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Crew's continued success

By SEAN MANNING
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Braving a strong crosswind and fierce Div. I competition, UT crew triumphed last weekend at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association (SIRA) Championships held in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Two of the four UT boats entered in the two-day regatta won their respective events. The women's lightweight four (Janice Kerns, Jolette Henning, Kristen Krusius, Heather Arndt and coxswain Lori Madison) repeated as Oak Ridge champs, defeating the field by an overwhelming margin. The men's pair (Ed Franklin and Sean Manning) also returned from the competition victorious, defeating repeat champions University of Charleston for the first time since 1995. The women's varsity four (Michelle Malette, Stephanie Metz, Megan Mims, Christie Henriksen) after only a week of practice in a reorganized combination, finished second in their heat, before failing to survive the grueling semi-final. The women's jv four, comprised of three novices and a rower with a year of limited experience, succumbed to defeat at the hands of several crews vying to prove their strength and worth.

The success of UT crew at SIRA's is only the most recent string of victories attained by the team in recent weeks. At the end of March, the men's pair traveled to

Camden, N.J. where they finished first in their event at Vanderbilt's Knecht Cup. The following weekend, the lightweights finished second in the annual Sunshine State Conference meet. Entered in the heavyweight four event, the women passed several strong teams, includ-



Photo courtesy of Monica Rodriguez
Members of the women's crew performed well against tough competition at last week's competition in Tennessee.

ing Barry and Florida Tech. At the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships, held March 14 at Tampa's By-pass Canal, the men's pair stoutly defeated competitors such as UCF and the University of Miami, while the lightweight four lost by less than a second to a seasoned UCF squad.

Eager to build on their continuing success, both the lightweight women and men's pair will pit their strength against many of the nation's top teams early next month at Philadelphia's prestigious Dad Vail Regatta. The event, held on the historic Schuylkill River, has long been known as the "small college national championships" and boasts

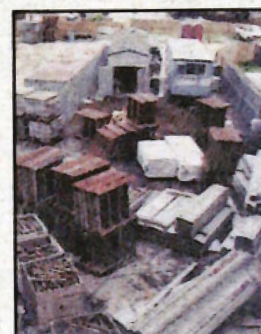
a field featuring such storied collegiate rowing programs as Temple University and the University of Michigan. For the lightweights, Dad Vail will be especially sweet, as the group was forced to forgo the race last year due to unnegotiable scheduling conflicts. "I feel very positive," said Henning, who, alongside Kerns, is one of only two seniors on the women's team. "We have a strong boat of four solid people. We've worked long and hard to get where we are."

Having bested both statewide and regional opponents by substantial margins, the men's pair continues to look forward to their next challenge. "Dad Vail will always prove to be a difficult race, no matter how strong the field of participants," revealed Junior stroke Ed Franklin. The course features a sizable bend that's difficult to navigate in a boat without a coxswain, as well as a notoriously strong current; not to mention the unpredictable weather of an early northeastern spring.

Though the end of term traditionally brings with it the stress of exams and, for some, the eager anticipation of graduation, UT crew remains focused in pursuit of their ever-elusive goal: gold medals in Philadelphia. "We've been looking forward to this for the entire year," said Franklin. "So far, the countless hours we've spent in the boat and on the erg (rowing machine) have served us well. In between now and Dad Vail, we'll continue to work hard and hope that when the official finally gives the starting command, it'll all pay off."

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Sodexho-Marriott prepares to take ARAMARK's place

By SAMANTHA HORVATH
Staff Reporter

Effective May 14, UT will have its new food services caterer, Sodexho-Marriott, and students should expect changes in quality, presentation and variety.

One thing that won't change immediately is the place students will eat. The "Caf" in the current Student Union will still be home to students' wild appetites until January when construction is expected to be complete in Vaughn Hall's new Student Union.

While there will be significantly noticeable differences when Marriott takes over, the facilities in the new building will be unlike things students currently have.

"It really will look like a restaurant," said Todd Milewicz, Sodexho-Marriott facilities manager for UT. Tampa is assured to have the "latest and greatest" that Sodexho-Marriott has to offer when they move into the new building. UT will become the "showcase" that Marriott will present

when other schools want to see what they have to offer. In addition to just the food service aspect, Marriott will also implement a convenience-type store.

The main changes, besides the minor renovations to the Rathskeller and the cafeteria, are the varieties and presentations of the menu. As of right now, there are approximately eight different stations in the planned Sodexho-Marriott menu including international, deli, classics, dessert, salad, "pizzarette," grill and beverage stations. Each has a rotational menu of three weeks. This means it will not be the same for three solid weeks of breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Sodexho-Marriott's theme is "Campus Crossroads," which includes diverse menus and presentations to fit the needs of all people on campus. Speed, attractiveness, flavor and variety are at the heart of their new program. To our current location, Sodexho-Marriott hopes to bring restaurant style, complete with several stations serving food made-

to-order.

Continuing with their restaurant theme, students will be getting actual china plates and stainless steel silverware; however, they will still use the plastic cups, as cups take quite a beating.

The Student Union will receive a fresh coat of paint and artwork to crown the establishment. In addition, quality and sanitation are major standards to Sodexho-Marriott. Each food station has a timer, limiting the time that food can sit out in the open. If the timer goes off before the food is taken, it will be thrown out.

Each food service employee will be dressed in the "Campus Crossroads" uniform, complete with a chef hat. Each person is to look as professional as possible. The key to the restaurant business is repeat customers, and, according to Milewicz, Sodexho-Marriott wants approachable, customer-service oriented people who understand that presentation is important. For example, the dessert bar will have silver platters and cake stands with a variety of tasty

treats.

The Rathskeller will also see some changes. First and foremost, Subway will no longer be a part of campus but will be replaced with "Sub Connection," Sodexho-Marriott's own version of the sub-making company. Besides the usual cold submarine sandwiches, there will also be a pizzeria-type oven to make hot subs and sandwiches. The architecture of the Rat will be changed a bit to establish a "new look and a flow that makes sense," said Milewicz. The Grill, Starbucks and the pub will all remain but will have an up-dated menu with a few of the old favorites still available.

As of right now, the hours will be 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. However, Milewicz added, once things are up-and-running, changes can always be implemented.

It is certain that other issues, such as policies on take-out, Rathskeller hours, and late-night cafeteria hours, are strongly being looking into.

A recycling program that some students, faculty and staff have been trying to start is already being used by Sodexho-Marriott. They recycle the daily cardboard boxes used to ship in produce items. In addition to this, they will be more than happy to work in conjunction with UT to create a recycling program.

"Sodexho-Marriott," says Todd Milewicz, "wants the new program to be user-friendly, flexible, fun, and exciting." To ensure that the needs and desires of the UT campus are being met, Sodexho-Marriott will probably use "both formal and informal communications."

There may be one or several food committee(s) depending of the desire and popularity of the formation. If at any time a person is unsatisfied or would simply like to see some additions, Milewicz encourages students, faculty, and staff to speak up. "I would like for them to come to me with any problem or comment."

Police Beat

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO

Staff Reporter

Note from Security: *Please remember, per UT parking regulations, vehicles may not be left on campus during the summer break. Contact Campus Security if you need suggestions on vehicle storage.*

Apr. 16

Pipes leak in Brevard, cause damage to students' possessions

An officer was called to go to Brevard Hall to observe the damage to a student's personal items caused by a plumbing situation on the floor above hers. When the officer arrived, the student showed the officer the items that were exposed to water damage: a laptop computer and bag, a scanner, two printers, a rug, several school books, clothing, towels, an iron, flip couch, bedding, bags, purses, shoes, a trunk and a CD player. The officer told her to check with her insurance company to see if they would cover the damages, and he would contact security with any other information. The following day, another call came in to security from another student, living in Brevard Hall. Another student was reporting that her property had been damaged from the plumbing problem as well. The officer observed that there was damage to the carpet, chair, shoes, clothes, notebooks, towels, refrigerator, CD player and a bookshelf. Supposedly, the flooding in the room was caused by a broken water pipe, which sprayed water all over the room.

Apr. 17

Marijuana found in McKay after anonymous tip

Security received a call which stated that some students in McKay Hall were possibly smoking marijuana. After security arrived, they spoke with the caller, who stated that he thought he smelled marijuana while he walked past a room on the first floor. The officer entered the room and noticed a faint smell that was believed to be marijuana. The officer conducted a search of the room where he found a substance that was believed to be marijuana in a colorful food tray. The residents of this room admitted that they bought the marijuana off campus. TPD was called and tested the substance, which came back positive for being marijuana. TPD confiscated the drugs and released both of the students, informing them of their trial dates.

Apr. 18

Student parks illegally, hits security officer with car door, gets judicial review

At around 4:34 p.m., while on a routine patrol, an officer noticed an illegally parked vehicle between the Student Union and McKay Hall. This vehicle was parked near the Handicap ramp, which is indicated with yellow paint as not being a parking space. The officer issued a parking ticket. UT alumni and security officers were standing approximately ten feet away from the vehicle when the owner arrived. The student stated to his friend, "They just love giving me tickets," when he saw that he had a citation on his windshield. The student entered his vehicle, started the engine and threw the ticket onto the ground. One of the officers approached the vehicle and asked the driver to lower his window. The officer then asked why he threw the ticket away. The male said, "It must have been an accident." The officer told the male to pick up the ticket, and before the officer could move away, the male opened his door, hitting the officer in the leg. After this, the officer stated that the male should be more careful when opening his door because he could hit someone. The student just smiled at the officer. Getting back into the vehicle, the male and his friend began to leave. While leaving at a high rate of speed, the ticket was again thrown out of the car, this time via the sunroof. The officer attempted to

catch the vehicle but was unable to do so because of the speed. The vehicle was later found at 5:06 p.m. and was reissued the original ticket, and another ticket was given for speeding. The student is being referred to the judicial board for personal abuse, hostile attitude, non-compliance with an officer and for endangering the community welfare.

Car broken into in Martinez parking lot, laptop missing

A student called security to come and meet him at Martinez Sports Center. He stated that his vehicle had been broken into between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. After inspecting the vehicle, damage to the passenger door lock was noted, but there wasn't any damage to the ignition. Talking to the owner of the vehicle it was learned that his laptop computer had been left in his vehicle before the break-in and now it is missing.

Drugs confiscated from Brevard Hall

An officer was notified that drugs were being used and stored in Brevard Hall, and the types of drugs being stored ranged from marijuana to cocaine. When the officer arrived and knocked on the door, a female voice stated, "Come in." The officer then knocked on bedroom D's door. Once again he heard a female voice saying come in. The officer then entered the room and explained why they were there and asked if they could perform a search of the room. The student stated that she would prefer that the officers did not perform a search of her room. At this time one of the officers noticed several seeds and stems on the stereo, which he believed were marijuana. The officers asked if she knew what those seeds were. She replied, "No," and the officer told her that they would be doing a search of the room. Now, the female voiced no problem with the officers conducting a search. In the drawer of the desk, one of the officers found three rusted razor blades with an unknown residue on them, a foldable pair of hand pliers with burn marks on the tips, a silver cigarette holder with white residue, a clean razor blade and a broken hollowed pen. Inside the pen was one metal pipe with possible marijuana residue, and they also found a red sewing kit with some seeds and stems that were believed to be marijuana, a handheld butane torch, and a lighter with a marijuana leaf on it, stating "Stay High." The female stated that all of these items belonged to her friends, who came and visited her frequently, and that they often use drugs in her room and left the items behind. The officers collected the items, and an officer from TPD arrived and read the student her rights and started to question her about the items. She took responsibility for the items, which were then tested. They were positive for marijuana, but there was not enough residue to test for cocaine. The student was placed under arrest but released after being given a court date. Security took the items, and the student is being referred to judicial review.

