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Fran Curci and Nash Higgins, the University's first coach, watch the Spartans workout at a September practice session. Coach Higgins often drops by to catch up on new football plays and to keep in touch with young athletes.  
 (Photo by Frank Hutchins)



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# A TIME TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE

Homecoming is not only a time for nostalgia—to recollect in all their glory the “good old days”; it is also a time to *consider the future of your alma mater* and the part you will play in it.

The University of Tampa faces a period of transition. The Institutional Blueprint Study, which I described in the June, 1970 issue, is continuing. New chapters of the National Alumni Association are being formed (see page 13), and others will be established during the year. We hope to initiate a Cooperative Education Program on a small scale during the spring semester. The new Biological Sciences laboratory is now in use, and the new University post office will be in full operation well before November. The hotel dining room, which you used as a library, is being restored to its original beauty through a cooperative project between The Chisellers and the University, to be opened with appropriate ceremonies on November 30.

Constructive change has become a way of life for us, and it is essential if we are to meet the changes and challenges of the '70's. For the '70's will be difficult for colleges like your *alma mater*, but they could also be better. Institutional health will depend on excellent fiscal management—which we have; a relevant and meaningful curriculum—toward which we are working; and the consistent and enthusiastic support of the alumni—which we invite and encourage. But you will find it difficult to visualize these changes unless you visit the campus.

This will be my last (and thirteenth) homecoming as President of the University. My retirement is set for August, 1971. A trustee committee has been working assiduously for several months to find a successor. He may be named before you read these lines.

Ten years ago, and again at the opening Convocation this year, I stated, “Let us not be afraid to think in terms of a great future; a future marked by great teaching; by objectives realistic, yet lofty; by a willingness to meet the future half way . . .”

This is the time—the year—to consider the future of the University and your part in it. A good way to secure perspective is to attend Homecoming, the weekend of November 21.

David M. DeLo





# Homecoming — 1970!

The Spartans are revved up and ready to go against the mighty Vanderbilt Commodores in the homecoming game November 21 at seven o'clock at the Tampa Stadium. As Coach Fran Curci says, "We're looking forward to this one!"

"This is a great opportunity for the University of Tampa — to play a Southeastern Conference team with such traditions as Vanderbilt. This is the kind of team we are vigorously trying to keep on our schedule," Coach Curci continued.

"This is the type of opposition our Spartans look forward to playing. Vanderbilt's power and depth may be too much for us, but you know our players will give their very best.

"I think the alumni should be proud of the accomplishments their football team has made in the last few years. We hope that with your support we can continue to field outstanding teams."

Football isn't all that homecoming has to offer for returning alumni. The theme for this year's celebration will be "Spartan Follies (1920's Style)." The theme will be carried out in the lawn displays and the skits presented as Spartan Spoofs on Friday night at the Falk Theatre. To top off that evening, President David M. Delo will crown the homecoming queen for 1970.

To begin Friday's festivities, the new National Alumni Association will host an alumni reunion cocktail party at the Sheraton Motor Hotel at 5:30. Alumni Director Ken Hance, who is planning this party, says there will be a cash bar and *hors d'oeuvre*. On Saturday at 9:45 a.m., the Council of the National Association will meet in the Merl Kelce Library for its second annual meeting. Presidents of the new chapters formed since last year's homecoming

will become members of the National Council. Truman Hunter will become president of the national group and Dr. Richard T. Dillon, the current president, will assume the post of vice president. The Council will then elect a president-elect who will take office in 1971.

Saturday afternoon the Tampa Alpha chapter plans a pre-game cocktail party and buffet dinner at Curtis Hixon Hall,

with the social hour beginning at three o'clock and the buffet at four. Tariff for this event will be four dollars per person.

The half-time show planned for the big game will feature the Spartan Marching Band, under the direction of Richard Rodean and The Majorettes, directed by Mrs. Mary May. At this time, President Delo will introduce the newly elected members of the  
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## HOMECOMING SCHEDULE 1970

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 p.m. John Sebastian Concert—Falk Theatre

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. National Alumni Association Cocktail Party—Sheraton Motor Hotel

6:30 p.m. Judging of Lawn Displays

7:30 p.m. Spartan Spoofs, followed by presentation of trophies for winning Lawn Displays and Spoofs — Falk Theatre

10:00 p.m. Crowning of Homecoming Queen by President Delo — Falk Theatre

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 a.m. Industrial Arts Breakfast — Student Center — All alumni are cordially invited

9:45 a.m. National Alumni Association Council Meeting — Merl Kelce Library

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Western Civilization Corridor rooms open to visitors

3:00 p.m. Alumni Social Hour, followed by Buffet at 4:00 p.m.—Curtis Hixon Hall

4:00 p.m. Fraternity Open Houses

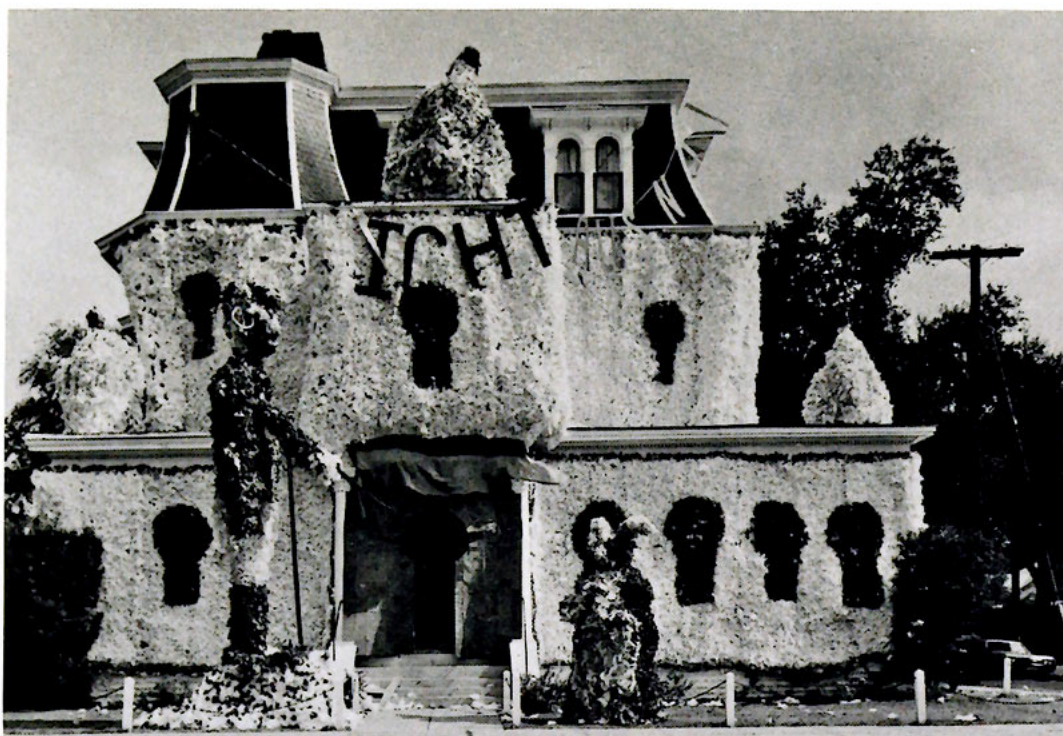
6:50 p.m. Homecoming Queen arrives at Tampa Stadium with her court

7:00 p.m. HOMECOMING GAME — Tampa Spartans vs. Vanderbilt Commodores — Tampa Stadium

