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Dr. Stephen L. Speronis joined the faculty at the University of Tampa in 1956. In 1959 he became Dean of the newly created Evening Division.

VIRGINIA OVERSTREET  
EDITOR



## It Seems To Me . . .

That maybe I complain too much. Starting the New Year off in the right spirit, I shall endeavor to tell all you good people more about the real good things that are happening and some of the very nice people who are helping to make them happen.

One of the nicest and most cooperative of the people at the University with whom I work is our business manager of the Athletic Department. Al Gomez is very cooperative in getting our sports news for the Bulletin. In fact, if I got as much cooperation from the other people with whom I work on the Bulletin, this job would be a breeze.

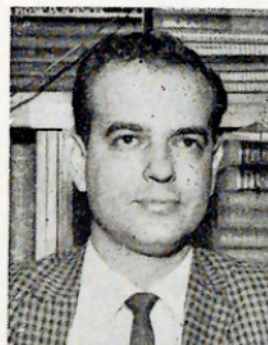
I hope that when you see him or have occasion to write the Athletic Department, you, too, will thank Al for his help to our Alumni Association and the Bulletin.

The response to the questionnaire on the back of the last Bulletin was very encouraging. So much so that we are repeating it this issue. Please—won't you take just a few minutes to let us know where you are and what you're doing? Believe me, we really care.

In these last few lines, let me remind you that Spring Reunion and election of officers is not too far away. You all know that you *must* be a *contributing* member of the Alumni Association in order to be eligible to vote. Your contribution in any amount gives you the privilege of voting. **DO IT NOW!** Make your checks payable to the "University of Tampa Alumni Association". No matter what the amount, join us in your wholehearted support of our University.

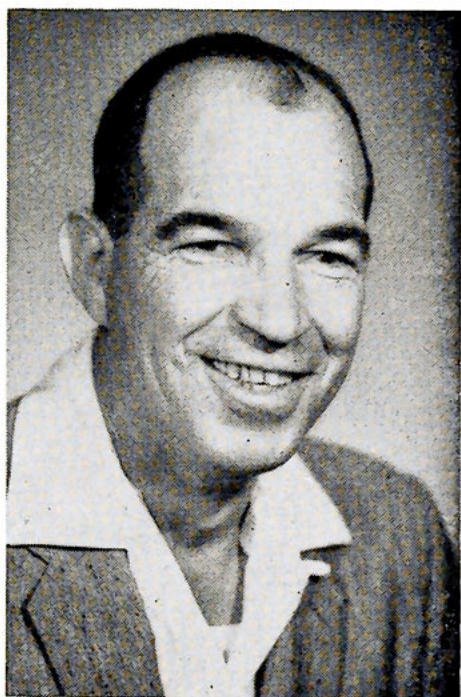
(Maybe I should get off the soap box now!)

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MR. AL GOMEZ  
Athletic Department





HARRY SEELY, President University of Tampa Alumni Association

## Alumni President's Message

At no time in the history of this institution has it been more important for us to pool our efforts toward the new goal of the "University in action".

We see all about us evidences of the University's expansion program—in keeping with the times. Soon new structures will appear on the campus. All of these improvements should make us proud of our University. We, as alumni, *must* assume definite roles in these expansion programs.

Remember, only those who contribute, no matter how

much, can vote or hold office. If you have in the past displayed only a mild interest in the University, develop this into an active participation. We would like to make 1961-62 the greatest year yet in alumni contributions.

Richard "Dick" Cole will represent your alumni president at the Florida Education Association Convention in Jacksonville. I'm sure he will appreciate the cooperation of all who attend.

Yours for an even finer Tampa University,  
Harry Seely

What can the alumni do for Tampa University? What can the University do for the alumni? As to the former, there seems to be general agreement on the four major services which alumni can be counted on to render: (1) the ambassadorial service of representing the University well wherever they go; (2) the advisory service involving the free use of talents of alumni on Board of Trustees, Development Council, etc; (3) the recruiting service of directing well qualified applicants to Tampa; and (4) the fund raising service for strengthening the University's resources. These are the major responsibilities alumni can rightfully be called upon to assume.

