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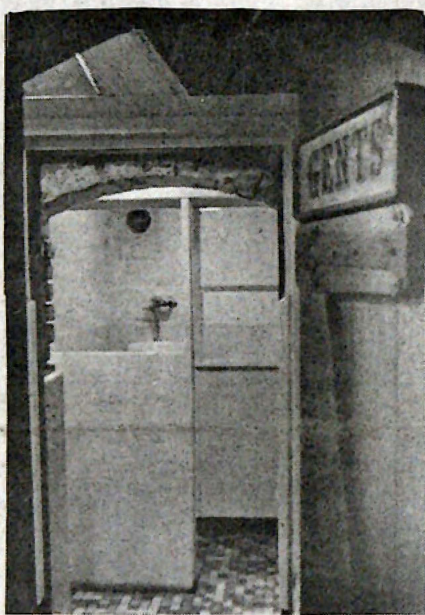
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of campus security**

"I ain't takin' jack off these
pansy little rich kids,
neither...hell, I've killed
more people than you got
here at this school!"



SG elections marred by protests, graphic violence

By GREG SCHMIDT
Staff Californian

After 29 years of dictatorship, the University of Tampa Student Government is holding open presidential elections in April.

The candidates' platforms are often vague, the parties makeshift, and very few voters will be able to read a ballot.

But this student body is having an election.

Only time will tell whether SG will be able to find prosperity and happiness with democracy. And a band to play at Sun Jam.

"Many people see this place as savage," said Rich Piper, cabinet

advisor for the provisional government now in power. "But remember what went on in this place for 30 years. Many people lost friends, loved ones, and their appetites because of the terrible people who ran this student community."

Under the regime of Jeff "Papa Doc" Chaffin, violence became a way of life. Many hope April's election will break that chain.

Erasing UT's terrible legacy hasn't been easy — it cost 19 people their lives last week. A leading presidential candidate's headquarters were burned to the ground, killing many students inside. And the same candidate had

another office attacked by a dozen students with machine guns.

That candidate, Craig Huffman, is one of the front-runners in the field of 67 candidates representing a wide array of makeshift political parties and special-interest groups. For instance, there is the Party of Pleasure, Students Against the Drinking Age, and the Renaissance of the Virgin Mary, of Jesus, by Jesus, and for Jesus.

Huffman is known because of his ties with Student Political Organization, a radical left-wing organization on campus primarily responsible for the formation of the Black and Oriental Coalition

of Lesbians and other liberal organizations. Huffman is favored by the UT administration because of his relation to UT president, Bruce Samson. Huffman is Samson's illegitimate child.

"Being known as the president's son is a liability," said Huffman. "The UT administration supported the Chaffin government for years. People know that and there is a great deal of resentment."

Another front-runner, Dave Knapp, is a popular animal rights activist. A Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brother, Knapp served briefly under Chaffin's regime. His opponents accuse Knapp of being

merely a puppet influenced by Chaffin and his military leaders.

A third leader in the race for presidency, Mark Gorski was shot down March 29 while giving a speech in front of the Merl Kelce Library. The assassination, allegedly by ROTC cadets, was intended to intimidate other candidates and voters, leading candidates said, and possibly trigger anti-government unrest that might force suspension of elections.

Voting in the month's elections will be ripe for charges of corruption from discontented losers. Since an estimated 85 percent

See Vote, page

Spartan Battalion assists U.S. forces in Honduras

By HEATHER OSOWSKI
WOLTMANN
Staff Mèlange

The University of Tampa ROTC cadets dispatched to Honduras two weeks ago returned, safe but tired, on campus last night.

"It was hell, but they learned a lot," said Colonel Gary Beck, head of UT's military science department.

The cadets were sent on the Central American mission after Beck offered their services to President Ronald Reagan during a telephone conversation on March 17. Reagan immediately accepted and the cadets were flown to Pamerola Air Force Base.

"It was a very hush-hush operation," Beck said. "We even went as far as to hire doubles to stand in for the more prominent members of ROTC who might be missed on campus, like Jeff Chaffin and Dan'l Ellis."

In their battle dress uniforms and green paint on their faces, the cadets were released from the airport and began trekking through the jungles of southern Honduras near Nicaragua. However, after a few hours they found themselves in a small village on the other side of the border.

"We were supposed to link-up with the men at the border, but we

couldn't find them," said Jeff Uribe, executive officer of the UT ROTC program.

The trip did give them time to practice their skills. They went through usual routines of tracking, patrolling the area, and ambushing each other. They also practiced camouflage tactics which consisted of sitting still behind trees, or crouched behind bushes for a specified length of time and waiting for signs of the "enemy."

"We did get close to some artillery fire but we were told not to approach," said cadet Jason Silvas.

"We were there to give the students experience," clarified Major Craig Lowman. "We didn't want them to get involved with the actual conflict."

The units continued on until they reached Juigalpa and inquired as to their location. When they realized where they were, Major David Elliot took charge and managed to notify Honduran president Jose Azcona.

The people of Honduras were not pleased with the cadets roaming aimlessly through their country and showed some hostility toward them.

"Some of the peasants didn't understand why we were there and seemed to think that we wanted to take over their country," said

Cadet Alex Webb.

Senior cadet Norman Weeks added, "most of the people would shout things at us thinking that we'd go home sooner. What they didn't understand was that we were lost and no one would help us. They kept yelling 'Yankee go home!' I tell you, it was enough to hurt any guy's feelings."

Helicopters were then dispatched and the cadets were brought back to Pamerola Air Force Base. When activity settled down, the cadets were then flown back to Tampa.

ROTC's arrival back on campus was quiet. Students had been told of their impending arrival but the exact time had been uncertain. Students who were around to witness the return quickly told others, but most students remained in their rooms.

"It's the price of serving your country I guess," said Ellis. "No one is interested until things really get bad. They don't realize our job is to keep things from getting bad."

Despite their directional error the ROTC department is pleased with their efforts. They will, however, spend more time using the compass, and locating others in the woods when they go away for field training next month.

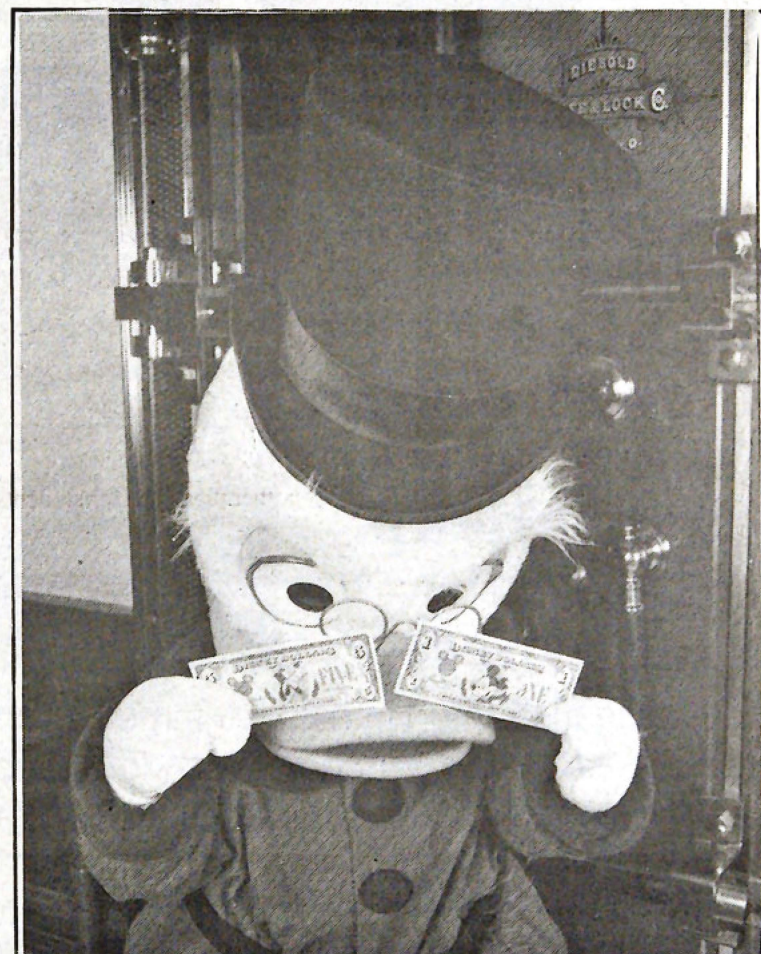


Photo courtesy Mickey Mouse

The University has hired Scrooge McDuck as a financial consultant. His job will be to identify donors most likely to give a specific fund-raising drive. McDuck got to work right away. "This one will go to Plant Hall and this one will go to football," he said.

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Ansel Adams—The Minaret

An unidentified UT student turns and flees after being asked who she supported in the upcoming SG elections.

Candidate slain in front of UT library

By BARBARA WALTERS
Roving Reporter

ROTC cadets shot and killed Mark Gorski, a presidential candidate in the upcoming Student Government elections, while he was demanding freedom of speech during a rally near the Merl Kelce Library Tuesday.