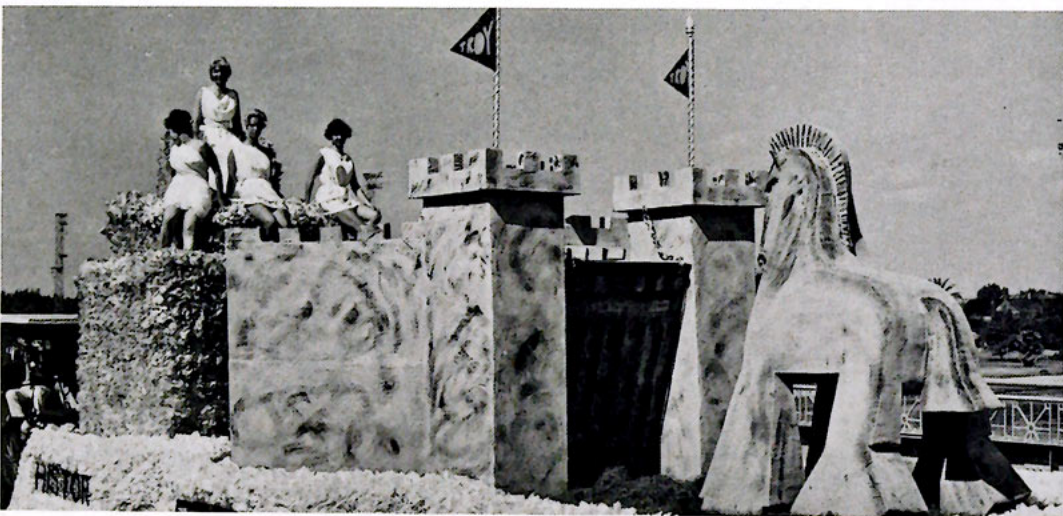
HALF TIME Introduction by Dr. Delo of newly elected members of the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Half-time show by the Spartan Marching Band and the Majorettes

10:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance—Curtis Hixon Hall—Music by The Save.





This picture and the one below are from homecomings of other days when floats, elaborate house decorations and formal evening dresses were part of the annual celebration.



This year's student homecoming committee discusses plans with alumni director Ken Hance. From the left with Captain Hance are Ron Schagrin; Claudia Pontecorvo; Maureen Shaw, co-chairman for skits, sitting in for Bill Burke; Barbara Mills, and committee chairman Charles Smith, who is vice president of student government. (Photo by Frank Hutchins)



University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The dance following the game will take place at Curtis Hixon Hall at ten o'clock. The Ybor and Gasparilla rooms will be the setting for the annual homecoming dance, with rock music by "The Save."

But probably the outstanding event of homecoming for the student body will be the concert presented by rock and country singer John Sebastian on Thursday at eight o'clock in the Falk Theatre.

Charles Smith, vice president of the Student Government Association, heads the student homecoming committee. Working with him are Ron Schagrin, theme chairman; Claudia Pontecorvo, queen contest chairman; Bill Burke, skit chairman, and Barbara Mills, lawn displays.

H. Vincent Thornton is chairman of the Tampa Alpha chapter's homecoming committee.

"Old grads" will be returning from all over the country for this year's homecoming. The class of '45 will be celebrating its twenty-fifth reunion.

The class of 1950 will celebrate its twentieth reunion; the class of 1955, a fifteenth reunion; 1960 graduates, a tenth reunion, and for 1965, a fifth anniversary.

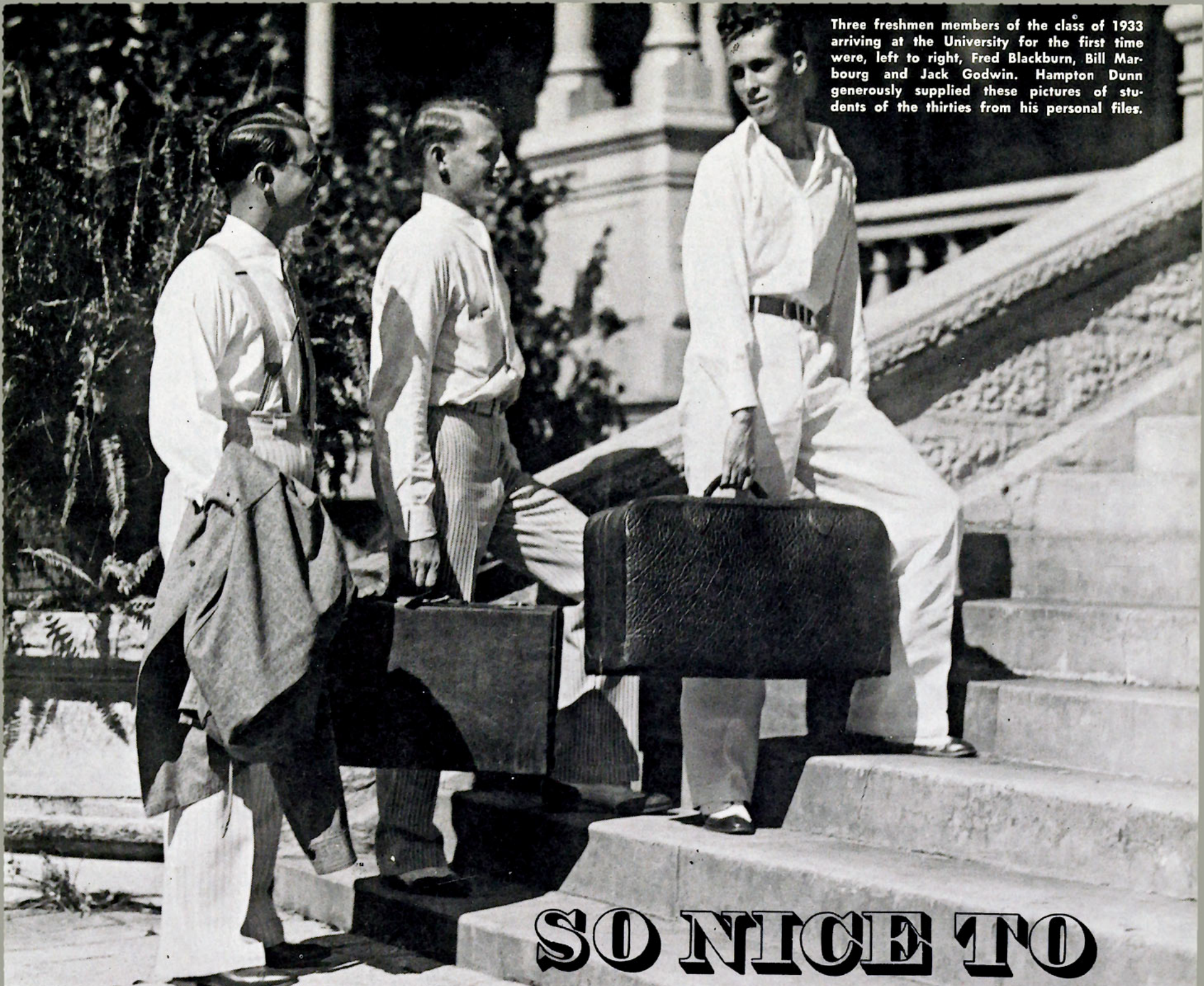
But for the very first graduating class in the history of the University, the class of '35, this will be a thirty-fifth reunion. Only 14 people earned diplomas in 1935, but a number of them live in Tampa and will be present for the 1970 homecoming.

According to an Alumni Bulletin of 1959, the original class included Miller K. Adams, Carolyn Maness Adams, Joseph Clawson, Mrs. Julio Burns, C. V. Collier, Anne Crane, Irene Haas, Louise Leonard, Alan P. Stuckey, Alfred William Taylor, Dorothy Pou Van Balen, Mrs. Ted Van Antwerp, Dillard B. York and James Moore.

Whatever your class and wherever you live now, for those who "come home" this weekend of November 21, there will be much activity and many reminiscences.



