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The MBA program turns 40

Democracy in Action: A Postscript to the RNC



YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST media events in the world was held last August in Tampa — and just about a mile from the UT campus.

The Republican National Convention was held in the Tampa Bay Times Forum, and brought with it political candidates, media, pundits, protestors, and, most importantly, exposure to Tampa like we've never seen before.

UT spent nearly a year preparing for the RNC, and we deliberated at length about whether or not we should cancel classes during the weeklong event. Not only did the RNC occur during the semester, it occurred concurrently with our first week of regular classes. That meant that for 2,400 new UT students, their first impression of Tampa could be very good, or very bad. In the end, we decided to continue with normal operations, and I'm glad we did.

Most importantly, the RNC presented unique opportunities for students to experience democracy in action. While UT does not affiliate itself with a particular political party, UT has a rich history with national events, and these events serve to complement what we do best: teaching and learning. One example is the "RNC101" teaching module that was created by UT faculty that introduced students to political conventions and provided a guide for following the convention as it unfolded in their backyard.

Plus, many UT students had experiences they will remember for a lifetime: Two editors of the *Minaret* were granted press passes to the convention; students interned with news organizations such as PBS, NBC and the *Wall Street Journal*; students attended live media broadcasts by MSNBC and others; CNN broadcasted live from the East Verandah; the Spartan Band performed on FoxNews; and, many students and faculty were interviewed by national and worldwide media.

Other than the constant drone of media and law enforcement helicopters overhead during the RNC, it was almost hard to discern there was anything out of the ordinary occurring across the Hillsborough River. The mayhem that normally follows these conventions did not happen in Tampa.

Two of the reasons for this can be attributed to two of our alumni, Tampa Chief of Police Jane Castor '81, and Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee '90. Both provided tremendous leadership in providing a safe and vibrant environment for RNC attendees, UT students and Tampa community members alike. I was greatly impressed with their preparation and presence during the convention. In fact, many political observers have said that Tampa will be a model for future conventions. Castor and Gee certainly show how UT alumni are models for leadership nationwide.

Since the RNC, we've had NBC's *Today Show* and *Nightly News* on campus, as well as faculty and students interviewed by the BBC. You can view a compilation of recent UT media visits at www.youtube.com/UTchannel.

Every four years, Florida plays a major part in presidential politics, and every election season the University welcomes media, politicians and pundits to campus. UT students are lucky to experience the political process, firsthand.

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If you build it, they will come.

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The Sword & Shield Room showcases great moments in UT's athletics history. The Academic Study Area (right) offers students a place to prepare for class.



A New Home for Spartans

Ribbons are cut for Martinez Athletics Center and HSHP

SPARTAN BASKETBALL GUARD RYAN Kidd '14 is ecstatic about the new facilities at the Martinez Athletics Center (MAC).

"It's changed everything," said Kidd, president of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee who attended the Sept. 27 re-dedication of the center and dedication of the adjacent Health Sciences and Human Performance (HSHP) building.

"The whole vibe with the message of unity and emphasis on Spartans, I just love it," said Kidd, a chemistry major.

The facility is named in honor of Robert "Bob" Martinez '57, former governor of Florida, who was in at-

tendance at the re-dedication with his wife and family.

"This dedication is a reflection of this governor's commitment to the Tampa Bay community," said Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn. "In his quiet, humble, unassuming way, he has worked to make this a great city."

Provost Janet McNew addressed the expansion of the HSHP building, which serves students in these majors as well as nursing and other natural sciences.

"There's been an explosion of interest in this area, and we've added majors and are considering adding a graduate program," McNew said. "This is quite a nice home for our burgeoning HSHP program."

UT President Ronald L. Vaughn noted the history of the building, which was constructed during the Great Depression in the early 1930s. During the renovation process, lettering from the Jackson Horticulture Hall was uncovered, a reminder of the building's Florida State Fair history.

Larry Marfise, UT's director of athletics, wants all students who walk through the center's doors to feel proud to be Spartans.

"This facility highlights our past and our present and will host our future," Marfise said.

A few of the center's highlights include:

- The sandblasted sculptural UT

"It's a great honor when you're recognized, and you're still vertical."

—BOB MARTINEZ '57

AT THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE MARTINEZ ATHLETICS CENTER

logo above the entrance to the MAC consists of a 7-foot diameter, etched-glass center, surrounded by a 10-foot diameter metal ring. The glass medallion may be the largest exterior-edge lit, etched-glass sculpture of its kind.

- The shield in the Sword & Shield Room is made of fiberglass and steel and is 24 feet in diameter.

- The 2,000-pound shield had to be delivered to the site in three pieces: two halves and the formed UT logo.

- The custom-made bronze Spartan helmet was crafted by Eric Thorsen of Bigfork, MT.

- The two full-figure Spartan warrior sculptures standing guard in front of the MAC were crafted by W. Stanley "Sandy" Proctor of Tallahassee, FL.

- The Spartan sculpture that today is the centerpiece of the Spartan Hall of Champions was also Proctor's creation. It was a gift to the University from the UT classes of 2004 and 2005, and previously stood watch in front of the MAC.

A Champion for UT, Tampa

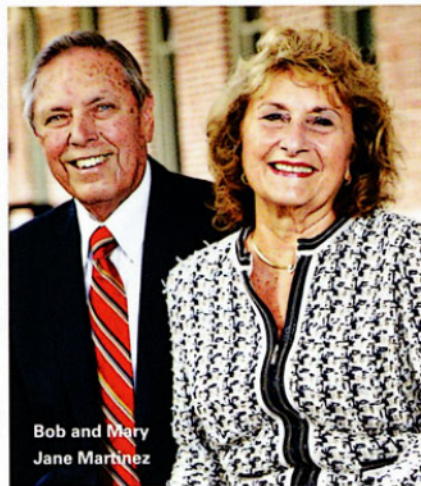
THE BOB MARTINEZ ATHLETICS Center is named in honor of Robert "Bob" Martinez '57, former governor of Florida, in honor of his commitment to UT and the Tampa Bay community.

At the ceremony, Martinez said he would watch through binoculars from his downtown Tampa office at Holland and Knight LLP as the façade of the athletics center came together. He expected to be surprised when he walked into the building, but said he was shocked by the transformation. He was also humbled.

"It's a great honor when you're recognized, and you're still vertical," he joked. "Most important are the students and the athletes that will appreciate this building."

Martinez, who was mayor of Tampa from 1979-1986, has served on UT's Board of Trustees since 1981 and was inducted to UT's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

He also served as director of the Of-



fice of National Drug Control Policy from 1991-1993 and vice chairman of the Southwest Florida Water Management District from 1975-1979.

His wife, Mary Jane, has been involved with many charitable causes over the years. Currently, she is active with the Red Cross Angels and is an honorary associate member of the Chiselers.

A SYMBOL OF SPARTAN STRENGTH



The sword in the east wall of the Sword & Shield Room is 45 feet tall and made of stainless steel. Designed and developed by Design Styles Architecture, the sword was manufactured by Magnus Metal Works in Orlando, FL, with the help of Visual Impact Studios.

Installing the sword was quite an undertaking. It was delivered in nine parts, which were then attached to a steel support column that is part of the building structure.

The installation was made more complicated because of the concealed LED lighting scheme. Lighting on the edge of the blade, in the hilt and handle of the sword and on the roof around the tip can be controlled to shine red or white and had to be wired into the room's automated lighting control system.

"The sword is seen as soon as you enter the room and gives the room a lot of character," said Larry Marfise, director of athletics. "It is a great branding tool that reminds visitors of the legend of the Spartans."



Studying Leadership in Local Politics

SCOTT PAINE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of communication/government and world affairs, not only studies local government, he knows what the job is like firsthand. Paine served on the Tampa City Council from 1991 to 1999.

By 2000, he transitioned to training municipal officials on leadership and ethics and has spoken nationally about these issues. He writes regularly for *Quality Cities*, the magazine of the Florida League of Cities.

For his sabbatical project this year, Paine is studying the differences between those who are successful in local government and those who are not.

"Leadership practices of municipal officials are not particularly well-studied, except in the case of very large cities," said Paine. "Most municipalities are not large, however, and a substantial percentage of the population does not live in those big cities."

Paine will spend the next several months interviewing present and former city managers and elected municipal officials to find out how they've

handled contentious situations — a crime spree or battle with a colleague, for instance. He'll also spend time looking at archives for news coverage and other records of the situation to see how their behavior was perceived by the public.

"Local officials work on a more personal dimension, not through mass media like national candidates," said Paine, explaining that most of the time they are dealing face-to-face with other officials, activists, the city manager and directors of programs. "I'm looking at how they understand and play their role at the local level."

Paine said that though we don't yet know for sure what it takes for elected officials in a smaller city to be successful, his educated guess is that what makes it work is recognizing they belong to the public.

"You're assuming a role, assuming an identity," he said. "If a person is screaming at you because you raised taxes, you can't scream back. You can't take it personally."



THE CLASS OF 2016

16,125

Applications received, a record for UT

1,516

Freshmen enrolled

9.2% international students

TOP COUNTRIES (IN ORDER):

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Canada, Jamaica, Egypt, Ghana
NEW COUNTRIES: Myanmar, Brunei, Senegal, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mali, Tunisia, Slovakia, Paraguay

18% qualify for the UT Honors Program

Up from 15% in 2011

5 International Baccalaureate Scholarships

MOST POPULAR MAJORS:

marine science-biology, nursing, management, sports management, psychology, biology, pre-med biology



A Different Take

PARKER MITCHELL '13, A BIOLOGY MAJOR WHO plans to attend dental school next fall, spent the Spring 2012 semester abroad at the University of Leeds in Leeds, England. During the university's Easter break, which lasts about a month, he was able to travel to many other countries in Europe.

The group's last stop was Paris, France, where Mitchell said he challenged himself to find a new way to capture the iconic Eiffel Tower.

Orchestra Brings UT, Tampa Communities Together

MUSIC IS WHAT GIVES CAMERON Nepini '14 balance.

"When I'm stressed, it's an outlet to play," said Nepini, a freshman in the nursing program. "It really helps."

Nepini, who began playing the violin in the fourth grade, is a member of the UT Community Orchestra.

Started this semester under the guidance of Kira Horel, director of orchestral and string studies, the ensemble is comprised of 27 UT students as well as 32 members of the University and Tampa Bay communities. She started the venture as a way to boost the educational experience of strings students and to provide the community with a chance to play in an orchestra setting here in downtown Tampa.

"I'm pleasantly surprised to have this much response so fast," said Horel. "Everyone is very positive about the orchestra, and I'm excited about the buzz. It reflects in the players."

Michael Weeks, associate professor of management and senior associate director of the TECO Center for Leadership, has played in community orchestras for most of his life. As an Air Force officer, he totes his violin with him, performing in groups from Mississippi to England to the Middle East. He said it gives him the opportunity to get to know people he otherwise wouldn't have met.

"I enjoy making music with others," Weeks said, adding that students benefit from the ability to play a broader range of repertoire than they might otherwise encounter in smaller chamber groups, and find mentors in some of the established members.

One challenge for conductor Horel is finding pieces that are challenging enough for the experienced musicians and easy enough for those less tenured.

"I want people at some point in the concert to feel they played well and that they were challenged," said Horel.

BEHIND THE SCENES

UT students joined a group of about 50 from 15 Tampa Bay area high schools and colleges for a lighting master class on Sept. 27 as part of the Technical Theater Career Training program offered by Ruth Eckerd Hall and the entertainment production company PRG.

"I love doing lighting because with different types of lights you can create different emotions," said Errick Rees '14, a film and media arts major.

This was the first of four classes in a series of professionally led workshops revolving around production for the stage, including scenic design, audio and stage technology.

Alex Amyot, UT's technical production coordinator, said the program gives students a look into the behind-the-scenes operations of modern entertainment.

"By their very nature of being backstage, technical production careers are often unknown to the audience in front of the curtain," Amyot said. "Opening the doors to a large set of highly skilled, well-paid jobs in the entertainment production industry puts our students at an advantage usually not found at a liberal arts university."

Haig Mardirosian, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, described the experience as authentic learning. "When our students last week were introduced to the variable, programmable lighting that the PRG technicians brought to the Ruth Eckerd stage, they had the opportunity of learning hands on from the very legend in the business who first programmed moveable light. Can it get any more authentic than that?"



FAMILIAR FACE, FAMILIAR PLACE The NBC *Today Show*, with anchor Lester Holt, as well as the network's *Nightly News*, broadcast from the East Verandah of Plant Hall on Oct. 21. The event was part of NBC's 2012 presidential election coverage. About 75 spectators (mostly students) turned out for the *Today Show*, and the Spartan Band played during the broadcast.

spartan sports



Black led UT to an 80-71 victory over then-No. 5 Rollins College on Dec. 2, 2006.

