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# UT Sets Another Enrollment Record, Remains Selective

**A**s it has done for the last 13 years, UT set another enrollment record this fall. This year's total — including graduates and undergraduates — is 6,291, up 8.65 percent from last year's total of 5,790. This year's total enrollment is nearly twice UT's enrollment of 3,236 students a decade ago.

Despite its growth, the University continues to be selective, this year accepting only 61 percent of its first-year applicants. Seventeen percent of the new students were eligible for the University's distinguished Honors Program, and 10 percent are international.

In his first year as vice president of enrollment, Dennis Nostrand said the University's increased enrollment shows the strong position UT has despite the country's current economic challenges, as well

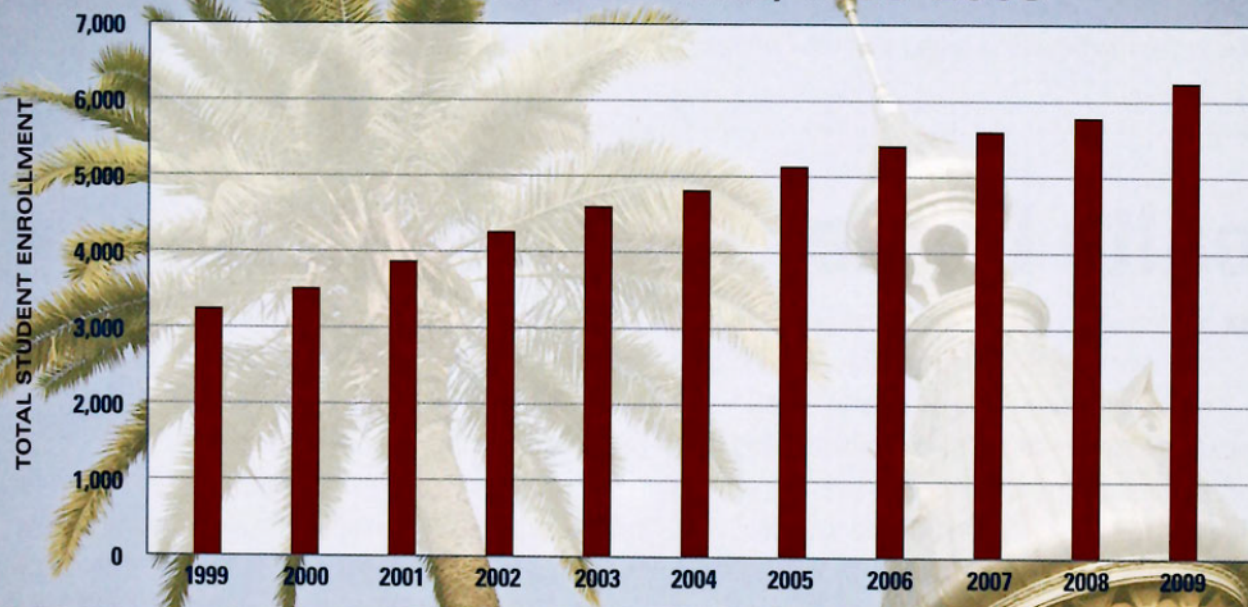
as the degree to which students enjoy their UT experience.

"Interest in UT was at an all-time high this past year, most likely due to our increased reputation for delivering a high-quality and rich educational experience," Nostrand said. "And once we recruit the students, we do a good job keeping them."

UT President Ronald L. Vaughn added that UT is successfully maintaining its personal attention and community feel, which have been characteristics of UT for 78 years.

"We remain committed to pursuing quality and excellence," Vaughn said. "We've hired more faculty, streamlined processes and committed resources to strengthen our total academic experience." A total of 28 full-time faculty members — 26 with doctorates — were hired for this fall semester. **UT**

**UT ENROLLMENT, 1999-2009**



## Survey Says...

This fall you may have received an e-mail asking you to fill out a survey about the *UT Journal*. More than 500 of you responded, providing feedback and suggestions on how to make the *Journal* better. As part of the survey we had a random drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the UT Bookstore and Barnes & Noble, which went to Dawn Luteran Rog '04. We will share the results of the survey in the next issue of the magazine, and we hope to put the information to good use. Thank you for your responses. **UT**



## THINGS to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

**Tues., Jan. 26**  
Business Network Symposium  
Vaughn Center, 9th Floor  
7:15-9 a.m.

### FEBRUARY

**Sat., Feb. 6**  
Victorian Valentine Making  
H.B. Plant Museum  
10 a.m. to noon

**Fri., Feb. 26**

Cigars & Mojitos Social  
Plant Hall East Verandah  
6-8 p.m.

### MARCH

**Wed., March 10**  
Fellows Forum  
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Louise Lykes Ferguson Hall  
7:15-9:30 a.m.

**Fri., March 12**

Chiselers Market Preview Party and Auction  
Plant Hall  
7-9 p.m.  
\$50

**Sat., March 13**

Chiselers Market  
Plant Hall  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Sun., March 14**  
Picnic in the Park  
Plant Park

### APRIL

**Sat., April 17**  
Women's Walk and Health Fair  
Bob Martinez Sports Center  
10 a.m.

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



## UT, COB Receive Accolades

**T**his fall UT was named an "up-and-coming" college by the *U.S. News and World Report*, and the John H. Sykes College of Business was named a top business school by the *Princeton Review*.

The "up-and-coming" designation was given in the 2010 issue of the *U.S. News and World Report's* annual "America's Best Colleges" list and is based on the opinions of top academics. College presidents, provosts, and admissions deans were asked to nominate up to 10 colleges in their *U.S. News* ranking category that are making improvements in academics, faculty, students, campus life, diversity and facilities.

"These schools are worth watching because they are making promising and innovative changes," according to *U.S. News*. These are schools "that are rapidly evolving in ways that the public should be aware of and that are not always quickly noticeable in a college's year-to-year rankings or the regular peer assessment survey."

In the general rankings, UT was ranked No. 23 in the Master's University (South), up from No. 26 in the 2009 edition.

This is the fourth year in a row that the College

of Business was recognized as one of the 301 best business schools in the world. *The Princeton Review* compiled the list based on evaluations of schools' academic excellence and surveys of students during the 2008-09, 2007-08, and 2006-07 academic years.

In The University of Tampa write up, students are quoted as saying that "the academic experience is excellent...[UT] strives to remain cutting edge by preparing students as leaders in this new global marketplace." Students also appreciate the "cheap tuition," and that "most of the classes require heavy interaction instead of just the instructor speaking." Lastly, students also praise the "beautiful campus" with "a business building that is top notch, with up-to-date facilities."

"The College of Business is renowned for graduating students who are well prepared to make immediate impacts in the business community," said Dr. Frank Ghannadian, dean of the College of Business. In fact, he added, numerous businesses recruit annually at The University of Tampa, including T. Rowe Price, Citigroup, Syniverse Technologies, Coca-Cola Enterprises and Franklin Templeton Investments. ■■■



## Health Center Tackles H1N1

**T**he University responded promptly to the threat of an H1N1 epidemic this fall, first by spreading information on how to avoid exposure to the germs, and then by administering the vaccines as soon as possible.

The H1N1 FluMist vaccine became available on Oct. 16, and was administered to healthy individuals between the ages of 2 and 49. The Student Health Center received its first shipment of the injectable vaccine a few weeks later, and began providing doses to the first priority group on Oct. 27. The next

shipment of vaccines was made available on Nov. 3 to those 10 to 24 and those 25 to 64 with certain medical conditions. On Dec. 1 the vaccine became available to the entire University community.

In order to protect students before they left for Thanksgiving break, the health center set up an outreach site in the Vaughn Center lobby to offer the vaccine. The first day 67 students signed up to get the shot.

The University was also urging students to get the shot before they went home for winter break, or during their winter break, because the Centers for Disease Control predicts there will be an upswing in H1N1 cases in winter when students return to campus. The H1N1 vaccine was provided free through the federal government. The director of the health and counseling center, Sharon Schaefer, registered as a community provider, which enabled UT to acquire the vaccine in a timely manner. For more information on what the University is doing to prevent the spread of H1N1, visit [www.ut.edu/healthcenter/H1N1](http://www.ut.edu/healthcenter/H1N1). ■■■



Nursing student Haley Engler '11 gets the H1N1 vaccine, administered by Chris Mallozzi '11, a medical assistant for the health center.



# UT Partners with Three Chinese Universities

**UT** partnered with three Chinese Universities this fall, establishing a foothold in China that will provide for structured student and faculty exchanges, education abroad trips and faculty research. But ultimately it will provide for the exchange of ideas.

"No one right now wants to be left without a connection to China, and not just for business opportunities," said Dr. Janet McNew, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "It's essential to UT's commitment to global education that we gain a better understanding of Chinese culture. Most international experts agree that the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be all about the increasing power and influence of China."

McNew and Dr. Jin Wang, associate provost and dean of academic services, traveled to China to sign agreements with three Chinese universities: University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing; Sias International University, in Xinzheng; and Shandong University of Finance (SUF), in Jinan. McNew and Wang visited with officials at the three universities to discuss opportunities for UT students and faculty wanting to study in China, as well as for Chinese students and faculty who want to study in the U.S.

UIBE is among the most prestigious institutions in China and is known for its English-language programs in international trade and economics. Sias promotes its "hybrid American-Chinese model" for

educating Chinese students and attracting foreign students. SUF, a state-run university, has a comprehensive curriculum with a focus on finance and economics. McNew said the partnership efforts were mutual.

"They see partnerships with U.S. universities as the most important step for world prosperity and civility, even more than with European institutions," McNew said.

Officials at the three universities were very impressed with UT, and while students will be welcome to study in any college at UT, they were especially attracted to the reputation of the Sykes College of Business and its AACSB accreditation.

UT has had casual connections with China through education abroad trips and limited faculty research, but this agreement eases the ability of cross-cultural exchanges and provides more structure for student and faculty cross-cultural interaction.

"It's important students have opportunities to learn about countries like China," Wang said. "If students don't have that kind of understanding, their success on a global level will be limited. Whether future partners or competitors, we have to understand them first." ■■■



Provost Janet McNew shakes hands with President Haijun Li at the signing ceremony at Sias International University, while Dr. Jin Wang (second from right) looks on.

**"It's essential to UT's commitment to global education that we gain a better understanding of Chinese culture."**

— Dr. Janet McNew, provost and vice president for academic affairs



## CHAPEL TAKES SHAPE

The Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values continues to look more and more like the rendering in front of the construction site. Interior build-out of the chapel's main space, gallery and smaller rooms is expected to be completed in late Spring. The chapel has been closed in and air conditioned, and the installation of wood finishes in the main room will begin shortly. ■■■



## Students Take a STAND Against Genocide

**W**hile walking with hundreds of students and activists on Capitol Hill, their hearts raced as they pulled out their signs pleading for an end to genocide and asking Congress to do something about it.

As part of the Pledge2Protect national conference Nov. 6-9, six UT students went to Washington, D.C., to

educate themselves on genocide, learn new ways of engaging others and get fired up about the potential impact they can make.

"It was empowering to see so many people," said Samantha Hopkins '12, a government and world affairs major, of the 1,000 participants.

Hosted by Genocide Intervention Network's student-led division, STAND, and partners Save Darfur Coalition and The Enough Project, the conference included lobbying efforts with participants meeting with their local politicians. UT's group, joined by students from Eckerd College, the University of South Florida and two activists from Miami, met with one of U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's aides.

"We were taught how to present our argument, and it was all very professional," said Colleen Itani '12, an international and cultural studies major. "It was really cool."

The conference was just one of the recent activities by UT STAND. Formed in the spring of 2009 by a handful of students, their numbers have grown each week.



(From left) Gina Moccio '12, Matt Kellison '12, and Samantha Hopkins '12 protesting before they lobby congress.

### Tune In

After years of planning, effort and negotiations, WUTT, the campus radio station, will be streamed live on the Internet at [wutt.ut.edu](http://wutt.ut.edu). You can also hear the station locally at 1080 AM and on campus on station 95.

## ARTS to do @ ut.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

**Tues., Jan. 12-Fri., Jan. 15**  
Addys Tampa Bay  
Ad Federation annual competition  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

**Thurs., Jan. 14**  
Gallery Night for the ADDY's  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery  
6-9 p.m.

**Mon., Jan. 25-Thurs., Feb. 25**  
Julie Heffernan in Tampa exhibition  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

### FEBRUARY

**Mon., Feb. 8-Fri., Feb. 19**  
Julie Heffernan at STUDIO-f  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

**Fri., Feb. 19**  
Reception/Open House  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

**Mon., Feb. 15**  
Writers at the University  
Paul Lisicky, Author/  
Essayist  
Plant Hall Music Room  
8 p.m.

**Thurs., Feb. 18-Sat., Feb. 20**  
Spring Dance Concert  
David Falk Theatre  
8 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Sat.

**Mon., Feb. 22**  
Degas Quartet with  
Grigorios Zamparas  
Plant Hall Grand Salon  
7:30 p.m.

### MARCH

**Thurs., March 4-Wed., March 31**  
Jim Lennon, On Stage:  
Tampa Bay, Photography  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery  
Opening Reception on  
Thurs., March 4, 7-9 p.m.

**Fri. & Sat., March 19, 20;  
Fri. & Sat., March 26, 27**  
One Woman Dance Show,  
Susan Taylor Lennon  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

**Thurs., March 25-Sun., March 28**  
*Debt*  
David Falk Theatre  
Free for UT students,  
faculty and staff.

\$10 general admission. \$5 senior citizens, and non-UT students  
8 p.m.

**Thurs., March 25**  
Writers at the University  
Dorothy Allison, Author/  
Essayist  
Plant Hall Music Room  
8 p.m.

**Sat., March 27**  
Self Employment in the Arts Conference

### APRIL

**Fri. April 9-Wed., April 28**  
University of Tampa  
Annual Juried Student Exhibition  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery  
Opening Reception  
Student Awards, Friends of the Gallery honored on  
Fri., April 9, 7-9 p.m.

**Thurs., Apr 15**  
Writers at the University  
Christopher Buckley, Poet  
8 p.m.

**Thurs., April 22-Sun., April 25**  
*Candide*  
8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun.  
David Falk Theatre  
Free for UT students, faculty and staff.

\$10 general admission. \$5 senior citizens and non-UT students.

**Wed., April 28-Sat., May 1**  
Spring Dance Happening  
Edison Building  
8 p.m.

**Fri., April 30-Sat., May 1**  
Musical Revue/Cabaret  
Vaughn Center, Reeves Theater  
8 p.m.

A complete listing of University events can be found at [www.ut.edu](http://www.ut.edu).



# Student Is a Tailor-Made Entrepreneur

**J**oe Murphy's mind is constantly spinning. The UT senior has a sketchbook full of ideas, inventions and innovations that he wants to bring to fruition. And Murphy, an entrepreneurship major, has the desire and skill to make it happen, say his professors.

"Joe Murphy exhibits the character of an entrepreneur especially well," said Dr. Charles Skipton, assistant professor of economics. "I have known a handful of such persons in my professional life and, though it cannot be taught and certainly cannot be learned, it can be honed."

Murphy's most recent invention is Tuckz Pocket Technology, a sweat-resistant pocket on the inside of socks used for carrying items like money. The idea was born out of Murphy's own need for a dry way to carry items. On a number of occasions he'd be playing basketball, stop by the convenience store on the way home and pull out a soggy bill from his gym shorts.

"It was nasty," he said.

Murphy worked with his grandmother, Fannie Watson, who taught him to sew. The two created the first 10 prototypes by hand and have secured a patent. In July 2008, he placed an order through a company in China. He was briefly mentioned on the Discovery Channel show *Pitchmen*, has a Web site, [www.tuckz.com](http://www.tuckz.com), and is hoping to grow his business in the coming months.

"I feel like everyone should put energy toward something they love," Murphy said. "A big part of being human is being creative."

Skipton said that "entrepreneurial spirit describes the particular vision of some to see how to get things done more efficiently than has been done in the past, or the remarkable ability of a few to listen carefully to the needs of folks and find ways to satisfy them particularly well, or even a particular tenacity of some to push and push (regardless of the countless failed attempt that they realize) to serve others."

Skipton said Murphy has that entrepreneurial spirit. As his professor and advisor, Skipton keeps Murphy's business card under the glass of his desk, front and center.

