it meant working around rules or changing them.

For this reason, Silvis would make the better SG chief official.

Don Price would make a good vice president under Silvis. During the vice presidential debate on Tuesday, Price stressed change in SG, including eliminating programs with dismal turnout, such as Oktoberfest and Reggae-fest. And he has the conviction to implement these changes.

Jeff Steiner, Price's competition, is, at best, a duplicate of Curran. As the current sophomore senator, Steiner is dependable and reliable, and deserves a gold star for perfect attendance. But SG is running itself into a rut and is badly in need of change.

All four candidates have the ability to do a good job. But status quo isn't good enough anymore. It's time for more, for taking a chance, for moving beyond. The time has come for the innovation of Jason Silvis and Don Price. Anything else would be redundant.

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Commentary

Choose your Student Government officials with care

By GREG SCHMIDT

Like a passage of spring, Student Government elections are fast approaching. Many of the students running are qualified candidates and all deserve a round of applause for participating.

But which is the best candidate? Look at two things when picking a new SG Executive Board — individuality and experience.

Individuality — When you scrutinize the candidates, do any of them stand out as unusual, or do they all lump together? Can you separate one candidate from another?

The latest craze in politics is party tickets, also known as hiding behind another candidate because you don't have any original ideas to support your candidacy.

Just because two candidates run on the same ticket, doesn't mean they both will or even should win. Last year, several candidates tried to form party tickets and failed miserably. Why? Each candidate turned out to be a clone of the presidential candidate. None of them were able to establish their own identity. Turned off by the name game, voters were unsure of who to vote for and many didn't vote at all.

If candidates cannot stand as individuals in an election campaign, will they

be able to in Student Government? Who wants an Executive Board full of dummies unable to speak for themselves? Should people like that represent the students?

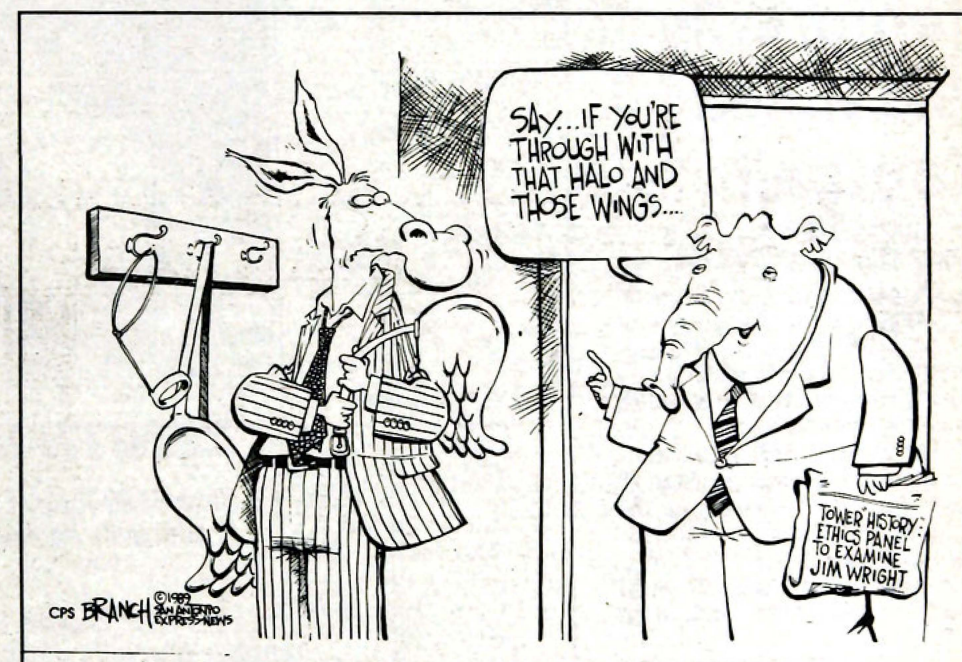
Experience — Look at every candidate's track record and compare them. Which ones have been in SG the longest? Which ones are actively involved on campus, in academics, athletics, and social clubs? The best candidate will be active around campus, but not so busy that SG will suffer from lack of participation.

Which ones have the best ties with the faculty and administration? This is extremely important, because both the faculty and the administration look to SG as the voice of the students. And we want to make sure we are heard.

By running in SG elections this year, the candidates have shown us they want to get involved on campus. Now, it's our turn to get involved. The responsibility rests with the voters to pick the most qualified person for each position. Last year, only one-fourth of the student body turned out to vote. The year before that, turnout sank to a dismal 16 percent. Hopefully, we can improve voter turnout this year by showing up at the polls Monday and Tuesday to cast our ballots.

We want to hear from you!