On its part, the University has a continuing responsibility, too — the responsibility (1) to insure that a vigorous and productive alumni program exists; (2) to guarantee for it a firm financial base, through subsidization as necessary; (3) to provide good avenues of communication through publications, clubs and on-campus events; (4) to furnish opportunities for continuing education or intellectual stimulation; (5) to enlist alumni in developing public understanding and support; and (6) to respect at all times the precious integrity of the alumni program.

And what do we mean by integrity of the program? We mean high quality, of course, as well as the three ingredients cited in Webster's definition; honesty, soundness and completeness. We mean a program that gives alumni a deep sense of satisfaction in serving education and alma mater. We mean an unpatronizing attitude by the college—a willingness to treat alumni as intelligent adults essentially interested in all the things that do matter. We mean an alumni program free from hucksterism and raw exploitation of financial potential. We mean an alumni fund that has objectives worthy of sacrifice and dedicated effort. And we mean an alumni magazine that provides "perspective for partisans," as one great alumni editor has phrased it, and is not merely "an object purveyor of a party line."

## A Statement of Policy

Alumni Breakfast Saturday, Mar F.E.A. Convention — March 16, 17, 18. University of Tampa Alumni Breakfast Saturday, March 18, 7:30 A.M.

Dick Cole will represent the alumni officers, special quests will be Dr. Delo, Dr. Harvey Maier, Dr. Howard Baker and Mrs. Louise Cast, alumni secretary.

You'll comelll



# Proposed Revision of the Constitution . . .

At the time of the last revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the University of Tampa Alumni Association, provision was made for a review within five years. That time has arrived and for your information, a copy is printed here.

Please take time to read it so that you may make any suggestions you think applicable.

If any revisions are recommended by the Committee appointed to review it, you will be fully informed in the Spring Bulletin.

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### *Name and Objects*

*Section 1.* The name of this Association shall be known as the University of Tampa Alumni Association.

*Section 2.* The objects of this Association shall be to promote the interests of the University of Tampa and to maintain (established) mutually beneficial relations between the University and its alumni.

### ARTICLE II

#### *Membership*

*Section 1.* There shall be three classes of membership in the Association: (A) Active, (B) Associate, and (C) Honorary Life Membership.

(A) Active. All persons, male or female, who have at any time been regular matriculates at the University of Tampa shall be eligible for Active Membership in the said Association.

(B) Associate. Any person shall be admitted as an Associate Member to the University of Tampa Alumni Association by showing interest in its works and willingness to help by complying with the provisions of the constitution. Associate members may enjoy all privileges of membership except the right to vote.

(C) Honorary Life Membership. Any person shall be given an Honorary Life Membership in the said Association only after rendering extraordinary meritorious services in the said Association and to the University of Tampa. The said person eligible for an Honorary Life Membership in this Association shall be admitted only upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

*Section 2.* Only those active members in good standing shall hold office or have the right to vote on any matter or in any election coming before this Association at any annual or special meeting of the said Association.

### ARTICLE III

#### *Dues*

*Section 1.* The Association shall not assess dues but shall operate under a system of voluntary yearly gifts to the Association. Any gift by an Alumnus to the Association shall make him an active member in good standing for the remainder of that fiscal year.

### ARTICLE IV

#### *Privileges of Members*

*Section 1.* Members in good standing have the right to vote at all meetings of the Association. They will receive all publications of the Association and all notices to all general meetings held under the auspices of the Association.

### ARTICLE V

#### *Management and Duties of Officers*

*Section 1. Board of Directors.* The management of this Association is vested in a Board of Directors comprising the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate Past President and fifteen Directors.

*Section 2. President.* The President acts as Chairman at all meetings of the Association,

of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee. He appoints all Committees, except as herein otherwise provided.

*Section 3. Vice - President.* The Vice-President acts in the place of the President in his absence, disability or refusal to act. He will carry out any duties designated by the President or the Board of Directors.

*Section 4. Secretary.* The Secretary acts as Secretary of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the Association. He has custody of the list of members and is responsible for all Association correspondence.

