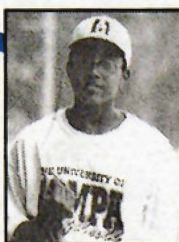


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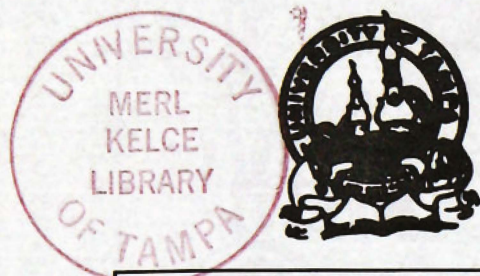
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## Enroll now for fall term

By JON RATKE  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. Pre-enrollment for the University of Tampa's Summer I and Summer II terms begins April 12. Pre-enrollment for the fall 1994 term lasts from April 13 through 15, according to UT Registrar Gene Cropsey.

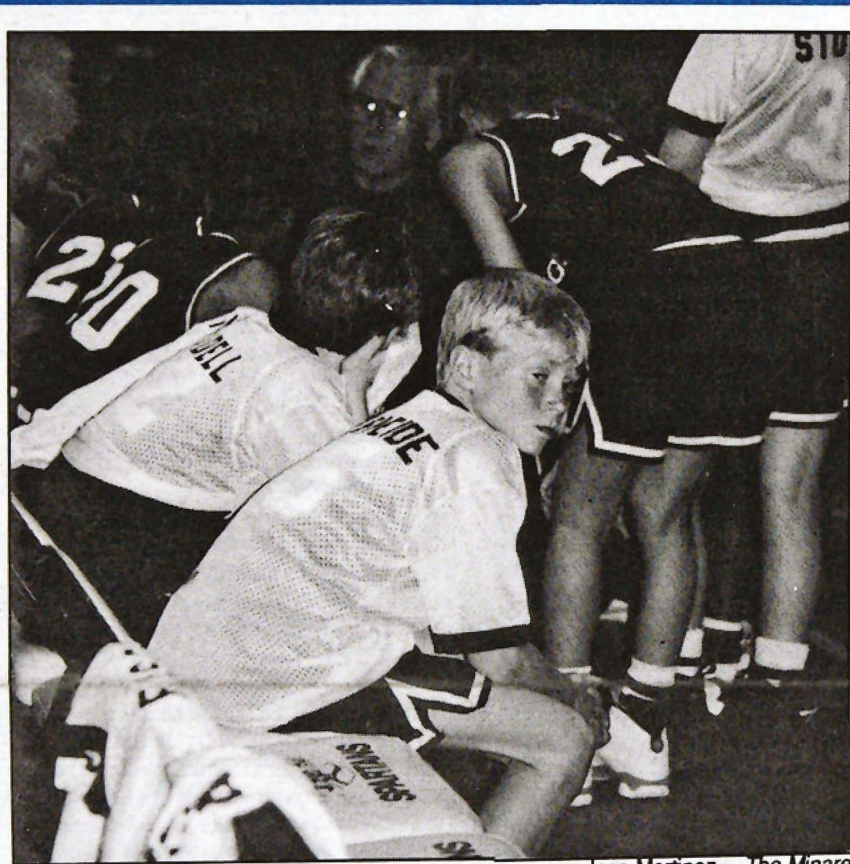
However, Honors Program pre-enrollment begins April 6. Honors students are given the special privilege of early pre-enrollment in order to work additional classes into their schedules. Director of the Honors Program Frank Gillen said, "There are a limited number of Honors courses available, and the university community decided to allow the students the privilege of early pre-enrollment to allow them to arrange their schedules to incorporate the honors classes."

Also, students in the adult evening classes, which include the Nursing College and MBA program, are allowed to pre-enroll by mail, according to Cropsey. Cropsey added that during the summer, freshmen and transfer students can pre-enroll by telephone.

"About 90 percent of students who intended to come back have pre-enrolled in the past," Cropsey said. "The easiest way to get classes is to pre-

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## Up and coming hoop stars...



Jose Martinez — The Minaret

The "Short Fry" basketball tournament came to UT for its second year on April 4-6. It is open to children 12 and under that are 5'1" and under. They play on 8.5 foot rims. Nick Van Exel of the Lakers and Kenny Anderson of the Nets are alums of the program.

## SG officers elected

By KRIS PORTO  
Assistant Editor

Last week's student government elections turned out 445 University of Tampa student voters and some controversy.

"I am excited that the overall turn out was better than I've ever seen," said Donna Small, senior class president and elections chair. "The results were surprising."

According to Bob Ruday, director of student activities, a student is contesting the outcome of the election and has written a letter to Linda Devine, dean of students. The supervisor of Hillsborough County Elections counted the ballots and is sending a verified copy of the count.

"I expected candidates to take campaigning as an educational experience and with good sportsmanship," said Small. "There was friction throughout the campaign period."

The new president for the 1994-95 year is Rob Home, who won with 47 percent of the votes. His competitors, Dana Hirshkowitz and Rob Wozniak, garnered 26 and 27 percent respectively.

"I couldn't have done it alone," Home said. "I'm glad to see so many students giving their support."

Chris Palazzola won the office of

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## Clinton's AmeriCorps begins this summer

(CPS)— "Uncle Sam wants you. Earn credit for college tuition while serving your country."

If those words conjure up images of boot camps, baggy green fatigues and 10-mile hikes with a 50-pound pack on your back, think again. This isn't a recruitment message for the U.S. Armed Forces; it's an invitation from President Bill Clinton to get involved in grassroots community service.

The service program that Clinton signed into law last year is becoming reality this year. Through the newly formed AmeriCorps program, the Corporation for National and Community Service plans to offer \$150 million in federal grants in 1994 to community service programs in all 50 states.

For a year's worth of service, as many as 20,000 participants can receive a salary of roughly \$8,000 annually, basic health care coverage, child-care support if needed and \$4,725 in educational benefits. The program will also repay student loan interest during the service and is open to any U.S. citizen

17 or older.

If everything goes as planned, AmeriCorps will ensure a domestic service program that will surpass the Peace Corps at its height of popularity, according to Clinton's advisers. The Peace Corps currently has 6,000 members in worldwide service now.

"The Peace Corps was never more than 16,000, yet it had such a dramatic influence on America's perception of itself. We hope that we will do as good a job as the Peace Corps and have the same impact," said Rick Allen, the program's senior adviser and a deputy assistant to President Clinton.

During his campaign, Clinton made a strong push for AmeriCorps, which became law last September when he signed the National and Community Service Trust Act. Although AmeriCorps isn't as big as Clinton and his supporters hoped it would be at first, there are plans to double the funding to \$300 million in 1995, \$500 million in 1996 and \$700 million in 1997, which would allow more people to take part. However, those figures are not certain since programs and

funding must be justified through the congressional appropriations process every year.

At the bill's signing, Clinton said he hoped that "national service will remain throughout the life of America not as a series of promises, but a series of challenges, across all the generations and all walks of life to help push to rebuild our troubled but wonderful land."

Since then, AmeriCorps has been working on the details for putting the programs in place. Summer programs should be up and running by June with full-scale operations in place by fall, Allen said.

The kind of work available to participants will be limited only by the imagination of the service agencies with grants.

Participants could find themselves tutoring intercity kids, building parks and recreation facilities, helping immunize children in rural areas, repairing homes for the elderly, delivering food to shut-ins — in short just about any kind of community service.

"When we ask for grant applications we're going to be looking at the quality of

the idea. Is it going to make a real difference? Getting things done in the community is the principal criteria. We want to know how it will make things better, and how do you measure that?" Allen said.

Several successful ideas came out of a pilot program last summer called the Summer of Service, which engaged 1,500 young people in 16 different community service projects in 12 different cities.

The 1994 summer pilot program will be called Summer of Safety and focus on public safety needs. AmeriCorps hopes to have 3,000 participants involved in such crime prevention activities as boarding up abandoned buildings, painting over graffiti, and working with local law enforcement agencies to develop anti-crime strategies for specific areas such as playgrounds, public transportation points and other public gathering spots.

AmeriCorps plans to start allocating year-long grants by July 1 with

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## EDITORIAL

## Americorps the answer for Generation X

This summer, President Clinton's domestic service program, Americorps, will go into effect. The program became law last September when Clinton—to the sound of a band playing his campaign anthem, "Don't Stop (Thinking About Tomorrow)"—signed the National and Community Service Trust Act.

The new law will provide \$150 million in federal grants this year to community service programs in all 50 states. College students who have completed two years of community service work will be allowed to earn nearly \$5,000 a year to apply toward tuition or student loans. Participants would also earn living allowances of at least \$7,400 a year as well as health-care and child day-care benefits.

When he signed the bill last fall (using the same pen John F. Kennedy used to establish the Peace Corps), Clinton said he hoped the program would "help to ease the nation's worst wounds."

Certainly, this nation has many wounds to heal.