Plainclothes ROTC cadets walked out of the library, approached Gorski, beat him and then shot him, witnesses said.

SG gave a different version on the six o'clock news. Jeff Chaffin, deposed SG president and ROTC cadet commander, said "Gorski brought about 100 people in front of the library [and] incited the mob."

Chaffin did not say who started the shooting, but in the melee, "Gorski received a bullet in the head."

ROTC cleared the area of bystanders and reporters and confis-

cated the film, cameras and equipment of photographers, witnesses said.

One witness, who asked to remain anonymous, said that as Gorski was speaking, "several armed ROTC cadets in civilian clothes came up to him, chased us away, and dragged him to the entrance of the library."

The cadets "threw him against a car, beat him and shot him in the head" at close range, the witness said.

An earlier ROTC communique did not address the allegations that they killed Gorski. It said Gorski "presented himself at the Merl Kelce Library with a group of armed men and made a 10-minute speech. Several shots were fired. Mark Gorski carried a Colt .45 pistol."

Commenting on the ROTC statement, Greg Wingate, co-leader of the main opposition group, the Front for Concerted



Mark Gorski was shot.

Action, said: "That is the whole world turned upside-down. They do what they want. All ROTC communiques are lies."

Wingate said the slaying was part of a plan to create insecurity that would make the holding of fair elections in April difficult.

"Today its Gorski. Tomorrow it will be someone else," he said.

Administration ok's levelling of Delo and Howell Halls

By STEPHANIE OSOWSKI
Staff Freshman

Despite the increase of freshmen entering the University of Tampa next fall, the administration has decided to tear down Delo and Howell Halls this summer and rebuild new residence halls.

"It will take about three years to complete the entire process," said Jeff Klepfer, dean of students.

Due to lack of funds, scrap wood from the old minarets, the Hillsborough River, and Tampa Bay will be used for the buildings, and staff and faculty will be required to provide labor.

"Good wood is hard to find. Never can tell what will happen when you put a nail through a bad piece. It takes a long time to dry out the driftwood we find. But we get a good tan looking for it," said David Mains, manager of support services.

Meanwhile, to house students while the new residence halls are under construction, Residence Life has suggested that the boat-house be used.

Bill Dunlap, coach of the rowing team, has lodged a strong protest against the proposal.

"Well, they can sleep underneath with the boats, but they can't live upstairs. Why don't they put

them in the sports center?" said Dunlap.

Another plan calls for students to live in Plant Park in tents.

"If the park gets too crowded some students could be moved to the intramural field," said Linda Devine, director of residence life.

However, several important upperclassmen presented strong objections to the plan to the administration.

"We as the leaders of student government went to the administration and presented the ideas to them because the majority of us upperclassmen don't want to deal with 200 or more freshmen in tents," said sophomore senator Alan Randolph.

The administration came back with the suggestion that the upperclassmen pitch their tents in the Res Com courtyard.

"The upperclassmen have a legitimate argument. I can't think of a better place to put them and besides, this will solve the problem of everyone wanting to get into Res Com," said Devine.

Overall, Devine is very enthusiastic about the plan.

"Most of the students are from the Northeast and have never had the opportunity to camp out like this. It would be an excellent learning experience for them. Maybe

someone can teach an astronomy class," said Devine.

Colonel Beck of the UT ROTC program has agreed to provide the necessary equipment for the students to camp out. Part of orientation will concern informing students how to set up a tent and suppress communist intrusions while telling scary stories by the campfire.

"It about time these cream puff college liberals learn something about survival in a world threatened by communism," said Beck.

"It will be a great opportunity for them. I'm sorry I'm graduating," said Jeff Chaffin, president of Student Government. The University has not yet officially informed the students of this new project. According to Devine, the students will be informed before August 15.

"It will be a rush to have the plan finalized by then, but we thought the students have a right to know this far in advance," Devine said.

Due to the plan to build the new residence halls, the Freshman Year Program has been put on hold.

"We'll have enough problems keeping them from harassing the vagrants," Provost Dave Ford said.



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A lone University maintenance man is already at work tearing down Delo Hall. He should finish by August 15 when he will start on Howell.

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EDITORIAL

How to master the art of taking things easy in life

This week we don't care about anything.

Every now and then, the pressure builds to a dangerous point. We're talking about the total environment, how your family, classes and friends can drive you up the wall. On top of that, add the sad state of world relations and the upcoming presidential race, which has once again been reduced to a matter of voting for the lesser of two evils.

These things add to the pressure in our heads. And every now and then, we need to get the hell out of reality for a little while. Let the muck clear out and take care of ourselves. Strive for nirvana, so to speak. Nothing less than a total cleansing of the system.

No silly movies, no devastating news programs. None of the typical daily routines that slowly but surely drive us bananas before we know it. No fast food, no clothing that isn't soft cotton. No processed chatterpop from the radio, and no pretentious videos from MTV.

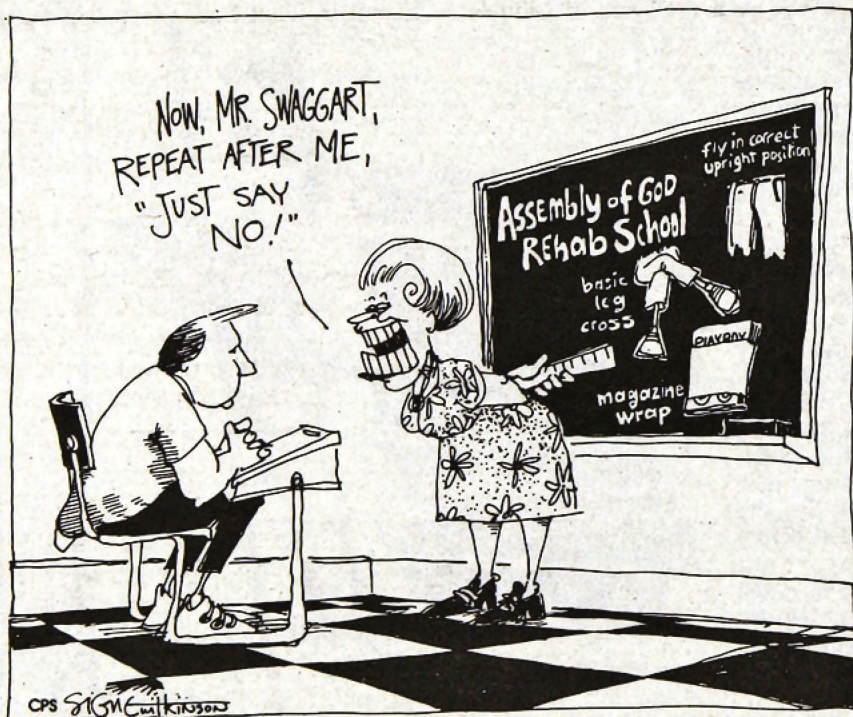
Every now and then, we need to take a break. It's simply a necessary act of self-preservation. It's the reason we devoted our time and effort to the contents of the newspaper you are holding.

And chances are, it's the reason you're reading it. If that isn't enough of a hint that you need a break, you're a doomed soul, indeed...

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"This is off the record, of course...but can you give me Jessica Hahn's phone number? Or her number at work? Maybe just some measurements? Shoe size? Anything! Please..."

--Rev. Jimmy Swaggart, to a Minaret staff writer late one night at the Chatterbox Lounge, after Tampa Mayor Sandy Freeman beat Bucs' owner Hugh Culverhouse in a heated game of straight pool. Well, it *looked* like Swaggart...



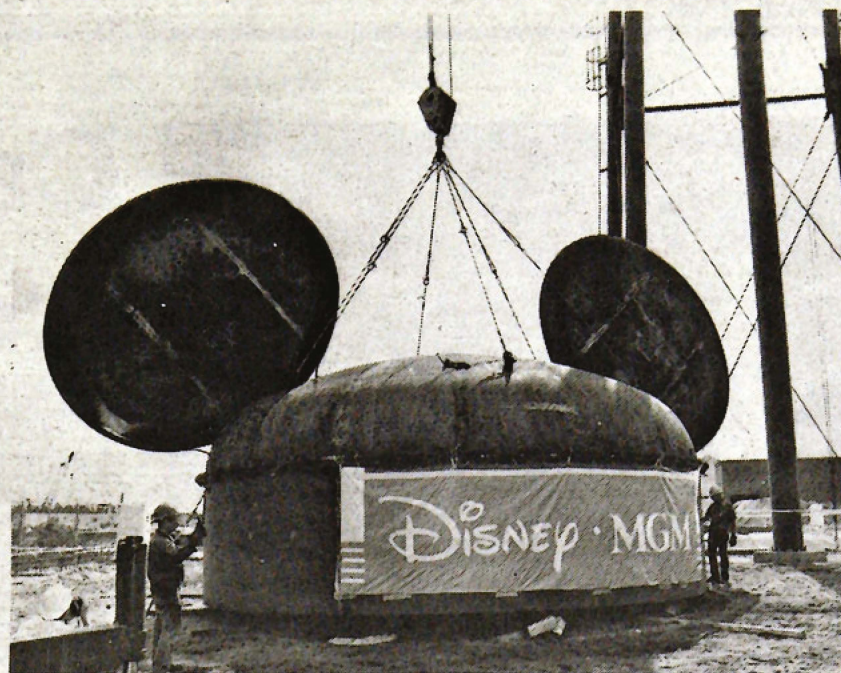
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STAFF BOX

If you think we're going to put our names on this rag, we suggest you scrutinize the ad on the next page. It might pertain to you...