*Section 5. Treasurer.* The Treasurer under the direction of the Executive Committee collects and disburses all funds of the Association. He has custody of all properties of the Association except as herein specifically allocated to some other custodian.

*Section 6. Directors.* The fifteen Directors are members of the Board of Directors with duties that are assigned to them from time to time by the President.

*Section 7.* The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority in the interval between the annual meetings of the said Association to do all acts and perform all functions which the said Association itself might perform and shall always be subject to the Charter and By-Laws of the Association.

### ARTICLE VI

#### *Nominations and Elections*

*Section 1. Officers.* The President, Vice President and Treasurer are elected by the members by mail ballot to be counted at the annual meeting of the Association. They serve for one year terms

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## LOST? STRAYED? WANTED!

Help us find our lost Alumni?

Please take a few minutes to read through this list (which is a very small one) of lost alumni. We would appreciate any information you can send us about them.

Ashmore, Myron Lytton ('38)  
Bellville, John A. (?)  
Blau, Arthur E. ('56)  
Bridges, William B. ('52)  
Burbank, William L. ('57)  
Cox, Mrs. Dorothy Alonzo (?)  
Dahm, Carl H. ('39)  
Diamond, Mrs. Sara Elizabeth ('51)  
Godwin, Gertrude L. ('52)  
Gross, Edward Allen ('55)  
Hafer, Joseph E. ('54)  
Harper, James Doyle ('55)  
Herbers, John N., Jr. ('51)  
Hoyer, John L. ('51)  
House, Carl Waldo ('42)  
Lindsey, Alice Williams (?)  
Maxwell, Robert E. ('58)  
Anderson, Chas. Nolan ('58)  
Bergwin, Clyde R. ('41)  
Bonanno, Hugo ('39)  
B'Smith, Carley F. ('50)  
Byrd, Marcus Winford ('51)  
Clawson, Joseph ('35)  
Clemmer, Shirley R. ('54)  
Cogan, Robt. Edward ('53)  
Cook, Muriel Gene ('42)  
Cramer, Norman Dean ('50)  
Dolgin, Phyllis Joy ('58)  
Eclis, Neal (?)  
Galocy, Jos. Chas., Jr. ('49)  
Gooding, Chas. Thos. ('58)  
Holsten, Mrs. Walter ('45)  
Hudson, E. Clinton ('58)  
Jones, Capt. Nelson H. ('49)  
Abbott, Otte C. ('42)  
Adams, Chas. Wesley ('39)  
Allen, Patrick M. ('60)  
Austin, Mildred M. ('51)  
Benton, Bessie J. ('50)  
Bartz, Jeannette A. ('53)  
Bianco, John Robt. ('50)  
Borelli, Mary G. ('41)  
Bryan, Hazel Eliz. ('46)  
Bush, William ('50)  
Calhoun, Clarence L. ('57)  
Cambridge, Emma J. ('41)  
Carr, Betty Jean ('42)  
Chambliss, Jas. Robt. ('53)  
Cloman, Robt. Ellsworth ('55)  
Collentine, Thos. E. ('52)



### *From President David M. DeLo*

In the last issue of the Bulletin, I emphasized to you that things are happening at your Alma Mater. There has been no letup in the intervening months. Landscaping is currently going on around the Main Building, most of it contributed by friends of the University. Interest in the University is mounting, as indicated by the receipt of three times as many inquiries from prospective students from October through December as were received in the same period last year. During the Christmas vacation we continued with the renovation and painting of some areas which we could not approach last summer.

Just before Christmas, the Board of Trustees took an important step in raising tuition to make funds available for more realistic faculty salaries.

But these are current activities, and one of our tasks is to look ahead. Until this fall, each class which entered the University consisted of from two-thirds to three-fourths commuting students whom the University was not required to house or feed. This fall, with the largest freshman class in our history, only 15% were local students. We face a drastic need for housing, for large-scale dining facilities, and space where students may meet socially instead of in the lobby of the Main Building. Hence plans are now being formulated for a student center to contain a dining room seating some six hundred individuals. This building will also contain lounges, student organization offices, and other activities.