In the past decade alone, Americans have seen crime rates reach an epic high while the quality of public education has reached an all-time low. A countless number of homeless people wander the streets of our cities with little hope of ever getting off them. We continue to destroy the environment while the AIDS virus continues to kill our friends and relatives. Elementary school children are dealing drugs and killing each other in playgrounds. And, in contrast to the pervasive idea that America is a land of plenty, the birth and death rates of many of our inner-cities are equal to those of Third World countries.

This country is in sad shape and needs help desperately. Clinton's attempt to solve at least some of the nation's problems through paid community service is a good one. Not only will it help alleviate a number of our society's ills, but it will get younger generations involved in the process.

Involvement—that's a word many of us at UT should be familiar with simply because the lack of it here has recently become a major issue. But unfortunately, apathy is an affliction which reaches far beyond the confines of this campus.

People everywhere and of every age need to learn the value of getting involved with the community they live in. There are too many problems facing this country for us to be allowed to close our eyes any longer.

Senator Ted Kennedy (D—Mass.) said of the Americorps program, "In a sense, the passage of this legislation marks the end of the 'me' era in our national life."

But for the "me" era to end in our national life, it must first come to an end in our personal lives.

It seems that our generation—Generation X—is seen as being unconcerned with what's happening in the world we live in. Today's students are accused of caring more about their future salaries than helping humankind.

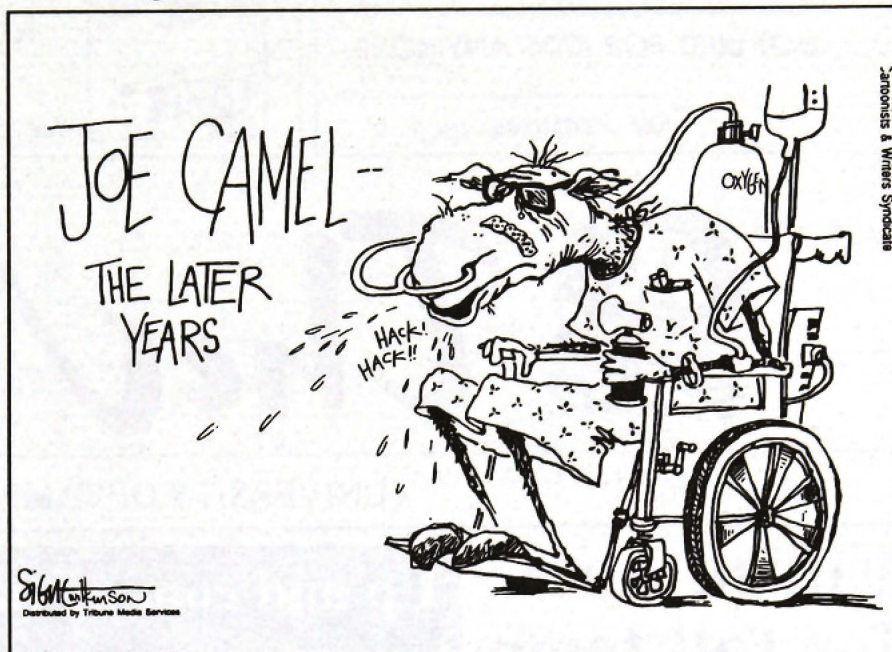
However, this may not necessarily be the case. The modern world is so inundated with problems that it may seem overwhelming to anyone—even the most dedicated of humanists.

But Americorps can make helping one's community seem worthwhile. It can do for this generation what the Peace Corps did for the young adults of the '60s—make them feel that they can make a difference and that the rest of the country is, in fact, willing to help them try.

At the bill signing, Clinton also said he hoped that "national service will remain throughout the life of America not as a series of promises, but a series of challenges, across all generations and all walks of life to help push to rebuild our troubled but wonderful land."

It is imperative that this generation ignore its critics and embrace its responsibility as citizens of this country. The energy, determination and compassion of youth is something too precious to be wasted and it is something America needs desperately in order to survive.

Join Americorps. You can have your name added to the national pool of volunteers by calling 1-800-94-ACORPS. Or join the Peace Corps. In fact, join any number of the community service organizations in the area. Whatever you do, just get involved. You'll realize that the small difference you make can mean much more than you ever thought it could.



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

## President Ruffer's next song sure to be a hit

By David G. Ruffer

I was wondering just what a "jig" is. I do know about jigs that are used in fishing, and the dance called a jig, and even the thing used to guide a tool. What I don't know is jig as in "the jig's up." There probably is some really intellectual explanation of the origin of that phrase, but I never had the occasion to find out. Actually, there probably is an urban myth that explains the saying. If you know, let me know. In any event, that's what it is, up.

Now that my innermost desires have been made public by Captain Albano and Fabio, I'm out. Actually, being a rap star and filming a music video with someone whose grandparents must have been vendors of frozen confectioneries sounds like a neat thing to do. Rap music and Tommy Dorsey have much in common, I think. My background as an encyclopedia salesman, cheese maker, paleontologist's assistant, mouse catcher and father should provide sufficient subject matter for any

song. Rap's especially good: since you don't really know what they are saying anyway, you can talk about anything.

For example, my next song could congratulate DeCarlo Deveaux for being first team All American, Karen Lynch for her play *Cat Scanned*, Paige Lowery for being a really fast swimmer, Erna Mae Francis for editing *Respondez!*, P.E.A.C.E. for hosting kids at UT, the Minaret editor for a great editorial about SG, Karen Verwood for being a 2-sport person, Crystal Ashley for being a great basketball player, the great artists now on display in the Scarfone Gallery, and the rest of you who make us all feel good because of the neat things you do.

In any event, now that we are beginning the last three weeks of classes I just want to wish you all well.

Or, I could do a song about the ten things I like most about UT. It's probably well, however, that I give up the idea of being a rap singer. Break it down, whatever that means.

## LETTERS

## Student claims price of parking is double jeopardy

Editor:

I never understood the campus parking problem. I had heard all the complaints and the horror stories, but as I didn't have a car it didn't seem relevant to me. However, when I returned to school after Christmas break, I also returned with an automobile. For the first few weeks, I kept trying to remind myself to go and get a parking permit, but when my car somehow managed to avoid getting a citation, I forgot about it. As a resident of Howell Hall, I park my car in its lot every day in the same place under the same tree. This tradition has sustained itself for approximately three months. Today, with less than a month of classes left, I found a nice ticket placed on my windshield. Since a permit is required and I did not have one, I can't deny that it was deserved. So I accepted it and planned on going in the morning to get one, and I still do. But the more I think about the \$22 I will have to

shell out for the thing, the more mad I become. My car rests in the same place I do. From the window of the room I pay over \$900 for I can see its shiny white hood. I pay to live here, so why does my car? In my mind, there is no answer for this. In a university where living expenses are sky-high, where people get stuck in the elevator for 20 minutes at a time, you would think that the expenses I pay could exempt me from the 20 or so dollars that it costs to get a parking permit. If I lived in a nice quaint apartment on Davis Island, I am sure that my car wouldn't be forced to own a 3" by 5" sticker that never comes off. One day, I sat and calculated just what it would cost to live off campus, and the expenses came out to be about the same. But now that I figure in that damn parking permit, moving out looks pretty good.

Sara Rader  
English/Writing

We want to hear your opinion. Send a letter to the editor.

