

A red-tinted photograph of graduates in gowns and caps walking on a sidewalk. The graduates are in the foreground and middle ground, moving from left to right. The background shows trees and a building. The overall tone is celebratory and historical.

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GRADUATION 1977



# what's happening

- May 27, 28** Tampa Ballet Company,  
Falk Theatre - 8:30 P.M.
- May 28** USF Choir perform with  
Florida Gulf Coast Symphony,  
McKay Auditorium - 8:00 P.M.
- May 30** Summer Session I begins - 8:00 A.M.  
University of Tampa Jazz Concert,  
Falk Theatre - 8:00 P.M.
- June 25** University of Tampa Jazz Concert,  
Falk Theatre - 8:00 P.M.
- June 27** University of Tampa Jazz Concert,  
Falk Theatre - 8:00 P.M.
- July 1** Summer Session I ends
- July 8** Registration for Summer Session II
- July 11** Summer Session II begins - 8:00 A.M.
- Aug. 12** Summer Session II ends
- Aug. 30, 31** Registration for 1977 Fall Semester
- Sept. 1** Fall Semester begins - 8:00 A.M.

## Continuing Education Events

- May 19, 20** "Time Management" seminar
- May 22 thru June 3** American Institute of Real  
Estate Appraisers Courses  
(AIREA)
- June 13, 14** "Managerial Skills for  
Executive Secretaries &  
Administrative Assistants" seminar
- July 17 thru 20** Sun Dance Camp
- August 7 thru 10** Yearbook Seminar for High School  
Students sponsored by the  
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Charles Hyde, Terri Kurk, and Fred Rothenberg Kick off Forward Fund '77

## Forward Fund Continues

A goal of \$500,000 for the annual Forward Fund drive should be reached in the fall when late pledges are expected to be made, according to Carl W. Johnson, director of annual giving for the university. More than \$400,000 in gifts had been received by April 7 when the formal phase of the annual fundraising drive was completed. Fred Rothenberg, chairman of the board of counselors, is general chairman of the drive. Robert Ensslin, Jr. is chairman of the advance gifts division while Professor Charles Hyde heads the campus effort.

## Truxillo an A.C.E. Fellow

Dr. Stanton Truxillo, associate professor of physics, is one of 40 nominees in a field of 200 named to the 1977-78 American Council on Education Fellows Program in Academic Administration. The program, designed to prepare faculty and staff for postsecondary administrative posts, has produced 49 presidents and 200 vice presidents, vice chancellors, provosts and deans in 12 years. Truxillo, a University of Tampa professor for seven years, will be assigned to a campus where he will participate in administrative duties in September. Truxillo was responsible for setting up the dual-degree programs—two four-year college degrees in five years—between the university, Georgia Institute of Technology and Auburn University.

## Dartmouth Wins Regatta

Highlighting the March 25-27 Homecoming was the second annual President's Cup Regatta which saw northern rowing power Dartmouth University outscore Yale University 35-20 on the Hillsborough River. UT was third with 13 points, followed by the University of Minnesota, nine, and surprisingly strong (Orlando) Edgewater High School, eight. The Hillsborough Rowing Club had eight points, with Winter Park High School and Florida Technological University deadlocked at seven. Some 500 spectators attended the day-long, March 26 event.



Fred Learey presenting President's Cup Trophy to Dartmouth's coach Peter Gardner.

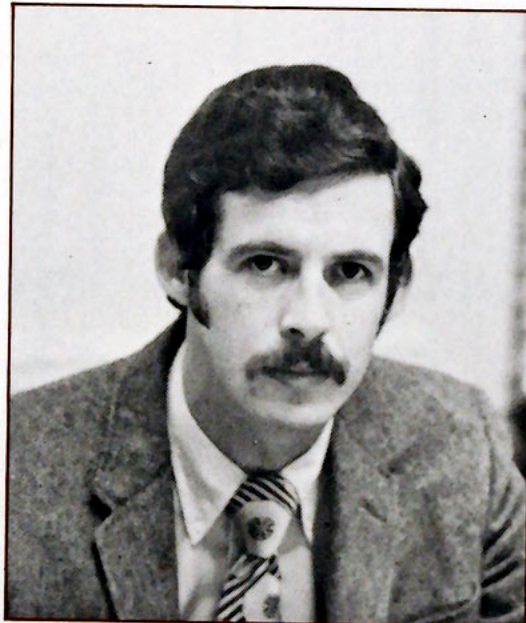


Frank Swope and Jackie Langley

## Outstanding Athletes Named

Jacquelyn Langley, a junior who has scored over 1,000 points in three years of women's varsity basketball, and Frank Swope, a four-year veteran of the varsity tennis team, were named the university's outstanding athletes for the 1976-77 year. Honored as most valuable players were Claud Caruso, baseball; Margaret McNiff and Randy Ruditz, crew; Jon Seavy, golf; Dale Allen, riflery; David Schulz, soccer; Dan Hepplewhite and Kris Lenz, swimming; Mary Lo Presti and Gregg Goldberg, tennis; Linda Frizzell, volleyball; Linda Luizza and Kevin Binau, water skiing.

