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Erin Thorpe (center) brings a world of enthusiasm out of Josajandy Estefania (holding up three fingers) and Rose Marie Benitez (right).

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—Dr. Joe Sclafani



Dr. Barbara Hruska

By David Brothers  
Editor

# Learning to do; Doing to Learn

F O U R S T O R I E S

## Serving is the Best Teacher

Photos by David Kadlubowski

The glow is unmistakable.

Three dozen bright child faces beam with that exquisite blend of unconditional admiration and unfettered enthusiasm, the universal byproducts of children learning and having fun doing it.

The admiration is for their teachers, who are still students themselves, and are as exuberant as their charges, eager to test their own early steps out of their textbooks and into real places as teachers/mentors/friends, scarcely realizing at this juncture in their lives that they were where their admirers are a surprisingly short time ago.

It is the second day of a semester-long program at De Soto Elementary School in Ybor City. Over an 18-week stretch, these 36 first-

and second-grade kids, most of them from immigrant families and some indigent—will meet with their 18 UT education students twice a week in an after-school literacy program.

### Learning and Loving It

Dr. Barbara Hruska, assistant professor of education, launched the program at De Soto with a small grant and a big vision to help ESOL (English as a second language) students

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A colorful country makes a perfect learning floor in the media center at De Soto Elementary.

early in their school lives, and at the same time, introduce her students—who are juniors and, she stresses, *not* interns—to the real world of classroom interaction.

It is a realm Hruska knows well. She taught elementary school for 21 years, mostly in Massachusetts, but also in Texas, and for two years in Copenhagen, Denmark. On this day, her face beams as brightly as all the other faces in the room. Even the warm air generated by the flurry of frenetic energy fails to slow any of the participants. And those youngest faces already have sat through an entire day of school.

The only minor dent in Hruska's elation comes with the realization that more books and less play are ahead, and might take their toll.

"These little ones don't know it yet," she says softly amid the din of happy activity, "but we're not going to just do puzzles for 18 weeks. We started with more of the fun stuff on the first day to help get them involved, but as the semester goes on, we'll be doing less and less of the puzzles and games, and more of the serious stuff."

But on this sunny September day, the De Soto media center is awash in concept-based activities emitting stunning colors: a giant felt map of the United States on the floor (a regular fixture in the center), Picture Link and other match-the-words-to-the-images games, Sight-Word Bingo, sets based on matching words to number concepts, such as a game that asks a child to park an appropriate number of plastic cars in a numeral-labeled miniature parking lot.

Books are encouraging young literacy and adding more color to the already visually vibrant room: *Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?* and other Dr. Seuss books, *Clifford Takes a Trip* and

*Ten Little Ladybugs*. Flashcards pull double duty as teaching aids and assessment tools.

Interactive writing is a big focus: The child writes the part that he or she can; the adult provides the rest, on the same piece of paper, and with the same pencil freely shifting ownership as needed, smiles and giggles accompanying most handoffs.

But no matter the activity, it's the faces, gestures, body language, eyes, smiles, laughter, the sheer contentedness even in the predictable early childhood squirming and fidgeting that collaborate to illustrate a roomful of miraculous harmony, flashing it in universal code for "learning and loving it."

## Driven by Need

Florida now requires ESOL training for elementary or secondary teacher certification. Part of the requirement is a field experience, Hruska says, and the present internship setup is unable to guarantee experience with ESOL students.

"Our practica come late in our program, and our students weren't having any hands-on teaching experience early in the program. They were having some field observation, but no time actually working with students, so we really wanted to change that.

"And the third thing is that we've had this—even before I came—this long-standing relationship with De Soto Elementary, but hadn't really done anything about it. We said we were partnering with them as the University to an elementary school, but basically, it involved just sort of going once a year and doing a book fair or meeting in literature circles. So, we really wanted to do something that would have a significant impact on the community there."

But the primary motivation, she says, was need.

"We needed a population of ESOL students, and rather than run around and try to find 20 places, it makes more sense to me to go to one place where there was a need and we could really be of use.

"Teachers sometimes assume that, when they assign homework, there's somebody at home to give a practice spelling test or help them do the math, and in these families it's not always there, because sometimes parents don't speak English, sometimes they don't



Flash cards are used for basic recognition assessment, in this case confirming that Josue Villagomez knows the alphabet well.

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# The Point Man

Photo by Shelly Coleman

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Psychology professor Joe Sclafani has become the unofficial headmaster of UT's burgeoning service learning operation. If he has a credo, the basic premise of service learning is part of it: "Simulations are good, but they only go so far. Real life—that's where it happens.

**"I**'ve become kind of the point man since 1997," he says, "when we first looked at experiential learning in a systematic way. I was sent off to a conference, and quickly discovered that there's enough research out there that shows that service learning is a good thing for everybody.

"It's good for the faculty member because the students learn more; it's good for the students because they're actually out there applying what they hear in the classroom to the real world; and it's good for the community because they're getting a public service."

## It's an Eye-Opener

Sclafani has been applying service-learning methods to his child psychology classes every semester he teaches the course, which is every fall.

"The child psychology class is a natural place, because you can't learn about kids unless you work with them," he says. He requires a 40-hour out-of-class component in which each student must go out into that daunting field called reality and perform some kind of interactive service with children. Each student also keeps what Sclafani calls a service-learning diary, and students use their diaries in weekly reflection exercises that include answering a standard set of questions and writing about their experiences.

"It really helps tie back to what they're doing, and it's more than just about academics," Sclafani says, "although academic learning is why I do it, but it's also about creating some citizenship, civic-mindedness in students, and the notion that those who have, have to give back."

Given that most UT students come from advantaged circumstances, and most service

learning recipients are among the disadvantaged, Sclafani says, "It's an eye-opener."

Sclafani's service learning roots go back three decades, and the experiences he had as a psychology student working for Head Start five hours a week left a lasting impression, even though he admits to not having liked the requirement at the time.

"I saw some things I couldn't believe," he recalls. "I worked with little kids the age of my younger brother, and they couldn't name colors, they couldn't name the rooms of a house, things my brother had been doing since he was two. And it was because (A) they didn't have anyone talking to them, and (B) they didn't live in houses that had multiple rooms."

A believer in letting students develop their own service areas based on what's important to them, Sclafani allows them wide latitude in their choices, and is pleased with the fruits of that approach.

"It can be things like coaching a soccer club; it can be things like Boys' Clubs and Girls' Clubs. I've had students sign up and go well beyond the class, and actually become guardians ad litum, which is a really big commitment."

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Former child psychology student Victoria Venn is an intern child life worker at the Children's Cancer Center. She began her work at the Center in class a year ago.





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## P.E.A.C.E. and Trust

Sclafani coordinates much of the activity through UT's P.E.A.C.E. (People Exploring Active Community Experience) Office.

"Through the P.E.A.C.E. Office," he says, "the word is out that there are some very able, capable UT students who can really come in and help.

"One of the concerns faculty have is, 'How do I know these students are really doing their work?' It's a good question. I tend to trust students, but for those who want a little more proof, the P.E.A.C.E. Office will actually maintain a database. They'll record the hours on a weekly or monthly basis, whatever you ask for, and they'll provide reports to faculty as to how many hours.

"They'll also collect the information, and they're in contact with the supervisors at the agencies, as well. If a student did not show up or if there was a problem, there'd be contact back and forth that way.

"I've been very lucky," he says. "Our students, the ones that I've sent out, have understood the importance of the task. They've shown up, and in fact, I've gotten letters at the end of the semester from these agencies saying, 'This student was wonderful, made a difference in these kids' lives, really appreciate this opportunity,' that kind of stuff.

"So, the feedback's generally positive, and I try to forward some of that over to the P.E.A.C.E. Office so they can see the kudos rather than just letting them stay on my desk."

The supervisory role Sclafani plays extends well into the areas where uncrossable lines are sacred, and the supervisor has to rely

on trust. The temptation for some inexperienced would-be psychologists to cross prematurely from mentor to counselor is an ever-present threat.

"We are very specific in what they can and can't do, and that especially is true on something a little higher-level like an internship, or field study as we call them. The agencies know that these are volunteers. Although they're undergraduate psych students, that doesn't mean they're experts."

Safety issues and matters of protocol including appropriate attire also are made clear before the volunteers show up. Many students undergo an orientation or basic training at the agencies they serve.

Some, for example, are taught aggression control techniques.

"If you're working with teenagers, say on a psychiatric unit," Sclafani says, "even though you're not a professional, you're still there online, and you're doing the kinds of things that need to be done, you need to know what to do in case things go bad."

## Interdisciplinary Nature

"We have some speech teachers doing it," Sclafani says of service learning, "we have English faculty doing it, some college of business folks in management are starting something up. Education has always done it, nursing, psychology, education."

"It takes a little extra work, but to me, it's worth it."

As something of a UT pioneer in the area, Sclafani is pleased to be the default consultant, and as such, he plays at least an advisory role in most of the University's service learning projects. He has presented at conferences on the topic, and his papers are among many now in the baccalaureate office that comprise a service learning resource center for faculty. ■■■

Two examples of service learning diaries kept by Joe Sclafani's psychology students.

*Service Learning Diary Questions ~ 9/19/03*

**Week #1**  
Why have I selected this age group to work with during the semester? Is there something about this age group that I find challenging/interesting/attractive? What do I hope I will learn after my ten weeks with this group?

I selected to work with the age group of 0-3 years old for a couple of reasons. My first reason is that my major is pediatric/neonatal nursing so I wanted to get experience being around the young ages. I also love kids very much and I feel that at this stage of their life by watching and observing you can learn a lot. Kids are very dependent upon adults at this time in their life and I felt that having an extra pair of hands to help play with the kids is always needed. Find it challenging at times because younger kids they can't always understand what they want/need so into

**Reflection #3**

**QUESTION:** Now that you have had a chance to interact with children in your placement, what has been your biggest surprise? What did you not expect or know about this age group that you know now to be true?

I would have to say that my biggest surprise upon interacting with the children at Twin Lakes Elementary would be that 10-year-olds can have already never



# Following a Path

Photos by Bob Finer

Mark Putnam is an English professor with a penchant for the plight of the downtrodden. Following a path forged by senior colleague Frank Gillen, he has walked straight to the little-known struggle of central Florida's migrant farm workers, and he has brought his English 102 students along for the reality walk of their lives.

**T**he missions that work with the migrant population in Hillsborough County—Good Samaritan Mission, Beth-El Mission, Florida Institute for Community Studies, and one up in Dade City, Farm Workers Self Help—my students took on various projects to help with them,” Putnam says.

For many of the students, it meant a Saturday morning trip to eastern Hillsborough County or southern Pasco County, where they interacted with the migrant families in a way that helps establish bonds in their culture—they made them lunch.

The primary purpose, Putnam says, was to establish initial contact. A second focus was nutrition, both in the immediate and, via example, in the future.

“One of the problems with farm worker communities,” he says, “is that they feel abandoned—they feel isolated.”

Other students joined the effort to bring computer technology to the community, bringing residents the technology with the power to end that isolation. They worked in a program with Luis Barragan, shipping and receiving clerk in Facilities Management, and Mark Wright, a technical support specialist in Information Technology, transporting a handful of surplus computers to the learning resource center at Farm Workers Self Help.

Some of Putnam's students volunteered to help out in the daycare center, reading stories, helping with snack time and nap time, and all the usual simple things that often are taken for granted, but that nevertheless require time and attention from caring individuals.

## Mixed Reviews

As composition students, Putnam's charges conduct perhaps more extensive reflection in the form of the major semester pa-

per. In English 102 at UT, that means they became each student's MIOP (major informed opinion paper, pronounced *MY-op*). Their experiences thus crossed the often delicate bridge from theory to practice, then moved on to solid ground as theory informed by experience.

The reviews were mixed, Putnam says, something not surprising since it essentially was foisted upon students without their prior knowledge. Given that, he finds the mixed reviews encouraging. An impressive attrition rate also makes a positive statement.

“I have to admit that,” he says, pausing to ruminate through the remainder of his comment, “some students were not all that open to the experience. Going in, they wanted kind of the traditional class. But they did it—they did it, obviously. Some students changed their minds entirely. Other students felt, in the end, glad that they had done it, but felt that it was time-consuming for them—they didn't really want to do that.”

A few diehard nihilists, predictably, delivered the verbal blows no idealist wants to contend with.

“I heard, ‘We can't change the world; we should we even bother?’ That didn't stop me from doing it. And somebody taking English 102 saying, ‘This class changed my life.’ That doesn't happen very often.”

## Beautiful MIOPs

But many of the papers did, after all, provide the mutual reward Putnam had waited to see.

“I read some beautiful MIOPs, because they were able to tie in their own first-person, ethnographic research, having the real experience with a real kid, and a real conversation that they could draw on as they tied into the larger issue, the sociopolitical issue. Kids of

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Some of Putnam's students in action in front of a local fast-food outlet, picketing for a penny-a-pound wage increase for tomato pickers, a raise the chain's owners flatly oppose.



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farm workers: What opportunities do they have? What opportunities don't they have?

"The other option for the MIOP was to do research that gave back to the community we were studying. Their projects were somewhat different than strictly service learning. The ultimate goal of that turned out to be raising awareness, for the most part, making some kind of political impact."

Students who took the second option lobbied the state legislature, and picketed a fast-food chain that opposes a penny-a-pound raise for tomato pickers.

Others volunteered to help with AIDS/HIV

prevention, after-school tutoring, mentoring/social support for kids, and legislation aimed at protecting workers from pesticides.

Putnam also teaches a course in Teaching English as a Second Language. His four students in that class are traveling to various sites in Hillsborough County to help as paraprofessional tutors for immigrant adult students in the public schools.

Like his more adventurous colleagues, Putnam spent the seed money from a teaching innovation grant on the project, in his case on renting a bus to transport students to and from the various sites, and buying the makings of the lunch his students served to migrant families. ■■■

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have the educational background; sometimes they're simply not home because they're working such long hours. I was originally trying to create that kind of support environment.

"What the school said is, 'We've got our upper-grade kids in all sorts of after-school test-prep programs that the state provides. We have nothing for our little ones.'

"Now, every day at the door, I have a parent standing there with children, saying, 'Please, can my child be in the program?' And we're full."

Aside from the usual organizational preparations, Hruska got approval from the state to make the ESOL service learning component part of the official program. The only difficulty with that, she says, was getting credits added to the program.

## On the Hunt

While she is yet to succeed in convincing the University to provide transportation for her students, she concedes that that, too, may be providing valuable lessons for them.

"They're all having to supply their own cars, which is hard," she says. "So the other thing they're learning is how to be personally responsible and get there on time."

Hruska applied the small Excellence in Teaching and Learning Innovation grant she received last year as seed money for the project, but still wound up spending some of her own money on supplies, as virtually all service learning instructors do in one form or another.

"I found out that it's the principal who is personally buying the snack out of his own pocket. So," she says, "I'm now on the hunt for some ongoing funding to re-supply the consumable items and the snack, because he shouldn't have to do that."

But while funds may be on the short side, the educational benefits have been anything but, Hruska says.

"It's been extraordinarily motivating for my students, the fact that they're first-semester juniors, they're at the beginning of a two-year program, and they're in with children already. They're having the experience, instead of having to wait a year or two to be with kids. I think it's very motivating to have that up front, and then to have that as a foundation from which to build the methods courses that will come later."

Hruska pauses again to survey the room, and all is well. She jokes that it seems difficult to believe that it's all going as well as it is.

"It's like when you see a scene in an old western, and a guy rides up, notices that the town is quiet, and says, 'Yeah—too quiet.'

"I mean, they're focused. Nobody's out of control; nobody's whapping anybody. It's quite amazing to me. And what we'll see is if we sustain that. My guess is we will, because every kid has the full attention of an adult, right there, that whole time, and I think it's very motivating and engaging to have that."

"It's the first semester, so we'll see how it goes," she concludes thoughtfully. "We're hoping that we'll be able to continue, and that it will work." ■■■



Jennifer Mikolajczyk spends quality learning time with Janet Luva (facing camera) and Mario Rivera.