Workmen for Truly Nolen, those lovable exterminators, watch as helicopter (above, unseen) prepares to airlift a giant pair of mouse ears from UT property. Recently the Tampa City Council voted to place the ears atop the new NCNB bank building downtown. "That thing looks like a damn saltshaker," Mayor Sandy Freeman was heard saying one night during a heavy pool match with Hugh Culverhouse at the Chatterbox Lounge. Sandy won.

No matter what ads say, Mickey is alive and well

By CLARK PERRY
Staff of Life

The story you are about to read is true. You already know it--you've seen the pictures with this article. You ask, is it true?

Did someone truly want to put Mickey Mouse ears on Plant Hall?

Truly, indeed. Try Truly Nolen, the exterminators who did the roach job on the main building of UT's historic campus.

While we were on Christmas break, these high-tech exterminators--dubbed "the ruthless Rambos of rodent removal" by last month's *Exterminator's Monthly*--draped a huge tent over Plant Hall and strafed the structure with deadly gas bombs.

"It was a breakdown in communications," said Provost David Ford. "Truly Nolen was under the impression that they could use the university for advertising purposes."

Why the ears for advertising?

Truly Nolen's ad agency recently concocted one of the sickest slogans I've seen. You can see it on their billboards all over Tampa.

A set of cute little mouse ears is set

against a bright yellow background. Above are the bold words: "EVEN MICKEY ISN'T SAFE."

Plant Hall was to be the centerpiece of their campaign--or so they thought.

A smattering of students protested the corrupt cosmetics and kept Plant Hall looking pretty. Backed by the administration, they sought and obtained a court order halting construction.

Imagine: even Mickey isn't safe? What effect does this have on children who see the billboard? Why would anyone wanna gas Mickey?

Mickey would be a dead rat, too, as far as stays of execution go in this state.

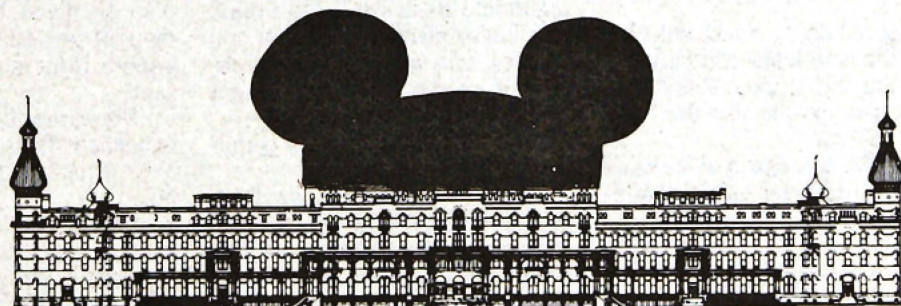
Truly Nolen makes its money by killing. And killing is a hard business to sell. So they tried to make it funnier. But they came off as members of the Nazi Youth Party.

(Yeah, you read that phrase in my last column. I like it, okay?)

They spent over two million dollars for the set of ears you see in the picture. We suggest they place them on top of Truly's head--whoever he or she may be--and have this person's picture smeared full-page in ever publication available.

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Artist's conception of Plant Hall after the truly sick masterplan of Truly Nolen, a bunch of guys with gasmasks who get their jollies hurting small animals. C'mon--pick on a life form your own size, at least!

Letters Policy

Okay, look. The only letters we get are from prisoners running for president and demented political science majors who, once every four years, feel they must justify their major with long-winded sermons. So if you wanna write us a letter, we suggest you TRY USING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE! It works, folks. Really.

Professor lays down the law to UT students

BY JACKIE GRIFFIN
Staff Birthday Girl

Professor Fred Mack's favorite color is red--blood red.

Mack joined the UT faculty only this semester as a professor of political science. But he has the authority of someone who has been here for years.

"Damn right I command my students," Mack said in an interview. "They come into that class and they're *mine*. They walk out of that class and they're *mine*. I track 'em down, no lie.

"Matter of fact, the reason I'm never around on weekends is because I'm out snuffing former students of mine who've gone bad," he said with a snarl.

Mack was interviewed at the Diner on Kennedy; he had six plates of hell-hot chicken wings before him. He devoured them without a single sip of his beer.

Finished, he snapped each bone open and greedily sucked out the marrow. Then he settled back to talk about his life.

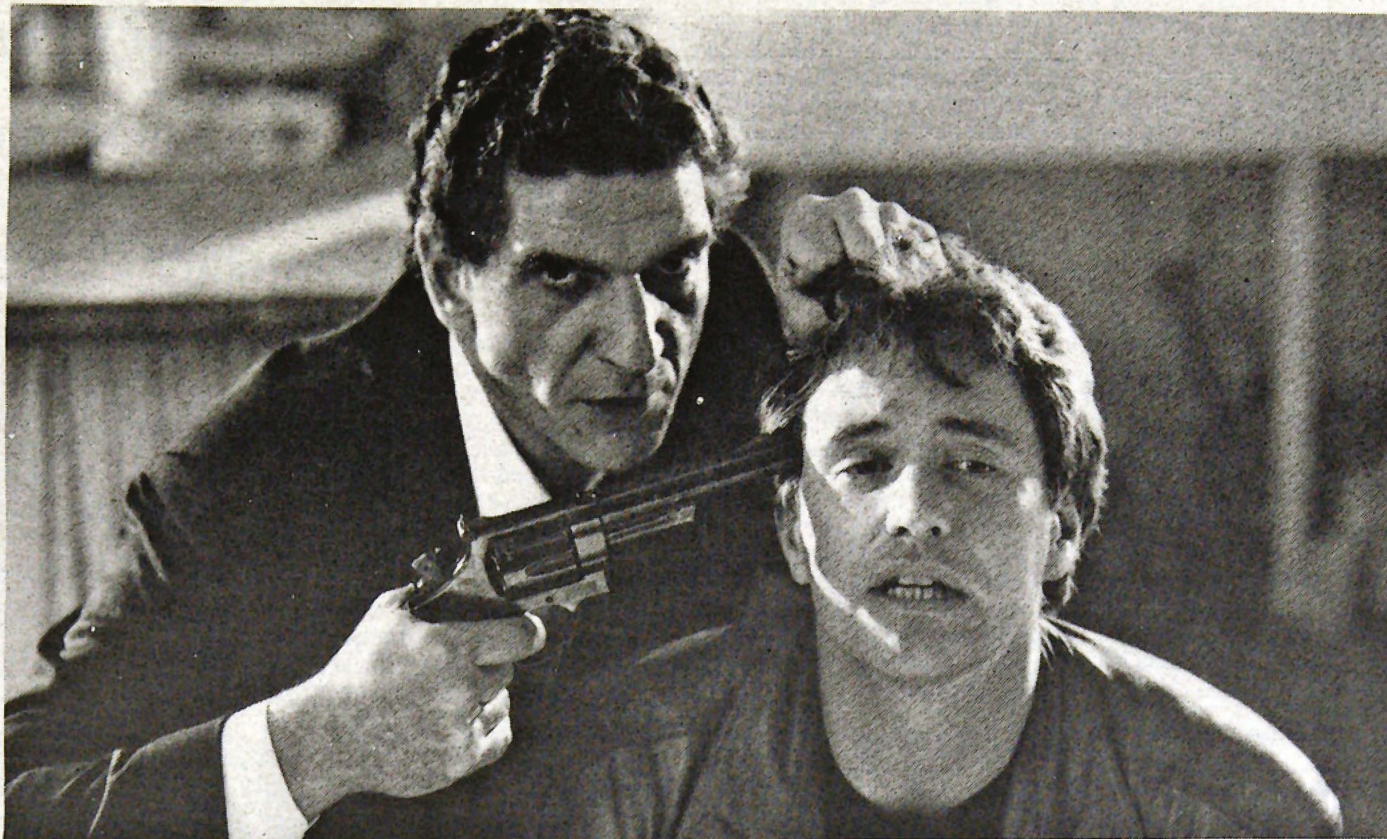
"When I got out of prison," he said, fingering a long scar across his throat, "I realized I had a second chance. I could make something of myself.

