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Unwanted pets invade residence halls

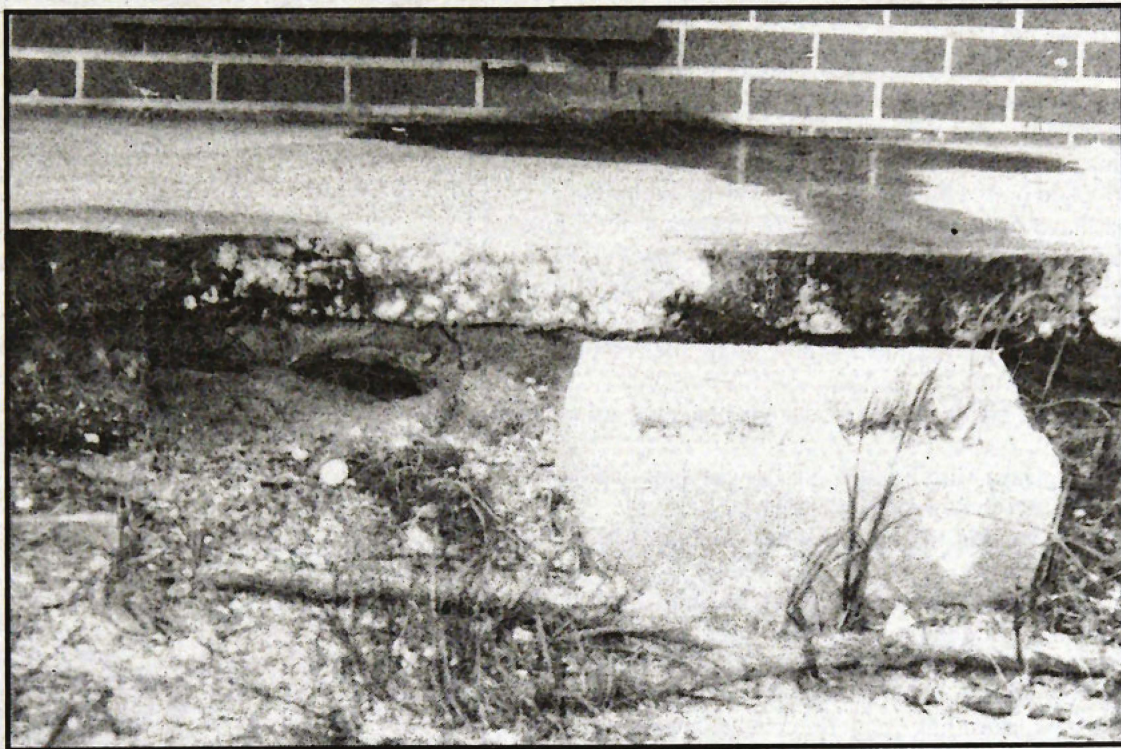
By SAM RICCA
Staff Writer

The university offers its students a variety of seven housing facilities.

McKay sits across from the Post Office, on a sprawling bed of green that meets the river. Smiley, which can be seen by anyone who walks by the flagpole, is divided into two wings, East and West. Farther on is Delo, a white ten story building in desperate need of a whitewash, among other things.

To its left is Howell, a likewise white building but with half as many stories. University West sits on the perimeter of the campus, a three-story brownstone straight out of New York in the fifties, with ceramic tiles framing its doorway. University East sits behind the bookstore, a pink one-story building that could be mistaken for a motel off of any major interstate highway. ResCom shares its pink paint but manages to hold its own, as rows of three-story apartment buildings form a somewhat exclusive complex.

As inviting as these housing profiles may sound, students are finding out, more and more, that living on campus isn't quite what they thought it might be. Plumb-



Jennifer Wolfson - The Minaret

Roaches and rodents are a common problem in Florida. Despite the efforts of facilities, many unwanted critters make UT their home. Pictured here is a mousehole outside of McKay. The mouse was camera-shy and unavailable for comment.

ing could be better. But more upsetting to students than plumbing problems are the pests. Rodents, rats, ants, insects, roaches—any which way you would like to classify them—they all belong to the

same family of pests. They get in between the sheets, they crawl on the walls, they breed in your stereo and computer and they invade the closets. They make living on campus difficult.

Michael Cochran, a McKay resident, claims that his rat problem just might be taken care of, but certainly not by Facilities.

"Rats?—that problem might be solved, 'cause I've seen a big

white cat that lives outside. I haven't seen any rats in a week. We need more cats instead of rat traps. This whole place should be condemned," Cochran commented.

And what about roaches?

"The roaches are just humongous. I ran around my room one night trying to kill one with a shoe; and they have wings too!" Cochran added.

Trying to kill a roach by squashing it will only lead to more roaches. Samantha Swann, a Delo resident, shared a useful tip.

"You shouldn't smash the roaches 'cause you could spread the eggs and they can hatch in the rug—just spray them with bug spray till they become psychologically deformed," Swann said.

Well, thank you—now we know better; the things you learn at college.

Jesse Atkinson, a Delo resident, is not too happy with his end of the deal.

"I'm paying \$1000 for cockroaches. They're huge—they fly around your room; they're so big you can use them as a doormat. They come in through the holes and cracks in the walls," Atkinson

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FastWEB offers chance to search for aid

By EILEEN ELDER
Staff Writer

Once again technology tackles another difficulty faced by college students everywhere: how to locate appropriate scholarships.

College students can now utilize FastWEB, located at www.fastweb.com, a free scholarship service on the Internet.

Most students find themselves challenged by schedules that don't afford adequate time to locate and contact additional college funding.

UT students are well aware of the difference financial assistance can make. According to the Financial Aid Office, at UT 83 percent of the students receive some form of financial assistance.

FastWEB results from a society where extra time and money seem impossible to find. FastWEB provides a convenient and time consuming method for students to locate a plethora of scholarships.

Upon initial contact with FastWEB, students must complete

a profile. The profile consists of six steps that will take approximately 20 to 40 minutes.

No other method of searching for scholarships compares with the capabilities available by using the World Wide Web.

The profile asks a variety of questions, providing FastWEB with a detailed description of the student, starting with the student's address (including a place for students from other countries) and ending with the student's hobbies and activities.

In minute, FastWEB can match a profile to different scholarships all around the nation.

Many students overlook the importance of becoming involved in extracurricular activities. Using the FastWEB search, one activity that a student is involved in, greatly increases the number of potential scholarships he is eligible for.

The student's only real time-consuming effort consists of the initial completion of a profile.

Each FastWEB applicant re-

ceives his own mailbox. Mailboxes are continually updated, and FastWEB encourages each user to check their mailboxes frequently.

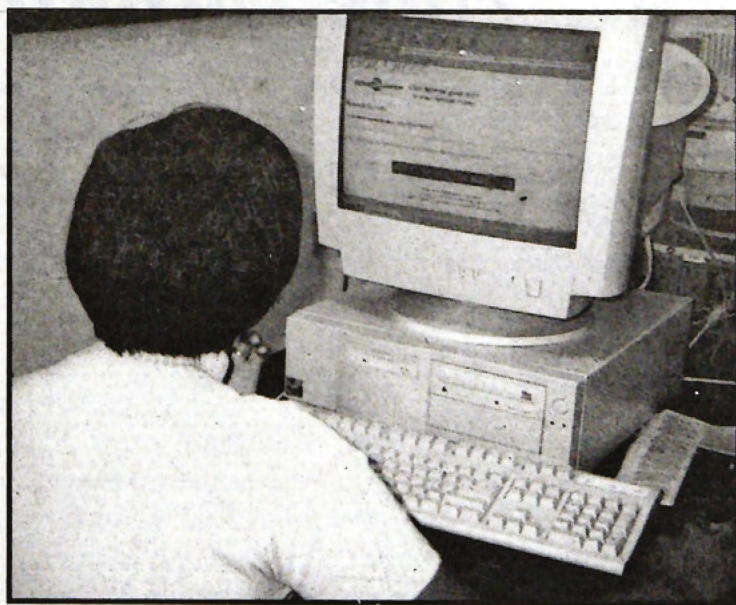
Students log on to FastWEB and click on the headline "Check Your FastWEB Mailbox" to review updated information about possible scholarships.

FastWEB also sends email to users informing them that a new scholarship opportunity awaits in their FastWEB mailbox.

Mark Rothschild, director of scholarship services at FastWEB, encourages students to check their FastWEB mailboxes daily to learn of new scholarships that match their profile. He noted that FastWEB updates over 500 scholarships every night.

"The first scholarship search should not be the last," counsels Rothschild. "Students should follow a simple rule: research, research, research and apply, apply, apply."

Among the most convenient features of FastWEB are the form letters that are provided for every



Katie Nguyen - The Minaret

Students can use the Jaeb computer center located on the UT campus to surf the Internet, free of charge, looking for financial aid and scholarship opportunities on FastWEB.

scholarship match.

The form letters ask the scholarship provider to send the student the proper information in order to

apply. The letters come in completed format, with the sponsor's

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S.G. stands tall and claims responsibility

EDITORIAL

No, of course what really matters
Is the blame,
Somebody to blame.
Fine, if that's the thing you enjoy,
Placing the blame,
If that's the aim,
Give me the blame

sings the Witch in Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*.

Sondheim captured in this scene, the lack of willingness to take responsibility for actions that are everyone's fault. What mattered to these characters in their time of crisis was that it was someone's fault, and not their own.

Forget that a mistake was made, the most important thing is where to place the blame, at least in the eyes of many students and even some campus leaders.

Student Government overlooked one of the requirements for the Junior Senator position, that the student must have been at UT for at least one semester. Two candidates, Odalie Ince and Jason Butler, were both transfer students new to UT this semester and therefore ineligible to run for office. This would have left Kasey Molina as the only candidate for the position.

The mistake was made and Student Government is now doing the responsible thing, holding new elections for the position.

How interesting to see the way the blame for this mistake is bouncing around at UT.

Student Government President, Dave Virgilio said that "it was a mishap on the whole part of SG. It was something that went unnoticed."

Others have not been so kind, blaming the senator who was in charge of the elections.

Taking responsibility for the actions of your officers is part of being a successful leader. Virgilio took the higher ground and the responsibility onto all of SG. True, running the election was the duty of one officer, but if SG is to run as a unit, everyone who wishes to accept part of the rewards must also accept a part of the blame.

"A chain is only as strong as its weakest link" may be a cliché, but it is for good reason. It's true. Everyone makes mistakes. The strong admit to them.

SG is, as a unit, offering new elections to obliterate their mistake. On the new fliers and applications the overlooked requirement is notably included.

Whether or not you take this as a sign that they have learned or that they are covering themselves, it is still a good move. SG honestly admits that a mistake was made. Virgilio takes on the responsibilities of his officers as his own.

UT's SG was voted the best student government at a private school in the state Florida last year, an honor that Virgilio hopes to repeat. Virgilio, who ran unopposed, shows enthusiasm and integrity, a combination that certainly couldn't hurt their chances.

Republicans caught on steady decline

COLUMN

There has been a sharp decline in the quality of things over the past few years. Movies, television shows, Robert

Downey Jr, all are making a beeline straight down the crapper. Most shockingly, the Republican party has slipped much farther than Democrats could ever hope for.



JOSEF
LAWLER

Now don't get me wrong, nothing makes me happier than this. I'm what you'd call a real bed-wetting liberal. As long as I can remember, when the word Republican was said around me, I got images of Stormtroopers and some kind of Reagan Darth Vader using the force to crush the fearless rebel forces that were the liberals. The sad fact was, all the leaders the Democrats selected were about as awe-inspiring and heroic as C-3PO.

But a strange thing happened a few years ago. The Lone Reagan's ride came to an end, and his trusty sidekick Busho won an election. I wouldn't have called it much of a race; it was sort of like watching the Flash racing the state of Alaska. Sure, we tried to fool ourselves on election day: "Alaska is a pretty fast state."

It didn't work, and another eight year dynasty loomed ahead, except for one thing: Bush decided on a bright eyed young man from Indiana to be his Vice-Prez, Dan Quayle. Quayle could be exactly what Bush had been for Reagan, someone who didn't have to do anything. An added bonus was that Quayle had never done anything, so he wouldn't have to put up with any of those pesky Iran-Contra hearings. Bush was all set.

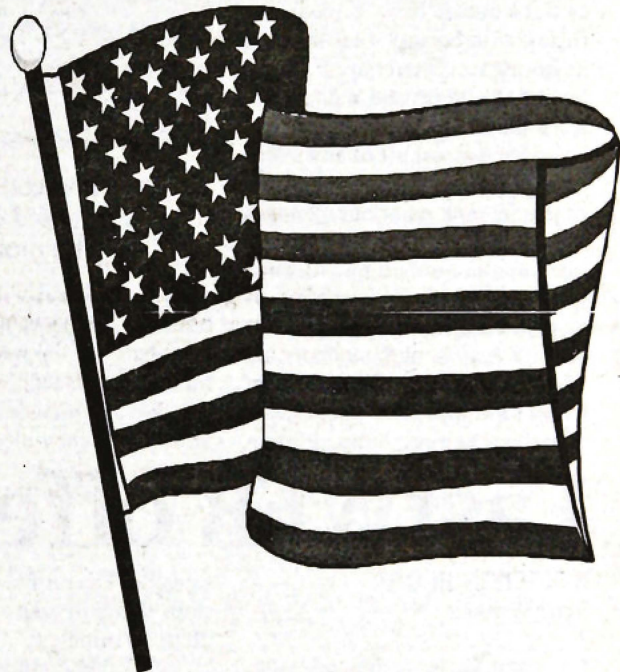
Quayle began spouting his made for *The Tonight Show* views of the world, and things began to change. First he addressed the NAACP, and encouraged mi-

norities to go to college, saying: "A mind is a terrible thing to lose."

Then he got into the famous argument with a middle schooler over the spelling of *potato*. An interesting note is that the boy he argued with is now a single father and a high school drop out. Then came the *Murphy Brown* bomb. About this time the Skipper realized that Gilligan wasn't such a great choice for first mate.