□□ Apr. 19

Student gets upset, takes library book

An officer was told to go to the library about an incident, regarding a student trying to illegally take a book. The officer met with one of the workers from the library, who informed the officer about the situation. The student had tried to check out a book, but the account had not been updated for the Spring 2001 semester. This is when the male student was informed he couldn't take anything from the library until his ID had been validated. The male pleaded for several minutes, and after having no success, he began to walk out of the library with the books in hand. He was told to stop and not to take the books, but the male continued on his way. The worker stated that she would like to see the student referred to the judicial board. Later on that evening, the officer got ahold of the student and asked him to come to security. The officer took the stolen book and started to question the student about what happened earlier at the library. He explained that he needed the book for a paper that was due the next day, and he became frustrated when he was unable to check out the book, so he decided to take the book anyway. The officer told him that he was being referred to the judicial board.

Apr. 21

Car registered at USF gets impounded by UT security

At 8:24 a.m., security removed a car that had been abandoned in the parking garage for approximately two weeks. The vehicle had a University of Southern Florida parking permit. The officer called USF and was given a business number and left a message on Thursday the April 21. The vehicle had received three tickets for being an unregistered vehicle on April 14, 16 and 19. The vehicle was then given its first warning to register, and the final warning was given on April 20. The vehicle was finally then impounded on April 21.

Did you know?

By Vanessa Irizarry
staff writer

1. Southeastern Idaho was hit Saturday, Apr. 21, with an earthquake that measured 5.3 on the Richter scale. Tremors were felt as far away as Salt Lake City, Utah.

2. A 13-day strike of University of Hawaii professors ended when a new labor contract was reached. Because of the strike, an estimated 40,000 college students were unable to attend classes. The two-year contract will give faculty a \$2,325 raise the first year. The following year will give faculty a 6 percent salary increase. Public school teachers in Hawaii are still on strike.

3. Scientists reported the sun recently released a solar flare, the fifth-strongest ever documented. The solar flare was deemed an X-14 X-ray class eruption. A number of communication satellites were forced into their safe mode. Although a blast of radiation came towards Earth, the energy from the flare is harmless to humans.

4. Stilettos are not the only high heels bad for knees. Scientists have reported chunky heels are just as bad, and constant wear can eventually lead to knee osteoarthritis. This type of arthritis destroys cartilage surrounding the knee and is very painful. Stilettos and chunky heels both apply increased pressure on the knee. The report was published in "The Lancet" medical journal.

5. To get the most out of a power nap, only sleep for about 15 to 30 minutes and eliminate all possible distractions.

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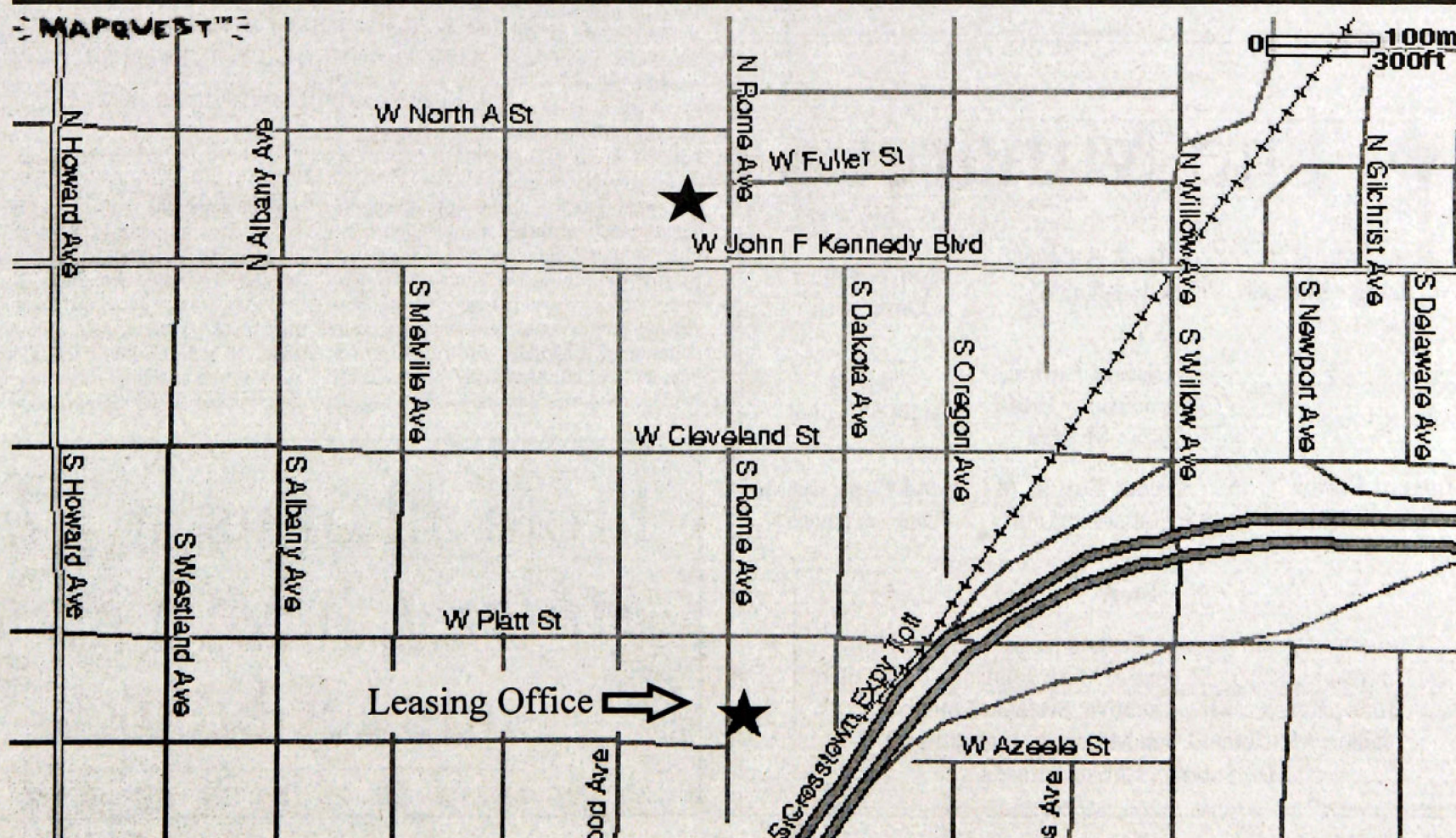
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To have loved and lost

EDITORIAL

It could just have been that it was my first time living away from home. It was freshman year and like the unquenchable curiosity of a toddler, I wanted to see and taste and experience it all. Nothing was like it is now, in my senior year.

This was when Ybor was a dangerous place to be. It was also when Seventh Ave. had a soul and a life of its own. You couldn't quite be sure if it was Cuban or Spanish or Southern American, but the area was real and you could feel it just walking down the street, surveying the area for possible gypsies or knife-brandishers. Now Ybor has a Victoria's Secret and a cineplex.

Much like the city in which it is cradled, the University of Tampa was once unique and captivating. I remember living in McKay and all the residents sharing stories and toiletries as if it were some kind of resurrected commune. It was still a small enough university so that people knew each other by name, not just by face. Even at five in the evening, you could find an empty table in the cafeteria and in the mornings when cooks were just delivering the first batch of hash browns, the adult servers would joke and pass stories over the counter. It seemed then that, in some unexplainable way, we were all equals and that this place was supremely magical.

It's difficult to explain because it was just a feeling, though sometimes when I happen to pass through Plant Park near sunset, when the purple sun reflects magnificently against the windowed skyscrapers of downtown, I smell that same thing which circulated in the air and through all of us then.

I don't know when, but suddenly things changed. At first, I attributed it to my increasing maturity and the staleness of my surroundings. Now I realize that this place is different and that was a special time which I was so lucky to have been a part of.

I remember attending graduation outside in front of Plant Hall. It was because of this very such thing that I was glad to have chosen Tampa for these important years of life. I was excited for my commencement, when all my family would be sitting in aluminum chairs in the cloudless sun, too proud to be hot or uncomfortable. In two weeks, I will walk across a stage inside some boring convention center. I'll take my plaque and shake my hands, doting that it is an event, but not a ceremony.

I can't tell you what happened to this place that made it change so drastically in the four years since I first arrived. It's physically larger and more students are enrolled now than ever before, but I can't imagine that is all it would take to spur so profound an alteration. I'd be quick to blame the philosophy of the current administration, favoring sound business before encouraged intellectual growth, but an essence or aura so powerful as the one I've here inadequately attempted to describe could never be stunted by such tangible concerns.

This used to be a place where you could fall in love everyday. The environment, with its decrepit dormitories and weeping Southern foliage, encouraged such passion. The air was palpable with romance. The possibilities were endless.

But now UT is just another small, private college and I guess congratulations are in order. This place has become tired. You can see it in the slumping postures and sagging eyelids littering campus classrooms. That brief renaissance is now over, and for one who resided during its short-lived bloom, I can attest that it was something to be remembered. And remember the University of Tampa I always will; as it was, not as it is.



Thoughts of summer

COLUMN

As the semester draws to a close, it seems as if a huge weight is being lifted off my shoulders ever so slowly but surely. As much as I love college life and UT in general, it sure does cause its fair share of troubles. A perfect example: classes. While classes are a necessary evil in the life of a college student, sometimes I feel like I'm taking 48 credit hours

yuppie when not at school.

While many may say this year flew by, I tend to disagree. This year seems to have taken twice as long for me simply for the fact that the two semesters were so totally different than one another. First semester-classes that took up too much time that I didn't have, RA duty and the associated activities and a small leadership position on the paper. Second semester-no more RA stuff, classes once again driving me batty and a large-and-in-charge role at *The Minaret*. Things sure do change a lot around here.

So now everyone here is accustomed to the ways of life, just in time for a whole new class of people to come in and make our days

times I feel like I'm taking 48 credit hours this semester alone. If I don't have a paper due, I have a test to study for or a project I should have started a week and a half ago. Does any of this sound familiar?

Yeah, three months without class sounds great right about now. However, life over break will not be without activity. The dreaded yet loved summer job beckons. No more lounging around the house, playing old-school Nintendo all day long and waiting ever so patiently for my boyfriend to come home from work. An entire summer of a Monday-to-Friday, 8-to-5, business casual, answering phones, desk jockey job. I turn into the world's biggest

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will be somewhere around 1,000 new faces 'round here very shortly. There will be no new parking spaces and probably at least 350 extra cars. Try not to scream.

As always, I wish you all wonderful summer breaks. Have a great time-not too great that you won't come back. Come August, we'll return to school refreshed and ready to start this whole melodrama once again.

From all of us at *The Minaret*, have a great summer break!



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LETTERS FROM OXFORD AMERICA JERSEY

The quiet before the fall semester storm

COLUMN

Some say that you can never go home again, but I think they're wrong. For the past three summers, I've come home from a year of college and automatically switched back into my home life of the 6 a.m. alarm, cutthroat siblings, curfews and driving my little brother to baseball practice. Instead of going out at 11 p.m., I'm already in bed. Evenings are spent studying for the GRE and watching *Law and Order* with my mom while working on my cross-stitch. I don't feel an intense need to look attractive because I work as a secretary at a construction job site where the only people I see are foremen who are



By
JEN
MILLER

safely tucked into their 30s and 40s. I become an old maid when away from UT, yet this is supposed to be a big summer for me. In a few short months, I'll be turning 21 years old, the pinnacle of the college student's social career, but plans are tame. Instead of spending a rollicking night at Ybor or bar-hopping at the Jersey shore, I'll be spending the evening with my family at the Phillies game where I'll toast my one Miller Light with my parents, but while doing so I do get to stick my tongue out at my younger siblings. I'll enjoy the fire of jealousy in their eyes, but it'll be even better when I can turn down their underage pleas to buy them booze.

little victories over teenage siblings. I don't even mind living like this. I won't wake up hung over or spend the night tossing and turning in bed because noise in the courtyard is keeping me up, and there's no newspaper to edit. By doing remedial tasks such as typing, mailing and copying, I'll make three times per hour what I made as editor-in-chief of *The Minaret*, and the only stress tagged with this job is the 45 minute commute through Philadelphia traffic.