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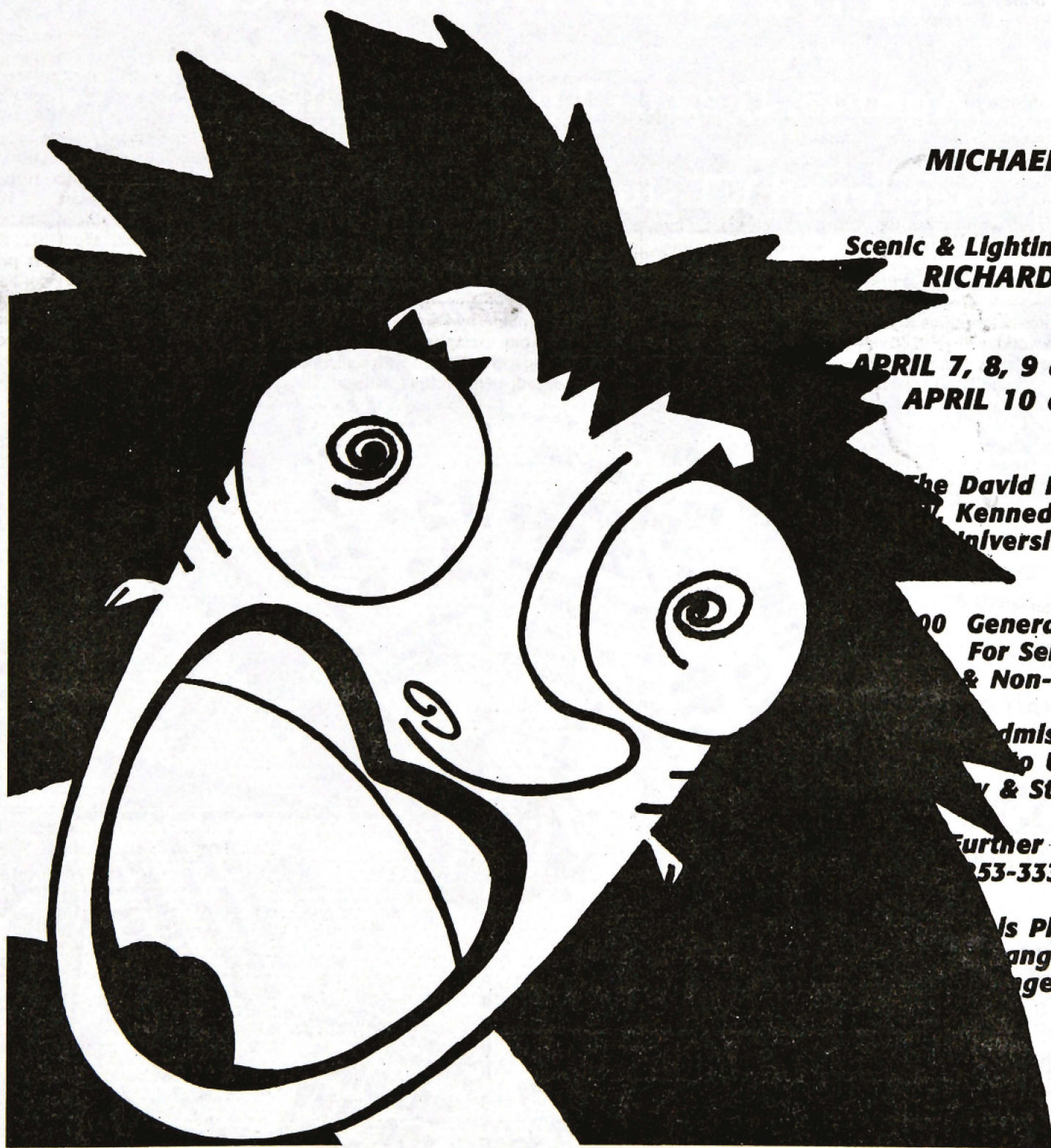
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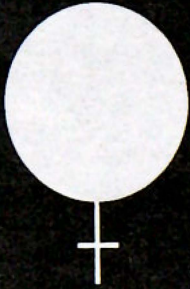
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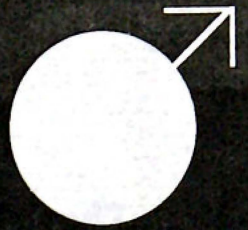




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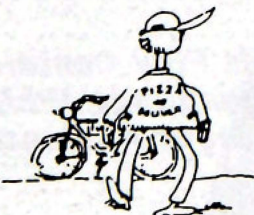
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Roy Orhueila, left, a PEP mentor who assists Jack King, right, associate professor of art, got a once in an undergraduate's lifetime experience. Orhueila spoke to college administrators at a State Advising Conference at USF. He explained his role as a mentor and tutor. PEP is a key factor in UT's retention efforts.

More than half the participants attending the conference attended this session.

Geri Cochran, director of the Academic Center for Excellence, said that the best education is hands-on, so she brought the hands with her to the conference.

King and Orhueila were the highlight of the conference, according to Cochran. Many colleges and universities are targeting retention as a key issue. "We have the cutting edge on the program," Cochran said.

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enroll."

According to the Fall 1993 timetable, students must follow four steps for successful pre-enrollment at UT. This process will begin for Summer and Fall 1994 pre-enrollment on April 6, when the timetables are available.

After obtaining a timetable from the Registrar's office, students must make sure that all account balances have been paid to the Bursar's office. Students with outstanding accounts can not pre-enroll.

"We try to notify the students to prevent problems with pre-enrollment," Bursar Elizabeth Bayron said. "We expect students to follow this up."

The next step is for students to meet

with their faculty adviser in order to plan the courses needed to complete their major and core requirements. The student's adviser must sign the pre-enrollment form, or else the classes cannot be reserved.

The final step in the pre-enrollment process is registration. In order to be able to attend classes, a student must either register early by mail or attend the on-campus registration. Registration for the Summer I term is Friday, May 20, and registration for the Summer II term is June 30, according to Cropsey. Cropsey added that Summer I classes begin May 23, and Summer II classes start July 5.

#### AmeriCorps, from page 1

most programs starting in September or October.

Each state will be eligible for a share of the grant money on a proportional basis, with larger states getting more. A certain number of national projects can also compete for grant money outside of the state programs. One example might be the American Red Cross, Allen said.

While AmeriCorps executives expect states to conduct their own aggressive recruitment programs, those interested in participating can contact AmeriCorps' Washington D.C. office and have their names added to a national pool of volunteers by writing 1100 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20525 or calling 1-

800-94-ACORPS for more information.

"We will encourage the grant applicants to draw from this national data pool," Allen said.

Participants can work 1,700 hours full-time over nine months or part-time for 900 hours over two years. College students can stretch their service to three years and still qualify for full educational benefits.

Eli Segal, AmeriCorps' chief executive officer, says he hopes the program will capitalize on the idealism of the nation's youth.

"Its ultimate moral purpose is getting things done in the community," he said.

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vice-president with 52 percent of the vote, while Troy Leach was a close second with 48 percent.

The vice-president of student productions is Megan Bohmbach, with 57 percent of votes. Jeff Skolnick garnered 43 percent.

Mercedes Lopez is the new secretary, an office she won with 57 percent of voters. Michele Perrette had 43 percent of the vote.

The new treasurer is Joe Wessel, who won with 63 percent over Alina DeMeo's 37 percent.

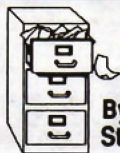
The senior class president is John

Jackson, who ran unopposed as did the sophomore class senator Josh Phillips.

"I have big plans for next year's senior class," Jackson said. "It promises to be an unforgettable year."

No one ran for the office of junior senator, and the position will be filled with an election in September, along with the office of freshman senator.

"The first thing that should be on the new board's agenda is to team-build for trust," Small said. "You can't reach your goals without a team."



## POLICE BEAT

By ANDREA McCASLAND  
Staff Writer

On Monday, Mar. 28, at 8:45 p.m., a water pipe broke and flooded the first and second floors of Tampa Prep. A custodian was called to repair the pipes and mop up the area.

On Tuesday, Mar. 29, at 3:15 p.m., someone who drove their car into Tampa Prep hit a curb which blew both tires on the right side of the car. The student contacted the UTPD and demanded that UT compensate him for the damage.

At 5:15 p.m., an officer heard a loud noise near campus. A search of the campus revealed nothing unusual. It was concluded that the noise came from the Kennedy Bridge that is being repaired.

At 5:30 p.m., a student in ResCom "B" building called UTPD about a clogged sink. Maintenance was notified.

At 6:25 p.m., several juveniles were harassing the lifeguard at the pool. Officers asked the juveniles to leave, and they complied.

On Wednesday, Mar. 30, at 12:10 a.m., a student was locked in the Merl Kelce Library. The student used an emergency door to exit, which set off an alarm. The officers reset the alarm.

At 11:55 a.m., a person was supposedly attempting to parallel park a van in a space near Plant Hall when a student pulled in from behind and took the parking space. After she pulled into the space, the man in the van told the student that he wanted to park in that space. When the student didn't move her car, the man backed his van into her car, causing

damage to the car. He then got out of his vehicle, picked up a rock and scratched the paint of the victim's car, and he then drove away. The subject was driving a silver Aerostar van with a ladder on top of it.

At 8:30 p.m., a UT security officer found a wallet with \$220 in cash but with no ID by the baseball field. The officer was able to find the owner and returned the wallet.

On Thursday, Mar. 31, at 3:15 a.m., a female student called from the phone outside of the UT police station and said that someone had followed her and her friends as they drove from a bar to the UT campus and was still following them. Officers arrived and found the suspicious vehicle and questioned those inside. The officers found that the subjects were UT American Language Academy students who thought the girls at the bar were attractive, and they wanted to meet them.

At 12:06 p.m., two Tampa Prep students collided with each other in the Tampa Prep parking lot. One vehicle suffered \$3500 worth of damage, while the other vehicle had \$4000 in damage. A nearby fence was also damaged due to the collision, and \$700 to \$1500 in damage was done to UT property.

On Friday, Apr. 1, at 1:30 a.m., several drunk students were causing a disturbance on the fifth floor of Howell. The students quieted down upon request.

If you see any suspicious activity on campus, contact UTPD at ext. 3401 or 3333.



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# Video Games —

## From Pong to Mortal Kombat, video games remain popular

By VAL COPE  
Staff Writer

Remember when you were younger and played endless hours of video games, trying to beat your high score, trying to beat your friends? The video games are still out there. Where are you?