Skip ahead to the '96 elections. The scariest people running are laughable bigots and homophobes like Pat Buchanan and Bob Dornan. The most memorable thing that Bob Dole said was: "For over 800 years have I trained to be Jedi." No wait, I'm sorry, the most memorable thing Dole said was that *True Lies* was a good family movie, while insulting the wife of Bruce Willis, one of the few Hollywood Republicans. Way to take a tough stand there Doley, health care, welfare, drugs—no, those issues have been dealt with enough, let's go after the real monsters, movies.

Where are the Joe Mcarthys, the



Nixons, even the Gerald Fords? Men whose names I think of in the same category as Dr. Doom. They've been replaced by men like Richard Lugar, who thought that nuclear terrorism scared people in this country so much that we would elect him President because of it.

Now, I really do believe that terrorism is awful, but it can't be the basis for a political platform. Not that we Democrats are doing any better, Clinton is get-

ting away with more stuff than Capone, but the Republicans still can't get rid of him. They've managed to take a mediocre President and make him seem great.

For all those nay-sayers out there thinking: "Well what's he doing about it?" I say, shut up. I do have the answer, it's 42. If that doesn't work, it's a lost cause. Just take it and put it in the junk drawer that contains Bush's unused Points of Light and the video games Quayle still needed to beat before they would allow him in the war room.



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to the editor must be typed, double-spaced and contain a maximum of 250 words.

Please submit letters to *The Minaret* office (Student Union, Room 4), by email to "TheMinaret@aol.com" or to UT Box 2757 by 2 p.m. Monday to appear in Friday's issue.

Letters must be signed and include an address and telephone number where the writer may be contacted regarding editing.

Editors must check letters for libel and space considerations. Names will be withheld at the writer's request.

Letter to the Editor

Consequences of sex are hard to live with

LETTER

Dear Editor;

In response to your question regarding casual sex, I have a story that needs telling. I am in my senior year at UT and facing a very personal crisis that was caused by casual sex.

I will start by saying that I don't sleep around or go from one night stand to one night stand. My parents still think I'm a virgin, despite the fact I lost my virginity to a date rape when I was 16. The real tragedy, however, is that barely 20 years of age I have been diagnosed with an STD which now requires surgery.

I know exactly who infected me with genital warts, and exactly when it happened. I was dating someone and a mutual friend told me he was a walking Sexually Transmitted Disease. When I confronted him about the matter he told me that he was infected, but that his doctor had told him he had nothing to worry about. I immediately visited my gynecologist. I was told, again, there was nothing to worry about. But how can an STD be something to ignore? My gynecologist told me that HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) is the most common STD there is. He insisted that I shouldn't worry and that treatment was not necessary.

I disregarded them both and broke up with my boyfriend none the less.

This year my pap smear came back abnormal. 3 years later, my life of casual sex is coming back to haunt me. I never knew the only reason women have to go to the gynecologist every year is to screen specifically for HPV.

I had to have a biopsy performed on my cervix. Believe me, this is not the most comfortable place to have someone snipping little pieces from. And now I have to have laser surgery.

I cannot explain to my mother why I need this surgery because we never discussed my sexual activity. I cannot imagine being sexually in-

involved with anyone again. I feel dirty, used and untouchable.

I only hope others will read this and take it to heart. I always said "it won't happen to me." No one ever told me about HPV. I am no different from the average college student: My previous relationships usually turned sexual within the first few weeks, and I always used condoms.

What I hope others will get from this is the fact you can't protect yourself from everything. HPV can be contracted via any form of genital contact, whether it be protected or not. Casual sex is fun while it lasts, but almost has form of repercussion. I'm been there, and now I'm paying for it, and it sucks.

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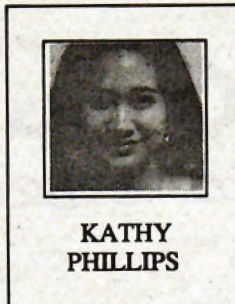
Do you think the act of sex has lost its meaning over the years? Or at all?

All students and professors, please respond by calling *The Minaret* Ext. 3462 and leave a message for Rosie Vergara.

Duchovny Playing God, breaking hearts

COLUMN

Warning: the amount of drool contained in this article may cause your newspaper to become slightly damp.



KATHY PHILLIPS

obsessed with something: people obsessed with aliens, people obsessed with conspiracies. And then there are the people who are obsessed with the show's stars. I fall into the latter category.

On Oct. 17, David Duchovny's new movie, *Playing God*, opens. For those of you who don't know, I am a recovering stalker of Duchovny. Yes, I admit, I fell prey to his charms: his bedroom eyes, his lanky frame, his droll manner, his dry wit, his big nose, his big lips, his big, uh, never mind. I became one of those people who would do anything for a scrap of David, anything that made me feel close to him. I bought everything I could get my hands

on, T-shirts, posters, mouse pads. Hell, if he spit in a jar, I would buy it. (You should see my collection. I've still got some stuff the police haven't confiscated.)

But now, things are different. Things have changed.

Now, instead of being David Duchovny, star of the *X-Files*, he is Mr. Tea Leoni, domestic slave to a woman who doesn't deserve him. I console myself with the idea that by marrying her, he has demonstrated that he is a moron, and so I am better off without him.

Let me journey into self-delusion for a moment: How could he have forsaken me? I loved him more than any woman on the face of this earth. More than any man, for that matter. I could have made him happy. But now, not only will he know my scorn. He will pay, oh yes, he will pay.

Whew. That was refreshing. Thanks for putting up with me. I really needed that. Anyway, my sour feeling toward David aside, I'm all riled up for the season premiere of *The X-Files*, taking place on Nov. 2, I think. It starts so late in the television season because they cut the number of episodes this year in order to accommodate the movie that is coming out in the summer of 1998. Another movie with David in it! I feel myself weakening. Remember how good he was in *Twin Peaks* as a transvestite? Or how about his haunting portrayal on *Red Shoe Diaries* of a man who collects woman's fantasies?

Ooh— who saw the movie *Kalifornia*? Remember that scene, the one in the motel room? Without even red Speedos to protect our eyes from his perfection.

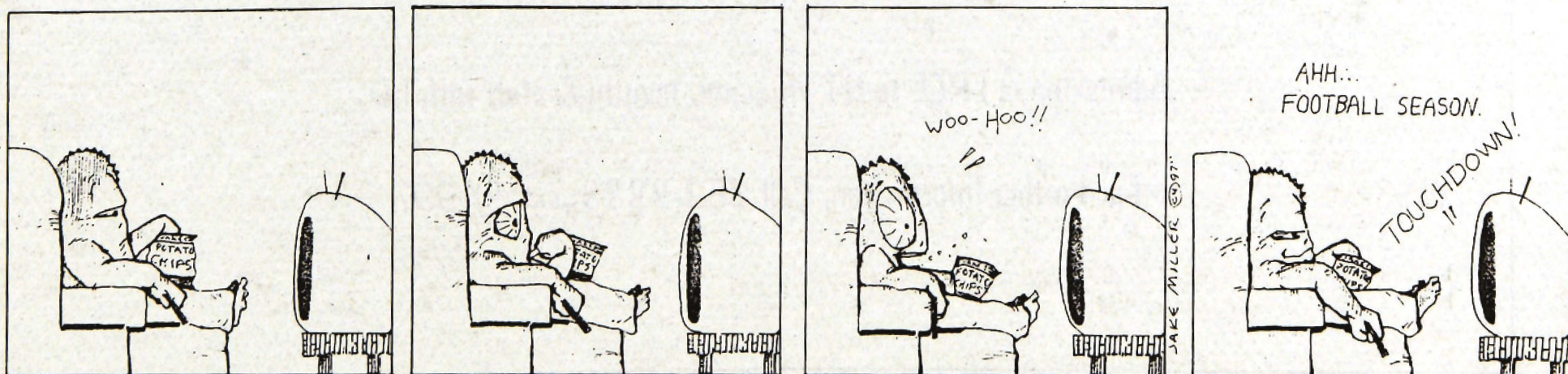
I'm so wishy-washy. If David came to me on his hands and knees, wearing a dog collar, and he handed me the leash to the collar and begged me to take him back, I would probably do it. Of course, he'd have to kill Tea first. Actually, I wonder if things would go along a lot faster if I took care of that part for him. (Umm, just kidding. Heh. Heh. Please ignore me as I polish my instruments of death and vengeance. Hell hath no fury, and all that rut.)



Opinions are like carrots, they're usually long yet remarkably easy to shred.

UTITES

By Jake Miller



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A COMIC DRAMA BY TOM GRIFFIN

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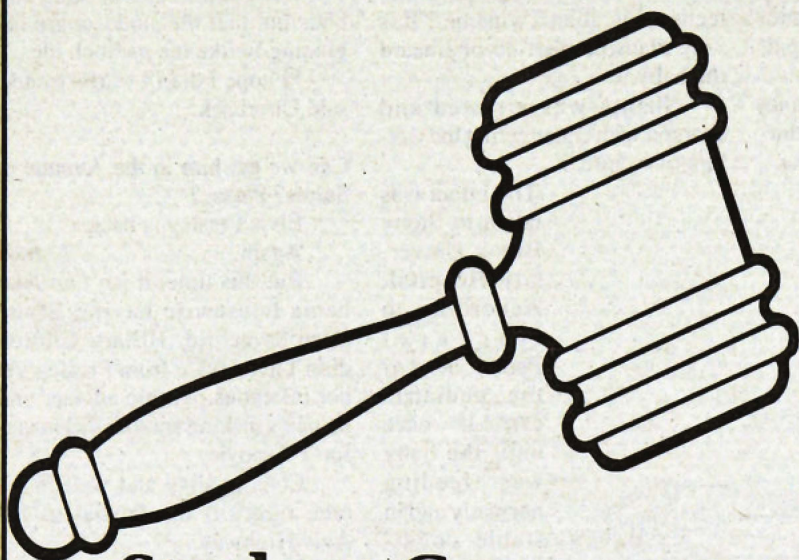
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Student Government

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October 8, 1997

SG Executive Board and General Assembly Meeting Minutes
Officers: Dave Virgilio, Dan Cuneo, Andy Saterlee, Martha Gely, Stacey Chmura, Brooke Matherly, Iggy Hernandez and Amanda Bachor. Advisers Present: Richard Piper and Dean Bob Ruday. Guest Speaker: Edessa Scarborough, admissions director, spoke about student recruitment, Admissions Office staff and current student enrollment.

President Dave Virgilio discussed the insurance issue behind the Sober Ride van with UT's administration. Virgilio explained the new class system and the reasons for its

being implemented. Virgilio and Gely are working together to get the library hours extended or having some rooms open to students until the study rooms are again available.

Vice-President Dan Cuneo announced that the Board of Counselors' Luncheon will take place in the Trustees Conference Room on Oct. 29 at 12 p.m.

Treasurer Andy Saterlee visited Tampa Prep on Wednesday to talk with students about SG and invited them to attend meetings.

Secretary Martha Gely announced that the self-defense seminar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Dome Room and thanked Buddy Campbell for his help. Gely also said that there are 22 organizations on probation. The presidents will be receiving letters this week.

President of Student Productions Stacey Chmura announced that Student Productions will be trying to coordinate different

events during the half-times of games to increase student attendance and support. Student Productions will also be selling tickets to Universal Studios' Halloween Horror Nights for Oct. 25. Tickets will be \$15 and each student will be limited to one per valid UT I.D. Transportation will be provided.

Senior Senator Brooke Matherly spoke with a representative from the library about a recycling bin for newspapers behind the library. Matherly is working on having recycling bins placed at the Martinez Sports Center by next semester.

Sophomore Senator Iggy Hernandez announced that the Board of Trustees' Luncheons will be held in the cafeteria at 12 p.m. on Nov. 12, 13 and 19. If you would like to attend, contact Hernandez at Ext. 3768. SpeakoUT will be held on Wed, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in Lecture Hall 1.

Freshman Senator Amanda Bachor will meet next week with ResLife concerning ice machines in the residence halls. Bachor is also looking for ways to increase attendance at the SG meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business: First reading for Women's Organization appropriation of \$50

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Homecoming '97: Under the minarets

By **MICHILEEN MARTIN**
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m., close to 100 students gathered at the Sticks of Fire in Plant Park for a photo shoot in preparation for Homecoming. The royal hopefuls were nominated by 20 different organizations from every area of university interest, from BACCHUS, to the greeks, to WUTZ.

According to Director of Student Activities Pam Bracken, organizations are allowed to nominate as many candidates as they like, provided the nominees are members of the organization.

Students can vote on the positions of Freshman Prince, Freshman Princess, Sophomore Prince, Sophomore Princess, Junior Prince, Junior Princess, King and Queen in the Plant Hall Lobby today until 2 p.m.

Winners will be announced tonight at Spartan Extreme, a celebration in Plant Park.

Nominees for Homecoming

King: Scott Slack, Joe Lawhorn, Justin Miele, Earl Portier, Robert Leseman, Rick Farah, Mike Zerbe, Mike Lambermont, James Moten, Dave Virgilio, Scott Taylor and David Delaney.

Nominees for Homecoming Queen: Martha Gely, Jessica Comer, Gretchen Klontz, Taryn Dunigan, Alexis Sjolander, Samantha Swann, Adina Brodsky, Kara O'Conner, Christina Holden, Shari Marcus, Angela Huerta, Melony Dillon, Brooke Matherly, Mackenzie Carignan and Melissa Seric.

Participating organizations: BACCHUS, Diplomats, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Phi, Spartan Commuter Organization, Student Government, WUTZ, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Res Com/University West Hall Council, Sigma Delta Tau, Tampa Women's Soccer, Volleyball, Howell Hall Council, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student Productions, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Psi Omega.

BE THE NEXT JUNIOR SENATOR!

You must:

have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher

have been enrolled at UT one full semester

Applications are due Monday, October 20 by 5 p.m. in the SG office.