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What I will miss, though, are those last goodbyes. I visited Tampa too far from the end of the year for me or my graduating friends to realize that this could have been the last time I will see them. There were no tears because it's business as usual at UT.

That may sound mean, but when you live the summer life of Jen Miller, you need to take joy in the simple pleasures, especially

No one's really packing yet, and many seniors don't even feel like these are their last college days. So my leaving after a two-week stay was no big deal. We'll all be back next year, right?

To those who I will never see again, I wish you luck in all that you do, and if you'd like to give me some advice (because I'm already frightened by the thought of leaving school), I'm open to your suggestions because I don't plan on working in a construction trailer forever.

Even though working a nine-to-five (or in my case, 7:30-to-four) can be boring, I always regret leaving home in August because I like living this calm life. UT is stressful and ulcer-creating, but it's exciting, and I'm constantly on the move. Maybe when it comes my time to graduate, I hope I'll find a job that is the best of both worlds, but for now, I'll be spending the summer being yelled at by my mom for tracking job-site dirt through the house.

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Today is almost yesterday

COLUMN

For the past year, I've had the opportunity to share my thoughts with those who read my column each week. I've gotten some feedback from a few of my professors and classmates, and often sought their suggestions for topic choices for the week. Like most columnists, I write about whatever happens to be weighing most heavily on my mind at the moment, and *The Minaret* suddenly becomes this wonderful outlet for seeking constructive ways to think my way through a particular issue.



By
LISA
CHOJNACKI

Like many people who started UT with me, I am about to leave this university in two weeks to move into the rest of my life. Transitions are exciting and scary, and good-byes bring both sadness and relief. I expect that, looking back, I'll remember much I'll miss and much that I won't.

I won't miss the sounds of drunken puking at 3 a.m. in the dorms, students who are rude to staff, staff who are rude to students, people who consider a university "a business" and fail to see that it's really about students and learning,

those few professors who call themselves teachers but are more concerned with impressing students than with helping them, or students whose idea of a good teacher is one who lets the class out early.

But for every thing and every person who has irritated me over the past few years, there are many, many more I'll miss and look back on with enormous thanks and affection. These are the people who make this university great, although sadly they are under-appreciated by both the administration and the students who are lucky enough to sit in their classrooms. Some very special people teach at this university, many of whom have helped to shape, change and enrich my life in many unforgettable ways.

The first person who comes to mind, since I'm going to be a teacher soon, is Hunter O'Hara, whose personal touch in teacher-learner relationships has given new meaning to the word "friendship" for me. He has seen me cry and has seen me stress over my physics exams. He has been a good boss and an even better friend.

Since my mind wandered into physics territory, I think of Steve Burroughs, who

gave up countless lunch hours and mornings to help me understand some of the most difficult material I have ever encountered, assuring me that I did not have a math disability and that I could do well in his class. There's Fred Punzo, the first true Renaissance man that I have known, who shed brilliant light into my world, painting it with the energy and vibrancy of intellect while always seeing the crucial artistic grace that many scientists fail to notice. Then Gil DeMeza, whose artistic soul nurtured my spirit and showed me how to

pour it onto a canvas—a man who has taught me to paint my kind of world, then step in, and for that I will be forever thankful. Lisa Beamer, who cheered me on and encouraged me as I ran my first sub-7 minute mile. Then, when I tore my ACL, Kim Morris, whose sports medicine expertise and enormous capacity for nurturing helped me get through one of the most difficult times in my life: going through a knee surgery that resulted in the loss of my ROTC scholarship. All the while, Karin Otto and George Jackson opened their homes and their hearts to me while I was recovering from surgery two

summers ago. Then, when I wasn't sure how I was going to pay for my last year at UT, Peggy Caparratto, my financial aid counselor, stood by me, devising alternatives, supporting my efforts, making my graduation possible.

Terry Parssinen, my paternal knight who came charging in on his white horse, suggesting that I become a teacher, which led me into the arms of Helene Silverman and Norma Matassini, two incredibly strong and beautiful women I admire and trust: providing the mother-like qualities that the child in me (and the 22 year-old in me) so desperately needed. Bob Kerstein, who never failed to make me laugh as he scrunched his face into a squishy smile. Gary Luter, whose wry sense of humor and humane opinions fueled many a laugh as I recounted stories of his class to friends.

At this moment, my throat has tightened as I hold back the tears that the bittersweet good-byes provoke. As I saw a very dear friend off at the airport last week, and we held one another close, I ached inside, not wanting to say that last "Take care—I'll see you soon." But letting go is a fact of life, and one that will only help us to become the complete, healthy people we want to be.

Taking with me the lessons of those who have been there for me, given of themselves and nurtured me in countless ways, I have come to realize two priceless lessons: that to love is to admire with the heart, to admire is to love with the mind.

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As one phase of life ends, another begins

COLUMN

By SARAH MORGAN
Commentary Editor

A significant phase of my life has ended. It was nothing huge, but for five years of my life, it was the most important thing to me. The reason I write this is because it has finally dawned on me that I'm growing up and out of old favorites.

In 1997, amidst my one true passion—music—I started a website for my favorite band, Green Day. I worked for hours on end, day after day for nearly four months until I was pleased with the outcome. In September, I unveiled my site to the world. I quickly became an internet guru for the band. For

the rest of my high school years, I updated my site and made it into one of the most comprehensive and most visited sites on the 'net.

I realized that once I came to college I would not have nearly as much time as before to work on my page. It didn't take long for me to understand I needed to make time for this—I enjoyed providing the world with interesting tidbits. Through the first semester of freshman year I found myself updating my page

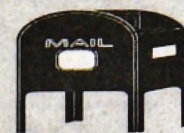
whenever I had more than three seconds of free time. As the amount of free time drastically decreased, I found myself saddened by the feeling that my wonderful site would no longer be able to get any of my attention. The last time I had a

chance to work on my site was the first day of October of last year. Interestingly enough, it was only after I stopped working on it did the number of visitors just from roughly 500

While abandoning my site was a harsh reality, it made me cherish the gift I gave,



Letters to the Editor



In response to Evan Fetter's refused donation

Dear Editor,

Thank you, University of Tampa administration, for freeing me of the guilt I've felt for 11 years (re: "Alumni donation refused by school" April 6). Since my graduation, I've made one excuse after another for not contributing to the university, and I've never felt good about that. In truth, although I'm far from wealthy, I am finally at a point in my career where I can begin contributing to UT, as I'd always planned to do.

Unfortunately for the university, by far the most enriching experience I enjoyed at UT was my tour of duty as Minaret editor, 1989-90. I am convinced that my involvement in UT publications did more to prepare me for my professional endeavors than any classroom experience. It was a labor of love, consuming more than 40 hours per week, but certainly one that precluded any for-profit employment. Naturally, when I do contribute to UT, my contributions will be earmarked for these programs.

Please let me know when you've come to your senses and will allow me to direct my modest contributions to a worthy cause. Until then, I'm sure my law school will be more than happy to hear from me.

Lloyd Chatfield
Class of 1990

Evan Fetter responds as well

Dear Editor,

Due to the hard work of the three editors of the Minaret, Moroccan, and Quilt, I would like to extend the donation that I was going to make to the Minaret and Moroccan to include the Quilt also. I was willing to give \$1,200 before and I am now willing to give \$1,800. I welcome any comments, ideas, or help in how to get this donation accomplished from any University of Tampa students, faculty, or staff members. Please contact me at my e-mail: evanfe@aol.com. I want to help the University of Tampa publications become the best they can be and attract the best possible editors. Again, I would like to commend the 2001 editors for all their hard work.

Evan Brauman Fetter
Moroccan Editor-in-Chief 1994-1996

A word about Leadership Awards Night

Dear Editor,

Last evening my confidence in the University of Tampa was once again shaken. An attendee of the Leadership Awards Banquet, I saw first hand the lengths the university will go to to forget about the true leaders and workers of the campus environment. As award after award was given, I had this feeling that something was missing. I was proud of all of the award winners, don't get me wrong, but I felt other nominees could have won. Take Student Productions for instance, they provide informative educational lectures, volunteer their time to program events for the student body, and co-sponsor with multiple organizations, yet their work goes unrecognized. I do not believe this is purposeful on behalf of the Selection Committee, yet one cannot help but wonder.

Also, it is questionable that a Greek organization should win Organization of the Year since they already have a chance at winning Sorority or Fraternity of the Year. I have no doubt that the winning organization greatly benefits the university and Tampa communities, but I feel that other organizations are not given even a glance for such a category.

On a positive note, adding "Outstanding First Year of Involvement" to the award list was an admirable thing since it recognizes a student who has gone above and beyond in their first year at UT. By having individuals take on leadership roles and/or become actively involved in their first year, one can expect great things from them in the future.

Overall, I am pleased that the university chooses a night to recognize students for their achievements. I just wish the dedicated, forgotten workers and leaders would have a place on such an occasion. I support all of the UT organizations as they climb toward success. Even if you were not recognized on Tuesday evening, keep up the great work and one day your turn will come! As they say, "behind the scenes" work sometimes goes unnoticed, but without it, the show would not be complete.

Name withheld

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the April 6 article titled "Alumni donation refused by school."

As a former staff member for the Minaret (1996-99) and editor of Quilt (1998-99), it comes as no surprise that the current regime is doing everything it can to sabotage the future of student publications. In 1999, one administrator said she believed all student editorial positions should be voluntary. She didn't believe our work merited stipends.

Any forum where the student body has a voice is considered a threat to administrative heads, who will do everything in their power to quell that voice. Student publications are the checks and balances in the university system. They do more than report on campus activities and interview professors. They are the campus's voice of reason. Its conscience. Its soul. They have the ability to bring about change. They are, and should be, feared by people in charge.

In not allowing stipends for the two strongest voices on campus, the administration takes another step in its process of strangling those voices and showing its indifference to student concerns. They know that without adequate stipends editors will be forced to work increasingly outside of their publications, devoting less time to them. Of course, the publications suffer. Less dedicated students will begin to fill those positions, and quality deteriorates. Quality should have a higher priority at UT than it currently appears to have.

I know first hand how much work goes into student publications. I have been in the Minaret office until 5 a.m. on more than one occasion, knowing the editor would be another three or four hours behind me. I understand the difficulties in recruiting reliable people to maintain the standards set by UT's publications, which in the days of adequate stipends used to win national awards. I know it's the promise of a fair stipend which has been the deciding factor for more than one dedicated student to step up to the challenge of leading. For many of us, it was the only way we could have afforded it. The administration understands that as well.

The Shot Heard Round the World didn't start the Revolution; Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* did. Congress didn't bring down Nixon's corrupt administration; Woodward and Bernstein did. The only reason the administration could have for not supporting activities and publications which could work as recruiting devices to potential students is fear. And it's been my experience that those who fear the press are the ones with the most to hide. As an alumnus, that makes me nervous about the future of the university which I once so proudly called home.

Terry R. Lacy
Class of 1999

Dear Editor,

What is wrong with the University of Tampa? It seems to me that if someone wants to donate money to help our struggling publications, how could the university turn that down? Where does the money I, or rather we, spend on our education go? Why would the university be expected to raise other stipends?