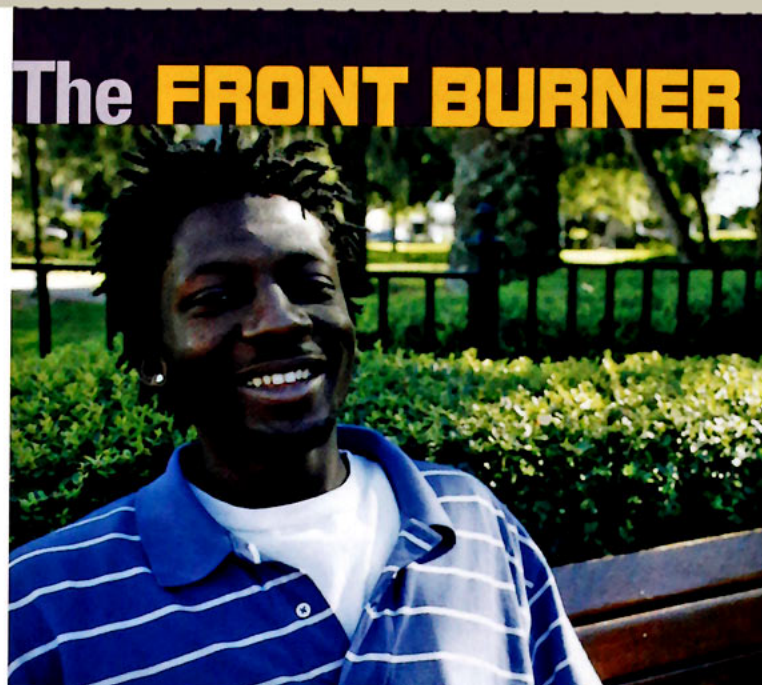
"I am able to point to him as an example of that immeasurable element that is entrepreneurial spirit," Skipton said. "I am certain we will hear of Murphy's accomplishments for quite some time to come."

Murphy said the networking with students and support from UT professors has made a difference in his success.

"I've met a lot of good people here at UT, and it has made me well-rounded," Murphy said. "I sincerely hope to be an influence and motivator for my peers and also to everyone who has a goal that seems larger than life."

Murphy has always wanted to be his own employer. He said he wants that ownership and responsibility, and the ability to work with his own ethics and values.

"I'm searching for something that I can stand on," Murphy said. "I believe that you shouldn't suffer all your life waiting for something big to happen. You have to start out believing that it will." ■■■



Joe Murphy '10 said the networking and connections he's made at UT have given him the confidence to pursue his dream of entrepreneurship.



**SILVER ANNIVERSARY** President Ronald L. Vaughn and his wife Renée celebrated his 25 years at UT with a cake on the verandah with friends, faculty and staff on Aug. 25. Vaughn began his career at UT as a professor, became dean of the College of Business and was named president in 1994. Under his watch enrollment has more than doubled and six new residence halls have been built, including the Vaughn Center, named for the president by donor John H. Sykes. ■■■

## It's "83 Degrees" in Tampa

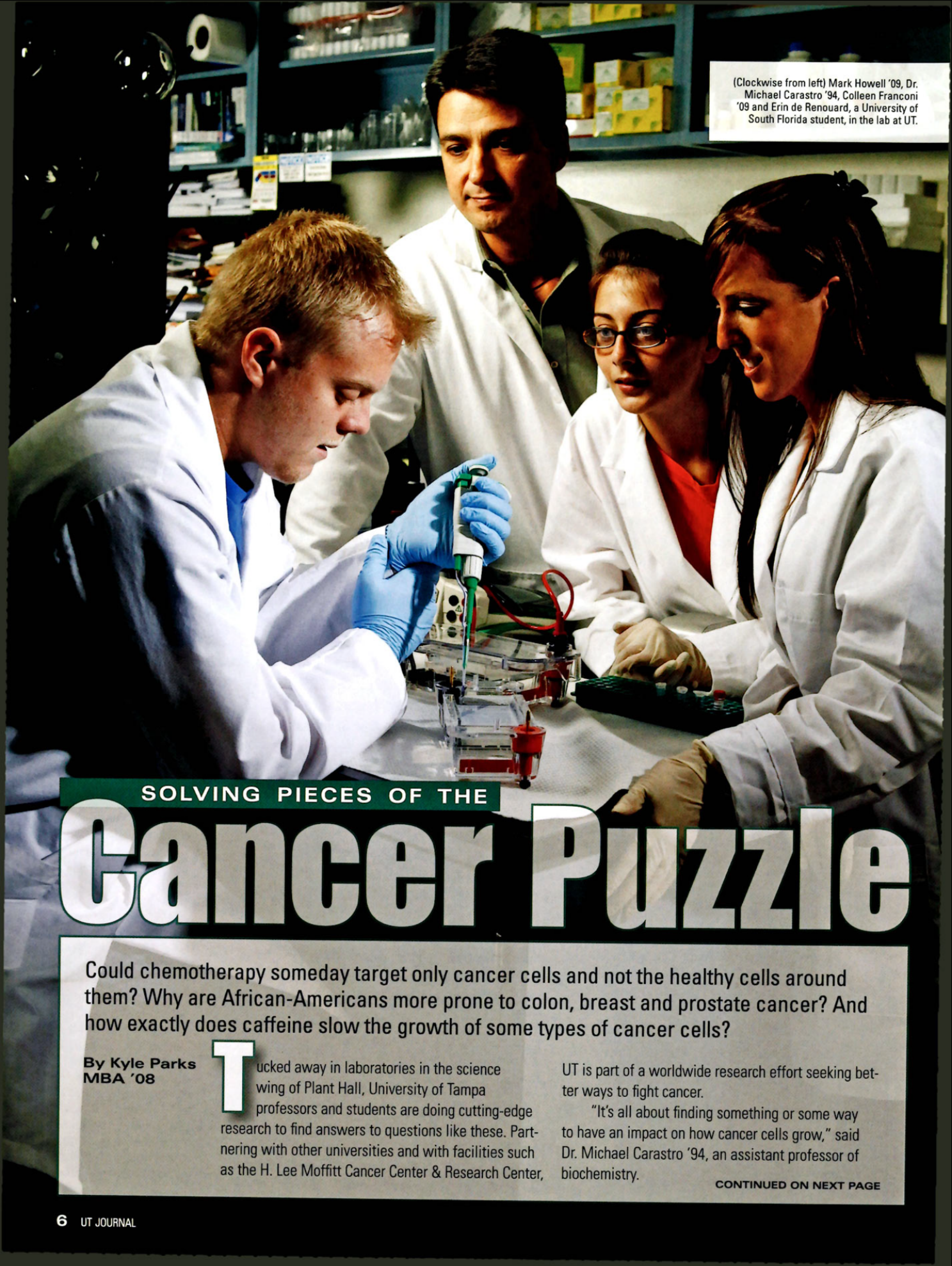
The University of Tampa has signed on as a founding sponsor of a new, weekly online magazine, *83 Degrees*, which is focused on the innovative people and companies driving the Tampa Bay region's economy.

*83 Degrees*, a title that represents Tampa Bay's average temperature, will include online features, innovation and job news, development news, Q&As, and photos and videos. "A new economy is emerging across West Central Florida — from Tampa to Sarasota to Clearwater to Spring Hill to Lakeland — and *83 Degrees* plans to tell that story," said Diane Egner, publisher and managing editor.

Recent issues have featured articles about historic preservation in Tampa and St. Petersburg, a theater preview of "The Color Purple" and a report on local high-speed rail.

The magazine will publish Tuesdays and be sent out free via e-mail to subscribers. Sign up at [www.83degreesmedia.com](http://www.83degreesmedia.com). ■■■





(Clockwise from left) Mark Howell '09, Dr. Michael Carastro '94, Colleen Franconi '09 and Erin de Renouard, a University of South Florida student, in the lab at UT.

SOLVING PIECES OF THE

# Cancer Puzzle

Could chemotherapy someday target only cancer cells and not the healthy cells around them? Why are African-Americans more prone to colon, breast and prostate cancer? And how exactly does caffeine slow the growth of some types of cancer cells?

By Kyle Parks  
MBA '08

**T**ucked away in laboratories in the science wing of Plant Hall, University of Tampa professors and students are doing cutting-edge research to find answers to questions like these. Partnering with other universities and with facilities such as the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Center,

UT is part of a worldwide research effort seeking better ways to fight cancer.

"It's all about finding something or some way to have an impact on how cancer cells grow," said Dr. Michael Carastro '94, an assistant professor of biochemistry.

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He is working on a project studying the role of Vitamin D in cancer, and also researching two types of genes that could suppress the growth of cancer. Partnerships among academic institutions allow labs to concentrate on highly focused pieces of a larger research puzzle.

## Vitamin D and the Big C

When Carastro tells colleagues about his work at UT, they are initially a bit skeptical. After all, UT isn't known as a major research institution in this field. "But after we tell them the nature of the work and what we are doing," he said, "they understand how important this work is, and how UT is an excellent place for it."

Carastro is working with researchers from the Penn State College of Medicine and the Moffitt Cancer Center to better understand how the genes that take in Vitamin D, called receptors, can have an impact on the incidence and growth of cancer. Levels of Vitamin D are involved in the growth of several types of cancer, and most African Americans have a mutation in the gene that leads to a higher risk and lower survival rates for breast, colon and prostate cancer.

Carastro and his team of eight undergraduates are working to better understand how the Vitamin D receptors work, and whether this Vitamin D pathway into the body could be enhanced in a way that could improve chemotherapy and perhaps reduce the higher risk of cancer associated with defective receptors.

The group associated with this project, called SUNSHADES, consists of researchers from UT and the Penn State College of Medicine. The name stands for Sunlight, Nutrition, Skin and Human Ancestry related to Vitamin D Exposure and Synthesis. Work under the existing grants began in 2008 and will continue until mid-2011.

Working with a \$150,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute, Carastro's team is acting as a trainer in molecular biology for Dr. Robin Wilson of the Penn State College of Medicine. While Carastro's team focuses on re-researching the molecular details involved with Vitamin D receptors, Wilson is working on better understanding how this could relate to different segments of the population and their cancer survival rates.

Carastro has an excellent background for this type of research, with a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Miami School of Medicine and postdoctoral fellowships at Moffitt Cancer Center and at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, in LaJolla, CA. UT's support of his efforts has been significant. The initial build-out of his original classroom cost about \$100,000, and multiple grants, including a \$5,000 National Alumni Association grant, has helped pay for many pieces of sophisticated equipment.

## Chemo-Boosting Caffeine

At the same time, Carastro is also involved in cancer-related research involving two types of tumor suppression genes, called p53 and p73 genes. These cellular genes can actually cause cells to stop growing or to commit "cellular suicide," preventing uncontrolled cellular growth that can lead to the formation of cancer.

The research on the p53 gene is one of many studies following up on a Japanese study that found that drinking more than four cups of coffee a day was shown to significantly prevent the growth of some types of cancer cells, particularly those related to liver cancer.

"It's possible that these findings could lead to caffeine being somehow used to help chemotherapy," said Carastro, who is partnering with researchers at Moffitt Cancer Center in this effort. "Caffeine has other effects, though, that are not so positive. So is it possible to take the good effects and not the others? That is what we would like to find out."

The p73 gene may also have the potential to suppress the growth of cancer cells, particularly those found in breast cancer and prostate cancer patients. "We need to learn more about what is going on at the molecular level with the p73 gene," Carastro said, "while we also see if the p73 gene could have a positive impact on helping cancer patients."

A bonus from this research: a number of UT students have been introduced to the research program at Moffitt, one of the top cancer centers in the country. There is the potential for the two programs to grow closer as UT students could pursue studies in Moffitt's Ph.D. in Cancer Biology program.

"After the first National Cancer Institute funding, we started seeing a different perception of our work at UT," Carastro said. "UT is an excellent school for this research, because the University is supportive and understanding of what it takes to be involved in both teaching and research as a faculty member."

## Taking Away Chemo's Sting

Dr. Ann Williams, assistant professor of biology, is also working with Moffitt, located on the University of South Florida campus in Tampa. Her work, supported by two to three UT undergraduates at a time, is studying how protein impacts the growth of cancer cells.

"In a cancer cell, the protein signals are different," she said. "In a normal cell, the protein turns on and off. But in a cancer cell, which is growing out of control, it's like the light switch is stuck in the 'on' position."

If researchers can learn enough about the proteins in cancer cells, doctors could possibly use



Dr. Ann Williams with an undergraduate research assistant

**"If we could target just the abnormal proteins, we could have treatment that only targets cancer cells, not all the cells."**

— Dr. Ann Williams, assistant professor of biology



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Cassandra Gabriel '09 helps Noel Ramos, a hospital patient, with a Halloween art project.

## THE ART OF HEALING

# Invisible Wounds

By Robin Roger  
Editor

Photos by  
Jessica Leigh

Cassandra Gabriel '09 spent the fall interning in Tampa General Hospital's pediatric rehab unit, working with children who had undergone transplants, suffered from serious burns or experienced some sort of trauma. But when she met a 10-year-old girl who had been raped, she cried for days.

While all these children received treatment for their physical ailments, Gabriel's job was to answer a lingering question: How do you heal the wounds you can't see?

Gabriel is an art major with a pre-professional concentration in art therapy. The concentration, which UT started offering 13 years ago, melds art and psychology courses and prepares students to enter a graduate program, since a master's degree is required to become a registered art therapist. UT is one of only 28 schools in the country to offer an undergraduate program, according to the American Art Therapy Association.

The practice of art therapy was developed to treat severely emotionally disturbed and physically disabled children and adults through art. It has evolved to where it is now applied across a broad range of populations, from those with substance abuse problems to post traumatic stress disorder, children to adults.

Gabriel uses classic art therapy directives, such as asking the children to draw a person in the rain. The 10-year-old rape victim drew dark brown and black clouds swirling overhead, but the girl in the drawing was smiling, wearing a dress and sporting a ponytail, holding an umbrella. When Gabriel asked the 10-year-old about her drawing, she said the girl in the picture was walking home and she got caught in the rain, but she pulled out her umbrella, and continued on her way home.

"It was definitely a good sign," Gabriel said. "The umbrella is a sign of being prepared. The girl in the picture was happy, because she was going to a safe place. She wasn't getting wet, she wasn't scared. The clouds were scary, but the rain wasn't a torrential downpour."

Heather Spooner '01, Gabriel's art therapy instructor at UT, is a graduate of the program. She received her master's in art therapy from Marywood University in Pennsylvania. In graduate school she did her practica at St. Joseph's Hospital, the Life Center, Hillsborough Kids Inc. and Tampa Crossroad, a residential substance abuse treatment facility. She worked with women who were court ordered







Ana Beckett '12 (left) and Charlotte White '12 (right) show the Brain-Dance to Marquis Langhorne at Pyramid Inc.

to receive treatment after being charged with drug-related crimes.

There was one woman in particular who stood out. She was very artistic, Spooner said, and she had done a drawing of her treatment. It was overwhelmingly positive, with few unclear areas. Then, when she hit a stumbling block, the next image was disorganized, almost as if it were falling apart. She soon relapsed.

"It was a metaphoric, symbolic image," Spooner said.

After graduate school Spooner worked at a psychiatric hospital in Binghamton, NY. The hospital had a lot of adult patients with problems like bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, and they were hospitalized because they could become a danger to themselves. Art therapy was upbeat and relaxing for them, Spooner says.

"People who had trouble communicating could communicate through art or music, in a creative form,"

she says. "They may not have the vocabulary to communicate extreme emotions. And traumatic experiences are sometimes stored as images, rather than words."

Spooner says art therapy is still a growing field, so a lot of misconceptions remain.

"When people think art therapy, they think inkblots," Spooner says. "Awareness is the biggest challenge — helping people know what it is."

One of Spooner's classmates, Danica (Vallery) Henrich '02, agrees. She went to Eastern Virginia Medical School for her master's degree in art therapy. Henrich just started her own private practice in Virginia, DH psychotherapy, working mostly with adolescents. She also does work for the Council Against Sexual Assault and for the Department of Defense as a military family life consultant, supporting troops and their families during and after deployment.

A lot of people are under the misconception that art therapists "analyze" art, she said. If someone brought her a piece of art that their child created at home, and asked her to analyze it and figure out what was wrong, she wouldn't be able to do it. Art is fluid, Henrich said, and it needs to be looked at in context, in one moment in time.

"Art is kind of like a mirror," she said. "It comes out of you and you created it, but when you look at it you're able to see things you were probably unaware of when you were creating it. The concrete image is undeniable. The wonderful thing is that art can break down walls and barriers and defenses that people have."

Bob Terri '67 works at Pyramid Inc., an adult day training center for adults with severe disabilities, as the visual arts coordinator, teaching the students how to create works of fine art, including paintings, jewelry and mixed media pieces.

This summer, Hillsborough County Commissioner Kevin Beckner purchased five paintings by Pyramid

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— Danica (Vallery) Henrich '02

## PUBLIC HEALTH MAJOR TAKES OFF

This summer, as the health care debate heated up, several UT students were quietly working to improve the quality of care in America, and around the world.

Melissa Jiha '10 interned at a nongovernmental organization in Haiti providing HIV counseling and testing, adult AIDS care, adolescent care, pediatrics, and care for those with tuberculosis and reproductive health problems. Angela Carvallo '11 spent the summer in Berlin, working for manCheck, which provides information to gay men about sexually transmitted diseases.

Both students are majoring in public health, which launched just a year-and-a-half ago with three students but has grown to 46. They learn about social and behavioral influences on health, such as drinking and driving, tobacco use, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and unprotected sex. They also learn how policy is made and how to develop interventions.