Spartan Abroad

Jeremy Black '08 on playing professional basketball in Germany

JEREMY BLACK '08 USES ONE WORD TO describe playing basketball overseas: fun.

Shortly after graduation, Black made the move to Germany to play for Science City Jena. He played for the team for two years before joining BG

Karlsruhe, where he has been playing for three years now.

But it wasn't always fun and games. Black says the transition to living in Germany was difficult at first, considering the language barrier, cold weather and unfamiliar culture.

"When I first came to Germany, I didn't know what to expect," he says. "The weather is bitterly cold and the people at times can be just the same. The towns are small, and there wasn't much to do. It was a completely different atmosphere than in Tampa."

Nevertheless, Black stayed focused on what he was there to do: play basketball.

"The players who cannot adapt get homesick," he says. "I talk to my family often via Skype. I go home for Christmas and summer vacation, which lasts two to three months."

He says he adjusted to the weather by staying indoors and running heaters as much as possible. He started learning German and became a bit of a tourist, taking in the country's castles and mountains, and visiting its historic sites like the concentration camps from World War II and what remains of the Berlin Wall.

"Basically I had to become adventurous and not think as if I was an American," he says. "When I did, basketball or not, I was living life, having fun, going places, seeing things and meeting new people. Isn't that what life's all about?"

At 6 foot 5, Black says he was "plagued" by his friends, teachers and coaches at Blake High School to play basketball. He finally tried out and made the team his sophomore year. However, he only played half the year on junior varsity before sitting out due to low grades.

"I worked and pulled my grades up that year and the following years [so I wouldn't have to worry] again about the situation," he says.

He played on the varsity team his junior year, running track and cross country as well. In his senior season, he averaged 15 points and 15 rebounds a

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game. Black said his rebounding skills gained him some attention around the county, and caught the eye of UT men's basketball head coach Richard Schmidt and former assistant coach Lisa Beamer. He was offered a full scholarship to UT.

During his four years at UT from 2004–2008, two of which he served as a team captain, the Spartans finished with a winning record, including a Sunshine State Conference Championship in the 2007–2008 season. His most prized accomplishment at UT was being named the conference's Male Athlete of the Year — an honor that encompasses not just basketball but all collegiate sports.

"This is such a prestigious award, because it summarizes who we are as athletes and speaks volumes about who we are as [people]," he said. "I was very surprised. To be even considered in this category was very humbling. I would have never expected this, but it just goes to show no good deed goes unnoticed."

Black had committed plenty of good deeds while at UT. He was involved with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and spent time volunteering in the community and mentoring youth at Just Elementary and his former high school. He also worked under UT's sports information director as a student assistant.

His success on the court in America has translated well overseas. Black has averaged no fewer than 13.9 points and 6.6 points per game in any of his five seasons.

As for life after basketball, while coaching is an option, Black said he wants to get a master's degree in criminology and perhaps work in a runaway shelter or halfway house. He wants to take his experiences from a tough childhood and use them to do good.

"I want to be that safety net for any discouraged child I may come into contact with," he said. "I have a strong passion for working with and helping kids through tough times by sharing my life experiences."

— DANIEL FEINGOLD '12



Kelly Gallagher

UT'S FIRST WOMEN'S LAX COACH

Kelly Gallagher has been hired as UT's first women's lacrosse head coach. Gallagher brings a total of 15 years of lacrosse experience to Tampa, including coaching stints with Limestone College, University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) and Muhlenberg College.

As the top assistant at Limestone, Gallagher helped the Saints to a 17-2 record in 2012. The Saints had five players in the national top-five among statistical rankings. At UDM Gallagher helped coach teams that had a runner-up finish in the National Lacrosse Conference in 2009 and a semifinalist appearance the following season.

Gallagher competed for Washington College (MD). There she helped lead the Shorewomen to a runner-up finish in the 2003 Eastern College Athletic Conference Regional Lacrosse Championship.

The UT women's lacrosse team will begin competition in Spring 2014.



MAKING PROGRESS The first piece of the stadium at the Naimoli Family Athletic and Intramural Complex was erected on Oct. 22 and continues to come together. The facility, which will be used for numerous intramurals and other sports, will be home to the UT men's and women's lacrosse teams. Construction is set to be completed by the end of the men's lacrosse season this spring.



Head swimming coach
Ed Brennan hands
Karen Pitre '89 her Hall
of Fame plaque.

UT's Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2012

A FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL player and several other athletes who advanced to the professional ranks are among the eight alumni and three contributors who were inducted into the UT Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 18.

Three former teams also received Hall of Fame recognition: the 1967-1968 men's basketball team, the NCAA II champion 1998 baseball team and the 1980 national record-setting 400 free relay swimming team.

The Sam Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award was given posthumously to longtime donor and supporter Tino Gonzalez, the grandfather of Tino '11 and Rene '88 Martinez.

JEFF CARTER '87

Carter, one of six Spartan baseball players to advance to the major leagues (Chicago White Sox), was a two-time first-team all-South Region selection, played on the NCAA South Regional all-tournament team and was a first-team all-Sunshine State Conference (SSC) honoree in 1986.

ELIAS GONZALES '04

Gonzales is the lone cross country All-American in Spartan men's history, as well as the only male SSC Runner of the Year (2002, 2003). He was honored as the Top Male Runner in SSC history.

IDRIS MAYS '95

Mays capped his UT basketball career as the 1995 SSC Player of the Year. The two-time all-SSC selection was also a member of the all-South region team.

RONNIE MERRILL JR. '03

Merrill led UT to the 1998 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship, earning Most Valuable Player honors at the tournament. Named SSC Player of the Year in 2000, he was a four-time All-SSC selection.

KAREN PITRE '89

Pitre won swimming national championships in the 100 fly and 400 free relay in 1987. She was part of two national titles in the 400 free relay and earned All-American honors in 1987 and 1988.

ERIC SIMS '00

Sims, UT's assistant men's soccer coach, was a dual-sport star in soccer and baseball. In soccer, he was named 1998 first-team all-South Region and second-team all-SSC honors. In baseball, he helped UT to the 1998 national championship and holds UT records with six hits in a game and two triples in a game.

KAREN SOLIS '89

Solis was a 1988 first-team All-American in volleyball, the first setter in program history to be named All-American. Solis was the first UT player named to the NCAA Championship all-tournament team (1988).

LAURA WOZNICKI '08

Woznicki became the second runner in program history to be named All-American. She was the 2007 SSC Female Runner of the Year.

DICK CRIPPEN

Crippen, a popular former sports anchor, has been a friend of Spartan athletics since the 1960s. He currently works with the Tampa Bay Rays and remains a popular sports speaker who has contributed to several UT events and functions.

JAY MILLER

Miller was a soccer coach from 1978-1986 who led UT to the program's first national championship in 1981. He is also a member of the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame.

VINCE NAIMOLI

Naimoli is a chairman emeritus of the board of trustees and in 1999 established UT's Naimoli Institute for Business Strategy. The Naimoli family's support has also funded improvements at UT's tennis and softball complexes, as well as endowed scholarships. UT's new lacrosse and intramural facility is being named in his and his family's honor.

From pocket calculators to the iPhone 5, the MBA program has come a long way in 40 years.

GETTING BETTER

BY KYLE PARKS MBA '08 ILLUSTRATION BY HARRY CAMPBELL

IT WAS 1973, A YEAR WHEN LED ZEPPELIN, PINK FLOYD AND DEEP PURPLE HAD the biggest rock concerts in Tampa, and The University of Tampa was a relatively small school with 2,133 students.

In UT's Plant Hall, a fledgling Master of Business Administration program was launched that year with just four courses — managerial economics, macroeconomics, management and business ethics — taught to 59 students learning with textbooks and calculators in small classrooms.

Most of the first MBA students came from just across the Hillsborough River, employees at local companies like Tampa Electric and GTE. They had heard about the new program from friends and co-workers, since UT didn't advertise its offerings in those days.

"The program was so small the first few years that we used to go hang out with the students after class as one group," said Michael Truscott, professor emeritus, who taught economics to that first crop of MBA students.

WITH AGE



Fast forward to today, 40 years later, and the program bears little resemblance to its roots, with 365 students taking courses in an ultramodern Sykes College of Business building — a wired environment where professors can mark notes with styluses on stories from that day's *Wall Street Journal*, projected on the wall from the Internet.

But the growth goes far beyond the size of the program and the quality of its facilities.

UT's MBA program is quickly becoming well-known around the Southeast. And professors and students say its success is the result of three key factors — a focus on real-world lessons, a personal touch in teaching and a commitment by professors to stay current through their research.

"I was afraid that we would lose our student focus as we grew," said Lee Hoke, professor of economics, who's been teaching economics at UT since 1981. "But we have kept smaller classes and have developed an emphasis on

using research to keep up with the changes in the business world, which is all-important."

STAYING CURRENT THROUGH RESEARCH

So how does UT's program keep up with the real world?

Many of UT's business professors have had significant experience and success in the business world. Robert McMurrian, associate professor of marketing and co-director of the Center for Ethics, was a Southeastern sales manager for IBM. Jeff Donaldson, associate professor of finance, was a broker and portfolio manager for a national estate and trust company. And Erika Matulich, professor of marketing, has conducted more than 1,000 consulting and training projects with businesses of all sizes around the world.

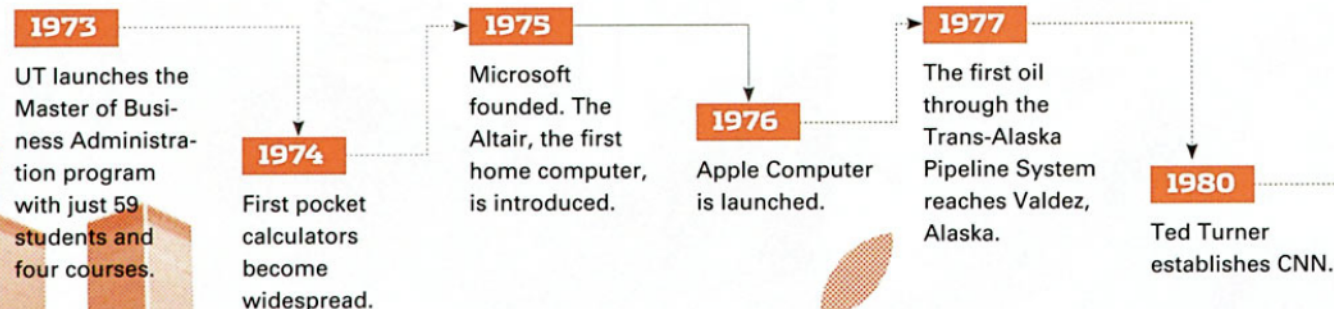
And to stay current, UT's business professors do significant research work, focusing on topics that matter in today's marketplace.

Dean Koutroumanis, assistant professor of management and associate director of the UT Entrepreneurship Center, delved into how hotels and restaurants are using channels like social media and blogs to analyze customer behavior and build repeat business.

Marca Bear, associate dean of international programs and associate professor of management and international business, studied how the Japanese management principle "kaizen" can help colleges and universities improve their strategic management processes. The approach focuses on continuous improvement at all levels of an organization.

And Rebecca White, professor of entrepreneurship and director of the Entrepreneurship Center, along with Giles Hertz, assistant professor of business law and entrepreneurship, found common threads in how venture capitalists determine what companies to invest in, identifying success factors and potential flaws in the decision-making process.

40 YEARS OF DOING BUSINESS



World Trade Center opens in New York City.

"THE CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE MARKET AND NEEDS OF STUDENTS." — JACK BARRETT MBA '96

This combination of real-world experience and up-to-the-minute knowledge is powerful in making classes interesting, topical and impactful.

"The curriculum and program have adjusted to the market and needs of students," said Jack Barrett MBA '96, who is president of First Citrus Bank in Tampa and serves on the business school's advisory board. "Sharing real-world case experiences is a key."

When Barrett and a group of investors started First Citrus Bank in 1998, two of his UT professors — Truscott and James Krause — were two of the bank's first shareholders. The thriving bank now has more than \$200 million in assets.

WHY ACCREDITATION MATTERS

A critical milestone in the MBA program's growth happened when the business school's graduate program was first accredited by AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business — in 1998. This

accreditation is seen around the world as a key benchmark for quality.

The accreditation process involves rating such factors as the quality of a business school's faculty, the relevancy of its curriculum, and whether a school offers educational and career opportunities that set it apart from other business schools. Fewer than 5 percent of the world's 13,000 business programs have earned this accreditation.

According to the AACSB, many global corporations only recruit from AACSB-accredited schools, and the organization's research has found that graduates of AACSB-accredited schools are offered more competitive salaries.

