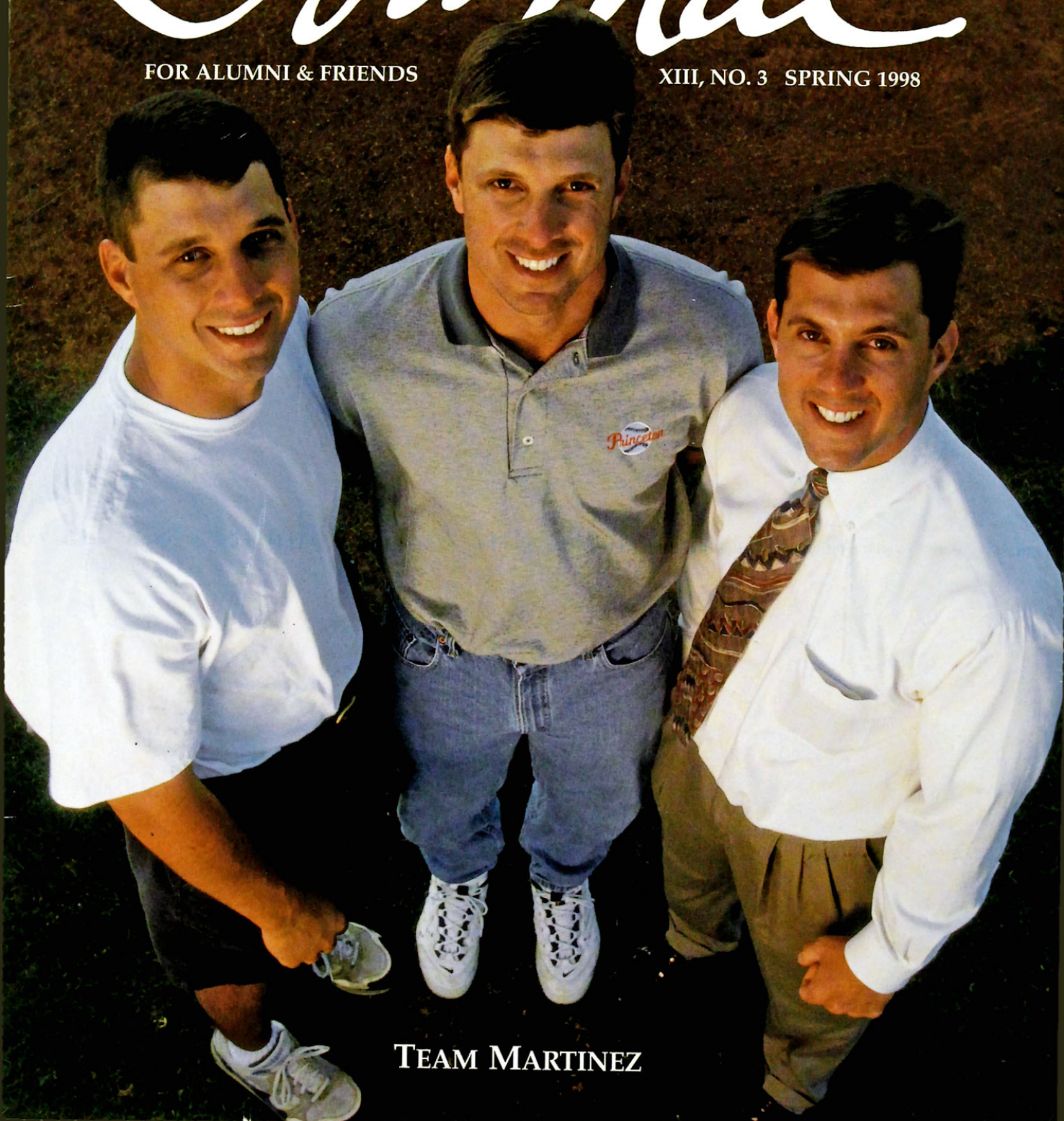


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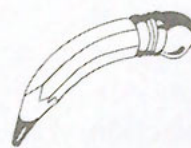
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ROTC cadets are involved in almost every aspect of campus leadership and also go on to become doctors, pilots, engineers and accountants.