When John Sykes donated millions to the College of Business, did anyone expect part of that money to hire much needed professors for other departments such, or did anyone expect it to buy equipment much needed by the other departments and colleges? Why would anyone expect that a donation designated for the specific purpose of helping the editors of The Minaret and Moroccan affect anyone else?

This story was very disheartening; the university will accept millions for a building renovation and a bunch of flat screen tv's, but an alumnus wants to donate money to help out a part of this school that he feels is important and his offer is declined. If I were to work hard for a publication while I was in school, and then after graduation wanted to return something to that publication which, in turn, serves the University of Tampa, the school should put up a better reason than, "They are not ready to do that now."

I expect a lot for the money I pay to this institution. I expect it to support more than sports and Greek organizations. I am not trying to take away from those activities because they are an integral part of the campus life and the college experience. If someone were to donate money to raise the salary of the president would everyone else expect his or her salary to be raised? Would they decline such a donation? I can answer that, NO!

This is not the largest donation that UT has ever received but it is equally important to the publications it is intending to help. The school should reevaluate its decision to decline this donation and the spirit in which the donation is offered. Mr. Fetter even tried to make a more than reasonable compromise by raising his donation assuming the university matches the donation. Is the school so financially strapped that they cannot match the \$1500 a year to increase the stipends? Mr. Fetter has made many more than reasonable suggestions for the use of his donation other than using it to increase stipends.

How can the school in good conscience deny this money that is needed by these publications? The university needs to understand the time and effort put in by the students who participate in school activities. This is their "job," any help they can get to cover the sky rocketing cost of tuition is much deserved. I hope that the university takes the time to reach a compromise acceptable to Mr. Fetter in this situation.

Heather Hilman Blaisuis

Holy Benjamin and Elaine!, I'm not a student anymore

GUEST COLUMN

Ladies and gentlemen of the graduating class of 2001, I have one word for you: Plastics.



By JOE LAWLER

Sorry, I've been thinking about the movie *The Graduate* a lot lately. It's apt, I guess, since I'll shortly be graduating. Also, like Dustin Hoffman's character in that film, Benjamin, I'm not really sure what direction my life is supposed to be taking. Should I be trying to write *The Great American Novel*, going to grad school or getting a job? Harder still, getting a job related to my majors?

Some of us are going to view graduation as a happy ending, others a new beginning. I don't really think it will be either of these. It's not an ending, nor is it a beginning, it's just a moment, perhaps a happy one. Again I'm drawn back to *The Graduate*, when Benjamin sweeps Elaine off in a bus. It's a happy moment, but not an ending. You can see the look of uncertainty in both of their eyes. What comes next?

I'm nervous, when I wake up on May 7 I'll be something I haven't been for 16 years: not a student. Should I travel the world before I settle down to a job?

I believe my time at UT has been well spent. I've grown as a person and a writer, I've made friends I'll keep in contact with forever, and I'll have some good memories.

On the other hand, I won't be donating any money to this school, but that's another story altogether. I'm proud of the time I've spent here, and I hope that I've made a good contribution to the school.

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that will spur its students to get involved, to fight for leadership positions and to get involved in something, anything. I've held high positions in several organizations, and I've not someone who strives for power. I got them simply because no one else wanted them. Luckily for the school, I think I did something worthwhile with them, but there's a tremendous opportunity for abuse with this situation.

UT has brought itself back from the brink of disappearance. Now we're healthy financially, we have a lot of students. Now, what do we do with them? Now is the time we can bring back the philosophy major, expand the writing program and introduce a graduate program outside business and nursing. As the school becomes higher profile and gains more students, such steps must be taken.

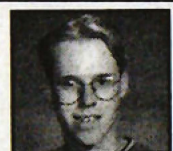
I don't intend this column to be any kind of slam against the school; we have incredible faculty and staff. We have eager students lost in the crowd; steps must be taken to reach them.

Ten years from now I'd like UT's reputation to be something I proudly associate myself with. I'd like to tell people I went to the University of Tampa and have them say, "Wow!" not, "You mean USF?"

A long list of "thank-you's" that could be much longer

GUEST COLUMN

In my five years (yes I too fell victim of having the dream of playing with dolphins for a living) I have learned everything the hard way. I would love to request that the bursar reimburse me for all the learning I had to do on my own: dealing with money, love and life in general.



By DAVE MACE

But we all know what happens when the school is headed in the red. The university accepts any ignorant soul whose parents have the money to waste, build giant over-priced towers to house these imbeciles, take financial aid from those who need it who have been here two years because studies show that students are less likely to transfer after two years, neglect the needs of the faculty which in turn reflect the needs of those students that are willing to learn and try to silence any negative aspects of the university which may damage peoples high opinion of the school.

But I'm not using this final column as a forum to show my dissatisfaction with the university. I am disappointed in many of the decisions and actions of the administration and that the majority of the students seem to be followers instead of leaders. Making a prediction, in the near future I can see all the females of this university having belly button rings, tongue rings and a tattoo on the small of their back. These women will either be dressed in the highest state of fashion, dressed as if they were going to Ybor or dressed as if they were faux hippies trying to relive an era that they could never understand and be a part of in today's society. These pseudo-hippies will then graduate and have problems finding a job because they will realize that they are part of a movement that stopped.

The men of this university will all be wearing visors (those of you who are athletes, poker players or members of AARP are exempt), possibly sandals, and little

beaded necklaces around their necks. Those men not following this style will then wear baggie pants or shorts hanging off their ass, and most likely will be decorated with a gold chain or three.

As I saw half of my friends leave after my freshman year, I already had beaten the odds. As I waged wars against family crises and troubled love relationships and stuck it out, I beat even higher odds. So what the hell kept me here to become sports editor of *The Minaret* for two years and involved for two-and-a-half years, an area editor of some sorts for *The Quilt* literary magazine for two years and involved for three years, vice president of Beta Beta Beta for three years, student coordinator of the L.A.S.E.R. Team for four years, number one campus radio show for two-and-a-half years, member of EPC for two years, sports information director of the women's basketball team for a season, and recently a news show on WUTV? My love of learning, the faculty and a few friends.

I wish to thank those who deserve it, and for those I leave out I apologize for my porous memory. I first have to thank Darcy Dwyer, her help in straightening out all wrinkles before I arrived here. Then next is Luella Franqui of the financial aid office. Many a day was she there to provide me with a tissue when I had problems with loans, the government and the school's ineptness (along with some of my own).

Among the faculty in the science department, where I began my college career, I need to thank my former adviser Dr. Kevin Beach, he gave me a very odd love for algae and helped to guide me towards the English/Writing Department. He did it in such a way to let me down easy, like few women have, and for that I thank him and appreciate all his time and patience in the past. I

must thank Dr. George Jackson of Organic Chemistry fame. The chemicals from all those four-hour labs kept me buzzed, and all his extra help allowed me to pass one of the most difficult subjects this university offers. I need to thank Dr. Karin Otto (and her husband Elmer for all those fun parties) and Dr. Steve Kucera for all their assistance in the many woes of Beta Beta Beta. I must also thank Dr. Steve Hendrix for convincing me that becoming a teacher is the way to go. This is the first I am sure he has heard of this, but if he recalls our conversation on this matter I am sure he will chuckle.

The last member of the science faculty I must thank gets a paragraph all of his own. This man is an icon all should strive to emulate. This man has published two books and soon a few poems. His classes

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are called "thorough" which in lay man's terms means difficult. You will find his classes difficult if your attendance is scarce and your passion is less than his. I had two classes with this man, one being BIO 203 that I had my first semester in which I retained more material from that class that I can still recite to this day than from any other class. To this day I can still spurt out Blattoidea, Lepidoptera, Arachnida, Orthoptera as poetic as they were the first time he uttered those words. My fourth year I found myself in his class once again, this time it was Behavioral Biology. He gave a dying science major reasons to regret his switch to the English/Writing Department. Rana pipiens, s1 s2, and the sex organ of the banana slug were the new stanzas in this poet's learning. I have to thank this Renaissance man for an impact on my education that I am sure he is unaware of. Dr. Fred Punzo I thank you for helping to shape me as a man and as a life-long student.

To Pam Bracken, Monnie Wertz and Angela Lauer (who I admire for not resigning with everything that has plagued her in her first year) for their patience with L.A.S.E.R. Team and teaching me along the way on how to be a successful boss (which, for my employees, doesn't seem accurate at many times).

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I must thank those in the English/Writing Department. Dr. Andy Solomon planted the seeds of literature and writing in me, Dr. Kathryn Van Spanckeren, Dr. Lisa Birnbaum and Dr. Don "Juan De" Morrill fertilized those seeds to help make me grow into what I hope is a promising young writer.

I have to also single out these professors individually for their impact on my life.

Dr. Solomon has gone beyond his duties as a professor and became a friend who has provided me with worldly advice (most of which I did not take, but should have).

Dr. Van Spanckeren has acted as a confidant, a psychologist and a very dear and compassionate person going way beyond her duties as a professor to help me stay focused and to aid me in many personal aspects of my life, not to mention inspiring my love for poetry.

Dr. Birnbaum has not only kicked my ass in pool, but also encouraged me to grow as a person, which in turn helped me grow scholastically. Her kind words, understanding and willingness to lend an ear even at the most inopportune times helped guide me and helped me to keep my sanity.

Dr. Morrill's infinite wisdom always puts me in my place, but just makes me want to learn more, to read more, and if not just for the fact to have a decent rebuttal when in conversation with him than to learn something along the way.

To all my dear friends, former lovers and colleagues I thank you for bringing my UT experience full circle and providing me with enough love, support and learning experiences to help me become the man I have grown to today, a man who I hope reflects the University of Tampa in a positive manner.

To the seniors—

Sean Manning, Dave Mace, Joe Lawler,
Lisa Chojnacki and Steve Champlin:

Thank you for all your hard work. You guys are the best.
The Minaret will miss you!

The Year in Review...In Pictures

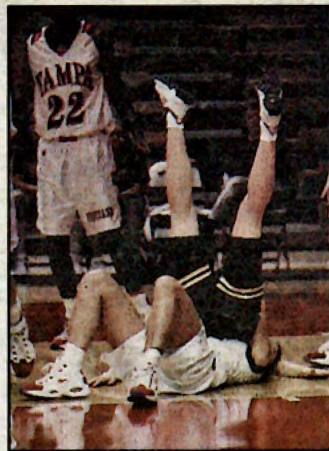
SPORTS



Both the men's and women's swim teams had All-American swimmers. Overall, the teams placed seventh at nationals.



The men's basketball team made school history when they came within one game of the Division II national championship game.



The women's basketball team kept many opponents on their backs throughout the season, and performed well after losing four starters from last year.



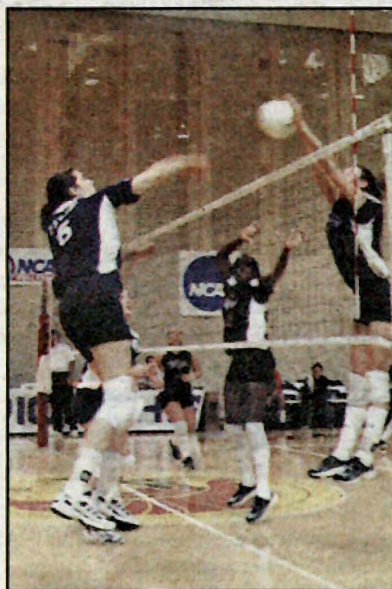
The men's and women's soccer teams each had a very strong season. Roy Fink won SSC freshman-of-the-year.



The softball team is vying for first place in the SSC. If they win over the weekend, it will be the first time in 20 years that Fla. Southern has not been crowned SSC conference champs.



After a 1-15 season, the women's tennis team is looking forward to a fresh start next year.