Video games originated with Pong, a black-and-white ping-pong game. They have evolved into full-color, action-packed fighting and fantasy games for the arcade and for the home. The numerous gaming magazines now available review different gaming systems, give sneak previews, offer advice on technique and reveal secrets for such games as Rock n' Roll Racing, Street Fighter II, or Mortal Kombat.

"Video games allow kids to let out their frustrations. There is more violence in the schools and in real life than in any video game," says James Tolisano Jr., owner of the Madeira Beach and Treasure Island Fun Centers. The Fun Center is a 27-year-old family-run business. "We try to create an environment for family entertainment," adds Tolisano.

The Fun Center does just that with over 120 games, including 10 pool tables, 10 pinball machines, three air hockey tables, table soccer, a dart machine, kiddie rides, fortune-teller machines, a bio-rhythm machine and an extensive prize redemption center. At present, the most popular arcade game is Mortal Kombat II. The Fun Center has the regular stand-up version as well as a big-screen version of the bloody fighting game.

Mortal Kombat I is available for Sega Genesis, but the version II won't be out until the Christmas season. Virtua Fighter, a three-dimensional fighting game that follows the same format as Mortal Kombat minus the gore, was just recently released in the arcade and promises to compete with MKII for popularity.

Many video game themes are taken directly from cartoons, comic books and



Video games like Street Fighter II (top), Kirby's Adventure (far right), Jurassic Park (bottom right) and Mortal Kombat (bottom left) are among the most popular on the market.

movies. In Terminator, the player uses an anchored gun instead of buttons to defeat the helicopters and ghoulish robots. It is a dark, high stress game that will keep even the most accurate sharpshooter on his/her toes. The characters in X-men are modeled after those in the comic book of the same name. Most arcade versions accommodate one to four players. The version at Treasure Island Fun Center allows up to six players and has a double monitor. The graphics and sound are as entertaining as

the actual game. X-men is also available for Game Gear. NES game systems has the infamous Ren and Stimpy duo trying to survive in one zany adventure after the next. The graphics are colorful, though not detailed, and the level of difficulty is not very challenging.

Prunette Henley, an employee at Malibu Grand Prix on Nebraska Avenue, says the average age of video game players is 13-15. "I've seen some kids spend \$20 on the machines," says Henley. Grand

Prix has a decent variety of video games and pinball machines, as well as batting cages, miniature golf and go-kart racing.

According to Tolisano, kids start realizing the difference between video games and other games, like air hockey and skee ball, around the age of eight. By that time, video games have become a "pastime priority." There is a certain amount of logic and skill involved in the mastering of a game. It is very systematic. "Kids are hungry for gaming magazines. They come in here and spread out mimeographed sheets of secret moves. They read them to each other while they are playing," says Tolisano.

Preoccupation with video games begins to taper off at 15-years-old. However, this is not to say that college students and adults stop enjoying the games.

"I love wrestling, so I really get into the WWF Royal Rumble," says UT student Chris Esposito. Students are more attracted to home game systems. Having video games available at their convenience allows them to play during late-night study breaks or at parties. Particularly in demand are the Super Nintendo and Sega CD systems, due to their sound and graphic quality. The Sega CD offers even more realistic action, and the characters are much more life-like. Meanwhile, the Sega Co., is developing virtual reality goggles with built-in stereo speakers for use with Genesis.

The video game boom that started in the early eighties continues to gain in popularity in the arcade and at home. As long as the game industry keeps advancing, there will be always be something to do for kids of all ages. Friday nights will never be boring again.

## Sports video games: realistic play and a nice waste of time

By JOSE MARTINEZ  
Sports Editor

Here's one theory on why college students fall asleep in class. Here's a theory on why college students take the scenic route, earning their degrees in six, maybe seven, years.

Video games.

We're not just talking about those video games that feature dorky wimps like Aladdin or Barney, either.

The only games that matter and the only ones that will keep you up late into the night are sports video games. If you and your friends yell loud enough after a bone-crunching hit in John Madden Football '94, the people next door might stay awake, too.

The current genre of video games are distant relatives of those things we grew up playing on the Atari 2600.

But, thanks to Sega, Super Nin-

tendo and a lot of money, we have been welcomed to the next level.

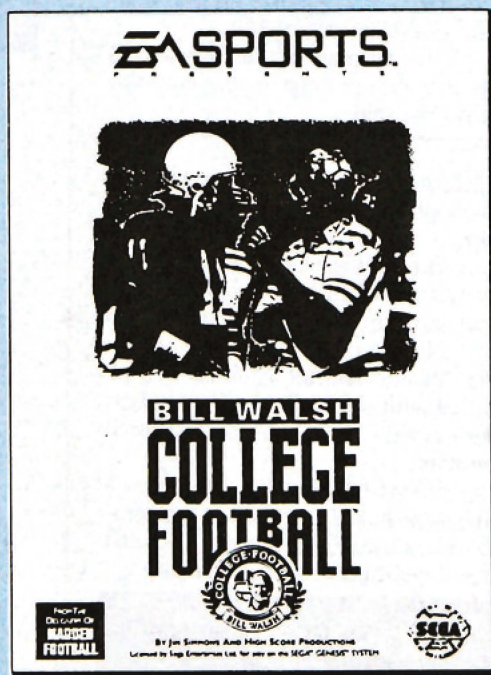
That's the realism of today's video games. For sports games, there is no challenger to Electronic Arts, makers of Madden football, Bill Walsh Football and NHL Hockey. The games are highly realistic and hard to beat.

If you're willing to forget about that four-year degree, you might learn how to kick a field goal over 40 yards or how to smack a Randy Johnson fastball.

These games are tough. It requires a great deal of intelligence (or so us players would like to believe) to beat Razor Ramon in Rage in the Cage.

Actually, video games are stupid and a waste of time. No kidding.

That's probably why video games have become so popular.



But unfortunately, there usually isn't enough desire to just quit and say, "This is a game. I have to study!"

And that's why professors will notice bobbing-head students in class.

**Read a Book**



# UT actors give a psychotic performance at the beach

By MARK WOODEN  
Assistant Features Editor

A perky all-American girl with a passion for surfing falls in love with a surf bum named Star Cat.

Sounds like a B-movie right out of the fifties, doesn't it? But what if every time said perky all-American sees the color red she turns into a maniacal she-witch named Ann Bowman with a desire for sexual domination of the world? The added complication results in the clever play to be performed this weekend by the UT drama department entitled *Psycho Beach Party*.

On the whole, the play works as a comical farce about the girl, Chicklet, and her romance of both the surf and Star Cat, the ultimate surfer stud. There are many comic scenes, such as Chicklet's introductory aside in which she insists that her name did not come from a brand of gum. Also, the characterization of Kanaka as the mentor of the surfer studs is equally as comic as he insists that the world stops until he finishes his morning coffee.

Unfortunately, the comic mood of the play abruptly halts in the climactic luau scene. Chicklet's revelation of her troubled past and Star Cat's subsequent diagnosis of her problems quickly turns into a somber public service announcement for schizophrenia. The overall comedic tone of the piece is shattered without prior warning, summarily jarring the audience from its suspended disbelief.

Other elements which take away from the overall story is the relationship between Star Cat's beach bum friends Provoloney and Yo-Yo. The subplot seems forced into the story and winds up as excess baggage. It's almost as if the play's author, Charles Busch, decided that everyone else ended up with a mate, why don't these two?

Despite a few difficulties in the over-

all story, the actors successfully present entertaining and expert performances. Chief among them is Megan Bohmbach as the perky, troubled Chicklet. Throughout the performance, Bohmbach engagingly portrays Chicklet with all of her childish quirks without losing the angst-ridden other-selves inside Chicklet's mind. In the luau scene, Bohmbach undergoes the strain of four personas, managing to keep each distinct from the others despite the rapid transitions between them.

Jason Bundy has a wonderful turn as Star Cat. At the opening of the play, Star Cat is nothing more than a surf bum in search of the next big wave. But even with this basic characteristic established, the audience can sense deeper, serious emotions inside Cat simply due to Bundy's portrayal. In fact, these feelings are the anchor which holds together the comical sequences of the play with the later serious sequences.

The other actors were as entertaining



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Laughs await audiences at *Psycho Beach Party*. Pictured are cast members (from left, bottom row) Pete Konowicz, Tom Armbruster, Stephanie Caron, Jason Bundy, Megan Bohmbach, Montese Crandall, (back row, left) Melanie Siagel, Steve Bettner, and Kim Horton-Watson.

as the leads of the play. Stephanie Caron's Marval Ann gracefully controls the stage, each movement a playful, seductive gesture which hides a very flaky heart. Pete Konowicz adds several touches of comic relief as the surfer guru Kanaka. Montese Crandall is perfect as the dutiful "square" friend of Chicklet, balancing humor with genuine concern for her friend's condition.

Unfortunately, there were times early on in the play in which the main actors would drive the story, and the surrounding actors would merely stand around as so much window dressing. The luau scene suffers from this in that Chicklet's switching personas should be either comic or, as this scene requires, horrific. However, the other actors in the scene fail to respond to the events.