In UT's case, AACSB accreditation has helped put the MBA program on the radar of prospective students from around the U.S. and the world. Indeed, it's a key in attracting international students.

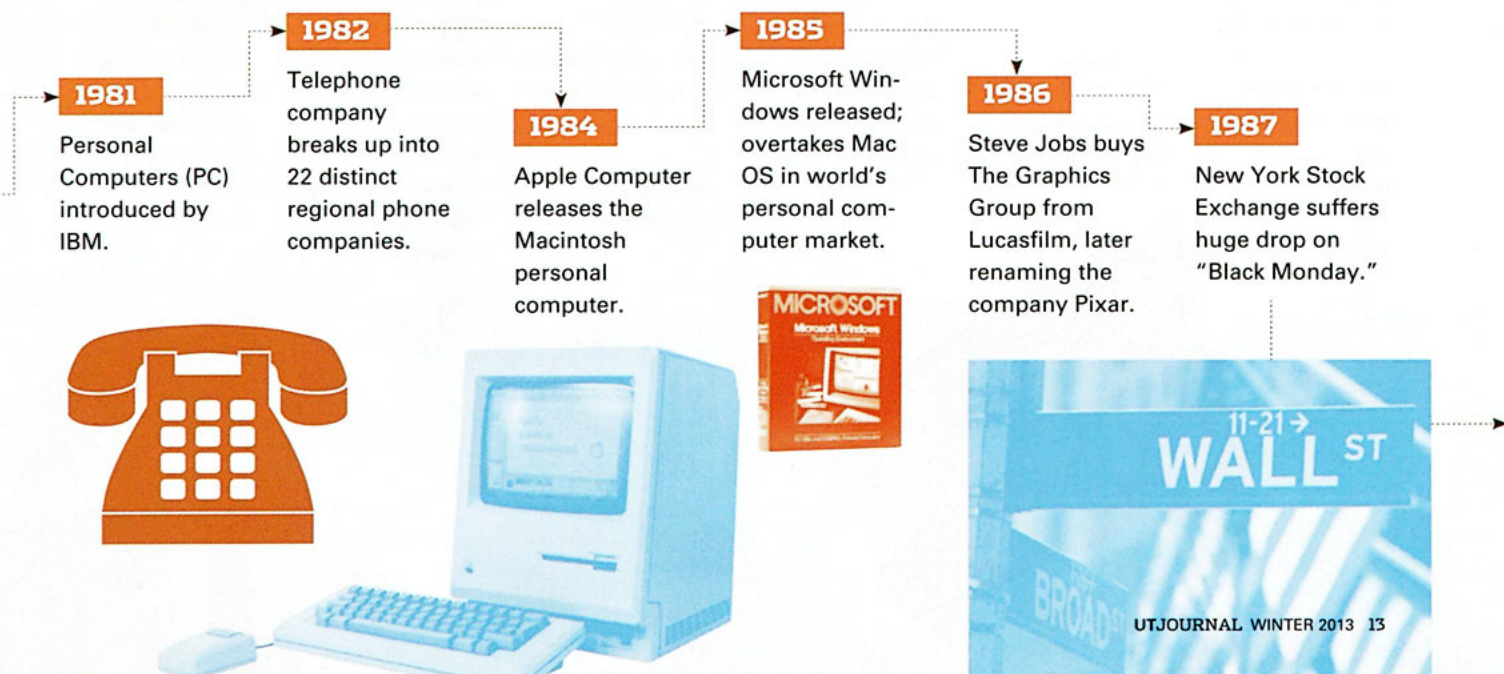
And with 58 international MBA students, an available course concen-

tration on international business, and study trips like an accounting group's visit to Italy and a trip focused on studying sustainability in Switzerland, the UT program delivers on its promise to think globally.

"The University's understanding of global issues, and its commitment to international students, stood out to me," said Yasemin Fatoglu MBA '12, who came to UT after getting her undergraduate degree at Sabanci University in Istanbul, Turkey. Fatoglu finished her MBA last May, then leveraged an internship into a full-time job as a strategic planning analyst at Jabil Circuit, a Fortune 500 global electronics manufacturer.

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP PAYS OFF WHEN STUDENTS GRADUATE

It's commonplace for UT MBA graduates to take leadership roles in the corporate world, and leaders of the program credit that to a strong emphasis on leadership and teamwork.



"I'VE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE EASILY FROM ROLE TO ROLE IN MY COMPANY BECAUSE OF WHAT I LEARNED AS AN MBA STUDENT." — LINDA LINARDOS MBA '89

When new students start the program, they spend an entire weekend in seminars to help them analyze their strengths and weaknesses. As part of this initial workshop, students write plans on how they will improve their leadership potential as they pursue their degree.

Another focus is on the need to effectively work in teams with people with diverse skills and backgrounds.

Once students start the program, classes constantly focus on group projects that culminate in presentations. Often, the projects involve financial analysis and research, followed by organizing results and preparing a presentation. So a group with accounting, finance, international business and marketing students will need significant contributions from each team member.

"I've been able to move easily from role to role in my company, in large part because of what I learned as an MBA student," said Linda

Linardos MBA '89, an executive sales rep for Cengage Learning, one of the nation's largest suppliers of textbooks and learning materials for universities. "A lot can happen in a large company — culture shifts, reorganizations, mergers — so you need to be able to see the bigger picture and roll with it."

Today, UT's MBA program has seven concentrations — entrepreneurship, finance, information systems management, innovation management, international business, marketing and nonprofit management. Of the 365 students, 57 are enrolled in the Executive MBA program, which offers weekend classes for professionals.

And in a growing trend, more students are choosing a dual major, pairing their general Master of Business Administration degree with one of three Master of Science degrees, in marketing, finance or accounting.

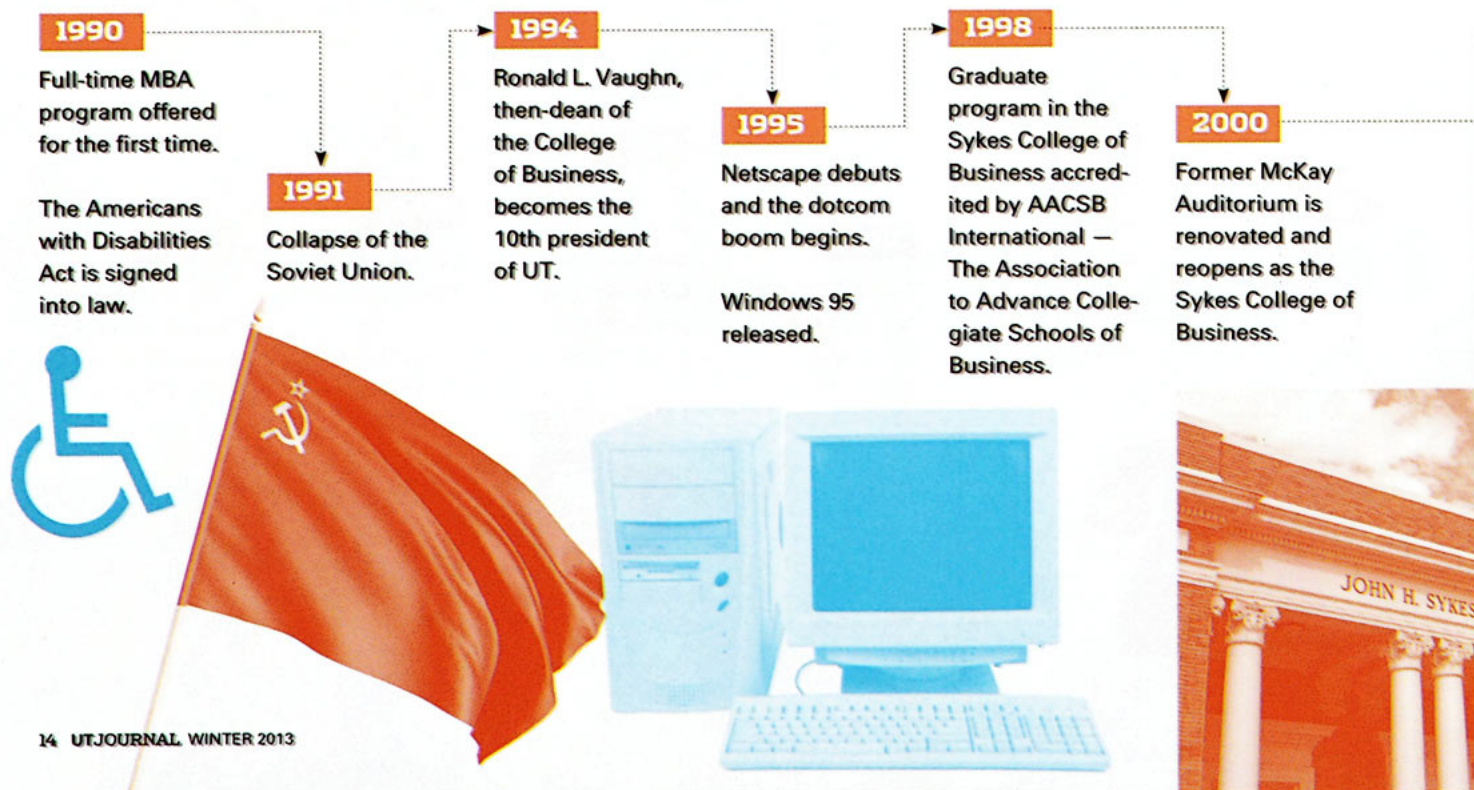
In another example of this thinking, the University created a 4-credit-hour

practicum, where students can choose an activity to help their marketability — whether it's learning another language, attending Toastmasters International sessions to improve their public speaking or going to a Dale Carnegie Training conference.

"Students are seeing that they need to get both a solid overall knowledge of the business world and specific skills for the workplace," said Amy Beekman, director of graduate business programs.

Those skills have come in handy for Efren Zanni MBA '11, a project manager for Power Design, one of the top electrical contractors in the U.S.

"Coming to UT, my background was in civil engineering, but my MBA helped me in understanding how to manage a budget and have skill with numbers," he said. "And my marketing classes have helped me in doing presentations that have been complimented by others in the company as being very professional."



CONSTANT EVALUATION ENSURES CONTINUED SUCCESS

As the MBA program moves into its 40th year, the Sykes College of Business is led by Frank Ghannadian, dean of the Sykes College of Business.

"You measure progress by the quality of students coming in, by the faculty and by where your students go in the working world," said UT President Ronald L. Vaughn, who served as the marketing chair, MBA program director and dean of the College of Business before becoming the University's president in 1995.

This constant benchmarking and evaluation is a focus of all of UT's academic programs, Vaughn said, with a focus on how well the University teaches applied knowledge and skills.

"The accreditation by the AACSB was one of many points that have marked the progress of the MBA program," he said. "But you keep working on quality forever." **UT**



FIRST PERSON: KYLE PARKS

Working on complicated Excel worksheets doesn't intimidate me. I can break down a 10K corporate report. And I can figure out whether marketing research was done in a valid way.