The women's volleyball team traveled to South Dakota to compete in the Division II Elite 8 championship.



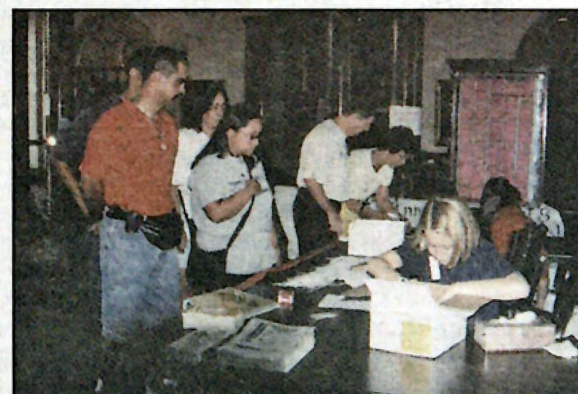
The baseball team stayed #1 in the nation for many weeks and will face conference powerhouse Fla. Southern on May 4.



Homecoming was a time for friends to gather and party in Fletcher Lounge.



Many students helped keep the Tampa Bay area blood banks full by donating blood in the infamous "Bloodmobile."



October is always hopping when family members arrive for the eventful Family Weekend.



Students had to constantly deal with others pulling fire alarms for non-emergencies.



Students participated in "National Coming Out Day" with people partaking in events on Plant Hall's verandah.



Students protest after Ralph Nader was not able to debate during the Presidential election.



At left, students dressed for success to help in Delta Gamma's annual "Anchor Splash."



Sororities held their annual open house during the first few weeks of school.



The John H. Sykes College of Business opened its doors during the fall after a generous grant from Sykes last year.

Students mourn death of fellow students

(pictures not available)

Tragic ending to horrific UT drama

"On Tuesday, Sept. 5, former University of Tampa student Chikel Dorisme ended his own life while being held in custody by Hillsborough Sheriff's officials. Dorisme's death ends a tragic saga begun six months ago, when he brutally stabbed and killed ex-girlfriend, Cara Policelli, also a UT student."

As reported by Sean Manning
The Minaret, September 15, 2000

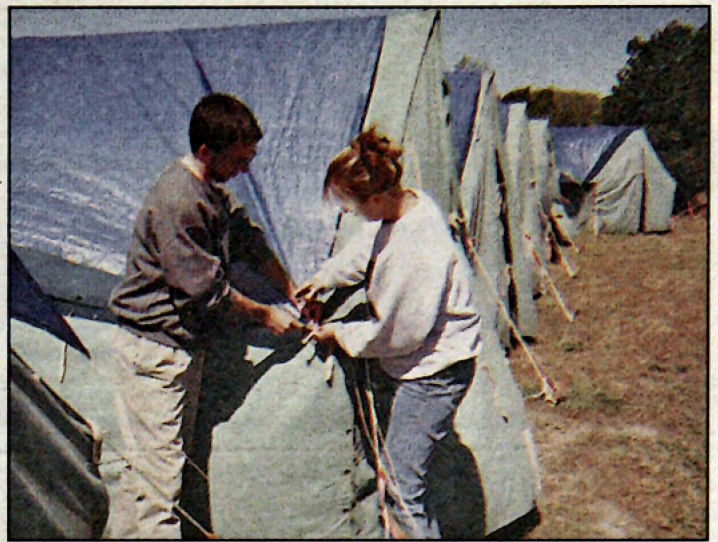
UT freshman dies in auto accident

"On December 15 at approximately 1:40 p.m., UT freshman Michelle Williams was killed near mile marker 58 on Alligator Alley, as she drove home for the holidays to her family's new residence in Weston, Florida. Police reportedly pronounced Williams dead at the scene, although it remains unclear whether she died before or after the impact."

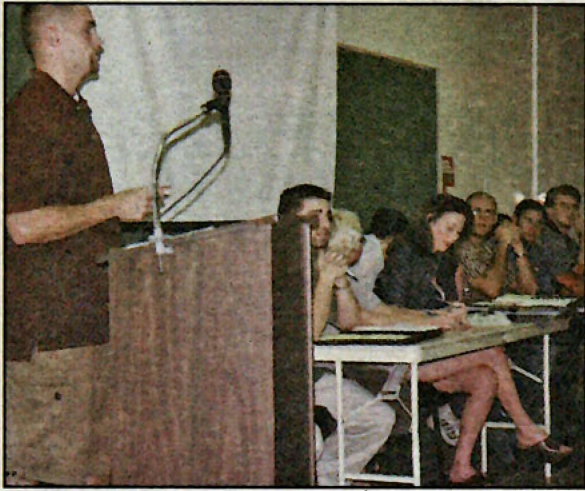
As reported by Mia Carter
The Minaret, January 26, 2001



Sigma Phi Epsilon was exiled from campus after a long battle with IFC and the administration.



P.E.A.C.E. volunteers took an "alternative spring break" to help clean up various sites outside of the Tampa Bay area.



Student Government came under fire for its leniency in appropriating funds for Greek organizations. It also decided at the last minute to drop impeachment charges against treasurer Monica Vasquez.



Life in General played in front of the "Sticks of Fire" in Plant Park in front of an energetic crowd.



The Tampa Bay Mutiny played an exhibition game at UT's Pepin/Rood stadium.



Thousands packed Clearwater's Coachman Park for a free concert featuring Our Lady Peace.

All photos by Jody Link with the exception of the men's soccer (Meghan Brunelli), alternative spring break (courtesy of P.E.A.C.E.) and Phi Delta Theta tattoo (courtesy of The Moroccan)



RHA and hall councils sent delegates to Orlando for the annual FARH conference.



Many schools' crews came to Tampa during the semester break to practice in weather that didn't include snow.



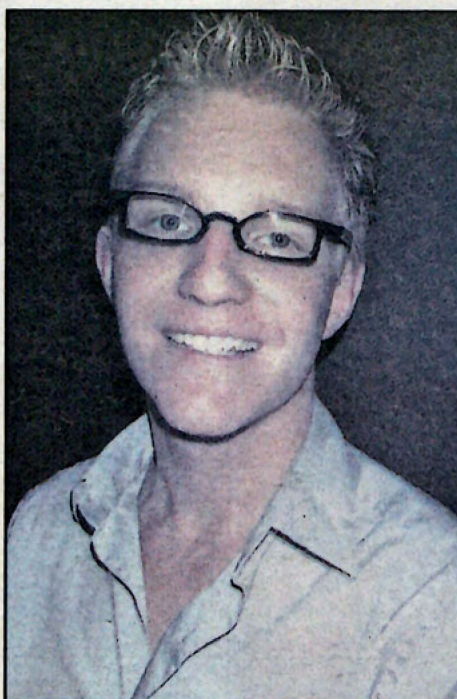
Tampa played host to Super Bowl XXXV and featured national acts such as Aerosmith, Mary J. Blige and the Backstreet Boys.



Students, staff, and faculty help produce a successful "Make a Difference Day" at the beginning of the spring semester.



At right, Tampa Bay Buccaneers punter Mark Royals helped kick off "A Tow to Go." The program allowed drivers who had been drinking to call a tow truck and taxi at no cost during the holiday season.



Senior Paul Trusik received an honorable mention award in the Florida Leader of the Year scholarship competition.



Four Phi Delta Theta pledges used a stun gun on two other pledges, causing controversy and debate over the handling of the issue. The four were kicked out of the fraternity.



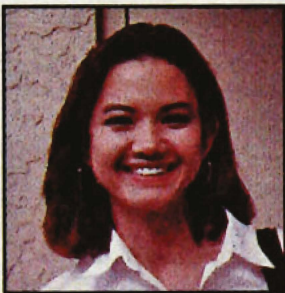
Campus Voice

What would you like to see Sodexho Marriott bring to campus food service next year?

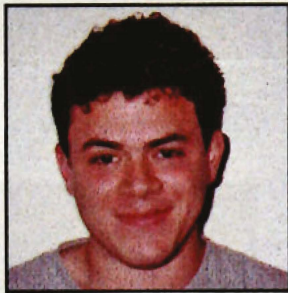
By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO



“Freshness and a larger ethnic variety.”
Elizabeth Butler
Sophomore



“More variety. We have the same stuff all the time. You get sick of it.”
Marie Kelley
Junior



“Politer service-happier people, and extended hours on the weekend It’s hard if you go anywhere on the weekend to be back in time to go to dinner.”
Luis Hernandez
Freshman



“ Better assortment of food. You choose the same thing every day; it is not appetizing or healthy.”
Mike Rossi
Freshman

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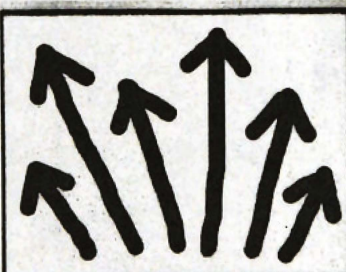


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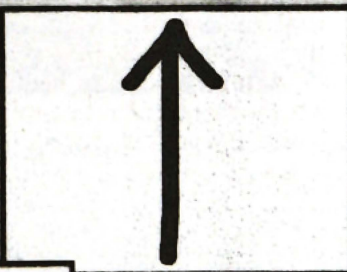
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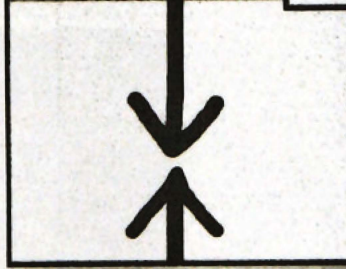
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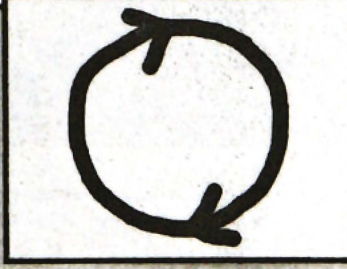
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Company! UT's final performance of the semester

By SAMANTHA HORVATH
Accent Editor

From April 19 to 22, UT students, faculty and staff wowed audiences with their final musical performance of the year, *Company*. *Company* originally opened on Broadway on April 26, 1970, at the Alvin Theatre. It ran for an astounding 706 performances. Stephen Sondheim wrote music and lyrics, and the book, which is based upon a series of 11 one-act plays, was written by George Furth.

Company tells the life of five affluent couples and their overly protective feelings toward their bachelor friend, Bobby (played by UT student, Michael Jackson). They are anxious to see him married and "settled-down." The show opens with Bobby's 30th birthday party, hosted by his friends, which serves to connect the separate episodes within the five couples' lives. Throughout the show, audiences see the

couples fight, argue, plan for divorce, smoke marijuana, drink too much, get married but in general love each other. Bobby's experiences with his married friends leads him to conclude that being alone is not really being alive, which is summed up his solo, "Being Alive" in Act Two, Scene Four. *Company* was a groundbreaking show because of its deviance from the usual linear plots of Broadway. *Company* emphasized the telling of the story, it-

"the company," with solos by Erin Hatred. This song illustrates the "cold-feet" of the bride on her wedding day.

Like all of the UT performances, the students, faculty, and staff were wonderful. The acting, singing, and orchestration were great. It was extremely impressive that the orchestra with only five members (Tara R. Swartzbaugh, piano; Bill Swartzbaugh, bass; Jim Rungo, percussion; Emily LeClair, trumpet and Kevin Dove, woodwinds) could bring so much to the show.

Surprisingly enough, when this critic arrived at five till eight, there was hardly anyone there, but by ten after, the theater was quite full, showing just how popular UT performances are. By the end of the show, *Company* received a standing ovation, just a thanks for all of the hard work and dedication that goes into every UT production.

Being alone isn't really being alive.

self, instead of just the plot.