"Most of the students in the major have a natural social justice mindset, which is at the heart of public health," said Dr. Rebecca Olsen, assistant professor of allied health. "They are drawn to the major because they are concerned about global health issues, and they want to contribute."

Traditionally, public health was a field for those with master's degrees, but the Institute of Medicine has put more money into public health research jobs and is encouraging the creation of undergraduate programs. Public health majors can go on to graduate school or careers in research.

Hillary Armstrong '09 was the first to graduate from UT with the major. This summer, she interned in California working with obese teenagers, teaching fitness classes, surfing and yoga, as well as providing counseling. ■■■

## PREPARING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

In addition to the concentration in art therapy, UT offers pre-medical, pre-dentistry and pre-veterinary concentrations. Thirteen students graduating from the class of 2009 with a pre-professional concentration are now studying in medical, optometry, dental, podiatry, and veterinary school at institutions like the University of Miami's School of Medicine, Florida State and the University of Kentucky. ■■■





## Dr. Mom

For Dr. Kristen Price '81, being both a doctor and a mom has never been simple or easy. But at the same time, she'll be the first to tell you how rewarding it is.

"Balancing everything can be tough," said Price, a professor and chair of the Department of Critical Care at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, one of the most prestigious cancer centers in the world. "Still, it *can* be done, and that's something I want young women to know."

The center has put together a book called *Legends and Legacies: Personal Journeys of Women Physicians and Scientists at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center*. The book offers the personal stories of 26 female faculty members.

Price's story goes from her New Orleans childhood to UT, where she studied marine science, biology and chemistry. After medical school at LSU, she started a family, and in time, was juggling four kids and a demanding job at a facility that sees about 90,000 patients a year.

Much of her work involves research designed to better predict the outcome for cancer patients requiring admission to the critical care unit, to better allocate resources for each patient.

And as she tells her story, she hopes it will inspire other women to follow her path.

"We have been sending books to high schools and have gotten a great response," she said. "So many women are afraid to go down the road toward medicine, but if you know what your priorities are, and what you can do, you'll make it work. ■■■

## Solving Pieces of the Cancer Puzzle

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that information to use drugs that would target only cancer cells in the treatment.

"If we could target just the abnormal proteins, we could have treatment that only targets cancer cells, not all the cells," said Williams.

This would be a major step forward in cancer treatment, since traditional cancer treatments can lead to patients having other physical problems related to their weakened state from the treatment.

To conduct her research, Williams' team takes cancer cells and grows them in the lab to create an environment that simulates what it's like in someone's body. Then, the team studies how the protein is

affected when cells interact with outside influences, such as colon cells interacting with bacteria normally found in the colon.

The next step is to study how different drugs impact the proteins and how they signal to the cells — how they impact the "on and off" switch.

Williams warns that no solutions are quick or easy. Even if researchers found a way to target only the types of proteins found in cancer cells, she said, it could easily take 10 to 20 years to introduce a drug designed to leverage that knowledge to improve cancer treatment. Still, she knows the work is tremendously important. ■■■

## Healing Invisible Wounds

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artists and hung them in his new offices. Works by Pyramid artists also appeared in a show at the Quorum Hotel in Tampa's Westshore area. More than \$500 worth of art was sold at the show, and the proceeds from sales of the work revert back to the artists.

"It helps with their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination," says Terri. "Plus they get to keep the money from what they sell, so we're not just occupying their time. We're giving them a successful experience like we all have."

Healing may be accomplished through dance, as well. The students at Pyramid received a visit from Professor of Dance Susan Taylor Lennon's students in her dance pedagogy class "Teaching Methods for Adults and Diverse Populations." Students in the class learn to create movement oriented programs for the mentally ill, seniors, people with disabilities and people in a healthcare setting.

The students at Pyramid performed a few dances — one to the song "Ghostbusters" and another to James Taylor's "You've Got a Friend." They featured dancers in wheelchairs and those who have limited movement.

"Their excited faces almost made me cry,"

said Samantha Kay. "They were able to express themselves, and they did a great job!"

Then the UT students danced the BrainDance with them. Developed by Anne Green Gilbert, the BrainDance is a series of exercises that is comprised of eight fundamental movement patterns that we move through in the first year of life. Researchers have shown that, as babies, these movements helped wire our nervous systems, and, as adults, they can help reorganize, oxygenate and recuperate our bodies.

It starts out with the dancers squeezing their own bodies, then clapping hands, then hi-fiving each other, and progresses to move every part of the body. During some portions, Terry Cone, the performing arts coordinator at Pyramid, told the dancers to move whatever they could, even their mouths. All the while music like "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," played in the background.

"It was great to have the UT dance students watch our rehearsals and teach us some of their dances," says Pyramid student Alvin Hamilton. "We have different styles and different abilities, but the bottom line is we're all dancers. We can appreciate and learn from each other." ■■■



# Nursing S+udents Help Heal South of the Border

Leaving the comfortable surroundings of The University of Tampa, nursing students have been reaching out to communities in Mexico, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. They have taken their book knowledge and transferred their academic skills to real-life circumstances with real-life patients.

But more than this, faculty say, they are learning the greatest skill in nursing, one which is unaffected by border, nation or culture: compassion.

"Our students are learning compassion, caring and advocacy," said Dr. Cindy Parsons, assistant professor of nursing who helped lead a spring 2009 trip to the Dominican Republic with the Student

Harris said the nursing students used recreation as a way to reach out to families, playing baseball with the children and sparking conversations with their parents.

"It was a culture shock seeing how they lived and the condition of the roads," said Harris, describing how the children were so excited to see the bus arrive, running after them shouting, 'Americanos! Americanos!' "There was one little girl who just clung to my leg. She just wanted me to hold her."

In August, UT's nursing students headed to Mexico where they taught orphans dental hygiene and basic health education.

Associate director of nursing Dr. Kim Curry said the trip offered students a chance to practice Spanish, both in treating patients and in conversation.

"If anything, Mexico is a country we should know more about," said Curry. "In our country we really have a narrow view of what constitutes medical care."

In Mexico, Curry said students are exposed to traditional healing through medicinal plants by touring gardens unique to this kind of therapy. They are educated on Mexico's healthcare system and spend time at an orphanage, playing with the children and teaching basic English.

"I learned early on that you have to step out of your own culture," Curry said. "You just can't replace that experience. It opens your eyes."

The international opportunities do come with scholarship availabilities to reduce expenses for students. Axel and Ann Claesges, who have made UT their primary beneficiary in their wills, have donated \$5,000 annually to the nursing school for the Mexico trip, something they said has had a ripple effect.

"We want to support the nursing program because it benefits the UT students and those abroad with whom they come in contact. Even if the length of study abroad is relatively short, the possibility of making friends and building a continuing friendship is priceless," said Axel Claesges, who volunteers with his wife at the local medical clinic in Nashville where the couple lives. "The value of taking the courage to leave the 'nest' has been demonstrated time and again for us."

He said investing in the nursing students' trips abroad is an investment in the global understanding of these students as stewards of an international world.

By Jamie Pilarczyk  
Web Writer

**"Our**  
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— Dr. Cindy Parsons,  
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nursing



Megan Keilholtz '09 tends to a patient in the Dominican Republic during spring break last March. For a photo gallery of the nursing team's Mexico trip, go to <http://utnursingtriptomexico2009.shutterfly.com>.

Nurses Association. "These are essential ingredients for being a nurse. Compassion means not feeling sorry for the patient but being able to recognize a person's situation and being able to just listen."

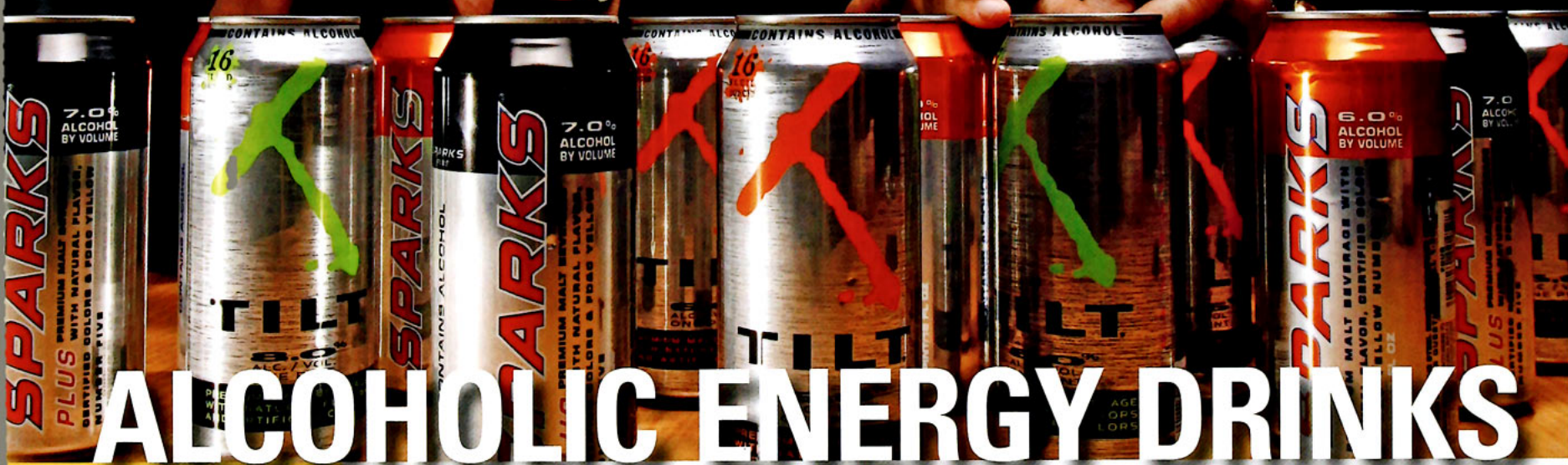
Sarah Harris '09 went on the Dominican Republic trip which was considered an alternative spring break. Working through Orphanage Outreach, a nonprofit that helps disadvantaged children, Harris said the nursing students provided health education and screenings in the sugar and banana workers' towns, focusing on hypertension and diabetes.

What surprised her was how happy she found the people to be, even though they might not have shoes or nice clothes.

"They just seemed to enjoy life," Harris said. "We get so caught up in our work and forget what life is all about. They taught me to enjoy life."



Dr. Kim Curry and Dr. Michael Stasio studied high-octane alcoholic energy drinks.



## ALCOHOLIC ENERGY DRINKS

### A DANGEROUS MIX

**"C**affeine can mask the effects of alcohol but it doesn't mitigate them."

— Dr. Kim Curry, assistant professor of nursing and associate director of the nursing department



**E**ver since people started mixing vodka and Red Bull, they have had a way to stay up longer and party harder.

But as scientists find out more about the effects of caffeine and alcohol together on the body, the experts are growing concerned about the dangers. Just this November, the Food and Drug Administration issued a letter to the companies that make the energy drinks mixed with alcohol, giving them 30 days to prove the combination is safe. It could be an uphill battle.

UT's Dr. Kim Curry, assistant professor of nursing and associate director of the nursing department, and Dr. Michael Stasio, assistant professor of psychology, conducted their own study about alcoholic energy drinks, and found that the combination could give college students a false sense of sobriety, when they are in fact impaired.

"Clearly the goal of mixing the two is that they want to stay up and party more,"

said Curry. "Caffeine can mask the effects of alcohol but it doesn't mitigate them. There are still two elements affecting the body."

Curry and Stasio began studying the combination in 2007. They looked at the effects of energy drinks alone and with alcohol on neuropsychological functioning. In the study, 27 UT students, all over 21 years old, were randomly assigned to three groups: one received an energy drink alone (Green Monster), the second got a pre-mixed energy drink plus alcohol (Orange Sparks) and the third group received a placebo of Diet 7Up with grenadine and lime flavoring.

Stasio did pre- and post-test administrations of the Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status (RBANS), which is a general measure of cognitive performance. Through a question-and-answer conversation, the RBANS measures several aspects of cognition, including attention, memory, visual spatial relationships and language.

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# Sowing the Seeds of Online Trust

**W**hen you first meet a salesman, you may use basic face-to-face cues to judge his trustworthiness. Does he have a strong handshake? Does he make eye contact?

But what do you do online when considering new e-retailers, when you don't have any of those cues?

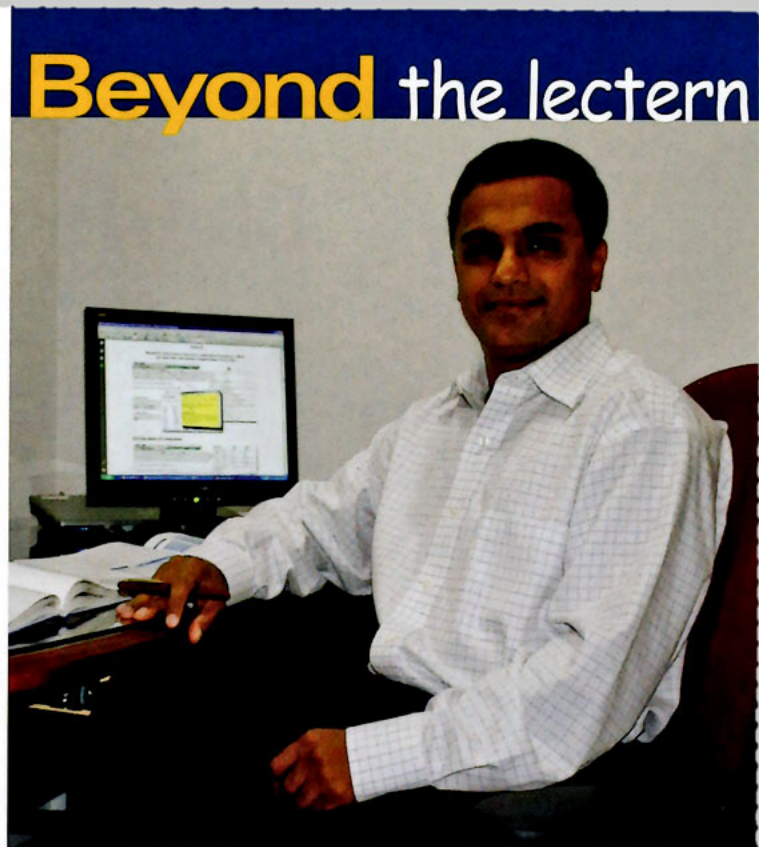
This is the question asked by Dr. Pranjal Gupta, assistant professor of marketing, who has been researching how new e-retailers can develop trust without relying on traditional face-to-face cues. Gupta set up his own tightly controlled Web sites and used the electronic version of a firm handshake: privacy and security policies, standard return policies and shipping charges, a toll free customer service number and interactive decision-making tools. He tested the sites with more than 200 graduate and undergraduate students and found the most successful sites were the ones that created the perception of assistive intent — the willingness to help.

"Just because we feel we've been helped a little bit, we judge that Web site to have more assistive intent," he said. "And if they have more assistive intent, the likelihood of us trusting them becomes stronger. If you don't feel like you've been helped, it's not likely to work."

He used the example of purchasing a laptop, acknowledging that people have varying levels of knowledge about the product. Those with little knowledge preferred buying guides and glossaries, while those more knowledgeable opted for interactive tools like product comparison charts. He experimented by manipulating these conditions and providing either interactive comparison tools or comprehensive buying guides.

"It really goes back to the basics of marketing," he said. "If you can understand what your customer needs, and provide them that kind of handholding on your Web site in initial interactions, they're likely to have a strong level of initial trust."

Gupta published his research in the *Journal of Retailing*. He has also studied how online word of mouth, such as Amazon's customer reviews, influence consumers' choices. This research will appear in a future issue of the *Journal of Business Research*. ■■



Dr. Pranjal Gupta set up experimental Web sites for his study on online trust.

# Deviance Can Be a Good Thing

**D**uring a down economy with high unemployment, many American workers may hesitate to rock the boat. But some of the most valuable individuals in an organization can be deviants, according to research by Dr. Bella Galperin, associate professor of management.

In a presentation at the Academy of Management Conference this fall, Galperin argued that deviance — defined as voluntary behavior that violates organizational norms — can be constructive and functional for organizations, and employees who fail to follow the organizational norms can be the roots of successful innovations and champions of change.

"Employees who break the rules and cause harm to the organization are also your organization's potential change agents. They will break the rules to increase the well-being of your organization," Galperin said.

Currently, organizations have focused their efforts on identifying and reducing destructive deviants — potentially aggressive and dishonest employees. The costs associated with dysfunctional behavior in the workplace have been estimated in the billions.

But, developing constructive deviance may help secure a company's position in the new economy, and spur innovation. This is especially true today, with the increased importance of the nation's "creativity economy."

"Successful management of deviance may lead to the development of trailblazers instead of rogue employees," Galperin said.

Galperin has published articles on workplace deviance in *The International Journal of Human Resource Management*, the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* and *Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings*. ■■



Dr. Bella Galperin



## Charlemagne in the Window



The Charlemagne window is unique because it depicts a king, rather than a biblical figure.