We are preparing to negotiate for living space for 300 students to replace the graduating class which will leave us in June. Several additions to the Faculty are being contemplated to strengthen our program, and interviews of prospects are being carried on weekly.

We believe that 1961 will see another forward surge in the progress of the University. Each of you will have an opportunity to participate.



# EVENING DIVISION GROWS RAPIDLY



COL. LAKE, DR. SPERONIS,  
COL. STANLEY HAND, COL. SELDEN

## *An Increase from 47 to Approximately 80 Courses...*

Ever since its formal organization in September, 1959, the Evening Division has shown rapid and steady progress. Enrolling only 500 students in 1959, it now registers more than 700. Interest continues to grow, and the goal of 1000 students within another two years should certainly be reached.

Through direct contact with corporations and industries, a great deal of interest has been around on the part of the employers. As a result, 244 employers in the Tampa Bay area are now sponsoring, partly or wholly, continuing employee education at the University of Tampa. In addition, programs have been formulated with municipal agencies and various organizations. The latest is a program for members of the Tampa Police Department.

During the less than two

years that Dr. Speronis has been Dean of the Evening Division, the offerings have increased from 47 to approximately 80 courses, and requests for courses or for information have been received from as far south as Sarasota and as far north as New Port Richey.

In the summer of 1960 the Evening Division added to its responsibilities the evening program at MacDill Air Force Base, where more than 640 students are currently registered. This is a full fledged college level program leading to a bachelor's degree. The University has cooperated fully with the Administration at MacDill in establishing classes for Air Force personnel. These are given in six 8-week sessions per year, so that if a man is transferred it generally will not fall in the middle of a session.

Special programs for in-

dustries and corporations have been offered. Two notable examples are Management Training programs sponsored for employees by the Tampa Electric Company and the Continental Can Company. These have resulted from a survey of the needs of industry in the area.

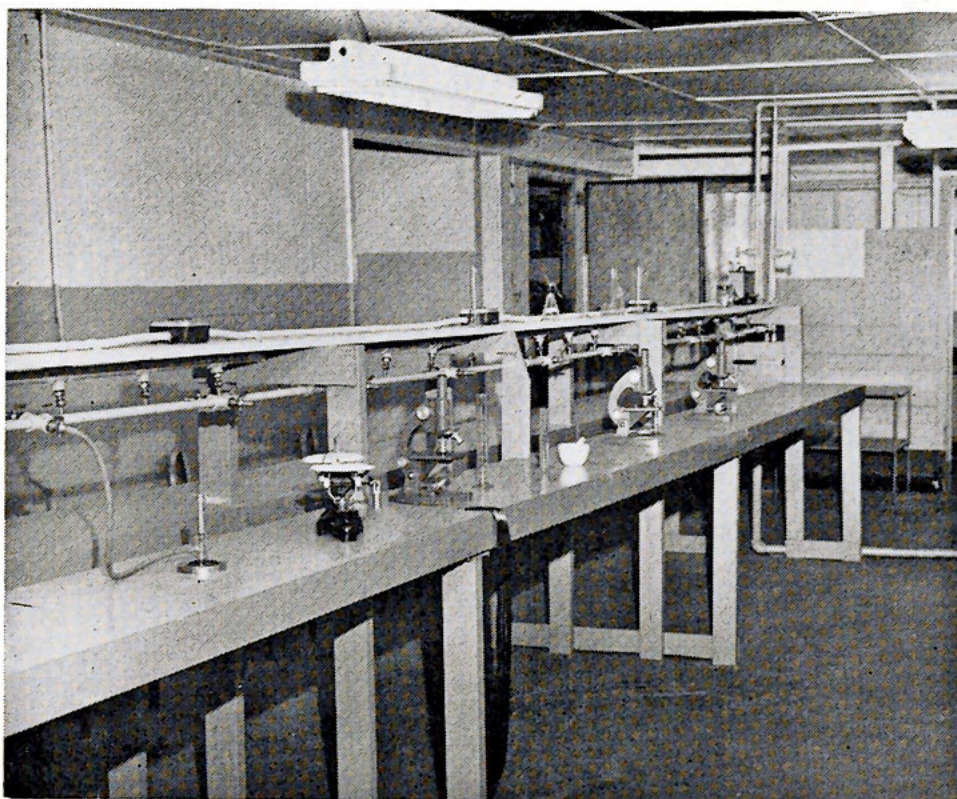
In addition to the courses for college credit, the General Division offers non-credit courses in a number of diversified fields. These courses number more than thirty, ranging from medical technology to conversational Portuguese, Russian or drawing and painting. Courses for certified professional secretaries are given in cooperation with the National Secretaries Association, and a second course in "Law and Economics for Legal Secretaries" is also in process.