Three freshmen members of the class of 1933 arriving at the University for the first time were, left to right, Fred Blackburn, Bill Marbourg and Jack Godwin. Hampton Dunn generously supplied these pictures of students of the thirties from his personal files.



# SO NICE TO COME HOME TO

by Hampton Dunn

The world was on the brink of the second global war within a generation. America was in the depths of an economic depression, the like of which had not been seen before or has not been experienced since — thank goodness! In Florida, a vicious hurricane smacked the Florida Keys and wiped out Henry Flagler's famous Overseas Railroad.

In Tampa, Dick Powell and Marion Davies starred in *Page Miss Glory* at the Franklin Theatre while Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire were doing their thing in *Top Hat* at the Park Theatre (now Falk Theatre). The Plant Park Pharmacy was selling cigarettes two packs for twenty-five cents or \$1.20 a carton, and Schwobilt offered some mighty nice suits for \$16.50.

Things were swingin' on the campus of the brand new University of Tampa, getting ready for the first homecoming happening for a handful of alumni.

The year was 1935 — three and a half decades ago — one-third of a century — 35 years!

Despite hard times, the period was an exciting one, here and all over the world. The 15-year old "ideal marriage" of America's sweetheart, Mary Pickford, and Douglas Fairbanks collapsed. A cocky Benito Mussolini invaded Ethiopia. Elliott Ness, the G-man who crushed Al Capone, was appointed safety director of Cleveland. Joe Louis gave Primo Canera a terrific beating and slugging Hank Greenberg led the Detroit Tigers to a World Series Victory. Florida's warbling



Frances Langford was outstanding on radio, which was big at the time, what with Major Bowes Amateur Hour, Eddie Cantor and a galaxy of other entertainers.

The University of Tampa had found a home at the historic Tampa Bay Hotel just two years before. Fourteen students received degrees in the first graduating class in the spring of 1935 and they were to be the honor guests at the big homecoming fete on November 15, 1935. Our winning Spartans were matched against old rivals, the Stetson University Hatters, the game to be played at Plant Field, really a baseball stadium at the Florida State Fairgrounds.

I remember Homecoming 1935. I had just transferred to Tampa from Mercer University up in Georgia — came here because I had a scholarship that paid for my room, tuition, books, everything except board and laundry. In return, I handled publicity for Nash Higgins' athletic department and was the second editor of *The Minaret* (the first was Miss Edna Frances Prince, now a prominent business woman in Tampa). I also was associate editor of the first yearbook, the 1936 *Moroccan* — the late Mrs. Crockett Farnell, nee Kitty Lea, was editor.

The University of Tampa had a much different "flavor" in those days from today. It was strictly a commuter college. We really never left home. Probably 90 to 95 per cent of the small (500) student body lived in Tampa and traveled from their houses to the campus by street car — at five cents a ride. Tampa U. was one of the blessings that came with the depression. It was born because of the dire need for a local institution of higher learning — parents of Tampa kids just couldn't afford to send them off to school and if it hadn't been for the new University many of Florida's top leaders today would not have been inside a college class room.

I was lucky to have a room in the "rat hole" — the old servants' quarters at the north end of the old hotel building, seemingly miles away from the main lobby. My roommate was a faculty member, Bill Culbreath, who was business manager for the athletic department and an instructor in journalism. Today he's a successful businessman in St. Petersburg. All the scholarship boys stayed in the "rat hole" including our football team.

We all had jobs wherever we could find them. Long, lean "Red" Means, the great Spartan end, worked at Milian's Drive-In. Other guys were scattered over town. Some of our footballers worked at the Tampa Dog Track to make ends meet. Others joined the National Guard to get a buck a week for attending drills. Times were tough, but we really didn't know the difference. We just struggled and made enough money to eat every now and then and to take our girl friends to a show or to the beach. Parking places on the campus were no problem — we had no cars!

We put out a special edition of *The Minaret* for the 1935 homecoming, with a picture of our colorful 26-piece band. The late August Ingley was director. Drum major was Bob Thomas, later a WFLA radio announcer with whom I went off



Plant Hall, the former plush main building of the Tampa Bay Hotel, as it looked when the University of Tampa began classes there in 1933.

to World War II in January, 1942. Bob was an invaluable buddy up at the Air Force Aviation Cadet Training Center at Maxwell Field, Alabama. I literally didn't know which foot to step off on. Ex-drum major Bob taught me how to march and how to change step! Bob never came back from the war. He died in the crash of his B-26 bomber shortly after winning his wings at a South Carolina base.

Our campus newspaper reported that Tampa would see "the biggest parade in its history" that Homecoming Day in 1935. Four bands were in the march.

Mayor Robert E. Lee Chancey was in the lead car. He was always a friend of the University. I remember in 1941, when I was president of the University of Tampa Alumni Association, Mayor Chancey joined us in fighting to change the name of what was then Lafayette Street to "University Avenue." We never could persuade the City Council to give the University this recognition.

Mayor Chancey issued a proclamation for that Homecoming in 1935, stating, "The University, since its very early days, has meant a great deal to Tampa and to the cultural life of our people, both young and old. Tampa is proud of our University and I know that our citizens will be glad to join the alumni, the student body and the faculty in making Homecoming Day a memorable event."

Upperclassman Richard Spoto lays the paddle to freshman Kenneth Woods, in the typical hazing that took place in the early days. Mr. Spoto was recently named headmaster of St. Mary's Episcopal School.







A 1934 picture of University of Tampa students. Left to right in the front row are cheerleaders Shack Schackleford, Betty Stone, Manuel Rodriguez, Julia Folsom and A. C. Van Dusen. In the back row are class officers and student council representatives Louise Leonard, Jo Sherry, Jimmy Lindsay, Searcy Farrior, Theodore Lesley, Walter Hoy and Miller Adams.

President Fred H. Spaulding had a message for the celebrators also, "And so, while other schools older and more sophisticated than we observe the annual trek homeward, we too, with our own memories and satisfactions, celebrate the first homecoming, with less blare of trumpets and rolling drums, perhaps, but with no less cause for pride."

*The Minaret* reporter boasted, "Almost the entire city of Tampa will turn out to see the parade. About a thousand are estimated to participate in the procession, and it will require approximately two hours to pass."

The alumni banquet was held at the old Crescent Grill with Miller K. Adams, then and now a member of the Tampa U. faculty (except now he sports an Ed.D. behind his name) presided as the first alumni president.

The rough Stetson Hatters had humbled our Spartans on the gridiron, whipping us nine to seven in a colorful homecoming battle that afternoon. But that night in the brilliant University ballroom, we forgot the disappointment of athletics and had a wonderful time dancing to the bouncy tunes of "Pete Canary and his Campus Cats." *The Minaret* noted that, "A small fee of 25 cents a couple will be charged in order to pay expenses of the occasion."

In *The Minaret*, I reported an interview with E. D. Lambright, then editor of *The Tampa Morning Tribune*, who stated he believed the University of Tampa "will be a permanent institution, and will compare with larger schools of the state, such as the University of Florida, Rollins and Stetson within a few years."

He prophetically observed, "the ideal Florida climate should be a big factor in attracting students from northern states."

We had our wacky moments during the school year, although I don't recall any riots or bombing of buildings.

Hair was a conversation piece then as now. A popular University of Tampa bandsman, Bob Shoun, made the newspapers when he had a public shearing of his fine Ethiopian Van Dyke. Footballer Walter Hoy was the barber as the "fruit of a year's growth was removed from his physiognomy — face to you — at a public ceremony in front of the University." The students had found one of the old barber chairs where the millionaires used to sit to get shampoos and hair cuts back in the Tampa Bay Hotel days.