**W**hen Dr. Mary Jane Schenck visited Chartres Cathedral during her junior year of college, she knew right away she was looking at something special.

"I was amazed," said the professor of English. "It was incredible. It was rather dark, because it was true gothic glass, with lots of blue and red, like little gems."

Schenck was starting work on her book regarding court room scenes in medieval literature in 2005 when she was completely sidetracked by the 22-paneled window depicting the story of Charlemagne. She spent half the summer in Paris taking trips to the famous Gothic cathedral and studying the ambulatory window that depicts the 10<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>-century legends surrounding Charlemagne, the real 8<sup>th</sup>-century King of the Franks, known for expanding the empire and creating an intellectual and cultural renaissance.

Each panel in the 30-foot-tall window tells another part of the story. But interpreting the windows has proven more complex than some scholars think, Schenck

said. Other scholars have misidentified Charlemagne as Roland, a supporting character in the stories, Schenck contends in her article "Taking a Second Look: Roland in the Charlemagne Window at Chartres," which appeared in the *Olifant*, a publication of the Société Rencesvals for the Study of Romance Epic. Other scholars have analyzed the window using the epic "Song of Roland." Instead, Schenck suggests using the old French version of "Pseudo-Turpin Chronicle."

Identifying a different legend helps us to "read" the separate panels more accurately, Schenck said, and see how it expresses a more subtle view of the power dynamic between the Church and the aristocracy than is generally acknowledged.

"It's so important to put images together with the written text that inspired them," Schenck said. "As the great American scholar Madeline Caviness has shown, Gothic windows were not Bibles for the poor, to teach the illiterate. They are just as often medieval legends that may have some basis in the Bible, but are more connected to popular beliefs." ■

## Energy Drinks

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The people who had energy drinks plus alcohol had a significantly lower RBANS score. Their visual spatial relationships and language performance scores were impaired.

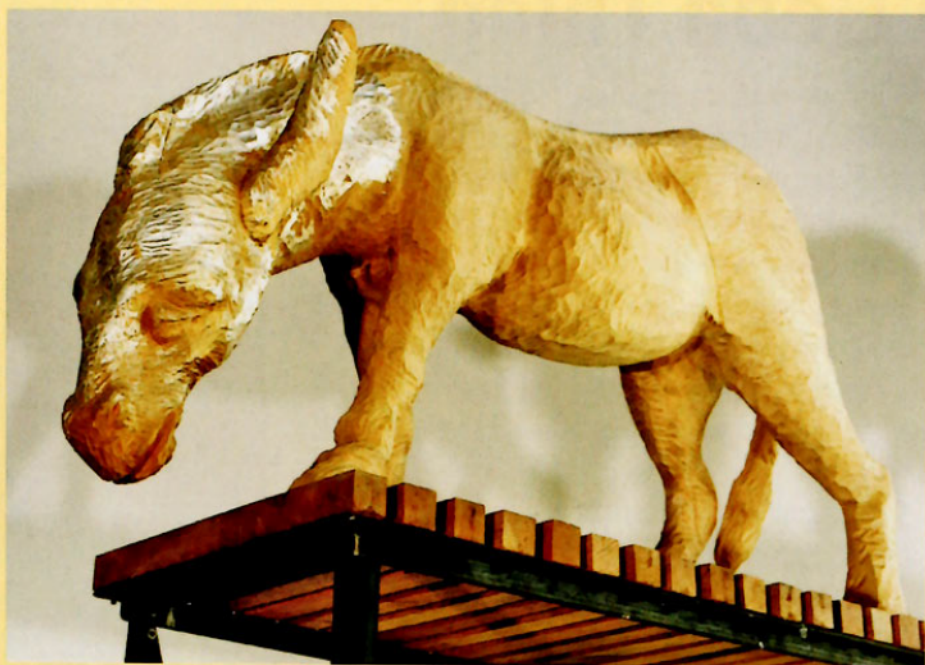
"The spatial impairment suggests that if you have alcohol and mix in an energy drink, activities like driving remain risky," Stasio said. "In other words, Mixing Red Bull and vodka won't make you sober."

Complicating matters, the pre-mixed energy drinks containing alcohol are similar in appearance to other energy drinks, but they contain from 6 percent to 12 percent alcohol.

With names like Monster, Rock Star and No Fear, Curry said, "Regular energy drinks are carefully marketed and targeted for young adults." She said that it is estimated 34 percent of 18 to 24 year olds report regular consumption.

"Energy drinks may seem like just another supplement product, but that may depend on how you use them," Stasio said, adding that "regular use at night as a concentration or study aid might lead to sleep problems, especially among students who are sensitive to caffeine or who have anxiety problems. And sleep disturbances have been linked to other problems, such as depressed mood."

Since their initial research, the makers of Sparks and Tilt, Miller and Anheuser-Busch, have agreed to stop adding caffeine to their drinks, but they are still packaged like energy drinks and not like alcoholic beverages. ■



**THE TOP OF THE HEAP** "Top Donkey," a piece by Kendra Frorup '92, assistant professor of art, will appear in "The Global Caribbean: Focus on the Contemporary Caribbean Visual Art Landscape," at the Little Haiti Cultural Center in Miami through March 2010. The exhibit is part of Art Basel Miami Beach, which took place Dec. 3-6. Art Basel Miami Beach is the sister event of Switzerland's Art Basel, the world's premier international art show for modern and contemporary works.



# UT Forges Strategic Partnerships to Fulfill Mission

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hen I walk around campus, I'm continually amazed at the progress the University has made in the past 25 years I've been associated with it. The transformation of this campus and the UT educational experience is simply remarkable.

However, I constantly find myself asking the same questions I suspect other university presidents ask: How do we compete in the educational marketplace? How do we build a better total educational experience? How do we differentiate ourselves? How do we attract the best students? And most importantly, how do we instill a lifelong passion for and loyalty to UT, not only in our students, but in our parents, donors, friends and community?

I believe part of the answer to many of these questions is one word: partnerships. Simply put, the partnerships UT has built in the past 78 years have made UT what it is today. Without partnerships with local businesses and organizations, volunteers, friends of the University, alumni, local and national foundations, donors and governmental bodies, UT would not be able to offer students the kind of educational experience that it does.

In 1931 Tampa's community leaders created and fostered The University of Tampa. Today our partnerships with Tampa's community leaders remain invaluable. In fact, more than 700 people partner with UT by serving on various boards and advisory groups. We appreciate their advice, involvement and support. In return, we support the Tampa community in various ways, from offering assistance to business owners through the Naimoli Institute for Business Strategy to providing countless hours of community service through the student-run PEACE Volunteer Center.


Since this *Journal* focuses on UT's efforts to advance medical science and health care, it's fitting to mention our longstanding partnership with Tampa General Hospital. TGH was instrumental in establishing a nursing skills lab for our students within the hospital, and our Department of Nursing provides continuing education for TGH's management personnel.

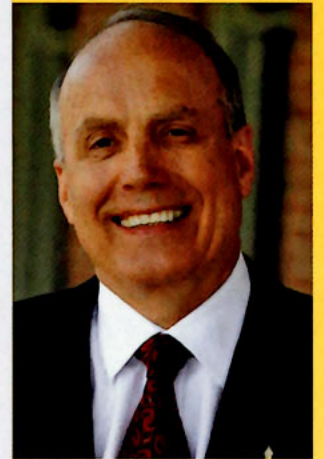
Hundreds of learning partnerships with area companies and organizations enrich our focus on "learning by doing." One of our newest learning partnerships is with three Chinese universities that will provide for structured student and faculty exchanges, education abroad trips and faculty research (*see story on page 3*).

It's impossible to list all the other partnerships that help UT provide an outstanding educational experience to our students and the community. However, it's not impossible to thank them, and many of those partnerships have been profiled in this magazine.

I also value the partnerships we have with individuals — volunteers, parents, friends, alumni and donors. These people give faithfully to the annual fund, donate books to the library, volunteer to work on special events on campus, mention their affiliation with UT in news articles, support UT athletics and host alumni and parent events.

As we continue to transform UT, we will need to foster longstanding partnerships and build new ones. As we build the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values, I think of the myriad of partners that have stepped up to make this vision a reality — most importantly the donors, as well as the spiritual community, the builders, and of course our UT family.

UT will continue to grow and thrive, and I'll continue to thank our partners. 



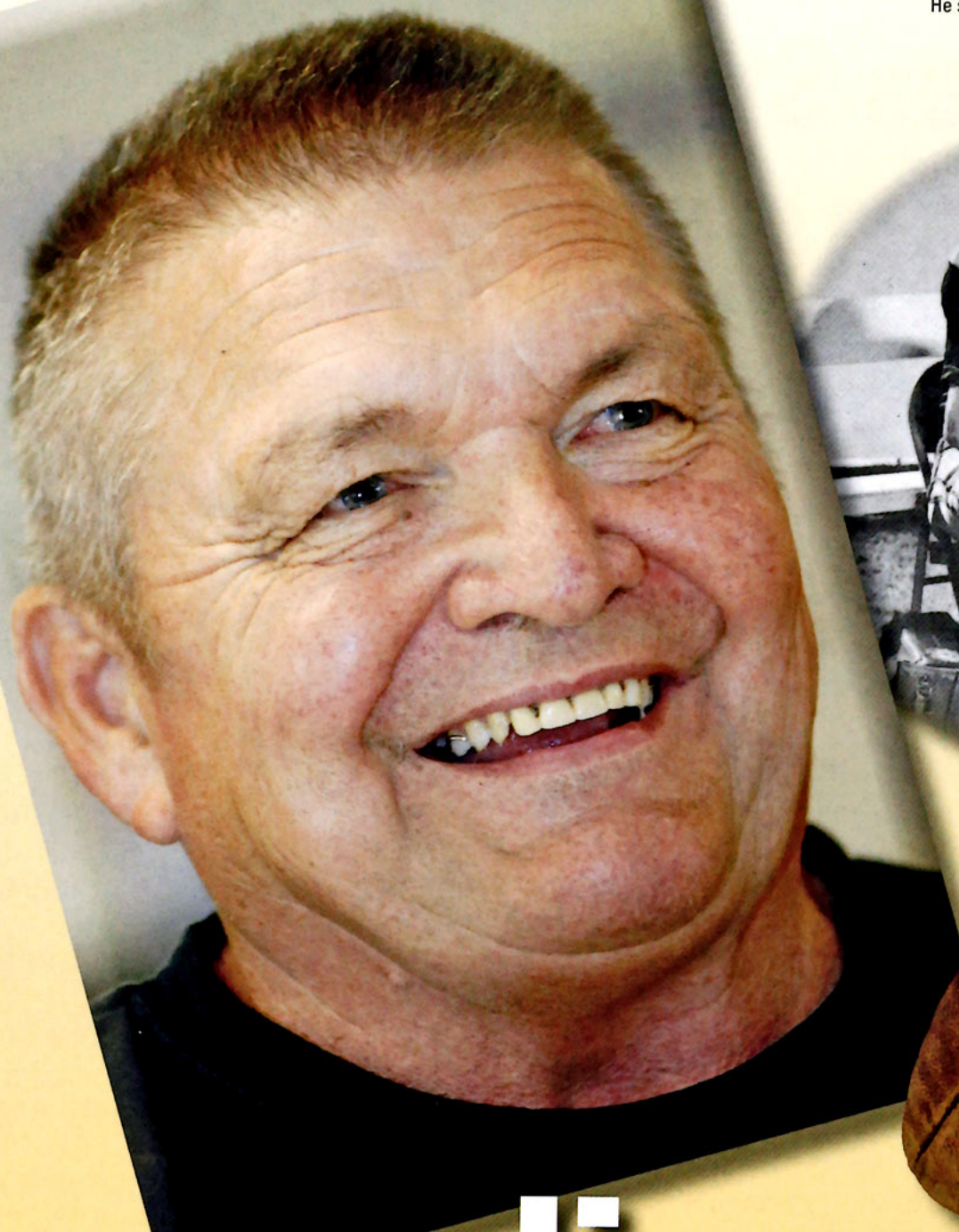
By Dr. Ronald L. Vaughn  
President

**H**undreds of learning partnerships with area companies and organizations enrich our focus on "learning by doing."



Steve Starnes '70 has a smile and upbeat attitude that belie his intensity. He said he hopes his story can inspire other stroke survivors. (Photo courtesy of the Citrus County Chronicle.)

Starnes taking a rare rest in a yearbook photo.



# Leading BY EXAMPLE

By Robin Roger  
Editor

Former Buffalo Bills player comes back from a stroke with a positive attitude.

At first he was known as a "Hoyer patient," named after a machine that lifts you out of bed. "You hang there like a piece of fruit, coming off a ship in a net," said Steve Starnes '70. "That's as low as it gets."

Three years ago, Starnes had a stroke at age 57, paralyzing him on one side and making it impossible for him to walk. But the former Buffalo Bills linebacker has fought his way back to health.

He started his recovery at Arbor Trail Rehab and Nursing Center in Inverness, FL, working with a physical therapist and stretching in his room. Slowly he worked his way up to pushing himself

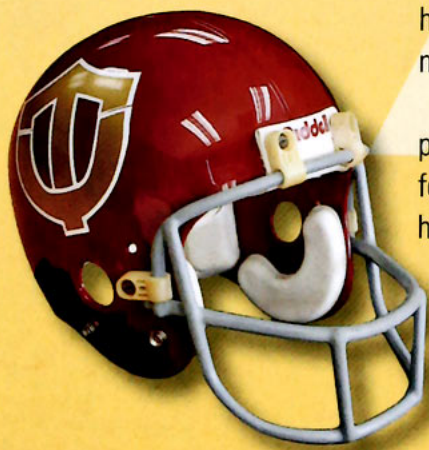
backward in a wheel chair on the Withlacoochee State Trail.

He now walks a total of 100 yards, divided into different sessions. He also works out with weights and a low resistance bicycle and has regimented exercises he does in his room. Next summer he wants to play tennis, and he's challenged his old teammate, Ray Reynolds '71, to a race.

"I always have high goals," he said. "I reach as far as I can reach and try to make it. The onus is on me to get better, and there's no limit to what I can do."

He credits his family and a nurse named Tracy at

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At first just getting out of bed was a major accomplishment, Starnes said. Then he started taking brief walks in his wheelchair. He still has his UT diploma hanging above his bed. (Photos courtesy of the *Citrus County Chronicle*.)

Arbor Trail with helping him keep a positive attitude. Plus, he said he's been more active in reading his Bible and worshipping God.

But Starnes has always had a do-or-die attitude, according to Rick Gillis '65, Starnes' defensive line coach at UT. Gillis also coached Starnes at Seminole High School, where Gillis played football and ran track.

One year Starnes qualified for the state meet in the 110 high hurdles. At the meet, he ran his best time in the preliminaries — 15.2 seconds — which placed him in the final. Before the race, Starnes sat next to Gillis in the bleachers and said "Coach, I'm going to win this tonight."

"He didn't have a chance to win it," Gillis said, "He was the last seeded guy in the race, in the outside lane. But I said, 'Darn right you'll win it; I'm behind you 100 percent.'"

Gillis watched Starnes run — slap! — over the first two hurdles, hitting each one, but somehow he finished first, with a time of 14.7 seconds. He was state champion.

"That's the kind of belief he had in himself," Gillis said.

Gillis later introduced Starnes to Sam Bailey, UT's athletic director at the time, who helped get Starnes a scholarship. Despite his small size, he played linebacker and started for the Spartans for four years before being signed by the Bills in the fifth round of the NFL draft.

"He was very intense," Gillis says. "He went all out 100 percent and played every play wide open. He'll succeed in getting out of his problem now, because that's the kind of person he is."

Gillis still talks to Starnes at least once or twice a week, and Starnes still calls him coach. Starnes also gets frequent visits from teammates like Reynolds, whom he challenged to the race.

"I'm ready for him this time," said Reynolds, who visits Starnes every month or so. "I'm looking forward to the race."



When Reynolds first heard about Starnes' stroke, he rounded up a bunch of UT football alumni and went to see him.

"He was in horrible shape, 320 pounds and paralyzed on one side," he said. "He couldn't unclench his hand. Couldn't walk."

Now he's down to 225 pounds and can walk with a walker.

"It's phenomenal," Reynolds said. "To think about being completely paralyzed on one side of your body, and now he can walk with a walker, and I really do think he will walk one day without a walker and in the near future. That's how determined he is. How much more inspirational can you get than that?"

Though it's been almost 40 years since they played together, Starnes still considers himself the captain.

"I have to show with my attitude and my physicality that I'll always be the team captain and they can count on me to lead as long as I live," he said. **UJ**

## SPORTS to do @ ut.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### BASKETBALL

Men's (M) and women's (W) games are played at the Bob Martinez Sports Center

#### Sat., Jan. 2

Nova Southeastern (W)

2 p.m.