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The Martinez brothers spent a lot of time following their various interests on the UT Campus. Now they've grown up and are following their own career paths, but they remain very close. From left, Tony, a school teacher; Tino, New York Yankees; and Rene, a banker. Photo by Cliff McBride.

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# Baseball was Nice but Academics Came First for Martinez Family

By Walter Lee Dozier  
Sports Writer, Tampa Tribune

When the names Rene and Tino Martinez come up in conversations among University of Tampa alumni, thoughts of baseball come to mind.

The two men excelled on the baseball diamond, garnering a host of post-season honors.

Rene was a second team All-Sunshine State Conference selection at shortstop in 1987 and 1988. His younger brother, Tino, was a first team All-Sunshine State Conference selection for three years, an All-American in 1988, and is currently the starting first baseman for the New York Yankees.

But the men have deeper connections to The University of Tampa. Their mother and father, younger brother Tony, and two cousins also attended the university.

"We have a history of family members attending The University of Tampa," Rene Martinez said. "It's a great school."

The Tampa alumni connection be-

gan with 80 year-old family patriarch, Tino Gonzalez.

He took University of Tampa non-credit night classes at Hillsborough High School in the early 1930s, but wasn't able to pursue a college degree for economic reasons.

He did see to it that his daughter, Sylvia, who married Rene Martinez Sr., went to college. Gonzalez' son, Tony, has a daughter, Stephanie, who graduated from Tampa and another daughter, Kristen, who is scheduled to graduate in May.

"It was my dream to have a college education but I wasn't able to see it through," said Gonzalez who is vice president of Villazon (Cigars) and Company.

"I made up for it with everybody else. That was my goal. Our family has always been conscious of education."

Rene Martinez said education was always a family priority and took precedence over athletics. He said he and his brothers were not pushed into sports when they were growing up but when they gravitated toward them, their parents supported their efforts.

"When we were growing up my parents stressed academics," said Martinez who majored in business management and works at Manufacturers Bank of Florida.

"With my mom being a school teacher we were taught early on that school is important. My dad got his degree in physical education and they were both involved in our schooling from the beginning through college."

Gonzalez said while the family placed a high value on education, it

placed a commensurate value on good character.

While Rene, 31, Tino, 30, and Tony, 28, were required to be good students they were also required to be good citizens and develop a sense of community.

"During the summer, Rene Sr. would have the three boys work in the factory," said Gonzalez who has worked for Villazon for 57 years. "Discipline and family was the foundation with the boys."

"In the 1970s my dad would take us

to UT football games," Rene said. "But he liked baseball and started helping to promote the baseball team."

"I signed a baseball scholarship to attend Tampa before the start of my senior year in high school. Tino could have gone anywhere but signed with Tampa too."

"When people found out he was going to UT, some of them called and said 'What, are you kidding, Tampa?'"

Rene and Tino said family ties influenced their decisions to play college baseball at Tampa. They wanted their grandparents and parents to be able to see them play.

Rene said he remembers his mother and father organizing their entire weekends around baseball games from Little League through college. He said his mother would go to games with his brother Tony, while their father would go with the two older boys.

Today, the practice continues but it's Rene who is organizing his free time around his 4-year-old son and Tino's 4-year-old son.

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*The Martinez and Gonzalez families could almost field a team with scholars who have attended UT. Eight family members are alumni. One will graduate in May.*

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A baseball family, the Little League days. From left, Rene, Rene senior, Tino, and Tony, in foreground.



"Now we're doing it with the grandchildren," Gonzalez said. "Sylvia is attending the grandchildren's games and Rene is coaching Tino's kid."

Family members also get together to attend Yankee spring training games in Tampa, regular-season home games in New York or road games in Miami or Boston.

"Tino has a lot of influence on the kids," Rene said. "My son always wants to see my brother play baseball. He says, 'daddy I want to hit the ball hard like Tio Tino.' Every baseball player is Tio Tino for my daugh-

ter. She can't tell the difference yet."

Gonzalez said he's proud of the way his grandsons have followed in their father's footsteps.