True, their presence adds a certain level of reality to the piece — who can imagine Malibu Beach with only two or three people? However, if the actors aren't given something to do, or don't come up with anything themselves, they become just so much set dressing. When the actors aren't on center stage, they are a pivotal

link between the audience and the actors who are on center stage. If that link is broken by unresponsive behavior in the secondary actors, the audience could be lost.

Thankfully, this problem begins to clear up near the middle of the play. As the performance I viewed was merely a dress rehearsal, the performance during the weekend should eliminate the problem all together.

The UT drama department's performance of *Psycho Beach Party* is an entertaining evening at the theater, sure to please the die-hard surf bum or the future psychiatrist. Be sure to catch it this weekend at Falk Theatre.

## Psycho Beach Party

will be performed at Falk Theatre on April 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and April 10 at 2 p.m. Free to all UT students, faculty and staff. Otherwise admission is \$7 for the general public and \$5 for all non-UT students and senior citizens.

## UT Dance Club starts off on a good foot

Minaret Staff Report

The UT Dance Club is under way with several exciting events scheduled for the remainder of the Spring semester. The Club holds its general meetings every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the dance studio. The next general meeting will be Wednesday, April 20.

In addition to the regular meetings, the Dance Club will present three workshops for the month of April. These workshops will be held on Sunday afternoons from 1-3 P.M. Explore the art of Flamenco dancing with Maria Jose on April 10. Experience the unique style of Classical Indian Dance presented by Mohan on April 17. As a finale, the April 24 workshop features a Modern Master Class taught by Elsa Valbuena.

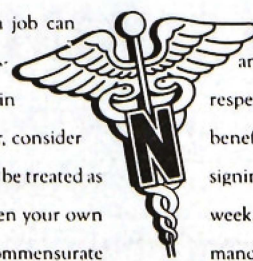
The semester culminates with the Student Dance Happening Performance scheduled for Thursday, April 28.

Meetings and workshops of the UT Dance Club are free and open to the public. You don't have to be a dancer to participate in the fun and excitement of the UT Dance Club.



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## BOOK REVIEW

# The Fires of Heaven turns to embers

## The Fires of Heaven

By Robert Jordan

Tor Books. \$24.95

By ANNE LANGSDORF

*The Fires of Heaven*, by Robert Jordan, is the fifth book in his *Wheel of Time* series, and, frankly, it suggests the series is getting more than a little stale. This book lacks the fine and delicate plotting of the other books. This time, the plot is more than a little conventional. If this is the best Jordan can do to extend the series, it's not good enough.

*The Fires of Heaven* is a continuation of the saga of Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, and the events leading up to the apocalyptic Last Battle. In the earlier books, Jordan side-stepped most of the plotting problems of the savior-of-the-world stories that are common in science fiction and fantasy novels. Also, most of the characters do not immediately fall in line with the hero's plan, which is unusual for most science-fiction / fantasy genres. But it proves more realistic. The hero tries to run away from his destiny several times, and the plot takes unexpected but believable twists.

*The Wheel of Time* series deals with Rand al'Thor, a sheep farmer who discovers he is the Dragon Reborn. The Dragon Reborn is a savior prophesied for almost three thousand years who will lead the world in the Last Battle, a war against the Adversary. Like the more widely known fantasy writer C.S. Lewis, Jordan is well schooled in Christian mythology, which he seasons with Norse and Native American echoes as well.

However, the Dragon Reborn is also the reincarnation of a man who destroyed civilization 3000 years ago, so he's more than a little unpopular. *The Fires of Heaven* deals with

al'Thor's attempt to unify his supporters and to convince other nations that he is the Dragon Reborn, and he isn't planning on destroying the world this time.

However, in *Fires of Heaven* the story has degenerated into an emperor-of-everything fable. Every other character seems to fall in step with the main character, except for the ones too far away from the main action. This book lacks the intrigues and politics that made the other novels so engrossing. The book is that much blander than it should be due to Jordan's halfhearted plotting.

Also, Jordan has been foreshadowing events for several books now, which might be seen as telegraphing his punches just a little more than necessary. The action should be happening, not just being foretold. Anticipation holds only for so long, and he's exceeded the limit.

However, there are some interesting subplots to this book that help sustain interest even while the main plot flounders. The continuing thread of Mat Cauldron, a friend of Rand al'Thor, utilizes Norse mythology to a good end.

Mat is a gambler whose luck is almost magical, and who can remember events from hundreds of years earlier. He is an interesting character who doesn't get quite the attention he deserves. Nor do the women who hunt devil-worshippers—Egwene, Nynaeve and Elayne—get their due attention. Jordan spends a good portion of the book dealing with these novice witches' attempts to apprehend black magicians who have betrayed their society, but the effort seems indifferent.

Jordan has only two more books in which to have his Last Battle. Hopefully, they will be better than this one. Otherwise, a promising series with literary potential will be assigned to the trash heap of science fiction schlock.



## MUSIC BEAT

# Soundgarden makes themselves known

By MO DIGIACOMO  
Staff Writer

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Soundgarden's *Superunknown* is more fun than a glow-in-the-dark condom. From left: Matt Cameron, Ben Shepard, Kim Thayil and Chris Cornell.

Soundgarden? No, SoundGODen. Their latest record, *Superunknown*, is a listener's heaven and a reviewer's nightmare. That is, it's impossible to do anything but drool in print over the band. The CD starts off with "Drown Me in You," which features Kim Thayil's hard-hitting guitar, the multi-octave vocal

range of Chris Cornell, and the powerful rhythm section of bassist Ben Shepherd and drummer Matt Cameron.

"Fell on Black Days" and "4th of July" demonstrate Cornell's incredible versatility as a singer. He could imitate anyone from Snoop Doggy Dog to Eddie Vedder. He'd probably sound better (he certainly looks better) than either one of them. "Fell on Black Days" is one of the best songs on the record, even though the lyrics aren't like anything you'd hear sung on *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*, "Whomsoever I've cured / I've sickened now / Whomsoever I've cradled / I've put you down...I'm only faking / when I get it right / 'cause I fell on black days."

Tracks like "Head Down," "Black Hole Sun," "Limo Wreck" and "4th of July" are slower than the other songs on *Superunknown*, with lyrics that are the total opposite of those on "Shiny Happy People" by R.E.M., "I'm the wreck of you / I'm the death of you all / I'm the wreck of you / I'm the break and the fall / Behind the blood red break of the lights / lies the wreck of you for the rest / of your life."

Thayil is an amazing guitarist, with melodic solos and strong playing throughout the CD. His performances on "Spoonman," "The Day I Tried To Live" and "4th of July," are incredible. He puts pseudo-musicians like Bon Jovi to shame. They're not even good enough to take lessons from Thayil.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that Soundgarden isn't just Cornell and Thayil.

Drummer Cameron and bass player Shepherd are as talented as their bandmates. Unlike many groups, each member of Soundgarden contributes lyrics and music to the songs on the album. It's cool to see a band that actually doesn't hate each other's guts. Even if they do, at least they can still make a great record.

The album closes way too soon with "Like Suicide," a haunting and powerful track. Almost half the tracks on the CD, including this one, are authored by Cornell. After hearing *Superunknown*, some listeners may wonder if his decision to cut his long hair was perhaps too traumatic for him.

One thing *Superunknown* about Soundgarden is how much better they could ever possibly become. The only fault that some may find with this CD is the dark and depressing nature of the lyrics, but the music is so good that even someone as perpetually happy as Gumbly could love this record.

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# Valerius swings sweet bat

By TOMMY LARSEN  
Staff Writer

Theodore Roosevelt's terms as President early this century were marked by the expression, "speak softly and carry a big stick." University of Tampa first baseman Ryan Valerius follows through on both requirements, never making much noise and

## Baseball

using his bat when he wants to make some.

The 6'5", 230 pound Valerius prefers that his bat do much of the talking. After transferring from St. Petersburg Junior College last season, Valerius hit .346 with seven home runs and also stole 11 bases on his way to second team All-Sunshine State Conference honors. Valerius is at it again this year, hitting .360 with two homeruns for the 26-11 Spartans. On a team where All-Americans Marc Rodriguez (.381) and David Dion (.355) provide much of the offensive power, Valerius adds a great deal — quietly.

Valerius has also shifted from right field to first base with ease.

"He's playing well at first," coach Lelo Prado said. "The infielders like that bigger target."

Valerius's size is comparable to that of Chicago White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas. Both play first base, wear number 35 and hit for average to all fields.

"I hit on my front foot a lot," Valerius said. "That's something in common."

Although Thomas plays in the major leagues, Valerius is one up on him in at least one category. Last year, when the Spartans visited Auburn, Valerius turned on a pitch and crushed it over the scoreboard. In Auburn's history, only one player hit it that far. And it wasn't Thomas, who starred for three years at Auburn. That was Bo Jackson.