Nova Southeastern (M)

4 p.m.

#### Wed., Jan. 6

Saint Leo (W)

5:30 p.m.

Saint Leo (M)

7:30 p.m.

#### Sat., Jan. 16

Rollins (W)

2 p.m.

Rollins (M)

4 p.m.

#### Sat., Jan. 23

Barry (W)

2 p.m.

Barry (M)

4 p.m.

### SWIMMING

#### Wed., Jan. 6

Tampa Relays

10 a.m.

#### Mon., Jan. 11

Emory

11 a.m.



**REMEMBERING RYAN** A memorial service was held Sept. 13 for cross country runner Ryan McCall '10, who was killed in an off-campus robbery. His teammates and older brother, Kevin McCall '06, shared memories of the well-liked student before running a lap around the track with the half-mile time Ryan wanted to beat up on the scoreboard. **UJ**



## Chris Catanach Earns 800<sup>th</sup> Career Victory



Chris Catanach

**UT** head volleyball coach Chris Catanach reached another career milestone as he won his 800<sup>th</sup> match with a 3-0 victory over visiting Lynn University on Oct. 23. The feat occurred at UT's Homecoming in front of a season-high 649 fans.

"I guess it will sink in more in the next couple days," says Catanach. "What it does tell me is the great players and assistant coaches I have had during my career."

Second among active head coaches in NCAA Division II, Catanach ranks fourth all-time and now

needs 18 victories to tie Debby Colberg (Sacramento State) for third on the NCAA II list. He currently owns an overall record of 810-153 in 26 years at the helm of the Spartans.

"It was fun to have a good crowd here and we had a great time," states Catanach. "The band was awesome and we had some alumni and former players here. That really meant a lot to me."

Catanach was named South Region Coach of the Year. The team lost in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Championships, but will return all of their letter winners next year. **UT**



### SPARTANS MEET THE CHALLENGE

UT's Board of Counselors and cross country team held the third annual Spartan 5K Challenge on Oct. 17. More than 400 runners took part in the race, which featured obstacles like hay bales, tires and a cargo net. Steve Rorrer '83 (next to the Spartan mascot) was the first alumnus to cross the finish line. Proceeds from the event went to fund UT cross country scholarships. **UT**

(Photos courtesy of Kimberly Photography.)



## UT WINS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL



The University of Tampa women's cross country team ended its 2009 season with a regional championship and a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish at the NCAA Division II Championships. It also walked away with its third straight Sunshine State Conference Championship.

The team claimed its third NCAA Division II South Regional title in a row on Nov. 7, marking the program's fourth overall championship. The Spartan men also ran, finishing eighth overall.

In the women's race, UT placed five runners in the top 10 as each earned a spot on the all-region team (reserved for the top 15 men and women runners). Jess Butler '12 was the top Spartan at second overall with a time of 22 minutes flat.

UT served as the tournament host for the event, which was run at Dover Trails. It marked the first regional where Tampa served as the host. For the third straight year, Coach Jarrett Slaven was honored as the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) South Region Women's Coach of the Year.

At the national championship, Dara Fox '10 was Tampa's top runner, finishing 43<sup>rd</sup> overall with a time of 22:21.9. Butler also finished in the top-50 with a 49<sup>th</sup> place finish and a time of 22:28.2. **UT**



mu•ez•zin/myōō-ézin, mōō-/n. crier who calls the people to contemplation from a minaret.

## Getting to Know Your NAA

**H**omecoming was a big success this year, with great crowds at every event. It was wonderful to see so many alumni reconnect.

Throughout the weekend a lot of people asked me about UT's National Alumni Association (NAA). So I asked the current president of the association, Ron McClarin '87, to shed some light on the NAA.

**Q: Why did you get involved with the NAA?**

**A:** I had been involved with Tampa Alpha for a few years, and I decided to join the NAA board to help support UT in a new way. It allows you to interact with the administration and drive programming that creates a bridge between alumni and the University.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about serving on the board?**

**A:** I enjoy getting to play a small part in the record-setting growth of the University. I want to ensure the alumni community remains relevant and is allowed to strengthen its partnership with the school's administration, allowing all those affiliated with the school to share in its success.

**Q: How has the board evolved?**

**A:** We have grown over the years and now have a full board with members from a broad range of class years, thanks to strong leadership from alumni such as Phil Hills '88, Jack Barrett '87, Lisa Shetter '88, John Wolfe '68, and Joe Wessel '95, and careful guidance from the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Today we strive to be better ambassadors FOR the school TO alumni, creating and supporting events that ultimately bring the alumni and the University back together as often as possible.

**Q: Has the NAA started any new programs?**

**A:** A couple of years ago, we started providing \$10,000 in grant money each year to faculty members to help them accomplish their research goals.

**Q: What does the NAA provide to alumni?**

**A:** The NAA board serves as the voice for all alumni. As the president, I serve on the Board of Trustees, which allows me to bring any alumni questions, praise, or concerns to the Board. The NAA also provides a total of \$10,000 in scholarships each year to descendants of UT alumni, and it honors successful alumni by giving out awards at commencement. For details on our alumni award program or to apply for a scholarship, go to **alumni.ut.edu**.

**Q: What's your favorite alumni event?**

**A:** I enjoy the annual Minaret Society Gala, as it brings together a key group of people providing financial support to the school and allows interaction with a highly focused group of people who are financially invested in the success of the school. From a fun perspective, you can't beat the Tampa Alpha Gasparilla Brunch.

**Q: What's the best way for a UT graduate to reconnect with UT?**

**A:** Those in the area should get involved with the Tampa Alpha Chapter. The group's planning board meets once a month and also tries to plan some type of social gathering each month. If you live far from Tampa, look for the occasional broadcast e-mail for events in your area. Whether you are local or remote

to Tampa, one or both of two weekends should be targeted for participation — Homecoming weekend or Gasparilla weekend. See the shiny new campus, and enjoy the benefits of being an alumnus of this great school! And as always check the alumni Web site for a list of upcoming events. **UT**

Ron McClarin '87, presents Ida Felicione Coe '58 with the Esse Quam Videri Award in May.



**JAY HARDWICK**  
Alumni Director  
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## Who's Who on the NAA Board

Visit <http://alumni.ut.edu/?NAABoard> for a full list of NAA Board Members. **UT**





'58

**Ida Felicione Coe** was awarded the Esse Quam Videri Award at UT's commencement ceremony last spring (see photo page 19). This award is the highest award given by UT's National Alumni Association. Ida has been an active member

of Tampa Alpha over the years, serving as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. She is also an active member of the National Alumni Association Board and is a founding member of the Decade of the '50s Planning Committee and the Ladies of the '50s Planning Committee.

'59

**Nick Krouskos** and his wife Betty joined 90 family members and friends July 25 at Mama Maria's Restaurant in Tarpon Springs to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The couple was also honored by the church community of St. Nicholas Cathedral for 50 years of service and support to the

Sunday school department, church bookstore, and other church and community programs.

'65

**Attention Class of '65**, if you lost a class ring in Clay Township, IN, someone has discovered one. It is a silver man's ring, and was found while digging in the garden of a house built in

1969. The ring is in good shape, though the stone is missing, and there are no initials inside. Michelle Ruff discovered the ring and currently has left it in the hands of her sister-in-law, Mona Ruff Root, of South Bend, FL.

**Contact number:**  
(574) 272-9276

'71

**Francis E. Vegliante** was named senior vice president of international sales at OptiCon Systems Inc., a global provider of operational support system software applications for communications, telecommunications and the power companies. He resides in Tampa.

'72

**George W. Hughes** has published a book titled *Always a Soldier* about his time leading a platoon in Vietnam, where he earned a Distinguished Service Cross. *Always a Soldier* documents his journey from tenth-grade dropout to decorated 20-year Army man and college graduate.  
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**Robert Triplett** received the Larry Monk Award from Northwestern State University, where he is the military liaison officer for the NSU Leesville-Fort Polk campus since 1989. The award is given to anyone who is associated with the NSU Leesville-Fort Polk campus by being either a military or community member, a faculty/staff member, or a student, and exemplifies the qualities that Larry Monk exhibited.

'76

**Andrew Der**, after 20 years of water resources consulting and management, is now principal owner of his own environmental consulting firm in Maryland, Andrew T. Der & Associates. He resides in Burtonsville, MD.

## SPOTLIGHT

## PARTAN

### From Scalpel to Staccato

The Peppermint Lounge, one of the first rock 'n' roll night clubs in New York City, hosted legends such as Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra and The Beatles. It also hosted cardiac surgeon **DR. DENNIS PUPELLO '61**.

Pupello, retired chief of cardiac surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, played with The Fabulous Rockers at the famed nightclub in the mid-1960s.

Formed by Pupello in 1957 after graduating from Jefferson High School, the Rockers performed until 1963 at venues throughout Florida. In Tampa, they had a regular show at the Letter Carriers Hall where they would draw more than 1,000 teenagers on a Saturday night.

Pupello chose UT in part to keep performing locally. He didn't decide on medicine until his junior year, when he met Professor Charles Walker.


"He was a brilliant guy who taught embryology," said Pupello, who later had Walker as a patient. "It was at that point that I knew I wanted to pursue it further. I was inspired by him. He was a unique man."

That inspiration led to a medical career with a litany of awards and distinctions. The former UT trustee even performed heart valve replacement surgery in 2005 on a 106-year-old man who, at the time, was the *Guinness Book of World Records'* oldest survivor of such a surgery.

But it wasn't medicine that broke up the Rockers. It was the Vietnam War and the draft. Pupello, who served six years in the U.S. Army Reserve after college, graduated from UT, went to medical school at the University of Florida and then studied cardiology and cardiac surgery at Stanford University. While the band had split, Pupello kept performing.

"I funded a good portion of medical school expenses by playing piano," he said, playing for high school dances and formal parties.

The Rockers reunited in 1994 and have been playing ever since. They host an annual reunion for the band, as well as members of the high school classes from Jefferson, Plant and Hillsborough since the band played at most of those schools' dances.

Pupello has picked up another band too, playing more contemporary music with the St. Petersburg-based Tropical Heat. Pupello also composes music, having written songs for the band and original works for each of his four daughters (he also has four sons and five grandchildren). Pupello lives in Tampa with his wife, Lisa. 



Dr. Dennis Pupello '61 during a rehearsal with the Rockers.  
(Photo by James Roel.)



# SPOTLIGHT

## PARTAN

### Walking the Walk

**LARRY SCHREIBER '85**, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Wisconsin, has been in the health insurance business for 25 years, but now he not only talks the talk, he walks the walk. Or runs the run, in his case.

Almost four years ago Schreiber weighed 240 pounds. At 5 feet 9 inches, he had a body mass index (BMI) of 35, meaning he was obese. His wellness screening showed he had high blood sugar, high blood pressure and a cholesterol level of 241, but he dismissed it.

Two weeks later, his wife was watching a marathon of "The Biggest Loser" on TV while preparing food for a New Year's dinner. As the day wore on, Schreiber became intrigued.

"It truly moved me ... pun intended," he said.

He purchased an elliptical machine and adjusted the way he ate. He worked his way up to running and, within two and a half years, he lost 85 pounds.

He now runs six to eight miles a day, six days a week. A lifetime member of Weight Watchers, he consistently weighs in below his target weight. His BMI is now down to 22, in the normal range.

"A lot of what we do at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield involves figuring out how to motivate people to live healthier lifestyles," he said. "It's so powerful to be able to stand up in front of a group and tell my story to help people understand the impact their daily decisions have on their health."

"I was on the verge of being on high blood pressure medication and cholesterol reducing drugs, but I chose to take control of my health and likely prevented a heart attack down the line. Hopefully it will motivate other people to make changes as well."

Schreiber said that patients' accountability for their own health is missing in the health care debate, and states that the cost of care, not insurance, is the real culprit.

"If you look at the health insurance dollar, 87 cents of every dollar goes to pay health care claims," he said. "And 50 percent of all health care claims are lifestyle related, and entirely preventable. People choose to not move enough, choose to eat the wrong foods and choose to smoke. In order to create a sustainable health care system, we need legislation that promotes cost efficiencies and quality while supporting a health plan's ability to effectively encourage personal accountability." ■



Larry Schreiber '85

### Col. Alex "Alpo" Portelli

has been reassigned to the Army War College in Carlisle, PA, following 19 consecutive years of Army assignments in Europe. He has been appointed as the new director of the Army War College International Fellows Program, responsible for preparing selected senior international military leaders in national security and military strategy. Alex and his wife, Gail, are always willing to host members of the UT family.

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### '82

#### Col. Daniel Jimenez

of the Army assumed command of the California Medical Detachment at the Presidio of Monterey.

**Richard A. Weis** was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist as a judge in the Hillsborough County court. He has been a magistrate for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit since 2005 and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a current member of the U.S. Army Reserve. When appointed, he was serving in Afghanistan.

### '83

**Bryon Holz** took part in the 2009 National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Convention as senior vice president of NAIFA-Florida. NAIFA is the largest financial services membership association in the U.S. Bryon is an independent financial advisor. He, his wife and two children reside in Brandon, FL, and are greatly involved in the Nativity Catholic Church's parish community. **E-mail:** bholz@tampabay.rr.com

**Steve Rorrer** was the first alumnus to finish the Spartan Challenge 5K, with a time of 21:14, on Oct. 17. He was 19th overall (see photo on page 18).

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### '77

#### LeRoy Mitchell MBA

'81 appeared as Mr. M in *My Children! My Africa!* at Stageworks Theatre in Tampa.

#### Nancy Rubenstein

returned to Tampa in November to perform a concert, "Music Reborn II:

Forbidden and Forgotten," featuring music by composers persecuted during the Holocaust.

### '79

**Jeffrey Gasser**, president of Gasser Consulting, joined Med-Vision, a Tampa-based medical consulting company, as principal and

equity owner. He joined **Connie Gee MBA '08** (see page 25), who was just named vice president of the company.

### '80

**Peter Cannella** recently obtained his Ph. D. from the University of Florida. He is an adjunct professor

of political science at Des Moines Area Community College. He lives in Waukee, IA.

**Bob Guidara** retired from his post as assistant chief after 31 years with the Tampa police. He planned to hit the open road on his Harley-Davidson. He resides in Lutz, FL.



**Merri Beth (Harris) Treadway, John Koivisto,** and his wife, **Betsy (Barnett) Koivisto**, all met for breakfast in Wildwood, FL. They were joined by Merri Beth's sons, Wesley and Corey. Merri Beth and her husband, Rick, reside in Interlachen, FL. John and Betsy are stationed with the Army in Norfolk, VA. John is due to retire from the army in July of 2010. John and Merri Beth served as ROTC cadets at UT. **E-mail: merribeth@windstream.net**



From left: Merri Beth (Harris) Treadway, John Koivisto, and Betsy Koivisto gathered in Wildwood.

**'87 Kim (Adams) Lowe** and her family recently moved to Honolulu, HI. Kim writes a monthly newsletter for Support Our Soldiers (SOS) America Inc., a military charity registered with the

Department of Defense's "America Supports You" network.

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**'88 John Kaufman** is the managing partner of The CRM

Connection, an ACT! software consulting firm. He just earned the President's Circle Top U.S. Product Sales award for the second consecutive year. John lives in Colorado.

**'90**

**Lt. Col. Mark Herrin** has been appointed as the North Dakota State National Guard Inspector General. He and his family have relocated from Valencia, Spain, to Bismarck, ND.

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**Jayna Newell** recently earned her Doctorate of Business Administration and became the Campus Dean of Strayer University. Jayna and her husband, David, live in Augusta, GA. **E-mail: jayna.newell@strayer.edu**

**Brian Thomson** was recently featured in an article in *The Wall Street Journal*. He is currently an associate director of human resources for Cambridge, MA, based biotech firm Biogen Idec. **E-mail: brian.thomson@comcast.net**

**'91**

**Waylon Peterson** recently earned his Certified Trust and Financial Advisor designation and has earned his Certified Financial Planning mark. Waylon, who lives with Kate and his five kids, is the senior vice president for investment, IRA and Trust Services at Indiana's largest credit union, TCU. He has made contributions to UT 10 years in a row.

**'93**

**Shawn C. Gregory '93 MBA '95** relocated to the Tampa area to become the CFO of South Bay Hospital. **E-mail: magicshawn@sbcglobal.net**

**Laura Vincent Lockmer** and her husband, Chris, feel blessed as their first child Ryan James Lockmer was born on April 10. He was 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 20.5 inches long with a head full of dark hair. The Lockmer family resides in Brandon, FL.

**'94**

**Kara P. Mirocke** obtained her master's of education degree from National-Louis University and resides in Wesley Chapel, FL.

**'96**

**Michael Vargo** has become the new president and senior managing partner of VR Business Sales. Previously, he served as

## SPOTLIGHT

### PARTAIN A Portrait of an Athlete

When he chose UT, **JUSTYN FARANO '02** dreamed of playing professional baseball, but an injury to the centerfielder-turned-pitcher dashed those dreams.

