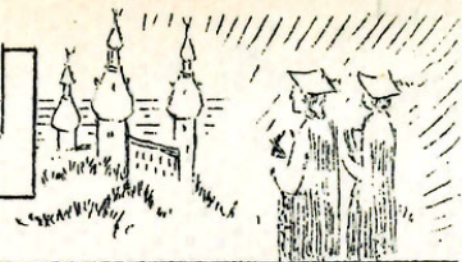




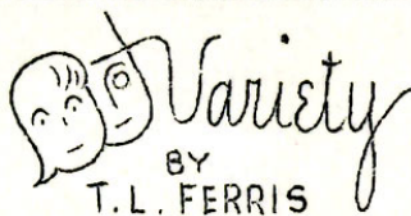
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HERENTHERE: Joe Carr, the smiling county cop. . . Edith Brown becoming the student's favorite at Florida U. too. . . The every day reunion at the First National Bank. Among the employees are Mickey DeWolf, Flossie Woodruff, Anne McCurdy, Leona Wagner, Kenneth Reid, Julia Mary Neef and Beth Hornsby.

Dr. Hinckley directing radio at Kalamazoo College. . . Robert Clinton beginning again where he left off. . . He's attending the State U. in the Med. Dept. . . Roommates Herky Hoy and Bill Culbreath baching at the Embassy.

The Class of 40's ivy isn't growing. . . Bob Stevenson, one of Tampa U's ace gridgers when the team was in its heyday, is now D. A. in a western town and is brushing off the wedding rice.

It's hearts for Lois McGucken and Duke Karnes. . . He's a contractor forgot the Gandy Blvd. section. Lucy Bull finds the army MacDillightful one day and MacDull the next. . . Fickle her.

WHAT'S GOING ON at the almater: The lid's coming off in the faculty setup. . . more changes. The Class of 39's ivy isn't growing. . . Albert Smith is actually gonna be graduated. . . The new student union club hall is causing a sensation. The double swank bookstore is cultivating a crop of bookstore cowboys.

The kittyfoyle classes in tyinb and shthnd are bulging. . . The Class of 38's ivy isn't growing. . . The senior class did not pick superlatives this year. If they had, Frances Sessions would have followed in her sister's footsteps. . . The Class of 37's ivy isn't growing.

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## ENTER, SPARTAN!



## HOMEcoming . . . FINE BEGINNING, POOR ENDING

The daily papers and The Minaret have long since reported the news of Tampa U's last Homecoming, but it can probably stand another review, inasmuch as this bulletin has not had a chance at it.

The extra day which was added to the 1940 Homecoming seems to have been the most successful part of it all. Betting on a Wednesday night with a reception

by President Mooney and Mrs. Mooney, the program forgot off to a good start but tapered down gradually until the final event, the dance, which should have been a big event but actually attracted the poorest attendance of alumni in years.

The reception was attended by many former students not seen in several years. Now and old faculty members were present to meet the returning alumni, and everyone seemed to enjoy

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## ALUMNI GIVE DANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Tampa U. student council, entertained approximately 100 mid-term graduates of Plant and Hillsborough High Schools at an informal dance in the university ballroom, Friday night, January 17.

## DELAWARE MAN SUCCEEDS HIGGINS AS COACH

After a careful search in the coaching field, President James E. Mooney announced that Mr. Flucie L. Stewart, from the University of Delaware, has been appointed the new coach at the University of Tampa, succeeding Nash Higgins, who resigned in November.

Coach Stewart was officially welcomed to Tampa by a large group of Tampa U. students, the band and civic officials at his arrival at Union Station Jan. 20, for a three-day stay during the height of the Spartan Club's drive for funds.

After finishing his contract at the University of Delaware calling for the completion of the basketball season there, Coach Stewart took over his first assignment at

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## DR. HINCKLEY ENTERTAINS ALUMNI AT OPEN HOUSE

Dr. E. B. Hinckley and Mrs. Hinckley entertained former students and other friends at an open house at his home, 218 Beach Place, Sunday, Dec. 29.

Dr. Hinckley returned to Tampa for about ten days during the Christmas holidays while on vacation from his post as head of the English Department at Kalamazoo College. He is also directing a regular radio program given by the college.

Those attending showed much interest in Kalamazoo College and his new work. He stated that he was glad to see all of his Tampa friends who attended and regretted that he was unable to see everyone but wished them all well.