"People been calling me crazy all my life. And crazy people do a lot of crazy things. So, I guess it was just a matter of time before one of them crazy people went into teaching--and here I am."

Mack screams at his students. He sometimes kicks them. Hits them. Threatens parts of their bodies they never knew they had.

In what some students have described as "the voice of Satan," Fred Mack lays down the law. His classes encompass the whole of society, not just political science.

"When I came here," he said, "I saw all these political science majors who just loved to ramble and rant and rave about the dumbest crap you ever heard.



"Anybody wanna see Biff here eat some lead?" asks Fred Mack, a professor with a new approach.

They made me sick. They were so pathetic, they made me want to throw up."

So Mack decided to give them a taste of basic training. "Not like in the Army or anything. I'm talking training for the real world.

"See, I'll do things like...like stapling their ears to the wall and not letting them go until they can recite the names of every American president. That's how you learn things out there. That's life."

Staples are not the only weapons used in Mack's classes, however. Just take a look at the picture shown here.

We gave Mack a copy of the photograph.

He grinned, eyes aflame with gleeful hatred. "Ah, yes. That's little Biff Steinberg--one guess where *he's* from. This kid's an eggsucker. A total creep. He's got almost as much plastic in his head as he does in his wallet.

"See, Biff never did his homework. So one day I tied him to chair and terrorized him for a full hour in front of the class."

Did this inspire Biff to do his homework?

"Nah," said Mack coldly. "Little nerd

dropped the class. But that was okay, I knew where he lived. And I guarantee you, go knock on his door. Ain't nobody gonna answer."

As of presstime, junior Biff Steinberg could not be reached for comment.

"Life sucks and then you die," Mack said, finally reaching for his beer. "So you may as well be mean as hell and try to learn something along the way.

"Prison was tough. But I'm alive. I'm strong. Whatever opposes me, and does not destroy me, makes me stronger. G. Gordon Liddy said that. I like that guy."

Mack has even used one of Liddy's tests of will: at the end of his mid-term exam, he made students hold their palms over an open flame. Whoever made a noise was slapped with a plank of wood and Mack poured rubbing alcohol into their eyes.

"Half of those morons failed, ended up in the hospital," Mack recalled. "But the other half--they're tough kids. Very macho, even the girls. They're all Republicans, now."

Recently, the UT Trustees met to consider action against Mack's unortho-

dox methods. Nothing was accomplished, however, because Trustee Rick Thomas wouldn't shut up about football.

"Yeah, that Thomas," Mack said at the mention of the name. "He's a sick dog. Football over education and all that. A real sick puppy. Maybe the dog catcher will pay him a visit soon."

And UT's Board of Trustees?

"They can make their move," Mack replied flatly. "And then I'll make mine. And then you can take pictures and write little articles in your crappy little newspaper. Are we through here? I'm leaving. I've got to go kick some squirrels around in Plant Park. I do that to get psyched up for my classes."

Mack refused to pay his bill at the Diner; instead, he decked the waiter, a UT student named Todd Burtcher. Then he walked down Kennedy, spitting at passing cars.

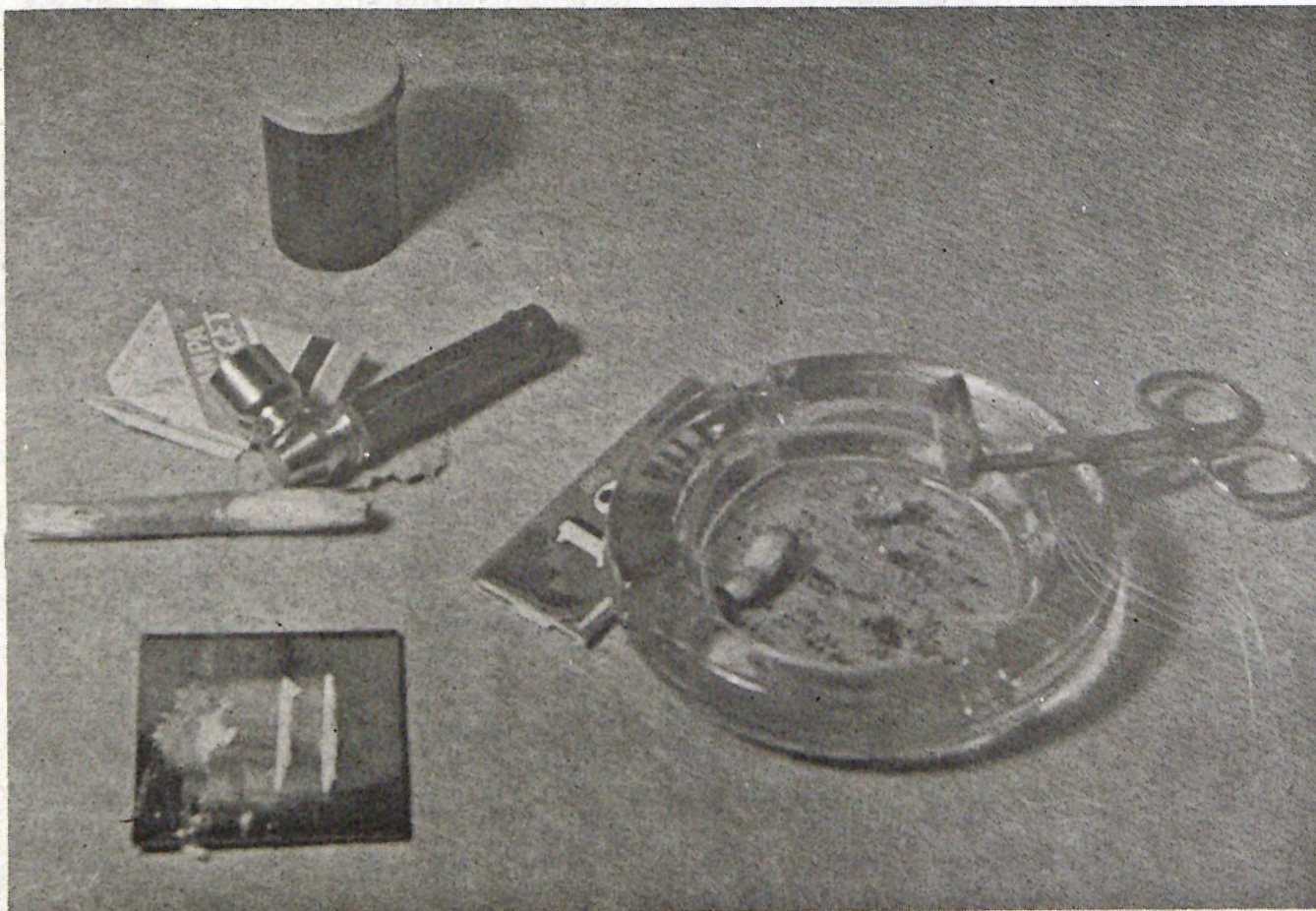
After Burtcher was helped to his feet, he said, "Anybody but Mack try something like that, and they'd be dog meat.

"But Mack--I dunno. I like him. He's got guts, and that's something this university has been seriously lacking," he said, rubbing his jaw in admiration.

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"They used to just sit there. I mean, we'd be lucky to sell a sponge a month," says Myrtle Squirt, owner of the largest pet store in the South dealing exclusively with sponges. "Now we can't ship enough of them in. We have a three week waiting list and the demand just keeps growing

left behind Slime, their pet sponge. Two months later Slime turned up at their doorstep, dry and brittle but still alive. It is this nobility that has made the sponge such a popular pet.

Wayne Smith, a biology professor here at UT is considered by many to be the foremost expert in bath sponges today. He has been singing their praises for the past thirty years and is thrilled the world has finally realized the inherent majesty of these mighty creatures.

"Only four billion years ago the sponge was the most advanced animal on the face of the earth," Smith says stroking his own pet sponge, Splat. "They would roam the seas in tremendous herds, bumping into whatever got in their way. There's one fossil of a sponge discovered just off the coast of Peru that measures forty-two feet in length. If that doesn't make you

territory and God help him then. Stick with the domestic sponge. It may not be as flashy as its wild cousin, but it's much friendlier."

The boom in the sponge market has benefited no city more than Tampa. For years now it has been poised to take the title of Sponge Capital of the World away from arch rival Tarpon Springs. Many people in city council feel it is imperative to claim the badge from its gloating neighbor. Next month, in a move that is sure to draw praise from the hundreds of thousands of sponge lovers in the region, Kennedy Boulevard will be renamed Spongia Street after the phylum sponges belong to.

In a recent interview, Mayor Sandy Freedmen explained the motivation behind the change.

"We wanted to show that Tampa is at the forefront of sponge appreciation. Within the year we will be the largest exporter of

PHYLUM SPONGIA

and growing. It's about time people realized what great pets these things make."

For those unfamiliar with the joys of owning a sponge, Squirt is eager to point out the many qualities these lovable animals have.