Today, though, as the official artist for the Ted Williams Museum at Tropicana Field and founder of Tampa's Sports Art Illustrated, Farano says he's doing the next best thing: painting portraits of professional athletes.

From LeBron James to Muhammad Ali, Farano creates one original painting and then replicates his work with reprints to deliver the look collectors crave. In each one, he says he weaves in a story about the player or a theme based on an athlete's nickname. Many of the paintings are signed by the athletes, and some are auctioned off at charity events.

"As more players have it in their homes, more people see it, and if it's in the stadiums, other players see the work there, too," he says.

The Buccaneers' Michael Clayton has a painting in his house, and when the wide receiver's former LSU teammate, JaMarcus Russell of the Oakland Raiders, came to town, Farano was commissioned to paint a portrait of him.

"It's always what I wanted to do, but I really had no idea how to get into it and make a living out of it at the same time," he says.

Farano credits his art classes at UT with helping him accurately portray the strain on a player's face or the jubilation of victory in each of his paintings.

"I don't feel like I work at all," Farano says. "It's definitely something I love to do."

Still, the work isn't easy. Each original can take from 100 to 200 hours to complete.

Plus, Farano says his company is on the brink of a major deal that would put his artistry on T-shirts in major retail stores around the country.

Despite his early success, Farano remains humble. While he continues to improve as an artist, he looks forward to what he will be able to do for charities on a larger scale.

Simply put, the canvas of this UT grad's career isn't dry yet. Just consider him a work in progress.



Justyn Farano '02



vice president. VR Business Sales is a business intermediary firm focusing on the sale of privately held small- to mid-sized businesses in manufacturing, distribution, service, and national as well as international multi-unit franchises. It is located in Clearwater, FL.

**'97**

**Isabella L. (Santavicca) Estevez** currently lives in Bradenton, FL, where she is updating and pursuing an active WVA Nursing License and also updating her current Florida Nursing License. She plans to embark on domestic and international travel.  
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**Randi Hoidalén Olsen** was recently appointed co-director, instructor, and business manager at the Brooksville Academy of the Arts (formerly the Brooksville Dance

Academy). She teaches voice, piano, and flute. At the academy, she will offer classes in vocal techniques and musical theater. She resides in Brooksville, FL.

**'98**

**David Virgilio MBA '00** recently started a new job as vice president of energy trading for Macquarie Cook Energy. He resides in Houston, TX.

**'99**

**Jalal Abdullatif** and his wife added a baby boy, Muhannad, to the family on Aug. 17. They reside in Muscat, Oman.  
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Muhannad Abdullatif



**Tycene Parrott Fritcher** and her husband, Christopher, are soon-to-be parents for a second time — this time with a baby girl, Siena. The couple resides in Tampa. They also have a son.  
**E-mail: tfritcher@thoi.com**

**Amy S. Rioux** graduated with a Master of Arts in Art Education at the University of Florida and holds community art classes for children at Ybor Art Studio in Tampa.  
**E-mail: amyrioux@gmail.com**

**'02**

**Alison Woodbury** has embarked in the ownership of two businesses, Fair Hair and her own dance studio called ALICATS Dance & Music in Georgia. She recently purchased a home in Lawrenceville, GA.  
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**'03**

**Deborah Bauer** is a doctoral student in history at the University of South Florida. She specializes in research on the experiences of Florida women during the "British period," 1763-1784.

**Brooke May** was awarded the Young Alumnus Award during UT's commencement ceremony in May. This award is given each year by the UT National Alumni Association to a recent graduate that has a record of outstanding service to the University. Brooke has

Brooke May '03



supported UT as an active member of UT's Board of Counselors and most recently served as Chair of the Board in 2007-08.

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## Stay in Touch

We want to know what you've been doing since graduation, and so do your classmates and friends. Stay in touch by sending us your Class Acts so we can include you in the next issue of the *UT Journal*. You can send in the form below, e-mail [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu) or update your page on the alumni site.



## What's Happenin'?

The University of Tampa is interested in the progress of its alumni. Use this form to let us know your news. Be sure to provide all information, so that your news can be included in the Class Acts section of the next issue of the *UT Journal*. Alumni also can update their contact information and share news via the Internet. Log on to [alumni.ut.edu](http://alumni.ut.edu) and type away.

Please mail this form to  
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## News for ClassActs

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## '04

**Sabrina Bush** has become a registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit of St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center. She obtained an associate's of arts in nursing in May 2009, while being on the Dean's List. Sabrina is now living in Syracuse, NY.

**Ashley Cornell** has been appointed to vice president/general manager of ABC Companies CustomerCare Group, the command post for all new coach equipment related issues.

**Michelle Hummel** and **Roger Machlin** became engaged on Oct. 2 when Roger proposed at Indian Rocks Beach in St. Petersburg, FL. The college sweethearts first met at UT's Crescent Place in 2002.

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**Jennifer Perry Johnson** gave birth to a daughter, Grace Audrey, on May 18. She and her husband reside in Tampa.

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**Sarah Mantooth** joined the staff at St. Francis High School in Wheaton, IL teaching chemistry and biology.

**Sarah McTurk** is engaged to Douglas MacLeod. A July 2010 wedding on Cape Cod has been planned. Sarah teaches fifth grade at The Langley School in McLean, VA.

**Nicholas C. Richardson** graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine on May 31.

## '05

**Matt Gary BS '05 BFA '06**, named "Who's New to Watch" in 2009 by *CMA Close-up Magazine*, has signed an endorsement

deal with Dean Markley Strings of Santa Clara, CA. Matt is currently recording his self-titled full-length album with producer Frank Myers in Starstruck Studios, Nashville, TN. His album is slated for an early 2010 release.

**Tyler Martinolich** is programming director for the Sunscreen Film Festival.

**Patrick McMaster** is assistant general manager for the Port Charlotte Stone Crabs, the Florida-based Single-A minor league baseball team owned by Bill Ripken and Cal Ripken Jr.

**Kyra Vazquez Santiago** delivered a healthy baby boy, Nicolas Antonio, on Sept. 20. He joins his older brother, Lucas, 11 months, as the most recent additions to the family. Kyra works as a clinician at Boley FACT, a psychiatric team that works with patients with severe mental illness. The family resides in St. Petersburg.

## '06

**Heidi Morris** and **Kevin Rooney** got engaged in September. They plan to marry in September 2010 at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, NJ. Heidi is Northeast regional account manager for SureDeposit, and Kevin owns a Total Golf Adventures franchise in Bergen, NJ.



Kevin Rooney '03 and Heidi Morris '03

**Katie Netsch** is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Kyrgyz Republic and she has kicked off a barn-raising project to benefit farm families in her host community. She is helping five families erect a cooperative barn for sheep, cows and chickens.

**David Rothman** serves as a partner in Dr. Brothers Artisans Extraordinaire. The company recently completed a mural inspired by Norman Rockwell at West Reynolds and Evers streets of downtown Plant City, FL.

**Jamal A. Wilburg** has been deployed to Afghanistan, working as the Military Postal Officer in charge of Postal Operations.

## '07

**Katie Griffin** recently graduated from the University of Denver Daniel's College of Business with a Master of Science in Marketing, with an integrated marketing strategy concentration.

**Jamie Mathison** recently took a part-time position as a seal trainer at the New England Aquarium. She has worked at the aquarium since graduating from UT. She resides in Massachusetts.

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**Lindsey M. McLendon**, has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in visual arts. She creates commissioned artwork, designs business cards, and organizes art shows in Fort Worth and Dallas, TX.

**Janelle Middents** headed a fundraising team called "Fighting for Air," which participated in the Fight for Air Climb in the Bank of America building in Tampa

to raise awareness of lung cancer. Janelle is the development coordinator for the American Lung Association in Orlando.

**Elizabeth Pytlik** just began law school at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. She plans on specializing in health law.

**Jaime Ryan** married Stefan Krause on Aug. 16. The couple resides in San Diego, CA, where Jaime works for Wellpoint Behavioral Health.

**Katelyn Tobia** worked on and was in a Gatorade commercial that aired this fall, "PERFORMANCE ART — Michael Jordan." She also appeared as principal talent in a Dove/Wal-Mart Commercial. She works for advertising agency TWA/Chiat/Day in Chicago.



Adrienne (Vartanian) Dikranian '08 and Jack Dikranian

## '08

**Adrienne (Vartanian) Dikranian** recently married Jack Dikranian on April 16 in New Jersey.

**Lisa Ladany** worked on developing an H1N1 vaccine for Protein Sciences Corp., a biotechnology company in Connecticut.

**Deborah Leyva** spoke at The World Health Care Congress Leadership Summit on HITECH & HIPAA Compliance Management in Alexandria, VA, on Nov. 9.

**Kaia Marquardt** was the first alumna to finish the Spartan Challenge 5K, with a time of 25:01, on Oct. 17.

**Joshua A. Murphy** has concluded serving a year in AmeriCorps through the City Year program, and he has been employed by the District of Columbia Public Schools Central Office. He is the executive assistant for the deputy chief in the Office of Youth Engagement, and he is excited to be a part of Chancellor Michelle Rhee's vision for change and growth for D.C. public school students.

**Tara Parian** won third place in the sitcom category of the Scriptapalooza International Television Writing Contest, supported by the Writers Guild of America. Tara is attending a City College of New York graduate film program on a producing track. She also interned at "Entertainment Tonight/The Insider."

**Jennifer Pomponio '08 M.A.T. '09** is engaged to **Mark Babiarz '06**. Jennifer is a teacher in Manhattan, and Mark works for the New Jersey Nets.

**Jessica Rosado** welcomes Jaiden Michael Wanzer, born on July 27, to her family. They live in Silver Spring, MD.

## '09

**Laura Abercrombie** was hired to teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts at McKeel Academy in Lakeland, FL.

**Josh Kratovil** was hired as a paid intern at Riverside Publishing, a subsidiary of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Josh resides in Chicago.

**Nicole List** is a journalist whose articles have been picked up by many Florida publications, including her most recent pieces in the *Miami Herald* and *Grand*



*Avenue News.* She is studying for her master's degree in print journalism at the University of Miami.  
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**Ryan Messier** became a member of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning staff.

**Molly Murphy** is the volunteer manager for Horses and the Handicapped of South Florida Inc., a therapeutic horseback riding center in Coral Springs.

## GRAD SCHOOL ALUMNI

### ClassActs

'79

**Bill Cantrell MBA** announced his retirement as president of People's Gas in Tampa.

'81

**LeRoy Mitchell '77 MBA '81** (see page 21).

'86

**John Duff MBA** was appointed to the senior staff of Gas Turbine Efficiency plc, a leader in energy services and aviation products. He will be responsible for business development and strategic power generation initiatives.

'87

**Walid Hatoum MBA** was named president of PBS&J International Inc., which provides infrastructure planning, engineering, construction, environmental consulting, urban planning, architecture, hospitality, entertainment, and construction/program management services. He lives in Tampa.

'94

**Jonathan Woods MBA** has been named minister of music by Delaney Street Baptist Church in Orlando.

# SPOTLIGHT

## PART AN

### Jeopardy Whiz Asks All the Right Questions

**PATRICK MACARAEG M.Ed. '09** was a software engineer for 10 years before he landed on "Jeopardy!" and made a life-changing decision. While on the show, Macaraeg met a number of inspiring educators, and they encouraged him to pursue a new career.

"After I started winning, I was thinking this is an opportunity to change where my life is going," he says. "This is probably the last chance I'll have to go after a career in teaching."

It didn't hurt that he had \$83,000 of winnings to tide him over until he figured out how to become a teacher. Macaraeg, a three-time "Jeopardy!" winner, even landed a spot on the game show's Hall of Fame. Of course, there was the one

that got away. The clue?

"It's the only building to appear on two current U.S. bills; one is an interior view, the other an exterior view." (See below for the question.)

In Macaraeg's defense, nobody got it right.

A year after his appearance on "Jeopardy!", Macaraeg took a job teaching at Kennedy Middle School in Clearwater (now Clearwater Fundamental School). After a couple years, he looked into getting a master's degree and ended up in the first cohort of UT's fledgling program.

He graduated from UT this summer with a Master of Education degree. His thesis was on the use of narrative literature to teach math. For instance, in addition to teaching his students probability equations and formulas, he had them read an adventure story where the main character did simple probability in his head to calculate the odds of escaping from the person chasing him.

"Probability is usually taught using the example of a deck of cards, rolling dice and flipping a coin," Macaraeg says. "That may sound interesting to people writing textbooks, but not to middle school students. Stories increase engagement."

He is now teaching at East Lake High School in Tarpon Springs and working with Dr. Martha Harrison, associate professor of education, to develop a full-length book creating narratives that feature algebra as major plot elements, such as the order of operations or the fundamental counting principle. ■■■



Patrick Macaraeg M.Ed. '09

Question: What is Independence Hall? (on the \$2 bill and the \$100 bill)

'95

**Shawn C. Gregory '93 MBA '95** (see page 22).

'00

**David Virgilio '98 MBA '00** (see page 23).



Theo Suchomel

on Jan. 9. He and his wife also welcomed the birth of their son, Theo, on June 24. They reside in Dresden, Germany.

'04

**Olaf Suchomel MBA** married Ivonne Haehnel

'08

**Connie Gee MBA** was named vice president of

Med-Vision, a Tampa-based medical consulting company providing strategies to lower healthcare costs and improve quality of care.

'09

**Jennifer Pomponio '08 M.A.T. '09** (see page 24).





Hills works at the Lance Armstrong Foundation headquarters, in a converted warehouse in Austin, TX.

# RAISING CANCER AWARENESS

## Alumnus Joins Lance Armstrong's

# Tour de Force

By Robin Roger  
Editor



Lance Armstrong's return to the Tour de France last summer raised as many eyebrows as it did cheers. But while thousands of fans lined the roadway to catch a glimpse of the legendary cyclist, Phil Hills '88 was busy working behind the scenes as executive vice president for the Lance Armstrong Foundation.



Armstrong finished third, but Hills says the most important goal was not winning, but pushing the **LIVESTRONG** message to the forefront. When he announced his return to cycling, Armstrong said it was to raise awareness of the global cancer burden, which leads to 8 million deaths worldwide each year — or 15 people every minute.

"Cancer has become more of a priority in the U.S., but in some parts of the world nobody talks about it," Hills said.

**H**ills oversees all development and revenue streams for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, including individual and corporate philanthropy, business partnerships, major gifts, sponsorships and licensing of the **LIVESTRONG** brand, including the Nike line of **LIVESTRONG** merchandise. The **LIVESTRONG** brand is also licensed to Oakley, Trek and Giro. Hills works closely with the companies and approves all merchandise prior to it going to market. He also helps develop the annual merchandise plan.

Hills, who once served as UT's director of alumni relations, got the job at the Lance Armstrong Foundation last year. At the time, he was vice president of development at Emory University's Health Sciences Center. Just prior to joining the foundation, his partner's brother was diagnosed with brain cancer.

"It had some role in me wanting to come here," Hills said. "There are a lot of great cancer organizations, but here you get to have a direct touch, and global effect, on changing the quality of cancer care."

The foundation employs only 75 full-time staff members, so they come up with ideas and implement them quickly. Armstrong is especially fun to work with, Hills said, calling the cyclist one of the brightest, most insightful people he's ever met.

"He's incredibly driven, but what would surprise people is there's a compassion to his drive and a strong desire to do something that really makes a difference in the world," Hills added.

**A**rmstrong's determination and drive were on display during the Tour de France, where he finished in the top three in 17 out of 21 stages. Hills was able to see some of the race while he was in France, but spent most of his time with donors and sponsors traveling by bus, train and van across Europe, sometimes only getting two hours of sleep a night.

While Hills was there, he met with the Prince of Monaco, who hosted a fundraiser at the start of the Tour. He also helped plan the art show STAGES,



Hills (center, in khaki and white) and several donors met with the Prince of Monaco during the Tour.

which opened in Paris during the tour and brought together 21 world-renowned artists who each created original artworks in support of the foundation. The show traveled to New York City in October and Miami in December. All proceeds from the sales went to the foundation, providing more than \$2 million to support cancer programs.

During the tour, Nike filled stores with the iconic **LIVESTRONG** Nike T-shirts and ubiquitous yellow **LIVESTRONG** wristbands, selling out on the Champs Elysee. The Lance Armstrong Foundation and Nike also partnered on a new project where fans texted inspirational messages to cancer survivors and Nike's chalk-bot sprayed the message on the road.

In August, Hills and his partner David Hanson '89, a volunteer and fundraiser for the foundation (and an avid cyclist), traveled with Armstrong and company to the **LIVESTRONG** Global Cancer Summit, in Dublin, Ireland. Delegates from more than 60 countries attended the summit and many pledged to make cancer research and treatment a priority in their home countries.