Pests, from page 1

said.

Swann had lived in McKay over the summer, and she specifically remembers the mosquitoes.

"Water increases the amount of insects; mosquitoes were breeding in our room," Swann said.

Apparently the older residence halls have a history of pest problems. What about the newer buildings such as ResCom? One student shared her recollections of living at ResCom.

"Once you leave trash out, the rats really come," said former ResCom resident, Michaela Richard.

No matter where you live, rats will go through your outside garbage. The main concern of students, however, are the pests that live in their rooms. Swann vaguely recalls an encounter Roger Abraham had with a squirrel.

"One day he came home from work and there was this squirrel sitting on the bed watching TV and eating almonds. It had somehow hit the remote control and gotten hold of a bag of nuts," Swann said.

Delo residents, Mandy Fishburn, Shannon LaVergne and Nicole Phelps seem to be in possession of the burnt end of the pie.

"I had a quarterly exam the next day, and I couldn't sleep that night 'cause there were roaches in my bed. Our window sills have cracks where the roaches come in. I feel like the facilities people aren't doing enough. It seems like I'm paying a \$20,000 tuition for roaches," Fishburn said.

LaVergne is in an even more interesting position, as she shares

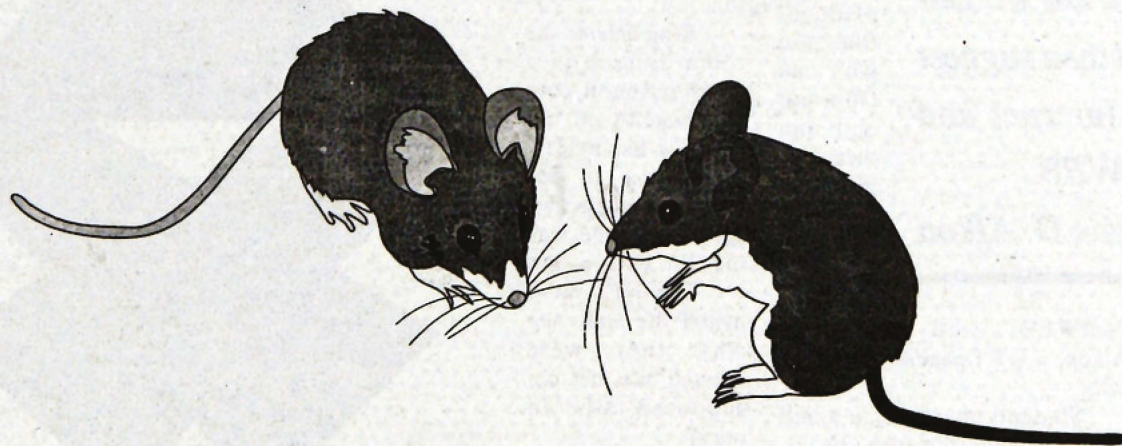
the "show room" with roommate Nicole Phelps. The "show room" is the room that is exhibited to potential students by the Admissions staff.

"The facilities people came to patch up a hole in the bathroom and they wouldn't finish the job—

the Fall residents seem to have no problems besides the plumbing.

Work orders are a bureaucratic system that was designed to deal with such problems. Does the system actually work?

"Facilities didn't answer our work order," Phelps said.



there were other holes, like one in my wall that needed patching," said LaVergne. "It would only have taken 20 minutes at the most. We now stuff tissue in the hole to keep the roaches out. Our RA was real helpful—she would call and call but they wouldn't come. My roommate had to sleep at the foot of my bed one night 'cause there was a hole by the foot of her bed that had roaches coming out of it."

According to residents, Howell doesn't seem to have as big a problem as Delo and McKay. There were sightings of giant roaches before the Fall semester, but students believe an exterminator came over the summer because

Somewhere in the middle of the system, however, lies a big problem that hinders it from being what it wishes to become. Students feel that maintenance of the residence halls is just plain wishful thinking, a fantasy. A good theory that hovers slightly above actual implementation.

What has Facilities done to address the incessant complaints of campus residents? They have hired Bill Jamison, a pest control expert, to come to campus every Wednesday for four hours. Four hours, to fix everything in all seven residence halls that needs fixing. To most students this just doesn't sound right.

Jamison shares some of the odd jobs he has had to take care of on campus:

One year ago, a squirrel got into Smiley and had lived in the ceiling, peeking out at people as they passed. Jamison had to chase the squirrel all over the lobby,

roaches.

Rodent season goes from around November through January. Fleas, carried in by people who get them from raccoons, possums and cats, are common in Plant Hall. There are also midges, bugs hardly visible to the naked eye, that breed in potted plants. They look like gnats but sting like mosquitoes.

Students and staff feel that these are all interesting stories, but nowhere are there any accounts of the more common complaints like ants and roaches. The calls that seem to be answered are only the most entertaining. The more common and boring work orders seem to have been misplaced.

However, for all of you who need immediate relief, here are some simple tips to help: If you have any plants in your rooms, you might want to treat them first with preventive spray to avoid inhabiting midges. The best preventive measures you can take to keep encounters with pests minimal is to put away all food, throw away empty cans and food wrappers and rinse out any food container you might want to save. You might also want to keep food away from the windows, as it might attract bugs from outside.

The problem of rodents and pests in residence halls is one that has to be approached from both ends of the spectrum: by the students and by Facilities. And, according to residents, it needs fixing now.

down the hall, into the laundry room and eventually outside. To top it all off, Jamison had set off the fire alarm in the process, driving the cleaning lady into a fit. Amazingly such, during this whole ordeal, students remained in their rooms, oblivious to everything.

Another of Jamison's memorable jobs was having to locate a stench in the rec room at Howell. It turned out a rat had died in the ceiling.

Jamison said the most common jobs he has been called for have to do with carpenter ants that swarm in already rotted wood and eat the leftovers from termites and American roaches—the really big

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Staff Writers

You thought your required reading was hard

Last Wednesday, a book containing the works of Galileo was sold in England for \$500.

Hopefully, its new owner has a magnifying glass, because the 100-year-old book is the size of a fingernail. Its typeface was developed by specialists in Italy.

Well, it's about time

Spam—the famous lunch meat introduced in Austin, Minn. in 1937—has decided to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary with redesigned cans. The new labels will add space for recipes, production information and special Spam offers.

According to the Spam company, Americans eat Spam at a rate of three cans per second.

More poop for your tax dollar

If you ever feel the call of nature while hiking through the federal park in Delaware Water Gap, Pa., don't worry. The federal government has built a two-hole outhouse in the park, costing \$333,000.

"We could have built it cheaper, yes, but we wanted someone coming up the trail or off the road to encounter a nice restroom facility," said park superintendent Roger Rector.

The outhouse features a cobblestone foundation capable of withstanding an earthquake, porches, cedar clapboard siding and gabled roof.

What the outhouse doesn't have: running water.

Well, at least he has some friends now

This past Saturday, in Phokeng, South Africa, Michael Jackson was declared an African tribesman. Accompanied by ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley and her two children, Jackson was inducted into the Bafokeng Ka Bakwena tribe, translated as "People of the Crocodile."

Sure thing, Keith

In the middle of a 33 city tour, 53-year-old Rolling Stones veteran Keith Richards told an interviewer he wasn't ready to retire, in part because, "The chicks still dig me."

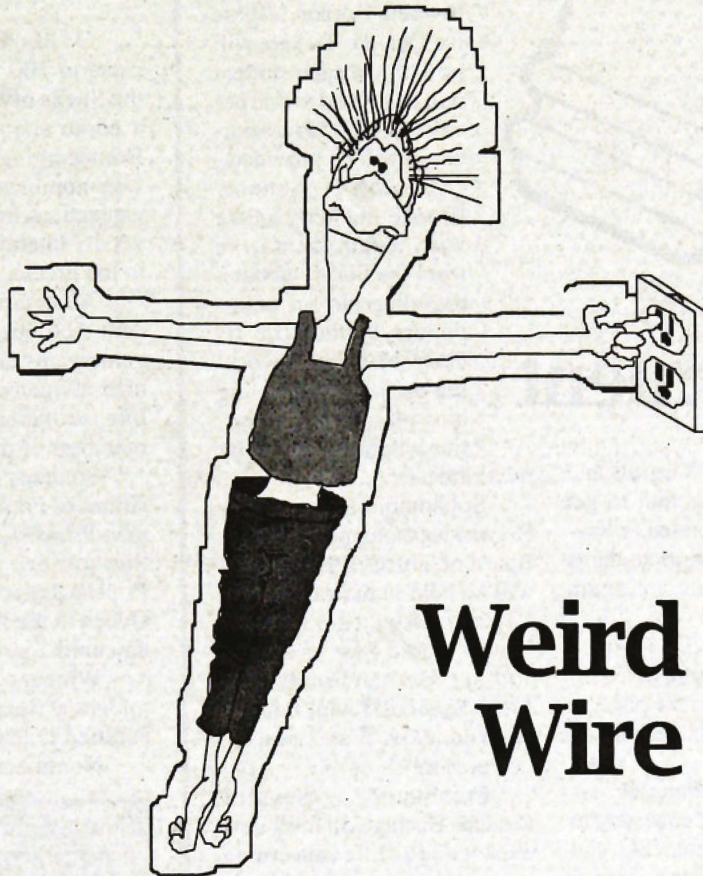
Last week, singer Elton John said in a TV interview that Richards looked like "a monkey with arthritis."

Mommy, why is the closet crying?

On Sept. 21, 17-year-old Shanta Clark of Central Islip, N.Y., gave birth to a 4 pound premature baby boy at home, cut the umbilical cord with a pair of kitchen scissors, cleaned up the afterbirth, threw it out and put the baby in her closet. She fed the baby with for-

mula and wrapped him in blankets. The baby stayed there for two-and-a-half weeks until her mother found it while looking for a pair of pants.

According to police, Shanta never missed a day of school during those two-and-a-half weeks.



Weird Wire

What a wookiee!

"I have a little sister who is only a year old," Shanta said. "Now she is an aunt. How does that look? I am only 17."

Shanta's mother, Stephanie Clark, claimed she hadn't heard the baby crying.

"It was breathing but very quiet," said Suffolk County Detective Sgt. John Twinn. "It is very plausible that no one heard the baby."

Shanta was arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

The infant was taken to Stony Brook University Hospital. According to Margaret Parker, head of the pediatric critical care unit, the baby was feeding normally and in stable condition.

Better than a chastity belt—Boca Raton jeans

James Utterback, a seventh grade dean at Boca Raton Middle School, has a new weapon in enforcing the dress code: padlocks.

If Utterback sees a student wearing jeans well below the waistline, he offers them a pad-

lock. If they agree, Utterback puts the lock between two belt loops and unlocks it at the day's end.

According to Utterback, he doesn't force students to wear the lock, but they need to find some way of keeping their pants up un-

less they want to serve detention.

Utterback said he also has belts but that the students are beginning to like the padlock idea.

"I hope I didn't start a trend," said Utterback.

Can we get him in the Avenue of Saints? Please?

Elvis Presley is back.

Again.

But this time, it isn't an Alabama housewife having Elvis' alien lovechild. Hillary Clinton didn't get advice from Presley via her infamous psychic adviser and no one's making another bad made-for-TV movie.

Elvis is alive and well in Israel, right off the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway.

In 1975, Uri Yoeli opened the Mountain Inn. Yoeli is a fervent Elvis fan, and his wife began to complain when their house became littered with photos and other various Elvis memorabilia. Yoeli decided to move his Elvis collection to the restaurant.

"The reaction was fantastic," said Yoeli. "One day I was at the main bus station of Tel Aviv and I heard two taxi drivers talking. One said to the other, 'Meet me at the Elvis place.'"

That day, Yoeli changed the restaurant's name from Mountain Inn to the Elvis Inn.

Yoeli spent most of a year's profits to commission a solid brass statue of the King. It was completed by noted Israeli sculptor Richard Shiloh.

Hundreds of customers and tourists visit the Elvis Inn every day.

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address as well as the students.

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We offer all the aid we can from our end and then suggest looking on the Internet and particularly FastWEB.

— Shawna D. Alkon

Over 20,000 users log on the FastWEB daily to compete for the 275,000 financial aid opportunities available.

Oscar Vasquez, director of financial aid at Columbia University, stated that students at Columbia have successfully found scholarships using FastWEB.

"Our students think FastWEB is a remarkable resource," said Vasquez. "It's uncomplicated, easy to use and great."

In addition to students, many

organizations, such as the Department of Education or the National Association of Student Financial Aid, recognize the value of FastWEB's scholarship services. Thousands of Internet sites now have direct "hyperlinks" to FastWEB.

Even UT Financial Aid acknowledges FastWEB.

"We offer all the aid we can from our end and then suggest looking on the Internet and particularly

FastWEB," said Shawna D. Alkon, a UT financial aid counselor.

Students must pay a small price for using the free service, more junk mail.

The sponsors of FastWEB are inevitably interested in college students for one reason or another.

For sponsoring the web site, FastWEB provides the sponsors with each user's mailing address and phone number.

The trade up for the services might not seem so drastic on all of those days when students venture to the mailbox and it isn't empty.

AIDS/HIV virus speaks truth

By EILEEN ELDER
Staff Writer

Alpha Chi Omega hosted a seminar on AIDS and HIV this past Wednesday in the ResCom Clubhouse at 8:30 p.m.

Carmen King, of the UT Health Center medical assistant team, presented the AIDS/HIV seminar in an interesting fashion.

King entered the room dressed in a flashy red outfit, covered head to toe except for her mouth. She chose to approach the subject by pretending she was the HIV virus.

The HIV virus asked the audience why they were dressed, was this not supposed to be an orgy?

The deadly serious facts about AIDS were presented with a humorous touch.

King did not stand behind a microphone and spout-off statistics that students have all heard more than once. King made a lasting impression by talking with the students on their level.

King said she did not like statistics because numbers can be altered and manipulated to support any argument.