A favorite of the audience was the character of Joanne, played by Lisa Kuebler. Her portrayal of this witchy, four-times-a-wife, socialite was hysterical. Her solo, "The Ladies Who Lunch," was a definite smash with the audiences. Her snide, sarcastic comments brought the majority of the comic relief to the play. Another hit with the audience was "Getting Married Today," sung by

What is Wasabi, really?

By ROBERT McCLELLAND
Staff Reporter

Wasabi, it is just a green paste usually served with sushi. Most people wouldn't realize that when dabbing their meal with it, they might be doing something healthy. This spicy green relish might offer a world of medicinal

not horseradish. Wasabi, or by its scientific name *Wasabi Japonica*, is more closely related to the canola plant. It can't fix all your health problems alone. Like most herbal and non-traditional medicines, you must also control your diet, exercise and lifestyle to get the full benefit of wasabi.

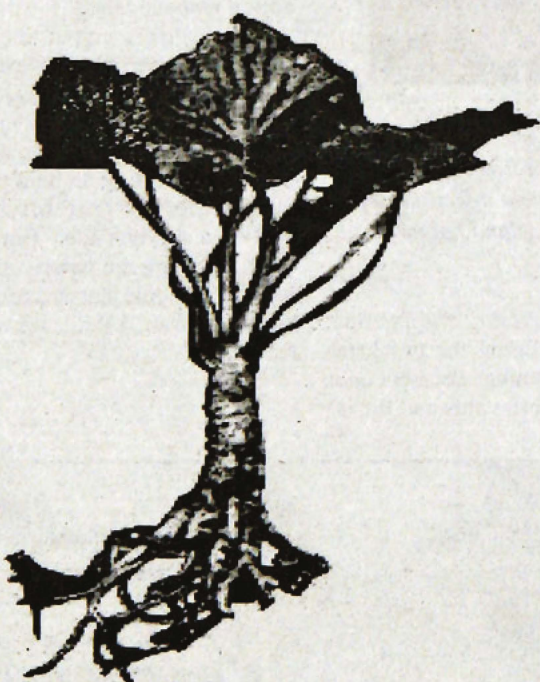
What can wasabi do?

thrombosis and Iiyama.

The market today for wasabi is \$36 million, and at \$8 a stalk, it's a cash crop. The market is becoming flooded though. Farmers in the Philippines and Taiwan are threatening Japan's crops. These products are more pungent than traditional wasabi and are usually mixed with other spiced or condiments to become neri-wasabi. Even though this is not quite the real wasabi, it still has a world market of \$16 million.

Wasabi or neri-wasabi, most people will continue eating it with their sushi that are unaware that they are doing something good for themselves.

A lot! It's a natural antibiotic and is effective in fighting some forms of intestinal parasites. It is also anti-carcinogenic, and for anyone who wants nice skin, it's supposed to help there too. Wasabi has even been effective in fighting



WASABI (*Wasabia japonica* syn. *Eutrema japonica*) is a member of the cruciferae family, originating in Japan and is related to cabbages.

benefits.

First, let's discuss what wasabi isn't. It is not a new miracle drug. It's been a part of Japanese culture since the late 19th century with the popularization of sushi. It is

Ouch! The summer sun strikes again

By ROBERT McCLELLAND
Staff Reporter

Ah summer, sunny beaches, rollerblading in afternoon and getting that great tan. The joys of summer are wonderful. Summer weather may motivate you to enjoy outdoor activities, but the summer sun may be damaging your health. Studies show that damage from ultraviolet light not only causes sunburn, but also can increase your chances of skin cancer.

In addition to cancer, repeated sun damage can cause wrinkling of the skin and premature aging. Some of the short-term effects of extreme burn or sunburn are blistered skin, chills, fever and nausea. To avoid a bad sunburn you need to limit your exposure to the sun. Even on a cloudy day, you should be exposed no more than 20 minutes at a time, but for most of us the sun is unavoidable, especially since we go to school in Florida, the sunshine state.

If you can't avoid the sun, block the sun. Wear a hat with a wide brim and cover up. Wear muted colors such as tan, because white and bright colors can reflect the light up into your face. Always wear sunblock or sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15, and remember to reapply.

If you're going to the beach and that nice new bathing suit really doesn't cover you well, your only defense against the sun is sunscreen. Now, what is a SPF? It the Sun Pro-

tection Factor, and the American Academy of Dermatology suggests a minimum of 15. Of course if you're fair skinned go with a higher SPF. The SPF is calculated by comparing the time it takes to burn with unprotected skin, and fairer your skin the quicker you'll burn, so if you use a higher SPF the longer you can postpone the burn. Now I just said the higher your SPF the longer it will last, but that's only part true. Even waterproof SPF wears off and can be rubbed off by your activities, and that leaves you once again vulnerable. Reapply your sunscreen at least every two hours or immediately after getting out of the water, especially if you towel yourself off.

What if you get burned? Don't panic, just because you get a sunburn doesn't automatically mean skin cancer. Take a cool bath or shower. Remember you have a burn on your skin, so you don't use hot water. If you have body aches or fever, take an aspirin. Spend your time resting in a cool room in as comfortable as a position you can get, and drink a lot. It may take between 24 and 48 hours for all the damage to appear, so don't be surprised if you hurt more the next day. If you have any pain that persists check with your doctor or pharmacist. They can recommend some over the counter or prescription ointments to ease the pain.

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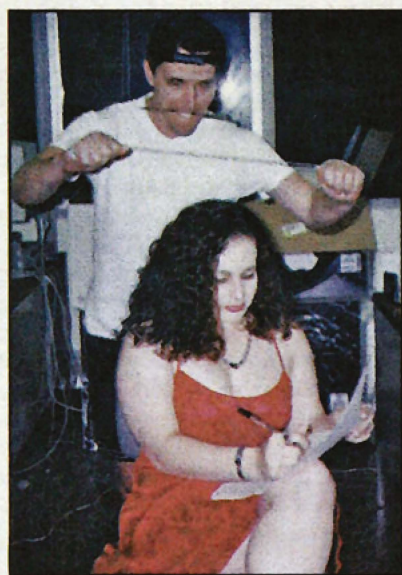
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CAN YOU SURVIVE *The Minaret*?

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO
Staff Reporter

Throughout the course of the year, *The Minaret* has been having its own competition. We have had our own *Survivor*, so to speak. Each week, we have kicked off one of our many reporters of the staff. Until now, that is. We started to turn on each other. Andy Solomon has



Champlin has flashbacks from his time in Vietnam, and so he attacks our Assistant Editor, Sarah Morgan.

been our Jeff Probst, the announcer for the events. To conclude our game we have just booted off four of our important staff members. Yet, the reasons for their departure are all substantial.

The first of the four to get the ax was Steve Champlin. You of course know Champlin from his many movie reviews, but the members on the staff know him as our creative cook and special agent from the Army. He has come up with many ingenious meals for the staff to eat, while we have been secluded on our office island. His last creation was the reason why he was forced to leave, and having him win all the physical challenges did not help either. We received a challenge stating that our next meal must include a variety of different items. The staff put all of our faith in Champlin. What we got was interesting; it was a soup, but it contained toenails, fingernails, and mucus. Needless

to say, no one ate the soup. Later that night at our journalistic council, Champlin was voted off the island. As Champlin was departing, *Taps* began to play. Although his time being a survivor for *The Minaret* is over, he will be surviving in the United States Army. Bye-Bye!

The second person to be selected was Josef Lawler. He is the behind-the-scenes man for *The Minaret*. He is not only our computer expert but also the best acrobat on the staff. Lawler was the one who won the challenge that involved catching Frisbees. The only catch to that challenge (there is always a catch) was that we had to catch the Frisbees with our teeth. Lawler's acrobatics proved him to be a connoisseur of Frisbee catching. Winning that challenge gave Lawler the chance to prove his technical superiority. His job was to invent a way to recycle and obtain water with the few items that were provided (we are also going through a drought). Unfortunately, his project to convert urine into water was a complete failure. We learned this the hard way when one of our current editor's became ill. Lawler knew that at the journalistic council, he would be voted off. In fact, it was a unanimous vote; he even voted for himself. Again, while Lawler was leaving, some annoying music was heard, emitted from an unknown source. It must have been a payoff for him, trying to eat the *Dirty Dancing* tape earlier in the semester.



Since our resident cook was booted off, Lawler is forced to crack open a *Dirty Dancing* cassette, wanting the sweet, sweet innards.

Bye-Bye!

The next choice was not as easy; a major player on the paper, Dave Mace, the resident Sports Editor, was elected to leave. Every week you have seen and enjoyed Mace's handy work, but to us on the staff of *The Minaret*, he is our entertainer. Always joking around with someone, he always has some sort of smart comment to say. One day, after the staff had spent another tiresome night lay-

ing out the paper, we noticed that the infamous picture of Mace had once again made it in to the paper (yes, you know the one). The female staff, having enough, formed the "female alliance" and conspired against him.



Lawler snatches the title and the Frisbee during one of our many challenges.

The two freshmen reporters were allowed to try and attempt something that had never been done before, extracting part of Mace's brain, which made him put the picture in, time and time again. The experiment was a triumphant; however, there was an adverse side effect, an enlargement of his thyroid gland. One of the remaining reporters was overheard saying, "look at that goiter, it resembles the chest of Soleil Moon Frye, that Punky Brewster chick." As time went by, the mass just became larger. This growth revolted the staff, and as expected at the next journalistic council, Mace was told to leave. Once again, music came out of nowhere; it was the theme from Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*, which was ironic, since when he was leaving, he was attracting blue-footed boobies (they're birds). But, don't worry too much about Mace after his corrective surgery; he plans on entering the field of teaching. Bye-Bye!

Our final non-survivor is Editor-in-Chief Sean Manning. Manning's departure was just as unique as he is. Being the prankster of the group, he is always ready to try something new. One day, he became bored and cracked open the safe on our office island. Inside, he found a treasure map stating, "At the spot with an 'X,' you'll find your editor's text." After grouping the remaining staff together, we sought out our prize. When we got there, we found yet another note; this one telling us that our prize had



Manning mischievously pours Clorox into Lawler's cup. Champlin, upset about losing the last challenge, keeps the unsuspecting Lawler in conversation.

been withheld. Manning, wanting to get to the bottom of this confusion, attempted to speak with the Mark Burnett-type person, the cre-

sue of *The Minaret*, explaining how to treat them, to our game's creator (you see we don't have enough funds to send the treatment as well). The next day, his computer was missing, and we were receiving messages that we were going to be cancelled. So, our meager staff went to journalistic council and voted him off. Manning, still wanted to keep his prankster reputation, so instead of taking the usual way off our office island, he took our only boat and began rowing to New York. Yet again, that stupid music began to play. Only, this time, Manning was singing along to *Bye! Bye! Bye!* In New York, Manning will be able to write his first fiction novel about his experience on *Minaret Island*. At the risk of being redundant, I'll refrain from my usual departing comment.