"Even with his greatness and popularity, Tino comes to see me just like anybody else. He's a family man."

"They were taught that you can't forget where you came from and who helped you along the way. That's important and they haven't forgotten it."

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The alumni connection began with 80-year old family patriarch, Tino Gonzalez, who is vice president of Villazon (Cigars) and Company. He and his wife of 58 years, Rose, were at a recent groundbreaking for a new Manufacturers Bank branch.

## Baseball Benefactor

**R**ene Martinez Sr., died January 4, 1990. Tampa baseball team boosters say he was an unsung benefactor who contributed to the baseball program in a variety of ways from fund raising to recruiting.

To honor his memory, friends and baseball team supporters host the largest one-day golf tournament in Hillsborough County-The Annual Rene Martinez Sr., Golf Classic.

Funds raised from the tournament are used to recruit local high school players like Rene and Tino.

"Rene was not only my boss but my closest friend," said tournament organizer Mario Garrido. "Rene went to UT and wanted to help out the program."

"His death touched us and we wanted to do something for him. We put on the first tournament a month to the day after he died."

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# Martinez Unchanged by Elevator Ride to the Top

By Walter Lee Dozier  
*Sports Writer, Tampa Tribune*

**A**s the applause from the standing ovation began to fade, Tino Martinez made his way to the podium at last month's Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame-Honors Banquet at the Lakeland Center.

Dressed in a well-tailored dark jacket with a white shirt and tie, Martinez, whose given name is Constantino, smiles and politely waits for the gathering of coaches, athletes and conference officials to re-seat themselves.

He is at ease accepting the plaque that signifies his induction into the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Hall of Fame.

The 1997-98 induction class includes Barry's Dr. Jean Cerra, Florida Tech soccer player Steve Freeman, Florida Tech baseball player Tim Wakefield, Saint Leo College baseball player Bob Tewksbury, former conference commissioner Bob Vanatta and Martinez.

The SSC Hall of Fame, which totals 56 members, was founded in 1991 to honor those who have made outstanding contributions. Its purpose is to perpetuate the memory of those who have brought distinction, honor and excellence to the Sunshine State Conference.

Martinez thanks those responsible for the distinguished honor then offers an anecdote to why he chose to play baseball at The University of Tampa, a Division II school in the SSC, instead of taking one of the many Division I scholarships he was offered.

"I wanted to play professional baseball so I wanted to go to a school where I could get noticed," Martinez told the audience. "I had the opportunity to go to a couple of Division I schools but my parents wanted me to stay home so they could watch me play."

"My older brother Rene was already at The University of Tampa and my dad told me 'if you're good enough it doesn't matter where you go to school, they are going to find you.'"

Professional scouts had no problem finding Martinez. He played three years of baseball for UT and was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the first round (14th pick overall) of the 1988 draft.

At Tampa, Martinez played first baseman and was a three-time first-team, All-SSC, All-South Region and All-American pick. He holds school career records for batting average (.399), home runs (54) and runs batted in (222).

In 1988, he was a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award, given to the

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## Tino Martinez

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top collegiate baseball player in the nation at any level, and was a member of the USA team that won the 1988 Olympic gold medal in baseball in Korea.

That year he was named Division II player of the year and selected the MVP of the World Amateur Championships in Italy and a first team All-American.

"He's the reason I was a designated hitter for three years," said UT head baseball coach Terry Rupp. "He had a lot of expectations coming in as a freshman and he came in and hit right away.

"Most freshmen need to adjust from high school pitching to college pitching. He needed no adjustment time. He was the total package."

Former Tampa baseball coach Lelo Prado said recruiting Martinez helped Tampa establish a strong baseball program. He is one of several Spartans to play professional baseball.

"He was recruited by everyone in the country," said Prado who is now

coaching at the University of Louisville. We told him come here and play and make The University of Tampa a powerhouse. He was one of the players who helped get us on the map."

Martinez said playing in the Sunshine State Conference was more challenging than he expected. He thought Tampa and Florida Southern would dominate the conference but quickly found out differently.

"Staying home was one of the best decisions I've ever made," said Martinez who is

married and the father of three children. "I was definitely surprised. It was like every team we played we were hoping to get a split. It was always a battle. It's one of the toughest conferences in college baseball.