A course in Fire and Cas-



**CREDIT GOES TO  
DEAN SPERONIS  
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP  
AND ENERGY . . .**

**CHEMISTRY LAB  
AT MacDILL**



ualty Insurance, the only one available in the Tampa Bay area, has now been offered for several years and offers training required for eligibility to take the state examination for a general insurance agent's license. More than 95% of the graduates from this course have passed the state examination at the first try. This intensive program, which always has a waiting list, operates for 8 weeks, six days per week. This year, because of the demand, an additional section has been established.

Recent conversations between Dean Speronis and Chief of Police Neil Brown have resulted in a course for city police officers which will be scheduled at various hours when the officers are free. These will be credit courses counting toward a college degree.

Dean Speronis has called the Evening Division the "community service arm of the University" because it attempts to meet the requirements of Tampa residents who are regularly employed but who desire additional edu-

cational opportunity for vocational upgrading, cultural enhancement or academic progress. It is anticipated that the Evening Division will continue to grow in enrollment. Much of the credit for the improvement and expansion of the Evening Division must go to Dean Speronis for his leadership and energy. In addition, he has emphasized that the quality of work in the Evening Division should be fully equal to that of the daytime classes, and in this he is supported by the Administration of the University.



**DR. STEPHEN SPERONIS AND  
COL. JAMES LAKE**



## PERSONALS

FRANK W. BALLARD ('59) and PAMELA MARY SHAFFER BALLARD ('59) have an addition to the family — Amicia Elizabeth, born August 29, 1960. Their address is 6144 Tenth Ave., So., St. Petersburg, Fla.

HUGH MORRIS DREW ('58) was married to Dana Kay Bass, a student at U. of T. last December 30th. Hugh is now affiliated with the Winn-Dixie grocery chain in Tampa.

JAMES A. GALLAGHER ('58) and PATRICIA DAVIS GALLAGHER ('59) now have a son—James A. Gallagher, Jr. They are residing at 3302 Elizabeth Court, Tampa 9, Florida.

JULIA S. HAMPTON ('48) writes us that she returned to the States from her work in the Belgium Congo in 1955. (She didn't say what she was doing there.) She has had a year's residency in Belgium, completed a course in tropical medicine in Antwerp, colonial course in Brussels, received a BSN from Vanderbilt in '58

and her MA from Peabody in '59. She is now employed in public health nursing in Alachua County, Gainesville, Fla. Seems like she has been a very busy girl.

DR. G. TRUMAN HUNTER ('39) was manager of election processing activities for International Business Machines for the recent presidential election. Dr. Hunter spent a year training a team of CBS news correspondents and IBM Mathematicians in New York in the use of powerful IBM data processing systems. On election night, Dr. Hunter was in Studio 65 at CBS overseeing the processing activities. Among the news correspondents trained by Dr. Hunter were Howard K. Smith and Walter Cronkite. The system set up by Dr. Hunter provided the swiftest reporting and forecasting in history of election reporting.

FRED H. KENFIELD ('50) has been elected to the City Council for District 6 in St. Petersburg. He now operates the Kenfield Funeral Home at 6366 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg. He is married and has two children, Julia Elizabeth, 3, and Joyce Lynn, 20

months. Good luck, Fred in your political career.

MARION NEIL ('44) tells us she is now teaching audio-visual laboratory classes in senior curriculum at Mills College of Education in New York City, while continuing field research for her Ph.D. at New York University. Her plans include a visit to Tampa in the spring.

NANCY CAROL PERSBACKER McDUFF ('57) has a son, Bruce, who was born July 12, 1959. She is now living at 272 Pinehill Drive, Smyrna, Ga.