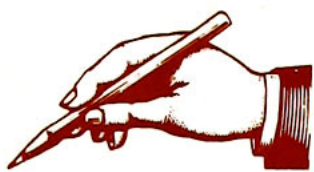
Dr. Stanton Truxillo



## UT Historic Landmark

Plant Hall, the university's main academic building built in 1891 as the Tampa Bay Hotel, this spring was named one of 19 National Historic Landmarks in the United States by the National Parks Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Other accolades include listings on the Bicentennial Trail and the National Register of Historic Places.





## Writing Contest New Venture

The university's first annual creative writing contest, open to high school seniors throughout the United States, captured 200 entries and a grip on broadening the structure of the English department. The winners—one in fiction writing, the other in poetry—were offered individual \$2,000, four-year academic scholarships. Dr. Francis X. Gillen, coordinator of English studies, says the contest was designed to attract good students with writing skills and bolster a writing minor which will be offered in September. The availability of writing courses should also "give UT students an edge in the tight job market with advanced writing skills," Gillen says.



Coach Tom Feaster, Debbie Berg, Margaret McNiff, Jeff Grimner, Joe O'Neil, Kirk Logan, Harry Edenfield, Diane Recine, Vikki White, Coach Holly Hatton, Kneeling: James Kaplan

## Crews Win

The Spartan men and women's varsity fours placed first in the Southern Intracollegiate Rowing Championships held at Stone Mountain, Ga., April 23. The women also won the dual honor of National Women's Rowing Association Southern Regional Champions. Both crews will compete in the Dad Vail Regatta (small college championships) in Phila., May 13-14.



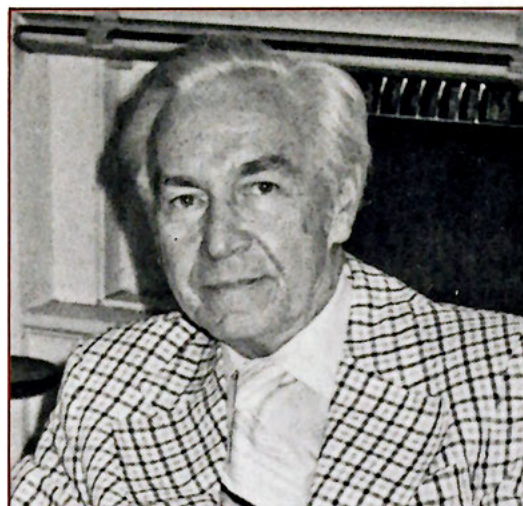
Mrs. Frances Allen

## Allen, Henderson Honored

Mrs. Frances Allen, assistant professor of speech, and Dr. Robert Henderson, Dana professor of management, were honored this spring as the outstanding faculty members by the University of Tampa National Alumni Association. Mrs. Allen, who joined the faculty 23 years ago, is a member of the American Association of University Women and the Speech Association of America. Henderson, who came to the university from Bowling Green State University (Ohio), helped establish the master of business administration program which he directed until last year.

## Alumni Elect

Three Tampans took over the reins of leadership in the university's National Alumni Association during homecoming. They are Joyce Traina, president; John Wolfe, president-elect (vice president) and Cary Singletary, secretary-treasurer.

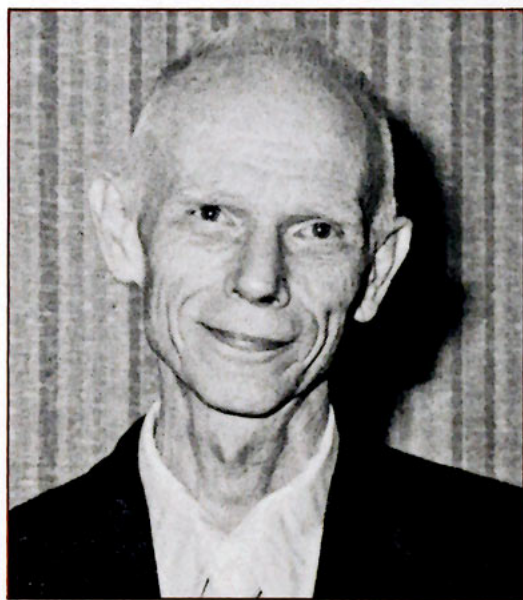


Dr. Robert Henderson

## Park Retires

Professor Stephen Park, composer-in-residence and Dana professor of music, retired in April following 38 years of service to the university. A music room in McKay Auditorium is to be remodeled and named for the popular Park, who has been granted professor emeritus status by the university's board of trustees.

Dr. Stephen Park



## UT Extends Sympathy

The university mourns the deaths this year of two veteran faculty members: Fred Fisher, associate professor of sociology and head of the criminology and social work internship programs, passed away Feb. 25. William E. Gallagher, associate professor of English, died Apr. 2. Fisher had been with the university 14 years; Gallagher, 16 years. The university expresses sympathy to their families.