King refused to offer any statistics about AIDS at UT. She said it was like telling on someone. However, she did state that there are active cases on campus.

"UT counts, too," said King.

"We are not put aside."

The HIV-costumed King said, "I don't care who or what you are. I don't even give a shit if you are old."

The virus also bluntly told students the harsh truths about AIDS and HIV. It stated that the only safe sex was with their own

know.

She answered students' questions straightforwardly.

To those students looking for a free HIV test, she told them to visit the Health Department on Jefferson. King instructed students to explain that they have no money and that they feel at risk.

King informed the audience that there have been several students and professors from UT that have died because of AIDS.

She has personally had to inform students that they are HIV positive.

"I've never told anyone without crying as hard as they did," King said.

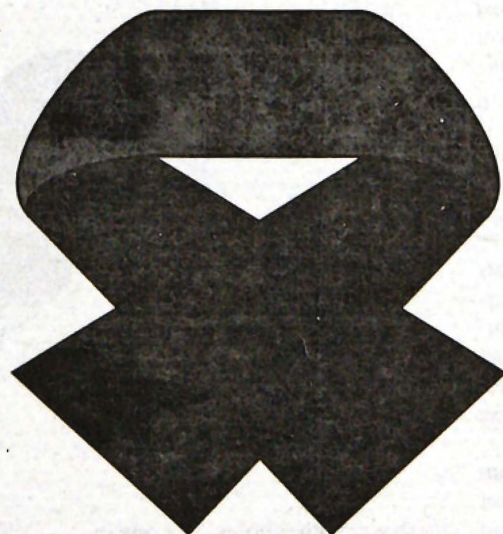
As an end note, King deepened her serious tone and asked students to close their eyes.

She asked them to imagine their future and to picture the people who have always loved and cared about them.

King then asked them to imagine lying in a bed, helpless, as they watched those people walking away. King said that is how it really feels to have AIDS.

Courtenay Smith, a student, commented after the seminar, "It was a very moving performance."

"It was directed more at college students, and she presented it in a way that we could understand without embarrassment," sophomore Amanda Jaxheimer said. "She made it funny, and my face didn't turn red."



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NEWS

Demands for American Sign Language increase

By COLLEEN DeBAISE
College Press Service

When Kimberly Boggs, now a Purdue University junior, picked a foreign language course to complete her education major, she mulled over the traditional offerings: Spanish, French, German.

"I had four years of German under my belt from high school, but could not tell you much past 'How are you?' and 'When is your birthday?'" she said. "So, my next option was to take Spanish because it seemed to be the easiest thing."

Then she heard about another option: American Sign Language.

"My roommate at the time was in the first-year class and mentioned how much fun it was," Boggs said. "So, I asked my counselor if that could be an option. It was, but it would be very hard to get into. She told me the best option would be to sign up in the summer, since not too many people would be here."

It's been four years since Purdue first approved sign language for foreign language credit. And like many other universities who now designate American Sign Language as a foreign language, Purdue reports a growing demand for classes that teach the language long used by deaf Americans.

All eight sections are filled to capacity this fall with 160 students, and the university has hired two more sign language instructors. For every student enrolled in a class, two of three more are turned

away, according to Diane Brentari, a linguist who leads the program at Purdue.

"This is not a unique situation," said Brentari, who estimates that 25 percent of universities have approved sign language for foreign language credit. "Demand for college-level sign language classes is increasing nationally."

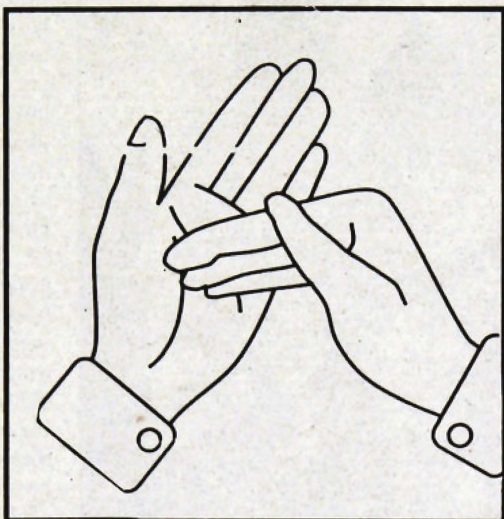
A few years ago, the majority of students who signed up for sign language classes were speech, education or nursing majors. Now, business and engineering majors are starting to jump on the bandwagon, according to Brentari.

"Not only do students see American Sign Language as a skill that will really stand out on their resume, but businesses are also beginning to recognize the marketing opportunities with this particular population," Brentari says. "Deaf people are consumers, too."

Sherman Wilcox, associate professor of linguistics at the University of New Mexico, says the demand for sign language courses—considered one of the top 10 languages used in the United States—has increased on his campus and others.

"I've seen it all over the place," he said. "If they offer one course, they'll be able to fill up three. If they offer three, they'll fill up six."

Colleges that have approved sign language for foreign language credit include the University of Minnesota, Michigan State University, State University of New York at Stony Brook, University



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of South Florida, University of California-Davis and University of Washington.

"The language is just getting more exposure," Wilcox said. "You see it on TV. We are generally coming to a better understanding of the language."

The issue has not been without controversy, however. Many universities still refuse to recognize sign language as a foreign language, arguing that it is not fundamentally different from English and that it is not associated with a distinct culture.

Before moving to Indiana, Brentari taught linguistics at UC-Davis, where she argued successfully for the acceptance of sign language as a foreign language.

"It's very different in structure than English," she said. She compares sign language to Japanese and Navajo, which are distinct from Spanish, French and other Romance languages derived from Latin. "[Students] are exposing themselves to a completely different language family."

In the classroom, sign language is taught much like other foreign languages. During tests, an instructor will sign the words, and students will write down the English. Students are graded, too, on their own ability to sign.

Students also study the literature of the deaf, including poems and stories that have been passed down in a non-written tradition, Brentari said.

"The deaf culture is a culture embedded yet different than mainstream U.S. culture," she said. "Deaf people dress like Americans; they behave like Americans. Yet they have this very important part of their lives devoted to their own culture and traditions."

Students in the class say they've noticed a distinct culture within the deaf community. "I was intrigued by their togetherness," said Boggs, who has taken several

sections of sign language and now serves as the president of the Purdue Sign Language Club. "I think the demand for the classes has become greater because it is offered as a foreign language, but I think once people get into it, they are in it for the culture."

The club has hosted a number of events, including a recent performance by a deaf storyteller that drew a huge student turnout. "Many have come to functions to learn about the culture," Boggs said. "Our meetings have gone from five to six people in attendance to 25 to 30."

Only about 5 percent of students are drawn to sign language classes because they have a deaf family member, said Brentari, who herself grew up with a deaf cousin. "Many of them have sought out ways to meet deaf people after taking the sign classes," she said. "The only negative thing I sometimes hear is that students have a hard time practicing."

After graduation, Boggs said she hopes to put her sign language skills to good use as a teacher. "I have been working with children who have severe disabilities and teaching them sign language," she said. "I really enjoy helping them to communicate when they have such limited options."

Brentari says sign language skills can be a selling point with corporate employers, too. "It shows you are more flexible and adaptable," she said.

On Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. a McKay resident called UTCS to report her wallet missing. According to the student, the wallet was probably stolen from the docks. She stated that she and a friend were on the boat dock and left the wallet. When she returned at 6 a.m. the next morning the wallet was gone. The missing wallet is described as a maroon UT wallet containing an Ohio Driver's license, a UT ID, a social security card, an AT & T phone card and a room key. The wallet had not shown up as press time.



By
JOANNE
BEN

On Oct. 6, at 2:10 p.m. a UTCS officer responded to a complaint of stray dogs in the ResCom Courtyard. Upon arrival the officer noticed two dogs, a small brown and white terrier and a medium sized brown dog, in the courtyard. The small dog was barking and chasing students. Three UT students were feeding and petting the dogs. The officer asked the students if they could control the small dog, and for a short time one of the women did. When the students learned that the officer called Animal Control, they became upset and vocal about the dogs being put to death. After a short time the student who was holding the small dog put him down. The small dog began to bark at the officer and ran around him. When the dog got around the officer, it bit him and drew blood. The dog then backed away to an area where there were no students. The officer drew a revolver from his holster and pointed it at the dog,

fearing the dog would bite him again. When the dog did not advance toward the officer he placed the revolver back in the holster. This was witnessed by a number of students. The three students who had been feeding the dog became upset at the officer, shouting he had no right to shoot the dog just because it bit him. The other students who witnessed the incident were shouting at them that they would have shot the dog. When all the activity calmed down, the officer radioed security that a dog had bitten him and to contact Animal Control. The three students offered to take the dogs to the Humane Society; however, the officer was concerned that they would set the dogs loose or not inform the shelter that the dog had bitten him. While waiting for Animal Control, the three students and the officer were waiting in the breezeway between ResCom A and B, when the small dog nipped at the ankle of a passing student. After a long wait for Animal Control, the three students once again offered to take the dogs. The officer contacted Campbell and advised him of the students' offer. He noted that if they wanted to take responsibility they could take the dogs to Animal Control. The students agreed and departed with the dogs. The officer reported to the health center and his wounds were washed. He also received a tetanus booster. An injury report was filed with Human Resources. On Oct. 10, at 3:10 p.m.

a County Animal Control officer contacted UTCS to report that the dogs were not delivered. The students placed the dogs in the Humane Society Shelter. The officer contacted the Humane Society and found the animals. However, the



students neglected to inform them that the small dog had bitten an officer and needed to be quarantined. The Humane Society does not quarantine animals, so the dog will be sent to the County Animal Control Shelter for observation.

On Oct. 6, at 3:45 p.m. a ResLife employee called UTCS to request a drug search in Delo. When UTCS arrived they found one of the residents in the room. The room was searched with negative results. At 4:15 p.m. the employee called UTCS again stating that one of the residents of the room called her stating that she found drugs in the room. UTCS officers responded to the room in Delo, where the complainant had in her possession two plastic glassine envelopes about 3/4 of an inch in diameter containing a white residue. The complainant stated that

she found these items in her roommate's purse earlier. The envelopes were not there when the officers did their search. The Tampa Police Department was notified, and two officers were sent to UTCS. Upon arrival a file test was conducted and the residue tested positive for cocaine. The two envelopes were taken in custody by TPD officers, who placed them in their report.

On Oct. 9, at 6:15 p.m. The Tampa Police Department contacted UTCS stating that they received a call from a UT student saying that he was assaulted. According to the student, he was in front of Delo when two males attacked him. Upon arrival, UTCS spoke with the student who said he was having a conversation with his girlfriend's ex-roommate when he was jumped and beaten for no reason. He pointed across the street to a green vehicle, stating that his assailants were in it. A UTCS officer went alongside the vehicle and spoke to the occupants. The two occupants in the vehicle were a UT student and his friend visiting from USF. They stated that the complainant was making threats to two of their friends, both UT students, during the cookout next to the cafeteria. They said they told him to stop and he walked away. After the women left, the complainant threw a cup of ice on them in front of Plant Hall. He started to run then fell down and came up punching, when a fight broke out between him and the occupants of the green vehicle. At this time he requested

an ambulance stating that he was injured. The fire department and paramedics arrived, but he refused treatment. All those involved were taken to the UTCS office. The two women reported that the complainant had been threatening them and their families ever since his girlfriend, a roommate of theirs, was caught with drugs in a room they shared in Delo. They stated that all those incidents had been reported to ResLife. On the day in question they reported he was constantly calling them with threats like, "All you bitches and your families are dead." He followed them from dinner and threw a cup of ice on them. Two of their friends came to see what was happening, and that is when the complainant began fighting. No reports were filed after all the parties involved were spoken to. The complainant was issued a trespassing warning. He was informed that ResLife was transferring him to the Holiday Inn for the night, and he was to be in Dean of Students Bob Ruday's office the next morning at 8 a.m. If, for any reason, he had to be back on campus he must report to campus security to be escorted.

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ACCENT

Florida tastes weird

By SAMANTHA RICCA
Staff Writer

The Taste of Florida is a yearly tradition to the Tampa locals, as it might also be to out-of-towners, held at the Curtis Hixon Park. However, from across the Hillsborough River at high noon, it just looked like a sadistic gathering: too many people in one place listening to bad music on over-stuffed tummies. Boy, was I wrong.

After the hot walk across the river, the first thing we chanced upon was an ATM machine, built into the side of a van. I could just see some guy making \$5/hr. feeding the machine with bills in that under-ventilated van as "suckers" went to drain their bank accounts for this festivity. The fact that this was a non-profit "happening" kept me from commenting on the vindictive positioning and ingenuity of that ATM machine right before the ticket booth. Tickets were \$5 for every strip of nine, and the average food sold for around 4-5 tickets.

Having lived the past fourteen years in the Philippines, it seems to me that Americans are fond of coming up with the "ultimate" creation, designed to make us spend our money and provide supposed convenience. Sitting in a tent was a living testament of this obsession: the "Keg-o-Que." It seemed to be some contraption that allows you to barbecue and drain beer out of it at the same time. Smart person? I wouldn't go that far; perhaps just someone with too much time on his hands.



Katie Nguyen—The Minaret

Chili Guy!

Lining the perimeter were dozens of Port-o-lets, portable potties, for those who either had too much to eat or drink, or both. Country music found its way into your food and digestive system, as it rang above the heads of many, including mine. Being no expert in

this line of music, I am no judge of whether it was good country music or not. or whether there is such a thing as good country music. It was just music that could get your body dancing in ways you wouldn't want it to. Aside from the heat and the music, things were looking up.

In the middle of everything, was a sight that made my eyes mist: Mel's hot dog car. Big, long and red, it just brought a smile to my lips. It was a ridiculous sight, not to mention obscene, but oddly enough, it blended in with the atmosphere. The Taste of Florida was starting to seem more and more like The Twilight Zone as we trudged deeper into its threshold.