CAROL SANDMAN ('59) writes us that she is now teaching at Muessel School in South Bend, Indiana. Her address—410 South 25th St., Apt. 3.

HUGH J. SQUITTER ('52) has been made sales manager for the state of Florida for Allen Foods, Inc. He is married and has two sons. Home Sarasota, Florida. Congratulations on the promotion.

JAMES C. STOUTSENBERGER ('53) was married to Frances K. Martin last July 9th. He is the new Rector of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton, Florida.

## Please Meet...

### MRS. LOUISE CAST

Alumni Secretary



In October of 1960, a new secretary, Mrs. Louise Cast, from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, joined the staff in the Alumni Office.

With her most impressive background, she has been able to organize the office and really accomplish things. During World War II she worked in Government Communications in Washington, D.C. and attended the government school there. After that, for almost ten years, she worked at the University of Pennsylvania Psychological Clinic. Her work there, in addition to general office minutiae, typing, shorthand, keeping clinic records and files, involved taking notes verbatim and observing both parents and disturbed and gifted children

who came to the clinic for psychological assistance; taking notes during conferences with client and professor in vocational guidance; writing these reports for clinic records; making contact with the general public and students; listening to their problems and setting up appointments for consultation and therapy; proctoring exams; and attending social functions.

Louise (she would like for you to call her by her first name) has a son enrolled as a freshman at the University of Tampa. She is looking for a home in Tampa so that she can become a permanent resident.

When you have a chance, stop in and meet her personally.



# DR. WILLIAM GAVENTA

*"You Better Say Yes"*

If there were a picture on this page, you would take a look and probably guess it to be a prominent lawyer, junior statesman or a successful doctor. If you guessed doctor, you would be partially right in your assumption, but there is so much more to this man than just being a doctor.

Dr. William Gaventa ('42) is a medical missionary in Nigeria, West Africa. Bill, as we will call him, has probably had more chances to become a prominent stateside doctor than any other twenty medics you know, but he believes that when the Lord calls you to become a missionary "You better say yes". Bill says that even were you to attain fame and fortune, you would never be happy until you had answered His call.

A native of Tampa, Bill attended Seminole Elementary School, Memorial Junior High, and was graduated from Hillsborough High School. He was class Valedictorian and received the coveted American Legion award. It was while at Hillsborough that Bill first felt that his life's work would be that of a medical missionary.

After high school, Bill entered the University of Tampa, where like many others, he worked his way. While at the University, he was awarded a scholarship from the Executive Club of Tampa.

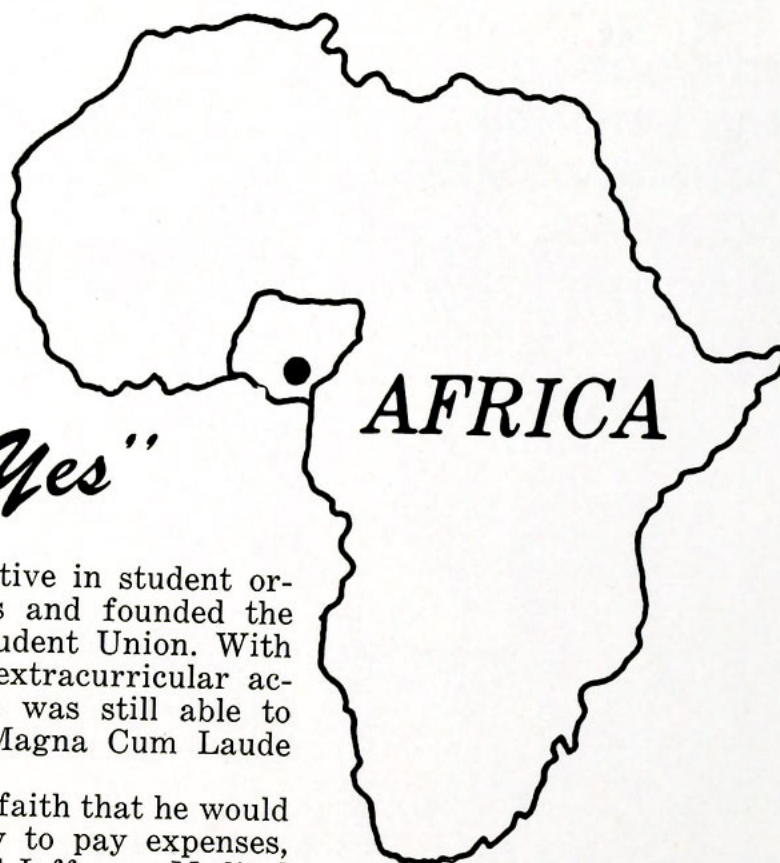
He was active in student organizations and founded the Baptist Student Union. With his many extracurricular activities, he was still able to graduate Magna Cum Laude in 1942.