Valerius prepped at Tampa's Plant High School, where he teamed with designated hitter Matt Snyder for a perennial state championship contender. By staying close to home, he remained with a winner, capped off by last year's national title.

"We really came together down the stretch and got hot," Valerius said. "It was such a great feeling."



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Ryan Valerius awaits a pitch during a game at Barry last year.

Valerius hopes to repeat the feeling in June.

"We've got a really good chance of winning it again," he said. "We've got two big series coming up against Southern and Rollins, which should dictate our season."

It was against Rollins last season that he did his most damage with the big stick. In the South Regional playoffs where UT split a pair with the Tars, he hit .526 with two RBI, four runs scored and a home run.

The pace continued over into this season, and Valerius credits Dr. Xavier Prida, a UT assistant coach, with helping him in that respect.

"Doc has really helped my swing a lot," Valerius said.

Valerius hopes his hitting can propel him to the next level via this summer's amateur draft.

"I'd love to get drafted. I think I've got a chance," Valerius said. "If it doesn't work out, I hope my sports management helps me stay in sports as a coach or athletic director."

In any field after his college career ends, Valerius hopes to continue making an impact with his and Roosevelt's manner of speaking softly and never leaving behind that big stick.

**Baseball notes:** Tampa dropped to 26-11 after Monday's 6-1 loss to St. Leo, the first for freshman pitcher Marc Lovallo, who fell to 3-1. UT beat the Monarchs 4-0 last Friday and won again Saturday, 5-2. Brian Toronto improved to 5-3 Saturday, holding the Monarchs to seven hits while striking out seven...Catcher Brian Ussery (2), and designated hitter Snyder (7) have already tied or broken their career-high output for home runs in a season...Senior pitcher Mike Szejewski made just his sixth career start last Wednesday against Lynn University, allowing no runs on four hits in six innings. However, Szejewski did not pick up the win. The Knights reached UT relievers for two runs in the seventh, winning the game 2-0.

## In the Cheap Seats

### FSC reloading after off year in baseball

By JOSE MARTINEZ  
Sports Editor

That's a very strong and very healthy heartbeat you hear from beautiful Lakeland, Fla. Florida Southern's baseball team is doing just fine, thank you.

Yes, reports of Southern's death have been greatly exaggerated. And the Moccasins, 34-3 and the top-ranked team in Division II, face Tampa in an important three-game set this weekend.

Perhaps it was the fact that the Moccasins stayed home last spring that may have fooled some into believing that this program was on its way down. No way. That 34-3 record, built up against all types of competition, proves that '93 may have been an off year.

While UT, Florida Atlantic and Rollins competed for a College World Series bid in the South Regional tournament last May, the Mocs were left to wonder not only about what might have been, but in their eyes, what definitely should have been.

The 1993 Moccasins finished 38-15, yet missed making the NCAA playoffs for the first time since 1969. Most college students weren't born yet, and Southern was already creating its dynasty in small-college baseball. That's equal to the accomplishment of so many storied Division I programs, like Arizona State or Texas, or on par with any school at any level that has won seven national titles.

That's what makes last year difficult to accept for Florida Southern supporters.

"I think anybody that's been as successful as us has to have high expectations. Things are the same at UT now," FSC coach Chuck Anderson said. "There's always pressure once you've succeeded and once you're winning."

And from the looks of things, Florida Southern is winning again. But it's not like they ever stopped. They just missed a bid last year in the often political awarding of bids, according to Anderson.

"I thought we deserved a bid after finishing 38-15 and leading the country in ERA," Anderson said. "But that's baseball. When you've been in the business long enough, you'll have disappointments and get lucky. I've been on both sides."

The Mocs play their home games in two different parks. Most are played in rickety old Henley Field, which somehow still stands. The rest are played at Joker Marchant Stadium, the 7,000-seat spring home of the Detroit Tigers and one of Florida's stadium gems.

Comparing this year to last, we could say that the '93 team was the equivalent of Henley Field. Don't let their record fool you. Only because they didn't reach the NCAA tournament, they were an eyesore. This '94 club looks like Marchant Stadium — strong. But keep in mind that only the foundation has been laid.

Conference play is picking up, with one of the season's more important series set for this weekend. That's when regional bids are determined.

And that's when a more accurate prognosis can be offered for Florida Southern's baseball team.

## Graham ties pitching mark

Senior equals Militello's career wins record

By JOSE MARTINEZ  
Sports Editor

Gary Graham joined elite company last Friday night when he tied Sam Militello for the team record in career wins. Graham, a senior pitcher, picked up his 37th career win with a four-hit, nine-strikeout shutout against St. Leo Saturday.

Graham, an All-American three years ago, enters this weekend's series against Florida Southern with a career mark of 37-12 and at 5-3 this year. Militello, now with the New York Yankees, set the previous record during his three years at UT, 1988-90.

Tampa provided Graham with all the support he would need early. UT broke through for two runs in the first inning on the

way to a 4-0 win. Leadoff hitter Rodd Kelley was hit by a pitch and Lance Chambers moved him to third on a single. Marc Rodriguez followed with another single off Monarchs starter Dave Garcia to score Kelley. Chambers later stole home to give UT the 2-0 advantage.

The Spartans added a run in the second on Brian Ussery's first career home run and another in the ninth after three hits.

St. Leo never threatened Graham, with no runner advancing past second base the entire contest.

For his effort, Graham earned Sunshine State Conference Player of the Week honors.



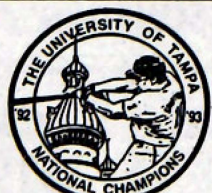
Graham

## Weekend

**Who:** Florida Southern College Moccasins vs. University of Tampa Spartans

**What:** NCAA baseball games

**When:** Friday, 7 p.m. at Tampa  
Saturday, 2 p.m. at Lakeland  
Sunday, 2 p.m. at Lakeland



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## Baseball

**Notes:** UT and FSC have met in the NCAA tourney eight of the past ten years...The teams split a pair in 1993...FSC enters the series ranked first in Division II. Rollins is second and UT is eighth...UT meets Rollins next weekend...Gary Graham tossed a one-hitter against FSC two years ago.



# Robinson makes her pitch

By JON RATKE  
Assistant Sports Editor

University of Tampa softball has suffered a great loss, but there is hope on the horizon. Spartan pitcher Kathleen Morgan is out for the season with a forearm injury caused by a pinched nerve in her neck, according to UT coach Pete Monteleone. Monteleone said Morgan's injury will be treated either with Cortisone or surgery.

"Kathleen was a testament of courage this year," Monteleone said. "I'd like

## Softball

to think that she'll be back, but my main concern is her regaining her health."

Monteleone added that Morgan is always a valuable asset to the team as a fielder or hitter or pitcher.

However, the 10-23 Spartans have found hope in the pitching of freshman Kisha Robinson. Robinson, an outfielder, and a graduate of Tampa's Robinson High School, started pitching at UT as a relief pitcher and has made 22 appearances in Morgan's absence. She picked up her fourth win of the season May 29 as UT topped St. Leo 11-10 in the first game of a doubleheader.

"I did not expect to pitch in college at all," Robinson said. "I'm improving through experience. I won't pitch inside

to bigger girls, for instance, because they'll knock it over the fence."

Robinson credits much of her pitching capability to pitching coach Ed Boyachek. Although Robinson pitched in high school, she said Boyachek's coaching has given her confidence, reshaped her form, and developed her pitches.

Sounding much like a coach herself, Robinson said "the only difference between pitching in softball and baseball is the pitch is underhand in softball, and in softball we release the ball at the hip." Robinson added that baseball has more of a variety of pitches, but there are still a lot of pitches in softball.

Although the average pitch in softball is 65 mph, she said speed isn't always as effective as the movement of the ball, something Boyachek is helping her with.

Robinson's experience behind the mound has shown in her pitching as well. Although she enters this weekend's series against Florida Tech at 4-16 and with a 7.25 earned run average, there has been constant improvement in her game.

"Kisha's come a long way," Monteleone said. "She lost a 7-5 game to Wayne State (Michigan), the number five team in the nation, and lost 10-7 to Bloomsburg (Pennsylvania)."

Robinson has been pitching every game since Morgan's injury, with Gena Griffis also filling in with a 2-3 record.

Still, Robinson said she probably won't be pitching next year.

"We need a stronger pitcher to win games," she said.

Monteleone is currently looking to recruit new talent for the Spartans to make the team even stronger.

"As we receive letters from players, we look at the pitchers," he said. "However, we are not just waiting for players to come to us, we are going after them."

Monteleone emphasized his aggressive recruiting approach by discussing his plans to travel to Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan.

"Their season ends just as ours begins," Monteleone said.