# Food for the Invisible

Photos by Dr. Frank Gillen

"Half the people in the world go to bed hungry every night," says UT English Professor Frank Gillen, "and we don't see it. Migrant farm workers are in these little places where nobody sees them. They come from Mexico. They live in these little communities—we drive right by them."

**"S**ome of the students in class a couple of years ago—students who lived in Dade City or Plant City—they would say, 'Well, we see them once in a while, but we don't know where they live.' When we went out there and actually looked at some of the housing conditions, they were just amazed at the poverty that's there."

"So, we really don't see where our fruits and our vegetables, and to some extent, where our abundance comes from. And we don't know that it comes from the backs of the laborers. That is something that fairly consistently through my teaching career has bothered me."

## Linking Service to Knowledge: The Driving Force

That persistent disequilibrium, driven straight to his heart by a viewing of Edward R. Murrow's 1960s documentary *Harvest of Shame*, did to Gillen what it often does to good teachers: He found a way to teach about its driving force, and by doing instead of by preaching.

"We got the opportunity to develop some new courses, and I thought, 'Well, wouldn't it be good to develop a series of courses that in essence would link town and gown, instead of just doing research, and handing it in, and that's the end of it? The teacher reads it, you get it back?'"

"Let's aim the research at a real problem, a real question that's there—it should be a question—a real question that's there in our community, and then, let's see if we can take that next step: Let's take that research, and see if we can turn it towards doing something good, making some changes."

Rather than replacing traditional community service with the learning variety, Gillen sees value only in augmenting it, watering the University's community service roots to engender new growth that continues the reach upward.

"I know that we do a lot of community service," he says, "and I think that's a wonderful thing, and I think we should be proud of the community service that we do. But, I think the next logical step in that is linking it to knowledge. I mean, you go into the poor neighborhood, and you paint the house, or you clean up the field, and so on, and you feel pretty good about it."

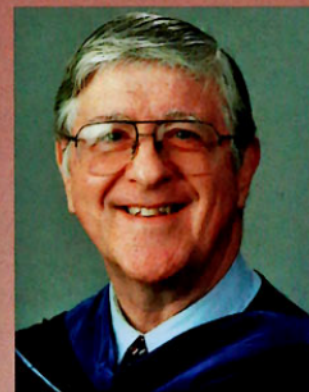
"But, you painted the house, and you come back, and the poor neighborhood is still there. And the causes of that poverty are still there. Or, you could go out and have a picnic with the migrant worker children. That's one Saturday, and it doesn't change the actual situation. That's harder. That's much more difficult. It takes study, it takes research, it takes looking at the causes, and it takes a kind of multidisciplinary approach."

## A Subversive Activity

One of the tasks adopted by some of Gillen's students involved obtaining signatures to help push state legislation that was stuck in committee. The law, which did finally pass, prohibits growers from charging rent for tools the laborers use, ending a long-standing practice of oppression that, as Gillen puts it, is like

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This could be home for a large migrant family—or two.







Farm Workers Self Help in Dade City is a simple but effective organization working to help migrant farm families with everything from infant care on up.

## Service Learning Opportunities

### SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Diplomats  
P.E.A.C.E.: People Exploring Active Community Experience  
Alpha Phi Omega (service fraternity)  
Best Buddies  
Strategic Analysis Project (business)

### FRATERNITIES

Kappa Sigma  
Phi Beta Sigma  
Phi Delta Theta  
Pi Kappa Phi

### SORORITIES

Alpha Chi Omega  
Alpha Gamma Delta  
Delta Gamma  
Delta Sigma Theta  
Delta Zeta  
Sigma Delta Tau  
Zeta Phi Beta

### ORGANIZED SERVICE EVENTS

Into the Streets  
Make a Difference Day  
Community Health Fairs (nursing)  
Sleep-Out for the Homeless

### SERVICE LEARNING COURSES

Freshman English  
Child Psychology  
Inequality (sociology)  
Oral Communication (speech)  
Societal Issues (business)  
Senior Practicum (nursing)  
Community/Family Practicum (nursing)  
Internships (all fields)

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working at McDonald's and having to rent the French fry dipping basket each day.

"The migrant workers don't have a voice," he says, "because they don't vote,

for the most part. In fact, you'll go near many of them, and they'll move away, because they're undocumented."

That's where Gillen's students came in. They could be the voices, and they could carry other voices with them by gathering signatures—about 900 of them—from the people who can and do vote. Gillen spoke personally with state senator Frank Peterman, the bill's author, to follow up personally. One student personally contacted a dozen state legislators. The bill made it to the floor, and passed.

"One student had heard it on the radio driving into school. He ran in and announced that that law had passed, and you should have seen the class that day."

*St. Petersburg Times* columnist Bill Maxwell, himself the son of migrant sharecroppers, spoke to the class, as did Evan Jorn, director of Beth-El Ministries. Margarita Romo, founder and director of Farm Workers Self Help in Dade City, also visited, and brought a migrant worker with her. Maxwell wound up devoting a column to Gillen and his work.

"Great teaching," Maxwell wrote, "is a subversive activity, a revolution that transforms lives. ... I recently had the pleasure of meeting a great teacher."

Romo, through a translator, told students what it was like to have worked all her life in the fields.

"I think she just showed the students what kind of strength she has," Gillen says. "One of the stories told about her is that she has rheumatism so bad that when she was strawberry picking, she knew that if she would stand up, she probably couldn't bend down again. And so, until she finished that row of strawberries, she would stay all the way bent down. She is determined that her children are not going to have to have the kind of life that she has had.

"I think students got a lot of inspiration from that."

## Getting Hooked Up

After his students had been well primed, Gillen took them to Dade City to visit Romo's organization, had them mingle with the workers, talk to a few who were willing to converse, and eat with them. The next step was finding out what some of the workers' needs were. As a direct consequence of that, Gillen's and Mark Putnam's classes (see page 5) executed a plan to give some of UT's older computers to the organization.

"We've got to find a way to get them hooked up now," Gillen says. "They're not hooked up to the Internet. Maybe that's going to be my new project. They're a very isolated community. That's part of the problem."

As far as making the initial connection to the farm workers, Gillen credits a student.

"It was the hardest thing, actually. I was very lucky. I had a student—her name is Charlene Donatello—who wanted to be a teacher, and she didn't want to teach in college. She asked if I could be her mentor. She worked with that class and did wondrous things, and she helped me make the connections."

The rest, Gillen says, was simply networking. Once the connections were made, a weekend visit was scheduled. The visit meant involvement, he stresses.

"The one thing we didn't want to do was be voyeurs."

And so, the meal was planned by Romo and Gillen. Meals are particularly important for bonding in the migrant farm worker culture.

## Fighting the Fiction

Growers sublet substandard housing to workers, often at exorbitant rates that absorb most of their earnings, thus trapping them in near slavery while forcing them to live in substandard conditions.

"They've created a kind of fiction," Gillen says of contractors.

Large families have been known to reside in dilapidated trailers without running water or electricity. Sometimes more than one family lives in a single trailer or shack. Medical care is scarce, and according to Gillen, some 300,000 workers suffer chemical poisoning from pesticides in the fields each year.

Ultimately, whether concerning education or human problems, Gillen arrives back at a question.

"Now, what can we do practically?" ■■■



# BSN Program Attains National Accreditation

**T**he graduate and undergraduate UT nursing programs have been awarded continuing accreditation by the Board of Commissioners of the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission Inc., formerly the National League for Nursing, and the new four-year BSN program has gained its initial accreditation.

National accreditation establishes that all of the nursing programs offered at UT meet national standards in curriculum, quality and preparation of faculty, teaching and learning resources, and achievement of established learning outcomes.

Many agencies and employers that provide funding for nursing students require that they be enrolled in programs that are nationally accredited.

"Some programs, like the ROTC program, for example, will only fund students in accredited programs," said Dr. Nancy Ross, director of the nursing program.

UT nursing programs include the four-year baccalaureate in nursing science (BSN), the RN to BSN, and the master's degree in nursing, including family and adult practitioner and nursing education concentrations.

## A Good Problem

The accreditation comes just as the whole nursing program begins preparing for a larger student load. The primary consideration in that regard involves additional faculty. Ross believes the program may triple its faculty over the next 5-7 years.

"We turned away a significant amount of students this term, just because we couldn't handle the numbers," she said. "We're usually out recruiting, trying to get more students, and now, we're trying to accommodate the students that are banging on the door. It's a good problem to have."

More classrooms also will be needed, Ross said.

Citing a recent study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* essentially proving the long-suspected correlation between education of nurses and quality of care, including patient survival rates, Ross continues to be a strong proponent both of more nurses in the face of a continuing national shortage, and of better-educated nurses.

## Significant Partners

Ross also sees the nursing program's recently forged partnership with TGH (see photo) as a significant part of the program's quality and success with accreditation.

"It's pretty exciting what we're doing with Tampa General," she said, "because that helped us be where we are, and about two-and-a-half years from now, we'll be putting 40 very well-prepared and well-educated nurses into our community that wouldn't have been there otherwise."

The NLNAC accreditation process involves a three-day site visit by three evaluators, examination of all course syllabi from the previous two years, and written narratives from program director and faculty detailing point-by-point how the program meets NLNAC's high standards, and how it will continue to do so.

The effort, Ross said, was worth it. The NLNAC Board of Commissioners awarded continuing accreditation for both the graduate and undergraduate UT nursing programs until September 2011. ■■



Dr. Nancy Ross (left), chair, director and professor of nursing at UT, and Deana Nelson, senior vice president of patient care services at Tampa General Hospital, pause a moment from checking the condition of their patient, who actually is a computer-driven patient simulator. The high-tech simulator breathes, has a heartbeat, talks, moans and groans, and exhibits palpable signs of numerous medical conditions. He is part of the new hands-on nursing education facility for UT that opened at TGH in August.

## National Note for Baseball Guide

The College Sports Information Directors of America judged UT's 2003 baseball media guide fourth in the nation among college division programs at the CoSIDA annual workshop this summer. Gil Swalls, associate athletic director, and student assistant Jason Glick received a Citation for Excellence for their work on the project. ■■



# Reece Smith Receives Ethics Award

**T**he 2003 Tampa Bay Ethics Award was presented to William Reece Smith Jr. at the 13th annual Tampa Bay Ethics Award Breakfast on Friday, Oct. 10, in the Fletcher Lounge.

For the past several years, the UT Center for Ethics has recognized an individual whose personal, business and professional life reflects those classical ethical standards that contribute to all that is good in our society—responsibility, respect, trustworthiness, caring, justice and citizenship.

According to his nomination by Kathleen S. McLeroy of Carlton Fields, P.A., Reece Smith has served his community, state and country with distinction. The Tampa attorney is the only American lawyer to have served as president of a local, state, national, and international bar association.

He won the American Bar Association's Gold Medal for his efforts to preserve funding for the Legal Services Corporation and his nationwide effort to increase the amount of pro bono legal work performed by members of the bar. He also made the lead gift to Bay Area Legal Services to create an endowment fund to provide local legal services to the poor.

Smith's commitment to ethics also is exhibited by his efforts to enhance professional ideals and legal ethics in the practice of law. He served for several years on the Professionalism Committee of The Florida Bar, published several articles, and chaired a committee that published a two-volume work on the subject. He holds the position of Distinguished Professional Lecturer at Stetson University College of Law, where he has taught Professional Responsibility (Legal Ethics) since 1991.

Smith has numerous involvements in both the community and education, and received the Civitan Club's award as Tampa's Outstanding Citizen in 1986. He is recognized and respected for excellence in his profession and for his lifelong ethical conduct, as well as his selfless dedication to equal access to justice. ■■■



**Embracing Ethics.** William Reece Smith, right, holds his Tampa Bay Ethics Award. At left is Dr. Robert C. McMurrian, director of the UT Center for Ethics, and professor of marketing.

## Good News in Motion

The Communication Department was awarded an Eastman Product Grant in October. Michael Brown of Eastman Kodak presented the award, which is given to departments that excel in the teaching of film, and is aimed at helping the institution's motion picture department extend its reach into filmmaking. The grant of \$1,000 will go toward the purchase of film stock. **UT**



## Punisher Drops In

A film crew set up on campus recently to shoot portions of *The Punisher*, a major motion picture starring John Travolta and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. The film, based on the exploits of the Marvel comics character of the same name, is slated for release in summer 2004. ■■■



# UT-nominated Businesses Win National Recognition

**F**or the second straight year, UT's John H. Sykes College of Business has nominated a winning company in the National Family Business of the Year Awards. Columbia Restaurants, the 2002 winner, and the Graham Companies, the 2003 winner, both first won Florida Family Business of the Year awards.

The Sykes College hosts the state awards, and has been a sponsor of the program for three years.

Mass Mutual started the national program in 1993. Sykes Dean Joe McCann nominates one winner from the state awards each year for the national award.

"Family business continues to be the solid foundation for the Florida and U.S. economies," McCann said. "While other economic sectors suffer, family-owned, family-controlled businesses are healthy and growing. This program is dedicated to making sure that growth continues."

Evidently, the governor agrees.

In recognition of the importance of family business to the state's economy, Gov. Jeb Bush proclaimed May 16 to be Florida Family Business Day, and issued the proclamation to coincide with the 2003 state awards. The national awards were held in Miami in November.

"These annual awards are designed to bring recognition to the thousands of family-owned and controlled businesses in Florida that form the foundation of the state's economy and of the communities in which they operate," McCann said. "Nationally, it is estimated that 85 percent of all businesses are family owned or controlled, ranging from small 'mom and pop' operations to the very largest Fortune 100 companies."

Criteria for choosing the winning nominees include, among others, the innovation of the business's strategies and practices, expression of positive family values in the business, the quality of the link between the family and the business, contributions to the community, and overall growth and viability.

Six categories are awarded: large (more than 250 employees), medium (50-250 employees), small (fewer than 50 employees), heritage (more than 50 years), new (less than 10 years), and community service. ■■■

# Nobel Ozone Scientist Visits

**T**he man who predicted the hole in the ozone layer came to campus on Friday, Oct. 15. Dr. Mario Molina, winner of the 1995 Nobel Prize for chemistry, addressed area high school students and teachers in the Allen N. Reeves Theater. He later toured the

H.B. Plant museum, then attended dinner with sponsors, dignitaries and guests in the Fletcher Lounge.

A professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Molina, a native of Mexico, won the Nobel for his work in atmospheric chemistry. His focus was on CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) and their effect on the earth's ozone layer.

During his visit to Tampa, he received the 2003 National Hispanic Scientist of the Year award from the Museum of Science and Industry. ■■■

**A Nobel Visitor.** Nobel Prize-winning scientist Mario Molina stands among some of his colleagues at UT. From left: Dr. Joseph Laurino, associate professor of chemistry and associate director of the Honors program; Dr. Steve Kucera, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and associate professor of biology; Dr. Molina; Dr. Mason Meers, assistant professor of biology; and Dr. Jeff Klepfer, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



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### DECEMBER

**Now-Tuesday, Dec. 23**  
Henry B. Plant Museum  
22nd Annual Victorian  
Christmas Stroll  
\$9 for adults and \$3 for  
children 12 and under.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24-  
Friday, Jan. 2**  
Winter Leave

### JANUARY

**Monday, Jan. 19**  
Fourth Annual Martin  
Luther King Jr. Day  
of Service

### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
7:15 a.m.  
Business Network  
Symposium  
Vaughn Center  
Crescent Club

**Sunday, Feb. 15**  
Noon  
Plant Hall Lobby  
Admissions Campus  
Visit Day

**Saturday, Feb. 21**  
10 a.m.  
Plant Hall Lobby  
Financial Aid Workshop

### MARCH

**Wednesday, March 10**  
7:30 a.m.  
Tampa Bay Performing  
Arts Center  
Fellows Forum

**Sunday, March 21**  
Noon  
Plant Hall Lobby  
Admissions Campus  
Visit Day

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# University Processes Pan American Games Athletes

**T**he University served as the processing center this past summer for all American athletes bound for the 2003 Pan

American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Processing included all medical screening, issuance of team apparel and sundry items, official team photos, and team briefings prior to departure to Santo Domingo.