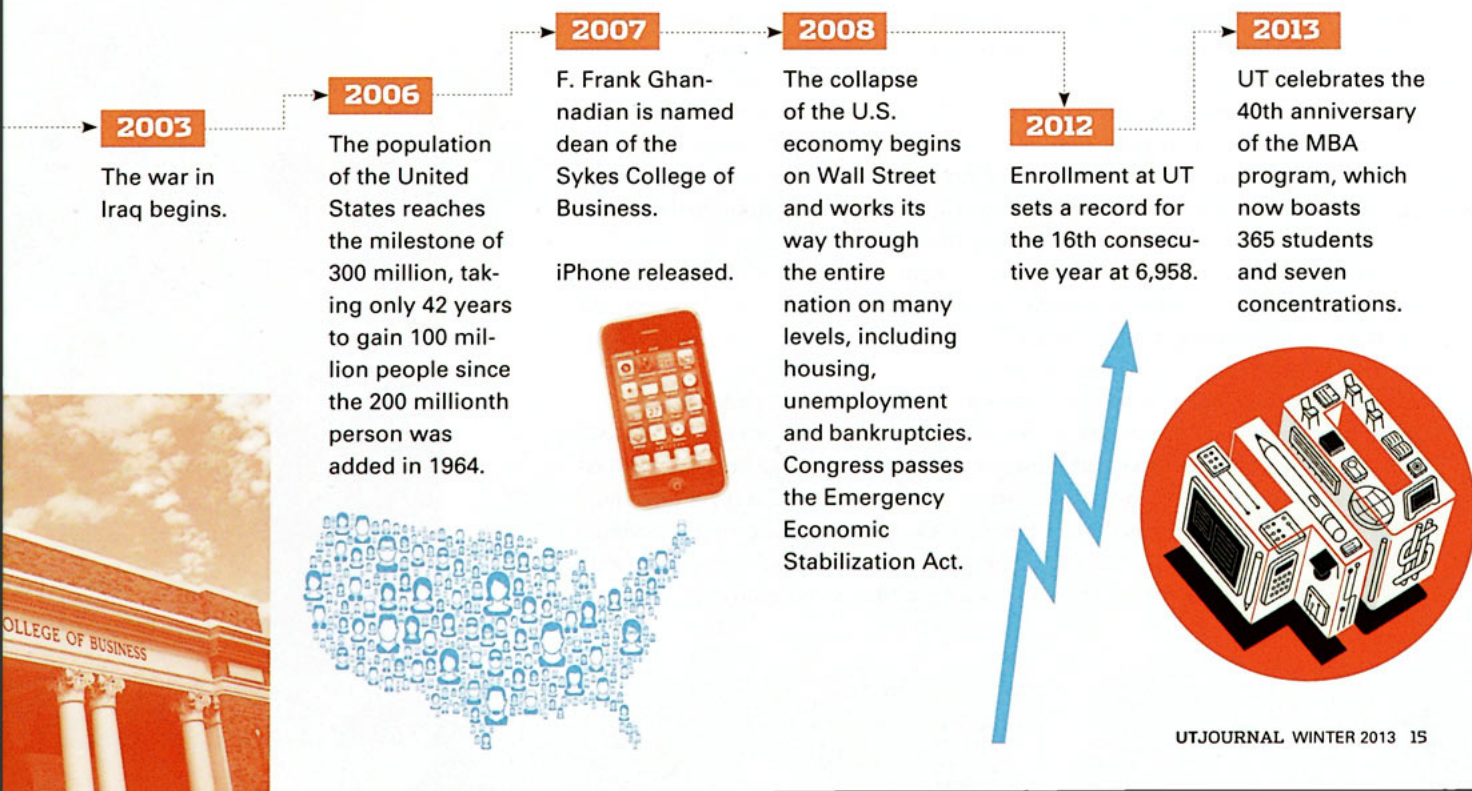
For all this, I can thank UT's MBA program.

My reason for pursuing the degree was simple: in running public relations and marketing programs at a Fortune 1000 company, I needed to supplement what I'd learned on the job.

I learned important concepts in everything from finance to marketing to statistics, and I practiced the art of efficiency — a key for me, given that I was juggling work, family and school. What I didn't realize when I started was how much I'd learn from my classmates.

Working in groups, we realized how to take advantage of each other's strengths. Derek Rancourt MBA '04, a commercial lender at Bay Cities Bank, still kids me about how he saved me on everything involving numbers. But I tell him that I saved him on everything involving writing.

Going back to school later in life was difficult, yet remarkably comfortable. Except when one professor said, "I doubt that any of you all were around when President Nixon was in office." Ouch. I was.



A glimpse behind the glitz and
glamour of the pageant world from
three of those who have lived it.

There She Is

BY KILEY MALLARD PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB THOMPSON

THOUGH THE CROWNING OF SYMBOLIC KINGS AND QUEENS IS AN ANCIENT HUMAN custom, the first modern beauty pageant in the U.S. was organized by the great showman P.T. Barnum in 1854. Barnum invited women to flaunt their figure on stage for a panel of judges, but the contest was quickly shut down by public protest.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman won "Atlantic City's Inter-City Beauty Contest," becoming the nation's first Miss America. But it was not until 1938 that the pageant incorporated more than just "beauty" as a prerequisite, including a talent competition, and it was 1945 before the first scholarship was awarded to the winner.

From these origins, where women were rewarded solely for their outer beauty, pageants have become a launching pad for bright, young women to further their education and career and make a difference in their community.

Three UT alumnae — all former beauty queens — provide a living history of the evolution of pageants over the past 57 years. Ida (Felicione) Coe '58, a retired teacher for Hillsborough County Schools, served as Miss Tampa in 1955 and was a finalist in the Miss Florida pageant that year. Coe now serves on the board of directors for the Miss Tampa pageant. Cyndee Dornblaser MBA '92 is the founding principal at Dornblaser Marketing Resources. She was crowned Miss Tampa in 1982 and then Miss Hillsborough County in 1983. Kaitlin Monte '08 is a speaker on anti-bullying and the host of an NBC New York Saturday morning trivia segment. She was named Miss Tampa in 2008, before going on to become Miss New York in 2011 and second runner-up in the 2012 Miss America pageant.

We recently gathered these three women for a chat about their experiences.





(From left) Cyndee
Domblaser, Kaitlin Monte
and Ida Coe on the West
Verandah of Plant Hall.

"IF YOU CAN LEARN TO WALK IN A BIKINI AND NOT THINK TWICE ABOUT IT, THAT'S SHOWING THEM THAT YOU CAN HANDLE THE JOB."

— KAITLIN MONTE '08

UT: When did you get started in pageants and why?

Cyndee: I was 10. I was a baton twirler, and when you go to state and national competitions you have to have other talent than baton twirling. I got into modeling, playing the piano, dancing and other things so I could compete at state and national levels.

Kaitlin: I did my first competition when I was about 15. I went in a room full of girls who I felt I had nothing in common with and found that we actually had a lot more in common than I realized. They were insecure about things that I wasn't. They showed me things. I had fun.

Ida: My life was so different because it was so long ago. I had just started at UT and tried out [for Miss Tampa]. I thought, "You do it once and if you don't win, goodbye." My talent helped me because I twirled and danced and sang at the same time. I just knew that one routine, but I practiced it.

UT: You were all Miss Tampa at different points in time. What was your experience like?

Ida: I believe it is polished more and more, where women now can have a platform. They'd ask me questions like, "What are you looking for in a husband?" And I'm thinking, "A husband? I'm just 18! I'm not looking for a husband!" It's much better now.

Cyndee: I didn't have the support like Miss Tampa does now. I had to kind of find my own way, but I had a blast. I remember one time I went to this bowling event [for charity]. They're like, "So we want you to bowl." Never bowled in my life! So here I am in my crown and my banner and my silk dress and some bowling shoes. I bowled the best game ever, because I couldn't put my head down! It was great!

Kaitlin: Bob Clark, the gentleman who runs the pageant now, gave me a list of dates. Every Friday I'd go to lunch with about a dozen professionals from Tampa. He would take me to every gala

and luncheon in Tampa. He mentored me. Bob made it very clear — he does this because he wants to take smart, talented, capable young women and plug them in to the professional world. Most of the girls end up with a job; you end up with opportunities.

UT: Kaitlin, how did competing at the local level compare to competing on the national level?

Kaitlin: The thing about nationals, everyone is a "10." You start to pick yourself apart into little slivers of a point, because it's the difference of a hundredth of a point that might keep you from making finals. Psychologically it's very difficult.

The other thing is, if you're at Miss Tampa you have a bunch of Tampa girls, you have a lot in common. When you go to Miss America, you've got everyone from Miss Alaska to Miss Hawaii to Miss Montana to Miss New York. Very different flavors. You never know what the favorite is of the judges, but you can't be strawberry if you're rocky road. You have to just go and be the richest version of your own flavor possible.

UT: What about the idea that pageant girls are catty?

Ida: Usually they're very helpful with each other backstage.

Cyndee: When I [competed] I don't remember there being any stabbing in the back. You have to learn how to be a good sport. In the real world, life is competitive and you need to define yourself, you need to be happy with the role that you choose in your life.

Kaitlin: I lost my earrings at Miss America. Alana Lee, who was Miss Nevada, took her earrings off and handed them to me. I put them on, ran onstage and walked in her earrings. I came back and was going to give them back and she was like "No, hang on to them. You might need them for finals."

But I've also had friends who've had their dress lipsticked backstage or ripped. I always tell this to girls, if you

can't humbly accept the fact that whoever won, won for a reason, you weren't ready to do it anyway.

UT: Kaitlin, what opportunities did being Miss New York provide you with that you don't think you'd have had otherwise?

Kaitlin: I had free reign. I scheduled all my own appearances. I picked all my own organizations to partner with. I did all my own PR. I developed my own blog, became a writer. It was my job to maintain a public presence. It was my job to make connections, my job to travel the state. I made a full-time job of it. The first half of my year, I definitely didn't make a lot of money. After Miss America, after seeing me on TV people started to reach out. Without soliciting a single appearance, I made a full year's salary getting paid to come and speak places.

UT: Pageants started out as a form of entertainment in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Do you think they are still perceived that way?

Kaitlin: I think you'd be making a mistake if you thought that as a titleholder your job was not to be entertaining to the people around you. We all have been that little child who met someone we looked up to and had a very positive experience. We've also had a negative experience. I think a good titleholder takes advantage of the opportunity to give other people a positive experience.

Ida: That's why the interview is now one of the most important parts.

Cyndee: People don't get to see the interview. You watch Miss America and you're like, "The prettiest girl didn't win. How is that possible?" Well maybe she was pretty, but she couldn't really walk and talk and chew gum at the same time.

UT: What about the swim suit competition?

Kaitlin: The swim suit competition gets so much negativity, but I can promise



Coe (left) gives Cyndee's (right) Miss Tampa crown a try. Coe said in her day, the crowns were not as durable.

you, there is nothing scarier than walking in 7-inch stilettos in a bikini in front of a crowd of people you don't know.

Ida: I think they should let the girls have something that they could throw around their waist.

Cyndee: I think for swim suit, you need to be in your swim suit.

Kaitlin: The sarongs I get, but what they're really grading is can you walk into a terrifyingly uncomfortable situation and keep your cool. Once you've learned to strut in a bikini despite all your insecurities, you can walk into a hospital of patients with terminal illnesses and not be phased. That was a big part of my job as Miss New York. I visited all the Children's Miracle Network hospitals and did bedside visits to all these patients. Sometimes it's difficult. So if you can learn to walk in a bikini and not think twice about it, that's showing them that you can handle the job, which is going to be a lot of new and uncomfortable situations.

Cyndee: Mine was the VA Hospital, that's where I used to go for all of my appearances. It's the same thing.

UT: Over the years, pageants have become a way for women to earn

scholarship money to pay for their education. What impact did any scholarship money you won have on paying for your education?

Kaitlin: I've won \$48,000 in scholarships from doing it. It paid for school.

Cyndee: For us, there was no platform, but I think that we really did realize it was a scholarship pageant, even though the money at Miss Tampa isn't the money you get at Miss America.

Ida: I already had a full scholarship at Tampa U. But the material things I got. Necklaces, shoes, rings. With the parades, we always vied for that Hav-a-tampa float because they'd buy you the bathing suit, the shoes, the rain coat, the jewelry. The Colony Shop gave me outfits that I could pick out for different events.

Kaitlin: There's definitely perks. I've been at dinners with hedge fund managers. I've sat with huge celebrities at *Rolling Stone* parties. You get into rooms that you wouldn't have had access to.

Cyndee: Weren't you in the paper for one of the girls most likely to be able to date Tim Tebow?

Kaitlin: I was listed as the most eligible girl in New York state for Tim Tebow to date.

Cyndee: I thought that was hysterical.

Ida: And then your boyfriend grabbed you, right?

Kaitlin: My boyfriend thought it was awesome.

UT: What about the perception that pageants are exploitative or demeaning to women?

Cyndee: When I was growing up, I remember sitting there watching Miss America. I think that was in the time period that pageants started getting a stigma.

Kaitlin: As media developed ...

Cyndee: Yeah, exactly, and they started putting a negative connotation on it.

Kaitlin: Well it was women's liberation, too. We can't ask a woman anymore what she's looking for in a husband.


Ida: Yeah, that was really silly.

Cyndee: Exactly. I think Miss America went and reinvented themselves, because they wanted to show that these girls are smart people. It is about scholarships. It's not just what you see on TV, the bathing suit and a good talent.

Kaitlin: My father only ever saw me compete at Miss America. It was too hard for him because he knew nowadays, with the way that people judge each other. He didn't want to see me equate my value to whether I was pretty in a bikini. People compete for different reasons. For me, for anyone to ever look at me and call me a "crown chaser," which is like a borderline cuss word in the pageant world ...

Cyndee: That's the new term, huh?

Kaitlin: I would have died because I wasn't. I knew that at the end of the year, they're going to take the crown off your head, and there's going to be a new girl and you're going to be nobody again. Unless you make yourself something. I didn't want to win Miss America, I wanted to become Miss America. I feel like I became everything I would want to see Miss America be, but now I get to do it freely in my own life for the rest of my life. **UT**

A close-up portrait of an older man with white hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a blue tie with a repeating geometric pattern. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green trees and a white building.

Alcalde is co-founder
of Alcalde & Fay, a
government and public
affairs consulting agency
in Washington, D.C.



FOUR- IN-HAND

Hector Alcalde '55 on his time at UT, his work
in D.C. and his love of driving carriages.