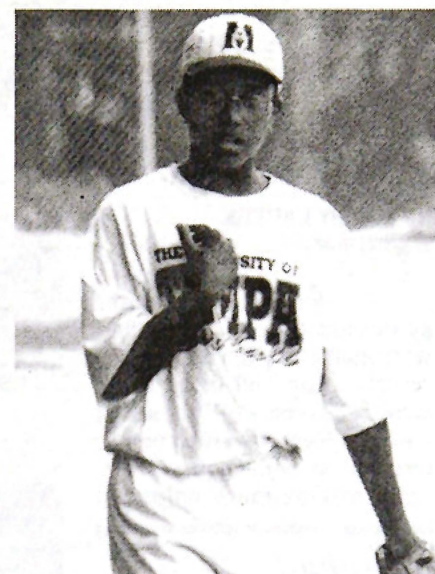
Despite UT's struggles this season, Robinson's outlook remains positive.

"I think we are a lot stronger than our record shows," she said. "I'm happy with our progress."

Monteleone is also pleased with the progress of the team.

"I've never had more respect for a group of young ladies, than the group we have here," Monteleone said of the team. "I'll be a better coach in the future because of the lessons I've learned here."

**Softball notes:** UT lost a pair of games to North Florida Tuesday in Jacksonville...The losses dropped UT to 7-11 in Sunshine State Conference play...Griffis continues to lead the Spartans with a .398 average, while catcher Natalie Bushman is hitting at a .350 clip.



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Kisha Robinson works on her delivery during a practice Monday.

## Saturday's games



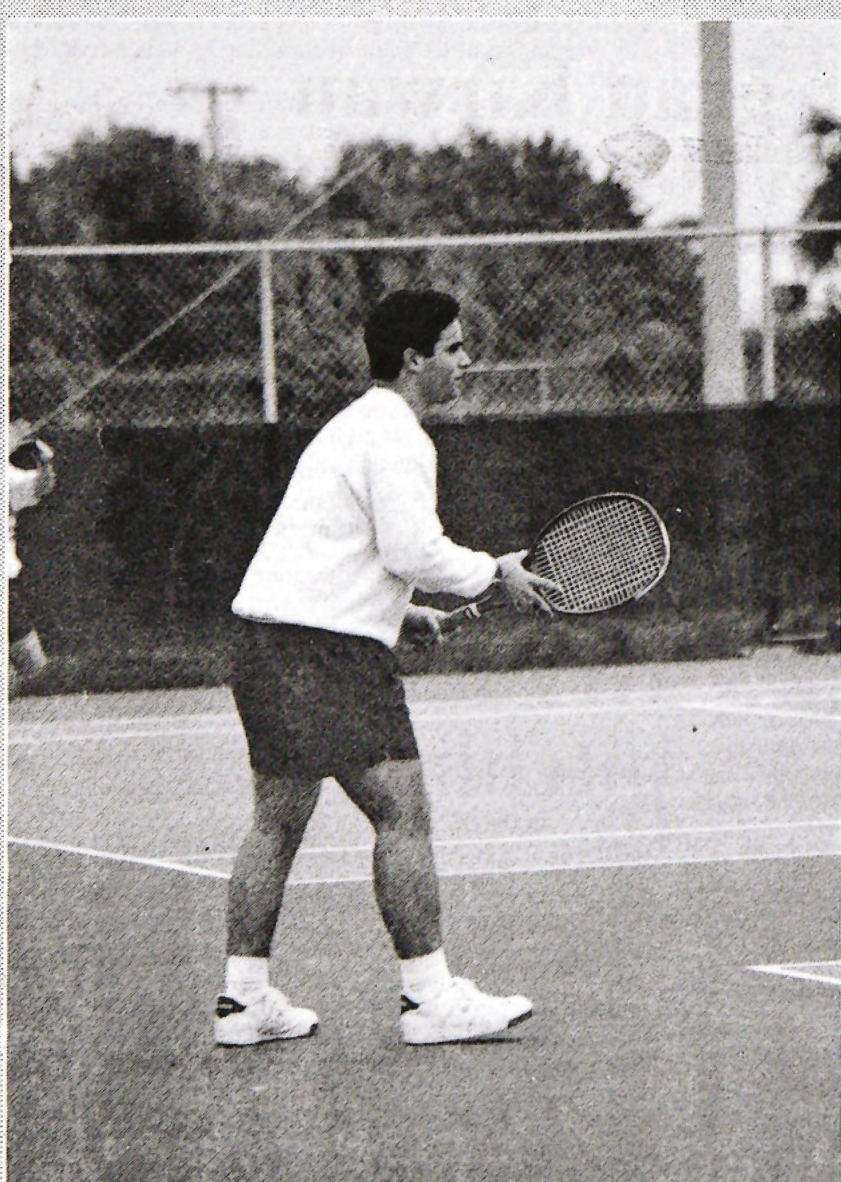
**Who:** Florida Tech Panthers vs. University of Tampa Spartans

**When:** Saturday, 1p.m.

**Where:** UT softball field

**Notes:** FIT and UT split two games earlier this year.

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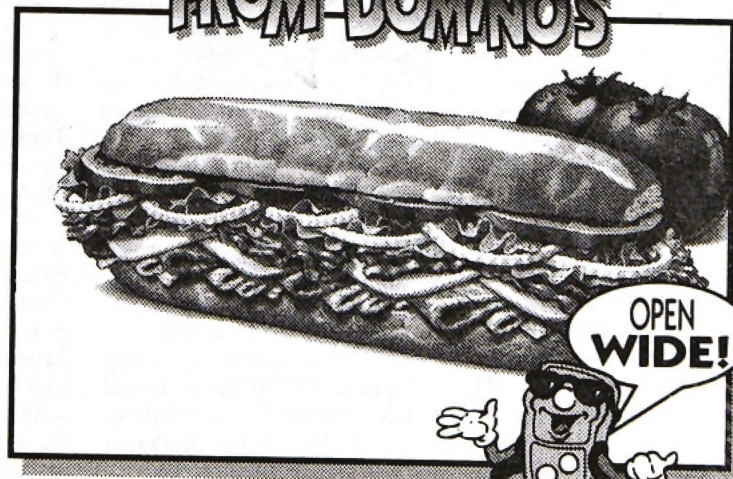
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## Tennis team enters SSC tourney

Twelve athletes will represent the University of Tampa at this weekend's Sunshine State Conference tennis championships. The men and women's teams struggled this year and have no hope of advancing, according to coach Gregg Gruhl. The tournament is being held at the Crandon Park Tennis Centre in Key Biscayne.

Above, Simon Aboud practices in preparation for the tournament.

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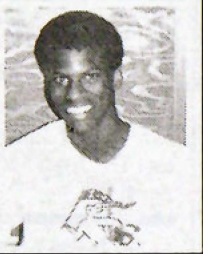
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# Pi Kapps spread unity in sports

## INTRAMURAL INSIDER

By KENN COOK  
Staff Writer



The score is 7-6. It is the top of the sixth inning and Pi Kappa Phi's intramural softball team is down a run to the well-named Our Gang. A 1-2-3 inning would put the Pi Kapps in the driver's seat for the rest of the game.

No such luck for the Pi Kapps, who fell victim to extra base hit after extra base hit. Mercifully, the game was called after Our Gang's fifth run of the inning. The one-hour time limit saved the Pi Kapps.

The Pi Kapps are one of the few organizations that participates in both softball and floor hockey, the latest intramural sport.

"Intramurals are great because all of the people in my fraternity get to do things as a fraternity instead of as individuals," Todd Haryu said.

With a 2-3 record in softball, the Pi Kapps have relied on several players, but Doug Tower and Jeremy Sheldon have stood out in both sports.

"About 60 to 75 percent of our fraternity is involved in intramurals," Haryu said.

## Intramural softball standings

Men's league	W	L
Deuce	6	0
Our Gang	5	2
Phi Delta Theta	3	3
Kappa Sigma	3	3
Sig Ep	2	2
Pi Kappa Phi	2	3
Softball Islanders	0	4
Women's League		
Delo	2	0
Swat Sisters	1	1
Alpha Chi Omega	1	1
Delta Gamma	1	2
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For Pi Kappa Phi that translates into a brotherhood that spreads across the intramural playing fields.

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Campus Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Adventure Island April 16. Contact Tom Snyder at ext.3644 for information.

# Golfers weather a storm

## Tornadoes shorten JSU Invitational

By JOSE MARTINEZ  
Sports Editor

The University of Tampa golf team headed to the Jacksonville State (Ala.) Golf Invitational two weeks ago with the goal of coming out on top of the fifteen team field. By the end of the three day event, the Spartans were glad to leave the area with the team intact.

## Golf

Alabama and Georgia were struck by killer tornadoes Sunday, March 27, which left over 50 dead and hundreds homeless.

While preparing to play the first round of the invitational, golfers were warned of the coming storms.

"We were on our practice round when the pro came out and told us the storms were coming," UT golfer Keith Gikes said. "We had to go in the cart barn for a couple of hours."

A group of over 80 golfers watched from the cart barn as a series of tornadoes passed through the course.

"It was unbelievable seeing the storm go through the course," Gikes said. "The sky turned pitch black with winds going up to 60 miles per hour. We sat there and watched trees flying all around."