Officials and visit-

ing athletes were housed at the Vaughn Center, where all the processing took place. Screening personnel consisted mainly of volunteers from the Tampa Bay area.

United States Olympic Committee officials began arriving on campus on July 17. Screening for some 800 athletes began on July 25, and continued through Aug. 6. The USOC maintained temporary offices in the Vaughn Center throughout the screening process.

U.S. athletes won a total of 271 medals in the games, including 117 gold, 81 silver and 73 bronze medals.

The American delegation was managed and organized by the USOC, which previously made Tampa its athlete-screening center for the Pan American Games in Cuba in 1991, and for the Olympic Summer Games of 1992 in Barcelona, Spain. The University was the official screening site both years.

More than 40 nations in North and South America, Central America and the Caribbean participate in the Pan American Games, which have been held every four years since 1951. The 2003 games were held Aug. 1-17. **UT**



Pan American Games athletes sign in for screening at Vaughn Center during the summer.

Photograph by Todd Long, Long's Photography

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

**Monday, Jan. 12-  
Thursday, Jan. 15**  
Scarfone/Hartley Galleries  
Addy Awards Competition

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
5:30-8 p.m.  
Scarfone/Hartley Galleries  
Gallery Night

**Friday, Jan. 23-  
Thursday, Feb. 26**  
Scarfone/Hartley Galleries  
Tanja Softic Exhibit

## FEBRUARY

**Thursday, Feb. 19-  
Saturday, Feb. 21**  
8 p.m.  
Falk Theater  
Spring Dance Concert

**Saturday, Feb. 21**  
2 p.m.  
Falk Theater  
Spring Dance Concert

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## ROTC Adds Navy Options

**U**T's ROTC programs gain a strong new component next fall when the University begins its Naval ROTC unit.

The agreement was signed on Oct. 15, and NROTC at UT will become available in January, said Mary Bauer, admissions transfer counselor at the University.

Over the summer, Bauer approached the University of South Florida, which handles UT's Air Force ROTC program, about incorporating a new naval program. USF started NROTC last January, Bauer said, and she felt that UT should offer the full range of ROTC options.

UT students will be bused to USF for training and classes, as they are in AFROTC.

"We really don't anticipate anyone enrolling until fall," Bauer said. "Most of the ROTC applicants want the scholarships, and because of the way those are set up, they won't be available before then."

NROTC offers participation through four options: Navy-Marine Corps four-year scholarship, Navy-Marine Corps Two-Year scholarship,

four-year non-scholarship college program, and two-year non-scholarship college program.

The four-year scholarship option covers full tuition and fees, a stipend for textbooks, uniforms, and a monthly subsistence allowance of \$250 for freshmen, \$300 for sophomores, \$350 for juniors, and \$400 for seniors.

The two-year scholarship option also covers all expenses, but only for the final two years of a four-year or five-year college program.

Upon completion of either program, the graduate is commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy or a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, committed to at least eight years of service with the chosen branch, at least four of which must be on active duty.

Bauer believes the new option will draw significant numbers.

"Remember, Navy ROTC includes a program for the Marines," she said. "I think this program will make a major impact. And without it, we had something missing. Now, we have ROTC for all of the services." **UT**



# University's Own Rain(forest) Man

**D**ylan Moore no doubt is used to plenty of rain by now, but the UT student and Tampa resident likely hasn't seen much of the likes of wallabies, cassowaries and koalas around these parts.

Five months volunteering in Australia with a wildlife preservation project got him plenty of peaks at unusual creatures, and one, in particular, benefited from Moore's presence.

The cassowary, a large, flightless bird something like a giant turkey, is on the critically endangered list, and Moore worked with nine other undergraduates from across the U.S. to help restore lost natural habitats.

The big birds simply needed more access to areas being blocked by overgrown weeds. Volunteers removed the weeds and planted trees to help establish corridors for the landlocked prehistoric throwbacks.

It was all part of the study-abroad program in North Queensland's World Heritage-listed rainforest. Participants in the program at large

included 134 students from universities worldwide. Moore participated in the special conservation project through the University of Tampa's study-abroad partnership with Denver-based AustraLearn. More than 1,200 students visit Australia through AustraLearn every year.

"It rained pretty much the whole time," Moore recalls of his special weekend project, "[but] this whole experience has been the best thing in my life," Moore said.

"Students always take wonderful experiences of Australia with them," said AustraLearn's Cynthia Banks, who has worked with American students in Australia for more than 13 years. "This program is a way for people like Dylan to leave their imprint on the land and give back something." ■■■



**Fast friends.** UT senior Dylan Moore with a young Aussie pal.

# UT One of Three Chosen for NHTSA National Project

**T**he National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has chosen UT for a project bent on reducing impaired driver rates in the 18-24 age group. Three universities nationwide were chosen as pilot sites in the grant-driven project administered by the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network.

The other two campuses selected are Texas A&M and the University of California at Riverside. Each of the three project universities will build campus and community coalitions, increase enforcement, and use peer educators to reduce alcohol-related fatalities and injuries. The activities and results of the project will be published in a guidebook in January 2005 for replication by other colleges and universities to implement educational

initiatives to create an impaired-driving prevention movement.

"This cooperative agreement with NHTSA offers our organization a fantastic opportunity to further address for the higher education community the issue of impaired driving, one of the greatest threats students face from the abuse of alcohol," said BACCHUS and GAMMA executive director Drew Hunter. "This comprehensive approach will allow us to test what works in reducing drinking and driving specific to college communities."

BACCHUS and GAMMA is a nonprofit organization that has been working in collegiate health education since the 1970s with a specific focus on alcohol issues at campuses nationwide. ■■■



Rep. William C. Cramer

## Cramer Leaves Papers, Photos

Rep. William C. Cramer, the first Florida Republican elected to Congress since Reconstruction, left an indelible legacy on the state's political landscape when he died at age 81 on Oct. 18. The House stalwart, who served from 1955-71, also left a legacy as a long-time supporter of the University. He donated many of his papers and photographs to UT in 1974 and 1987.

Among the thick folder of papers are numerous Congressional bills and resolutions, a winter 1957 UT Commencement program showing Cramer as speaker, and campaign literature including materials from the 1964-84 Republican national conventions. The 1987 collection also includes a folder of public and private photographs of the congressman and others. ■■■



# Going

My feet tug at the floor  
And my head sways to the shoulder  
Sometimes when I watch trees sway  
From the window or the door.  
I shall set forth for somewhere,  
I shall make the reckless choice  
Some day when they are in voice  
And tossing so as to scare  
The white clouds over them on.  
I shall have less to say  
But I shall be gone.

Robert Frost

For Stanley Kimmel



# Under Cover

By David Brothers

Editor

Photos by Bob Thompson

Those who enjoy picking up old books for the sheer adventure of it know that a treasure may lie under the cover—right under the cover.

Could be a little treasure or a big one, but if it's there, it's probably *right there*. A signature. Maybe a greeting. Maybe a date. Maybe no treasure at all, just a musty, dingy, time-yellowed blank page, with perhaps a faint "\$2.50" penciled into a corner.

And that's usually the case. The treasures, after all, are few and far between, but that, of course, is what makes them treasures in the first place.

Treasure hunters recognize that the most thrilling finds are the ones made by accident. It is just such a circumstance that can lead to the coining of silly words.

While retiring some older volumes to make room for new, UT librarians this spring stumbled upon treasure at the intersection of *humdrum* and *serendipity*. Some otherwise perfectly ordinary old book by a major name had that something special *right inside*—the author's name, handwritten by same.

The excitement built after that first find, because there were more. They found another, and then another.

The signatures speak volumes for themselves: Amelia Earhart, Carl Sandburg, Adolphe Menjou, Frank Capra, Robert Frost, Ben Hecht, Ezra Pound, Blanche Yurka, John Dos Passos, Sadakichi Hartmann.

The treasures found their way to the treasure chest, as treasures are wont to do. In the

Macdonald-Kelce Library, the treasure chest is a special collections vault overseen by that font of UT history personified, reference librarian and researcher-in-residence Art Bagley.

## Little-Read Treasures

But some recent finds revealed that not all of the treasures were in the treasure chest.

Adolph Menjou's *It Took Nine Tailors* (co-authored by M.M. Musselman) and Amelia Earhart's *The Fun of It* were in the general circulating collection, Bagley said, although it had been at least 12 years (and probably much longer) since either had been checked out.

"They actually were going to be tossed," Bagley said. A closer examination at a "de-selection" meeting revealed the signatures, so the pair headed for special collections, instead.

"De-selection" is the process by which libraries remove older books from the general catalog to make room for new arrivals. Bagley said about 200-300 books a year get de-selected in the Macdonald-Kelce Library. Some deselected books wind up in dumpsters, well-known titles are offered to a local book consigner, and most go to Goodwill and Salva-

The treasures, after all, are few and far between, but that, of course, is what makes them treasures in the first place.

A personal inscription from a personal friend: Robert Frost to Stanley Kimmel, 1923. The verse is part of a poem published in a later collection.

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Art Bagley is the UT reference librarian who, as keeper of Special Collections, has become the University's archivist and historian.

Carl Sandburg tried to persuade Kimmel, whom he had befriended when both worked as staff writers for the *Chicago Daily News*, to donate the works to the University of Illinois, but Blanche Yurka succeeded in convincing the by-then Florida (St. Augustine) resident that UT would be a more deserving destination.

## A Letter from Bucky and Other Delights

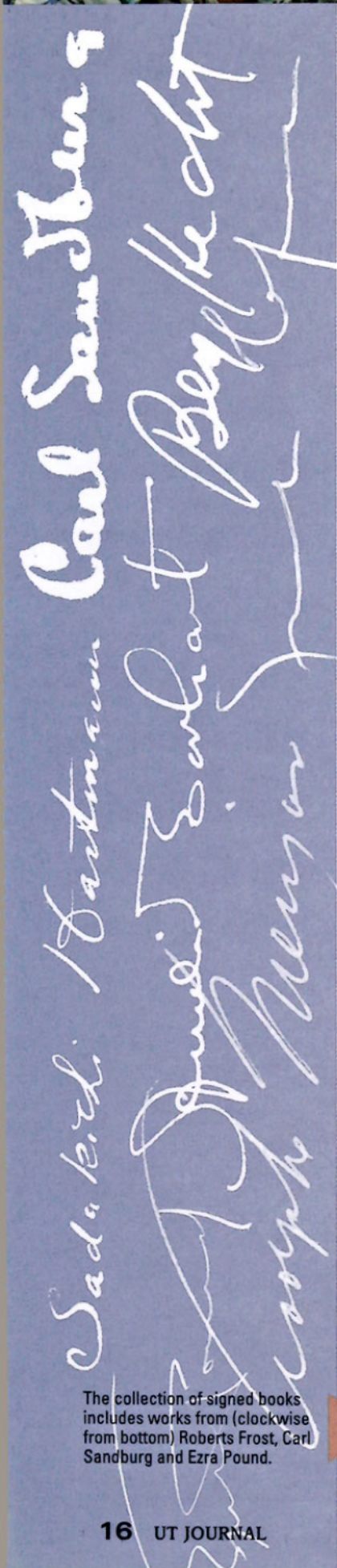
Other than Sandburg and Yurka, the colorful, globetrotting Kimmel counted among his personal friends the likes of Pound, Frost and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Sandburg sometimes used Kimmel's Georgetown home as a hide-away. Sculptor Antonio Salemme sculpted Kimmel's head in bronze, and Mark Tobey etched a portrait of Kimmel in charcoal. (Both are included in the Kimmel collection at Macdonald-Kelce.)

Among other items left by Kimmel that are housed in UT's library are letters he wrote to his parents while he was an ambulance driver in WWI. With those letters are photographs, maps, and a blood-stained flag from the ambulance, along with notes that supply an apt precursor to Kimmel's later writings condemning war. Photographs show Kimmel with Pound, with Sandburg, with world heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey. A letter to Kimmel from R. Buckminster Fuller is signed "Bucky."

tion Army, Bagley said. Staff also take a few, he said, and faculty department heads are offered first crack at any classics in their respective fields.

Bagley admits that a few hidden treasures may have slipped through the University's hands via de-selection over the years, but doubts that many have, noting that a recognized name on a book—especially an old book—provokes something of an instinct to look inside.

Most of the treasures came to the University from artist, playwright, poet, journalist and author Stanley Preston Kimmel (1894-1982). Author-in-residence at UT in 1972, Kimmel at that time donated the six years of notes and research—including rare photographs—for his Pulitzer-nominated *The Mad Booths of Maryland*, and left several autographed books to UT upon his death in 1982. His bequest also included more than 225 individual pieces of original art (paintings, woodcarvings, drawings and etchings).



The collection of signed books includes works from (clockwise from bottom) Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg and Ezra Pound.







Blood stains a flag (bottom center) from Stanley Kimmel's WWI ambulance. The rare relic is one of the assorted esoteric items left to UT by the late author. Next to the flag are maps and an old photo, also from Kimmel's war years. Above are photos of Kimmel visiting with famous friends Ezra Pound (reclining in photo at left) and Carl Sandberg (at left in photo at right). Kimmel is at right in both photos.

“One had to be versed in country things.”

—Robert Frost

Most of the 13 autographed books in Macdonald-Kelce special collections came from the Kimmel collection, including the newest finds rescued from dormancy in the circulation section. They have safe haven in special collections—for the time being. Those volumes that offer more than just a signature naturally have a better shot at permanence.

A copy of Robert Frost's *North of Boston* (1914, 1923 printing), for example, bears not only the signature of the author, but a portion of "The Sound of the Trees," seven years before its appearance in *Collected Poems*, and penned in the poet's hand:

*My feet tug at the floor  
And my head sways to my shoulder  
Sometimes when I watch trees sway,  
From the window or the door.  
I shall set forth for somewhere,  
I shall make the reckless choice  
Some day when they are in voice  
And tossing so as to scare  
The white clouds over them on.  
I shall have less to say,  
But I shall be gone.*

Robert Frost  
For Stanley Kimmel

A copy of *Collected Poems* (1930, original printing) is addressed to a Fred Morrison. Written above the author's signature is a single line: "One had to be versed in country things," personalizing the title of an included work, "The Need to be Versed in Country Things," rather than using it verbatim.

*The Letters of Ezra Pound* contains the odd inscription "gawd bless ole Kimmel" above Pound's trademark sprawling signature. John Dos Passos' *The Best Times* contains a personal letter from the author to Kimmel, tucked into the flap between the hard cover and the paper sleeve.

While those most significant treasures enjoy a virtual guarantee of immunity from de-selection, some, including the recent finds bearing "just" a famous signature may be protected for a limited time only.

"For the foreseeable future, yes, they will be staying," Bagley said. But even special collections is prone to de-selection every so often, he said.

"We're running out of space there, too, so we do have to start being pretty picky." ■■





# Spartan Swimmers Deliver for Brennan in Competition

**By Gil Swalls**  
Associate Athletic Director

**T**here may be more fans in attendance at Spartan soccer, basketball or baseball games, but if you polled students on campus, the results would probably show that the best-known student-athletes at UT are the swimmers. Making waves both in and out of the pool, the highly spirited and exceptionally talented swimmers are considered a national powerhouse in NCAA II swimming.

In 25 years at UT, Coach Ed Brennan has witnessed the highs and lows of intercollegiate athletics. His teams have reached the pinnacle, have fallen under the effects of budget cuts, and have risen again to stand among the elite.

He has enjoyed the presence of talented swimmers good enough to compete in the U.S. Olympic Trials, and he has developed walk-ons into champions. From both types have come more All-Americans than he can remember. In fact, UT swimming has produced 74 individuals who combined have garnered more than 100 All-America awards, more than twice the next highest Spartan team (baseball, with 31). Spartan swimmers have claimed 17 individual national championships.