The crowd was a strange assortment, ranging from old-beer-drinking-hippie-has-beens to your typical college preppie, to toddlers and infants who eat too little and cry too much, to the toddlers' parents who probably regretted bringing them along, to senior citizens in search of a little excitement.

The food was unbelievable. OK, maybe that's exaggerating a bit. But there sure was a lot of it. All sorts. Smoke, with a hint of barbecued ribs, lingered as we made our way around the park; ice-cold beer in shaded stands stood tempting and erect, as people lined up to quench their dry throats with something more interesting than water; deep-fried delectables called out silently yet convincingly.

The food was the least of my concerns in this particular tent that lured us with its oily smell. It belonged to Alessi Bakery,

and I truly believe it was involved in the same conspiracy as Mel's hot dog car. This stand had the most humongous white onions I have ever laid eyes on. They were the mothers of all onions, the sublime, an Indian cooking haven. Now, I love onions, but these onions were just downright frightening. There should be some moral law against fooling around with onion DNA. Not only that, but they had a torturous death chair for the unassuming potato: the Potato Drill.

It was horrible. They took a potato and wedged it in between what seemed like a vise; but this was worse because at one end was a drill. Once the potato was secure, they would drill through it, producing potato curls that would then be plunged into a container of boiling oil. How's that for a painless death? Poor potatoes. But we ate them anyway. Yum.

As we munched on these now crispy potato curls, a strange man in a loud fuchsia hat was handing out Tootie-Fruties. Now I don't know about your mom, but mine always said never receive food from strange men in pink hats. And I never listened. On this particular occasion though, I wish I had, because I wound up with two bags of Tootie-Fruties I did not want at the end of the day. I guess moms do know what they're talking about after all.

After this *Alice In Wonderland* character paid us a visit, Ethel came along. I'm sure you all know who Ethel is: that pleasant voice at the other end of the line when you dial UT's operator, usually for some friend's room or perhaps Papa John's. Ethel was at the event, however, in a *Tampa Tribune* shirt and cap. She apparently works part-time for the research department of the *Tampa Tribune*. After answering all those research-related questions, on behalf of the kindness of the *Tribune*, we received coupons for free drinks. What more could you ask for?

Apparently, a lot. The Taste of Florida had a lot more, aside from food. For restless children and frustrated parents, you could have your face painted by HAPPY clowns. This was actually a wise tactic, because it allowed parents a few minutes of peace while their children were forced to sit still: who knows what these HAPPY clowns would do, should these squeamish kids try something on them. To a five year old, a big polka dot costume is a very intimidating thing.

If you found yourself stuffed beyond recognition, which looked

like the norm, you could avail yourself of free Alka-Seltzer and Bayer aspirin which were scattered all around in tents—a trip most probable for those who had just visited a port-o-let. There was a first-aid center for those who really over-stuffed themselves, although I think gluttonous patients were not what they had in mind when they decided to include this health site in the affair. There was also a tent where you could get friendly with police officers, called "Officer Friendly"—a chance, perhaps, to talk them out of that speeding ticket? Disney did not keep itself out of the Taste of Florida either, as it promoted Hercules and other Disney characters in a fairly large tent. In Florida, trying to es



Katie Nguyen—The Minaret

Sam Ricca and the mannequin outside the Chili Guy's tent. The Chili Guy's influence is growing.



Katie Nguyen—The Minaret

Ethel at Taste of Florida—on the prowl for a hot story. We hope she saw the Chili Guy.

cape Disney is a waste of time. It's virtually impossible.

Although the Taste of Florida offered ludicrous sights, its main feature was the food. Participants ranged from well-known brand names like Ruby Tuesdays, Mel's Hot Dogs, Applebee's, Mike's Pies, Mykonos Restaurant, Red Lobster, Regina's Philippine Cuisine, Selena's Restaurant, Tuscan Oven and Breyers ice cream, to equally tasteful but less-renowned restaurants like the Vietnamese restaurant Lemongrass.

A sight that remained with me as I left the Taste of Florida was a man with a big, red chili going through his head—the things people get suckered into to make a few bucks. And if you were not among the many people at this interesting event, either to help out or purely to indulge, there's always next year. The Taste of Florida tradition can't proceed without the man in that fuchsia hat who needs that one year break—a year to do time for solicitation of harmful "goods" to the public.

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Sex, love and everything in between

By ROSIE VERGARA
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Love, intimacy and sexual relationships are important and complex aspects of people's lives. But what exactly is love? What determines relationships? How does sex fit into relationships? These are just a few of the questions that many are seeking answers for, directly and indirectly.

In our society, romance is celebrated in movies, novels, TV shows and even in advertisements. But where is the line between love and sex? Although people tend to associate the two, the connection is not always clear. Some people will have sex with whomever and whenever, and some reserve themselves, taking sex much more seriously.

People tend to believe that having sex with a partner will deepen the love relationship. It has actually worked to the contrary. When a relationship becomes sexual without going through some basic phases such as establishing trust, care and feelings of affection, the individuals involved may actually experience a reduction in feelings of emotional closeness.

"It depends on the people involved," said sophomore Brandy Winberly, who broke up with an early boyfriend as a result of sex. "It can make a relationship stronger or hurt it. Neither my boyfriend or I was mature enough to handle what had happened. It was a great learning experience."

It is understandable that some people attempt to justify their sexual behavior by deciding they're in love. Some people actually enter premature commitments such as going steady, becoming engaged or even getting married to convince themselves of the depth of their love and basically the legitimacy of the sexual involvement.

According to most studies, women tend to associate love with sex more than men do. One survey of several hundred college students revealed that 36 percent of



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With or without piercings, sexual relationships can be confusing and downright scary.

women indicated that love is a necessary component of sexual relationships, as compared to only 12 percent of men.

Other studies say that it is easier for a man than a woman to have sex simply for pleasure and physical release.

"Most guys just want it, and blow it off the next day," said sophomore Christina Henry. "Girls want more than that."

Despite the apparent differences, both men and women do value love and affection in sexual relationships. One study actually found that most men and women desire and experience sexual intercourse with a person they care about.

While love can be found in many sexual relationships, it is not always present. Whether or not having sex minus love is appropriate is entirely up to the individual.

"I once mistook sex for love when I was younger," said Henry, who had visited a few out of town,

close friends. "I thought it would work out since we would be going to school together. He didn't want anything more."

Many people do enjoy sex without love, but the act itself often arouses strong feelings. It is not worth it for some because of the risks involved, especially STDs such as AIDS. For others, a lack of trust motivates them to say "no."

Another issue is the morality of it all. Is it right for two people who are not in love to have sex? Such a decision is extremely personal and up to the individual.

In his book, *Sex Without Guilt*, psychologist Albert Ellis suggests that a sexual relationship between individuals who are not in love may be quite satisfying and ought to be both socially and personally acceptable, although sex in the context of loving is more fulfilling.

Ellis argues that many people, particularly young adults, sometimes want sexual intimacy with

someone they don't love. He also says that the people who have little or no capacity for loving should not be denied the satisfaction of sexual experiences. If we impose a necessary link between sex and love, it will result in an unnecessary feeling of guilt.

Regardless of who the sex is with, terms should be set, a boundary of sorts. Both partners should establish and define the relationship and decide what the limitations are, if any.

The best way to do so is for each individual to decide what they want from the other person. What will each role be? Once this is set, a more comfortable relationship is practically guaranteed. This way, both people involved will not be set up for disappointment.

Therefore, communication is essential for the success of any relationship. Talking to one another is one of the best things a couple can do as well as discussing and sharing relevant details of each

other's sexual histories. Not only will you get a background on the other person, but you will also get a gist of their attitude on sex as a whole.

Ways to improve communication include listening to the person speaking and providing them with feedback. Maintain eye contact and show the person that you are interested in what they have to say. Support their communication efforts.

Ellis also talks about jealousy. Many people think that jealousy is a measure of devotion. Others believe that jealousy is related more to injured pride or to people's fear of losing what they want to control or possess.

People are most likely to be jealous if they have a low opinion of themselves. Also, if they place high value on traits such as wealth, fame, popularity and physical attractiveness. Some believe that self-esteem is the foundation for building intimate relationships.

Many people tend to forget that abstinence is an option. It is a choice that many people have made and practice. Some restrict their actions to kissing and petting while others have an "anything but" attitude.

"Virgins are becoming less and less common it seems," said freshman Bertrand Liautaud. "They are even embarrassed to say they are. Everyone is corrupt, going with the general opinion. Stay away, and go do your own thing."

Junior Jake Sacquitne said that he is not embarrassed by the fact that he has not had sex yet.

"I just haven't found the right person," he said. "Sex should only be shared between two people who care about each other."

Other students have the same attitude.

"I have been raised to save sex for marriage," said freshman Jontelle Gray. "I was pressured once, but I said 'no.' We got far, but not far enough."

According to Gray, her current boyfriend supports her decision to save herself and has never pressured her.

Hempel *Tumbles* between poetry and fiction

TUMBLE HOME: A novella and stories

By Amy Hempel
Scribner's. 160 pp. \$21

Reviewed By ANDY SOLOMON

Some writers—Joyce Carol Oates serves as the perfect example—write torrentially: a world forms in their heads, then floods onto the page. At the other end of the spectrum stands Amy Hempel, with a Flaubert-like deliberateness crafting exquisite miniatures as artfully as a Florentine goldsmith.

Hempel's deliberateness may account for the seven year silence since her last book. Like Katherine Anne Porter, Hempel has carved out an acclaimed niche in literature on the basis of only two slim collections of stories.

With stories averaging barely five pages, slender of narrative and characterization, her third volume reads like a series of lyric poems, rich in subtly descriptive lines that, like lightning, flash and cease to be before we're certain what they have illuminated, yet we're struck by their emotional tension and off-beat ways of viewing the world.

In the two-page "Weekend,"

for example, Hempel offers the distilled essence of a leisurely weekend among friends and extended family, complete with picnic, baseball, children playing and adults relaxing. As the women chat on the porch, the men briefly join them, "And when the men kissed the women good night, and their weekend whiskers scratched the women's cheeks, the women did not think *shave*, they thought: *stay*." But whether that "stay" vokes love or loneliness will depend on who reads it.

imilarly Rorschach-like, "Church Cancels Cow," one of two stories set by a graveyard, begins with a woman complaining that the narrator's dog has desecrated her mother's grave, stirring memories in the narrator of a child's game she played with her rother but which she remembers ar more benignly than he does.

her stories also create a taut alance of warm and cold, innocent and sinister. "The Children's Party" presents an engaging mix o play, wit and sexual tension a ong children and adults in some nemeless edenic spot where there's a moose named "Moosifer." "The Annex" is a haunting monologue

by a woman obsessed with the grave of an unborn baby in front of her house.

To bend a line of Hortense Calisher's, a Hempel story provides an apocalypse in a thimble, shaping large issues in the tiniest space. Her debut collection's title, "Reasons to Live," indicated what has remained the theme of her strongest stories: the courageous sifting of our lives for inspiration to struggle on in a world of alienation, pain and loss. Her most realized characters balm heartbreak with humor and find a way to endure, often searingly wounded, but unvanquished because they go on trying.

Abandoned by his wife, the protagonist of "Sportsman" personifies the classic Hempel subject. He drives cross-country to visit friends who say things like, "We put up a detached garage. It doesn't care if you park in it or not," and whom he tells, "I had a out-of-body experience before I left. And it was good, 'cause I could help myself pack." But beyond the banter, he takes clear peeks at his immediate lonely future and summons the hope and resolve to enter and perhaps move



past it.

Other characters, however, may prove less likely to transcend their isolation. In "The New Lodger," a young woman returns to a remote beach house she'd visited three times before, twice with short-term men, once almost drowning in dangerous current. Like a whirlpool, images of danger and impermanence swirl around the lonely, insular core of a woman so little able to get by on her own that she can't even drive home without help.

Hempel is at her most enigmatic and most lyrical in the title novella. Twice as long as the other seven stories combined, it is also twice as elusive, despite showcas-

ing the keenest eye for detail this side of Ann Beattie. In a reflective epistle to a male painter, a woman in a mental institution free associates about her past and present. Her stray impressionistic musings reveal a fragmented consciousness far more attuned to its inner reality than to any outer one. But being attuned to it does not enable her to harmonize with it. In her words, "I would try to become the woman you wanted without even knowing I was trying. As it is, I am barely the woman I am."

That is typical Hempel. Persons attempting to find a plot in her fiction will be shocked. Even those attempting to find fiction in it will discover themselves in an exquisite but mysterious territory where, although the lines extend to the right margin, we sense ourselves in the presence of a poet.

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Jas Mathus and His Knockdown Society

DELTA BLUES ARE BACK



By J.D. MCGEE
Staff Writer

Jimi Hendrix once said, "When American music is in danger of becoming a technique it will return to its roots, and that's what the blues is all about."

Critic Benny Green wrote, "The blues separates the men from the boys, for no amount of technical trickery or experimental precocity can shield an inadequate talent from its demands." And it's no coincidence that some of the greatest musicians of the twentieth century are bluesmen. Music nowadays has become a technique, and inadequate talents flourish in the image-oriented business.

Jas Mathus and His Knockdown Society's new album *Songs for Rosetta* is a welcome refresher in the stagnant world of modern music.

Rosetta is the eighty year old daughter of Delta Blues legend Charlie Patton and also was Jas Mathus' childhood baby-sitter. She has had a series of medical problems recently, and with the bills piling up, Jas decided to get a bunch of musicians together, jam some blues in her living room, record it and give all the proceeds from the album to her.