BY JEN A. MILLER '02 PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS HARTLOVE

"YOU CAN BE PROUD TO BE A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA. OUR GRADUATES ARE GOING ON TO DO SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS."

— HECTOR ALCALDE '55

HECTOR ALCALDE '55 bristles at the idea that he's semi-retired. "I'm working like a dog here," he said from his Arlington, VA, office on a warm fall afternoon. His building had just been evacuated for a fire drill — a 20-minute disruption, but one that threatened to topple his packed schedule for the day.

Despite approaching 80, Alcalde, also a former member of The University of Tampa Board of Trustees, doesn't plan on slowing down anytime soon, whether he's working on behalf of the Port of Tampa or Hillsborough Community College, or driving one of his carriages around rural Virginia near the family farm.

Yes, carriages.

He's come a long way.

Alcalde grew up in the Washington Heights section of New York City, the youngest of four children. His parents were born and raised in Key West, FL, where they owned and operated a cigar factory. They came to New York in the 1930s during the Great Depression while Alcalde's mother was still pregnant with him.

"Go north, young man," my father heard, so he did," said Alcalde with a laugh. "I was born on 99th and Lenox Ave."

Alcalde played basketball for George Washington High School, though after graduating, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do. He signed up for courses at a local community college, and played basketball there, too. His team made the national finals for two-year colleges, which is where he was scouted and offered basketball scholarships to both UT and the University of Miami. Since he had a cousin living in Tampa, he chose UT, and enrolled in 1953 at the age of 19.

He didn't have a set position on the team. "Back then, if you were six foot something, you were big," he said. He played center and guard, though the 1954-1955 team media guide listed him



as a forward. The teams weren't stellar while Alcalde was a player (in their best year while he was on the team, 1953-1954, they won six games and lost 14), though he did earn himself the nickname "Tiger."

He also had the privilege of spending a year in one of the coveted dorm rooms under the minarets in Plant Hall, with fellow basketball teammates and a few football players. Now, those spaces are classrooms.

Academically, it was an interesting time to be a student at UT. Among his friends and classmates were Dick Greco '56 and Robert "Bob" Martinez '57.

Greco became mayor of Tampa, serving during two different periods: from 1967 to 1974 and then again from 1995 to 2003. Martinez was also Tampa mayor, from 1979 to 1986, and was Florida's first Hispanic governor, serving from 1987 to 1991. (Even though Alcalde's last name in Spanish means mayor, out of the trio, he never sought the position.)

Alcalde started with a major in physical education, but changed to social sciences, taking courses in public policy, history and political science. He also went to night school two years after graduating to get a second major, then earned his Master of Arts in education and administration from Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University.

He worked as an educator for seven years. Then, in 1962, his friend and Florida state senator, the late Sam

(Above; third from right) Alcalde played center and guard on the UT basketball team. (Right) Nowadays, Alcalde enjoys driving carriages near his home in Middleburgh, VA.

Gibbons, decided to go for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and asked Alcalde to run his campaign. He won the seat, which represented the Tampa area, and brought Alcalde and his wife — and their three children all under the age of four — with him to Washington, D.C. There, Alcalde served as Gibbons chief of staff for 12 years. While in Washington, he stayed tied to the UT community, even working with then-president David DeLo on securing a high-profile commencement speaker for the school's Diamond Jubilee Convocation.

Gibbons served until 1997, but in 1973, Alcalde decided to strike out on his own. The decision to stay in the D.C. area was easy. Alcalde and his family had settled into the area, and he enjoyed working in the district, so he co-founded Alcalde & Fay, a government and public affairs consulting agency.

Their long-time clients include Cruise Lines International Association; cities and municipalities like Hillsborough County, Clearwater, Key West, Tampa and Atlantic City; and ports around the country, including those in Los Angeles, San Diego and Tampa, the latter of which has been a client for 40 years. They also work with schools, too,



including Hillsborough Community College, Palm Beach County Community College, Columbia Union College, Edward Waters College and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

He brought another thing from Tampa with him, too: a love of horses. "A friend of mine had quarter horses on a small ranch near Ralston Beach," he said. After one visit, he was hooked. About three years after moving to Virginia, he bought what he calls a "small place and a small farm" in Middleburgh, VA. He started breeding pure Spanish-bred horses, and while he still does so, his main focus is carriages and horses.

"I was in Spain and I saw somebody at a little event with a carriage and two horses. I said 'I've got to try this,'" he said. "I went out and purchased a carriage, and I've been driving now for the last 30 years."

His enthusiasm for carriage driving is obvious, even over the phone. He lists the routes near his farm where he rides often, ticking off landmarks and the names of other carriage drivers in the area with ease.

"There's a lot of gravel, rural roads around the area. I'm right across

from another farm that's been there since before the Civil War," he said. "I do carriage driving for the fun of it, and we've had some major carriage events here."

He's also founder and board member of the Four-in-Hand Club, which is an organization for carriage drivers. He also served on the board of the Washington International Horse Show and the International Andalusian and Lusitano Association. Today, he has 19 horses, which are used both in breeding and carriage driving.

His work has extended to the arts community, too. He's on the board of directors of the Arts Council of Fairfax County, and a board member of the National Sporting Library and Museum of Middleburgh, VA. He is also a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and of Spain's Cruz de Caballero de la Orden de Isabel la Catolica, which is the highest honor bestowed by the government of Spain to a foreign citizen.

When talking about UT, Alcalde admits that he's remembering a very different kind of school — and not just because Plant Hall once served

as the home of the entire University.

UT's not the same as when he was a student there, he admits. It was a lot smaller then, as evidenced by his past residence in Plant Hall. It's not even the same University as when he was on the UT Board of Trustees from 1988 to 1991.

"It was a smaller school then, everybody knew each other," he said. But he doesn't disagree with the growth of the school, especially in the last 15 years, which has seen the campus expand and enrollment grow beyond what he ever thought possible when he arrived on campus at the age of 19, a tall boy from New York City ready to start a new adventure provided by a basketball scholarship. "Everybody didn't hold a Ph. D. in every area of concentration, by any stretch of the imagination," he added.

"You can be proud to be a graduate of The University of Tampa. Our graduates are going on to do so many wonderful things," he said. Alcalde has also served on the board of George Mason University, which is a public school and receives public funding. "Look at what UT has done without that. It's just a great community." **UT**



alumni report



Young alumni at the
President's Reception
Friday night

Alumni Come Home

CAMPUS WAS ABUZZ WITH ACTIVITY and excitement Oct. 18-20 when hundreds of alumni and friends returned to reconnect, reminisce and see what's changed. Each fall we look forward to welcoming back our alumni as part of homecoming weekend, and this year we were happy to see a high level of participation.

On Friday afternoon, the National Alumni Association (NAA) board of directors met to discuss the current state of alumni affairs at UT and to make plans for the rest of the year. Alumni guests in attendance participated in the selection of this year's alumni award recipients and heard about the ways the NAA makes an impact on campus and in the community.

The President's Reception, held on the East Verandah of Plant Hall on Friday night, is the official kickoff of homecoming each year. Attendees viewed displays on the recent renovations to the Martinez Athletics Center and plans for the new residence hall

and Naimoli Family Athletic and Intramural Complex. President Ronald L. Vaughn and his wife, Renée, were on hand to answer any questions. The reception was the best place on campus to watch the student homecoming parade. All the student groups were well represented in the parade, and many alumni were glad to see their organizations still thriving.

As the President's Reception wound down, the Rathskeller was just getting going. During homecoming the Rat is re-opened as a bar for one night only. Alumni from the '80s typically dominate the crowd at this event, and this year was no different with the DZ's in full force throughout the evening. This year we saw an increase of younger alumni down in the Rat. Many of them came simply to see the space used as something other than a sandwich shop, which is all it was to them during their tenure at UT.

On Saturday afternoon alumni took over campus with multiple events

throughout the day. The Decade of the '50s reunion continues to be a great success in its 18th year. This year the group was treated to a performance by UT's new a cappella group, Spartonic. Genie Victoria Myers '55 let us know that she was very impressed with the music, saying, "It was the first time that people stopped eating and clanking silverware! The voices and the way in which they were employed was well beyond beautiful. Just lovely!"

At the same time as the '50s reunion was the All Alumni Barbecue and Biergarten, considered the main event of the weekend. Alumni gathered in front of the Sykes College of Business, right in the middle of campus, to enjoy a traditional barbecue along with craft beer and wine. UT's radio station, WUTT, kept the crowd entertained with music from different decades and everyone enjoyed going through all the UT memorabilia.

Families were encouraged to attend this event, and we had plenty of games available to keep the kids entertained. We hope to continue to grow this event, and Jack Lamond '73 agreed: "Everyone complemented on how pleased they were with the organization and how many people they met. I think the BBQ is a keeper!"

We hope to build on the momentum of this year's homecoming to make next year even better. If you would like to help plan Homecoming 2013, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@ut.edu.



Do you have news to share? Contact Jay Hardwick, Alumni Director alumni@ut.edu (813) 253-6209

class acts

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68 **Merry (Barr) Conway** is enjoying her life, still working and having fun with her children and grandchildren. She wants to say "hi" to everyone in the Class of 1968, and if anyone is in the Boston area or visiting the Cape, she would love to hear from you! Email: mconway@taboracademy.org

Sherman C. Runions is a member of the board of directors of the Servants of Saint Camillus-Disaster Relief Services (SOS-DRS), which is a rapid response ministry for the medical and spiritual needs of disaster victims. The ministry's services include missions in Haiti, Kenya, Mali, the Horn of Africa, Indonesia and the Philippines among others. Sherman remains active as principal of Sherman C. Runions and Associates, a planning and design firm located in Sapphire Valley, NC.

70 **John Benedetto** was the head football coach at Land O' Lakes High School for 32

years. According to the *Land O' Lakes Patch*, the school honored Benedetto in August by renaming the football stadium, formerly called The Swamp, in his honor.

71 **Russell Amerling MBA '77** is now president and CEO of Choose Life America, the nonprofit organization that helped secure the Choose Life license plate in Florida and 28 other states. More than 765,000 of these plates have been purchased or renewed across the country since the plate first appeared on Florida's roads in August 2000.

Szabolcs de Gyurky published a novel called *Before the Rains Came*, which can be found on Amazon.com, and is working on a new computer science book for John Wiley & Sons Inc., entitled *The Autonomous System*. (See page 33.) Email: degurky@sbcglobal.net

Steven Weichselbaum-West was a teacher in Hillsborough County for 38 years but has since



Play Ball

Tracy Loomis-Miller '05 (right) with her husband, Chris, and daughter, Jordan, enjoyed the Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter's night out at the ballpark as the Tampa Bay Rays took on the Boston Red Sox. The event had nearly 60 people in attendance — a great turnout of UT alumni!

retired and is a substitute teacher. He was also a high school track coach, a USATF track official and worked six Olympic trials. He was also head shot put official at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, the 2011 Goodwill Games in New York and at the World Outdoor Track Masters Competition.

73 **Jerry Hensley** is excited to share that his grandson, Frank Nicholas Kelly, is currently a UT freshman.

Joseph Macel retired from full-time employment on June 1, 2012, and is now self-employed as

a quality supplier auditor for the nuclear power industry. Email: maceljoe@gmail.com

74 **Charles Wille** has a business that provides full-scale representation of internationally-acclaimed artists, photographers, sculptors, poets, musicians, writers and other creative masters, Charles International Art. He takes pride in his business's utilization of their worldwide contacts to promote and facilitate commercial success for their client roster by showcasing their talent and

The Award Goes To ... Know a UT grad with an outstanding career or a record of service to the University? Let us know! The UT Alumni Association recognizes alumni with awards at both commencement ceremonies each year. To learn more or to nominate a worthy graduate, go to <http://alumni.ut.edu> and click on Alumni Awards in the Alumni Benefits section.



artistry in front of new audiences, while building a loyal, consistent following through avid collectors and patrons of the arts.

Harold Youmans is a War of 1812 historian, according to the *River Country Journal* (MI). For more than 30 years he has worked to establish himself as an expert on this war, lecturing at symposiums and conventions in more than 15 states and the District of Columbia. It is also said he owns one of the largest collections of War of 1812-related material in private hands in the U.S.

76 Virginia Covington MBA '77, a federal judge

for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, hired three UT alumni for the court's internship program this summer:

Adam R. Maingot MBA '09, who is a third-year student at Stetson University College of Law; **Mike N. Koulianos '10**, who is in his third year of law school at Florida State University; and **Natalie Walet '10**, who is in her second year at George Washington University Law School. While Virginia has mentored several hundred law students throughout her 32-year legal career, it is particularly meaningful when those students are UT graduates, a place so special to her.