# At 71, A New Job



Fred D. Learey

Fred D. Learey, named president of the University of Tampa in March after Dr. B. D. Owens resigned to take the same position with Northwest Missouri State University, says college president vacancies are mushrooming throughout the nation.

In the Tampa Bay area, UT, the University of South Florida, Hillsborough Community College and Eckerd College are operating under interim presidents. In Orlando, Dr. Charles Milliean recently announced resignation as president of Florida Technological University.

Learey, 71, says there may be 200 colleges and universities throughout the nation actively seeking presidents. Factors include advancement and the realization that top management may lose effectiveness after eight to 10 years, Learey says.

"The president of a small college (the University of Tampa has 2,366 students) might be interested in improving himself if there is an opening at a larger school," Learey says. Owens, president of the university since 1971, will take over the reins of the school with 4,500 students in July.

Learey was with the Bell Telephone System 32 years, holding executive positions with the American Telephone Co., New York, and the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., before becoming president of General Telephone Co. of Florida Jan. 1, 1961. He retired as chairman of the board 10 years later.

He includes universities in any discussion of business and economics. "In business, where I have spent all my life, a change in top management is good from time to time. I think it's good in many respects."

The American Council on Education recently released a study showing that the average tenure of a college president has dropped to four and one-half years, Owens says. Some reasons, he adds, are competition and pressure, particularly financial pressure.

Owens will be returning to his undergraduate alma mater.

The biggest problem plaguing small, private universities is fundraising, Learey says. Twenty five years ago, 75 per cent of colleges and universities in operation were private; today, the percentage is 25. "A student can go to a state institution much cheaper," he says, but denies that small, private colleges are unnecessary commodities. "In the small schools, you get smaller classes, more freedom to express yourself and it is important to preserve these institutions. (Money) is the main problem facing the University of Tampa."

Learey, who was immediate past chairman of the university's board of trustees when the group voted to abolish the major-college football program in 1975, says a return of the sport—at a reduced level of competition—may be considered. He offers no deadline.

Learey opposed dropping football.

"I voted to keep it because I felt by continuing it one more year it would give us a chance to modify it financially," he says. "Once the decision was made, I agreed to it. In a democratic process, once a decision is made, you can't always be in the majority."

The board of trustees said the football program had lost more than

\$1 million in nine years. Owens said the deficit was pushing the university toward bankruptcy.

Learey says he is uncertain the rise in incoming grade point averages—from 2.15 to 2.49—would have been denied the university if football had been retained, but that focus on the sport was not in perspective.

"Just to have someone come here and play football to go on to the pros, we didn't want that," he says. "We have to do what's best for the students." Pro graduates included Freddie Solomon, John Matuszak, Jim Del Gaizo, Leon McQuay, Darryl Carlton.

What many students and alumni consider to be a need for a strong spectator sport hasn't escaped the attention of Learey who, at Ohio Wesleyan University, played scholarship football "for fun."

"There may come a time when we should consider a good spectator sport—basketball, soccer or maybe football."

Learey, active in retirement with seats on the boards of directors of Tampa Ship Repair and Dry Dock, First Bank of St. Petersburg and New College in Sarasota, says he considered the demands for two or three days before accepting the board of trustees' request to become the university's unpaid interim president.

"I had to think a little bit if our (he and wife Marian) own personal plans would fit into it. I knew it would take a lot of time," he says.

Learey, temporary head of the search committee for a new president, says that, as of May 1, some 100 applications and nominations for the job had been received.

Still, his optimism about contracting a new president by the fall semester is subdued. The board of trustees' selection may have resignation notices or contracts to fill, a situation which Learey says could keep him in the office until early 1978.

"I will stay as long as necessary," he says. "I don't think we have to rush necessarily. If a person is not available until January or February, I will say, 'Let's wait.'"

No, Learey says, at 71, he would not be a candidate for the fulltime job. The person selected should be able to relate to the students, faculty and community; continue to improve the academic standards and be actively involved with fundraising, he says.



# Dr. Baines Into Pedit

She looked and didn't like what she saw.

Teenagers sat at desks, their faces troubled by the pages of open textbooks. The words were nebulous, the pages a waste of paper.

The experience unsettled Helen Van Horn and changed her lifestyle.

Today she is Dr. Helen Baines and an assistant professor of education with an emphasis on reading at the University of Tampa.

She easily recalls the yesterdays that motivated her pursuit of education, of acquiring the skills that one day would teach children to read.

Dr. Baines, 41, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in communications from the University of Florida in 1957, then worked a year as traffic manager for WBAR radio station in Bartow.

Still, something was missing.

Unhampered by the absence of education courses in her college credits, she was hired by the Polk County School System to teach English, civics and history at Bartow Junior and Senior High Schools.