The end product is a fun, rowdy, foot stompin' panorama of the Delta Blues. The sound on the album is tangible and real. It's as if you were right there with them, a cold beer in your hand and cold fried chicken on the table. Music recorded today too often sounds more like a machine made it than

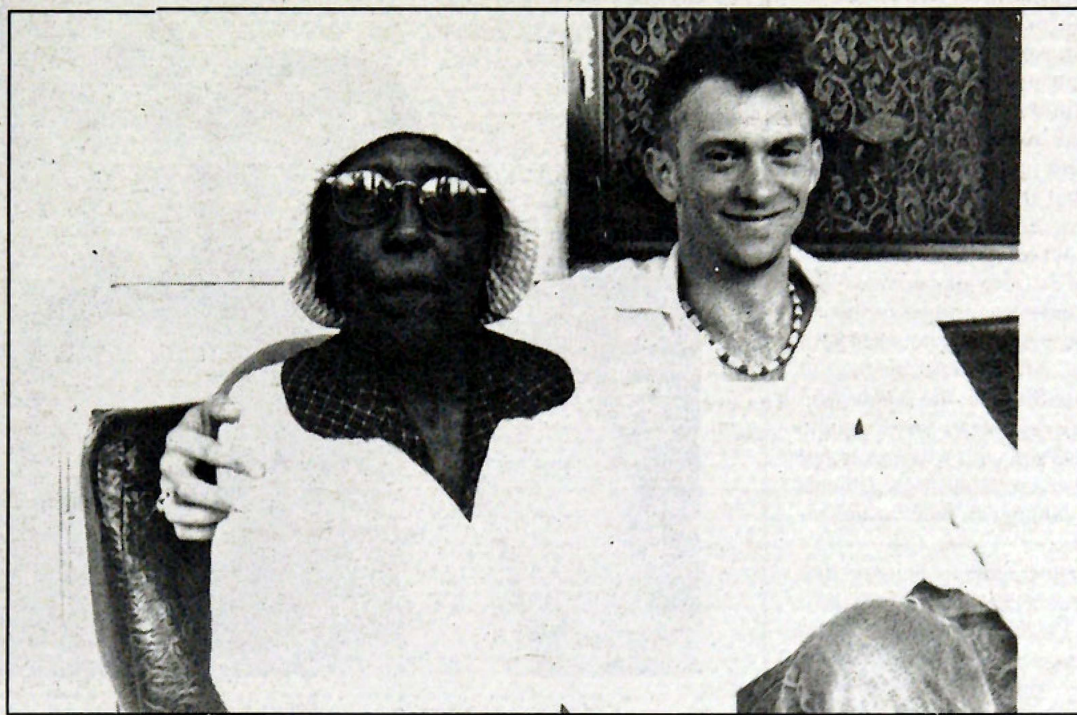
real people, and the best parts of this album are the spontaneity, the down home rhythms and the deep country blues we rarely hear anymore, except for CDs cut from decade-old masters.

The songs on the album range from traditionals such as the "Diggin' My Potatoes" and the gospel tune "Jesus Is a Dying Bed Maker" to Jas Mathus' own compositions, like the heart breakin' "Blues for Blind Melon."

The blues have always entailed sadness, but a sadness as can be found in "I Got Mine"—a funny tune about a dude who loses everything but a dollar bill—exudes a dignity rarely found in music.

The blues started in the cotton fields and juke joints of Mississippi and Louisiana, with whatever instruments could be scrounged up or made. *Songs for Rosetta* was recorded with every instrument from an electric guitar to a washboard. Violins, organs, and mandolins are even used on a few tunes. There are songs from the songster tradition, when cats wandered about the South with guitars, playing and telling stories at local festivals and juke joints, like "Turkey Buzzard in a Pork Pie Hat," a hilarious story of a man who buys an egg containing a turkey buzzard wearing a stove pipe hat.

"She's All Right" is an old Muddy Waters tune that just grooves, with everyone in the house hollering "She's all right, she all right!" in the last few choruses. "Don't Make Me Wait" and "Keep Your Hands Off Her" hear-



Courtesy of Mammoth Records

Jas Mathus sits with his childhood baby-sitter, and daughter of Charlie Patton, Rosetta Patton. The proceeds from *Songs for Rosetta* will go to Patton, in lieu of recent medical problems.

ken back to the mean old blues of Chicago and Memphis. "Goin' Down the Road" portrays where jazz and the blues meet. It's a fun, rolling song with lots of horns, harkening back to the Creole marching bands in New Orleans that broke up their marches into ragtime and blues.

"Who'll Sop My Gravy" sums up the attitude of the blues in one lyric: "When a woman gets the blues she hangs her head and cries/ When a man gets the blues he jumps that train and rides."

Yeah, we all get the blues, but don't just sit and whine, do something about it, whether you drink them away, sing them away or simply get the hell out of Dodge.

For a bunch of white boys, Jas and his Knockdown Society do a great job. They play the blues like they're supposed to be played: fun, frolicking music that's better than chicken-fried bacon grease. You can feel the fun, it's so infectious that you can't help but snap your fingers and smile. Jas doesn't sing the blues, he hollers them, just like

them humble ol' bluesmen used to. It isn't about the technique of singing but the attitude and emotion with which you go about it.

This album goes down like a good bottle of whiskey, and is just as intoxicating. If you are sick of the drudgery and muck of modern music, and especially if you're into the blues—one of America's only native art forms—pick up Jas Mathus and the Knockdown Society's *Songs for Rosetta* when it comes out in stores on Oct. 14. You won't be disappointed.

Two worlds come together

By SHAWNA GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

This past Friday I got the chance to go to the Hillel services at USF for the evening services of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is The Day of Atonement; the day on which Jews reflect upon their past sins and repent. This year it fell on Friday which is also the *Shabbos*, the day of rest. It lasted from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday, with Orthodox Jews observing a second day.

Besides being a day of rest, it is also a day of fasting. How strict of a fast depends on whether you are Reformed, Conservative or Orthodox. In general, fasting means nothing to eat or drink for the entire day (including drinking water and brushing your teeth). Some people are exempt from this rule. For example, children who haven't reached their *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, pregnant women and those who are sick or take medication.

According to Deborah Ginsberg, the best solution is to sleep. Most, however, attend the services on both Friday night and Saturday morning.

Although briefed by Courtney Donn, the president of Hillel who guided me through the inner workings of Jewish services, I was still pleasantly surprised by the warm welcome I received by the rabbi. He asked me if I would like to read a passage during the service. I politely declined.

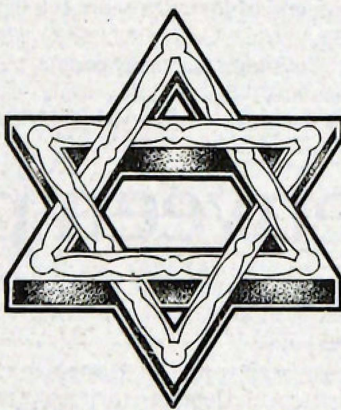
As the service began, I realized

that there was no music. The opening consisted solely of a welcome, some announcements, and then the rabbi invited a young woman up to read an opening passage and light some candles. When I was about to point out the lack of music to Courtney, the rabbi directed us to open our books, and a young man, the cantor, who I had not noticed before got up and began singing acappella in Hebrew. Not singing exactly, but chanting in a singularly beautiful voice.

Donn said he was a graduate student at one of the area colleges who majored in music and was currently the cantor at all Jewish services at USF. As I sat back to enjoy the music, I realized it didn't matter that I didn't understand anything he was saying. Those who weren't reading along with him were silently mouthing the words to themselves, completely immersed in what was being said. I realized I could follow along using the English translation on the opposite side of the book.

The rest of the service continued that way: the rabbi reading passages, the congregation reading, some in Hebrew, some in English. At certain points we had to stand and silently read to ourselves a number of pages which contained prayers of repentance. As I was reading, I looked up at the altar and noticed a large pair of horns over the Torah.

Donn said they were the *shofar*, ram's horns used to symbol-



ize the calling of all to worship together. Completely fascinated at this point, I listened avidly to the rest of the service, which concluded with the unveiling of the Torah.

After the service was over, the rabbi invited everyone back to his house for the breaking of the fast at sundown on Saturday. I left with Courtney as everyone began talking and visiting with each other. I completely enjoyed my new experience with a different religious practice and learned one important thing: although the Jewish service is very different from the Catholic masses I'm used to, they both have one main thing in common: they bring people together in order to practice and proclaim their beliefs in a community-oriented atmosphere. I guess it can be said that it's really not that strange then to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Merry Hanukkah.

Trivia Question

What song by Don McLean pays tribute to a late impressionist painter, and who is the artist he sings about?

Send answers to Box 2757. Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m. One winner will be profiled in The Minaret.

Last Week's Trivia Question

Q: In the movie *Braveheart*, the Scottish army rips the British to pieces in the first major battle of the film—the Battle of Sterling. What man-made structure is missing from the battle scene (which contributed to the outcome of the battle)?

A: The Sterling Bridge (The Scots waited until about 10,000 British troops crossed the bridge, then they destroyed it. The Scots converged on the 10,000 soldiers, while the 40,000 British troops on the other side watched, powerless to do anything about it). **NO one answered correctly.**

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Ranger team digs in for November

By CADET VAN HALL and
CADET CHRISTOPHER
WASHINGTON
Contributors

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the Spartan Battalion's Ranger Challenge Team, in preparation for a regional competition on Nov. 1, 1997 at FT Stewart, Ga., competed at the University of Central Florida (UCF) against five other Florida schools. The competing schools consisted of UCF, Florida Southern College, Florida Institute of Technology, Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University, the University of South Florida and the University of Tampa. Overall, UT cadets made a strong showing and are confident about the Nov. 1 competition.

Ranger Challenge, ROTC's "varsity sport," is a series of physical and military skills competitions designed to test the leadership of cadets and their physical ability to work as a team. ROTC ranger cadets must undergo a grueling semester of training, during which their physical and mental capabilities are stretched to the limit. Candidates must be in prime physical condition and learn various skills, such as patrolling, ambushes, grenade throwing, ruck marches, weapons proficiency and land

navigation.

Eleven cadets from the university trained every day to prepare themselves for competition. The competition challenges each member and the team to test their tactical knowledge, technical proficiency, strength, endurance and desire to win.

The competition at UCF started with a written examination of each participant's knowledge of technical and tactical operations, weapon capabilities and leadership. After the exam, the team constructed a rope bridge across a river and members traversed across it. The event is a test of the team's cohesion, strength and expediency. Each knot is a crucial element in the success of the task with deductions taken for each mistake. Nothing can touch the ground, each person must cross the rope as fast as possible and each member must know and execute a specific sub-task without flaw.

The event was performed twice, to get an average time and score. Afterwards, each participant had to negotiate the hand grenade assault course.

The hand grenade assault course started with a 25 meter sprint to the first obstacle—a one meter wide by 30 meters long ditch



Courtesy of ROTC

Cadet Gardiner rests after strenuous training for the Battalion Ranger Challenge competition.

covered with wire (approximately 16 inches off the ground). To successfully clear the obstacle, the competitors must drag their faces in the dirt while pulling themselves and weapons along on their stomach. This is called the "low crawl."

Once out of the low crawl, the competitors must get from obstacle to obstacle by sprinting, jumping, dropping, rolling and crawling. Between different obstacles, enemy targets are identified and destroyed with a hand grenade by accurately throwing the grenade within the "kill-zone." Once three of the six enemy targets are destroyed, the cadets turn around and negotiate the entire course again. After finishing the low crawl obstacle once more, the cadets sprint to the finish line and pray the grenades were thrown accurately. To receive full credit, all six targets must have been destroyed under the allotted time. After a ten minute rest, while rinsing the sand from their mouths, the team was

off to the weapons portion of the challenge.

The weapons proficiency test requires the participant to run 50 meters, disassemble, reassemble, perform a functions check (verify the weapon works) on the M16A2 assault rifle and the M60 machine gun and run 50 meters back within two minutes. The last event was the 6.2 mile road-march, a test of teamwork and endurance. Each team member carried a rucksack, weighing about 35 or more pounds, along with his or her weapon. There could not be more than 25 meters between the first and last person in the team at any given time, and each member of the team had to complete the test in less than 90 minutes.

What was described above was just a "teaser," a head-to-head challenge against six schools in our region. UT placed fourth overall. Third place was missed by just 3 points, second by 110 pts, and first by 139 pts out of a possible 2000

points. Two mistakes cost 100 points, thus third place.

The hand grenade assault course proved to be the most demanding task. Most of the team was exhausted, with sand in their eyes, mouths, ears and nostrils.

In the ruck march, the Spartans started 15 minutes behind the first team, and passed three other teams to finish third. This event proved to be difficult as well. With blisters forming, the paved road and sun took their toll on the team. The event was a true test of endurance and fortitude with each member encouraging and helping other teammates.

For information about ROTC and their scholarship opportunities contact the ROTC Department at UT ext. 3044.



Courtesy of ROTC

The Battalion Ranger Challenge Team (left to right, back) Cadets Jajack, VanHall, Cozine, Hough, Walton, Moten and Fahan. (In front) Cadets Burke and Gardiner.