Red Means made headlines when he duplicated the historic feat of George Washington, who threw a silver dollar across the Rappahannock River. Red tossed one across the Hillsborough River. The coin hurled by the Spartan sailed 350 feet, which broke the record set earlier in 1935 by Walter "Big Train" Johnson, manager of the Washington Senators, by 33 feet.

That was the year John Schaub, now a big executive with Maas Brothers department store in Sarasota, and I finished behind the top two candidates for president of the junior class. John and I had made a bet we'd push the loser down Franklin Street in a wheelbarrow all the way from the University through downtown Franklin Street and back. In the campaign, John dived off the Lafayette Street bridge, fully clothed, to dramatize his candidacy.

And so it went — those happy days of 1935 — those depression times — those memorable events. The first Homecoming. Thirty-five years ago. Why, it seems like only yesterday!

And, here in 1970, the delightful, tree-shaded University of Tampa campus is so nice to come home to.



Back In 1933

# NASH STARTED IT ALL

by Bill Kirby

Alfred Nash Higgins wasn't home the day I called.

He was watching a University of Tampa football practice. On the way back, he stopped by Tampa Catholic High School for a look-see at the track and football field he had helped plan.

At 74, his gait is slowed a bit but not his interest in young athletes.

"Coach Nash" is a familiar figure to every coach in Hillsborough County. He knows most of them by their first names. In his lifetime, Higgins has talked with presidents, eaten supper with the great Knute Rockne and done just about everything a man could want except one thing.

"I always wanted to be a doctor," said Higgins. "I was named after our family doctor, Alfred Nash, and that's how I got that funny name."

In a way, Higgins accomplished this dream when in 1949 he was given an honorary doctor's degree by the University of Tampa. "That's one of the biggest moments in my life," he recalled.

In the summer of '49, the U.S. State Department had loaned him to the University of Havana to serve as a professor of physical education and as a consultant on recreation for the president and minister of education of Cuba.

Higgins is an endless conversationalist—and it's easy to understand why when one realizes that here is a man who's been involved in countless activities.

Coach, consultant, engineer, surveyor, naval officer, builder—all these and more could be prefixed to the name of Nash Higgins.

The one he's proudest of is friend, and to those who know "Coach Nash," he's genuinely that.

I can't remember my first meeting with Coach Higgins, it just seems like he was always there, like the trees in the forest, or the snow on the mountains.

I do remember, however, how closely he scrutinized the old cinder track at Hillsborough High School, making sure it was in the best condition it could possibly be before a prepster got on it.

The University of Tampa's first All-American, football star Holland Aplin, sums up Higgins in a nutshell. Aplin is now the athletic director at Robinson High School and in this position has enjoyed the assistance of "Coach Nash."

"He's a smart, intelligent man about many things. He contributed greatly to high schools, was always fighting to improve our own athletic facilities and trying to get us the most modern equipment to do a better job."

Higgins "retired" about three years ago, and "We've really missed him," said Aplin. "He was really an asset and was very important to the progress of our program."

Higgins revealed that he was working on three going running track projects "just to keep me busy and give me something to do."

Nash supervised the building of 17 of the county's tracks and all of the football fields for its high schools. He's been asked for advice from Tennessee, Auburn, Florida, University of Havana, you name it, he's been there.

Nash met his wife, Edith, while he was a student coach at Earlham College. They've been married 46 years and have one son, Robert Nash, who's with the Westminster schools in Atlanta.

Higgins helped map Tampa's first sewer project in 1925, then was resident engineer for the county's roads in the Plant City district in 1926 when Hillsborough High talked him into returning to coaching.

From there, he went to the University of Florida for six years, then back to Tampa to field the Spartans' first intercollegiate teams. In Tampa's first year—1933—the football team went 6-2-2. To top off that first season, the University of Havana invited the Spartans to Cuba to play an exhibition game after the regular season ended.

Hampton Dunn, who wrote the adjoining homecoming story, comments, "Probably in all the years of Tampa U. football we have never had a more unified, more spirited, more coordinated gridiron team than in those Nash Higgins years."

He recalls some of the football greats from the first Spartan team: Rudy Rodriguez at quarterback; Ed Carter, quarterback and fullback; Ken Hance, running back; Jimmy White, blocking back; Johnny Edison, end; Gus Muench, tackle; Robert Tramontana, guard, and the all-time great center and fullback, Bill Godwin.

Nash coached for eight years at Tampa. During that period TU had state champions in boxing, basketball and track.

Higgins' first college coaching job was at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. His first team won the state grid championship. That was 51 years ago.

He has had many great moments in sports, among these his association with the likes of George Halas, Knute Rockne, Adolph Rupp, Andy Gustafson, Bob Neyland, Alonzo Stagg, Bob Woodruff and many local former athletes.

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**Higgins, Huerta, Curci**

# Spartan Football Power

*by Mike Moore*

Nash Higgins walked from the University of Tampa to Plant Field one day in 1933, and those young men who were game enough to follow him formed the first Tampa football team. Coach Higgins handed this team the nickname of "Spartans."

If you'll stop a moment and let your imagination concentrate on football, a scene from a University of Tampa game played while you were in school will probably come to mind. Your vision will most likely center on Phillips Field. There have been many great games and many great players on the beautiful turf at Phillips Field since football started at Tampa. You'll probably remember that if the Spartans won the toss, it was an upset. You'll probably remember that you went to the games knowing you would leave with one of two feelings. Either you

would be elated because Tampa had pulled off another upset, or you would feel sorry for the team because they had tried hard, but lost.

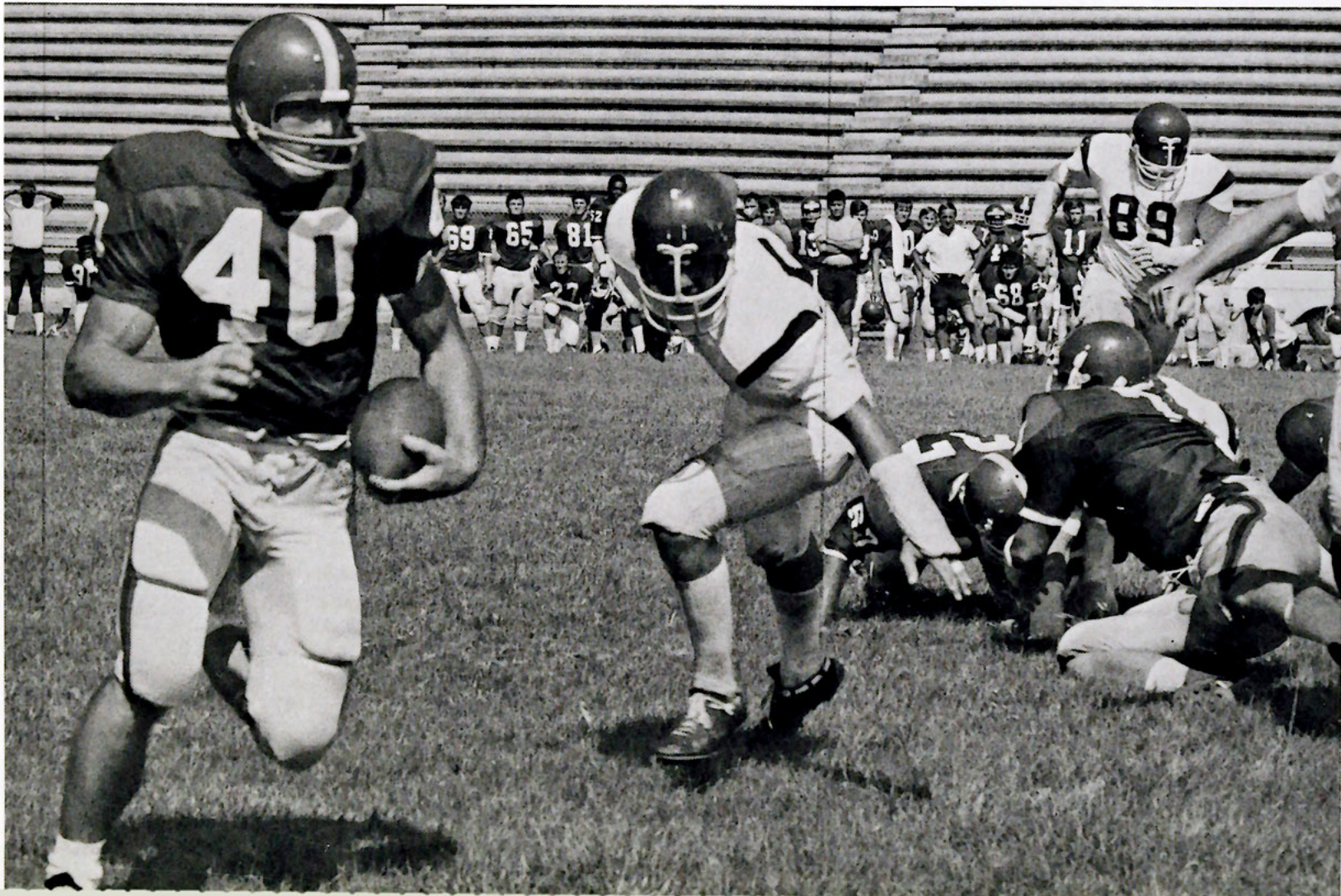
Feelings like this have been common down through the years because Tampa always played teams that had more scholarships, more coaches, more money, more equipment and in general more of everything. The Spartans were not supposed to win many games according to these rules, but more times than not, they sent you home with that happy feeling because they had pulled off another upset.