Her career was in motion.

She began commuting to the University of South Florida to study education courses for state certification, then switched to the master's degree program in education. Reading was to be her specialty, she says today, because "I had all these kids in high school who couldn't read."

Dr. Baines taught an upper-level reading course last semester which was integrated with a free clinic for children handicapped by reading difficulties.

She administered the testing and diagnosing with the assistance of a graduate helper, then supervised the students who provided the remedial assistance. Prerequisites for the course—entitled Diagnosis and Remediation in the Classroom—were studies in reading instruction and language arts.

Eleven children referred by private and public schools were matched with an equal number of university students majoring in education.

Problems were predictable, she says.

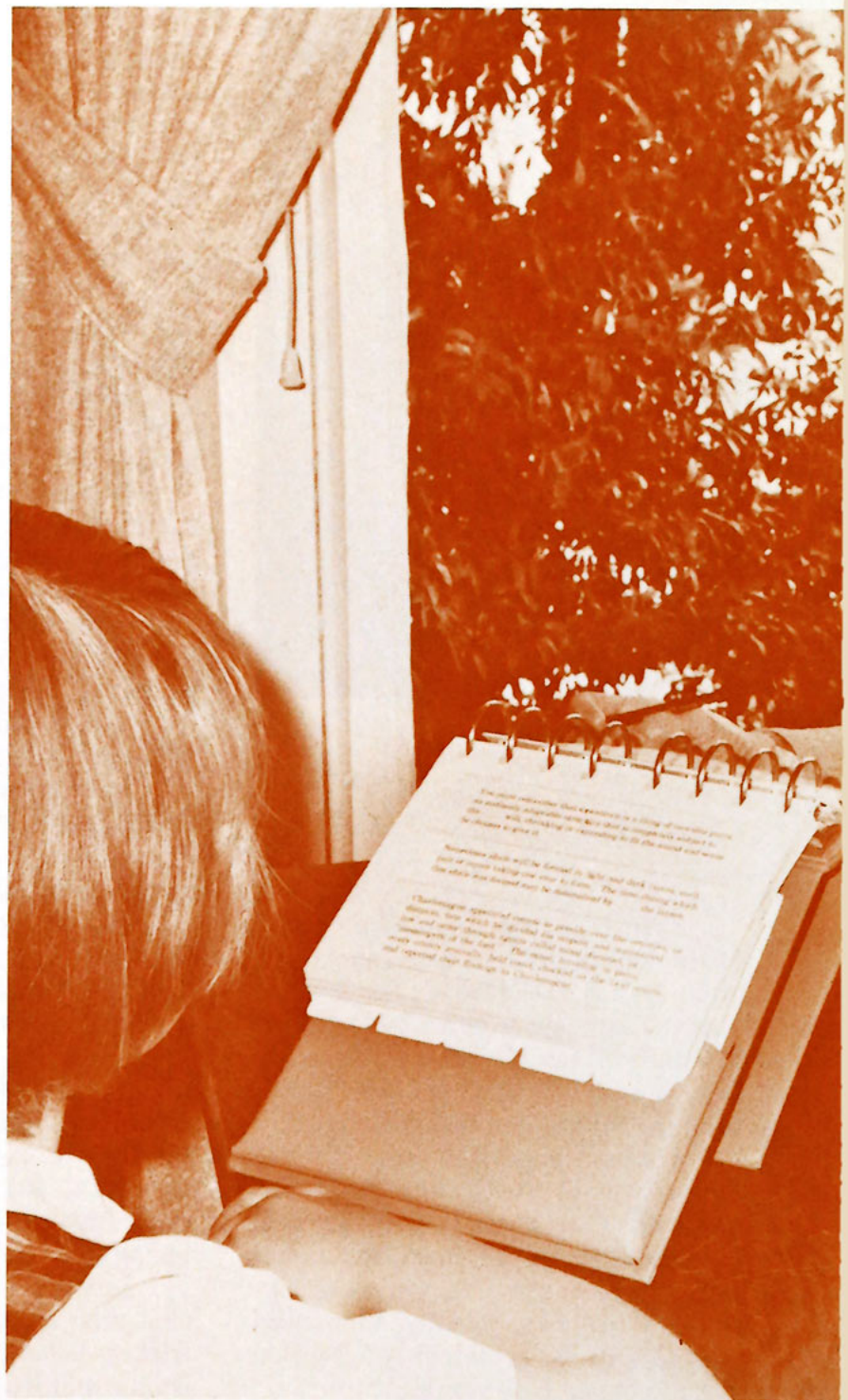
"The number one thing we found was that these children were not reading books," she says. "I am not sure the kids associate reading with reading books. They associate it with doing oral or silent reading with the textbook, then following it up with a game."

Two children suffered from vision impairments, others read but without comprehension while still others failed to focus on a word as a whole. Handicapped by the latter problem, the child may translate the word "bread" as "bed."