"They're loyal to the death. You're not going to find a sponge inflicting the heartache of wandering away and leaving a disillusioned four-year-old. Once they become familiar with your scent they will remain in your home forever."

And with that loyalty comes incredible devotion. Just last year the world found out about the heartwarming story of the family that moved away and accidentally

stop and think I don't know what will."

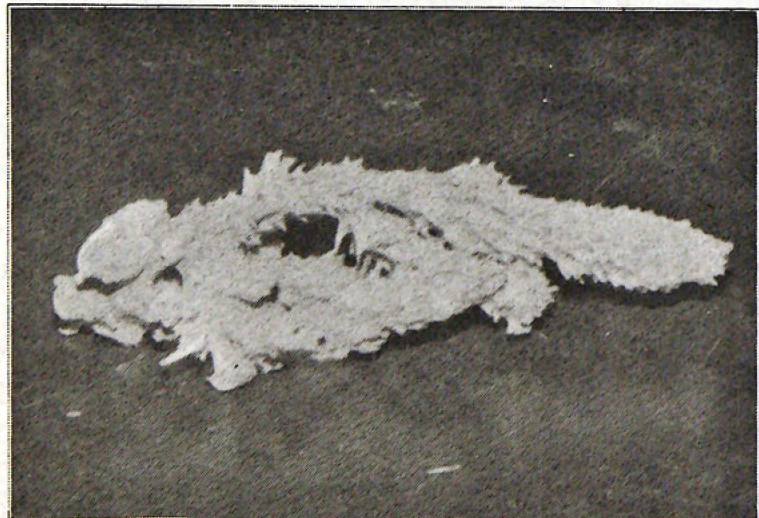
Smith has a warning to anyone attempting to take home a wild sponge.

"Don't do it! The sponges you buy in a pet store have been bred for hundreds of years in captivity. They've been domesticated. The ones you find in the gulf are wild animals. They're not meant to be caged or house broken. They still have all the instincts that have enabled them to survive throughout the eons on this planet, and let me tell you the sponge didn't make it this far by being a pushover. You could take one home and everything will be fine for a week or two, until a toddler stumbles into its

domestic bath sponges and its up to us to point the way for a better and brighter future. It's up to us to show America how it's done."

An estimated two thousand jobs are expected to be produced by the growing sponge industry, in addition to the revenue from sponge marketing.

"We're gearing up for it," says Freedmen. "Tee-shirts, bumper stickers, hats, bedspreads, you name it. I see a time not far in the future where one in every three cars will have a 'Sucker for Sponges' sticker on it. It's a multi-million dollar industry and it's all Tampa."



Spongia officinalis

Common name: Pit-bull sponge

Sex: Anytime, anyplace

Origin: Love Canal

Disposition: Extremely vicious. Hates anything with a backbone. Should only be handled by experts without immediate family.



Spongia zimocca

Common name: Ed

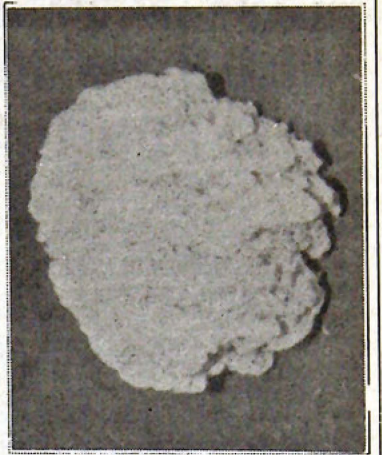
Sex: Missionary

Origin: K-Mart

Disposition: Masochistic. Enjoys being used to clean up the messiest of spills. Complains about high water retention and swollen cavities.

Sponges are People Too

It's been said that if an owner and pet live long enough together they begin to look alike. Here are a few photos sent in by sponge owners who think their pets bare a remarkable resemblance to famous people. We think the photos speak for themselves.



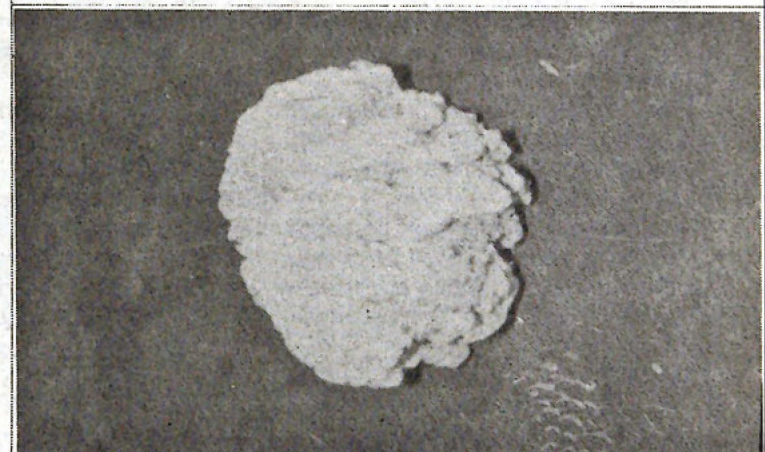
Richard Nixon. "The resemblance is haunting!"—Submitted by Mrs. Wilson, Hock and Spit, NM



Elvis Presley "At night I swear I hear him singing."—Submitted by Mr. Dalie, Hounddog, NE

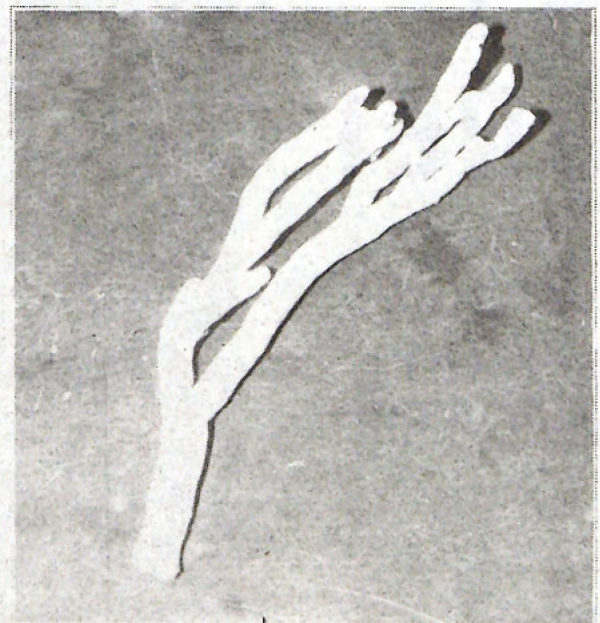


Bill the Cat "We get them confused so often."—Submitted by Opus, Aaaack, Bloom County

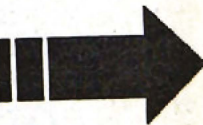


SG Vice President Steve Nicolucci "We didn't have to buy Steve's graduation pictures after this one came out."—Mrs. Nicolucci, address unknown

The Evolution



Pleospongian Archaeocyatha
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Sponges prof's secret love

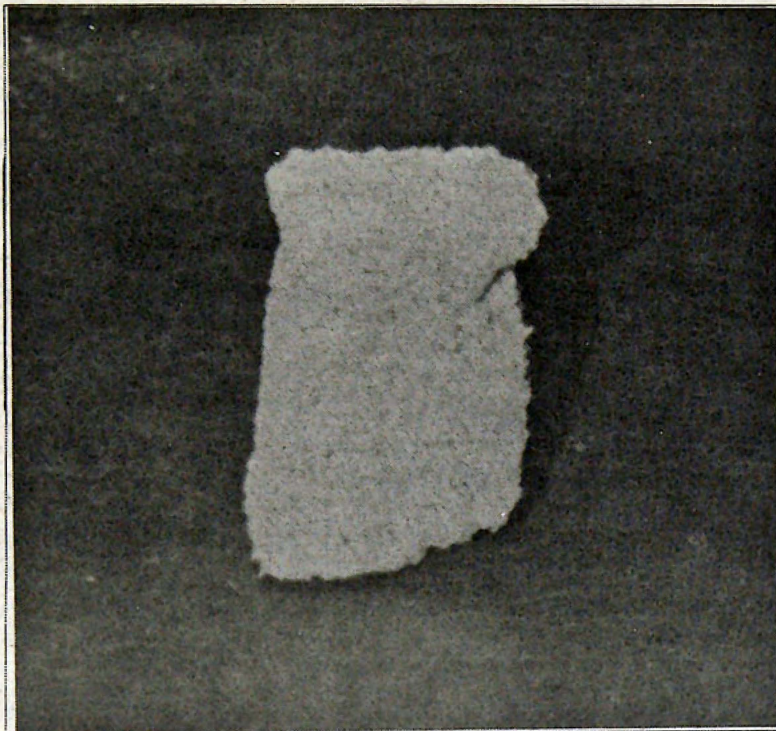
With the sponge craze in full swing the most commonly asked question by new sponge owners is, 'How can we get our sponge to do those fantastic tricks the sponges on TV do?' A veritable hoard of self-proclaimed sponge trainers have stepped forward to meet the growing demand. Unfortunately, many of these people are simply con-artists out to make a fast buck. It is always best to check a potential trainer's background. Make sure he or she has graduated from an accredited sponge training school and has had at least a year of professional experience.