In 1954, the Spartans started a streak of winning seasons that lasted five years. In 1970, we find the Spartans working on their third straight winning season, and what is surprising if you've been out of touch, is that they are expected to win.

That's right! Your University of Tampa which has lived the life of the underdog, is favored to win games over schools that are usually much bigger. The 1970 edition of the University of Tampa football team is big, strong and fast. There are still problems like a lack of depth, but Head Coach Fran Curci has a team that could become great before the season ends.

Curci is in his third year as Head Coach at Tampa and looking for his third winning season. At the time of this writing, Curci was on his way. The Spartans opened the 1970 season with a 45-12 win over Delta State. Tampa Stadium was the scene of that Tampa win. Phillips Field is still around, but those wooden stands that put runs in your date's hose are gone. All that's left is the field

Running back Paul Orndorff, in jersey number 40, carries the ball in a Spartan practice session. In spite of injuries suffered in the opening game against Delta State, Orndorff scored two touchdowns in the second game against New Mexico Highlands. (Tampa Tribune photo)





itself and that's where the present day Spartans practice.

In beautiful, modern Tampa Stadium, the Spartans made first game mistakes, but still walked over Delta State. Tampa's defensive line and linebackers were the most impressive performers in the game. They held Delta to only 20 yards rushing while the fleet and powerful Tampa backs picked up 323 yards on the ground. Leon McQuay led Tampa with 117 yards. Sammy Gellerstedt, Noah Jackson, Harry Smith, Bob Brown, Joe Hernandez and Dave Bankston stood out on defense for Tampa.

Curci spotted things that need improvement, and he and his staff will improve them. The only real question mark is at quarterback. Buddy Carter called most of the signals against Delta. Carter is a sophomore and lacks experience. Lew Pytel saw some action on his bad knee, but wasn't as effective as Curci thinks he can be. Pytel played at Miami before coming to Tampa and has experience. One of these two must step forward and take the number one quarterback job. A steady man at this position is all the Spartans need to make their 1970 season their third straight winning one.

The schedule ahead is demanding as Tampa schedules always seem to be. New Mexico Highlands, a team that hasn't lost a regular season game in three years, is next on the schedule. Youngstown and North Texas State follow in games that should be tough. Tampa travels to Miami to meet the Hurricanes for the first time since 1942 and there is no question this will be a big game for the Spartans.

Tampa has managed to book at least a major college power or two every year, but this is the first time one of the three major powers in the state has played Tampa since Florida State in 1959. This reflects the change in the Tampa football image. Talks with FSU and Florida are underway for future



Quarterback Lew Pytel hands off the ball to halfback Ken Moorehead during practice before the New Mexico Highlands game, which the Spartans won handily. (Tampa Tribune photo)

games as Tampa looks forward to its new era in football.

Xavier, Louisiana Tech, Southwestern Louisiana, Idaho State, Vanderbilt and Florida A&M round out Tampa's 1970 schedule. Vandy is appearing on the Tampa schedule for the first time ever as is Xavier and Idaho State. Florida A&M meets Tampa for the second time. Their game last year drew over 43,000 fans to Tampa Stadium.

With one win under their belts, the Spartans face 10 more games this season. The passing game that brought Tampa national recognition the past couple of years will probably give way to a running offense this year. The excitement that Tampa teams have always generated will be there. That's something Tampa always has a knack for.

There have been a lot of games played by the University of Tampa since Coach Higgins and that gallant bunch of young men started it all in 1933. That five-year winning streak we

mentioned was accomplished by teams coached by Marcelino Huerta, now a business executive in Tampa. Huerta said he would like nothing better than to see that mark snapped.

Higgins, the first Tampa coach, talked with present coach Fran Curci on the practice field the other day. Higgins talked of the old days and old players as he loves to do. He said the only thing that hadn't changed about the Tampa football program was that name he gave them. They're still "The Spartans."

*Editor's Note: Scores which have come in since this story was set in type: Tampa, 20 — New Mexico Highlands, 0; Tampa, 35 — Youngstown, 13. As we go to press the Spartans still face eight more games, including the powerful Miami and Vanderbilt teams and the popular Florida A&M game.*



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

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**Our Fortieth Convocation:** President David M. DeLo marked the fortieth convocation of the University of Tampa on September 8 with a "gloves-off" speech deploring campus disruption and outmoded educational practices. Dr. C. Doren Tharp, consultant to the University, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, and received a standing ovation from the audience.

The Ellwood C. Nance Memorial Scholarship was awarded for the first time—the lucky winner was Edward William Treen III, class of '74. The Borden freshman prize for 1969-70 went to Richard Edward Staubach, '73. Douglas Wayne Dumont, '71, won the Crown Zellerbach Foundation scholarship, which is presented for outstanding achievement.

Jack and Sally Jenkins, '61, sang "Sound of Music" to top off the ceremonies. Dr. Harris W. Dean, acting president of the University of South Florida, was a special guest for the convocation.

**New Trustees Chairman:** Fischer S. Black was elected chairman of the University's board of trustees last spring, replacing James L. Ferman, who served as chairman for the past four years. Mr. Black, who is president of the Tampa Electric Company, has been a member of the board for five years and served as a counselor before that. H. Grady Lester Jr. has been named chairman of the University's executive committee, succeeding William C. MacInnes.

New Chairman of the University of Tampa Board of Trustees, Fischer S. Black, is president of the Tampa Electric Company.



**Famous Speakers Lined Up:** Dr. Joseph B. Rhine, known as the father of parapsychology, will open the convocation lecture series on October 20 at 9:30 a.m. For many years Dr. Rhine experimented with extrasensory perception as a member of the psychology department of Duke University. He now heads the Institute of Parapsychology at Durham, North Carolina.