79 Mark Testoni

is president of SAP NS2, a subsidiary of SAP, which focuses on national security and critical infrastructure. He recently appeared on 1500AM Federal News Radio's program *Industry Chatter* to discuss his company, the marketplace and emerging trends.

82 Amy Hill Hearth's

novel, *Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literature Society*, was published



spartan spotlight

John Mallery '80

Juggling it All

John Mallery fills many roles during a typical week: investigator, researcher, teacher ... juggler and knife thrower.

As founder and president of Mallery Technical Training and Consulting Inc., Mallery routinely calls on his computer forensics knowledge when an individual or business needs to recover data from a computer or other device.

"In civil litigation cases that are highly contentious with \$10 to \$20 million in dispute, my job is to find information on computers that is relevant to the case," he says.

During the last decade, as more people have utilized mobile communication devices like iPhones and Blackberries, as well as social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, Mallery has had to comb through a higher number of items within each case.

"Technology is a multi-tentacled beast," he says.

When Mallery is not juggling work responsibilities, he enjoys juggling a variety of objects. It

is a skill he picked up without much training.

Not long after graduating from UT, Mallery says the brother of a classmate taught him how to juggle at a party. "I thought it was the coolest thing," he said. For a while, Mallery threw himself into entertaining, traveling extensively to perform his act at various fairs.

"Once I got married, being away from my wife and family was not a good mix," Mallery says. "I had been in relationships that suffered and eventually ended because of the travel required to be a full-time entertainer. Based on these experiences, I realized I could no longer be on the road for extended periods of time."

Mallery and his wife, Paula, have four children and two grandchildren.

Today, he limits his performances to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. It is an event he has been associated with for nearly 30 years.

"The Kansas City Renaissance Festival is a generational thing for me. To see families there — multiple generations — makes me happy."



The Grapes of ... Delight

Washington, D.C.-area alumni and parents got together on Sept. 22 for a tour of Virginia wine country. Enjoying their time at the last vineyard are (from left to right) Nilgun (Yapici) Patterson MBA '02, Jack Patterson, Andre Tomlinson '04, Rashelle Browne and LaToya Allen '05. To help plan future events in the Washington, D.C. area, please contact Abebi Wolfe '98 at abebiw@hotmail.com or the UT alumni office at alumni@ut.edu.

by Simon & Schuster on Oct. 2. Amy is the author and co-author of seven nonfiction books including the *New York Times* bestseller turned Broadway play *Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years*. She will be on a book tour this fall that includes the Southern Festival of the Book in Nashville, TN. (See page 33.)

83 Louis Sanchez and The Artec Group Inc., of which Louis is president and CEO, recently received four Auro-ras and two Grand Aurora awards for the Best Green Construction



Louis Sanchez '83

and the Most Energy Efficient Home in the Southeast United States. "Casa Verde" is one of the most sustainable designed homes in America and has received numerous other awards. It is hurricane, earthquake and fire resistant as the framing system is constructed of recycled structural steel and concrete, produces approximately 10,000 watts of solar power and has green guard insulation systems, among many other features.

84 Michael Oppenheim MBA '87 is the new CEO at Ecowell LLC. He has past experience as a private consultant, as the executive vice president at ARAMARK, and as the vice president at GE Capital.

Jae (Motsko) Robinson recently moved back to Tampa from Pennsylvania, and her daughter is now a freshman at UT. She was also recently elected to serve on UT's National Alumni Association Board of Directors. The board is the governing body

of UT's Alumni Association and is composed of 40 UT alumni from across the country. Jae is looking forward to being able to attend many more alumni events now that she's local.
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86 Shaunaley (Bell) Rodriguez-Lamas has three daughters who, respectively, were, are and hopefully will be a part of UT. **Cassandra** graduated from UT in 2011 with a public health major and psychology minor. Nicole is currently a sophomore at UT studying education and business administration. Finally, Bianca is a high school senior at Country Day School in Costa Rica and is sending in her application to UT this fall; she would like to study advertising, public relations and art/photography with business administration. Shaunaley, who studied art at UT, is extremely proud of her children!
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Walter Dyminski MBA '92 is the national lending director for Sunovis Financial. Dyminski is a seasoned professional with more than 16 years of experience in banking and commercial real estate.

87 Deanna White was recently appointed president of Flexjet, the Richardson, TX-based division of Bombardier, the world's largest business aviation manufacturer. Deanna joined Flexjet in 2005.

94 Brian Malison and Terrence Merritt were recently elected to serve on UT's National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Terri Raines and Matthew Patmon welcomed daughter August Ruth into the world on

Aug. 31, 2011. They also have one other child, a son, Sawyer. Terri is currently working as the commander of the Air Force ROTC at the University of Alabama.
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Lois (Schulz) Woods MBA celebrated 27 years with Allstate Insurance in 2012 and achieved the highest levels of achievement and recognition as a field sales leader. She has been married to Tony for 17 years and the couple has two wonderful children together: Lauren, 13, and Katie, 11.
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95 Jason Harris was honored with the Elda E. Anderson Award at the 57th annual meeting of the Health Physics Society held in Sacramento, CA, in July, according to the *Idaho Statesman*. Jason is an associate professor of health physics in the Idaho State University School of Engineering and assistant director for the Center for Advanced Energy Studies in Idaho Falls, ID.

96 Evan Fetter and his wife, Rachel, welcomed daughter Annie Finley into the world on April 7, 2012. The Feters also have three older children: Brad, Max and Lindsey.

97 Wendy Croxall, a wife and stay-at-home mom, was quoted recently in a *Tampa Bay Times* article about Mitt Romney's religious beliefs.

98 Amy Christensen has two children, Benjamin and Samuel, and has been a professional mobile DJ since 1990.
Email: amychristensen@tampabay.rr.com

Melony Dillon is the proud parent of 12-year-old Ethan and 5-year-old Emma. Melony and her



Kenneth "Kenny" Charles Allen Kahns

brother **Stephen Dillon '01** recently accompanied Ethan overseas as he represented the United States in competition at the World Martial Arts Games. Ethan brought back three world titles, three gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze. With such a big win, Ethan has secured his spot on the team and will be competing for the U.S. overseas again next year as well.

Nadia (Calderolli) Pontif completed the Mid Atlantic Super Spartan Race while carrying Flat Sparty. The race was nine miles long with over 75 obstacles. (See *Flat Sparty photo this page.*)

99 Luana (Martucci) De Paloma will be holding an event in honor of her late brother, Lawrence A. Martucci, who died of cancer at 6 years old. The Magic Cure Benefit will be held on Jan. 10, 2013, at 8 p.m. at the Tampa Theatre. Tickets are on sale now at www.lawrenceamar-tucci.com, and all proceeds benefit the Children's Cancer Research Group through 1Voice Foundation. Email: luanamartucci1@yahoo.com

00 Ivan Jimenez earned his first master's degree in curriculum and instruction from National Louis University and recently completed his second master's degree in School Leadership Type 75 at Concordia University. He has been teaching



Heather Arndt '02 and Casey Freeman '01

for 12 years with the degree he received from UT, which he said prepared him for a bright future in education.

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Bob Kahns and Jamie (Ferenbach) Kahns '04 welcomed their son Kenneth "Kenny" Charles Allen Kahns on Aug. 20, 2012. Kenny weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Heather (Webb) McIntyre MBA '03 has been named assistant vice president of underwriting in GEICO's Midwest operations. She began her career at GEICO in 2003 and was a member of the first class of the company's emerging leaders program.

02 Heather Arndt became engaged to **Casey Freeman '01** in January. The two are planning a Fall 2013 wedding in Newport, RI. Also in 2012, Heather earned the certified financial planner designation and was named assistant vice president of investments and senior financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. She was selected as one of Worcester's "40 Under 40" by the *Worcester Business Journal*, and joined the boards of the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts and Young Professional Women's Association in Worcester, MA. Casey is an assistant vice president of investments at Merrill Lynch as well, and joined the board of the

Oak Hill Community Development Corporation in Worcester.

Pietro Cortelli has had the opportunity to perform in various regional and touring productions since graduating from UT. He has also received his MFA in musical theatre from the University of Central Florida's Conservatory Theatre. He is currently working at a fine arts magnet middle school teaching drama and speech, and in May 2012, he married his beautiful wife, Jennifer. Thanks to all of the great experiences and lifelong friends he has made here at the University, UT will always hold a special place in his heart.

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Jennifer Dawson is now the

in-house copywriter for It Works! Global in Bradenton, FL.

Angela Gillisse has been hired as the girls' soccer coach at Steinbrenner High School in Lutz, FL. She inherits a program only two years removed from a state championship and will also teach health and physical education at the school.

Imke (Vogt) Kuskop-Schulze and her husband are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Mayla. She was born on May 12, in Vienna, Austria, where the couple resides, and is a cheerful little girl who adds a lot of joy to their lives.

Joy (Wojcieszak) Linsday MBA has been appointed the vice president of human resources, Americas for the Carlson Rezidor



At the Finish Line

In August, Flat Sparty joined Nadia (Calderolli) Pontif '98 for the Mid-Atlantic Super Spartan Race in Leesburg, VA. The Spartan Race is one of the world's leading obstacle race series. The Mid-Atlantic race was nine miles long and included more than 75 obstacles for participants to conquer.



spartan spotlight

Sarah Ware '08

Making Her Mark



Users of the virtual pin board website Pinterest are inspired every day to try new recipes, crafts or fashions. Sarah Ware '08 was inspired by Pinterest as well, but not to try making bread in her Crock-Pot®.

Using the site inspired her to develop Markerly, a website that allows users to bookmark not just a Web page, but text on a Web page. This allows users to not only go back to easily reference what they've read, but share passages with friends in their social networks.

"Markerly allows people to see what you are engaging in and sharing online," said Ware. "Instead of sharing the whole article, you can reference a particular paragraph or phrase."

She goes on to explain how the site can be useful for the people producing or providing the

content as well. "If a University is paying for an online journal subscription, for example, Markerly allows the University to see if students are actually reading the journal and what parts they are reading," she said.

Ware said Markerly is also available as a publisher widget sharing tool.

A native of Ramsey, NJ, when asked why she chose to attend UT she joked that she didn't like defrosting her car in the winter. "I liked how small UT was," she said more seriously. "I felt like I would get more one-on-one attention from my professors."

Though she is laser-focused now, when Ware arrived at UT it took her awhile to find her niche. After changing her major a couple of times, she was told at one point it would take her five years to graduate — she finished in three and a half with a degree in communication.

After graduation she worked for Living Social in Washington, D.C., helping to launch their Instant product, which has since morphed into online ordering. She eventually managed a team and traveled all over the U.S. and to London.

Though she liked her job, attending the 2012 SXSW conference in Austin, TX — and meeting so many entrepreneurs who had taken the leap — inspired her to break out on her own. She and fellow UT alumnus Justin Kline '08, who holds a marketing degree, teamed up and came up with the idea for Markerly.

"Justin and I quit our jobs and worked on Markerly full time," she said. "In one month we had the product ready so we put it out there to see what would happen."

What happened is that they were accepted into the prestigious 500 Startups, a startup accelerator program based out of Mountain View, CA, that has helped to grow such well-known brands as Trulia and mint.com.

"It's like Yale for startups," said Ware. For six to seven months, Ware and Kline will focus on improving their product and learn how to meet with investors. The two are hoping to attract investors and be able to start hiring in 2013.

Hotel Group. One of her key responsibilities will be to develop and implement a comprehensive, three-year human resources strategy to support the company's *Ambition 2015* strategy, which will include talent management programs, succession and development planning, and reward and recognition plans.

Derrick McLaughlin was appointed principal of Summerfield Elementary School in Riverview, FL, according to *Tampa Bay Online*. He previously served as vice principal for the school. Derrick and his wife live on 10 acres in rural Lithia, FL, with their children, Emerson, 5, and Fisher, 2.

Jen Miller, former *Minaret* editor, will celebrate her eighth year as a freelance journalist and author in January. She is a regular contributor to the *New York Times* and *Runner's World*, and her byline has appeared in *Details*, *Men's Health*, *Allure*, *Salon* and this alumni magazine. Jen has been recognized for excellence in both magazine reporting and essay writing by the New Jersey chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and she's also published three books, the most recent being *Book a Week with Jen: 1 Year, 52 Books and the Year of Starting a New Chapter*. (See page 33.)

03 **Elvita Beauplan** completed her MBA in 2010 with the University of Phoenix. Email: ebeauplan@hotmail.com

Bonnie (Schweitzer) Bottner and husband **Michael** are happy to announce the birth of Faith Aurelia Bottner on May 23, at 4:17 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 19 3/4 inches long. Email: bonnie.bottner@gmail.com

Lynley (Weade) Fischbach, her husband, Jason, and son, Sebastian, are proud to announce



Jason and Lynley (Weade) Fishbach '03 and sons Sebastian (left) and Gabriel Michael

the arrival of Gabriel Michael Fischbach. He was born on May 29, weighing 8 pounds, 6.5 ounces and 20 inches in length. The family is all doing great and looking forward to their move to Los Angeles, CA.