Reading difficulties are nearly limitless, Dr. Baines says, and may mushroom—sometimes into emotional problems—if left undetected.

Mrs. Gloria Scanlon, a school teacher of five children in the program, says their reading skills have shown marked improvement under the remedial therapy of Dr. Baines and her students.

"In general, since they have been going, their word attack skills (identification of new words) have increased. Their



Dr. Helen B

attitudes and attempts to figure (the words) out have increased," she says, adding that the reading abilities of most children in the program lag one to two years behind their grade levels. Mrs. Scanlon is taking the course for credit.

Dr. Baines will repeat the course as part of the university curriculum in the fall semester and, this summer, plans to test and make tentative diagnoses of 15 children referred by the private and public school systems. The summer testing will be done on her own time, she says.

Dr. Baines' background includes a master's degree in reading education from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D in the same field from the University of Georgia.



# atrics—For Readers



*nes at work*

She is quick to credit her husband Gary, a Tampa dentist, for her success with the final degree. Dr. Baines moved with her two daughters to Athens, Ga., while her husband maintained the Tampa home, cared for their son and commuted each weekend to Athens for family reunions. "If anything, it made our marriage stronger," she says.

There were jobs as: education consultant in reading instruction in the federally funded Trainer of Teacher Tutors (TTT) program at the University of South Florida from 1971 to 1973, instructor and consultant in the University of Kentucky's reading institute in 1966, a remedial reading clinician for Fayette County (Ky.) in 1966-1967 and, simultaneously,

a post as developmental corrective and remedial reading teacher for that county's school system.

And, while working on the free reading clinic, Dr. Baines is teaching elementary language arts, children's literature, teaching of reading in elementary schools, teaching of reading as a graduate course and contemporary issues.

Dr. Baines is able to laugh about her schedule, but not at the tendency of parents and educators to blame all reading problems on dyslexia. She denies that dyslexia, a neurological disorder that produces an inability to read, is widespread.

"If a child has a learning disability or dyslexia, it is nobody's fault," the tall, slim professor says. She is adamant. "I have never seen a dyslexic child."

Problems usually are less complex, she says.

There are the slow learners, inferior learning materials, poor teaching and children with emotional, vision or hearing difficulties.

Emotional entanglements may play havoc with reading skills, she says.

"In the early grades, it may be something at home—moving every few months which causes absenteeism and that is a real problem. It may be an act of violence, tragedy, the parents may be getting a divorce. Or it may be one of eight children who has had little experience speaking with adults."

Dr. Baines' children—Pam, 14, Brett, 12, and Leslie, eight—are good readers and she is quick to say, "I am very fortunate."

Education skills are abundant in her family.

She met her husband when he was working on a ship based in Tampa. He had a master's degree in marine biology and soon was dispatched overseas for further research projects.

Their courtship reads like a fairy tale.

They corresponded 1½ years. She was teaching school in Bartow and dating other men when Baines asked Helen Van Horn to meet him in his hometown, Seattle, Wash.

She climbed into her car and drove to Seattle. "I don't know why I did it," she says today. Under a tree at his old high school, Gary Baines proposed marriage and Helen Van Horn accepted. They were married September of 1961.

In the mid 1960s Baines tired of marine biology and enrolled at the University of Kentucky to work on a dentistry degree. She was at his side, working four jobs, attending graduate school, caring for their children.

Baines returned the favor in the 1973-74 year by caring for their home and son in Tampa as she studied for her doctorate at the University of Georgia.

His wife is lavish in her praise. "I felt afterwards that I saw another aspect to him...it was a supportiveness that no wife would expect from her husband. He said, 'I will support you' and he did."

There are two "doctors" in the Baines family, but her title in its newness continues to be something of a hair shirt. Still, there is humor and she laughs. "When I got (the Ph.D degree), my daughter Leslie started calling me 'Dr. Mama.' That cracked me up."



# STEPPING FORWARD

Charlotte Thompson, B. D. Owens, William D. Callaghan : achiever

They marched, nearly 400 strong, their tassles bobbing, to McKay Auditorium April 23 for that coveted slip of paper—the college degree, the ticket to success, the medal for surviving four years of pressure.

There were 286 April graduates; the remaining were December 1976 or August 1977 graduates eligible to participate in the University of Tampa's annual commencement.

Dr. B. D. Owens, resigned president of the university, Fred D. Learey, interim president, and William D. Callaghan Jr., president of Clearwater-based Pioneer Western Corp. and commencement speaker, were on hand to offer congratulations, as the ceremonies were quickly transferred from Plant Park to the auditorium following morning and afternoon showers.

Spirits were not dampened. Laughter mixed with thoughtful contemplation. Tears mixed with the flash bulbs of parents stationed ringside. And, parties met Sunday's morning hours.

Three graduates received summa cum laude honors; four, magna cum laude; 10 cum laude; 51, special senior honors.

Owens was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters. Miss Charlotte Thompson, campus librarian for 43 years before her retirement last December, and Callaghan received awards for outstanding public service.