Ralph Nader, well-known for his exposures of defects in consumer goods, will speak on November 10 at 1:00 p.m. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will follow him as the first lecturer in 1971 on February 11 at 12:30. Head of the archdiocese of Rochester, New York, Bishop Sheen is a well known author, lecturer and television personality. Winding up the series will be award-winning Rod Serling, television writer, producer and director who will speak on March 24 at 11:00 a.m. He created, wrote and produced "Twilight Zone."

Each of the lectures will take place at the Falk Theatre.

Dr. Curtis A. Gilgash, chairman of the special events committee, scheduled the convocation speakers.

**Behind the Footlights:** Vincent Petti, director of the Falk Memorial Theatre, has announced that the University drama department will present four plays and import a repertory company for the coming season. The department-produced plays will be *The Glass Menagerie*, starring Broadway actress Eugenia Rawls, from October 21 through 24; *A Christmas Carol*, December 3 through 5; *The Taming of the Shrew*, February 24 through 27, and *Lady Bountiful*, a new musical comedy by Mr. Petti and Leonard Adriance, April 21 through 24. These plays will take place at the Falk Theatre at 8:30 p.m. Special matinees have been scheduled for each production.

On March 19 the Pacific Repertory Company will stage two shows for University of Tampa audiences. At 10:30 a.m. they will present *Tartuffe* and at 8:30 in the evening will offer *Twelfth Night*—both at the Falk Theatre.

**We Need Alumni Support:** The alumni fund drive of the University's Forward Fund opened October 1, kicked off by chairman Perry Keene and National Alumni Association president, Dr. Richard T. Dillon. The fund drive will run through December 31 and Alumni Association members confidently predict that gifts will exceed the goal of \$25,000. You may send your check to the Alumni Office, marked for the Alumni Forward Fund.

**Here for Book-Learnin':** This year's official enrollment figures show that 2265 full-time equivalent students have registered at the University, according to Registrar Eugene Cropsey. This figure does not include students attending classes at



MacDill AFB. The new freshman class includes students from 33 states and 10 foreign countries. Boys still outnumber girls, three to one.

**Miami Launches Chapter:** Over 70 alumni from the Miami area turned out September 11 for the founder's meeting of the Miami Delta chapter of the University of Tampa National Alumni Association.

John Mitchell, '61, who was chairman of the organization committee, was elected president of the new alumni chapter at the buffet-cocktail party held at the Miami Springs Country Club. First vice president is Wayne Story, '59; second vice president, Phil Rotolo, '59; third vice president, Jo Ann Tosch, '62; secretary, Joyce Mays Traina, '63, and treasurer, Anne O'Grady, '39.

President David M. Delo, vice president Robert B. Gronlund and outgoing president of the Tampa Alpha chapter, Bob Bradley, all spoke at the meeting, with alumni director Ken Hance acting as master of ceremonies. A highlight of the program was the Spartan football film, "Highlights of '69."

**Tampa Alpha Reorganizes:** Thomas E. Bissonette, '50, was elected president of the Tampa Alpha chapter of the National Alumni Association at a cocktail-buffet party at the International Inn September 12, before the Delta State game.

The Tampa group also elected James E. Metcalf, '56, as vice president and Aaron Dowd, '64, secretary and treasurer. Robert C. Bradley, '63, became immediate past president.

Members of the new board of directors are David Barksdale, Gerald Bobier, Douglas H. Bohannon, Robert Bondi, Paul Danahy, Lowell T. Freeman, Charles R. Harte, Perry O. Keene Jr. and Rick Le Varge. Also on the board are Anthony Parrino, David C. Pinholster, Marvin Scott, Donald L. Small, Richard Swirbul and Vincent Thornton.

Aaron Dowd, Vincent Thornton and Jerry Bobier handled the party arrangements and Paul Danahy served as chairman for the meeting.

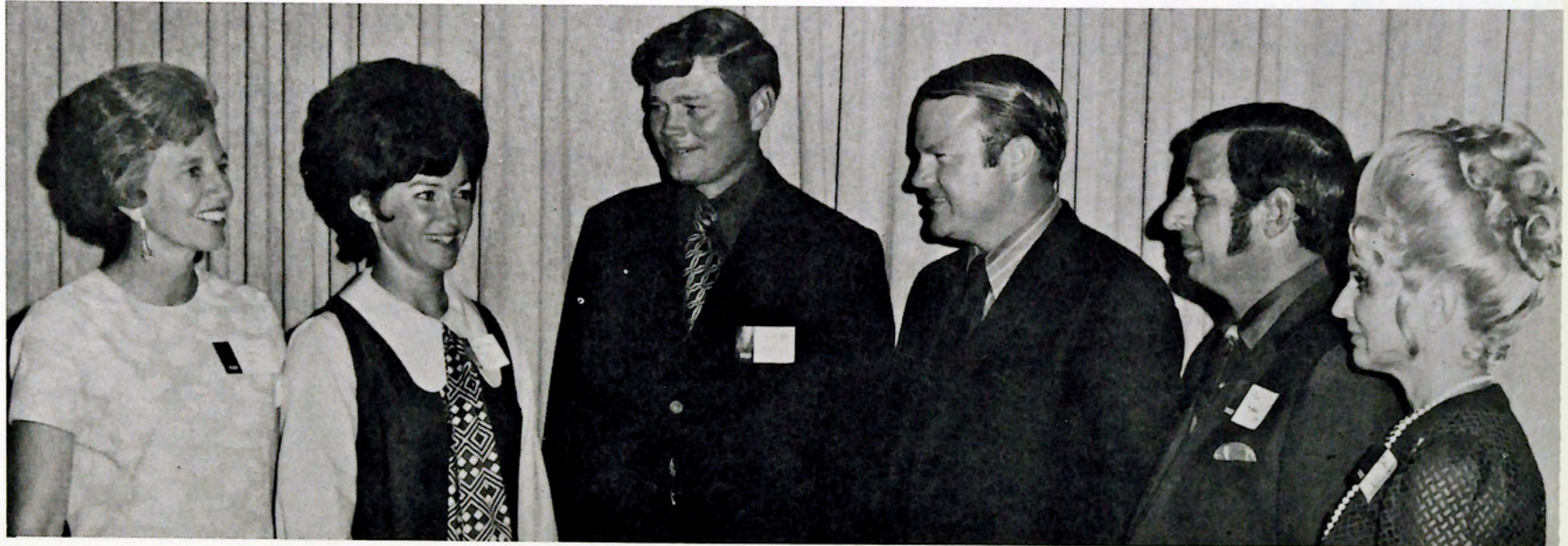


Pictured left to right at the first meeting of the St. Petersburg Beta chapter in May are Robert B. Gronlund, Judge Robert E. Beach, Dr. Richard T. Dillon, and Ken Hance. (Photo by Frank Hutchins)

**Parents Weekend:** The University has scheduled its second annual Parents Weekend for October 23 through 25. Parents have been invited to come to visit the campus, including classes in session, and to attend a convocation, brunch and a coffee party hosted by President and Mrs. Delo at Barritt House. *The Glass Menagerie*, starring Eugenia Rawls is scheduled for Friday evening, followed by a champagne party on stage. On Saturday evening, parents will join the crowd at the Spartan-Xavier game at Tampa Stadium.

**Alumni Office Staff Changes:** With the next issue, Doris Ann Brockway, '60, director of publications for the University, will take over as editor of *The Muezzin*. Marie Deibler is leaving to join the faculty of the University of South Florida. Joyce Plumley, who comes here from the alumni office at the University of Florida, is the new secretary for alumni relations. Antoinette LaMantia is Sword and Shield secretary.