"We had a great lineup and we could hit with anybody in the country. I think we could have played with anybody in the country."

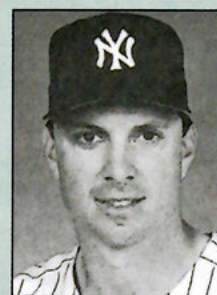
Martinez was traded from the Mariners to the Yankees following the 1995 season. He became an instant success in New York, helping the Yankees win the 1996 World Series while hitting .292 with 25 home runs and 117 RBI.

Last year he was named to the American League All-Star team and enjoyed his best season with 44 home runs, 141 RBI and a .296 batting average.

Martinez rise to professional didn't go unnoticed by members of Tampa's baseball community. His senior season at Jefferson High School he was the Saladino Award winner.

*"We told him come here and play and make The University of Tampa a powerhouse. He was one of the players who helped get us on the map."*

*— Lelo Prado, former UT Baseball Coach*



## Constantino (Tino) Martinez

No.: 24

Position: First base

Born: December 7, 1967, Tampa, FL

Bats left; throws right

Major League Service: 6 years, 90 days

Last year: Batting average (.298), Games (158), At bats (594), Runs (96), Hits (176), Doubles (31), Triples (2), Home runs (44), RBI (141), Walks (75), Strikeouts (75), Stolen bases (3).

Drafted: 1988, by Seattle in the first round (14th player overall).

The award is named in honor of long-time Hillsborough County prep baseball promoter Tony Saladino and goes to the outstanding senior each year. Saladino said it was obvious, even as a high school athlete, Martinez had the skills and the work habits to make it in professional baseball.

"He was a phenomenal kid," Saladino said. "He had all the tools. What impressed me more than anything was that we had a gentleman.

"I'm not surprised by his success. He's a good family man and I'm very proud of him."

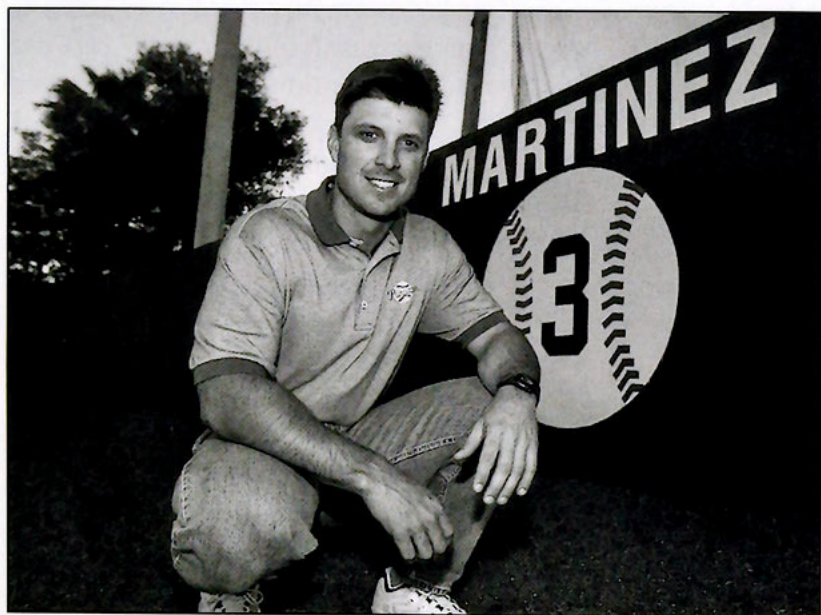
Former Tampa baseball player Joe Ciccarello followed Martinez through high school and college and said his maturity, focus and discipline were obvious from a young age. He said he never saw Martinez make a mental error in a baseball game.

"He's surpassed my expectations," said Ciccarello who played the outfield for Sam Bailey in the early 60s. "And with all the notoriety he has gotten he kept being himself. No matter who you talk to, people say he's the same great kid. We are really proud of him."

Martinez said attending UT was one of his best experiences and if he had to do it all over again, he would.