Luckily, the University of Tampa boasts its own professional sponge trainer. James Covington, Dana professor of history and political science, has moonlighted as a trainer for five years now and has some advice for anyone training their pet.

"Sponges are incredibly fast learners. In fact, your average sponge is more intelligent than nine out of ten college crew members. So the problem isn't getting them to understand you. The problem is trying to get them to humor you. They are a proud breed. You have to be firm but fair with them.

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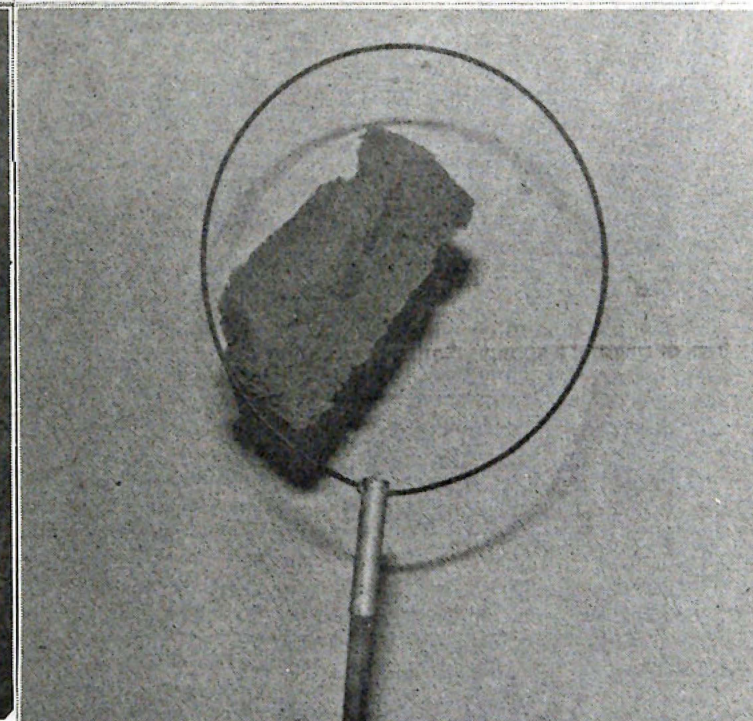
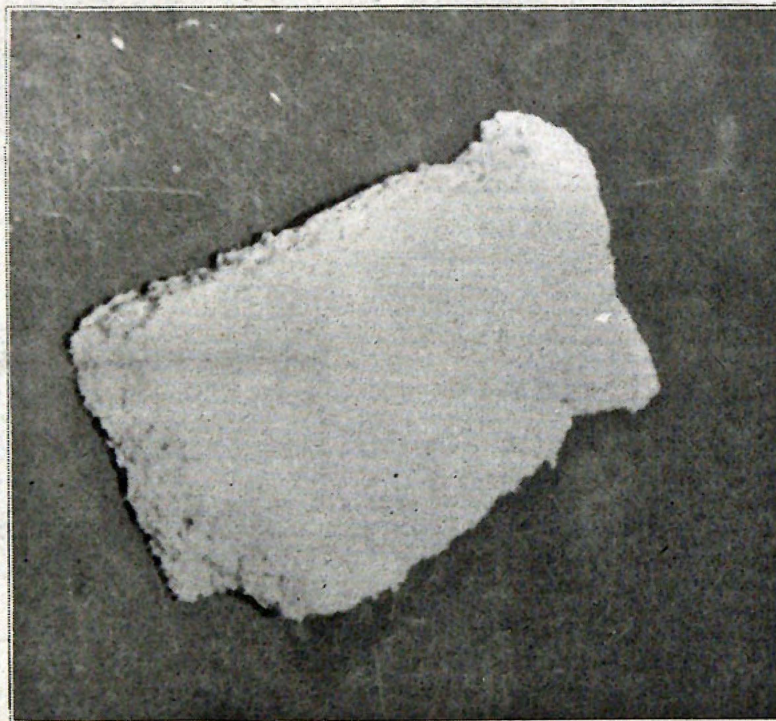
Here are just a few of the many tricks you can teach your sponge!



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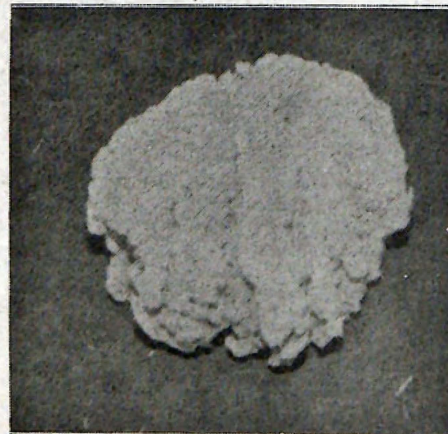
Roll Over! Through the hoop!

of the Sponge



Hippospongia Communis

The forerunner of the domesticate sponge, this creature, which bore many of the features of modern sponges, lived 420 million years ago.



Brilloniuss Padia

This subspecies of sponge branched off several million years ago. It is characterized by its tough outer shell and ability to clean the gunk off the bottoms of any casserole bowl.



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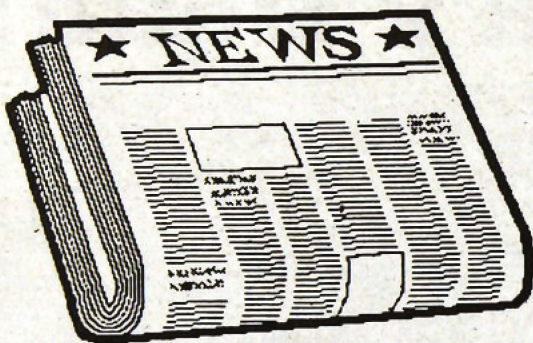
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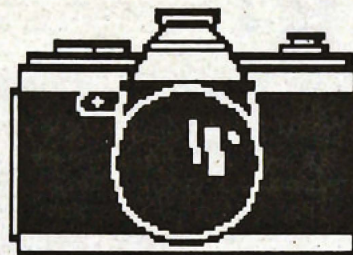
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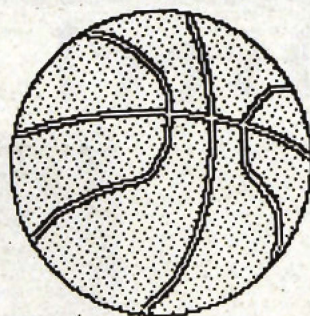
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Is Lady Liberty really a
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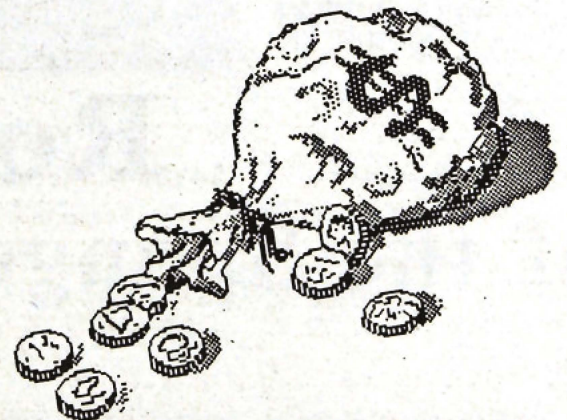
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of UT students are illiterate, candidates will be using cards with symbols — a beer mug for example — to distinguish themselves. The voters will gather five cards representing their favorite candidates for president and other cabinet members and place them in the ballot box. This may prove to be a problem, however, because most students don't know how to count either.

The candidates will be using photographs, too, but few people think that will work either since

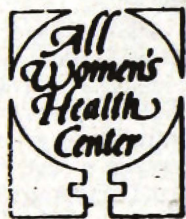
most students do not own televisions and rarely view photographs.

"Students are not used to identifying people by photographs," said Piper. "They don't see that many photographs. They probably couldn't identify their own family by photograph."

UT students voted last month on a new constitution, paving the way for presidential elections. The newly-ratified constitution also gave voodoo official status as a religion.



Producers of the "Police Academy" series announced they will shoot their next film on campus. UT's own police force (above) will appear in cameo roles.



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Perkins to become head coach UT brings back football

By F. B. FIELD
Staff Jock

Amid the controversy and heated battles between students, staff, and faculty, the University of Tampa Board of Trustees have found a solution to bring football back to UT and make everyone happy.

"We have struck a very beneficial agreement with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers," said UT president Bruce Sampson. "Ray Perkins and 35 of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be joining us here at the University of Tampa."

Ray Perkins will take over as head coach of the Spartans and players such as James Wilder, John Cannon, and Jeremiah Castille will enroll at UT and play for Perkins.

"I feel it is time we started fresh and bring a little pride to the Tampa Bay area," said Perkins. "We've had enough trouble in the NFL, maybe now we'll break .500."