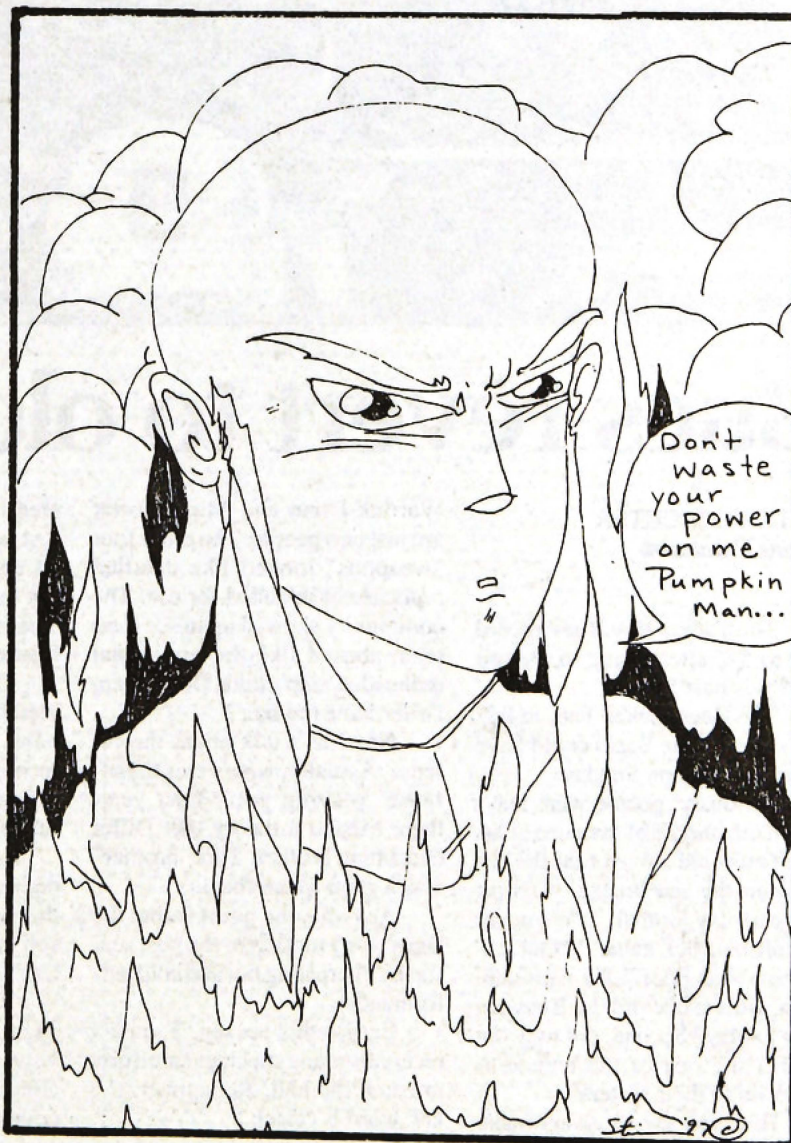
Is there a feature, on or off campus, that you would like *The Minaret* to cover?

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Women's soccer team added to UT intercollegiate athletic program

By JULIE K. TREMMEL
Sports Editor

UT Athletic Director, Hindman Wall, has announced that women's soccer will be added to the University of Tampa's intercollegiate athletic program in the fall of 1998.

The addition of women's soccer is part of a continuing effort to improve the Spartans' athletic program and achieve compliance with gender equity and Title IX issues. This move is made possible by an anonymous gift of \$50,000 di-

rected to UT women's athletics which will fund start-up costs.

"The addition of women's soccer has been in the planning stages for a few years and is part of an ongoing effort to build a stronger women's program," Wall said. "Thanks to this generous donation, it's now a reality."

The action was recently approved by UT President Ronald Vaughn. Wall said that a search for a head coach would begin immediately so that the recruiting process can take place as soon as possible. The team is expected to add 25 female student/athletes to the



UT roll.

This action comes during a 1990s campaign which included the construction of a new women's softball field in '92, the addition of lights to that field in '96, a major boost in scholarship funds for softball in '97 and the designation of women's crew as an NCAA sport in '96. Existing women's sports have received scholarship increases in the past two years.

Women's volleyball has been among the school's top banner carriers nationally, as the Spartans were NCAA II national runners-up last year and ranked No. 1 for

five weeks in the national poll this season, currently boasting a 16-1 record and No. 3 ranking.

Women's basketball has enjoyed winning seasons for five of the last six years, including a national ranking and NCAA bid in '94.

Women's swimming consistently places in the NCAA's and was 17th last year.

The University of Tampa's athletic program ranked 17th in last year's Sears Directors Cup NCAA II race, a national standing based upon all NCAA tournament finishes.

Volleyball team eyes No. 1 position

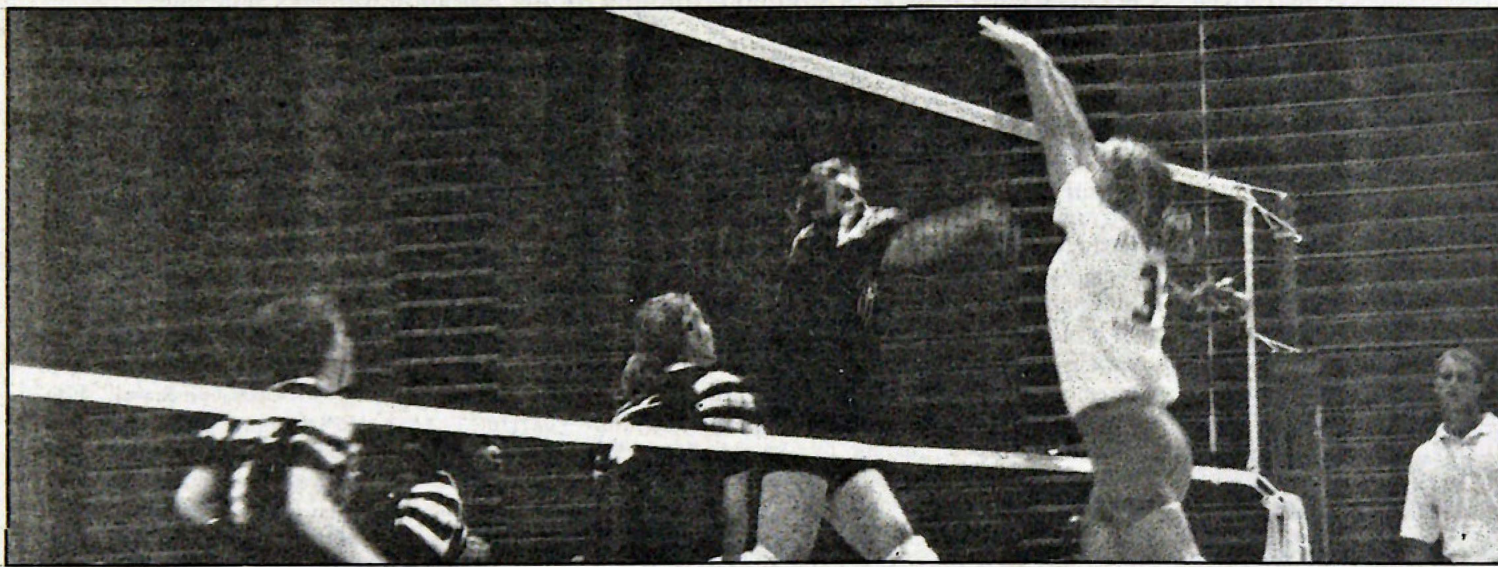


Photo by Mark Weise

Above: sophomore Danielle Faggion and senior Melissa Serio look on as junior Anna Kaloujskikh jumps up for the kill. Below: Serio, and junior Hilary Epling get ready to back up junior hitter Dawn Rawlins as she lingers in the air preparing for the kill.

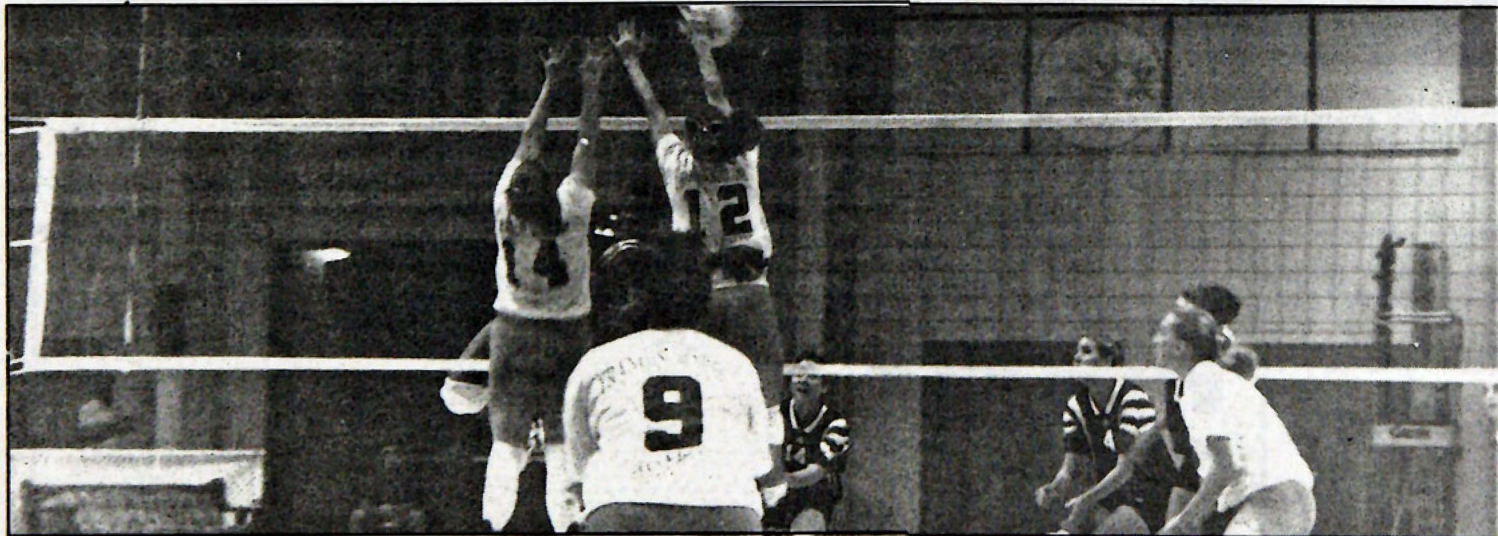


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By BETSY MILLIRON
Sports Writer

Spartan Volleyball is, now ranked #3, defeated SSC rival Eckerd College on Wednesday, October 8th (3-0). They then went on to defeat New Haven (3-0), Presbyterian College of South Carolina (3-1) and South Carolina-Aiken (3-0) in the Moccasin Invitational over the weekend. Senior hitter Melissa Serio led the Spartans to five wins, while leading the team with a .560 hitting percentage and an average of 3.5 kills per game. She has also contributed with 3 assists, two service aces, 20 digs and a total of 16 blocks for an average of 1.14 blocks per game and committing only one blocking error.

"I was very impressed with our blocking this past week," Catanach said. "We really worked hard on it and there was a noticeable improvement."

Danielle Faggion was ranked No. 11 on the 1997 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Statistics List for individual assists, while it made the top 10 for team kills and top 20 for team assists. These statistics are for games played through Sept. 28, 1997.

This week Tampa opens play in the annual Tampa Volleyball Classic against St. Francis (IL) on Wednesday, Oct. 14th. Tonight they'll play Edinboro (PA) at 8 p.m. and take on Missouri-Saint Louis at 4 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

Bucs revert to old selves against Lions

By DOUG RICHTER
Sports Columnist

The Tampa Bay Bucs' record fell to 5-2 after losing to Detroit 27-9 this past Sunday.

The Bucs looked bad, in fact I'd say even the Bears could have defeated them on Sunday.

Seriously, people were leaving in the middle of the third quarter. You could almost hear the clichés on the sea breeze. "Detroit came to play football." "We never established our game." "Our execution was poor." Ad nauseam. First, what game did the Bucs expect to play? Second, did they not expect the rest of the league to catch on to their system?

How can the receivers make a good living dropping the ball?

Warrick Dunn and Mike Alstott are just two people. The other four "weapons" looked like detailed replicas not intended for use. The community showed up to see their team abused like the proverbial redheaded step child. Does Trent Dilfer have red hair?

Now, let's talk about the offense. Actually, where was the offense...playing golf? Last year, there existed a theory that Dilfer had a twin brother. This "brother" was a great quarterback.

Anyway, the point is that the Bucs won't make it to the post season by alternating hot and cold performances.

Earlier this season, Tampa's receivers made spectacular efforts to catch the ball. Remember, the key word is "catch."

Sunday's game was punctu-

ated by dropped passes. It is not just one case of butter fingers but an epidemic. These passes were not the usual avoid-the-blitz lobs. The majority of them were in the hands and faces of the receivers.

Of course, Trent is not completely innocent. He is trying very hard to break his interception record for this time last year. His offensive line gave him enough time to execute.

Unless he really needs ten seconds to find a receiver. If that is the case, then the rest of the season will become an even bigger letdown.

Three interceptions... Hey Trent, the guys in blue are not on your team. At least Vinnie was color blind. Somewhere along the course of the season the common sense play calling has been

dropped.

Tampa's defense was taken to school. Barry Sanders taught the Bucs a lesson in Humiliation 101. He rushed for over 200 yards. Is Barry any better than he was on week two? Nope.

Maybe the Bucs are tired from the sheer exhilaration of winning. In fairness, Nickerson's crew held off the Lions until they saw that Dilfer and company were not up to the task at hand, scoring points.

Excuse me, but it's a little premature to sit on your laurels. You don't have a shot at drafting Peyton Manning in April. The Bears are intending to lose for the rest of the year. Overall, Tampa quit trying and just looked for the break.

This is the Bucs' bye week. Perhaps Coach Dungy has time to

call Oprah and have her detective agency find his team or at the very least its heart. These performances aren't even close to mediocre. If Dungy doesn't find a long term solution, another losing season is still possible. Just look at the schedule: New England, Green Bay, Minnesota and the Jets are all playing tough this year. In addition to that list of competition, you can expect Atlanta and Chicago to play harder than usual. Why? Because they always have in the past. If the Bucs aren't careful, they could very well end up watching Monday night football from the stands in their shiny new stadium if they don't hurry up and get their collective head out of their...

Editor's note: (Go Patriots!) Don't be too hard on the Bucs, ...they're just not used to winning!

Crew: women's four takes a bronze



Photo by Mark Weise

Above left to right: is senior Colleen Krepeskies, sophomore Caroline Bertke, sophomore Trisha Corbin, junior Julie K. Tremmel and junior coxswain and rower Karen Sinclair. The five teamed up to make a third place finish that was good for a bronze at the Head of the Indian Creek Regatta in Miami last weekend. The men's lightweight four finished fourth in their event.

UT soccer team defeats St. Leo

By BETSY MILLIRON
Staff Writer

In a rescheduled match on Saturday, Oct. 11th, #7 Tampa defeated St. Leo at Pepin/Rood Stadium.