## The Lean Years

In 1986, Brennan was named women's national Coach of the Year when his team entered the NCAA II championships ranked 10<sup>th</sup> and finished as national runner-up. Following that year, campus-wide budget cuts hit Brennan's swim program as hard as any, and the Spartans disappeared from the national rankings until Brennan turned the program back around 12 years later.

"We were on a road trip in 1998, and I caught some of the kids buying beer," admitted Brennan. "So I called a team meeting and cancelled the next trip. Ultimately, I dismissed eight guys, including two All-Americans, but the freshmen of '98 drove that team for the rest of the season."

Brennan related taking 12 men to his conference meet, the point where swimmers expect to make NCAA qualifying times.

"Every one of them swam lifetime personal bests in every single event—by a mile!"

Brennan said. "After not having a ranked team since '86, we went to the NAAs ranked second, and finished fifth. Since then, we've been able to stay in the 4-5-6 positions nationally."

Brennan said his 200-yard freestyle relay team set a school record that year with the top-ranked time in the country.

"Everybody was in a zone, hitting at the same time," Brennan said, "and it lasted for three days. When we went to the awards ceremony, I was choked up."

## The Elusive Dream

Brennan said that that memory stands among his greatest as a coach. His success story does not, however, begin with UT. The first real highlight of his career occurred in 1974-75, when he guided Columbia (NY) Prep to an undefeated season. Author John Feinstein, who wrote several books including *Season on the Brink*, was among Brennan's students at Columbia Prep. He coached another undefeated season at Fordham University in 1978-79, taking an 0-10 team and going 10-0 the next year, for the school's first undefeated season in 50 years of competition.

The undefeated season continues to be an elusive dream at Tampa, because the Spartans take on all comers.

"We swam Auburn the year they won the Div. I national championship," said Brennan. "One year, we beat Ohio State and lost to Clemson. We swim Indian River, the junior college national champions every year, and Emory, one of the top five Div. III programs every year, and we take on any Div. I team that invites us."

This year's women's team could have been scheduled into an undefeated season, according to Brennan, but some big names came calling. "We added Notre Dame to our schedule, which is a team that will beat us," admitted Brennan. "But how many Div. II programs in any sport get invited to compete against Notre Dame?"



Ed Brennan, NSC Coach of the Year, 2003.



Although an undefeated season and national championship have eluded Brennan at UT, he has guided 13 individuals to 17 national championships, including two in relays. The latest was Matt Goodwin, who won the 200-meter breaststroke in 2001 and the 100 in 2002. Jim Kiner, now assistant coach of the Spartans, won the 100-meter breaststroke in 2000, giving UT three consecutive years of individual national championships.

## Not for Fame or Money

Also among Brennan's success stories is an alumnus named Seth Houston, who has himself succeeded as a coach, winning three NCAA II national championships at Truman State, and now is head coach at Rice.

Last year's sixth-place finish at the NCAA II national championship was the Spartan men's seventh consecutive top 10 finish. With the graduation of four All-Americans, there are some big goggles to fill. Nine seniors return, led by co-captains Goodwin and Jeff Gilreath. Mac Mattingly, Jamie Peterkin, Aaron Schwartz, Kevin Shoritt and Chad Simmons all return from last year's nationally ranked squad. Top newcomers are freshman Kevin Hensley and transfer Dan Klee.

The 2003 NCAA championship meet was a step in the right direction, with the Spartan women improving to eighth from a ninth-place

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### BASKETBALL

Men's (M) and women's (W) games played at Martinez Sports Center.

<b>Saturday, Dec. 13</b>	6 p.m.
Malone (W)	
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 17</b>	7:30 p.m.
West Florida (M)	
<b>Friday, Dec. 19</b>	5:30 p.m.
Christian Brothers (W)	
<b>Friday, Dec. 19</b>	7:30 p.m.
Southeastern (M)	
<b>Monday, Dec. 22</b>	2 p.m.
Montevallo (W)	
<b>Monday, Dec. 22</b>	7:30 p.m.
Olivet Nazarene (M)	
<b>Sat., Dec. 27</b>	7:30 p.m.
Walsh (M)	
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 31</b>	2 p.m.
Northwood (W)	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 3</b>	2 p.m.
Barry (W)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 3</b>	4 p.m.
Barry (M)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 10</b>	2 p.m.
Nova Southeastern (W)	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 10</b>	4 p.m.
Nova Southeastern (M)	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 17</b>	2 p.m.
Rollins (W)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 17</b>	4 p.m.
Rollins (M)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 24</b>	2 p.m.
Lynn (W)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 24</b>	4 p.m.
Lynn (M)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 4</b>	5:30 p.m.
Eckerd (W)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 4</b>	7:30 p.m.
Eckerd (M)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 11</b>	5:30 p.m.
Saint Leo (W)*	

<b>Wednesday, Feb. 11</b>	7:30 p.m.
Saint Leo (M)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 18</b>	5:30 p.m.
Florida Tech (W)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 18</b>	7:30 p.m.
Florida Tech (M)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 25</b>	5:30 p.m.
Florida Southern (W)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 25</b>	7:30 p.m.
Florida Southern (M)*	

### TENNIS

<b>Tuesday, Feb. 10</b>	3 p.m.
Rollins	
<b>Friday, Feb. 13</b>	3 p.m.
Eckerd	
<b>Thursday, Feb. 26</b>	3 p.m.
Saint Leo	
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	10 a.m.
Appalachian State	
<b>Thursday, March 11</b>	Noon
Indianapolis	
<b>Saturday, March 13</b>	10 a.m.
Augusta State	
<b>Monday, March 15</b>	3 p.m.
St. Cloud State	
<b>Wednesday, March 17</b>	3 p.m.
Buffalo	
<b>Friday, March 19</b>	3 p.m.
Limestone	
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b>	3 p.m.
Florida Southern	

### BASEBALL

Games played at Sam Bailey Field

<b>Saturday, Jan. 31</b>	2 p.m.
Eckerd (DH)*	
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 10</b>	7 p.m.
Rollins*	
<b>Saturday, Feb. 14</b>	7 p.m.
Lynn*	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 15</b>	1 p.m.
Lynn (DH)*	

<b>Tuesday, Feb. 17</b>	7 p.m.
Saint Leo*	
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 24</b>	7 p.m.
Saint Leo*	
<b>Friday, Feb. 27</b>	7 p.m.
Florida Tech*	
<b>Saturday, Feb. 28</b>	2 p.m.
Florida Tech (DH)*	
<b>Monday, March 1</b>	7 p.m.
Dowling	
<b>Tuesday, March 16</b>	7 p.m.
Mass-Lowell	
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	2 p.m.
Barry (DH)*	
<b>Sunday, March 28</b>	1 p.m.
Barry*	
<b>Friday, April 2</b>	7 p.m.
Florida Southern*	
<b>Saturday, April 3</b>	2 p.m.
Florida Southern (DH)*	
<b>SOFTBALL</b>	
Games played at the softball field	
<b>Friday, Feb. 20</b>	7 p.m.
Saint Leo*	
<b>Saturday, Feb. 21</b>	7 p.m.
Saint Leo*	
<b>Saturday, March 6</b>	6 p.m.
Saginaw Valley (MI) (DH)	
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	6 p.m.
Glenville St. (WV) (DH)	
<b>Monday, March 15</b>	6 p.m.
American Int. (MA) (DH)	
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	1 p.m.
Carson Newman (TN)	
<b>Friday, March 19</b>	7 p.m.
Rollins*	
<b>Saturday, March 20</b>	4 p.m.
Rollins (DH)*	
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b>	4 p.m.
West Georgia	
<b>Wednesday, April 7</b>	7 p.m.
Eckerd*	
<b>Thursday, April 8</b>	6 p.m.
Eckerd (DH)*	
<b>SWIMMING</b>	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 3</b>	11 a.m.
Tampa Relays	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 11</b>	Noon
Emory	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 24</b>	Noon
Rollins	



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

finish in 2002. With a great recruiting class and nine of 10 NCAA qualifiers returning, a top five finish is within reach. Led by seniors Jackie Majer (co-captain), Mandy Smith (co-captain), Shannon Treen and Amber Galvan, the Spartans expect their largest-ever team at the NCAAAs. Also returning from last year's nationally ranked squad are Jasmine DeGross, Shanna Halsell, Merideth Roberts, Sienna Spalding, Bo Stith and Julie Visser.

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## B-ball Set for Strong Return

By Gil Swalls  
Associate Athletic Director

The men's basketball team returns all five starters and 10 lettermen from last year's 15-12 team. In addition, Coach Richard Schmidt has recruited five transfers, two of whom could start right away. All-Sunshine State Conference forward Achille Ngounou, 6-8, who led Tampa in scoring and rebounding (15.0/8.9), returns to lead a veteran cast. James Mereus, 6'-9" power forward, appeared in only six games last year because of injury, but averaged 14.0 ppg. and 9.3 rpg., and with a full season, should be a player-of-the-year candidate. The Spartans have five other players who started at least 12 games, including 7'-2" Russian center Denis Orlov.

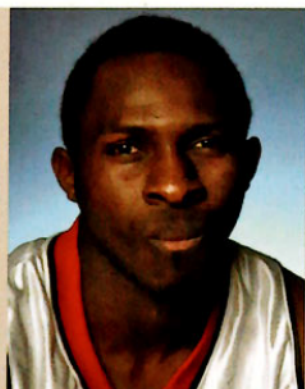
The newcomer expected to make the biggest impact is 6'-1" sophomore Mark Borders of Orlando. Borders started 15 games as a freshman at Div. I Murray State, and gives UT a bona fide playmaker at the point. Matt Klimkowski, 6'-5" junior forward, transferred from Div. II Dowling, where he led the team in blocked shots and rebounds. He made a strong impression in pre-season.

The Spartans were picked to finish fourth in the SSC pre-season poll, but in his 21<sup>st</sup> season, Coach Schmidt may have assembled one of his strongest teams.

The women's basketball team was 23-8 last year, sharing the SSC championship, and advancing to the NCAA South Regional semi-final round. Coach Tom Jessee returns two starters and six letter-winners, and has added seven freshmen, two sophomore transfers and one red-shirt to a rebuilt lineup.

SSC Player of the Year Jessie McDowell has departed, and her scoring, rebounding and shot-blocking numbers will be missed, but Jessee says this new group probably is the most athletic he has ever coached. Top returning players include second-team all-SSC pick Yushanda Morse (13.9/7.7), all-freshman selection Vanessa Hubbard (40% 3-pt.) and senior guard Melissa Leonard (31 starts). Jaunita McClinton, a 2002 SSC all-freshman selection, returns after red-shirting last year, while 6'-1" Monique McDonald, who transferred from South Carolina State, and three members of the Miami Monsignor Pace High School state championship team give Tampa an exciting new look.

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Achille Ngounou



Yushanda Morse

### UT National Swimming Champions

1981	Pia Henriksson	500 Freestyle
1982	Donna Howe	200 Butterfly
1983	Jan Brockmar Pia Henriksson	200 Freestyle 400 Individual Medley
1985	David Hunter	200 Butterfly
1986	David Hunter Jeff Sidor	200 Butterfly 1,650 Freestyle
1987	Cindy Jones Laura Atteberry Cindy Jones Karen Petre Maureen Fahey	200 Butterfly 400 Freestyle Relay 400 Freestyle Relay 400 Freestyle Relay 400 Freestyle Relay
1988	Laura Atteberry Karen Petre Laura Atteberry Karen Petre Maureen Fahey Kathy Ruiz	50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle 100 Butterfly 400 Freestyle Relays 400 Freestyle Relays 400 Freestyle Relays 400 Freestyle Relays
2001	Jim Kiner	100 Breaststroke
2002	Matt Goodwin	200 Breaststroke
2003	Matt Goodwin	100 Breaststroke

### Swimming CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19

Top newcomers are freshmen Diana Mielke, Meghann Mulbarger and Bethany Swigon. Mulbarger and Swigon, sisters of former UT swimmers, will join three sets of siblings on the current team.

"If repeat customers are any indication, we're doing a lot of the right things at Tampa," said Brennan.

Last season, his teams won the New South Conference championship, and Brennan was named NSC Coach of the Year.

"Swim coaches don't do it for the fame or money, 'cause there isn't any," Brennan said. "Recently, I had a phone conversation with a parent whose kid I coached 20 years ago, and he told me what a positive influence I had. Stuff like that makes me want to get up in the morning and coach practice. It's not instant gratification, but 10 years from now, I may hear that one of these kids did real good in life." ■■■



# Professor May Save Dinosaur's Reputation

Over the past several years, *Tyrannosaurus rex* has taken a beating in the popular media at the hands of numerous scientists. Some have argued that it may not have been much more than a giant scavenging vulture of a dinosaur, sniffing out the kills of other animals. But Dr. Mason Meers, assistant professor of biology, has published research that may put the proverbial teeth back into the bite of *T. rex*.

## Surprising Trends

In a paper recently published in the scientific journal *Historical Biology* (and leading to articles in newspapers across the country and inclusion in an upcoming BBC special), paleobiologist Meers analyzes the bite forces and weights of living carnivores and their prey, and finds two surprising trends.

First, they're predictable. In other words, it doesn't matter much whether you're a dinosaur or a cat. Your bite force is predictable from how much you weigh. His research shows that *T. rex* may have had a bite force of nearly 235,000 Newtons, or about 23,000 pounds.

But Meers also argues that bite force is irrelevant to the question of whether *T. rex* was a scavenger or a predator, since scavengers like hyenas use high bite forces to crush bones. In fact, Dr. Jim Farlow of Indiana University-Purdue University (Fort Wayne) suggested years ago that *T. rex* may have been a specialized bone-crusher. Meers says it's impossible to tell whether *T. rex* was crushing bone to kill or after stealing a carcass, but researchers found evidence recently that *T. rex* did crush bone in the form of a *coprolite*, a fossilized piece of dinosaur dung that contained a lot of broken bone.

While bite force may not be helpful in settling this old debate, Meers also examined the relationship between the sizes of predators and the largest animals they eat. In general, he found that predators hunting alone don't kill animals much bigger than they are, but pack hunters can kill prey many times their size.

In recent years, scientists have argued that, while *T. rex* may have killed juveniles and

sick adults of some dinosaurs, *Triceratops*, the famous three-horned dinosaur, was off the menu because of its size. But *Triceratops* is about the same size as *T. rex*. So, if modern predators are any indicator, then *T. rex* may have killed even adult *Triceratops*.

"The key point here is not that *T. rex* may have killed other dinosaurs," said

Meers. "No one seriously doubts that. The question is whether or not *T. rex* was well suited to take on the really big herbivores of the time. And based on this work, it was."

What's perhaps more surprising is that Meers' research suggests that even the giant long-necked *sauropod* dinosaurs may have been vulnerable to packs of big carnivorous dinosaurs.

## A Silly Debate

While Meers adds another chapter to the debate about *T. rex* as predator or scavenger, he takes issue with the way it has been debated in recent years.

"I think the debate is a little silly," he said. "No one really believes that *T. rex* didn't kill other dinosaurs. The issues are only whether or not it killed most of the time and whom it killed, which would require that it had certain characteristics relative to its prey. In terms of size, it has the right characteristics."

As for that crushing bite force, Meers says that at least three different laboratories are working to test his estimates now.

"If we find out it really couldn't bite that hard, or maybe that it could bite even harder, then that's when it gets interesting," he said. "If it could bite about as hard as I predicted, well then, it was no different from any other animal." ■■■



Dr. Mason Meers at a paleontological dig in 2002.