Trustee Rick Thomas was all for the plan. "This way we can have football in the fall of 1988, two years ahead of schedule," Thomas said enthusiastically.

Some of the professors have expressed concern about the new students, but Provost Dave Ford, in a memo to the faculty, assured them that their will be no disturbance in classes already scheduled for the fall.

According to a reliable administration source plans call for the creation of new academic courses. Possibilities include "Quarterbacking 101" and "History of the Pigskin."

"It would add to the football atmosphere," said Perkins. "I'm all for it."

There is also talk of changing UT's nickname to the "Spartaneers" and changing the team colors to orange and white. "It's not out of the question," said Sampson. "I kind of like the sound of it. It's just another way to involve the local community in University activities."

There is also talk of changing UT's nickname to the "Spartaneers"



The Minaret file photo
UT president Bruce Sampson welcomes former Buccaneer head coach Ray Perkins. Perkins will take over the UT football team in Fall of 1988.

The University is also making plans to totally renovate the soccer field to create a regulation football field out of it.

"The only logical place to make a football field would be the soccer field," said Athletic Director Fran Curci. "I sure hope Coach Fitzgerald [UT's soccer coach] doesn't mind. Since he's been on vacation, we have not had a chance to tell him yet."

In order to finance the football program at UT, the Martinez Sports Center will be auctioned off this summer to the highest bidder. "There's no need to worry," said Perkins. "Hugh [Culverhouse, Buccaneers owner] will buy it."

Curci said losing the Sports Center will not hurt the athletic program. "Now that we finally

have football, we don't need it anyway," he said.

In order to pay for the Buccaneers tuition, basketball scholarships will be reduced to one and a half.

"It's going to be tough to decide who to keep," basketball coach Richard Schmidt said. "Fred will have to stay. That will leave a half scholarship to divide among the rest."

Ed Brennan, UT's swim coach, was reportedly amused at Schmidt's predicament. "Now he knows how it feels," Brennan said. It appears that Schmidt will have to rely on this year's walk-ons a bit more than he intended. "Now I wish I had worked with Ingersoll, Saunders and Hurwitz more last season," he said. "It looks like they'll be starting."

In another cost-cutting measure the athletic department has decided to merge several sports. The first proposal, which has already passed, is to merge the golf and tennis teams.

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The newly created team would play both sports on the same day, solving any scheduling problems.

"They all play at country clubs anyway, don't they?" Curci said. "It shouldn't be a problem for them to walk from the golf course to the tennis courts. They could use the golf carts if they're that lazy." Marge Cassella, assistant athletic

director, was also supportive of the merger. "This way we won't have to bother finding a new golf coach," she said.

Other sports under consideration for merger include softball and baseball, crew and cross-country, and volleyball and soccer. "We're having some problems with the softball/baseball merger," Curci said. "We haven't been able to convince the NCAA to change the rules. We think playing slow-pitch every other inning is fair. I don't understand why they don't agree."

Meanwhile, the former Buccaneers are really looking forward to attending UT and playing football in Pepin-Rood Stadium.

"What the heck," said star running back James Wilder. "We're here every summer anyway. Why not earn a degree while playing? We might even win some games."

Perkins does not anticipate the problems controlling his ex-Buccaneers that he had last summer. "Now that the residence halls will be their permanent homes, I think they will think twice before wrecking them."

Overall Perkins is eager to get back to collegiate coaching.

"We are really looking forward to guiding the UT program into the annals of football history," he said. "I just know this second chance will prove that I can compare with the 'Bear.'"

The former Buccaneers seem pretty well set on adjusting to campus life. John Cannon and Jeremiah Castille both said they were looking forward to a second chance at college life. When asked what aspect of college life they were most looking forward to, both were quoted as saying, "PPPPAAAARRRRRTTTTTYYYYY!"

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UT Basketball team recruits Zambian goatherder

By **BRUCE FORD** and **ROBB SALMON**
Staff Athletes

The University of Tampa basketball team will be starting the 1988-89 season on an optimistic note with the addition of 7' 7" freshman recruit Abdul Obbo from Zambia.

The announcement came after months of meeting with Obbo and his parents. He finally agreed to accept a scholarship to play basketball for the Spartans only after it was finalized that he could bring his pet goat to Tampa with him. Obbo, a goatherder in Zambia, flatly refused to play unless Wert (his goat) could come to Tampa as well. "Getting Abdul was a blessing in disguise. I only hope that he doesn't want to bring that damn goat into the locker room," said head coach Richard Schmidt.

Obbo will be flown to Tampa in May, with the coaching staff working all summer with him on the basics of basketball. "He doesn't know the very least about

the game. The first time he held a basketball, he kicked it about 200 yards and ordered his goat to go fetch it," said assistant coach Don Bostic. "It will be hard but we think he'll catch on quick."

Obbo's only experience playing basketball came in a pick up game organized by UT recruiters

in Zambia. He scored 58 points, ripped down 37 rebounds and swatted away seventeen blocked shots before being ejected for slamming an opposing player through the hoop. "It was an impressive sight even though he was ejected for it," said Bostic.

Obbo, 7'7", will be the tallest

player ever to play organized basketball in the history of the sport. He tips the scales at a hefty 380 pounds. "He's a sight, all right. I hope he doesn't fall on any of my players," said Schmidt.

His only problem, other than his rough basketball skills, will be communicating with his teammates. In order to amend this problem, UT is bringing Obbo's "little" sister with him. She understands English as well as Zambian and stands at 7'4" herself. Lady Spartans basketball coach Kim Buford was quoted as asking "does she play basketball, too?"

The UT basketball program is looking forward to playing Florida Southern next year. "Seeing him coming at you is like facing a freight train," said Schmidt. "We've got a big surprise in store for the Moccasins."

Obbo is excited about coming to America and attending UT. "OOG HUYT TUYT FRSS REE YUU TIIP," said Obbo, which roughly translates to "My goat and I are looking forward to attending UT."



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UT head coach Richard Schmidt (not pictured here) is expecting big results from his 7'7" African recruit.

Abdul Obbo

vital statistics

AGE: 23?

HEIGHT: 7'7"

WEIGHT: 380 lbs

HOMELAND: Zambia

Basketball stats

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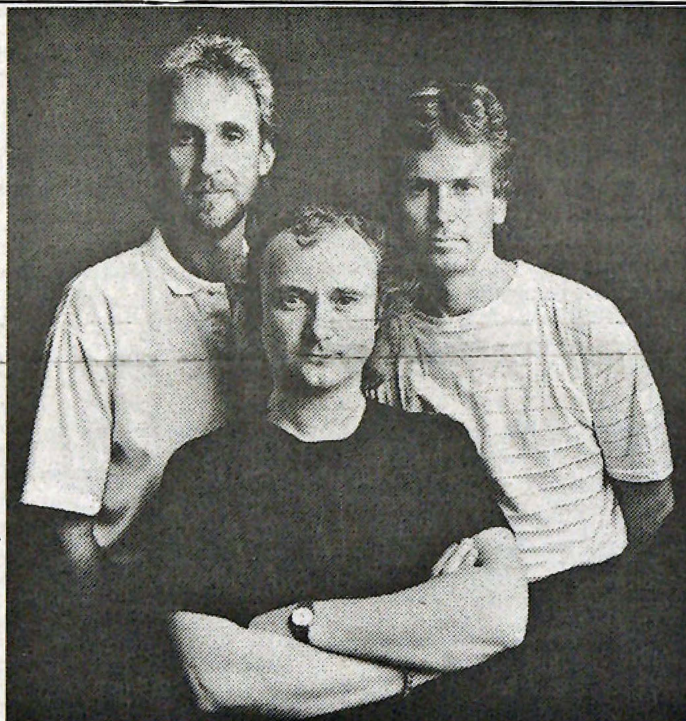
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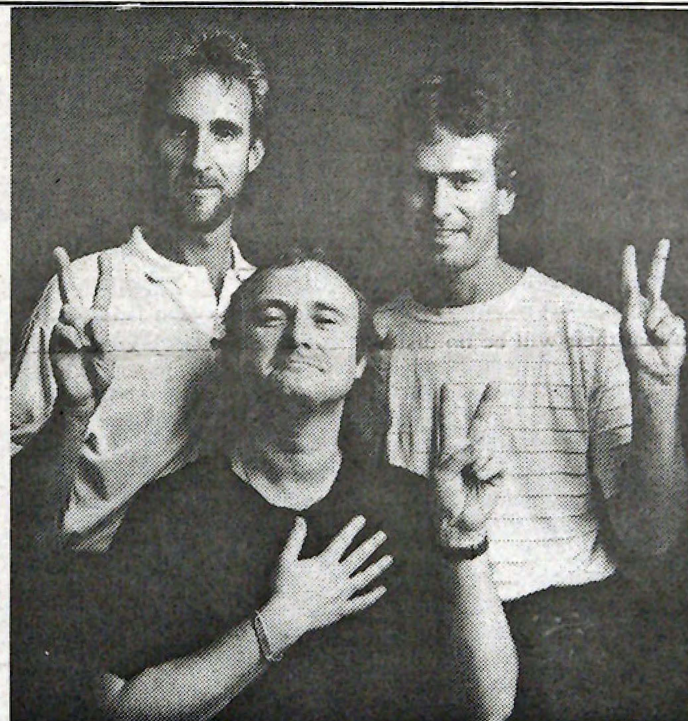
Former goatherder who tended 12.3 goats per year for his career.