Dr. Hinckley expressed the belief that the alumni of any college are a very real factor in its development and hoped that the Tampa alumni would show continued growth.



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## THE MECCAN

One of the most pleasing names submitted for this bulletin is "The Meccan", which we have decided to use for this issue, although it has not been officially ruled on by the board.

The name was suggested by Billy Ailor, who explained that the word was closely connected with "Mecca", a word synonymous with a gathering place or a center of activities--the object of interest for a number of people.

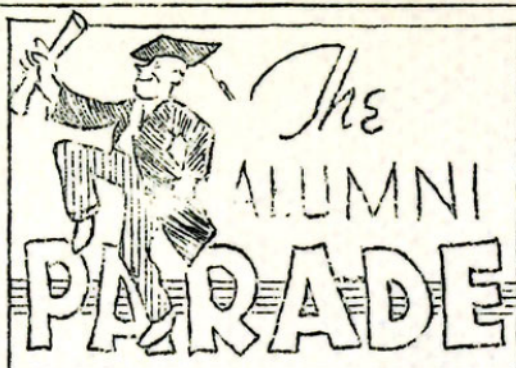
It is, of course, a Moslem word and therefore helps to associate it with the Moorish building that is the home of the university, the odd architecture which any student who has ever attended the university is likely to remember as the most impressive part of his college experiences.

This old hotel building, with its unusual features, is decidedly a landmark of Tampa, and one of its minarets is more apt to be associated with Tampa by travelers than any other one thing.

Mecca is the name of an Arabian city where Mohammed was born. Later when he became a religious leader, his followers would gather in Mecca as the goal of a huge pilgrimage. The word "Meccan" refers to one of the representatives of Mecca who went into all directions from the city but returned occasionally.

We believe this name could fit well into the family group of other publications, Minaret, Muezzin and Moroccan. The "Meccan" is a short pleasant and meaningful name.

We hope the paper will truly be a gathering place for thoughts and stories of former Tampa U. students.



When alumni return to Tampa, it is usually for some common reason. The recent Tampa Fair and Gasparilla festivities were responsible for the recent visits of several popular former students, including:

Minna Dennis, who is now a student dietitian in the General Hospital at Cincinnati.

Mrs. Denver Marbourg, formerly Miss Charleen Leonard, whose home is now in Jacksonville, where she moved recently after having resided in New York since her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Toulme, residents of Spartanburg, S. C.

Bill Reid, on leave of absence from Pensacola, where he is a student in the Naval Air Corps.

Jimmy Lindsay, at present teaching at Jefferson Jr. High School, has recently recovered from an appendicitis operation.

Alfred W. Taylor, one of Tampa U's first graduates, has recently been appointed to study weather conditions in the Atlantic Ocean aboard a Government ship. He has been connected with the local Weather Bureau for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Fuller, 103 N. Howard Ave., have recently announced the birth of a son. Mrs. Fuller was formerly Miss Myrtle Clark.

Miss Margaret Dickin-son and Bob Thomas were married Saturday night, Dec. 21, in a home ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Sparkman, Jr., of Plant City, have announced the birth of a son, John G. Sparkman, 3rd.

More than 200 persons hold 4-year degrees from

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to enjoy the event. Perhaps not much can be said against the attendance at the general meeting, since this has always been a smaller meeting than it should

An organization with 350 potential members should attract at least 100 members at such a meeting. Naturally, it was a disappointment to the board that only about one-fourth this number took part.

The meeting itself was probably smoother than ever before, with the business at hand being carried out in a short time and the election being handled quickly.

To those elected, we may look for fine leadership: Hampton Dunn, president; Al Yorkunas, vice president; Martha Powell, secretary, and Jeannie Trice, treasurer. The board members elected were Robert Kasriel, Bernice Horne, Billy Ailor and Stella Rogers.

Since about 90 per cent of all alumni still live in or near Tampa, it should be possible for a large crowd to attend the general meeting each year, as well as the game and dance.

Perhaps our young organization expects too much, but we do not want to go so far as to expect alumni to attend from a sense of duty. We honestly believe that any alumnus can enjoy himself at these affairs.

One deterring factor in favor of the non-participants is the cost of Homecoming. Minimum admission prices, for example, for one person, at the last Homecoming were \$3.45, and for many of the alumni who are married or would like to have dates, double this amount makes up a large and forbidding outlay.