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—Dr. Mason Meers



## Lizard Research Gets National Note, Leno Joke

Dr. Todd Campbell, assistant professor of biology, has been getting national recognition recently for his research on monitor lizards in southwest Florida. *National Geographic* and the Associated Press have published major articles on Campbell's work, and even Jay Leno made reference to it in one of his recent monologues. The AP article was carried by numerous papers across the U.S. and Canada. ■■■

## Honors Studies Roots in Italy

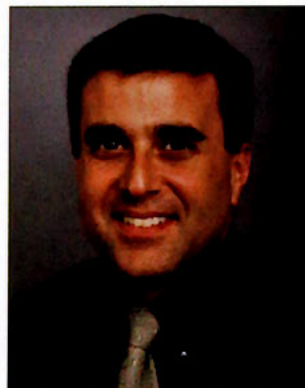
Dr. Susan M. Taylor, chair and associate professor of languages and linguistics, and her students in IST 290, *Roots of Italian Culture in America*, took a big spring break trip this year when they traveled to Italy to study those cultural roots firsthand. Their nine-day overseas jaunt took them to Sicily, where they visited Tampa's sister city of Agrigento. They also spent time in Palermo and Santo Stefano Quisquina, a town of origin for many Tampa Sicilians.

Points of interest along the way included Valle degli Templi, Villa Casale, Monreale, and Opera dei Pupi, a Sicilian puppet theater.

The trip was sponsored by the Honors program and International Programs. ■■■

# ACS Names Prof Year's Best

**D**r. Joseph P. Laurino, associate professor of chemistry, has been named Clinical Scientist of the Year for 2004 by the Association of Clinical Scientists. The annual



Dr. Joseph P. Laurino

award is presented to an individual who has made "outstanding contributions" to the field of clinical science. He will receive the award in May.

The Association of Clinical Scientists is comprised of anatomic and clinical pathologists, clinical chemists, molecular biologists, microbiologists, immunologists, and

other doctoral scientists and physicians from North America. The Association is an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the Intersociety Pathology Council, and a sponsor of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry.

Laurino earned his undergraduate degree in chemistry at Georgetown University, and his doctorate in synthetic organic chemistry at the University of Virginia. He conducted postgraduate work in biochemistry and pathology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He is chair of the departments of chemistry and physics, is an associate director of the Honors Program, and serves on the board of directors of a Florida-based biotechnology corporation. ■■■

# Mohn Wins Hunter Award

**D**r. Terry Mohn, professor of music and chair of the Music Department, is this year's recipient of the Louise Loy Hunter Award, bestowed annually upon a fac-



Dr. Terry Mohn

ulty member for cumulative contributions in teaching, service and scholarship. It is the highest official honor that can be bestowed on a faculty member at The University of Tampa. Its mark of distinction from other

awards and ceremonies is that the recipient is determined by prior recipients of the award.

Mohn began his career as an elementary school teacher. Prior to beginning graduate work in his field, he was a member of the Fifth U.S. Army Band at Fort Sheridan, IL. An accomplished musician and composer, he is a

frequent performer in the Tampa Bay area with the Bay Area Saxophone Quartet. He became inextricably linked to electronic music when his college music fraternity sold its fraternity house and used part of the proceeds to set up an electronic music lab. They equipped it with one of the first Moog synthesizers ever constructed.

Named Hillsborough County's Music Educator of the Year in 1992, Mohn has distinguished himself in the classroom, teaching music theory, recording and electronic music, and audio in media. He has received plentiful recognition, including the Teaching Excellence Award from UT's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1993-94, and has held several administrative assignments since first appointed as a faculty member in 1976.

Mohn earned his bachelor's degree at Bradley University in 1968, his master's degree at the University of Illinois in 1974, and his doctorate in music at Illinois in 1976. ■■■



# Sykes Leads UT Trustees

**P**hilanthropist John H. Sykes, whose name graces the University's college of business and its multimillion-dollar high-tech building, chaired his first Board of Trustees meeting in September.

Even though it is the Sykes College of Business for which his name is most recognizable on campus, the Vaughn Center also is a direct result of Sykes's generosity. Sykes has given the University a total of \$38 million.

A native of North Carolina, Sykes attended High Point College, Queens College and Rollins College. He was awarded both a Doctor of Business degree and a Doctor of Humane Letters degree by UT in May of 1998.

Sykes is president and CEO of Sykes Enterprises Inc. He started the firm in Charlotte, NC, in 1977 as a small technical engineering firm. In 1993, the company relocated its headquarters to Tampa. Today, the diverse information technology company, which specializes in outsourcing services to Fortune 500 firms, has more than 5,200 employees in 28 locations across the United States, Europe and South Africa.

A member of the Board since 1996, this is Sykes's first tenure as chair.

## Greco Named Trustee Emeritus

Dick Greco '56, a former two-time mayor of Tampa and a former vice president of Ed-

ward J. DeBartolo Corp., has been named Trustee Emeritus.

Greco graduated from UT with a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies degree. He served on Tampa City Council, 1963-67, then as mayor from 1967-73. He returned to the mayor's office in 1995, and served until 2003.

The former mayor has received numerous honors over the years, including the University's Award for Distinguished Public Service in 1972, the University of Tampa Medal in 1978, and the University's highest bestowed honor, an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree, in 2003.

## Seven New Members

The Board also welcomes seven new members to three-year terms beginning this year:

**Gordon W. Campbell** is vice chairman of Mercantile Bank, director of the South Financial Group, chairman of Argyll Associates Inc., vice chairman of Templeton Annuity Co., director of Fiduciary Trust of the South, and director of Opus South Corp. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and did post-graduate work at Bradley University and the Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers University.

**Thomas P. Cornett** is senior vice president of Bank of America. He holds an undergraduate degree in commercial banking and a master's degree in business administration from Duke University.

**Lea Lavoie Davis** is owner/operator of Pro Ad Public Relations and Advertising, executive director of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, and director of development for the Association for Retarded Citizens—Ridge Area. She also is a political election campaign consultant. She is a graduate of UT, and is pursuing a master's degree in applied anthropology at the University of South Florida.

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Dick Greco



Gordon W. Campbell



Thomas P. Cornett



Lea Lavoie Davis



Jeffrey T. Dunn



John McKibbin



Robert Rothman



New Board of Trustees chairman John Sykes chats with Sandy Thomas at a recent University event.





David C. Ruberg



Stephen F. Dickey, MD



Syd N. Heaton



Eugene H. McNichols



C. Michael Halfast



Pam Iorio



Anne Thompson



Renee A. Williams

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**Jeffrey T. Dunn** serves SunTrust Bank as executive vice president and head of private client services for the Tampa Region, which includes Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus and Sumter counties. He is a graduate of La Salle University, and earned an MBA in finance at Niagara University. He also is a member of the United Way Leadership Circle.

**John McKibbin** is CEO of the McKibbin Hotel Group. He holds a degree in hotel management and real estate development from Florida International University. In addition to UT, his philanthropic affiliations include trusteeships with Northeast Georgia Health Services, Tampa General Hospital Foundation, and the Tampa Museum of Art.

**Robert Rothman** is CEO of the Black Diamond Companies and a former chairman of the board and CEO of Consolidated International Group Inc., which he helped to found. He is an MBA graduate of the University of Chicago, where he is a member of the advisory council for the graduate school of business. His undergraduate degree is a BA in economics from Queens College of the City University of New York.

**David C. Ruberg** is a general partner of Baker Capital, a private equity fund specializing in the communications and media sectors. He is a former president, CEO and chairman of Intermedia Communications, as well as a former chairman of DIGEX, a Web-hosting company. He earned a BA in mathematics at Middlebury College, and an MS in computer and communications sciences the University of Michigan.

## Former Board Members Return

Three former board members whose previous terms expired in 2002 are returned to their posts:

**Stephen F. Dickey, MD**, is president and CEO of the Doctor's Walk-in Clinics. He is a member of the UT Board of Fellows, and has been a long-time supporter of the University.

**Syd N. Heaton** is retired chairman and chief executive officer of Advantis, a full-service commercial real estate company that

serves clients from Washington, DC, to south Florida.

**Eugene H. McNichols** is president of the McNichols Company, a worldwide distributor of building materials. Its products include perforated metals and plastics, fiberglass flooring, handrail components, ladder rungs and traction tread. The company was founded by his father, Robert McNichols, in 1952.

## Iorio Among New Ex-Officio Members

Finally, four new ex-officio members were appointed to one-year terms:

**C. Michael Halfast**, CPA, is an independent insurance agent and insurance consultant, and is president of Risk Avoidance Managers Inc. He is a professional liability specialist, concentrating on policies for attorneys, financial planners and accountants. He is a UT grad with a double major in accounting and management information systems.

**Pam Iorio** is mayor of the city of Tampa. Before election to the city's highest office, she served on the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners from 1985-92, and then as Hillsborough County's supervisor of elections from 1992-2002. She is the youngest person ever to have been elected to the county commission.

Iorio attended Hillsborough County public schools, and graduated from the American University in Washington, DC, with a BS in political science. She later earned a master's degree in history at the University of South Florida. She has published several articles on Tampa's civil rights and political histories.

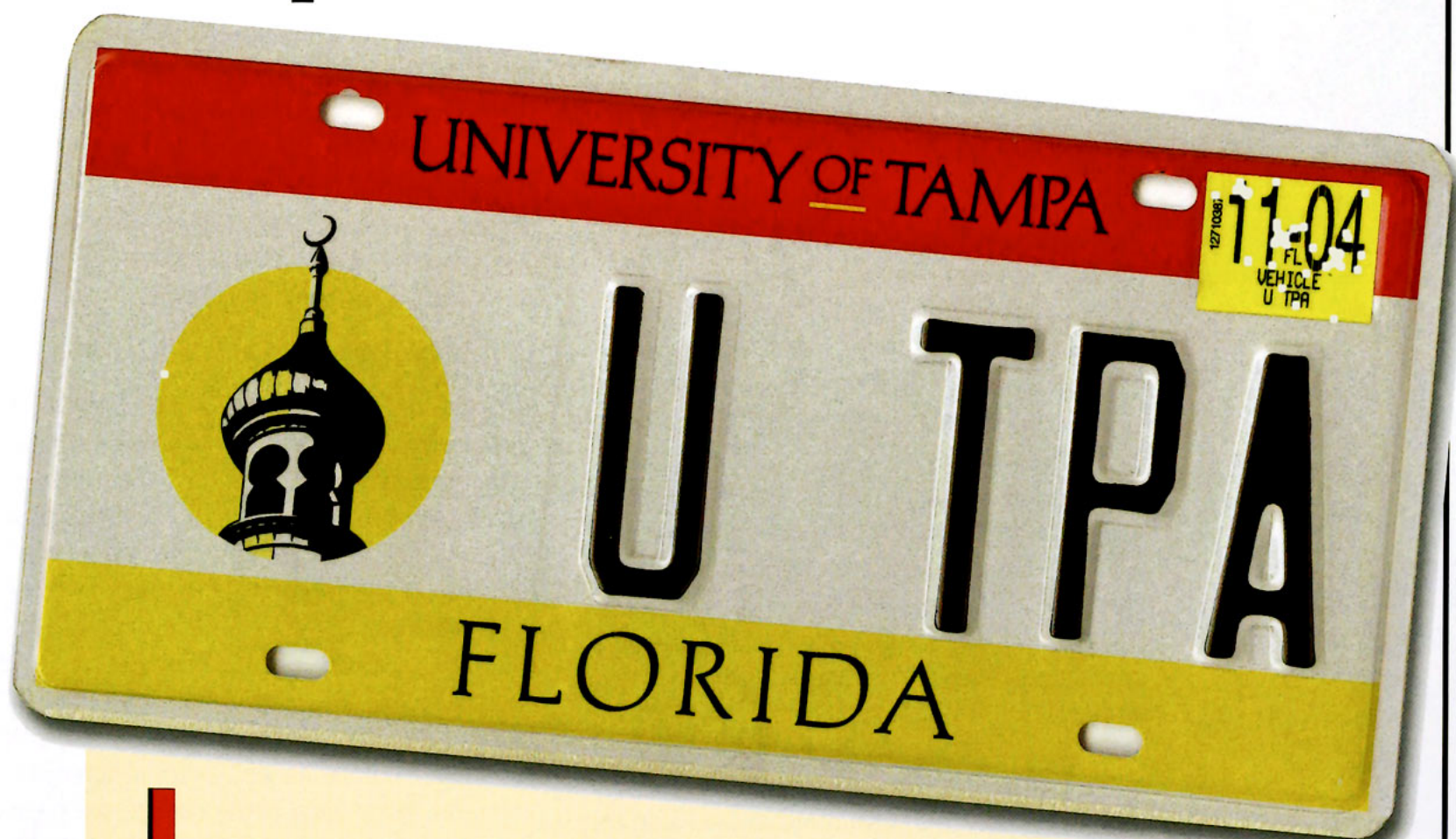
**Anne Thompson** is president of the Chislers Inc., the nonprofit women's organization dedicated to the preservation of the University's historic H.B. Plant Hall. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College. Her other community affiliations include the Junior League of Tampa, Friends of the Library, and the Beach Park Women's Club.

**Renee A. Williams** is president of the Williams Consulting Group Inc. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a BA in Urban Studies and a master's degree in regional and city planning. She is on the Leadership Development and Cultural Affairs committees of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. ■■■



# Show Your Colors

## Spartan Colors, That Is



**I**n red, black and gold. The specialty UT tag became a reality in October, just in time for the holiday giving season. It makes a great stocking stuffer, or for a really great gift, you can just attach it to a new car for your significant other.

The cost is \$25 per year in addition to the normal registration fee, which averages about \$34 a year.

You can get a pre-printed plate and accept whatever numbers and letters are assigned to it, or you can create your own special tag with personalized numbers and letters. You are limited to five characters, but you may have fewer than five in a combination of letters, numerals and spaces. A dash or empty space counts as a character.

To get a personalized plate, you must go in person with your registration and driver's license to any Florida tag office. Applicants can get a new tag before their current registrations expire, or wait until their renewal dates to apply.



# MUEZZIN

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



**NATALIE D. PRESTON**  
Alumni Director  
E-mail: [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu)

## Tag, You Could be It!

### Award Tag

If you've done great things at UT, in the community or in your career, then you could be tagged as the next recipient of a **National Alumni Association (NAA) Award**. The NAA annually recognizes outstanding alumni via the Esse Quam Videri Outstanding Alumni, Alumni Achievement, Young Alumnus, and Service and Recognition Awards.

Alumni and non-alumni are encouraged to compete for one of four awards. First, Esse Quam Videri Outstanding Alumni Award is the highest award that a graduate of The University of Tampa can receive. The award recognizes outstanding service to UT or the NAA. Nominees should possess records of outstanding achievements in their chosen careers and in their communities.

Second, the Alumni Achievement Award recognizes alumni with records of outstanding professional and civic achievements. Past or current involvement in the UT community is not a factor.

Third, the Young Alumnus Award also recognizes outstanding service to UT and the NAA. Nominees should show exceptional achievement in their chosen careers or civic involvement and be 35 years of age or younger.

Finally, the Service and Recognition Award recognizes those individuals who have shown great support for UT and the NAA. Recipients cannot be alumni of UT.

The awards are presented at commencement. The deadline for nominations is March 15. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

### Money Tag

Applications are being accepted for the **National Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship**. Candidates should be first-year students who are descendents of alumni.

Applicants must rank in the top quarter of their graduating class, and must score 1,100 or higher on the SAT or 26 or higher on the ACT. They also must have demonstrated leadership

achievement in high school and community activities, and must have applied for admission to UT.

Preference is given to the children and grandchildren of alumni. Financial need is not a factor. The scholarship is announced in the spring for the following fall. For scholarship application procedures, visit [ut.edu/alumni](http://ut.edu/alumni) and click on 'alumni scholarship.' All materials must be received by Feb. 28.

### Auto Tag

If you're proud of UT and you're a Florida resident, then show it on your license plate. On sale at a Florida tag agency near you is The University of Tampa specialty license plate! After much debate, political maneuvering, paperwork and review, the UT license plate is available.

The cost is \$25 per year in addition to the normal registration fee, which averages about \$34 a year. The plate features UT's red, gold and black colors, as well as UT's signature minaret. For a view of the design, see page 25.

You may simply ask for a pre-printed plate and accept whatever numbers and letters are assigned to it, or you can create your own specialty plate with personalized numbers and letters. You are limited to five characters, but you may have fewer than five in a combination of letters, numerals and spaces. A dash or empty space counts as a character.