"We as a society must do more to fight cancer — a disease that impacts 28 million people worldwide and is projected to be the leading cause of death globally in 2010," Hills says. "**LIVESTRONG** and Lance will be back in France next year, but more importantly, we will be providing service, knowledge, inspiration and empowerment to thousands of survivors every day — that's what we do and will keep doing until cancer is a thing people read about in history books." ■

**"C**ancer has become more of a priority in the U.S., but in some parts of the world nobody talks about it."

— Phil Hills '88



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

### JANUARY

**Thurs., Jan. 21**

Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter Meeting  
6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting  
Riverside Center  
Second Floor Conference Room

**Fri., Jan. 29**

NAA Board of Directors Meeting  
3 p.m.  
Vaughn Center Board Room

**Sat., Jan. 30**

Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter  
Gasparilla Brunch  
10 a.m. to Noon  
West Verandah, Music Room and  
Grand Salon  
\$10 for paid members, \$40 for guests  
(\$45 day of)  
Details at [alumni.ut.edu](http://alumni.ut.edu)

### FEBRUARY

**Thurs., Feb. 18**

Golden Spartans Induction Lunch  
11:30 a.m.  
Vaughn Center Crescent Club

Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter Meeting  
6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting  
Riverside Center  
Second Floor Conference Room

### MARCH

**Wed., March 10**

Ladies of the '50s Lunch  
Noon  
Vaughn Center  
Crescent Club  
\$15 per person




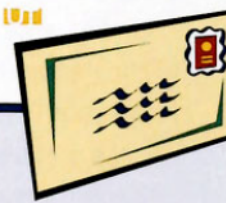
## VIP for a Day

In August a group of Chicago-area alumni and parents gathered for a private VIP tour of the historical Chicago Theatre. The group enjoyed red carpet access to the architectural highlights of the building, including the grand lobby areas, majestic auditorium and the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. The group's favorite part was seeing the performers' signatures that filled the walls behind the stage including those of Frank Sinatra, George Carlin and even the cast of "Family Guy."

Following the tour, the group enjoyed drinks and appetizers at the cherished Walnut Room in the Marshall Field's Building.

## Victorian Holiday with the Parents

Tampa Bay area parents stepped back in time on Dec. 2 at the UT Family Association's annual Parent Night at the Henry B. Plant Museum Victorian Christmas Stroll. Many parents turned out for the holiday tour and cider on the verandah. The only thing missing was the snow. 



A complete listing of University events can be found at [www.ut.edu](http://www.ut.edu).

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### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

- ☐ I want to help recruit students to UT.
- ☐ I want to help with career development.
- ☐ I want to help plan Homecoming for alumni.
- ☐ I want to be a sports booster.
- ☐ I want to serve as a class agent for fund-raising.
- ☐ I want to \_\_\_\_\_





Robyn Wesley '98 and Mark Novak '83 take a moment for refreshments after viewing some of the exhibits at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

## Cocktails in the Garden

A group of 20 alumni and parents came from the Atlanta-area for the "Cocktails in the Garden" display at the Atlanta Botanical Garden on Sept. 24. The group enjoyed appetizers from local restaurants and specialty drinks made with flowers grown in the garden, as well as access to explore the entire garden, including the Fuqua Orchid Center.

## UT Goes to Radio City

A group of 50 alumni, parents and friends met at Mustang Harry's (because Mustang Sally's was such a hit last year) on Nov. 14. The group enjoyed appetizers, cocktails and updates on UT while fighting off the chilly weather. Following the social, the group headed to the Radio City Music Hall to see the Rockettes perform in the Christmas Spectacular. 🍷🍷🍷



Michael DeCarlo and Caroline Avery, both class of 2008 graduates, left the cold outside and shared warm UT memories before heading to Radio City Music Hall to see the Rockettes.



## Baseball in the "Pawk"

In August nearly 40 New England-area alumni, parents and friends spent the afternoon in Pawtucket, RI, for an afternoon of family fun and minor league baseball. Dave Tedford '84 prepared a pre-game barbecue feast for the group, and alumni mixed, mingled and discussed Homecoming plans before heading into the stadium for the game.

The game may have gone into extra innings, but at 11 innings it was only a third of the length of the longest game in professional baseball history, played by the Pawtucket Red Sox and the Rochester Red Wings. That game went 32 innings in 1981.

## Pirate Invasion

The Tampa Alpha Chapter will hold its annual Gasparilla Pre-parade Brunch on Saturday, Jan. 30. In the past, more than 300 alumni and friends have attended brunch on the verandah before heading down to watch the Gasparilla parade, which has a new route this year. The cost to attend is \$10 per chapter member, \$40 for guests (in advance), and \$45 the day of, and includes a buffet breakfast, unlimited beer, wine and spirits, and free parking for the day.

As always, the Royal Krewe of Sparta will support the event while wearing togas. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Krewe, please visit [www.kreweofsparta.com](http://www.kreweofsparta.com). 🍷🍷🍷

New England-area alumni, parents and friends enjoy tailgating together before a Paw Sox game in August.

## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

Dorothy Van Balen '35  
Mary Glenn Coarsey Baker '39  
Cora Shields Fox '42  
Joe C. Granda '50  
James "Jim" Berfield '55  
Charles J. "Charlie" Meyer '56  
Daisy Kathryn Ayers Bransford '57  
Tony B. Urso '59  
Marta Martynienko '60  
Robert T. Hughes '61  
Jeanallen "Jean" Joyce Walker Weinstock '61  
Vilma Hevia Tucker '64  
Ralph Eugene Neeley '65  
Louis Vincent Cianfrogna '68  
Patricia Demarzo '69  
Dennis S. Carr '70  
James Gordon '74  
Marianne Irish '74  
Sylvia Justice Osborne MBA '77  
John Shinn '77  
Dale Ray Payne '87  
Kory Lee Andina '99

### STUDENTS

Erik V. Nicoletti '10

## NEWS FROM THE UT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The annual **FAMILY WEEKEND** this October included golf, a cruise and minaret views. It also included a family barbecue, men's and women's soccer games and a musical theatre production titled "Songs for a New World." The seventh annual Family Weekend Golf Tournament took place at The Eagles Golf Course in Odessa, and a lunch cruise aboard the Yacht Starship provided water views of Tampa Bay. 🍷🍷🍷



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**PROJECTING SUCCESS** Partners in the motion picture industry Paul B. Heth '90 (above) and Shari E. Redstone spoke at UT on Nov. 2. Heth is general director of Rising Star Media and chairman and CEO of Soquel Ventures, and Redstone is president of movie theater chain National Amusements Inc. and vice chair of the board of directors of Viacom and CBS Corp. At left: Redstone signs an autograph for a woman at the event. **UT**

## UT Comes to YOU!

### UT IS COMING TO TEXAS!

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, we'll head to Dallas as part of our Texas tour. Look for your invitation in the mail. We look forward to seeing all of our Dallas-area parents and alumni.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, we'll take our cattle train into Houston to hold a social event for our Houston-area parents and alumni.

UT will head to Austin for the first time on Thursday, Jan. 21, to host a mixer for local alumni and parents. Don't worry — just because Austin bills itself as the live music capital of the world doesn't mean you'll be required to sing karaoke!

### DRIVING OUTSIDE THE BOX

The Tampa Alpha Chapter, the local Tampa chapter of UT's National Alumni Association, will hold the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Brian Claar Golf Classic on Friday, April 16. The upcoming tournament will be held at a new location this year — the Pebble Creek Golf Course in New Tampa. In previous years, more than \$5,000 was raised, and all proceeds from the tournament go to the UT Scholarship fund. For information on sponsoring next year's tournament, visit [alumni.ut.edu](http://alumni.ut.edu) or contact Jessica Burns at [jburns@ut.edu](mailto:jburns@ut.edu).

### A GRAND TIME

Plans are in the works for an alumni and parent event in Grand Cayman in March. If you are interested in attending or have location suggestions, please contact Jessica Burns at [jburns@ut.edu](mailto:jburns@ut.edu) or Ruth Myles at [ruthsmithmyles@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthsmithmyles@hotmail.com).

### THE CAPITAL OF CHAPTERS

The Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter will be hosting a kick-off event in the spring to announce the official formation of an active chapter. The group held a brainstorming meeting in the fall and is ready to go to work connecting alumni in the spring. If you are interested in becoming involved with the chapter, please contact Abebi Wolfe '98 at [abebiw@hotmail.com](mailto:abebiw@hotmail.com). **UT**

## Kick-off in the Rat

The Tampa Alpha Chapter hosted its Second Annual Kick-Off in the Rathskeller on Sept. 16 to celebrate the new academic year and introduce local alumni to the group. The chapter held a shortened version of its monthly meeting, followed by the first social of the year. The chapter raffled off various prizes, including a grand prize of two tickets to a home Buccaneers game.

Yearly membership dues for the Tampa Alpha Chapter are only \$25 and provide discounted prices to events including the Gasparilla Brunch and the golf tournament, as well as area happy hours and more. For more information, contact chapter president Sheri Huelster '05 at [shuelster@hotmail.com](mailto:shuelster@hotmail.com). **UT**



Smitty Smith '84, Laura Strite '07 and Susan Schmanski '05 pause in between raffle prizes at the Tampa Alpha Kick-Off.



## Alumni Up & Comers

The Tampa Bay Business Journal announced its 2009 Up & Comer Awards, and seven UT alumni were among the winners. They were honored at a ceremony on Nov. 5. Below is a list of the UT Up & Comers.

• **LAUREN GELLER '99**, leasing associate for Lane Witherspoon & Carswell Commercial Real Estate Advisors

• **CHELSIE MARIE LAMIE '02**, attorney for Perenich Caulfield Avril Noyes & Perenich PA

• **SETH GARBER '04**, founder of Nvirotec Pest Control Services

• **REY ANN FUTCH '06**, vice president of Fourthdoor Creative Group

• **FIONA N. D. MAY '06**, media buyer for Schifino Lee Advertising and Branding

• **KELLY EVERS '07**, client services coordinator at STAR Technology Enterprise Center

• **LEON EPHRAIM LEVY '07**, director of clinical operations, Express Dental Care



Jane Castor '81 was named Chief in September.

## Alumna Made Tampa Police Chief

When the UT Journal interviewed Jane Castor '81 for a profile in the winter of 2006, she had just been promoted to assistant chief of police for Tampa.

"I didn't think that I could get any busier with work, but apparently I was wrong," she said.

She got a lot busier this September, as she became Tampa's first female chief of police.

Appointed by Mayor Pam Iorio to replace retiring chief Steve Hogue, Castor is a 25-year veteran of the department who has worked in patrol, narcotics, sex crimes and criminal intelligence. She has ridden in



David Gee '90

presidential motorcades, worked prostitution stings and been shot at by robbery suspects. She has also served as the department's liaison to the gay and lesbian community.

Castor has been a driving force behind the department's 50 percent

reduction in crime in the last three years. She helped develop the Focus on Four Crime Reduction Plan, which targets four high volume pattern crimes. Castor has also led the Department of Homeland Security's Tampa Bay Urban Area Security Initiative, (UASI) since 2003.

In August the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives named her Law Enforcement Executive of the Year. Castor will be one of nine other female chiefs in the state.

While at UT, the six-foot tall Castor played volleyball and basketball and earned a degree in criminology, graduating with special honors. She was inducted into UT's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Giving back to her community, she coaches youth basketball teams and participates in Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Tampa Bay.

Castor's appointment to chief means that the top law enforcement positions in the city and county are held by UT alumni. Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee '90 graduated with a degree in mathematics.

Another alumnus, Bob Guidara '80 recently retired from his post as assistant chief after 31 years with the Tampa police.

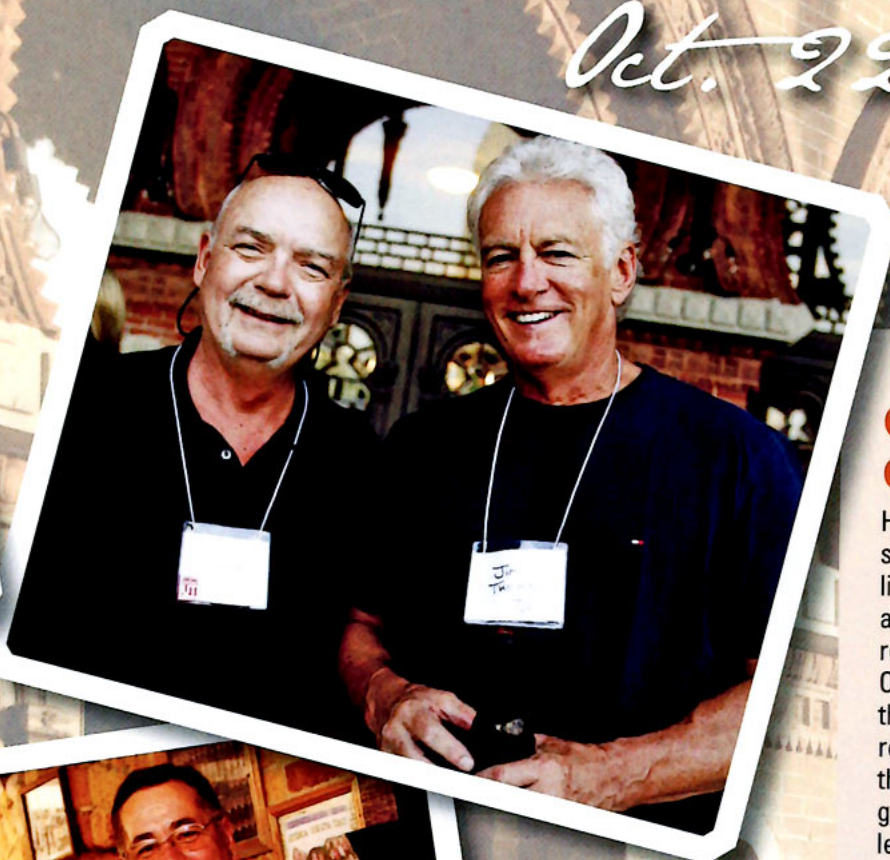


# Homecoming and Reunions 2009

Oct. 22-25

## Come One, Come All

Homecoming was a huge success, with new events, like the One Year Reunion and the Decade of the '80s reunion, and the reinstated Oktoberfest. Late Night in the Rat allowed alumni to relive old memories and the President's Reception gave them a chance to learn about the state of the University. For more photos, visit the University of Tampa Alumni Relations Facebook page. [UJ](#)



Clockwise, from top left: Anthony Scionti '57 and his wife Domenica enjoyed the memorabilia on display at the Decade of the '50s Reunion.

(From left) NAA board member Jack Lamond '73 and Jim Thomas '72 kicked off Homecoming weekend at the President's Reception.

2008 Homecoming Queen Amber Rehman '09 wore her crown at the President's Reception before turning it over to the new queen at the Homecoming volleyball game.

John Mackie '58 and Micki Bailey Ledoux '56 share a laugh at the Decade of the '50s Reunion.

(From left) Mayra and Mark Caplin '85 reconnected with Debbie and Paul Duncan '84 at the Night in the Rathskeller event during Homecoming.