Once the team returned to its hotel, it passed a terrible scene.

Ambulances and police cars were attending to a golfer who was blown into a ditch. The golfer later died. They also passed a decimated mobile home.

"I live in Clearwater and we've had some tornadoes go through," Gikes said. "But I've never been that close to one."

Teammate David Thompson added, "I was freaked out. It was incredible seeing houses just go."

The invitational proceeded the following day despite terrible conditions.

"There wasn't that much damage to our nine," Thompson said. "There were branches and a lot of water. It was no fun to play."

Originally set for 54 holes, the event was shortened to 36 after the tornadoes. That didn't help, as UT finished ninth with a two-round total of 658. Valdosta State took home the team title.

Martin Wiklund was UT's top finisher with a 161. Todd Vancil shot a 166.

"We played like crap. That's no lie," Gikes said. "But it's all relative because the conditions were horrendous."

UT will compete in the NCAA South Regional Invitational starting Monday and ending Wednesday. To earn one of six regional bids, UT needs to beat Jacksonville State, which topped the Spartans two weeks ago.

"We're on the border right now for a bid," Gikes said. "It's our biggest event of the year."

# UT grad Kirwan provides spark in NHL

By BRYAN BOLIARD  
Staff Writer

Could it have been a spark of lightning formed at the University of Tampa? In 1992, that is exactly what happened when Nigel Kirwan, a 1992 graduate of UT, who double majored in both finance and management, became involved with the Tampa Bay Lightning as a sales representative.

Kirwan, who lived a large part of his life in Canada and loves to play hockey, became sidetracked from his goal of becoming a stockbroker and headed in the direction of sports business.

Kirwan, who spends much of his free time coaching a 16-18 year old youth hockey team, entered into sports business as a fluke.

In 1989 Kirwan was asked by friend Matt DiBernardo, who worked for the Bucs, if he wanted to be a ballboy. Kirwan, who was looking only to buy tickets to a Bucs vs. 49ers game, went on to a two-year stint with the Bucs as an assistant under legendary equipment man Frank Cappolo, who invented the Cappolo Shield that many players now wear.

During his time with the Bucs, there were many funny stories that occurred. One such story happened on the campus of UT at the Martinez Sports Center. As Kirwan put it, former head coach Ray Perkins walked into the lobby right after the floors had been mopped. All of a sudden, Perkins slipped and landed straight on his back with Nigel the only onlooker. While trying not to laugh about the incident, Nigel got yelled at by Perkins and was made to dry off the entire wet area by himself.

From there, Kirwan had the opportunity to work with the newly formed NHL, Tampa Bay Lightning as a group sales representative. His duties include getting

groups of people and corporations to go to games and to also work game nights at the Dome. During game nights, Kirwan's main responsibility is to man the Lightning information booth and work the Score events during intermission. Kirwan heads to the ice during each intermission to help with promotions.

The major benefits that Kirwan said he received by joining the Lightning were salary and the pride of saying to people that he works with a major sports franchise.

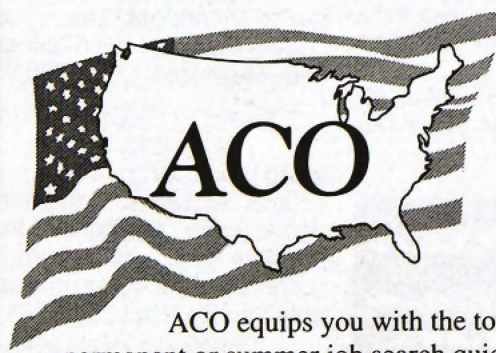
During his short time with the Lightning, probably the biggest lesson Kirwan has learned is how much effort goes into putting on a sporting event.

"People don't have any idea about the behind the success of putting on a game," Kirwan said. "They think the job is all fun and you get to go to the games".

Kirwan, who played defensemen and left wing position when he played hockey in Canada, is one of many in his family who are in athletics. Younger brother Andre is a 6'2" redshirt freshman wide receiver at Stanford University. His nine catch, 153 yard effort against Oregon State last fall was among the top efforts in the country for that week. Older sister Michelle, who graduated with a psychology degree from Washington University at St. Louis, won three national championships in volleyball.

Nigel, like many involved with athletics believes in the advice of his parents, "Never quit."

In his position with the Lightning, he makes sure he follows it. It's his spark.



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## Graduating seniors/exit interviews

All graduating seniors who received Federal Stafford or SLS loans while they attended UT are required to attend an Exit Loan Counseling Session. Sessions are scheduled in the Merle Kelce Library, AV2 on the second floor during the following times:

Mon., April 18 at 4:30, 5 and 5:30 p.m.  
Wed., April 20 at 11:30, 12, and 12:30 p.m.

If your schedule absolutely does not allow for you to attend during one of these times, please contact the Financial Aid Office in PH 447, ext. 6219.

These are mandatory sessions that will help you fulfill your obligations as a borrower of student loans. Sessions last only 30 minutes.

## Minority Scholarship

Applications for the James Meredith Minority Scholarship are now available in the Intercultural Center and the Student Activities Office. This \$2000 scholarship is offered to Black or Hispanic UT students who are actively involved in campus life. Deadline for applications is Mon., April 18. For more information, please contact Shirla Andes at ext. 3659.

## Free test drive!

Kaplan Educational Center is presenting a cost-free, risk-free service which allows students to attempt the MCAT, LSAT, GRE or GMAT at no risk to the student's academic record.

This "test" will be Sat. April 16 at 10 a.m. in Plant Hall.

For more information call Kaplan Educational Center at 971-0003.

## BIGLAS meeting

Attention gay, lesbian, bisexual activists and supporters: BIGLAS meeting this Friday at 4 p.m., PH 309.

## Criminology internships

Anyone interested in summer or fall 1994 internships in criminology should contact Dr. Philip Quinn, PH 120 or ext. 3329 by April 15.

## Denhoff Award

Students having a grade point average above 3.0, a record of exemplary volunteer service and status of junior or senior in the upcoming '94-'95 academic year are encouraged to apply for the Martin Denhoff Volunteer Service Award. Please submit a resume and a one-page statement of volunteer service activities (with a reference) to Dr. Richard Piper, box 100F, by Fri., April 8 if you wish to be considered for this award.

## Free immigration seminar

Attention: International students! Learn about opportunities to study in the U.S. Seminar Thur., April 14, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Kaplan Educational Center, 11106 N. 30 St. (1/4 mile south of Fowler Ave.

Timothy Spridgeon will answer your questions about career opportunities. Sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep.

Due to limited seating reservations are recommend. Call 971-0003 for info.

## Free yoga class

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Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Sun. 1 p.m.-8 p.m.

For more information call ext. 7435.

## Attention filmmakers!

One person can make a difference! College students are invited to interpret the Christopher belief that one person can shape our world for the better. Using any style or format, create on film or video an image expressing this theme in five minutes or less. Contest open to currently enrolled college students in good standing. Deadline June 10. Winners will be notified on Sept. 8, 1994. First prize \$3,000, second prize \$2,000 and third prize \$1,000 plus five \$500 honorable mention awards. Call Judy at ext. 3335 for application and more information.

## Bookstore Hours

April 8-April 24

Mon.-Thur. 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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Mon.-Thur. 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.  
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Mon.-Thur. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m.  
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Mon.-Thur. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

## PAC Programs for Spring '94

4/18/94: Honors Undergraduate Fellowships, 4 p.m., Trustees Conference Room (Jennifer W.)

5/1/94: Relaxation/Yoga, 7 p.m., McKay Lobby (Chris)

## Concert in the park

The Mostly Pops Orchestra, in residence at the University of Tampa, will present a gala concert in Plant Park on the UT campus, Sat., April 16 at 2 p.m. A variety of popular and light classics will be performed, including a medley of Andrew Lloyd Webber hits and music from Broadway and Disney.

The concert is free and the public is invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic lunch to enjoy an afternoon of their favorite pops music.

For more information call UT Public Information at ext. 6232 or the Music Department at ext. 6212.

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## Service Opportunity

The Center for Ethics is looking for volunteers to help with on-campus programs for elementary and high school students. For more information call ext. 7415.

## Episcopal Campus Ministry

Canterbury Club at UT will meet for lunch at 12 noon on Wednesday in the Student Union conference room. All welcome.

## Social work students

Students planning to intern either this summer or fall semester, please contact Dr. Joan McClellenn, PH 206, by April 22.

## Volunteers Needed

P.E.A.C.E. is looking for tutors for Blake Jr. High School as well as for the SAFE Program. We also need volunteers for the Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis on May 14&15. For more information or to volunteer, call Mercedes at ext. 6233.

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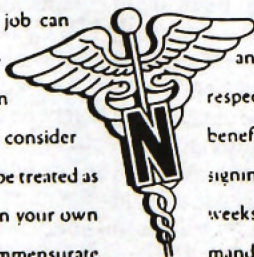
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