Fortunately, the tag agency can check its computers and tell you instantly if the sequence you've chosen has already been taken.

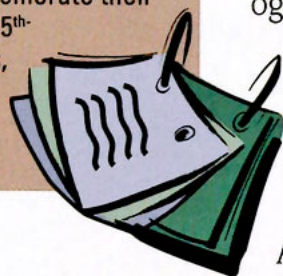
To get a personalized plate, you must show up in person with your registration and driver's license.

### Tag Me

If I have not had the opportunity to meet you, I may be reached at [npreston@ut.edu](mailto:npreston@ut.edu) (e-mail), (813) 253-6268 (phone), or (813) 258-7297 (fax). I want to hear your ideas about alumni and parent relations at UT and how we can make them better. Remember, **"With Your Help, It Can Be Done!"**

## Mark your calendar now!

**Homecoming and Reunions 2004** to be celebrated on Oct. 13-17. The **Classes of '79, '94 and '99** will commemorate their 25<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year reunions, respectively, on Oct. 16.



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## '60

**Diana R. Stanley** retired from her position of media specialist at Lake Gibson Middle School. She held the position for 23 years, and was in the teaching profession for 43 years. She and her husband, Harold, live in Lakeland, FL.  
E-mail: stanled28@yahoo.com

## '61

**Michael Jackson** and his wife, Evelyn, live in Murphysboro, IL. He retired from Southern Illinois University's College of Education as professor emeritus of curriculum and instruction.  
E-mail: mickeyj@siu.edu

## '65

**Dick Perrier** is a development officer at Help A Child Inc. in Pinellas Park, FL. He lives in nearby Gulfport.  
E-mail: dickperrier@aol.com

## '66

**Monique Groulx** has retired after 37 years of teaching French and Spanish. She has worked with Hillsborough County schools for 33 years.  
E-mail: mggroulx@earthlink.net

## '70

**John Benedetto** began his 27<sup>th</sup> season as head football coach at Land O' Lakes High School this August. He and his wife, Vanie, live in Tampa.

## '71

**Russell Mike** has moved to Chandler, AZ.  
E-mail: rpmike@msn.com

## '72

**Johnny Perkins** is the dean of criminal justice at Brevard Community College in Melbourne, FL. He and his wife, Linda, reside in St. Cloud.  
E-mail: perkinsj@brevardcc.edu

## '73

NASA named **James E. Hattaway** as the associate director of Kennedy Space Center. He and his wife, Judy, reside in Titusville, FL.

## '75

**Margie Beeson** is an avid assistant at ABC Family Channel. She lives in Lake View Terrace, CA.  
E-mail: Margie.beeson@abc.com

## '77

**Russell Amerling** is secretary/treasurer and fulltime volunteer national publicity coordinator for Choose Life Inc., which was responsible for the passage of the Florida statute authorizing the Choose Life license plate.  
E-mail: russ@choose-life.org

## '80

**Joseph Levy** is employed at Bell Ranger Outdoor Apparel. He and his wife, Marisa, live in Augusta, GA.

## '81

Former UT golfer **Brian Claar**, who was the 1986 PGA Tour rookie of the year, is giving up competitive golf to become a rules official with the nationwide tour.

**Alex Portelli** is a colonel in the U.S. Army, serving as an army attaché. He and his wife, Gail, are stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway.  
E-mail: portelli@state.gov.us

**Kathleen Turgeon** is a private piano instructor. She lives in St. Petersburg, FL, with her husband, Mark.  
E-mail: makemusic@earthlink.net

**Ali Garba** is vice president of financial planning at Landaas & Co. He has earned a DBA in International Business and Chartered Financial Consultant designation.  
E-mail: agarba@landass.com

**Karen Halo** is vice president of Hudson Insurance Services. She is charged with developing the title insurance divisions, and lives in Edison, NJ.  
E-mail: Karen.halo@hudsonunitedbank.com

## '82

**Gregory Viscomi** and his wife, Christina, announce the birth of their second

daughter, Adriana Sofia, on Dec. 6. They reside in Dearborn, MI.

## '83

**Rich Turer** is the vice president of marketing at Checkers Drive-in Restaurants. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Clearwater, FL.  
E-mail: turer@checkers.com

## '84

**David Tedford** is a new board member of the National Alumni Association, and president of the New England Alumni Chapter.

## '85

**Arden Taber** earned his doctorate of psychology from California Coast University. He is a senior vice president at USA MCO. He and his family live in Austin, TX.  
E-mail: taber@ev1.net

## '86

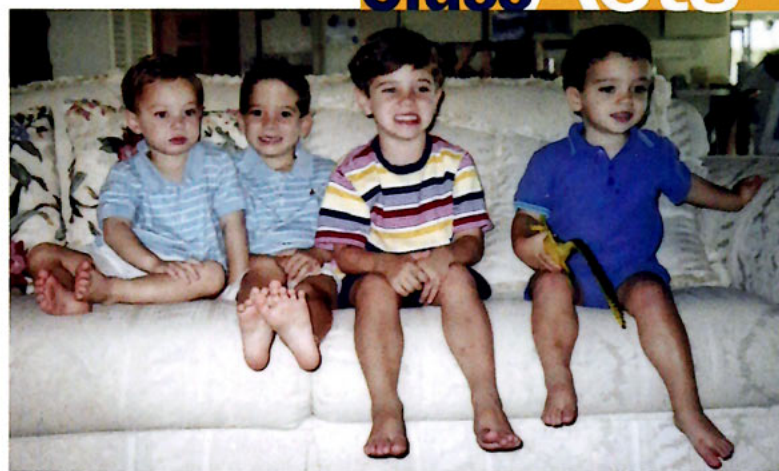
**Jon R. Drushal** and his wife, Terry, recently moved to Naples, Italy, where he works for NATO.  
E-mail: jdrushal@freeuso.it

**Roberta Ametrano** is a court officer captain with the NYS Court Security. She has a 4-year-old son named Nicholas. She and her family make their home in White Plains, NY.  
E-mail: mfcirino@optonline.net

## '87

**Ronald McClarin** and his wife, Brandy, welcomed their new baby girl, Macy Taylor, on Sept. 22. Ron is a member of the National Alumni Association and Tampa Alpha boards of directors. They make their home in Tampa.  
E-mail: rmccclarin@att.com

Macy Taylor McClarin



From left: Bradley, 3, and Austin Moll, 5, sons of Fonda (Satzinger) Moll '91; and Steven, 4, and Robbie Soronellas, 2, sons of Kathy (Haller) Soronellas '92.

The U.S. Army recently promoted **Christopher Davis** to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is Deputy Inspector General for the European Regional Medical Command. He and his family reside in Heidelberg, Germany.  
E-mail: chrisfdavis@hotmail.com

## '89

**Marc Asturias** is living in Miami Springs, FL, and working at Apple Computers.  
E-mail: masturias@mac.com

**Ronald DuBois** is in the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. He and his wife, Hilary, were expecting their second child in November.  
E-mail: rdubois34@yahoo.com

**Jenna S. Venero** is the director of safety and security at UT.  
E-mail: jvenero@ut.edu

**Maj. Roger Herres** is deputy program manager for the U.S. Army SOCOM. He lives in Brandon, FL.  
E-mail: rherres@aol.com

## '90

**Stephen A. Doukas** (MBA) is the director of operations for the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, or ISC 2.

**Ciana (Crosby) Muth** and husband **Jack Muth** '82 spent the last year aboard their 52-foot motor yacht exploring the Grand Bahama and Abaco islands. They live in St. Petersburg, FL.  
E-mail: cianamuth@aol.com

**Maj. Mark Herrin** serves on active duty with the U.S. Army. He is Divisions Operations (G3) Chief of Field Training Exercises in Japan. Mark and his wife, Jean, have two children. They live outside of Tokyo.  
E-mail: mark.herrin@us.army.mil

## '91

**Cole Hanson** is a senior network security analyst at Viridian IT Services. He lives in Sierra Vista, AZ.  
E-mail: Cole.Hanson@cox.net

**Fonda (Satzinger) Moll**, her husband, Brad, and their sons Bradley, 3, and Austin, 5, live in Fort Pierce, FL. Fonda is an optometrist with Vision Care.  
E-mail: fondabrad4@msn.com

**Brian Nelson** is a program manager for Teledyne Brown Engineering. He lives in Huntsville, AL.  
E-mail: brian.k.nelson2@boeing.com

**Jackie Shapiro** announces her engagement to Michael Rosen. She is the manager of school and community studio art programs for the San Jose Museum of Art, and lives in Los Altos, CA.  
E-mail: shapirodogs@aol.com

## '92

**Matt Aman** is the co-owner of BDM of Tampa Inc. He lives in Tampa.  
E-mail: Mamam097@cs.com

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**Rashid M. Skaf** is executive vice president for worldwide sales and marketing operations at AMX Corp.

**Nigel Kirwan** is video coordinator and assistant coach for the Tampa Bay Lightning. He is the only black coach in the National Hockey League.

**Lisa (Davis) Gore** and her husband, David, welcomed a new addition to their family, Amanda Marie, on May 21. The family makes its home in Gainesville, VA.  
E-mail: [ldgore@comcast.net](mailto:ldgore@comcast.net)

**Stephen "Chris" Jordan** married Amy Rivard on Oct. 25. He is development director for S.E.R.V.E. Volunteers in Education, and a member of the Tampa Alpha board of directors. The couple make their home in St. Petersburg, FL.  
E-mail: [cajordan@verizon.net](mailto:cajordan@verizon.net)

## '93

**Micki Bulger** is an information analyst at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC. She lives in Leesburg, VA.  
E-mail: [BulgerM@state.gov](mailto:BulgerM@state.gov)

**Colin McDougall** is vice president and general manager of True Gravity in Toronto, ON.  
E-mail: [colin@truegravity.ca](mailto:colin@truegravity.ca)

**Brian Weyer** is assistant treasurer of the Scotts Company, where he develops corporate financing and banking structures for his employers. He lives in Dublin, OH.  
E-mail: [bkweyer@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bkweyer@columbus.rr.com)

## '94

**Nathan and Crystal Childs** are the proud parents of three sons, Garret, Jake and Austin. The family resides in Flint, TX.  
E-mail: [txchilds5@earthlink.net](mailto:txchilds5@earthlink.net)

**Jeff and Cici (Donelan) Faucher** announce the birth of their third child, Colleen Michelle, on July 9. She joins siblings

Andrew, 2, and Christina, 5. Jeff works for the City of St. Louis Water Division, and Cici teaches science at Webster Groves High School.  
E-mail: [summersahm@yahoo.com](mailto:summersahm@yahoo.com)

**David E. Fitzgerald Jr.** (MBA) is a senior engineer in global network systems development at Level 3 Communications.  
E-mail: [David.Fitzgerald@Level3.com](mailto:David.Fitzgerald@Level3.com)

**Paul Kerstein** is an online editor at Herald Interactive Inc. He and his wife, Randy, were married on June 15.  
E-mail: [Pkerstei@cnc.com](mailto:Pkerstei@cnc.com)

**Donald MacCuish** earned a master of science degree in logistics management from Florida Institute of Technology. He is an instructor at the Army Logistics Management College at Fort Lee, VA. He and his wife, Amy, live in Tampa.  
E-mail: [Donald.maccuish@us.army.mil](mailto:Donald.maccuish@us.army.mil)

**Cynthia Marinak** is engaged to marry James Studnicki. She is a senior software designer for Interface Software. She lives in Illinois.

**Valorie Johnson** has been promoted to controller of the cruise division of My Travel USA. She lives in Altamonte Springs, FL.  
E-mail: [vbjohnson@cfl.rr.com](mailto:vbjohnson@cfl.rr.com)

**Kristi Pokraka** and her husband, Gary, happily announce the birth of their first child, Brendan Tyler, born on July 22. The couple make their home in Falmouth, MA.  
E-mail: [Pokrakak@aol.com](mailto:Pokrakak@aol.com)

**Maj. Carol (Nallan) Wilson** earned her MBA/TM at the University of Phoenix. She is attending

Colleen Michelle Faucher



Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, KS.  
E-mail: [majwils@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:majwils@tampabay.rr.com)

**Jalesia McQueen** is an attorney at Gallop, Johnson & Neuman in St. Louis, MO. After graduating from UT, she served in the U.S. Army for five years.  
E-mail: [jashgriff@aol.com](mailto:jashgriff@aol.com)

## '95

**Shawn Vinson** announces his engagement to Jeannette Quintero. He is territory business manager for Invacare, and lives in Tampa.  
E-mail: [vins6627@bellsouth.net](mailto:vins6627@bellsouth.net)



David Holmes

**Tiffany Holmes** and her husband, Vincent Knight, announce the birth of their son, David. They live in Boca Raton, FL, where Tiffany is an Avon Independent Sales Representative.  
E-mail: [vincitiff@aol.com](mailto:vincitiff@aol.com)

**Dawn Rapoport** has been inducted into the *Journal of International and Comparative Law*. She is in her third year of law school at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale.  
E-mail: [rapoportd@nsu.law.nova.edu](mailto:rapoportd@nsu.law.nova.edu)

**Dr. Jennifer Wortham** is an assistant professor of biology, and teaches animal behavior, marine science and marine biology at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

**Douglas Tower** is a writer/producer of TV show promos for *Judge Judy* and *Dr. Phil*. He lives in Los Angeles.  
E-mail: [Dougandkellysue@cs.com](mailto:Dougandkellysue@cs.com)



Lisa and Patrick Standing

**Lisa (Glover) Standing** was married to Patrick Standing on July 19.

## '96

**Jonathan Anderson** and his wife, Suzanne, announce the birth of their son, Jackson, on February 2. They live in Sarasota, FL, where Jonathan is an attorney at Wood and Seidl, PA.



Jackson Anderson

**Ardria Kenney** is in the securities services division at State Street Bank in Quincy, MA. She lives in nearby Waltham.  
E-mail: [ardria@msn.com](mailto:ardria@msn.com)

**David Sullivan** is assistant branch manager for the TRowePrice Investor Center in Oakbrook, IL. He has been accepted to the University of Chicago's MBA program, and lives in Naperville, IL.  
E-mail: [David\\_Sullivan@TRowePrice.com](mailto:David_Sullivan@TRowePrice.com)

**Keith LaBrecque** and Christine Alfano were married on July 19 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Wakefield, NH. Keith is employed in sales and servicing for Surgicare Inc. They make their home in Salem, NH.

**John Yembrick** has accepted a position as public affairs director with the U.S. Justice Department in Houston.  
E-mail: [Yembrick@aol.com](mailto:Yembrick@aol.com)

## '97

**Venessa Fegley** announces her engagement to Edward J. Villalba. She is a doctoral student, and is interning at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee for one year.

**Roger Green** earned a doctorate in clinical nursing from Rush University in Chicago. He also received the Florida State Nurse Practitioner Award at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' annual conference. He is president of the Florida Nurse Practitioner Network, and works in the Student Health Center at UT.  
E-mail: [DrRogerGreen@aol.com](mailto:DrRogerGreen@aol.com)

**Robert Heald** is a project accountant for Avatar Holdings in Poinciana, FL. He is a member of the Tampa Alpha board of directors, and lives in Brandon.  
E-mail: [Robert\\_heald@avatarholdings.com](mailto:Robert_heald@avatarholdings.com)

**Dan Mixon** (MBA) was named director of treasury services for Asurion, a provider of non-network enhanced services for the wireless industry.