Should make presence felt as he gets experience.

The University of Tampa Sandy Freedman school of sponge studies is currently accepting applicants for advanced studies in spongology. Earn your degree in sponge history, sponge psychology, sponge philosophy and sponge administration. Classes include "Sponge humor in the twentieth century," "Sponge menopause—Myth or Reality?," "Sponges through-out history—'My kingdom for a sponge!'," "Contemporary themes in literature—The sponge counter-culture," and many more!!!



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Woltmann named All-America

By TIM WOLTMANN
Staff Runner

University of Tampa cross-country runner Tim Woltmann was named to the 1987-88 NCAA Division II All-American cross-country team yesterday.

Woltmann, a senior, was best known during the season for beating Lance Mende in all but the last race of the year.

"I'm really proud of him," UT coach Peter Brust said. "Making All-American his first year running, that's really something."

Teammate Tad Fichtel was reportedly a little hurt that Woltmann got the award over him. "I came in tenth place in that last race, first on our team. I even got thrown in the lake for it. Boy, if I had known this was going to happen I wouldn't have run so fast," he said.

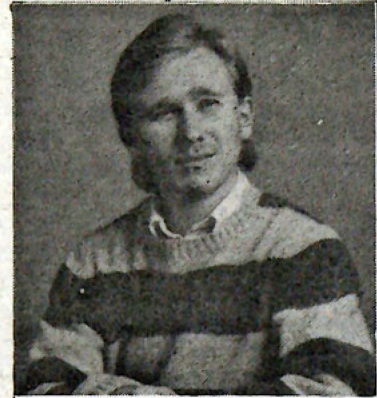
Woltmann was pleased, but humble when he learned he got the award. "I am pleased but I'll stay humble," he said.

"This award means so much because it's the only thing I have

ever won for athletics, unless you count the little certificate I got for playing football in seventh grade," Woltmann said.

Woltmann, also editor of the *The Minaret*, was reportedly being asked to run another year for UT.

"It took me calling in every favor I ever gave," said Brust. "But I finally convinced [UT athletic director] Fran Curci to give him a full scholarship. Now all I have to



Senior Tim Woltmann, in his first year as a runner, was named cross-country Division II All-American.

do is convince him to take it."

"First he beat that guy from Florida Southern, and now he's All-American. What else could I do? You don't pass on an athlete like that," Curci said.

Woltmann, however, is leaning in other directions. "It would mean an awful lot of money if I turned pro," he said.

He reportedly has offers from every sports shoe and knee brace company outside the third world, some of which would set records if signed.

Woltmann is trying to get UT sports information director Larry Grawburg to work for him, and appears to be succeeding. Grawburg reportedly has his letter of resignation ready and will deliver it on Monday.

"With all the publicity Tim [Woltmann] is going to face he'll need his own information director," Grawburg said.

Woltmann will officially announce his decision on whether or not to turn pro on Monday at a press conference at the Bob Martinez Sports Center.

On the front row

with Cary Bogue



As I'm sure you're all aware by now, last week's football poll has lost all its meaning. The major upheaval in the athletic department which saw Assistant Athletic Director Marge Cassela promoted to Athletic Director effectively ended any speculation about football being brought back to this University. It also brought about the elimination of every other sport at UT to make way for the school's official sport: synchronized swimming.

According to Cassela, "I've always loved swimming and I think it will attract a lot of fans and bring in some much needed money. Most importantly though, it will give UT a shot at competing in the Summer Olympics in Seoul, Korea, this year."

All the coaches in the athletic department have been fired with the exception of Don Bostic and Chris Catanach who have shown their ability to coach more than one sport. All other coaches refused comment except for ex-head basketball coach Richard Schmidt who said, "I just hope this won't create a trend at other colleges. I can't even swim."

UT president Bruce Sampson announced that fund raising would begin as soon as possible on the renovation of the Martinez Sports Center into a "giant indoor pool."

Here are some of the comments on the change from around the school:

Maintenance Chief Pete Gonzales: "I just hope we'll be able to keep up with the chlorine demand. We're running pretty low right now."

Florida Southern basketball coach George Scholz: "I think it was a gutsy call and one that had to be made."

Anonymous UT student: "Does this mean that the cheerleaders will start wearing bikinis?"

Well, you're probably all wondering how I feel about this mildly controversial issue. I think that the people that made this decision are all wet. It just seems a little fishy to me.

Crew hard in training

Crew to take on German teams in "unique" regatta

By DAVE SCHUMACHER
Staff Rower

In a last minute decision announced on Thursday night, University of Tampa President Bruce Sampson has decided to halt the completion of the minarets and use the funding to send the UT crew to the famed "Deutschland Cup Regatta" in Northern Europe.

"After seeing the effort Bill's men and women put forth at the President's Cup Regatta this past weekend, I just had to give them a chance to race for the gold in Germany," said Sampson.

The infamous "Deutschland Cup Regatta" is a 50 mile sprint race and beer drinking competition along the Elbe river. After every mile each member on the team must guzzle down two twelve ounce bottles of Beck's beer. The race will start in the East German city of Wittenberg and end in the West German city of Wilhelmsburg.

"I am glad Bruce is finally giving my men and women a chance to test their skills and strength against rough competition. We will come back with German gold or not at all," said UT Crew coach

Bill Dunlap.

The UT crews will be facing tough competition from such opponents as the East German Olympic team (this year's favorite), University of Bremen (a perennial

drinking power), Berlin University, Dessau Military Academy, Gdansk Rowing Club, and many other European rowing and drinking powers.

"The practices every morning

this week consist of a full pressure sprint to St. Petersburg and back. We did have one scull overturn, but we think we'll find that rower sooner or later. My boats are rowing very aggressive and I can only

hope that the Russians will have the guts to show up in Germany," said Dunlap.

UT will be racing the men's varsity lightweight eight, women's varsity lightweight eight, men's frosh/novice four, women's frosh/novice four, men's single (rowed by elite sculler GAVIN CHIN-LEE), and the mixed pair rowed by the spectacular brother/sister team of Dave and Andala Schumacher.

"I can't wait to see how we do against those East German Mongoloids," said women's heavyweight Laura "The Amazon" Pascual.

"With courage, perseverance, pride, strength, superior beer drinking ability, and heart we will return with the gold!" said men's varsity lightweight Tony "the Stick" Holcomb. Dave Schumacher feels his team is ready. "We've been drinking a six-pack every night to get ready for this. Bring on those lightweights!"

The team will depart Tampa in a special Concorde flight Friday night. The Concorde, with the American flag and the slogan "beerhall or bust" on the side, will arrive in Wittenberg Sunday morning for the race.



Crew members meet after a grueling night of "beer drinking" training sessions.

The Minaret file photo

announcements

Honors

The Honors Program will sponsor a discussion titled "Big guns—dead animals. Is there a correlation?" Guests include Frank Sargeant, outdoors editor of *The Tampa Tribune*, and Larry, Daryl and Daryl.

Scholarship

The University of Tampa Sponge Club will award a scholar-

ship at the Sponge and Brillo Pad Appreciation Dinner to be held April 31, 1988.

Three awards of \$100 apiece will be given to a freshman, sophomore and junior that have displayed outstanding academic mediocrity and a general love for all that is water absorbant.

The recipients will be able to use the money for whatever the hell they please as long as it has something to do with the care, promotion or greater understanding of the sponge.

Any interested person should have their head examined.

announce

Announcing the announcement of an announcement. Next week, in this very spot, an announcement will appear. The nature of this announcement has remained secret, but it is rumored to be about a paragraph long and really very nice. Ceremonies to honor the announcement will be held at a location to be announced later. The ceremonies will include a celebrity roast, to be announced, and a fat lady jumping out of a cake (flavor to be announced)

(For the cake that is). Anyone interested in announcing as a career should announce the fact to his or her nearest announcing relative.

sex seminar

The University of Tampa Health Center will hold a sex seminar on April 4 in Delo Hall, Room Howell 1008 at 9 p.m. Entitled "Sex—where to find it and how to get it," the series of presentations will offer insightful information to all interested students.

Interviews

The following companies and graduate schools will be on campus to interview May and August graduates on April 1:

"The Company," The Lenin-grad Institute of Supply Side Studies and McDonalds (for writing, history and philosophy majors).

Go to Career Planning and Placement, PH-301 for registration and more information.