Phillip Harris has joined the Hillsborough County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division events committee. The committee organizes events and fundraisers throughout the year within the Tampa community, as well as events and seminars that help young lawyers gain the experience and resources they need to develop into future community leaders.

Martin Scahill is currently working at Yahoo! Inc. After his first five years of service with the company, Yahoo! leaders asked him to manage one of their top spending clients. He has received multiple nominations for the Yahoo! All Star award in leadership excellence.

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04 Sabrina (Bush) Harmatuk and her husband Rhett welcomed their second child, Lenox Louise, into the world on Sept. 18. Their first child, Kennedy Mae, was born July 1, 2010.

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05 Katie (Schenck) Kirby was named to the *Gulf Coast Business Review's* list of "40 Under 40" for her business KDS Interiors Inc. Katie and her husband Jed have two sons, Wyatt, 2, and Colt, 1.

Katerina Pappas has become an attorney in Washington, D.C., and recently published her own mobile application called Healthster. This app for the iPhone and Android teaches people how to treat everyday ailments with food, and can be purchased in the iTunes store. She was also chosen to present the app at an international conference in Athens, Greece, called Ignite Athens.

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Matt Wittemann married **Rachel Wilson**, who also attended UT, on July 6 in Cape May, NJ.
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06 Ginger Anzalone MBA is vice president for Vesta Property Services Inc. She was recognized recently by *Worldwide Who's Who* for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in facility property management.

Alejandro Castellvi received his M.D. from St. Matthew's School of Medicine and completed one year of general surgery in Detroit. He is now a resident in neurosurgery at Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh.
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Alejandro Castellvi '06 (center)

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The Minaret Moment photo in our last issue shows then-presidential candidate Jimmy Carter talking with an unidentified female student. The student is unidentified no more! Barbara Rubin '76 wrote in after seeing the picture, saying, "I received the latest *UT Journal*. Imagine my surprise when I saw the picture of Jimmy Carter and a student. Well that student is me, Barbara Rubin, class of 1976."



Kori Feener recently finished thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine while filming a documentary for her graduate thesis at Emerson College, where she will receive her Master of Fine Arts in media art in May.

Christopher Findeisen has begun a successful career as a graphic designer and started a clothing line with two other partners called Black & Denim Apparel.

Casey (Boudrot) Friend married Christopher Friend on June 15, in Stow, MA. Among her bridesmaids was **Elizabeth "Betsy" Boesch '06**. Casey is a marketing and special

events coordinator at the West Suburban YMCA in Newton, MA, and Chris is a sous chef at BOKX 109 at Hotel Indigo.

Elizabeth Lefavre became engaged to John Scudella on Aug. 6. They purchased a house in Davenport, FL in the summer of 2012.
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07 Lauren Brady started a nonprofit foundation, This is Me Foundation, to raise awareness about alopecia and to support anyone who faces adversity. In January 2012, the foundation began granting college scholarships to high school seniors who have displayed leadership skills while having faced adversity of any kind or helped others through adversity.

Richard Ferner MBA is currently working on his Doctor of Business Administration degree at Argosy University in Sarasota and is preparing to defend his research proposal for his dissertation. The topic for his dissertation is reflected in the title: "Implications for Economic Development: How Stakeholder Perceptions Influence Entrepreneurism in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida."
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Casey (Boudrot) Friend '06 (center) and her bridesmaids, including Elizabeth "Betsy" Boesch '06 (right)



The Real McCoy

New England-area alumni, parents and friends enjoyed the summer weather in August as the group went on a private tour of historic McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, RI, and then watched the Pawtucket Red Sox take on the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Pictured is a portion of the group with the Paw Sox mascot, Paws.

Katie Griffin married Jeff Morrow on March 17 in Sarasota, FL, and upon returning from their honeymoon began her new position as a field coordinator for Event 360 with the Susan G. Komen three-day walk in Tampa Bay. She and her husband live in St. Petersburg, FL.
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John Harr and **Justin Schuver '08** are opening a new restaurant on Davis Islands called Islands Pizza. They look forward to seeing UT alumni drop by!

Adam Kunz is a décor consultant for the art and design department at Universal Studios

Orlando, helping decorate for all the park's seasonal events like Halloween Horror Nights, Mardi Gras and Grinchmas, according to an interview on the blog *The Shifter Series*. Together with his mother, Carol, he is the author of *The Childe* series, and *The Modified*, which are both novel series for young adults.

Janelle Middents has been promoted to the area director of the American Lung Association of Central Florida.

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Amy (Holloway) Rumore M. Ed. '10 was recently named Naples High School's head volleyball coach. Last season was her first



Brian Shrader and Laura Strite
MBA '11

season as a head coach, then at her alma mater Plant High School.

Laura Strite MBA '11 married Brian Shrader on May 27.

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George Turner was hired as the special education instructor of Middletown High School South in Middletown, NJ.

Victoria Young will complete her Doctor of Medicine at the University of Miami in May 2013.
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08 Ryan Kennedy has been hired as the head baseball coach for Lakewood Ranch High School in Bradenton, FL. Ryan attended high school at Lakewood and helped the team win the 2003 state championship as an infielder and went on to be a two-time Division II National Champion in 2006 and 2007 while he attended UT. After that, he served as the assistant coach at UT from 2008 to 2009 and was the assistant coach

at Lakewood last season, where he helped lead the Mustangs to the 6A Final Four.

09 Lauren Bentz was recently elected to serve on UT's National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Brenton Cianci is the founder of BC Elite Baseball, a service for aspiring young baseball players who want to improve their game.

Derek Clement now works for the JP Morgan Chase Private Client program.

Charlie Connolly passed the Florida Bar in September. He has been working at the Miami State Attorney's Office and was sworn in as an official assistant state attorney soon after passing the bar.

Kelly Lynn was sworn in as the second female police officer to serve in the Narberth, PA, police department in the 117-year history of the town.

Jonathan Marcantoni is releasing the first book from Aignos Publishing, where he works as editor-in-chief. The book, *The Dark Side of Sunshine*, is by Paul Guzzo and is a criminal history of the city of Tampa.

Ellery McCordle is the co-anchor of ABC 6 News *Good Morning* in Austin, MN. McCordle joined the station in January 2010 and in 2011 was awarded a first place Page One honor from the Society of Professional Journalists for her story "The Journey of a Purple Heart."



Be there or walk the plank! The Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter will host the annual Gasparilla Brunch in Plant Hall on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Guests enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat buffet and beverages, as well as exclusive campus parking. Go to alumni.ut.edu for event details.



Kate Gordon '10

10 **Brittany Bauer** is married to Sam Howerton, and they are happy to announce the birth of Carter, the newest addition to their family.

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Kate Gordon has been performing since April with Bonnie's Old West Musical Revue as a principal singer/actor/dancer. She recently signed on with Mae Entertainment Agency and sings as part of a duo traveling the greater Las Vegas area or wherever the job may take her. She has received outstanding reviews by *Las Vegas Review Journal*, *Las Vegaszine*, *Desert Companion* and *Vegas Kool*.

Joshua Griffin ran for Pasco County Commission District 3, according to the *Tampa Bay Times*. Griffin works for his family's business, Bio Mass Tech Inc., which does environmental contract work throughout Florida such as shoreline reconstruction and work on storm water systems.

Nick Peterson won the ABC reality show *Bachelor Pad* in September, taking home \$250,000 in prize money.

Hernan Roldan, a former student assistant basketball coach, was named the head basketball

coach at Genesis Academy in Lynchburg, VA.

Brennan Whitley has a new job as the coordinator of Florida business operations for the Boston Red Sox.

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11 **Taymy Caso** has been accepted to Columbia University to pursue a master's degree program in clinical psychology and has been awarded the Arthur Zankel Urban Fellowship, which provides a stipend for her to work with inner city youth in New York through school-based internships in Teachers College-sponsored outreach programs.

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Katrina Farrell is volunteering with the German American Women's Committee (GAWC), while her family is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. They organize large fundraisers and distribute approximately \$50,000 annually to local German charities and to American military-children's sports activities.

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Mohammad Gandhi is thankful for the education he received from UT and is now moving forward to obtain a Master of Public Health in environmental health with specializations in industrial hygiene, biological safety and healthcare administration.

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Katie Kopinski recently performed a fish growth experiment using Watt-Ahh, an AquaNew product. She observed greater growth and energy in fish living in Watt-Ahh. Katie is considering pursuing a graduate degree in marine science.

Doug Perusse was interviewed by *Florida Trend* magazine for an article about his employer, Convergence Consulting Group, named by the magazine to their list

of best companies to work for in Florida.

Kostas Stojilas MBA is a commercial real estate broker at Cushman & Wakefield. He was recently featured in a *Forbes* article about his website, The Money Crowd, which helps nonprofits and community organizations in the Tampa Bay area that need funding for projects.

Ryan Walbridge was recently named the marketing and impact manager of Leadership Fort Wayne, according to *Inside Indiana Business*.

12 **Rashad Callaway** has signed a professional contract to play for the Mersey Tigers of the British Basketball League, according to an article on NJHoops.com. The club is based out of Merseyside, which is located in Liverpool, England.

Breanne Gill has moved to Los Angeles and is excited about her new job as an executive assistant at Raystone Records.

Andrew Kolupski MBA is employed by Woodridge Apartments in Irondequoit, NY, according to the *Penfield Post*.

Courtney Tipton is pursuing her master's degree in higher education and student affairs at the University of South Carolina. She is a graduate assistant for Preston Residential College and an academic ACE coach through the Student Success Center at USC.

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IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Madelyn Grace Boyd '49

Worth V. "Coach" Little '49

William Edward "Bill"

Maloney '52

Robert Cogan '53

Charles E. "Buddy" Fisher Sr. '55

Manuel Perez III '60

Jack Kichler '61

Sue Tillack '61

Ignazio "John" Zambito '61

Cassie Tipps '62

James Vincent "Vince"

Thompson '63

Donald Patrick Copeland '72

Theodore Sam "Ted" Papps '72

Maria Grace (Cassano) Greer '83

Cathleen Moran Elisha '85

Judith Mandt '94

William Matthew "Billy"

Johnson '06



Four alumni recently published books:

Before the Rains Came by Szabolcs de Gyurky '71
Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society by Amy Hill Hearsh '82
The Modified by C.A. Kunz (Carol and Adam '07 Kunz)
Book a Week with Jen: 1 Year, 52 Books and the Year of Starting a New Chapter by Jen A. Miller '02

HOMECOMING & REUNIONS 2012

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MELANIE R. MUNGER '10



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UT's annual homecoming celebration was held Oct. 18–20. On Friday, students participated in the annual homecoming parade through campus (3). Later that evening, alumni and friends gathered at the Rathskellar (1), which reopened as a bar for the night. Saturday was full of activity, from minaret climbs (5), to the Decade of the '50s Brunch (4) and All Alumni Barbecue (2).



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brick by brick

common good

WHY I GIVE: Rosemary Leathers '58



Rosemary Leathers stays involved with UT through Ladies of the 50s events.

Major: Business Administration

Profession: Retired teacher, Hillsborough County Schools

Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: In Tampa. I graduated from Plant High School in 1953. I was ready to attend Florida State University when financial reality hit, and I made other plans. I obtained a position with the county water department where I worked to earn my expenses for my first year at UT.

Q: Did you live on campus?

A: I lived at home all four years with my wonderful parents and five siblings ranging in age from two to 21.

Q: What was your major at UT?

A: Business administration. There were only three females in that depart-

ment. Business law and marketing were my favorite classes. I feel like I benefit from those classes every day. However, I think my timing was off for a business career — employers were interested only in how fast I could type (not very).

Q: Did you have a favorite instructor?

A: Ralph E. Worthington. He was absolutely wonderful as were most of my teachers at UT. He taught business administration and really connected with his students.

Q: Did you participate in extracurricular activities while attending UT?

A: Even though I couldn't participate in afternoon activities because I was working, I managed to find ways to be involved. I loved going to dances, parades, football and basketball games.

I was head cheerleader and an Alpha Chi Omega.

Q: Your husband, Al, is a UT graduate. Did you meet him at UT?

A: We were at UT at the same time for two years, but we didn't know each other. Years after we graduated, mutual friends from UT, Ken and Elaine (Mickler) Belliveau, got us together.

Q: How did UT prepare you for your career?

A: Everything I learned at UT translated in the real world. Although I became a teacher, I believe my business acumen really helped in organizing and managing my life.

Q: How do you stay connected to UT?