**Debra (Rathz) Miller** and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Gail, on May 2. They live in Austin, TX.  
E-mail: [debmil14@hotmail.com](mailto:debmil14@hotmail.com)



Jeffrey Patruno and Christina Berlett

**Jeffrey Patruno** announces his engagement to **Christina Berlett** '00. He is a territory manager with Johnson Brothers Liquor Company, and lives in Riverview, FL.  
E-mail: [jpatruno@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jpatruno@tampabay.rr.com)

**Myndee (Fleury) Washington** and her husband, James, announce the birth of their son, Reed Morgan, on April 27.



Myndee is the music minister at First United Methodist Church of Land O' Lakes, FL.  
E-mail: myndee@lolumc.org

John D. Walker is a professional musician, and has opened two on-line apparel shops. He lives in Webster, FL.  
E-mail: jgwalker@earthlink.net

## '98

Stacey (Zimmermann) Goodman is a marketing administrator at Universal American Mortgage Company in Clearwater, FL. She lives in nearby Largo with her husband, Aaron.  
E-mail: staceyaaron@tampabay.rr.com

Manjula Patel is a data analyst for the school of public health at Johns Hopkins University. She and husband Nischal announce the birth of their daughter, Sherya Annika, on June 17. They live in Bowie, MD.  
E-mail: Manjpatel@att.net

Amy (Cohen) Smith and Brian Smith '95 were married in the Music Room at UT on May 24. Amy is a member of UT's Board of Counselors, and Brian is associate vice president of credit and underwriting for Textron Financial. They live in Tampa.  
E-mail: amyc910@aol.com, bsmith10@tampabay.rr.com



Amy and Brian Smith

Edward P. Child recently completed his eighth professional soccer season with the Cincinnati Riverhawks of the A-league. During the off-season, he is the women's soccer coach for Carlow College in Pittsburgh.  
E-mail: echild12@yahoo.com

Abebi Wolfe is executive administrator for the legal department of Starpower Communications, LLC. She also coordinates activities for the Washington, DC, Zeta Alumni Chapter.  
E-mail: abebiw@hotmail.com



Andrew Michael Dempsey

Melissa (Agnitsch) Dempsey and her husband, Michael, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Michael, on Aug. 26. They make their home in Lithia, FL.

David Virgilio is a natural gas cash trader for Constellation Power Source in Baltimore.  
E-mail: davidvirgilio@comcast.net

Kelly-Ann Chuplis is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology and a dual degree in school psychology. She hopes to become a certified school psychologist.  
E-mail: StucknFlorida@hotmail.com

Amy Christensen is expecting her first child, Benjamin Matthew Christensen. She lives in Safety Harbor, FL.

## '99

Anthony Jaramilla is a business development representative for Honda, and worked in Hollywood as an actor and model. He lives in Oxnard, CA, with his wife and two children.

Tess Kristensen is an assistant vice president of educational services at Raymond James Financial. She lives in Safety Harbor, FL.

Brooke Matherly attends the U.S. Army Logistics Management College at Fort Lee, VA.  
E-mail: bamatherly@hotmail.com

Kimberly Mesa (MBA) is a digitizer at VF Imagewear Inc. in Tampa.  
E-mail: yellowvette837@hotmail.com

Richelle Marsico, Esq., is a member of the Florida Bar Association, and is licensed to practice in U.S. District Courts for the Middle District of Florida. She also is a member of the Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers.  
E-mail: marsico@tampabay.rr.com

Jennifer Berry is in her last year of law school at Nova Southeastern University. She is scheduled to graduate in May.  
E-mail: Berryj@nsu.law.nova.edu

## '00

Ty Botsford will begin the MBA program at UT in January. He also is president of the Honors Alumni Association, and a member of the National Alumni Association board of directors.  
E-mail: tybotsford@aol.com

Jason M. Carrozza earned his JD from the New England School of Law. He lives in Bridgewater, MA.  
E-mail: JasonC32577@aol.com

Joy Mitchell teaches special education in Londonderry, NH. She is engaged to be married in July.  
E-mail: turtlecutie19@aol.com

Brenda Webster is the customer service/marketing manager for Matrix Group Limited in Safety Harbor, FL.  
E-mail: Brenda.webster@verizon.net

## '01

Susan Gorman completed a 16-week program at the SEPSI Police Academy in St. Petersburg, FL. She is employed by the Tarpon Springs Police Department.

Maurice Loregnard is the assistant soccer coach at UT.

Lauryn Smith owns Jackson Hole Vacations, a

destination travel agency. She lives in Jackson Hole, WY.

E-mail: lauryn@expereincejacksonhole.com

Shelly Troccoli starred in the musical *Always... Patsy Cline*, at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center in August and September. She lives in St. Pete Beach, FL, with her two small children.

1st Lt. Veronica Ramos is stationed in Darmstadt, Germany, as a signal officer. She serves in the Middle East with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pamela (Bibelhauser) Smith has been promoted to CFO at Skilled Services Corp. She and her husband are remodeling their home in St. Petersburg.  
E-mail: bsmith35@tampabay.rr.com

## '02

Selmin Dalsal (MBA) is an assistant manager at Brookstone in Tampa.  
E-mail: dalsaldalsal@hotmail.com

Chelsie Lamie announces her engagement to David Alfonso. Chelsie is a student at Stetson University College of Law, and lives in Brandon.  
E-mail: chelsielamie@aol.com

Tom Ziolkowski is in his second year at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, ME. He also completed officer training school at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.  
E-mail: tziolkowski@pipeline.une.edu

Rodrigo Rodriguez-Novas is back in Tampa after spending a year in London. He works for Citigroup.  
E-mail: marichu3@hotmail.com

Brian Haught is a commercial associate with SunTrust Bank in Bradenton. He is in a training program that is preparing him to be a relationship manager for commercial clients.  
E-mail: bhaught37@hotmail.com

Jennifer Dawson is pursuing a master's degree in creative writing at Florida State University.  
E-mail: jldawson@eudoramail.com

## '03

Tyson Bain is pursuing a master of science degree in applied gerontology at the University of North Texas.  
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Marlen Cortez attends the University of Illinois-Champaign College of Law. She lives in Chicago.  
E-mail: mcortez1014@aol.com

Jonathan Lopez is an art director at PEZ Graphic Studios in Tampa.  
E-mail: PEZ055@hotmail.com

Noreen C. Moy lives in New York City.  
E-mail: babyre@hotmail.com

Shane Ramsey attends Florida State University College of Law in Tallahassee.  
E-mail: fsujd2006@yahoo.com

Audrey Savage (MBA) is an agency leader for AIG/American General in Tampa.  
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Amanda Schmahl and Steven Lee Chadwick were married on May 17 in St. Petersburg. They live in Fort Knox, KY, where Amanda is a teacher and Steven is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Gregg Schoppman (MBA) is a project manager with The Murray Company in Clearwater, FL.  
E-mail: gschoppman@aol.com

Jennifer Leibe is an associate sales representative for Solvay Pharmaceuticals. She lives in Rowley, MA.  
E-mail: jleibe22@hotmail.com

Jonathan Suarez is pursuing a master's degree in public health from USF. He plans to

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enter medical school after graduation.

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Aimee (Robinson) Nicholas works in admissions at the Academy of Design and Technology in Tampa.

E-mail: [davenaimee1@aol.com](mailto:davenaimee1@aol.com)

Deborah Bauer is pursuing a master's degree in history at the University of North Florida. She resides in Casselberry.

E-mail: [DeborahLBauer@aol.com](mailto:DeborahLBauer@aol.com)

Genevieve Whitaker is an administrative secretary and assistant to the executive director of the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation.

E-mail: [genevieve.whitaker@hklaw.com](mailto:genevieve.whitaker@hklaw.com)

Tasha Schmidt is a management associate at First Citrus Bank in Tampa.

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## ALUMNI and PARENTS to do @ ut.edu

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

### DECEMBER

**Wednesday, Dec. 17** MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, room 114

### JANUARY

**Friday, Jan. 9** NAA First Quarter Meeting  
4 p.m.  
Alumni Conference Room

**Wednesday, Jan. 21** MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, room 150

**Thursday, Jan. 22** Tampa Alpha Board Meeting  
6 p.m. social  
6:30 p.m. meeting  
Alumni Conference Room

### FEBRUARY

**Saturday, Feb. 7** Tampa Alpha Pre-parade Gasparilla Brunch  
10 a.m.  
Riverside Center

**Thursday, Feb. 12** Golden Spartan Induction Ceremony  
11:30 a.m.  
Plant Hall Fletcher Lounge

**Wednesday, Feb. 18** MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, room 150

**Thursday, Feb. 19** Tampa Alpha Board Meeting  
6 p.m. social  
6:30 p.m. meeting  
Alumni Conference Room

### MARCH

**Friday, March 12** Ladies of the '50s Luncheon  
Noon  
Vaughn Center Board Room

**Wednesday, March 17** MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, room 150

**Thursday, March 18** Tampa Alpha Board Meeting  
6 p.m. social  
6:30 p.m. meeting  
Alumni Conference Room

**Friday, March 26-Sunday, March 28** Phi Delta Theta 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Charter Reunion  
Plant Hall

### APRIL

**Thursday, April 8** Tampa Alpha Board Meeting  
6 p.m. social  
6:30 p.m. meeting  
Alumni Conference Room

**Friday, April 9** MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, room 150

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

## What's Happenin'?

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

Please mail this form to:  
Office of Alumni Relations • Box H  
Attention: Class Acts  
The University of Tampa • 401 W. Kennedy Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33606-1490

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (to verify records only) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (please include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (please include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ UT Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

## News for ClassActs

Please check all appropriate boxes and provide details to the right of each item:

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## Where in the World is Waldo?



The wheels are in motion to make 2004 reunions better than ever. Great things are in store for the **classes of '54, '79, '94 and '99!**

In reviewing the various alumni rosters, it became obvious that UT has way too many "lost alumni." This frequently happens when alumni move, and the new address is not forwarded to the University. Your help is needed to identify alumni on the following list whom you know how to contact. Just drop a line to **alumni@ut.edu** or Box H, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606-1490. Please include the name and current phone number, e-mail, or U.S. mail address for the alumnus.

### 1954

Aghano, Rose Marie  
Benz, Martha  
Brown, Katherine  
Diez, Raymond  
Dobbins, Yvonne  
Eskelson, Bethany Ann  
Hafer, Joseph  
Hammock, Thomas  
Hillier, Robert  
Hood, Kathryn  
Landeta, Philip  
Leinhauser, John  
Messina, Frank  
Neff, Patricia  
Ochipinti, Angelina

Roop, James  
Smarse, Paul  
Tavares, Raymond  
Weeks, Bonnie  
Weidenkopf, John  
Welch, Carolyn

### 1979

Alam, Zahid  
Casazza, Linda  
Danielle, Louis  
DisDier, Angel  
Garcia, Susan  
Hair, Susan  
Healy, Marcia  
Huerta, Pearl  
Maseda, Riley

McCare, Joseph  
Oso, Christian  
Overton, Eugene  
Snyder, Gary  
Thalith, Muhammed  
Wein, Howard  
Wheaton, Cynthia

### 1994

Barth, Kathryn  
Capitano, Natalie

Fayne, David  
Reimer, Valorie  
Taylor, Stacie

### 1999

Alamonte, Gina  
Gansert, Susan  
Lindsay, Diane  
Werner, Maria  
Jordan, Lucy  
Justice, Melissa

## Theta Reunion on the Calendar

The Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta is planning a reunion to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UT charter. Mark your calendar now for the weekend of March 26-28. The tentative plans for the weekend include a golf tournament, two receptions, a campus tour (so you can see first-hand all of the changes), lots of reminiscing, and a banquet during which all of the charter members of the chapter will be inducted into the Silver Legion. More details about these activities will be mailed during the coming months. For additional information, contact event organizers **Larry Baratta '81** at **LGBMDPHD@aol.com** or **Rusty Richardson '80** at **Rusty@phideltatheta.org**.

## NAA Adds Three to Board

The **National Alumni Association** held its annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16. More than 35 people were on hand to welcome **Sylvia (Davis) D'Aloia '59**, **Barbara Whitley-Richards '57** and **David Tedford '84** as new board members. Sylvia and Barbara serve on the Decade of the '50s planning committee, and David is president of the New England Alumni Chapter.

## Do you Rendezvous?

**S**ome ambitious alumni seek like-minded individuals for Spartan gatherings in their regions. If you live in the following areas and have Spartan spirit, then contact the identified person!

**ATLANTA:** Local Spartans were surveyed on their interests and availability this fall. These ideas will be put into action for the spring and beyond. **Robyn Wesley '98** is working with others to spearhead this effort, and she welcomes participation and assistance from others. To get involved, contact Robyn at **rffw0796@aol.com**.

**CHICAGO:** **Scott Robins '84** and **Ed Coleman '82** met in October to begin making plans for the Chicagoland Chapter. They are looking for a few Spartan volunteers to join in the fun. If you are interested in being involved,

contact Ed at **ed.coleman@att.net** or Scott at **scott403@aol.com**.

**DENVER/BOULDER:** **Mike Shannon '91** wants to corral all the Spartans from Ft. Collins to Boulder (and all areas in between) for a Spartan shindig. Contact him at (720) 837-6828 or **mikes@dalcoind.com** to get involved.

**NEW YORK:** The New York Sigma Alumni Chapter has had several events this year under the leadership of **Donna (Small) Walid '94**. Most recently, the group met at The Bar Harbour on Saturday, Nov. 1. To get involved, contact Donna at **donna94ut@yahoo.com**.

**SOUTH FLORIDA:** **Teri Bendell '87** and **Leo Berman '69** would like to organize Spartan activities in the near future. If you have suggestions or are interested in participating, contact Teri at **tbendell@hotmail.com**.

## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

Gloria Alderman '42  
Laurence C. Collura '53  
Bertha Ann Cosio '62  
Guy Thomas Crumpton '57  
Fred Hogan '63  
Roswell Kenna '70  
John L. Traina '35  
Angelina Martino '38

### STUDENTS


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Stephanie Camp



## Take Me Out to the Golf Course

It was Oct. 23 and game five of the World Series (see the Marlins at bat on the TV), but that did not stop about 20 Spartans from attending an event at the Bonaventure Golf and Country Club in Weston, FL. To get involved with the **Miami Delta Alumni Chapter**, contact **Teri Bendell '87** at [tbendell@hotmail.com](mailto:tbendell@hotmail.com). The event was hosted by **Keith Clougherty '85** and **Bill Weimer '86**, co-owners of Bonaventure.

## 30 Get Happy, Sweet

The Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter held a sweet happy hour at Sweet Memories antique shop in Brandon. About 30 alumni from the '50s to '90s attended. Event organizers included National Alumni Association board members **Ida (Felicione) Coe '58**, **Rosemary (Hurley) Leathers '58**, and **Curt Rogers '77**, owner of Sweet Memories. To recommend your establishment as the site of the next happy hour, contact **Joe Wessel '95** at [joetpa@aol.com](mailto:joetpa@aol.com). 

## Honors Alumni Fall Forward

The Honors Alumni Association held its fall meeting on Friday, Oct. 24. The following officers were elected: **Ty Botsford '00**, presi-



Ty Botsford

dent, **Tiffany Aqabli '00**, vice president, **Genevieve Whitaker '03**, secretary, and **Marian Conklin '01**, treasurer. **Donna Griffin '02**, **Sheryl Lyn Houck '01**, **Sheryl Hakala '96** and **Ann Palumbo '99** also are board members. The

group is advised by Dr. Richard Piper, director of the Honors program. To get involved with the HAA, contact Dr. Piper at [rpiper@ut.edu](mailto:rpiper@ut.edu).

## Zeta Chapter Spies Spartans

On Oct. 5, the Washington, DC, Zeta Alumni Chapter held an event for local Spartans at the Spy Museum. To get involved with the DC Chapter, contact **Abebi** at [abebi.wolfe@rcn.net](mailto:abebi.wolfe@rcn.net).




**Country Club Clan** Among the attendees at the Bonaventure: (front row, from left) Thomas Freehling '72, Richard and Celeste McKenzie '69, Lilly Conde-Achenback '95, Keith Clougherty '85; (back row, from left) Rich and Karen Berman '79, John Danko '88, Richard Sierra '86, Mark Bernstein '84, Robert Spence '68, Dave Milani '86, Michael Parish '82, Bill Weimer '86.