On pure faith that he would find a way to pay expenses, Bill entered Jefferson Medical School. His faith paid off in the V2 Program during World War II. Under this program, the government paid his tuition in return for two years' active duty after his graduation as a doctor. At Jefferson, Bill became an officer in Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Fraternity. He led his class scholastically for two years and graduated with the highest four year average in the class. Out of a possible eighteen honors awarded to graduating students, Bill received six, and honorable mention for the seventh.

While in residency, Bill was awarded the position of Chief Resident Physician, which is a great honor, but received very little pay. As far as he was concerned, the greatest honor was to have Miss Alice Price of Orlando become Mrs. Gaventa.

Upon receiving his commission in the Navy, he was sent to serve on the staff at Bay Pines Hospital. Later he took advanced work in obstetrics and pediatrics at Underwood Hospital.

In 1949, Dr. and Mrs. Ga-



venta were commissioned by the Baptist Missionary Board as missionaries to the Baptist hospital then being built in Eku, Nigeria, West Africa. Bill and Alice arrived to help with the actual construction. Bill became carpenter, time-keeper, engineer and what-not, besides being doctor. After the initial construction was completed and the hospital was in operation, they returned to the States in 1952. Bill then went to Tulane University for special courses in tropical medicine.

In 1955 they returned to Nigeria where Bill continued his work of building and enlarging the hospital and its facilities. After four more years of hard work, another vacation was due and he and his family returned to the States in 1959.

During the many years Bill has served as a medical missionary, he has seen many improvements and much progress in his chosen field. He served as superintendent of the hospital at Eku, which from a very small beginning,

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# PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION . . .

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and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

*Section 2. Directors.* The fifteen Directors are elected in groups of five in successive years for three year terms. They are elected by mail ballots to be counted at the annual meeting.

*Section 3. Nominations.* The Nominating Committee will nominate two candidates for each office and each vacancy on the Board of Directors.

*Section 4. Nomination by Petition.*

(a) Any fifteen members of the Association may, in writing, present additional nominations for officers or members of the Board of Directors.

(b) Each such nomination shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee.

(c) All nominations by petition must be filed with the Secretary of the Association by April 15th preceding the annual meeting of the Association.

*Section 5. Publication of nominations.* All nominations for Officers and Directors will be published in the May issue of the Alumni Bulletin without designation as to their method of nomination.

*Section 6. Mailing of Ballots.* Not less than three weeks before the date of the annual meeting of the Association there shall be mailed to each active member of the Association a ballot containing the nominees for each office, with instructions indicating the method of signifying his choice.

*Section 7. Marking and Returning Ballots.* No ballot shall be deemed valid and counted that shall not have been returned to the Alumni office in a signed and sealed envelope marked "Ballot" and received by the office not later

than 48 hours preceding the annual meeting.

*Section 8. Counting of Ballots.* The ballots shall be counted by the three tellers appointed for each annual meeting by the Executive Board. Such tellers shall be members of the Association but not of the Executive Board or the Nominating Committee.

*Section 9. Ties.* In the event that any two candidates for the same office receive an equal number of votes, the Executive Committee shall vote to decide the election.

*Section 10. Publication of Elections.* Announcement of the elections shall be made at the annual meeting of the Association and shall be mailed to each member in a newsletter following the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VII

### Committees

## ARTICLE VIII

### Meetings and Attendance

#### *Section 1. Annual Meeting.*

The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the Saturday preceding Commencement Exercises in the spring. Notice of the annual meeting will be mailed with the ballots for the annual election.