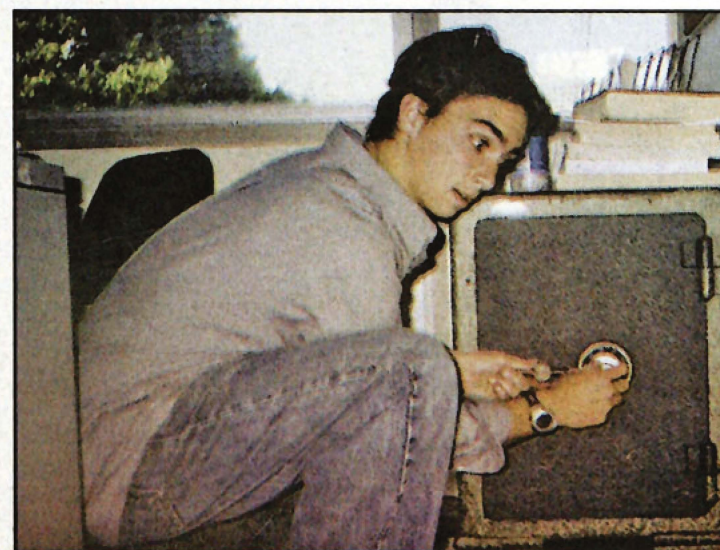
Now that we have successfully made our number of people on the paper as small as possible, we had to rearrange our editorial staff. Returning from her time in England is Jen Miller, who will once again take over as Editor-in-Chief. Our Assistant Editor-in-Chief and Commentary editor will continue to be the illustrious Sarah Morgan. Our News editor, Advertising Manager, and famous photographer will remain the titles of Jody Link. The major changes come from the vacancies left by the departing seniors. Newcomers Samantha Horvath and Raquel Pittiglio will be taking over the positions of Accent editor and Sports editor, respectively.

Best wishes go out to our seniors, who, deep down, we did not want to kick off *The Minaret*. But your time has come, and you had to go. Bye-Bye! We invite anyone reading this article to be a part of our game for next year. Maybe you will be a survivor too. But wait! Who really are the survivors, anyway? The people that we kicked off are free. Wait, I think we need a recount!



After surgery, Mace awakens dazed and confused. The two freshmen surgeons wrapped his head in a towel to prevent infection (there wasn't any gauze on their island habitat).

ator of our *Survivor*. His attempts were futile. Being the prankster that he is, Manning sent a coconut filled with red fire ants and the is-



Manning, up to his old tricks again, decides to break open the office safe.

little facts to know & tell

By SAMANTHA HORVATH
Accent Editor

What is every girl's favorite movie? Well, not every girl, per say, but definitely a very popular one with the females. Who doesn't love that hot, sexy "man in black," climbing the Cliffs of Insanity, fighting mighty battles of steel, brawn and brain, just to save the fair Princess Buttercup? Come on, this is great stuff! It's the kind of stuff that every girl drools over (alright, almost every girl). Who wouldn't want the brave Wesley to come and save her from the evil Prince Humperdinck?

And, how many of you dire fans have read the book?, which is ten million times better than the movie, in my opinion. Don't believe me? Check it out! It's S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure: The Princess Bride

(abridged by William Goldman), which by the way, I got for my birthday from my soon-to-be roommate (not that you really cared, but I felt that it was my duty as a reporter to inform you). It explains all of the things that the movie forgets, like why Fezzik doesn't catch on fire when he is wearing his holocaust cloak? Ever wonder that?

Anyway, here's the real clincher. S. Morgenstern doesn't really exist! It was all a ploy! I was so upset! S. Morgenstern is a pseudonym for William Goldman! There is no thousand-page manuscript! There is no sequel, *Buttercup's Baby!* There is no lawsuit! There is no Florin, no Guilder, no nothin'! I was shocked when my chemistry lab partner brought this fact to my attention. Taken aback, I decided to do some investigating on my own, and sure enough, she was right! Don't believe me? Look for yourself! Go to

www.abebooks.com and search under S. Morgenstern.

Sorry, but I felt the need to bring that to your attention. Now, at least, I will stop looking for the unabridged version. I felt like such an idiot, but I'm sure that there are others out there just like me! Anyway, did you know, Princess Buttercup is played by Robin Wright, the same chick from *Forrest Gump*? She played "Jenny," who we all know was just toying with Forrest's affections. Again, I couldn't believe it. In reality, however, I don't really like Princess Buttercup all that much, and her character is much better in the book! Really, you should go out and read it!

Ok, since I've probably ruined your day, I will conclude now. I will continue to be an avid Princess Bride lover, but I will definitely be a little sadder because, well, it just ain't the same anymore! Oh well, enjoy Wesley, Buttercup, Fezzik and Inigo as they fight their battles and ride off into the sunset, and may you all have sweet Cary Elwes dreams.

HOROSCOPE

April 27 - May 4, 2001

By JESSICA CASTILLEJA

Astrologist



Aries
Your creativity cannot be thwarted for very long. You are attuned to public trends. Find a way to express your thoughts about such matters. Investigate new ways to publicize, promote, and distribute your wares.



Taurus
You may be tempted to doubt yourself in a situation in which you had previously felt quite confident. Make decisions that will affect not only your personal life but also your investments.



Gemini
Keep a low profile. Work behind the scenes if possible and then emerge with a whole new plan of action. You're in charge of making decisions that will affect the lives of many people. You may actually accomplish by saying more and doing less.



Cancer
You may need to blow off some steam and release unused energy, and you could lose your temper if you're not careful. Try not to give in to the urge to explode. Although you're in a position to inaugurate change on the job, you should do so with caution.



Leo
A square between the Sun and Neptune encourages you to fantasize a great deal this week. On the one hand, this could be very positive, as it enables you to dream up ideas and opportunities that are curiously creative and refreshing. On the other hand, it may encourage you to doubt someone special who is very close to you.



Virgo
Be sure to consider the emotional response from groups, associates and friends. You may feel that some things are not quite fair, but you could be the person to make things right. It may help, though, to forget about keeping everything under control, and for once allow it to flow where it will.



Libra
Pleasurable pursuits seem more tangible than ever. Trust your instincts about coming trends. A square between the Sun and Neptune is wonderful for anything associated with creative work. If you have been thinking of decorating your room, this would be an ideal time to plan a color scheme and set to work.



Scorpio
Focus on communications that will benefit many people. You may be tempted to tell lies to someone special this week in order to cover up for the fact that you have made a mistake, or failed to tell them about something important. Just say exactly what happened and don't worry so much.



Sagittarius
Your charisma is stronger than you realize, and you need a partner or mate whose energy will match your own. You are tapped for greater honor and recognition in your public life, but your dreams may hamper your ability to function on a practical level.



Capricorn
You may find that events seem to spiral out of your immediate control and assume a life of their own. For once, you have to trust that everything is going to turn out better than you expected, despite the fact that you don't seem to be having a hand in how this works out.



Aquarius
It may be difficult to lift your head out of the sand, but it is essential that you confront important issues. So before making any important decisions, it may help to sort out what you really do feel instead of what you think you feel just to avoid any confusion.



Pisces
You could find that the answer to your problem is so unique yet so apt that you could never have thought it a logical possibility. You may also find that in solving your own problem, you become something of an expert and may be able to help others who are experiencing difficulties.

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Tampa	18-6	31-14
Lynn	15-9	32-12
Saint Leo	15-9	29-17
Barry	16-10	29-18
FSC	15-10	30-15
Rollins	8-14	30-16
Florida Tech	8-19	27-22
Eckerd	4-22	15-34

Triples

2. Glover 5
3. Tapia 5
6. Wallace 3
7. Abbott 3

Stolen Bases

8. Katz 12

Wins

4. Tiarks 16-9
7. Exizian 15-5

Saves

4. Schmidt 1
8. Tiarks 1

This Week in Spartan Softball

By BECKIE LOISELLE

SID

Last Week- The University of Tampa Spartans (31-14, 18-6 in the SSC) fought for the Sunshine State Conference first place spot as they continued on in the battle against three South Region teams. Wednesday, April 18, Tampa swept the Florida Tech Panthers (27-22, 8-19) with scores of 5-0 and 6-0. Saturday, April 21, the Spartans also swept the Florida Southern Moccasins (30-15, 15-10) with scores of 1-0 and 2-1(17). Sunday, April 23, the Spartans split with the Saint Leo University Lions (29-17, 15-9) with scores of 2-0 and 3-1.

This Week- On Saturday, April 28, the Spartans take Rollins on for the last home game in the regular season. Game time is set at 1pm at the Tampa Softball Complex, they also have to play another game to make up for the previous rain delay earlier in the season.

Record Breakers- With both victories against Florida Southern, the Spartans set a new school record for most wins in one season. With the win against Saint Leo, it extends the new record to 31, when the previous school record was 28.

Tampa Reigns- For the first time in Tampa's softball history, the Spartans are in first place and are in great position to sweep the Sunshine State Conference. With the sweep over Florida Southern and win over Saint Leo, it gives the Spartans a small security blanket to hold on to the lead. When playing Rollins, one win will clinch the title and make history for Tampa with the first conference victory in the 13 years of Tampa softball.

Hey Abbott! Leading the team offensively, freshman Kristin Abbott is batting .321 and leads the team in runs (21), has five doubles, three triples, one homerun and ten RBIs. Abbott had a very important hit that allowed the Spartans to win the second game against Florida Southern. In the 17th inning, Abbott singled home Laci Tiarks with two outs to lift Tampa to the 2-1 victory.

And going and going and going!

Continued from page 16.

nings of zero scoring, the Spartans scored in the 17th. Exizian singled and had Demsky pitch run for her. Stark and Tiarks both made it on to the field due to a fielder's choice. Starks was thrown out at third. Abbott doubled, which won the game for the Spartans, letting them sweep the Mocs.

Tampa 1- Florida Southern 0

Exizian tossed yet another no hitter, this one coming against the Moccasins in the early game on Saturday. The Lady Spartans took the lead in the fifth inning, and never looked back. Abbott got on base due to a fielding error, and was advanced to second on a wild pitch. A sacrifice bunt allowed Abbott to reach third. Glover flied out to the right field but that gave Abbott enough time to make it home. The only time that could have proved problematic for the Spartans came at the top of the seventh. A Florida Southern player hit the ball out into left field, it was sure to be at least a double, when Melissa Tapia took away that scoring chance with a great catch. The Lady Spartans were then able to finish the rest of the game with ease.

Tampa 6-Florida Tech 0

Not to be outdone by Exizian, Laci Tiarks pitched a shutout against the Florida Tech Panthers. All of Tampa's scoring came in the first two innings of play. One run was scored in the first. Abbott



Nikki Katz slides in safe against Florida Techs Holly Trosino.

--Jody Link

singled and was advanced on a sacrifice by Katz. Wallace doubled which brought Abbott in for the score. Five runs were scored in the second inning. Both Tapia and Stark singled, while Katy Baliey reached base on a fielder's choice. Abbott also singled. Katz had a triple bringing in three runs home. Glover followed up with her own single letting Katz score. Wallace had a double that was followed with Exizian being walked. Tapia was also walked and that brought in yet another run. Kristin Abbott scored two of the runs, and Nikki Katz,

Dena Glover and Katy Bailey scored the rest. The Panthers produced a total of five hits with the majority coming from their catcher Jennifer Dixon.

Tampa 5- Florida Tech 0

Providing another shutout was the dynamic duo of Christy Exizian and Holly Schmidt, and they allowed only two hits in the entire game against the Panthers. The Spartan bats were swinging like Ybor at midnight, scoring a combined four runs in the second and third innings, and a final run

added in the bottom of the sixth. In the second the runs came from Exizian and Stark, and in the third the two runs came from Exizian and Wallace off of a Tapia double. Finally in the sixth the run came from Katz. The Spartans had a total of 13 hits against Florida Tech's pitchers Christine Custer and Jennifer Triolo. Exizian not only helped toss the shutout but scored the most runs in the game with two. Nikki Katz, Dawn Wallace and Michelle Stark assumed the rest of the scoring.