A: I attend a lot of UT events. I love the concerts in the chapel. I'm involved in the Decade of the '50s and the Ladies of the '50s, and I was a member of the UT National Alumni Board.

Q: As an alumna, volunteer and donor, why do you think it's important to give back to UT?

A: Al and I are extremely grateful for our years at UT and for the wonderful educational opportunities. As a UT football player, Al appreciated that the coaching staff provided wonderful meals, and Al says that Coach Marcelino Huerta was the finest!

Q: How do you view The University of Tampa today?

A: The progress made by UT is hard to believe even when you see it. I am so proud of everything about UT, and I want everyone to see and appreciate it!



leaving a legacy

A Shared History

FOR RON GOVIN '62, THE UNIVERSITY of Tampa is like a member of the family. On Mondays at the family business, his son Kevin '85 and granddaughter Katie '09 gather for "Monday Lunch." They are joined by Mark (who attended UT and is a member of the Board of Fellows) and Robert Govin, who work for the company as well. Spouses and friends also stop by for what amounts to a weekly family reunion.

There are many parallels between the Govins, their family business and UT. In 1933, the fledgling University moved into Plant Hall, the same year that the family established its company, Govin's Rubber Stamps. Each enjoyed steady growth through the 1970s. Then, in the mid-1990s, both UT and the Govins' company (now MarkMaster Inc.) experienced a period of explosive growth that continues today.

MarkMaster's history also reflects the progression of UT degree programs. In 1962, Ron began work

two weeks after graduating with a degree in accounting. His financial expertise transformed the company from a small, family-owned rubber stamp maker into a full-service office supply dealer.

In 1985, Kevin was among the first graduates of UT's new management information systems program and brought computer and technology skills to the company. Katie's 2009 degree was in international business, which coincides with MarkMaster's growth in the world marketplace.

The differences over five decades are remarkable. On the first day of classes in 1958, Ron saw mostly familiar faces from Tampa high schools, while Katie said she was the lone graduate of her high school class to attend UT. In fact, her junior year roommates were from South Korea, the Bahamas and Belize. When Kevin graduated in 1985, there were 1,800 students. When Katie graduated, enrollment had tripled to 6,291.

Other than attending UT football games, Ron was too busy working to participate in campus activities. He recalls that classes were held from 8 a.m. to noon, at which time they recessed until 5 p.m. night classes so students could work in the afternoons. In contrast, Katie was involved in Gateways, crew, a sorority, Omicron Delta Kappa, Diversity Fellowship and was the UT 75th anniversary homecoming chair — the same year she gave the keynote address at MarkMaster's 75th anniversary.

As Ron, Kevin and Katie described their experiences, they found some things that were always true about UT. Each recalled that their professors were accessible and often knew them by name. And after 50 years, frequent fire alarms still interrupted classes in Plant Hall.

Ron confessed to being an early riser and said that he would often go to Plant Park in the morning and study before classes began. Katie and Kevin smiled and said that they, too, would study in Plant Park well before most of their classmates rolled out of bed. Somewhere by the river there is probably a spot where three Govins, 25 years apart, looked up from a book and saw the early morning sun light up the minarets with a bright orange glow.

Over a span of 50 years, four members of the Govin family came to the UT campus to learn, grow and prepare for life. Chances are future generations of Govins will do the same. Wanting to help ensure all future UT students receive the same quality educational experience as the Govins have had, Ron created a charitable trust that will someday benefit future students at UT.



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UT Mourns Loss of Two Benefactors

ESTELLE L. DELO, WIFE OF THE LATE DAVID M. DELO, president emeritus of UT, died June 30, 2012. She was 98. Estelle Delo had a varied career, including founder and operator of a wholesale electronics company with her first husband in Roanoke, VA, and an amateur radio operator. She spent nine and a half years with David Delo before his passing in 2004. Delo Park on UT's campus is named in honor of David Delo. Estelle Delo made a planned gift to the University for the perpetual maintenance of the park.

Polly Pepin, wife of the late Art Pepin, Anheuser-Busch distributor and local philanthropist, died Aug. 16, 2012. She was 87 years old. Art Pepin served on the UT Board of Trustees and UT's athletic stadium is named the Art and Polly Pepin Stadium in their honor, as is the Pepin Heart and Vascular Institute at University Community Hospital and Pepin Academies, a charter school for students with learning disabilities. Pepin and her husband were married 50 years when he died in 2000, and together they raised four children.



BREAKING OUT THE BUBBLY From left: Eric Vogt, Graham Mavar and Karen Post at the 39th Annual Minaret Society Dinner on Nov. 2. This year, guests were showered with bubbles as they made their way to the Vaughn Center's Board Room for an after-dinner social. The event is held each year to thank members of the UT Minaret Society.

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Correction: In the Honor Roll of Donors in the Fall 2012 issue, Joan Mae Jones was left off of the Minaret Society — Bronze Crescent (\$1,000-2,499) list. Jones has made a gift every year for more than 10 years and increased her gift this year. Also, Shawn and Jeanne Gregory were placed in the wrong society. They should have been listed under the Frederick Spaulding Society — Gold (\$500-999).



Chris Pastina in Percy Warner Park near his home in Nashville, TN.

the annual fund

Year After Year

THOUSANDS OF DONORS, LIKE CHRIS Pastina '84, are making a huge difference at UT by simply giving donations in any increment they can.

"I have never felt like it was the size of the gift I gave, just that I cared enough to send a gift," Pastina said during a recent conversation.

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, 7,041 gifts of less than \$100 were given

UT not long after he graduated. Though he lives in Tennessee now, he said he stays connected to the University through the *UT Journal* and his annual visit to Tampa with his Dad and brothers to a Yankees spring training game.

Pastina grew up in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, NY. His siblings stayed in New York for college, but Pastina wanted to do something differ-

"It is really not the amount you give, just that you support the school and its values."

—CHRIS PASTINA '84

to UT. Added together, these contributions totaled nearly \$350,000 in support.

Annual donors are the foundation that UT builds upon each year. Alumni, like Pastina, parents and friends are the bread and butter the University counts on each year to make sure we can meet all of our commitments.

Pastina began his giving history to

ent. He arrived at UT in the '80s with a bicycle and the ambition to become a businessman like his father.

Pastina worked on campus all four years he was at UT, but particularly enjoyed his job giving admissions tours to prospective students. When not working or studying, Pastina said his favorite place on campus was always the Rathskeller. He enjoyed grabbing

a beer with friends, but also found it a good place to catch up with professors between classes.

"My favorite memory of UT has to be the friends I made. Guys like Joe Kiely '84, Seth Dennis '84, Kevin Holzgruber '85 — I still talk to all of them today," said Pastina. "But it was the foundation UT gave me that has kept me so involved. Macroeconomics with Professor Lee Hoke still shapes decisions I make today in my career selling fixed income securities."

After UT, Pastina went on to get an MBA from Vanderbilt University. He is on the Alumni Council at the Owen School of Management there, where he helps raise money from fellow alumni.

But he credits UT for laying the groundwork for his continued education. "I truly believe in a liberal arts education. People need to be able to read, write and think analytically in today's difficult job environment," said Pastina. "UT set the foundation for me, and I want it to help set the foundation for others."

Pastina has given a gift to UT every single year since 1987 — that's 25 straight years of support. He has donated through his career changes, through home purchases and even through the birth of his children. Some years he is able to give more than others, but he makes sure to always give something.

"The crazy thing is, it is really not the amount you give, just that you support the school and its values," he said. "I have been a follower of St. Francis of Assisi since high school and the adage 'It is in giving that we receive' has always resonated with me. UT helped shape me into the person I am today, how could I not want to give back?"



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New Board of Trustees Members

THE UT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS added eight members and four ex-officio members.

ROBERT C. CALAFELL '66 MBA '73

Calafell is retired senior vice president of corporate planning and development at GTE World Headquarters in Stamford, CT. He began his career with GTE Florida-Tampa in 1966 and held several key management positions in the company over the years. Calafell is returning to the board after a one year hiatus.

THOMAS A. CASTRIOTA

Castriota is the president of Castriota Chevrolet, a dealership in Hudson, FL. In 2011, he received the TIME Dealer of the Year award. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Marine Corps Reserve in 2001 after serving 26 active and reserve years. In 2006, Castriota volunteered and was recalled to the Marine Corps and deployed to Iraq where he served for six months.

JAMES S. MACLEOD '70

MacLeod is chairman and CEO of CoastalSouth Bancshares Inc. and serves on the board of directors of CoastalStates Bank and Homeowners Mortgage Enterprises Inc. Before joining CoastalSouth, MacLeod worked for Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation for 22 years, most recently serving as executive vice president in Milwaukee, WI. MacLeod is returning to the board after a one year hiatus.

ROY J. MCCRAW JR.

McCraw retired as regional chairman and regional president of Wachovia Corp. shortly before he was appointed executive-in-residence at the UT Sykes College of Business in Fall 2009. He has nearly 40 years of experience as

a banking executive, and also is an adjunct professor in UT's management department. McCraw is returning to the board after a one year hiatus.

JOSEPH G. METERCHICK

Meterchick is regional president for PNC Bank, covering the territory from Naples to Orlando. Meterchick has more than 30 years of banking experience with PNC, including serving as director of corporate and commercial banking for the state of Florida. He serves on the boards of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Tampa General Hospital Foundation.

DOUGLAS C. ROTHSCHILD '83

Rothschild joined CLW Real Estate Group as a principal in 1995, where he and his partner lead all aspects of the firm. He began working in commercial real estate in 1981 and has spent the majority of his career representing national clients such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, Xerox and Diageo. He is active in public and charitable ser-

vice, and he serves as a board member for Berkeley Preparatory School.

RUFUS J. WILLIAMS III

Williams is a principal with Cardinal Point Management LLC. His career included 30 years with Johnson & Higgins in New York, NY, one of the oldest and largest privately held insurance brokerage firms in the U.S., becoming a senior partner in the firm. He serves on the boards of Boys Hope/Girls Hope of New York/Staten Island, The Center for Great Expectations of Somerset, NJ, and the St. John's University School of Risk Management.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

New ex-officio members include Evelyn J. Bowles, president of the Chiselers; Ali Carr, chair of the Board of Counselors; Deborah Sheridan, chair of the Board of Fellows; and Thomas Spruance, chair of the Family Association.

For a complete listing of trustees, go to www.ut.edu/trustees.

SULLIVAN NAMED DEVELOPMENT AVP

Joanne B. Sullivan, formerly the executive director of the Foundation at Florida Hospital Tampa, has been named associate vice president for development in the Office of Development and University Relations. At UT, Sullivan will oversee prospect research, major gifts and planned giving.

Sullivan said she looks forward to supporting her colleagues and the University's students in their endeavors.

"The University has a long, rich history of support from the UT community," Sullivan said. "I look forward to working with donors to help achieve their — and the University's — long-term goals."



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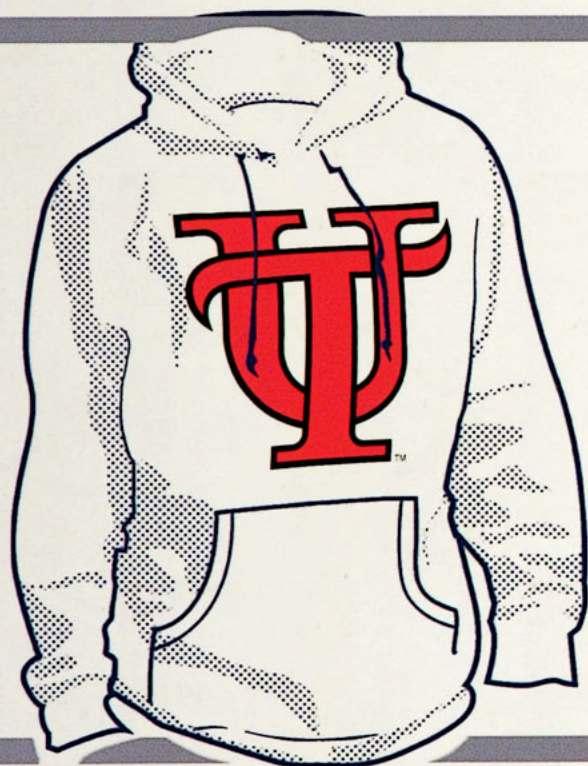
Built in 1962, the University Union (now the Riverside Center) became the center of co-curricular activities for students. The Union housed a cafeteria, bookstore and television lounge on the first floor, and a game room and offices on the second floor. Today, though the traditional functions of a university union have shifted to the Vaughn Center, the Riverside Center still bustles with activity, housing the post office, career services, classrooms and alumni office.



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During the first week of classes this fall, students took part in a variety of "welcome back" activities, including this inflatable obstacle course in the Vaughn Center Courtyard.