## Advisory Council Adds 14

The UT Parents' Association held its annual meeting and panel discussion on Friday, Oct. 3, during Family Weekend. Members of the UT community hosted a panel discussion, providing insight, explanation and advice on many areas of campus, including the health center, safety and security, student activities, residence life and campus dining. Two student representatives also shared their perspectives on campus life.

At the conclusion of the meeting, 14 new members were elected to the Parents' Advisory Council, the leadership arm of the Parents' Association. Congratulations to the following parents: Ken Baggett of Atlanta, Don Faller of Maitland, FL, Penelope and Craig Husted of Wilmington, DE, Michele and Hal Jolles of Silver Spring, MD, Michael Keenan of West Palm Beach, FL, Charlie and Linda Lynch of Garden City, NY, Peter McAlister of Columbus, OH, Joan Olson of Seminole, FL, Arlene and John Pronesti of Lawrenceville, NJ, and Piedad Sanchez of Miami. The Council has a total of 41 members.

Spartan parents who are interested in joining the Advisory Council should contact the Office of Parent Relations at (813) 253-3333, x 3589, or [parent@ut.edu](mailto:parent@ut.edu). 


**Inspector Gadget** was nowhere to be found, but other attendees of the Spy Museum event included (front row, from left) Maria (Bernal) Louzonis '96, Bridgette Johnson '96, Martha Beltran '96, Rachel (Price) Baker '96, Annette Damey '97, Linda Sheaffer '02, '03, Bill Welborn '68, Kay Roscoe '63; (back row, from left) Rob Bruns, UT director of corporate and foundation relations, Abebi Wolfe '98, Michael DePiro '90, Mike Smirnoff, Patricia Smirnoff, Brian Finan '76. Other detectives who were not pictured: Dima Smirnoff '79, Michael Damsey, Leila Welborn, Kathy Finan, Dick Roscoe and John Baker.





## NY Sigma Gather at Bar Harbour

The New York Sigma Alumni Chapter held a reception at The Bar Harbour on Satur-

day, Nov. 1. About 30 people attended the gathering that was co-sponsored by Tim Pandekakes '97 and Brian Mastellone '99, owners of The Bar Harbour. 

New York Bar Harbour attendees included Julie Daly '98, Fritz Tanis '99, Andrea Galeno '00, Janice McIntyre '00, Russell Thibeault, Lindsay Sullivan '99, Jennifer Bullock '99, Chris Waters '90, Netta Waters, Mike and Beatrice Sena '76, Phil and Caroline Holzer '98, Jennifer Guild '95, Amory Alexander '94, Irvin Elias '77, Kelly Fechter, Carol Lislevatn '94, David O'Meara, Tim Pandekakes '97 and David Orner '88.

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☐ I want to \_\_\_\_\_



## UT Homecoming & Reunions 2003

In October, more than 700 alumni participated in Homecoming and Reunions 2003. Activities included Late Night by the River, a trip to the Tampa Greyhound Track, Minaret Climb, Golden Spartans Luncheon, Monte Carlo Night, Homecoming soccer game, and other activities. MBA alumni celebrated a milestone with a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. A new event, Spartan Tailgate, brought additional fun before the game. This year's theme was "Destination: UT," an appropriate title for the many graduates who traveled to see old friends and the changes at UT. **UT**



Almost 200 alumni and friends attended the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Decade of the '50s Open House**. For this year's event, the gang moved up to the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Vaughn Center. Things kicked off with drinks and socializing in the Trustees' Conference Room. The luncheon and formal program were held in the Crescent Club. The afternoon culminated with the alma mater, led by present and former members of the '50s planning committee. From left: Mike ('56) and Caryl Menendez and Frank ('50) and Alice Cacciatore.



Alumni from the '60s and '70s had a groovy time hanging out at the **Late Night by the River**. The Radisson Riverwalk, the host hotel for Homecoming, co-sponsored the reception. From left: Jim Neve '63, Harry Timmons '63, Charles Roberts, Flo (Ciaravella) Roberts '63, Kathy Neve and John Perry '67.



Rick Swirbul (not pictured) may have walked away from **Monte Carlo Night** \$2,500 richer, thanks to a winning raffle ticket, but everyone left having had a great time. The grand prize was one of dozens of prizes that the 250 attendees were eligible to win. Jeanne Gregory '00 (center) UT supervisor of student accounts, and her husband, Shawn (right).



The Class of 1963 celebrated its 40-year reunion at the **Decade of the '60s Reunion Luncheon**. Front row (from left): Joyce (Mays) Traina, Norma (Blancato) Hollingsworth, Jim Neve, Sylvia (Penzato) O'Neill, Sally (Giroir) Noller, Lillian (Dunn) Lomax, Kay (Lowman) Roscoe. Middle row (from left): Cynthia (Kladis) Xenick, Teresa (Papia) Timmons, Jeanette (DeGuzman) Valenti, Flo (Ciaravella) Roberts, Mary Anne (Fox) Obusek. Back row (from left) Joseph Schreiber, Drew Mohr, Jim Gatto.





Members of the **Class of 1993** found themselves and a whole lot of fun at their reunion activities. Alumni participated in the **Spartan Tailgate**, their reunion luncheon and a scavenger hunt. Front row (from left): Lori Pillsbury '93, Tim Shappley, Amy Webb '93, Terri (Rowe) Shappley '93, Tammy (Berger) Alter '93; Back row (from left): Jeff Alpert '90, Colin McDougall '93 and wife, Martha; Rebecca Holcomb '93 and husband, Tony.



UT Soccer fans indulge in a bit of bubble-blowing fun at the **Homecoming game**.



More than 100 people attended the **Golden Spartan Luncheon** to celebrate graduates of fifty years or more. A few of the people captured on film having a good time include Buford Lindsey '39 and Margaret Maiolo.



These lovely ladies enjoyed a cool breeze, fond memories and lots of laughs on the Vaughns' patio at the annual **Open House**. Counterclockwise from front left: Diane Vallee '59, Ida (Felicione) Coe '58, Geraldine (Law) Hynes '59, Mabel Galbreath.



It was a daunting task, but many endured the narrow passageways, endless number of stairs and stale air to reach the top of a minaret. From left: Doug Polson '78, Collete and Brian Doyle '78, and Drew Mohr '63 are pictured taking a break at the **Family Minaret Climb and Brunch**.





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# Making Good Will Through a Good Will

**W**e all like people of good will. That's because they are positive, generous, and enjoyable to be around. They tend to be cheerful and optimistic. People of good will make life more enjoyable for others.

The term "good will" also applies to businesses and organizations. This intangible asset adds value to the more measurable aspects of facilities, products, programs and personnel. A business with good will enjoys a positive presence in the community.

The same is true of nonprofit organizations like The University of Tampa. We have learned that a positive reputation goes a long way toward attracting volunteerism and financial support. We want to expand our good will as far and wide as we can.

"Good will" also can apply to estate planning. We express our good will through leaving a good will.

## Foresight, Generosity and Thoughtfulness

Here is a list of items a good will can accomplish. Have you drafted a will that does these things?

- Name a personal representative.
- Care for special family needs.
- Possibly reduce or eliminate estate taxes.
- Establish family trusts and name trustees.
- Name guardian(s) for minor child(ren).
- Designate who will receive personal items.
- Make charitable bequests.

By creating good wills, we create good will among those we honor through our wills. They will remember us for our foresight, generosity and thoughtfulness. It is in this spirit that many people have made provision for UT in their wills.

An ineffective, out-of-date will is, of course, a bad will. And such a will can create bad will among others, especially family members. It's far better to take the time to make sure that a good will is in place.

## Taking Action—Do the Job Right

So, as a person of good will, you will want a good will. Perhaps, for you, this means calling an attorney today to establish an appointment to prepare a will or to revise an existing one. If you don't know a good estate-planning attorney, ask your banker for recommendations. If you like, we will help you locate a good attorney who will do the job right.

If you already have a good will in place, it should be reviewed periodically, and changed as circumstances dictate. The death of a beneficiary or personal representative, and the desire to add or delete charitable and other beneficiaries, are among the reasons for wishing to change a will. Other reasons could present themselves. Changes can be made through a codicil or a series of codicils, which can be drafted at considerably less cost than drafting an entire will.

Remember, should you die without a will in which you express your desires regarding a variety of matters, the state has a plan for the distribution of your assets. That plan may or may not coincide with your wishes.

If you would like further information about wills, estate planning, and charitable bequests, please contact me directly by e-mail at [tgiddens@ut.edu](mailto:tgiddens@ut.edu), by telephone at (813) 258-7400, via fax at (813) 258-7798, or by writing to Thomas R. Giddens, Director of Planned Giving, The University of Tampa, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606-1490. ■■■

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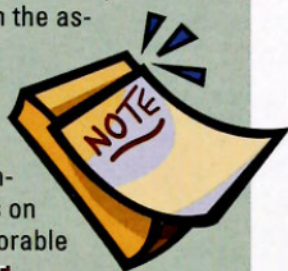
There are many ways to benefit yourself and your family, provide for UT in your estate plans, and leave a legacy to be recognized by family, friends and the community, as well as by the University and its Legacy Society. These include:

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*Life begins as a promise;  
It ends as a memory.  
If our lives were to end today,  
What would they have meant?  
What difference did we make?  
What legacy did we leave?*



# Fermans Taking Care of Students

**T**he Ferman name has been well recognized in the Tampa Bay area for more than a century, but it usually is associated with automobiles.

At UT, the Ferman name is attached to things far removed from the automobile industry. Most recently, it adorns the door of an elegant meeting-room-in-the-round, complete with a 52-foot circular mahogany laminate table that could enhance the boardroom of a bank headquarters.

The Jim and Martha Ferman Conference Suite, on the second floor of the Vaughn Center, is situated in the nerve center of student life. And like most of the projects the couple funded in the last 50 years or so at the University, the conference suite is there to serve the needs of students.

Jim Ferman Sr. befriended the University with his first gift in 1948 and has not missed a year since. In 1958, he provided President David DeLo with the loan of the Ferman family home on Bayshore Boulevard to serve as temporary residence of the University President.

The Delos lived there for a decade. Ferman continued his support until his death April 14, the day of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

His son, Jim Ferman Jr., CEO and President of the Ferman Motor Car Company Inc., recently discussed his parents' love for The University of Tampa, including his own involvement.

"The University is important on several levels: as an institution of higher education, and an important historical component. It is not just that it was the Tampa Bay Hotel, or UT. It's been both.... It has become a great blend of historical and architectural significance.

"It's important for history. It's important for education. It's important for culture. It's important for economics, and it needs to be right at the top of your list of things that earn and deserve your support," said Ferman.

Gifts and projects from the Fermans through the years have been too numerous to count, but the Ferman Music Center, funded in the late 1980s to develop musical talent, is but

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Martha Ferman had some words of wisdom and praise for the audience at the dedication of the Ferman Conference Center Sept. 24.

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—Jim Ferman Jr., on The University of Tampa.



Ready to cut the ribbon on the new Ferman Conference Center are (from left) Mary Stephen (child), Janice Straske, Laura Farrior, Cecelia Ferman, President Ron Vaughn, Martha Ferman, Jasmine Wray '05 and Jim Ferman Jr.



The new conference center table is 52 feet long, and will be used extensively by student groups and other University audiences.

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another example of direct support for students. Martha Ferman has a love of music and is a pianist, so it was a natural that they funded the Center.

Jim Ferman Sr. also served on the University Board of Trustees, and as chairman during the important growth years of 1961-66. He was Chairman Emeritus until his death. They are charter members of the University's Minaret Society.

"Around every college and university in this nation, there exists a handful of people who literally make these institutions go. These people hold the future of the institution in their hands, and help make today's dreams tomorrow's realities," President Ron Vaughn said of the Fermans at the dedication of the Conference Center Sept. 24.

As a tribute to their long service, the University, in 1999, awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to both Jim and Martha. It was the first such award to a couple in the University's history. ■■



Jim Ferman (right) displays a photo of his parents receiving dual Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from UT in 1999.

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—President Ron Vaughn, on the Fermans.

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# A Day for Philanthropy

**N**ov. 15 was National Philanthropy Day, a special day to pay tribute to the contributions that philanthropy, and those people active in the philanthropic community, have made to our lives, our communities and our world. Americans in 2003 gave more than \$240 billion in charitable gifts to religious, educational, human services, arts, environmental and other nonprofit organizations, according to *Giving USA*. It is only fitting, then, that a special day is set aside to recognize philanthropy.

Since 1989, the Tampa Bay area has celebrated National Philanthropy Day by giving annual awards to individuals and businesses whose contributions make this area a better place to live, learn, work and play. The celebration and awards are sponsored by the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), a 26,000-member professional association advancing philanthropic support for a variety of nonprofit charitable organizations throughout the world. Categories of recognition include Youth in Philanthropy, Philanthropic Service Organization, Volunteer of the Year in Philanthropy, Spirit of Philanthropy, Philanthropic Small Business of the Year, Philanthropic Corporation of the Year, Philanthropist of the Year, and the Lloyd Horton Lifetime Achievement Award.

Confirming the rich tradition of philanthropic support UT receives from the community, more than a third of these awards were bestowed on friends of The University of Tampa. Friends recognized over the years include Capital Campaign co-chairs Al and Beverly Austin, former trustees Sam (deceased) and Helen Davis, Martha and Jim (deceased) Ferman, Celia and Jim Ferman Jr., the Poe families (donors of Poe Parkway) and Board of Trustees chair John H. Sykes, among others.

Philanthropy is not just an indulgence of the rich. The *Giving USA* study cited that almost 90 percent of U.S. households made charitable contributions in 2000 averaging \$1,620, and 44 percent of adults volunteered with a formal organization.

The act of giving allows us to reinforce our personal values by making a difference for causes in which we deeply believe. What would our quality of life be without libraries,

museums and parks? How would countless children and seniors survive without assistance from social service organizations? Who would provide care for homeless and injured animals? What would happen to our treasured landmarks without dedicated volunteers to advocate their preservation?

Truly, the world is changed by the power of giving hearts. In fact, that is the theme of National Philanthropy Day—"Change the World with a Giving Heart." To all of UT's supporters at every gift level who share their personal treasures for the advancement of our present and future students, thank you for your giving hearts and for generously continuing the tradition of philanthropy.

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GTE/Verizon (1990)  
TECO Energy Inc. (1991)  
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St. Petersburg Times (1993)  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1995)  
The Tampa Tribune (1996)  
Outback Steakhouse Inc. (1998)  
Tampa Bay Lightning (1999)  
Capital One (2001)  
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Ferman Motor Car Company (2003)

### PHILANTHROPIC SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Psychological Assessment Resources Inc. (2002)

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR IN PHILANTHROPY

Beverly A. and Alfred S. Austin (2000)

### PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

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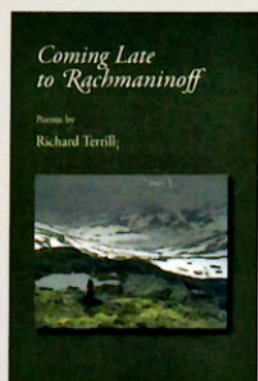
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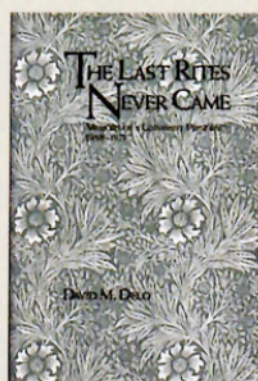
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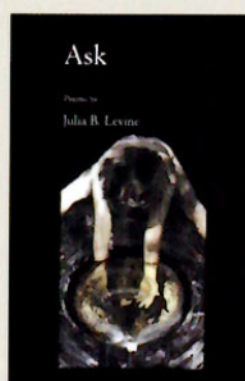
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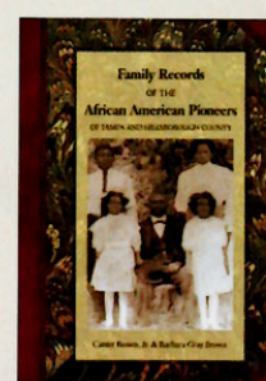
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