New officers of the recently organized Miami Delta chapter are, left to right, Anne O'Grady, Joyce Traina, Wayne Story, John Mitchell, Phil Rotolo and Jo Ann Tosch. President John Mitchell headed the organization committee. (Photo by Ray B. Fordyce, '42)





# THE MUEZZIN NOTES

## 1939

William H. Ailor Jr., of Reynolds Metals Company of Richmond, Virginia, received the Award of Merit from the American Society of Testing and Materials at a June meeting in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Ailor was graduated *cum laude* from the University of Tampa with a B.S. degree, then went on to receive his B.Ch.E. degree from North Carolina State University. He is senior corrosion engineer in Reynolds' Metallurgical Research Division.

## 1949

William Kendall Baker, formerly financial administrator of Jim Walter Corporation, has been promoted to assistant treasurer. He joined the original Jim Walter homebuilding company as an accountant and has served in various positions in the finance department of the expanded business. Mr. Baker is chairman of the board of Peoples Bank of Tampa, a Certified Public Accountant and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Thomas A. Routh is the author of two new books, *Rehabilitation Counseling of the Blind* and *Choosing a Nursing Home*, recently published by the Charles C. Thomas Publishing Company. The second volume is a sequel to his 1968 book, *Nursing Homes — A Blessing or A Curse*. Mr. Routh is an evaluation and training specialist for the Hospital and Welfare Board of Hillsborough County.

## 1950

Robert W. Turner has been named associate editor of *The Tampa Times*. He started his newspaper career as a cub reporter on *The Tampa Daily Times* in 1953. In more recent years he has been a political writer, columnist and writer of editorials. He covered the Florida Legislature for 12 years during its sessions in Tallahassee. Mr. Turner lives in Brandon with his wife and two children.

## 1951

Anthony Cardoso won the Prix de Paris art award of 1970 in the Salon of the Fifty States national exhibition in New York last spring with his painting "Man Against Landscape." The painting was selected for exhibit in Paris for the months of June and July. Mr. Cardoso is art instructor for Leto Comprehensive High School.

## 1958

Paul C. Doyle, former assistant city general counsel in Jacksonville, has

left his government post to become executive director of that city's Legal Aid Association's staff of attorneys. Following his graduation from the University of Tampa, Mr. Doyle earned his law degree from the Harvard University School of Law.

## 1959

Jim Gallagher received an award in Gainesville in July from the Florida Coaches Association for his contribution to prep athletics. He is currently sports director with WEAT-TV and Radio in West Palm Beach and is president of the Florida Sportscasters Association.

## IN MEMORIAM

Harold E. Carmony, who retired in 1968 as assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Tampa, died July 4 while on a trip to Europe. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Dayton and his M.S. degree from the University of Alabama. Since his retirement, he had lived in Jacksonville. He is survived by his wife and four sons.

Verlin L. Williams, '68, was killed September 10 in Tampa when his car collided with a train. He was a physical education teacher at Tomlin Junior High in Plant City, an assistant coach at Leto High School and former assistant coach at Hillsborough High School. Mr. Williams lettered two years in football for the University and also played a year of semi-pro ball with the Orlando Broncos. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Lcdr. Jeff Ripberger has resigned from active duty in the Navy to return to graduate school at Indiana University in Bloomington. His most recent duty station was New York City, where he was transferred after serving as an intelligence officer for the Navy's unconventional warfare forces in the Far East.

## 1960

Gerald W. (Jerry) Bobier has been appointed vice president in charge of the branch division of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Tampa. He was formerly vice president with the Marine Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Bobier is a past president of the Tampa Alpha Chapter and is a member of the National Council.

Wade G. Birch recently received his Doctorate of Education in counseling and guidance from Indiana University. With the beginning of the new school year he became assistant professor of education and a counseling psychologist in the Indiana University Counseling Center.

Margaret and Mildred Walker spent the past summer in Tampa with their family. Margaret has been traveling over the world with the over-seas teaching program for the past four years, teaching in Ankara, Turkey; Bitburg, Germany, and Yokohama, Japan. Mildred has been a teacher at Killeen, Texas, for the past three years.

## 1961

Jack and Sally Jenkins, "members of the University family" who sang at the opening convocation, have signed a contract for four concerts with Pat Paulsen during the coming season. They will appear with him in Atlanta, Palm Beach, Mobile and St. Petersburg. The St. Petersburg performance is scheduled for February 3 at the Bayfront Center.

Peter Parrado is the new collegium director of the Dale Mabry campus of Hillsborough Junior College. He has been on the staff of the college since its beginning in 1968 as director of student activities and counselor at the Seminole Collegium. Previously, he was with the Dorothy Thomas Juvenile Home, Jefferson High School, Cuesta Elementary School and West Tampa Junior High School.

## 1963

Robert C. (Bob) Bradley was elected senior vice president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Tampa in May. He joined First Federal's accounting department in 1964 and held various positions, including those of assistant secretary, treasurer and vice president. Mr. Bradley is immediate past president of the Tampa Alpha Chapter and a member of the National Council of the University of Tampa National Alumni Association.





**Ron Perez**, an outstanding athlete at the University and also a professional baseball and football player, recently was graduated from the Cumberland School of Law with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. He and his wife have returned to live in Tampa, where he plans to practice law.

## 1964

**Maj. Marvin C. Quist, USAF**, is presently assigned as a senior pilot with a tactical fighter unit of the Pacific Air Forces at Phu Cat Air Base, Vietnam. He was previously stationed with a Military Assistance Group in Tehran, Iran.

**Dan Faye Smith** was awarded his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Miami during June commencement ceremonies.

**Rene Martinez** has been promoted to program supervisor for the Hillsborough County Division of Children's Services, which administers the local juvenile homes at Lake Magdalene and Seffner. He was formerly director of the Offender Diagnostic Treatment Program.

**Capt. Andrew F. DeMeyer** has recently returned to Forbes AFB, Kansas, from temporary duty at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Captain DeMeyer is a navigator with the 47th Tactical Airlift Squadron of the Tactical Air Command.



## 1966

**Adele Villemaire Roberts** has received an assistantship from the University of South Florida to teach French and to complete her master's degree. She is on professional leave from the Hillsborough County School System and will return to teaching French at Leto High School in 1971. Mrs. Roberts earlier received the Alliance Francaise award for teachers and spent three months in Paris on a fellowship at the Sorbonne University. In 1969, she was married to G. Lawrence Roberts, assistant professor at the University of Tampa and consultant economist.

**Capt. James E. Hicks** was assigned to Tyndall AFB, Florida, in June, following a tour of duty at Pleiku Air Base in Vietnam.

**Hazel Ballou** recently became a member of the faculty of Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton, North Carolina. She will be teaching in the departments of guided studies and social sciences. Mrs. Ballou earned her M.A. degree from Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Jerome A. Waterman**, trustee emeritus of the University of Tampa and chairman of the board of Maas Brothers, Inc., died May 3 while attending a Mercer University class reunion in Macon, Georgia. He joined the Board of Trustees in 1961 and received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 1966 when he became trustee emeritus. He also received the University of Tampa medal for distinguished service to the community in 1961.

Not only was Mr. Waterman a pioneer businessman in Tampa, but also a pioneer aviator, receiving his pilot's license in 1926. He served on a committee that was successful in securing MacDill Field for Tampa and also for acquiring Drew Field during World War II.

Mr. Waterman held a number of important business and social positions and was quite active in community activities. He is survived by two daughters and one sister.

**Daniel A. Carroll II** won first place in professional sculpture early this summer in the Hightstown-East Windsor, New Jersey, fourth annual art show. Mr. Carroll, who specializes in carving the American eagle, has received major recognition for his shows in the northeast. He is presently living in Cranbury, New Jersey, and has been working for the Princeton-Gamma-Technical Corporation. Recently, he began instructional and curriculum

work in Industrial Arts with the Freehold Regional High School District. Mrs. Carroll is the former Patricia Rednor, class of '68.