## THE LYKES HALL GIVE

### NAME

**Bruce E. Meltzer '73**

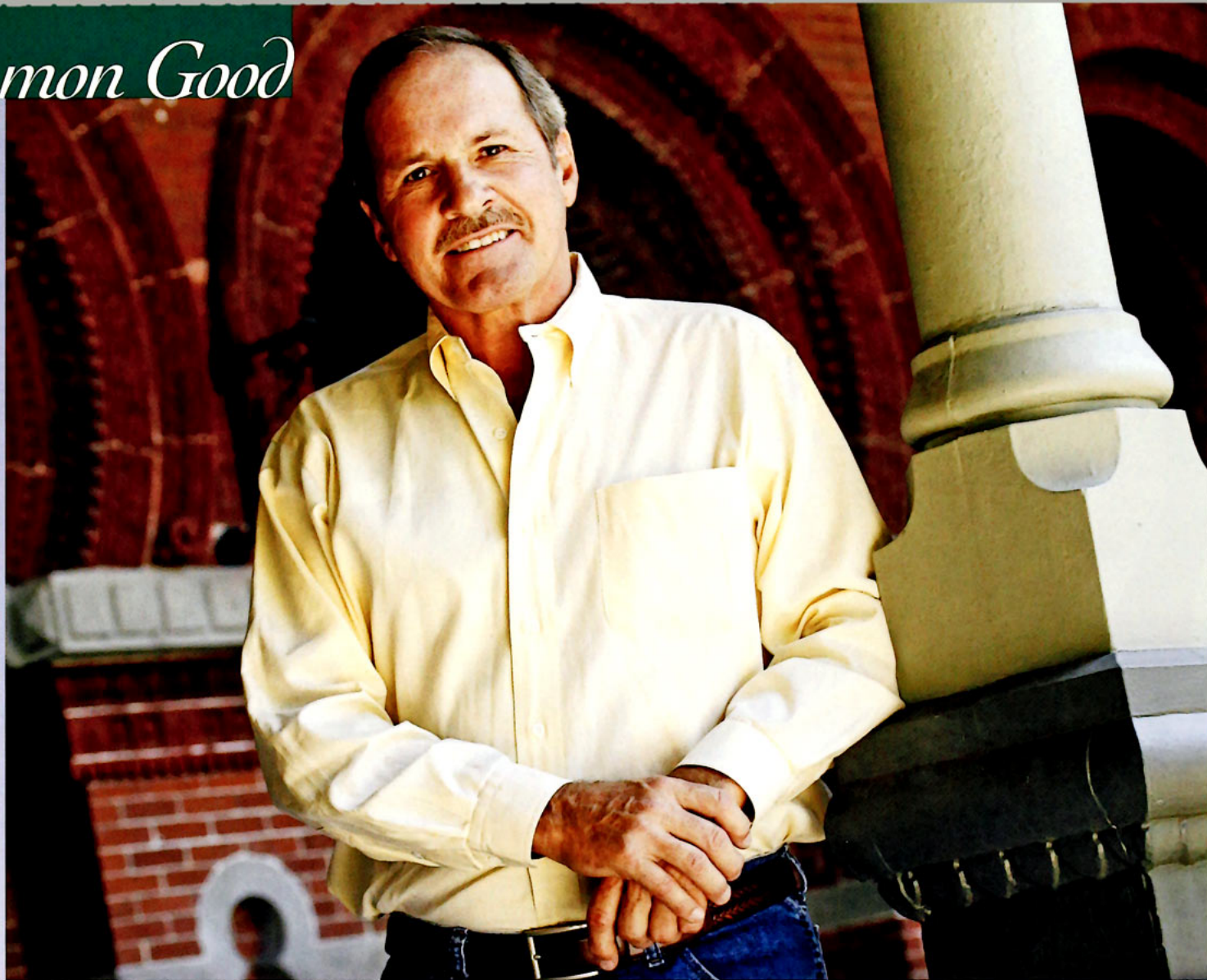
### MAJOR:

**Sociology with a  
minor in business**

### CURRENT PROFESSION:

**Owner of ZFD Inc.,  
a business  
consulting firm**

Above: Bruce Meltzer '73, an  
honorary member of the Lykes  
Hall "Rats."



### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA?

I grew up on Long Island, so when it came time to apply for college, I decided that I wanted to move to a warmer climate. I was accepted to two colleges in New York as well as the University of Miami, but I chose to attend UT because I liked the University's compact campus and small student body, which numbered around 2,500 in the late 1960s.

### WHAT WERE YOU INVOLVED IN AT UT?

I played all the intramural sports, first as a member of the Lykes Hall "Rats" and later as a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. We had a tremendous rivalry with the physical education majors.

### THE LYKES HALL "RATS"?

We were known as the "Rats" because of the ratty conditions of our dorm in comparison to McKay and Delo Hall, where the other students lived.

Lykes Hall was located at 301 Plant Ave. It was a four-story brick building that was held erect by a series of railroad tracks that were attached to the exterior. The downstairs was a lounge area and TV room that opened up to a big front porch, while the upstairs floors were made up of bedrooms. The dorm housed approxi-

mately 80 male students from the Northeast, and we all had nicknames. Bunky, Stork, Lumpy, Pearl, Miner and "Roommate," were popular figures from the dorm.

Dean Benton, the dean of men, was a frequent visitor to the dorm, and not to commend us on our good behavior.

### MOST MEMORABLE PROFESSOR?

I admired Dr. Charles Walker, who I had for Biology 101. It is quite possible that he was the smartest man on campus. I also developed great relationships with Dr. Charles West, vice president of student affairs, Dr. Charlie Hyde, dean of faculty, and Dr. Al Terry, professor of economics. In fact, Dr. Terry gave me my first job at an investment advisory firm shortly after I graduated in 1973.

### WHY DO YOU SUPPORT UT?

I support UT because I believe that the University offers a quality educational and personal experience. There have been many times since graduating that I've realized that the place I am in now is directly related to my choice to attend UT. Any time I see the minarets of Plant Hall, I feel that I am a part of something great, and the care that has been taken to ensure the forward progress and success of UT is definitely a cause I like being part of. ■■■



# Dedicated Chiseler to Be Honored at Market Preview Party

**D**ue to her many years of service and the many contributions she's made to the Chiselers organization, Phyllis Kimbel will be recognized as honorary chair of the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Chiselers' Market Preview Party. President Ronald L. Vaughn will introduce Kimbel at the party on Friday, March 12.

"Phyllis is not only a warm and beautiful person, she is a true Renaissance woman," said Carol Lockey, a fellow Chiseler.


Kimbel has been president of the Chiselers two times, and she has raised more funds than any other member. Altogether, the Chiselers have raised more than \$3 million for the restoration of Plant Hall. As Martha Ferman, one of the founding members,

often says, when grand ladies grow older, it costs twice as much and takes twice as long to keep them going.


In addition to her work with the Chiselers, Kimbel is an

Phyllis Kimbel, with President Ronald L. Vaughn (left) and then-senator Charlie Crist in the early '90s.

award-winning miniature artist and an author of two books, *A Jewel Reclaimed*, about the restoration of Plant Hall, and *Victorian Secrets*, a cookbook with recipes from the Victorian era.

The preview party is from 7-9 p.m. and general admission is \$50. The market is the following day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (813) 258-6965. 



**A GRAND GALA** (from left) Nicki and Tony Stephens, Jill and Major General David Scott, and Karen and Mark House at the Minaret Society Gala Nov. 6. Mark House, David Scott and Tony Stephens are all members of the Board of Fellows. 

## GIFTS IN HONOR AND IN MEMORIAM

Gifts made from June 1-Oct. 26, 2009.

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## CORRECTION

Prudential Foundation was omitted from the list of Matching Gift Companies in the Fall *Journal's* Donor Honor Roll.


## NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

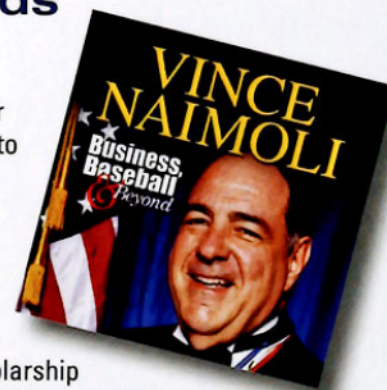
**LT. GENERAL HAROLD G. MOORE ENDOWED AWARD**

## Naimoli, Knott Donate Book Proceeds

Vince Naimoli, namesake of UT's Naimoli Institute for Business Strategy and founder of the Tampa Bay Rays, came to campus Dec. 16 to sign copies of his new book, *Business, Baseball & Beyond*.

Naimoli donated 500 copies of his book to UT, and the proceeds will be used to support the UT general scholarship fund and UT athletics. The 9x9, 156-page, full-color coffee table book retails for \$24.99. For more information, see [www.vincenaimoli.com](http://www.vincenaimoli.com).

Healthcare and retail executive Jeff Knott held a signing Dec. 8 for his book, *Navigating the Healthcare Maze — What You Need to Know*. Proceeds from sales at the signing will be used to support the UT nursing program. 





# Leaving a LEGACY



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**"N**ow that I have graduated and have a good job, I want to see someone else benefit the same way I did."

— Jeff Hause '93

## Words to LIVE BY

**J**eff Hause '93 was the first in his family to graduate from a four-year college, and the milestone didn't come easily. As a transfer student from Edison College, Hause was able to attend The University of Tampa with a significant financial aid package. Working closely with the financial aid office, he was able to cobble together his tuition and living expenses through a combination of Pell Grants, Stafford loans and University aid, including a work-study job in the Admissions Office.

"My parents were hard workers but they didn't have the money to write a check and say, 'Here Jeff, go to school.' I had three different grants that helped support me and get me through UT," he said.

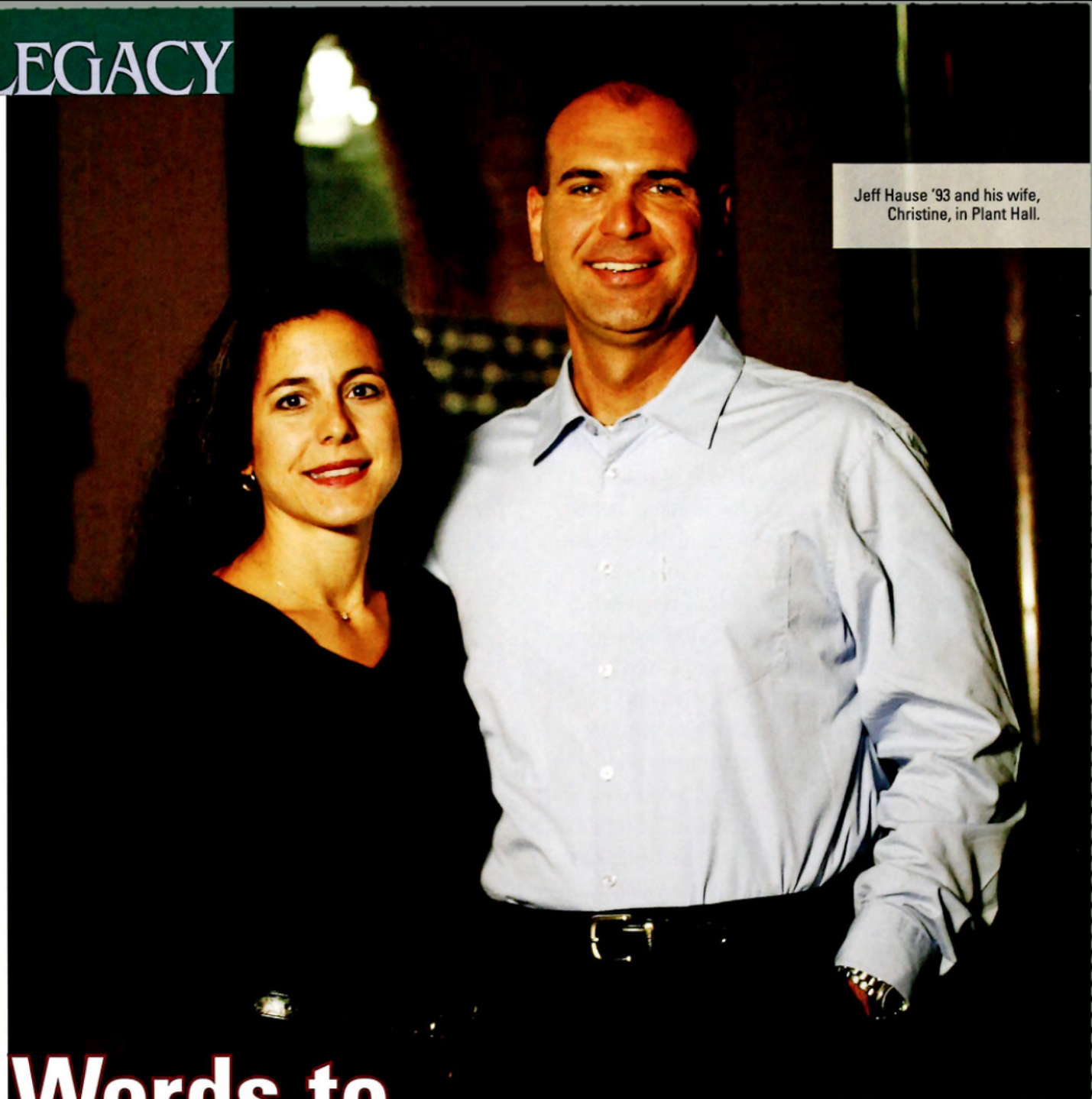
Hause majored in sport management and studied under Dr. Robert Birrenkott, professor of exercise science and sport studies.

"Bob was a good instructor, a good overall person and a friend," Hause said. "I could just knock on his door if I wanted to talk about something, and it didn't have to be school-related."

After graduating, Hause went to work as the head groundskeeper for the Wichita Wranglers, a Double-A baseball team for the Kansas City Royals. When a promotion to the front office didn't materialize as expected, he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and enter law enforcement.

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Jeff Hause '93 and his wife, Christine, in Plant Hall.





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After an extensive application process and six months at the rigorous Florida Highway Patrol Training Academy, Hause began his field training in Miami-Dade County. He now works as a Florida State Trooper in his home county of Charlotte.

When Hause reflects on the success he has had in life, he sees an opportunity to support The University of Tampa.

"The financial aid package I had helped me get through the University. Without it, I couldn't have gone to UT," Hause said. "Now that I have graduated and have a good job, I want to see someone else benefit the same way I did."

His willingness to support education should not come as a surprise, as he grew up with a mother who spent 42 years in the Charlotte County school system and was valedictorian of her Charlotte High School class.

Hause's wife, Christine, who worked in the non-profit industry at WGPU Public Media, feels the same altruistic need to give.

"As a couple without children, we feel compelled to help out someone else's kids who might not be

able to come to UT without assistance," she said. "Education opens minds and doors, two things that need not be closed."

In addition to supporting UT annually, the Hauses recently made a move to include The University of Tampa in their estate plans. By making a provision in their will to endow a scholarship for financially needy students, they have ensured that UT students will continue to receive their help well into the future.

"When I was in fundraising, we would say that people have 'dollars to live by' and 'dollars to grow by' and providing this endowed scholarship is a way for us to grow something that was important to us," said Christine. "We can only hope that a household with two bachelor's degrees will be more common in the future than it was when we were going to college." ■■

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# There's No Plate Like Home for the Holidays



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To learn more about the UT license plate, call the Alumni Office at (813) 253-6209, or e-mail [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu). (Florida residents only)



# Pie-a-Professor

**H**ave you ever had a professor you thought deserved a pie in the face?

Well, this year students had a chance to pay their professors back for all those pop quizzes and long reading assignments. Twelve UT faculty and staff members volunteered for the first annual Pie-a-Professor Campaign. The event took place during homecoming week and gave several students the opportunity to *stick it* to their professors with a sticky whipped cream pie in the face.

So, what made this group deserving?

Well, believe it or not, it was actually an honor. The goal of UT's Pie-a-Professor campaign was to raise awareness among students that to keep the University operating it takes everyone's help — each taking care of his or her own piece of the pie. Often students think that, because they pay tuition, they are paying the full cost of a UT education.

## But it takes much more.

Every year alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends donate to UT to keep tuition down and scholarship opportunities high. Students are not charged extra to pay for intramural sport referees or peer tutoring. Class sizes are kept small, and top-notch residence halls are built thanks to your help.

Throughout homecoming week, a jar for each faculty or staff member collected tickets. Students could make a suggested donation of \$1 for one raffle

ticket or \$5 for six tickets for the chance to pie their professor, and on Oct. 23, the top five ticket-getters received their winnings — whipped cream.

The final four professors — and one staff member — were: Dr. Edward Cloutier, associate professor of education; Dr. Sean Maddan, assistant professor of criminology; Donovan Myrie, instructor of communication; Dr. Jay O'Sullivan, assistant professor of exercise science and sport studies; Gil Swalls, associate athletic director.

Laura Mayes '10, a senior studying advertising and PR, is the chair of the student organization Class Campaign for UT, which created the event. Mayes attends the University on a scholarship and wants others to understand the importance of giving back.

"I always knew I would go to college, but I never dreamed it would be a school of UT's caliber," she said. "Thanks to generous donors, I have been given the opportunity to create and inspire change in other students."

More than 400 students participated in Pie-a-Professor. All contributions will be combined to give a deserving student a scholarship next fall. Students also had a chance to write thank-you notes to donors for the scholarships they had received, and the Class Campaign committee gave Mayes a taste of her own medicine ... she got pied at the end of the night.

"We are thrilled with the success of the first annual Pie-a-Professor campaign," Mayes said.

"Not only are students more aware of the University's needs, they also understand more about the aid they are receiving. And as a bonus, the scholarship we created will help a future student on his or her educational journey."

The committee already has ideas on how to grow the campaign for next year. They say their job isn't done until everyone understands, **"The pie will never be complete without YOU!"**

Donovan Myrie, instructor of communication, gets his piece of the pie from Laura Mayes '10.



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
— Laura Mayes '10







## Sisterly Love

**T**he sisters of Delta Kappa ride the Sigma Kappa Nu float east on Kennedy Boulevard (Lafayette Street at the time) in front of the Hillsborough County Courthouse in a homecoming parade in 1946. The fraternity was known as the “Skins” and was the second national fraternity formed at UT in 1933 (Beta Chi was just a bit earlier). The fraternity was discontinued at UT in 1955. Were you a Delta Kappa or a Sigma Kappa Nu? If so, write [publicinfo@ut.edu](mailto:publicinfo@ut.edu) if you know any of the people on the float. 



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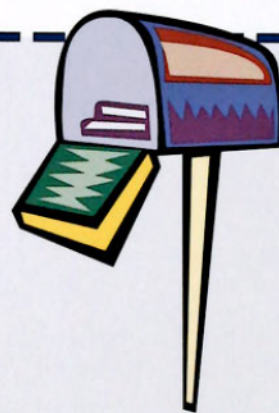
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