The Minaret's second annual Men's Sports Awards



--Jody Link

Richard Schmidt

Athlete-of-the-Year
Coach-of-the-Year
Co-Teams-of-the-Year

Freshman-of-the-Year

Kris Sutton
Richard Schmidt (basketball)
Basketball
Baseball
Roy Fink (soccer)

Co-Basketball Players-of-the-Year
Soccer Player-of-the-Year
Golfer-of-the-Year
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Swimmer-of-the-Year

Gecarri Freeman
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Roy Fink
Matt Freeman
Doane Greenidge
Jim Kiner



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Mike Rabelo

Baseball
Co-Batters-of-the-Year
- Mike Rabelo
- Thomas Carrow
Pitcher-of-the-Year
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Tampa Leaders in the SSC

Batting

2. Carrow	.448
10. Smith	.384

Triples

3. Smith	4
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Stolen Bases

5. Bragg	17
8. Edge	13
10. White	13

Doubles

1. Carrow	20
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ERA

1. Manning	1.90
2. Watts	2.19
9. Figueroa	3.26

Wins

3. Manning	8-1
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Saves

1. Sutton	15
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This Week in Baseball

By MARK JOHNSON

SID

This Week: The University of Tampa Spartans (40-6, 11-3) prepare for Saint Leo University this weekend. The Lions will host Tampa on Friday night with a 7 pm start and the two teams will compete in a double-header in Tampa on Saturday starting at 2:00. Earlier in the season the Spartans defeated Saint Leo 6-2 in the Florida Southern Classic at Henley Field. Charlie Manning picked up the win that game with the offensive support from Angel Cruz (3-5, 2B) and Kenny White (1-5, 2 RBI, Run). Tampa's record against Saint Leo is 56-21. Last season Tampa played Saint Leo seven times and won six of them. Three of those games were at Saint Leo. Currently, the Spartans are second in the Sunshine State Conference behind Florida Southern by a half game. Tampa is two games ahead of Saint Leo. The Lions lead the conference in RBI's and hits and are second in hitting at .331.

Pitcher of the Week: Charlie Manning was named the Sunshine State Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week after his performance against the potent offense of Barry. Manning shutdown the team that leads the conference in homeruns. Charlie pitched 8.2 innings and allowed just three hits. Manning struck out nine batters and walked only one in his longest outing of the season. This

was Charlie's first award this season.

It's TC Time! Tom Carrow is quietly becoming one of Tampa's best sluggers in history. Carrow's .443 batting average ranks third all-time behind Tino Martinez (.452) and Paul Russo (.450). His .800 slugging percentage ranks fourth all-time ahead of last season's phenom Jim Kavourias. Tom also has 20 doubles thus far. The record is held by Erik Mirza with 27. Carrow ranks 28th in the country in batting average and 8th in double, leads the team in runs, hits, RBI's, hitting homeruns, slugging and on-base pct.

Spartans Pitching Towards

Records: Kris Sutton is again ready to break another record. This time it's the NCAA Division II record of saves in a season. He has 16 and the record is 17 set last season by Rollins's David Bean. Sutton leads the nation in saves, and has already set Tampa's records in single season and career saves. Dave Muley, the Spartans middle reliever, is also inching his way towards a career milestone. Dave has 74 appearances in his career, currently third all-time, he needs just six more to tie the record set by Steve White in 1992.

By Raquel Pittiglio

Reporter

Tampa 2- Warner Southern 1

Both the Spartans and the Royals were scoreless up to the sixth inning. When both teams scored one run, Turner scored on a wild pitch for Warner Southern, and Rabelo scored for Tampa. In the eighth inning Tampa scored once again with Jachimczyk who was originally walked. At the end of this game Tampa is ranked number one in the nation for Division II schools. Warner Southern is ranked 5th in NAIA division.

Barry 5- Tampa 0

The Spartans were held scoreless against the Buccaneers, by the pitching talents of Davis. The Bucs started their attack early and often. In the first inning Pinon was the first at bat and began with a bunt, he was able to get onto base, stealing second base and advancing to third due to an error on Rabelo. Apotheker flied out to center field but that was enough to bring Pinon home. The Bucs also scored a run in the fifth inning. Boullon singled to right field advancing to second when Owens grounded out and Boullon scored when Cilento hit a double. The Bucs added three more runs to make the score five nothing in their favor. Lorenzo scored and Boullon hit a homerun, bringing Gonzalez home as well. The Spartans had a total of four hits, two coming from Cruz, Maybin and Jachimczyk.

Tampa 7- Barry 5

The two teams both scored in the first inning of play. Tampa scored three runs. Bragg had one of the runs, Carrow hit a homerun which also brought Cruz home. The Bucs' only score in the first inning came from Lorenzo who hit a homerun to left field. However, there was not any scoring until the eighth inning where both teams scored four runs a piece. Carrow and Rabelo both singled, which was followed by Maybin being intentionally walked. Edge singled to left field, bringing in two runs. Maybin scored on an error by the third baseman of Barry. Edge then followed the inning by scoring his own run. The Buccaneers' runs came from Pinon, who scored when Lorenzo hit a homerun. The other two runs came from Ramous and Gonzalez. Tampa had a total of 12 hits with Carrow leading

the way with three of his own. Two other players had two hits each, and three more players had a hit to add to their totals.

Tampa 1- Barry 0

Manning and Sutton combined for a shutout against the Bucs. The teams were held scoreless up until the fourth inning when Tampa got the only run of the game. Smith doubled to center field, Carrow flied out to center field, advancing Smith to third. Rabelo was out at first but got the RBI when Smith scored. The Bucs and the Spartans offense were not as productive as in previous games. The Spartans had a total of four hits and the Bucs had three hits.

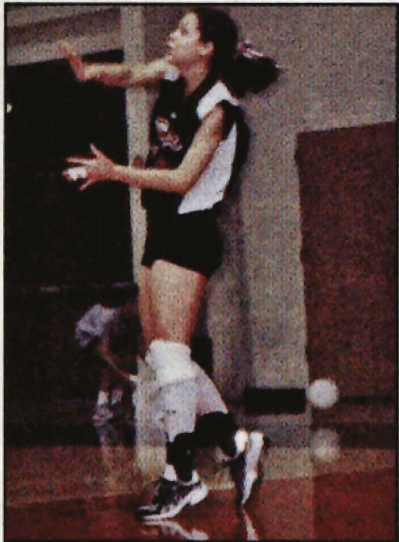
Tampa 6- Nova Southeastern 5

In this game the Spartans were able to come from behind and take the win away from Nova. Nova had scored two runs in the first inning. Tampa started their comeback in the top of the third. Two runs were scored, one coming from Quigg and the other from Bragg. Unfortunately Rabelo grounded out leaving the go ahead run on base. Nova, feeling threatened, had their own comeback, when Needle scored off of Melendi's single. Nova was not yet done, in the following inning they scored one more run as Gasbarro scored off of Needle's single. Tampa retored that run in the top of the fifth, Cruz singled to center field, advanced to second on the throw, and with a fielder's choice he was able to make it to third. Carrow singled, and Cruz came home for the score. The sixth inning was a quiet one for both teams with no offense taking place. The seventh was the break out inning for Tampa when they took the lead and never looked back. Cruz reached base on a throwing error by Nova's third baseman. Smith singled to left field advancing Cruz to third. Carrow was the hero of this game when he hit a homerun, bringing in three runs to give the Spartans a six to four lead. Nova attempted a come back but was unable to produce more than one run. The first baseman, Buehler, scored the only run in the inning. The final two innings for each team were unproductive. The Spartans put another game in the win column, even though Nova had three more hits than Tampa.

The Minaret's second annual Women's Sports Awards

- Co-Basketball Player-of-the-Year
- Volleyball Player-of-the-Year
- Soccer Player-of-the-Year
- Swimmer-of-the-Year
- Tennis Player-of-the-Year
- Cross-country Runner-of-the-Year
- Crew Boat-of-the-Year

- Jessie McDowell
- Yushonda Morse
- Kam Gillispie
- Tai Kirklin
- Elysia Moreland
- Kristen Koula
- Tracey Buxton
- Women's Light-weight four:
- Heather Arndt
- Kristen Krusious
- Jollette Henning
- Janice Kearns
- Laurie Madison (C)



--Andy Bott

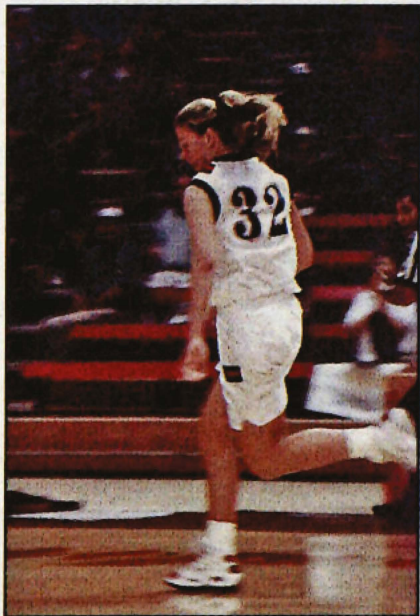
Ania Ruiz

- Elysia Morehead
- Leslie Kanter (softball)
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Kristen Abbott (softball)
- Ania Ruiz (volleyball)
- Yushonda Morse (basketball)

- Athlete-of-the-Year
- Coach-of-the-Year
- Co-Teams-of-the-Year
- Co-Freshman-of-the-Year

Softball

- Batter-of-the-Year
- Dawn Wallace
- Pitcher-of-the-Year
- Christy Exizian



--Jody Link

Jessie McDowell

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UT players in the pro's

<u>Batter/team/affiliation</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	
Tino Martinez-Yankees-Major League	.243	74	18	12	14	5	0	3	0	7	.432	.305	
Ronnie Merrill-West Michigan-Tigers	.382	68	26	15	14	3	1	2	8	3	.544	.443	
Jim Kavourias-Kane County-Marlins	.324	68	22	16	20	3	0	7	3	8	.676	.413	
Angel Diaz-Rancho Cucamonga-Angels	.214	42	9	8	3	3	0	0	1	7	.286	.340	
Louis Martinez-Myrtle Beach-Braves	.143	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143	.143	
<u>Pitcher/team/affiliation</u>	<u>ERA.</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>INN.</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>S</u>
Bo Donaldson-Altoona-Pirates	3.52	1-1	8	0	0	8	7	7	3	7.9	3	3	5
Greg Watson-Lakeland-Tigers	5.59	0-2	10	0	0	5	11	10	6	9.2	6	6	1

On top of the SCC



--Jody Link

The first-place Spartans face Perennial champions Florida Southern this weekend in a battle that should decide the SSC championship.

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO
Assistant Sports Editor

Tampa 3- Saint Leo 1

This year's softball team became the winningest team in school history with 31 wins. The latest win came against the Saint Leo Lions. Tampa started the game off right by scoring a run in the first inning. Not much was going on offensively for

either team until the top of the sixth when Tampa once again scored two runs. The Lions refused to fold, though, and started a comeback in the bottom of the ninth. But, like the Devil Rays against the Orioles this past weekend, it was too late in the game to matter. The three Spartans runs were scored by third baseman Nikki Katz in the first inning, and catcher Dawn Wallace and first baseman Christy Exizian

scored in the sixth inning. The lone run for the Lions came from Lacey Hardesty, first baseman for St. Leo in the seventh inning. Each team had a total of seven hits, and Tampa was able to overcome two errors.

Tampa 0- Saint Leo 2

The Lady Spartans were shutout by pitcher Desiree Croceau of the Lions. The only scoring for either side were scored by the Lions' Lacey

Hardesty and Jamie Martin in the bottom of the third. The Spartans were able to come away with only three hits in this game provided by Dena Glover, Christy Exizian and Laci Tiarks.

Tampa 2- Florida Southern 1

The Spartans pulled out the win after 17 long innings. The Mocs started with a 1-0 lead over the Spartans. Baker singled, stole second,

and advanced to third on an error by the shortstop. Pavone singled which brought Baker home for the Mocs' only run of the game. But late in the game the Spartans were able to score one run in the sixth inning, sending the game into extra innings. Katz had a single followed by a triple from Glover. Glover's triple brought Katz home. After ten in-

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