No, rain didn't dampen the university's 42nd annual commencement. For seniors, it was a day of sunshine.



Broken leg doesn't stop Carl Luis



Julie Thrailkill and her fiancé, Robert Blagojevich, honored students



Dr. Eustasio Fernandez, Marshals academic procession  
photo courtesy of Tampa Tribune



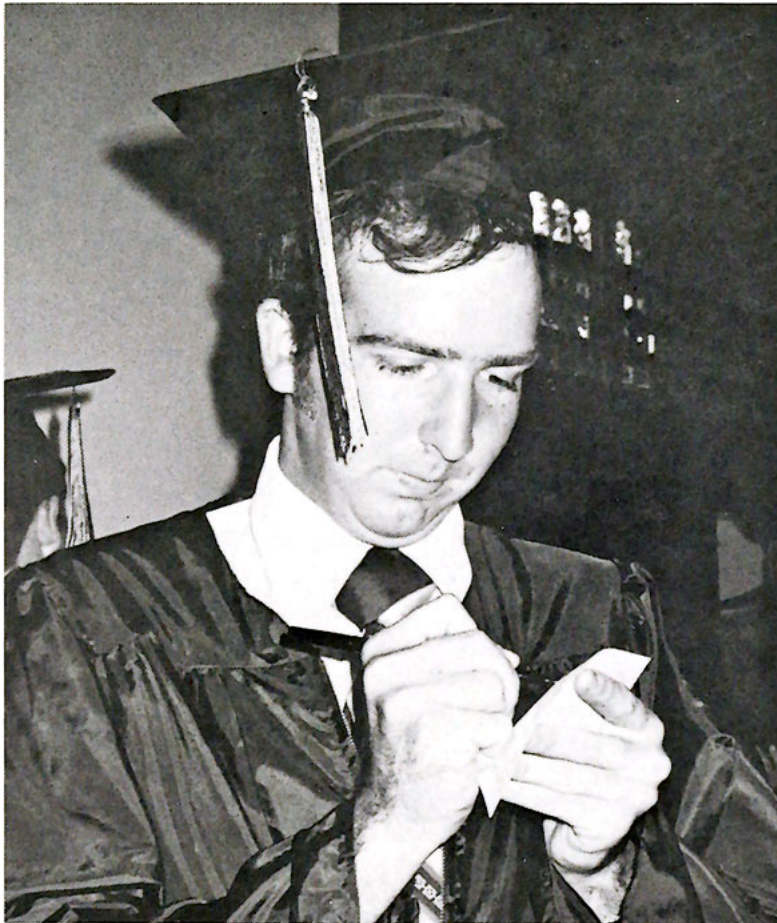


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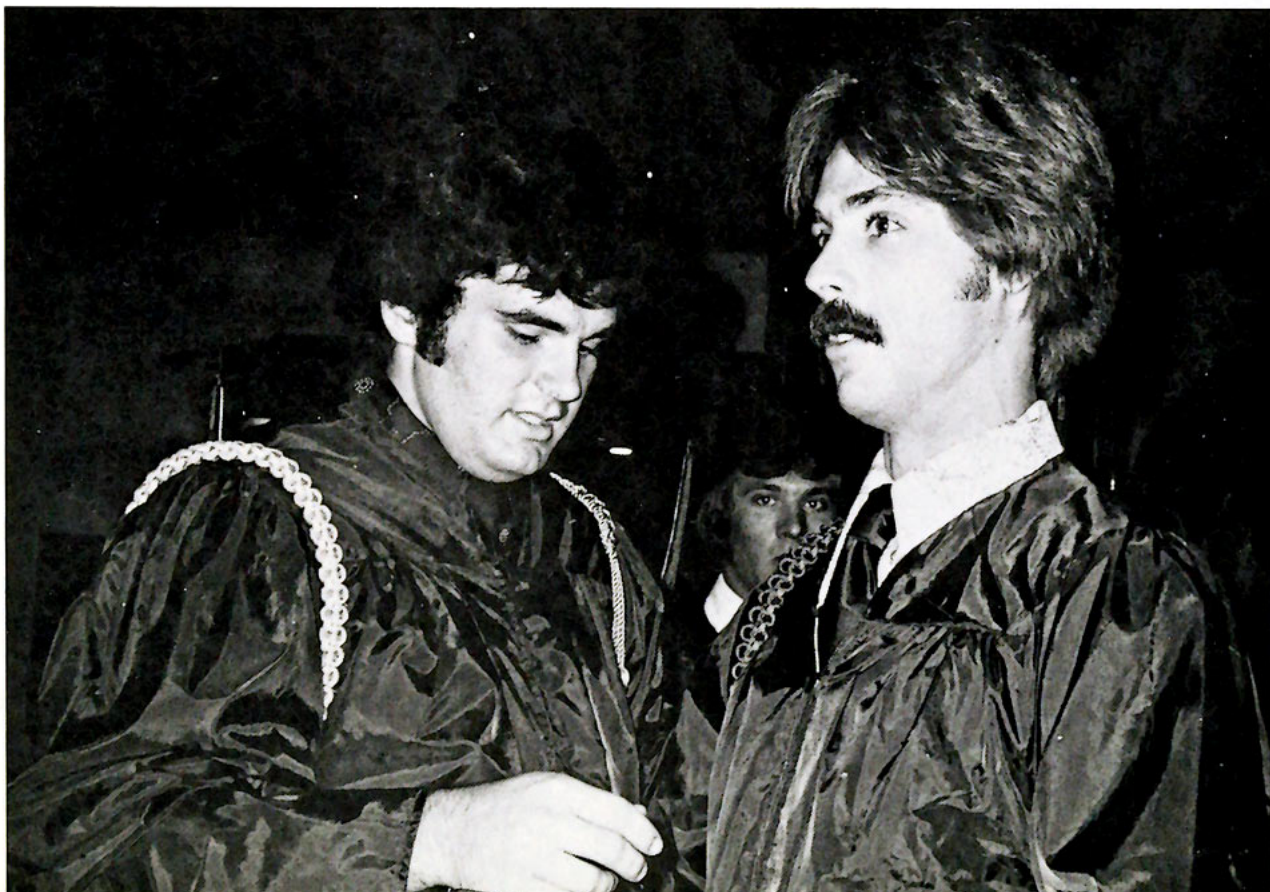
*Robert Iezzi, outgoing SGA president*