Send your gripes to *The Minaret*, UT box 2757.



Faculty Forum

Grades or knowledge; the new goal of the American student

By Mark Lombardi

There is a pervasive and I believe passionate concern on the part of the UT student body and indeed some among students across the country. This omnipresent issue hangs over the student body like a reoccurring nightmare enveloping every thought and action. This phenomenon is simply grades.

Whether in phys ed., calculus, biology and even political science, students fixated on "what will I get," and "who, (i.e. professors) is giving it to them." The issues of learning, understanding and personal growth are sacrificed on the altar of grades, GPA and their natural outgrowth — JOBS and money. Why?

Is it a degeneration of student interest and commitment or is it a realist approach to professional advancement? Can it be halted and reversed and will students accept less quantifiable measures of their performance?

It appears that the problems lies less with the students and more with the entire system of grading. Modern education places a premium on intellectual competition, rank ordering, standardized testing and the dehumanization of intellectual ability. Witness the proliferation and saliency of SAT's GRE's, LSAT's and the endless so called "objective tests" that measure the students ability to memorize and not to learn. A student's intellectual ability, potential and growth cannot be standardized

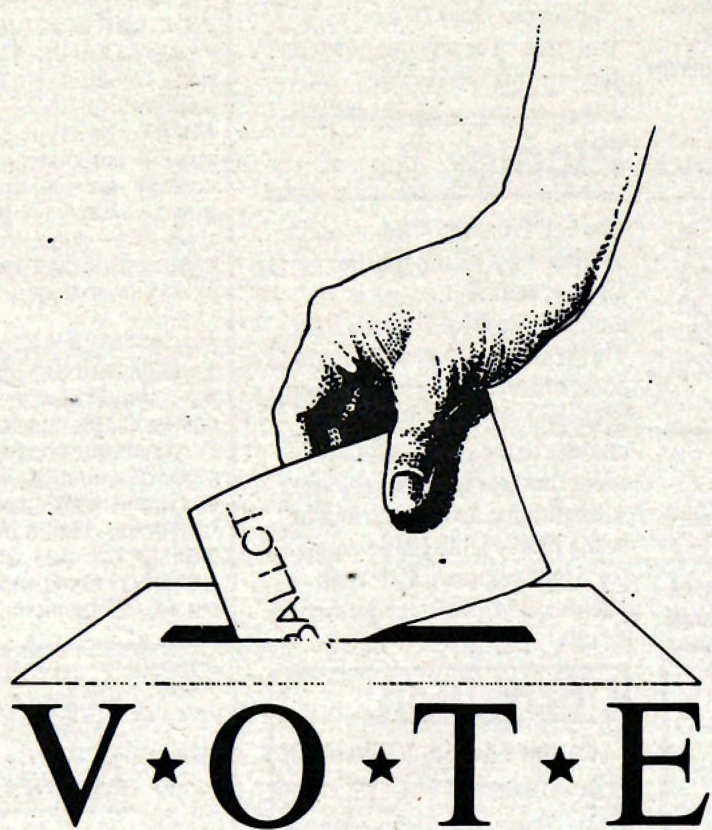
beyond rough approximations of improvement capacity. The desire on the part of educators to standardize, thus making our jobs easier defeats the express purpose of education. That is we as teachers and educators should not feed into a "race track" mentality in educating young people. Student performance should be gauged on each individual's base knowledge, their growth within the course and subsequent development as a whole person within the particular discipline. Traits such as the ability to analyze, critically evaluate and finally communicate ideas should be the "standards" of measurement.

This realization requires a reformulation of the educational process and system making it more holistic and less piece-meal in approach. It requires teachers to move away from easily administered tests to more creative interactive approaches. And it requires students to stretch themselves not in their aggregate study time or memorization skills but in their desire to expand their knowledge about the world about the world around them in a variety of forms.

If we change the rules of the game, students will adapt. If we make the system by which they are evaluated more responsive to education as a life-long enterprise they will benefit. If we stretch ourselves as teachers,

Mark Lombardi is an associate professor of political science at the University of Tampa.

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Employment

The employment office is currently accepting applications for on-campus summer employment. Apply in Plant Hall, room 443.

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The UT Women's Club is sponsoring a picnic for the faculty, staff and guests at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Horizon Park. The Women's Club will provide soda, champagne, games, prizes, grills and charcoal. Anyone coming to the picnic should bring food for brunch, tableware, softball mits, and a contribution to the pastry table (large enough for 6 to 8 persons). Call Beth Klepfer, 874-0849, for further details.

Seminar

A date-rape seminar has been scheduled for 7 p.m., April 4, in the Sword and Shield Room. Call the student activities, ext. 600, for more information.

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