The future directors will have the reduction of these costs as a constant problem.

All the committees, whose jobs it is to arrange the countless details of Homecoming, are to be commended for their good work, especially the publicity committee and an outstanding

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MEMOIRS: Remember the Smiley-Logan campaign--the heated and childish mudslinging.. Remember when the entire Minaret publication was doing. Please send us censored by the administration biggies because of the puppet cartoon, and how Dot Talbot and Francis Hackney snatched

copies for souvenirs. When the popularity contest ballot box was stuffed, and Leah Mae was horrified and demanded another election...also that eventful day when practically the entire student body had to put in a command appearance at the prexy's office at 1:15.

Recollect when "Our team is red hot" was the veddy vogue of Tampa U. expressions...how silly you felt throwing a shovelful of sod on the feeble sprig of ivy on Commencement Day... how you told your favorite prof s'long...how you visited the campus once a week after the first month you were graduated...and found that the Class of '36's ivy wasn't growing... a visit two or three times the next two or three months...Now you are so weened, the only time you think of the mater is when you get an alumni dues bill... or read in the papers that they've changed presidents or janitors. EVERYBODY'S ivy isn't growing!

MISS BELLE MYERS IS MARRIED TO L. DOWELL

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Belle Brannen Myers to Lincoln Dowell, Jan. 20, in Bradenton. Mrs. Dowell attended the University of Tampa for a year and was pledged to the Delta Kappa sorority. Dowell was graduated in 1940 and is former president of the Sigma Kappa Nu fraternity. He is now with the 116th Field Artillery at Camp Blanding.

Miss Edith Brown, popular former secretary in the Dean's office, is now living in Gainesville where she is working in the registrar's office at University of Fla.

Dear Alumnus: We believe that the main reason for the existence of this bulletin is to keep the grads informed of what their brothers are doing. Please send us your story: Where you are; what you are doing; what progress you are making. THE EDITOR

AERO ENGINEERING OFFERED AS NEW TAMPA U. COURSE

In line with the general swing of business and labor toward national defense, Tampa U. has offered its educational facilities to those seeking knowledge in aeronautical engineering.

The university is co-operating with the University of Florida in offering the new course, which is free and enables one to qualify for civil service appointments to important positions in the technical division of the growing U. S. air armada.

Enrollees must have two years of college training and for this reason is of special interest to alumni. One of Tampa U's recent graduates, Robert Kasriel, is assisting in the arrangement of the course.

BOB MORALES IS MARRIED IN RECENT HOME WEDDING

A marriage of wide interest to Alumni was solemnized Jan. 19 when Miss Mary Ada Long was married to Bob Morales at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon W. Long, 1210 East Powhattan Ave.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Branscomb, pastor of the First Methodist Church, in the presence of relatives and friends. Mrs. Morales is a graduate of Hillsborough High School and is a former member of the C. D. C. Club. Bob was president of the Alumni Association in 1938-39. At the university, he was president of the Beta Chi fraternity and the Pan-Hellenic Council.

He is now manager of the Victory Theater, and the couple are making their home at 210 W. Amelia St.

Tampa U. Tuesday, Feb. 11, when he put a squad of 32 Spartans out for Spring football practice. This was reported to be the largest Spring training squad ever assembled at the university, but there were others still to come--those who were working at the Fairgrounds.

Since Stetson has announced that it will not engage in intercollegiate athletics next season, five Hatters have transferred to Tampa. They are Mac Shadman, Willard Knight Paul Straub, Art Spoltore and Bill Brennan.

Coach Stewart planned to include two or three practice games during the Spring workout with the view of getting a look at the abilities of the Spartans. He liked the spirit of the boys.

The new coach thinks that the best way to turn out a good football team is to make the players enjoy the game, and his ease in handling the men has already shown itself.

From the Minaret comes the information that he considers the primary purpose of every man at the university on scholarship is to receive a college education, and secondly, to have the best football team in Florida.

ATTENTION - JOURNALISTS

Since the alumni bulletin has not yet established a publication schedule definite enough to set up a staff and regular routine, all persons interested in writing for the bulletin are urged to make contributions without waiting for a request to do so.

If any article appears in the daily papers or if you know of any news which would be of interest to alumni, write your version of it and mail it to 3111 Hawthorn Road, Tampa.

Baseball practice has begun at Tampa U. under direction of Millor Adams with the view of retaining State championship

won? last year.