*Thomas Crowder  
takes notes, awaiting  
commencement*



*LeRoy Mitchell, Jr.  
ex-Green Beret,  
special senior  
honors*



*Steve Stone, left,  
cum laude,  
Jerome Taylor  
special senior  
honors, prepare for  
commencement*







# Like Father, Like Daughter



**Virginia Covington,  
Dr. James W. Covington**

The man sat motionless, his chin cupped in one hand. He was *The Thinker* by Rodin.

Applause erupted and his daughter raced to the Falk Theatre stage to accept her award as the University of Tampa's outstanding senior coed for the 1976-77 year.

The man sat motionless, his chin cupped in one hand. He was *The Thinker* by Rodin.

"It was a very nice pleasure but I show very little emotion. I have more of an English background," says Dr. James W. Covington, UT professor of history and political science.

His daughter Virginia, who graduated cum laude last December with a bachelor of science degree in business and economics, says she is a mixture of her father's Anglo Saxon and her mother's Latin heritages. She is outgoing, friendly. She is composed, possesses the self-discipline to achieve excellence.

In her four years at the university, Miss Covington has been president and treasurer of Alpha Chi Omega social sorority, judge on the student

traffic court, vice president of Omicron Delta Epsilon economics honorary, secretary of Club Latino and the Delo Forensic Society and runnerup for the Miss Forward Fund title. She has been a member of Alpha Chi and Phi Eta Sigma national scholastic honoraries, Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership fraternity, the women's crew, various student government committees, is a two-time winner of the Panhellenic scholastic award and has been named to the "Who's Who Among American College and University Students" publication.

Through it all, she compiled a 3.72 grade average, is due to receive her master's degree in business administration this summer and enter Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) law school in August.

Like father, like daughter.

Dr. Covington, a member of the university faculty 25 years, has carried his achievements quietly, with modesty. Four novels tracing the history of the Seminole Indians bear his signature, along with works about Southwestern Florida and the University of Tampa. He was a senior historian for the Apollo launch project at the Kennedy Space Center, is a past president of the Tampa Historical Society and a forefather of the Indian Historical Society.

"I really feel for the Indians," says his daughter. "To him, the Indians are God on earth. I think he wishes he were an Indian sometimes." Covington echoes her laughter.

At 60, Covington's goals continue to flourish. He is working on still another book, teaching History of Florida at the university and warning his daughter about the pitfalls of overconfidence.

He eyes her seriously. "She should never become too self-confident because she's really going to move into the big leagues now. She's eager and hardworking but at Georgetown she's going to be against another 25 number ones."

Miss Covington, a tall, slim blonde, denies she could be a willing victim of overconfidence. "I know I have the drive and ambition to do well, but I won't get overconfident because

when you do you will be destroyed. I've always worked hard."

There were the evenings she studied as friends partied, the weekends she remained in her bedroom and crammed for examinations as peers combed the beaches. "I am not a naturally bright person," she says. "I have studied."

And, there were the verbal potshots from students who, through four years, were prone to credit Covington's influence for her success.

"I get that all the time," she says. Her voice is adamant. "I make a good grade and they say, 'Well, your father is a teacher.' I think most teachers bend over backwards not to give me a break."

Agreeing is Covington, who once denied her permission to enroll in his History of Florida class. "I wanted her to be treated fairly by other faculty members," he says. "It would have created such a huge problem."