*Section 2. Board Meetings.* At least three board meetings will be held each year with one meeting being held within the week preceding the annual meeting. The President may call a meeting when needed upon sending written notice to all Board Members. Special board meetings may be called upon the request of any three members of the board.

*Section 4. Quorum.* At any meeting of the Association, regularly and properly called, those present constitute a quorum.

## DR. WILLIAM GAVENTA

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now has 115 beds and a complete nursing school. The town of Eku has a population of somewhere between five and ten thousand people, most of whom are employed in the timber and rubber industries.

Bill believes that Nigeria is probably the most enlightened of the so-called "Black African nations" and the people are very sensitive to outside opinion. In the southern part of the country, Christianity has a good stronghold. The northern part is a stronghold of Mohammedanism. However, both these religions are in the minority since most of the natives still worship tribal gods or ancestors and practice witchcraft. The constitution of the country grants religious freedom, which is a help to the missionaries.

The Gaventas now live in a concrete block house with their own well and a generator to provide electricity. But it wasn't always like this and the early years demanded many sacrifices in personal comfort. Alice still cooks on a wood stove and uses mahogany for firewood. Until last year, she also had the responsibility for the education of their two sons, Billy, 12, and John, 10. Now they attend a school for the children of the missionaries in the area.

Bill Gaventa is, without a doubt, the only "Ohonvwore" with a permanent address in Tampa. This is an honorary title bestowed on him by the tribal chief which makes him a member of the chief's council. He has also been honored for his work by the Premier of Nigeria.

This man has done such a remarkable job in his chosen field that a book could be written about his achievements. It is wonderful to know that such a man as Bill Gaventa is an alumnus of the University of Tampa. We send our prayers and good wishes for his continued success.



# SPARTAN SPORTS *by Al Gomez*

## SPARTAN BASKETBALL

One never knows what is in store for a team when the season first gets under way. The boys who looked good in practice sometimes are not the ones who look good in the games, and by the same token some of the boys who didn't look so good in practice come into full bloom when the official's whistle blows to call us into action.

The University of Tampa Spartans started this season in hopes that they were going to begin where they had left off the last half of the season last year. At that time they had won 8 of their last 11 games and had the makings of a fine nucleus for the coming year. Then just three weeks before the season started this year, their all-state center, Don Boyt, 6'8", sustained a broken wrist in a practice session and the hopes for the coming season were severely dashed.

Then, it was discovered that Don's hand was coming along quite nicely and we had found hopes that he was going

to be able to rejoin the team at the start of this year. Don started very slowly since his hand was not expected to be healed for another month but each day and each game Don increased in his ability to get the job done.

The record does not actually show the progress the team has made since the opening of the season, but it is apparent from the statistics that Tampa is now on the move. They have won the last three games in a row and at this writing are in third place in Florida Intercollegiate Conference.

There is a tremendous team spirit and an "all for one and one for all" attitude prevailing. This attitude also shows up in the fact that there are six men now averaging double figures. Leading the team at the present is a freshman, Harvey Mallis from Brooklyn with 16.7 average; next is another freshman, carrot top George Sharpy from Trenton, New Jersey, with a 14.3 average; following Sharpy is Junior Chuck Engelking with a

13.0 average; John Pellegrino, a Sophomore with a 12.1 average; Marlin Clark Junior with a 11.6 average; and the sixth man is Don Boyt with a 10.0 average.

The student enthusiasm has also increased greatly, and empty seats are becoming fewer and harder to find as each game continues to win new friends and influence more people. With about half the season played the Spartans are faring very well, especially when you consider the caliber basketball competition they encounter. It's no easy matter for a school the size of Tampa to take on Bradley (number 3 in the country), Louisville (number 5 in the country), DePaul (number 8 in the country), and St. John (number 9 in the country). Of course, this is not all, there are also teams like Miami, Stetson, St. Peters, and others who are mighty tough in their own right.

We're very proud of our Spartans, and we hope you are as proud of the team as we are.



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