**Richard Stanford** has entered the Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur, Georgia, to begin work for a Master of Divinity degree. For the past three years he has been a supervisor for the Florida Probation and Parole Commission District Office in Clearwater. Mr. Stanford is married to the former Emma Weiman, also class of '66. They have two daughters.

## 1968

**Second Lt. Richard M. Gavin, USAF**, has been awarded his pilot wings upon graduation at Reese AFB, Texas. He is now assigned to Webb AFB, Texas, for flying duty in the T-37 fighter bomber.

## 1969



**Carolyn Price** was graduated recently from the International Stewardess College in Miami, where she is now based as a stewardess for Pan American World Airways. She flies to all Latin America, the Bahamas and Caribbean, to Lisbon, Barcelona, the French Riviera and Rome. Miss Price came to the University of Tampa from Curundu, Canal Zone, where she was born and grew up.

## RECENTLY MARRIED

**Penelope (Penny) Donoghue, '66**, homecoming queen for 1965 and Miss New York State in the Miss America pageant, to Paul DeLoca in July in upstate New York. They plan to make their home in Flushing, New York.

**David E. Dutch, '66**, to Kathleen Susan Christensen in June at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Plantation, Florida. Mr. Dutch received his master's degree from Florida Atlantic University and is presently a teacher and coach at Pompano Beach High School. He and his bride will live in Pompano Beach.

**Pamela Candace Willetts, '69**, to Robert Richard Most in August at the Old Lyme Congregational Church, Old Lyme, Connecticut.



## NASH HIGGINS

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A memory he cherishes is his being awarded a letterman's sweater with captain's stripes by the Wabash College board of trustees at the request of the lettermen when he was graduated from that school.

He's an all-sports man, likes them all, but it's a tossup between football and track as to the one that has given him the most enjoyment.

After 23 years at Shady Acres, a quiet place on the Hillsborough River, Nash and Edith have packed up and moved into an apartment in the Versailles development.

As a crowning glory to Higgins' years spent in athletics, he was named to the Helms Foundation Football Hall of Fame.

"That was one of the greatest thrills I ever had," said the proud former coach.

But, the greatest reward of all to Nash, is that he had the opportunity to serve his fellow man

"Coach Nash" has served well.

## Our Writers This Issue

**Hampton Dunn, '40**, who wrote "So Nice to Come Home To," is a businessman, historian, head of a Florida news syndicate and author of the new book, *Rediscover Florida*, released early this year by Hurricane House Publishers, Inc., of Miami. Mr. Dunn is vice president and director of public relations for the Peninsula Motor Club (AAA). He was formerly managing editor for *The Tampa Daily Times*, a U. S. Air Force Public Relations Officer and news analyst on Miami TV station WCKT. He was also president of the University of Tampa Alumni Association in 1940-41.

**Bill Kirby, '57**, author of "Nash Started It All," is a native of Hillsborough County. He attended Brandon High School, then the University of Tampa. He began his journalistic career with *The Tampa Times* in 1950, then joined *The Tampa Tribune* in 1952 and has since covered all the paper's sports beats at one time or another. Currently, his major assignment is writing about the Spartans, whom he covered during the mid-1950s. During that period, he served as sports editor of *The Minaret*. Mr. Kirby worked with the Associated Press part-time for 12 years.

**Mike Moore, '65**, who guesses at the Spartans' chances this season in "Spartan Football Power," is a sportscaster for WTVT, Channel 13. Mike is a real expert on the Spartans — he was former sports information director for the University and also served as manager of WTUN, the University's one-time FM radio station. Mr. Moore has also worked for a number of radio stations in Tampa.

Members of the University's 1933 football team were, from left, front row: Marvin Chancey, Julio McNenny, Rudy Rodriguez, Jimmy White, Ken Hance, John Mastry, Ed Carter, Guy Whitlock, Hart Overstreet, Buck Torres and Bob Tramontana. In the second row are: Ed Means, Joe Scruggs, Walter Hoy, Willie Godwin, Bert McCullom, Phil Patterson, Jack Fitzgerald, Edward O'Reilly, Marion Lee, Octavius Smith, Gus Muench, John Edison and Cotton Clinton. Third row: Willie Middleton, Tom Davis, Marshall Bize, James Blomeley, Eldon Cage, Tete Newcomb, Joe Carr, Raymond Hurn, Wilbur Gunnoe, Bob Thurmond, Monroe Jordan, Luther Sparkman, Crockett Farnell and Roy Richards. (Photo courtesy of Hampton Dunn). The Tampa Tribune photo on page 9 shows Nash Higgins' reaction to his election to the national small college hall of fame in 1959.





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# University of Tampa Calendar of Events

N O V E M B E R	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 October 13- November 7 Folk Art of Mexico TBAC	4 Bell Science Film Series 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Student Center	5 U. of Tampa Woman's Club luncheon—TBAC	6	7 "Evening in Las Vegas" 8 p.m. Student Center
	8 Faculty Reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Barritt House	9	10 Convocation Ralph Nader 1 p.m.—Falk Theatre "The Singing Hoosiers"—5 p.m. Falk Theatre	11	12	13	14 Football Spartans vs. Idaho State—8 p.m. Tampa Stadium
	15 Thanksgiving Dance 8 p.m. Student Center	16 Travel Film Series 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Student Center	17 November 17-28—Exhibit Art faculty of the U. of Tampa—TBAC	HOMECOMING WEEK (See schedule on page 3)			
	22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28 Football Spartans vs. Florida A&M 8 p.m. Tampa Stadium
	THANKSGIVING VACATION						
29	30 Chiselers Dedication of Bertha Fletcher Lounge cocktails and dinner	MERL KELCE LIBRARY EXHIBITS Nov. 1-15—Books, pictures and items of the reign of Stephen I, first king of Hungary Nov. 16-30—Fall, Thanksgiving, Football Nov. 9-15—Pictures and emblems of Alpha Chi sorority					
D E C E M B E R			1 U. of T. Woman's Club Bazaar on December 2 Plant Hall	2 Basketball Spartans vs. Florida A&M 8 p.m. Howell Field House	3 8:30 p.m. Falk Theatre	4	5 Basketball Spartans vs. Valdosta State 8 p.m. Howell Field House
	DRAMA DEPT. PRODUCTION "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"						
	6 Student Christmas Dance 8 p.m. Student Center	7 December 7-8 Industrial Arts exhibit—Ballroom Travel Film Series 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Student Center	8 Christmas Choral Concert 8 p.m. Falk Theatre	9 Basketball Spartans vs. Florida Southern 8 p.m. Howell Field House	10 December 8-30 Exhibit— LaLiberte banners TBAC	11	12 Basketball Spartans vs. St. Leo 8 p.m. Howell Field House
	13	14 Final exams begin	15 Faculty Artist Series Leslie Paul Jones, Pianist—8:30 p.m. Falk Theatre	16	17 Christmas Vacation Begins	18 Dinner-dance The Delos and U. of T. Woman's Club—8:30 p.m. Student Center	19
	20 COM- MENCEMENT Baccalaureate—11 a.m. Falk Theatre Commencement 3 p.m.—McKay Aud.	21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
	27	28	29	30	31		
December 1 through 8 — "Christmas Trees of Many Lands" — Chiselers — Plant Hall, North Wing December 1 through 14 — Merl Kelce Library exhibit — Geography Department December 15 through 31 — Merl Kelce Library exhibit — Christmas and New Year holidays							

December 20: Baccalaureate Service, 11 a.m., Falk Theatre; Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Student Center; Commencement, 3 p.m., McKay Auditorium. Followed by President's reception for graduates and parents, Student Center.

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