Henrik Nebrelius scored at 9:03 off an assist by Tuomas Talvitie. St. Leo came back and tied at 49:54 with a goal by Joey Kopacz with an assist by Cleve Davis. Nebrelius scored the game-winning goal at 55:50 on a cross from David Sanchez. In goal, Eric Sims recorded four saves on St. Leo's eight shots.

Tampa defeated West Florida on Sunday with a score of 4-1. West Florida began the game with a goal at 9:52 by Aren Cook off an assist by LeQueint Holbert and David Kemp. Tampa tied with Nebrelius' goal at 10:58 off an assist by freshman Jeff Foxenberger. This was the first of three goals in the game for Nebrelius and the third assist of the season for Foxenberger. Tampa dominated the second half with three more goals; Nebrelius assisted by Tuomas Talvitie and again off an assist from Anders Paulsson. He also scored with an assist by Dexter Rouse. Eric Sims recorded three saves on West Florida's eight shots.

Henrik Nebrelius and Anders Paulsson both made the Top 25 Scorers list of the 1997 NCAA Division II men's soccer statistics, while Eric Sims made the Top 10 Goalkeepers list. South Carolina-Spartanburg was the only other school with multiple players making the scorers list. Nebrelius also made player-of-the-week in the Sunshine State Conference, leading the SSC with 17 goals scored and 37 total points.

Tonight marks a double-header at Pepin/Rood Stadium with St. Leo challenging Alabama-Huntsville at 6 p.m. followed by The Spartans marking Homecoming and playing Dowling of New York beginning at 8 p.m. The #7 Spartans will then travel to St. Leo on Sunday, October 19th to challenge #11 Alabama-Huntsville at 1 p.m.

Cross Country

By BETSY MILLIRON
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 11, the UT Cross Country Squads traveled to the University of Florida for the Barnett Bank Invitational. Out of 15 schools competing for the women, the Lady Spartans finished in 11th place, while our Spartan men came in 12th place out of 13 schools.

The top male and female runners for UT were Tom Vars with a time of 30:37.35 and freshman Emily Saunders with a time of 21:00.95. Their finishes were good for 66th and 75th place respectively. The Spartan runners of the week are Oriana Souers and Tom Vars.

The next meet for the Spartan Cross Country squad is on Friday, Oct. 16 at the University of South Florida. The meet begins at 5:30 p.m.

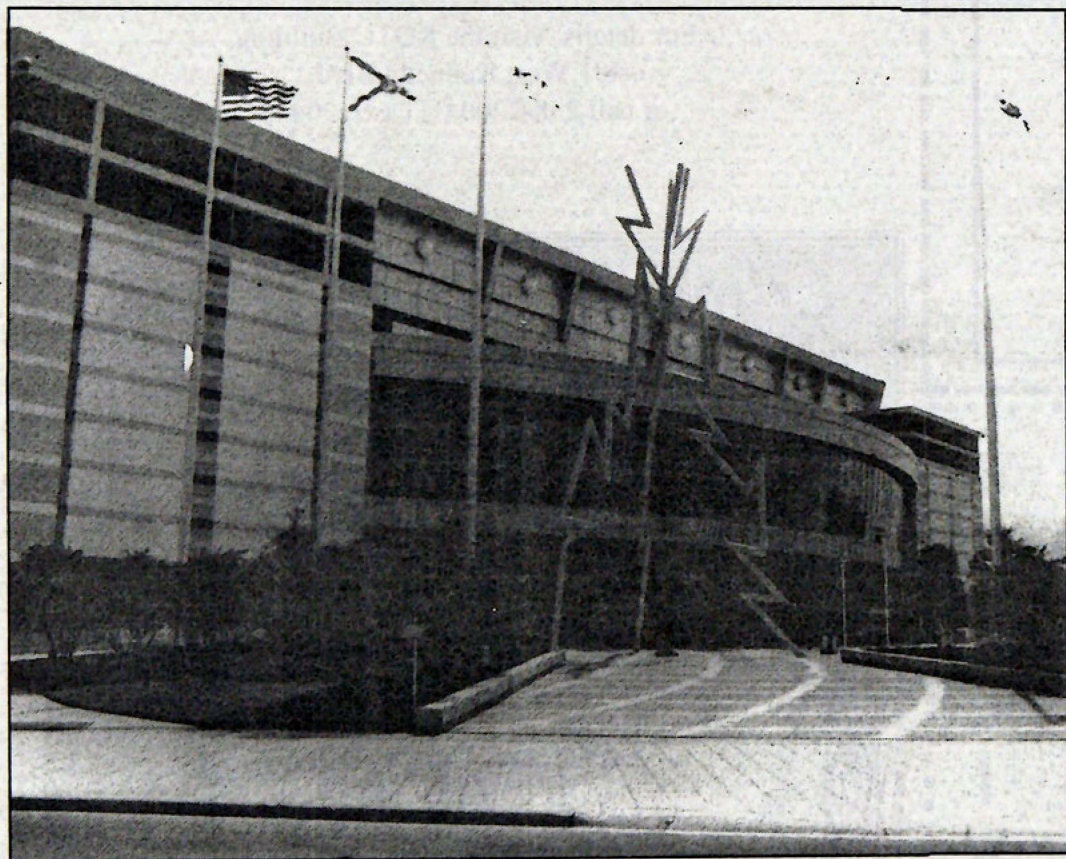


Photo by Mark Weise

"Lightning" by artist Jonathan Borofsky stands boldly in front of the Ice Palace. At 75 feet, is the tallest sculpture and newest landmark in the State of Florida.

No Dean? No Duncan? No Problem!



By ROB
KELLEY

All of the pageantry and excitement of NCAA basketball is finally back.

College basketball's "Midnight Madness"

airs tonight on ESPN (appropriately enough at midnight). It is the unofficial start to the 1997-98 season.

This year, the featured sites are Duke, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Many questions are left to be answered, including the debate as to who will be cutting down the nets in April.

The most attention will be di-

rected towards The Cameron Indoor Stadium, home of the Duke Blue Devils. Dick Vitale, ESPN and ABC Sports' energetic broadcast journalist has Duke ranked number one in his pre-season poll. Duke lost only one starter (Steve Wochiehowski) from last season's squad, but returns Jeff Capel and Trajan Langdon. The "Dukies" will definitely be a favorite to win it all.

One team that would object to this is the Arizona Wildcats, defending champions, who have every player from last year's title team returning.

Miles Simon and Mike Bibby will lead the team in the backcourt and will need to play key roles if Arizona is to have a serious shot at repeating as champions.

If a team loses the greatest coach of all time, can they still win at all? That is what the North Caro-

lina Tarheels will try to answer after the shocking retirement of Dean Smith. The 'Heels still have Antawn Jamison at power forward, Vince Carter in the backcourt, and will rely on Ed Cota and Shammond Williams at the guard spots.

Smith or no Smith, this Tarheel team is still a force that must be reckoned with, as they remain one of the top teams in the nation.

Along with Duke and Carolina, the Clemson Tigers will claw their way to the top of the ACC, and will most likely make it deep into the NCAA Tournament.

The only crack against this Clemson team in the past has been their youth. Not anymore, baby, because this team has matured and will be for real.

The Kansas Jayhawks are a different story. Last year, head

coach Roy Williams had the most talented team since UNLV in 1990.

The Jayhawks were upset by Arizona on their way to the title. They had a lot of pressure last season to win it all, but much of that has now been placed on other teams such as Arizona and Duke. With a maturing Paul Pierce, this could finally be the year that Kansas cuts down the nets.

The Kentucky Wildcats are another team without their head coach for the first time in a while. Rick Pitino stepped down as head coach to take over with the Boston Celtics.

He is succeeded by Tubby Smith, who will not have as much talent to work with as Pitino, since Ron Mercer and Derek Anderson have departed to the NBA.

Other teams of note that could pull a few surprises and reach the

finals include the UCLA Bruins, if they can clean up their act. The team has suspended Jelani McCoy and J.R. Henderson for the first couple months for unspecified team violations.

So if the Bruins struggle into January, don't take it to mean much. UCLA will challenge for another title, if they all don't wind up in jail first.

Also, keep a close eye on North Carolina State with C.C. Harrison, Michigan with Maceo Baston, and UNLV with a pool of talent. Michigan will be missing a familiar face, as head coach Steve Fisher was fired last week for NCAA rules violations.

Nobody can pick a champ this early in the season, though I believe that they will be from the ACC. The only guarantee that I can make right now is that the season begins tonight at midnight.

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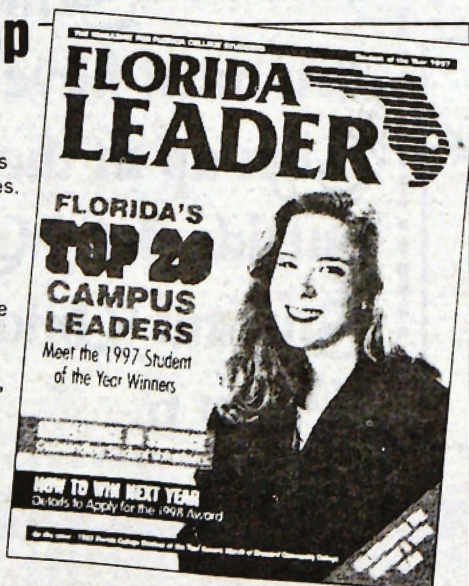
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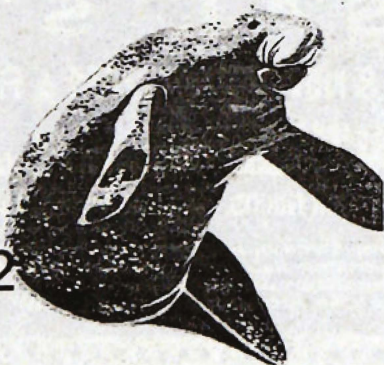
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Free Macintosh computer lessons every Wednesday in September & October, 4pm, Student Union			1 SP: Laver Stern, Fletcher Lounge Homecoming Candidates Nominations, due, 4pm	2 Rosh Hashanah	3 Soccer game Women's Intramural volleyball rosters due Graduate & Professional Schools Day, 11am-2pm, Seminar Center	4 CLAST Test UT Volleyball vs Barry, 7:30pm, Televised on the Sunshine Network!
HOMECOMING EVENTS Continued... Lawn Float Construction Oct. 14-17: Homecoming Tickets on Sale in PH Lobby Oct. 14-16					Family Weekend Welcome Families	
5 UT Volleyball vs Lynn, 2pm Homecoming photo session, 4pm Friends of Brak present: "Project A-Ko," Library, AVI, 2pm	6 Homecoming photo session, 4pm Spirit Week Packets are due, 4pm On-Campus recruiting begins in the Office of Career Services	7	8 Men's & Women's Intramural tennis roster due Career Fair, 11am-2pm, Bob Mortimer Sports Center Senior Photo Appointment sign-ups outside Yearbook Office UT Volleyball vs. Eckerd away-7:30 P.M.	9 Honors Program Symposium, Dr. Boushley, 4pm SP: Lecturer, Peter Jedden - "Chaos," Fletcher Lounge, 8pm Senior Photo-Sign-ups continue	10 Delta Zeta Founder's Day SP: Music Event Senior Photo Sign-ups continue	11 Yom Kippur Sixth Annual Taste of Florida & Curtis Hixon Park, free admission through Sunday Senior Photo Sign-ups continue
12 Senior Photo Sign-ups continue	13 No day classes, Monday evening classes meet Kappa Sigma presents: "My Brother's Keeper" UT Volleyball vs Francis Marion, 7:30pm UT Soccer vs West Florida Senior Photo Sign-ups continue	14 Monday Day classes meet No Tuesday Day classes meet Tuesday Evening classes meet Honors Program Symposium, Dr. LeClair, 4pm STUDIO-Guest artist lecture reception	15 Vision Quest Friendship Day celebration, Plant Hall Lobby, 11am-1pm Alpha Chi Omega's Founder's Day RA In-service, 9pm Spartan Apparel Day: Wear your UT t-shirts, shorts, etc. Senior photo sign-ups	16 Spartan Colors Day: Wear your Spartan Colors! UT Volleyball vs St. Francis, 7:30pm Bonfire & Presentation of the Homecoming Candidates, 8pm, (free dessert!)	17 Spirit Walk, 7pm UT Volleyball vs Edinboro, 8pm & UT Soccer vs Dowling Spartan Extreme, Plant Hall, Post Game	18 Homecoming Dance, 8pm, Tampa Convention Center UT Volleyball vs Missouri @ St. Louis, 4pm
19 Admission's Open House, 1-4pm Last performance of UT's Theatre Production at Folk Theatre	20 1st 7wk. classes end COB Student Executive For A Day, 3:30pm, Dome Theatre	21 UT Volleyball vs Florida, 7:30pm Friends of Brak present: "A Movie," Library, AVI, 6pm	22 2nd 7wk. classes begin Dr. Vaughn visits the Communitarian Students, Communitarian Lounge, 11-11pm UT Soccer vs Barry Men's Intramural volleyball rosters due	23 Spartan Communitarian & Communitarian's Layers of Tulay sponsor: MADD speaker, Becky Gage, SU, noon Alpha Chi Omega presents: Hawaiian Barb Night	24 SP: Omega Experience, PH Lobby	25 Guests in Vibe City, free admission SP: Halloween Horror Night in Orlando CLIP Test UT Soccer vs Lincol Wilson Campus Rec. sponsors: ice skating
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26 Daylight Savings ends—set your clocks back 1 hour!	27 SP: Music Event 8pm, Grand Salon	28 PEACE Hunger Banquet, Dome Theatre	29 UT Soccer vs Florida Southern Old Hyde Park Free Music Series, Reggae, 6-9pm	30 Residence Life Trick or Treat Program	31 Halloween Last day to apply for May or August graduation, 1998 SP: Halloween Bash, Fletcher Lounge, 10pm UT Volleyball vs Florida Tech., 7:30pm Seaside Gallery: WALTER DABRY BARNARD RUTC Ranger Challenge	

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