Miss Covington has made straight As in her first 12 hours of graduate work, is currently carrying a 15-hour load and working 20 hours weekly in the dean of academic affairs office.

In August, in Washington, she will begin living away from home. At 21, it will be a baptism of independence from the scholarly father, the Cuban-born mother who taught her to be bilingual.

Admitting far-sighted plans could be changed, Miss Covington says she eventually hopes to work as an attorney with the U.S. State Department assisting the underprivileged in Latin America or Spain.

She remembers the honors convocation in April of her freshman year, watching a senior named Marna Dilane pick up the outstanding senior coed award. It triggered her ambitions.

"I've wanted to win since my freshman year," she says, "when I went to honors convocation and a girl I admired so much won it. I wanted to follow in her footsteps."

Although Miss Covington graduated this past December, seniors who graduate in odd semesters are included in the annual April honors convocation.



# SHE'S IN THE ARMY NOW



Beth Rockrohr never thought about descending water towers by rope, learning to shoot rifles or treading through alligator-infested rivers in Central Florida.

Today, talk of such activity rolls easily from the lips of the University of Tampa coed who has been named the top freshman ROTC cadet in competition with 128 students from five participating colleges.

Rockrohr, 19, was reared on a farm near Clinton, Iowa. She enjoys comparisons of yesterday with today, of never leaving Clinton until a ROTC scholarship lured her to the University of Tampa, of becoming a willing victim to the rigors of military training.

"I can't believe I have enjoyed it, but I have," she says. "I have walked down a 40-foot tower (by rope) and walked into rivers and there are alligators and things down there."

In her second semester, Rockrohr again outscored the 64 other university cadets in physical proficiency tests. In winning the U.S. Army's Per-

formance Superior Cadet award, she was in competition with 128 freshmen—including 31 women—from the University of Tampa, Florida Southern College, Hillsborough Community College and the two campuses of the University of South Florida.

And, in the classroom, she made straight A's for the fall semester.

No, dwarfing cadets was not the goal she envisioned as the university's only freshman ROTC scholarship recipient. She simply wanted an education, buttressed by a belief in the hard-work-ethic endorsed by her parents.

Her 3.97 high school grade point average made the scholarship easily accessible, then she launched an assault—physically and academically—on campus activities.

Under the late afternoon sun Beth Rockrohr does pushups and jogs around the fairgrounds on campus. Between classes Beth Rockrohr works 15 hours weekly in the intramurals department as a record keeper. The

wages go for room and board. And there are daily visits to the ROTC building where military science professors offer fatherly hugs.

"She's a super girl," says John P. Mackin. He gave her 496 of a possible 500 points on the last physical proficiency test.

"I wish I had 10 daughters just like her," says Sgt. Maj. Sam Borrelli.

Rockrohr is one of only 17 coed cadets at the university, but she says her acceptance is flourishing although a few male counterparts continue to identify her as "Amazon woman."

"I try hard to wear a dress once a week to let them know I am a girl," she says and laughs. "First semester I was upset for a while. Once they knew I wouldn't fling it in their faces, it was okay."

She is comfortable in fatigues, with radio and survival equipment tied to her back. On weekends, she "plays Army" with other cadets in the military fraternity known as the "Raiders" who seek out state parks and wildlife refuges for drills in combat warfare.

Miss Rockrohr—along with others—scales water towers in place of mountains, practices hand-to-hand combat, becomes a prisoner of war who is interrogated, bound with ropes and denied food.

Her face -- painted black and green for camouflage—and bulky military fatigues apparently haven't dampened the social side of college life. Seems a University of South Florida cadet telephoned her for a date following a field trip to Hillsborough State Park.

Rockrohr laughs and speculates. "He's only seen me in uniform. I don't know if I should paint my face black and green because that's the only way he's seen me."

The ROTC scholarship will be continued for another three years if her grades remain high. Then she will be required to serve four years of active duty and two years in the reserves.

The idea of combat duty—currently prohibited for women—does not appeal to Beth Rockrohr. "I don't think I would like it. I don't think anyone does." She includes her male counterparts in the assessment and says they are superior cadets. "We are not equal. They have the physical strength that we don't have."





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Dear Friends:

Where are you? We are missing the updated news items concerning your activities that normally appear in the Muezzin.

This is a family - the University of Tampa family - magazine published just for you, to keep you informed on the constant bustle of activity at your alma mater.

Our guideline in going to press is you, what you are doing, what may interest you and how we can be of service to you, the alumni who have built the strength of the university.

Recently, we heard from Kendrick Reid '68, Harry J. Grote '69, Franclyn and Michael Hyman '70, James R. Gresham and Karin Swearingen '73, Robert Beiseigel and Harold W. Youman '74, Robin Alyce (Hunt) and Robert P. Franz '75, J.L. Allen, Jo Ann K. Johnson and Steven M. Strauch '76.

We would like to hear from you too. Enclose pictures if available. We like close family ties.

Sincerely,

Holly Hatton  
Your Muezzin Editor