"Because Florida is very popular among students, I got to meet students from a lot of different places," he said. "I enjoyed hanging out with my teammates and going to the Rat (Rathskeller Pub). It was a great experience."

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Only two Spartan uniform numbers have been retired and posted on the outfield fence at Sam Bailey Field, number 3, worn by Tino, and number 1, worn by Lelo Prado, who coached the Spartans in back-to-back national championships in 1992-93.



# May Grads Move Quickly into Jobs, Graduate School

A survey of last May's graduates, conducted by the Office of Career Services, has shown that 90% of the respondents had taken jobs or enrolled in graduate school within 90 days of graduation.

Most of the graduates chose to enter the work force. Seventy-five percent had started their careers, many in the Tampa Bay area. Nearly two thirds (62%) of the graduates were working in the state of Florida, and more than half of those (38%) remained in the Tampa Bay area. About 22% went immediately to graduate school.

Career tracks locally were as varied as the community. Graduates had jobs in the full range of careers available, from law enforcement officers to accountants. Employers were equally varied: Busch Gardens, Danka Busi-

ness Systems, Tampa General Hospital, Florida Power and Light, ADP, Anderson Consulting, Barnett Bank, Boat America and the U.S. Customs are among those who hired UT alumni.

About half of the alumni reported salaries in the \$25,000 range. A quarter more started between \$25,000 and \$39,000. Ten percent were earning between \$35,000 and \$50,000. And a small group (7%) started at more than \$50,000.

Computer Information Systems majors, MBAs and nurses were earning the higher salaries. These areas are where the demand has been for several years.

Graduate students were spread throughout the country and were pursuing advanced study in medicine,

law and business as well as a variety of other disciplines, including psychology, communications and education. **UT**

## Winners and Losers of '97

UT made the annual "winners" list in the *Wall Street Journal's* list of winners and losers in 1997 which was published Dec. 31, 1997. Seems the \$10 million gift from John and Susan Sykes and the new construction it will finance helped push UT into the winner's circle. **UT**

## Fast Track to Jobs for Alumni

A new on-line computer service which can simplify the job hunt for alumni and give employers a preview of the applicant pool is now up and running on campus.

### Highest Spring Enrollment Ever

Spring enrollment 1998 was the highest ever at UT with 2,757 students, representing a 5% increase over last year.

There was also a record 156 new full-time students this year, a 24 % increase over the previous spring.

For fall: Applications in late February were running about 300 ahead of the same period last year. **UT**

"This service will allow students and alumni to access, from any where in the world, information on jobs, internships and career information," said Sheila Hood, employment coordinator.

Students and recent alumni can begin looking through thousands of job opportunities posted daily on the service, submit their resume and find out other critical information about jobs throughout the country and the world.

Career Services Director Jean Keelan inaugurated the contracted-service in early February as an aid to students beginning their searches. The service is free to students, alumni and universities, but employers pay a fee to post their jobs.

According to promotional material from JOBTRAK, the Los Angeles-

based company which owns the service, more than 3000 new job opportunities are posted on the worldwide directory each day.

Approximately 35,000 job seeking students from over 650 college and university career centers check out the listings daily.

UT students and alumni can log on to JOBTRAK using the password "Spartans" from any computer in the world, said Hood. Then they can fill out their resume and apply to jobs posted on the directory. Only the student can change his/her resume, and only potential employers can view it. If a company is interested in an applicant, they can e-mail, phone or mail information.

"The best part is that it's free and it provides a great service to students and alumni," said Hood. **UT**



# Outstanding Leader Receives Ethics Award

**T**om Sullivan, general manager of the Hyatt Regency Tampa was awarded the 1997 Tampa Bay Ethics Award at the annual UT Ethics Breakfast on Jan. 29.

For the past several years the Center for Ethics has recognized an individual whose personal, business and professional life reflects those classical ethical standards that contribute to all that is good in society: responsibility, respect, trustworthiness, caring, justice and citizenship.

Sullivan has demonstrated a long-standing pattern of commitment to ethics through his own behavior. He is involved on many boards and is well respected for standing up for his beliefs and not compromising when he knows what is right.

Endorsements from Sullivan's colleagues filled two single-spaced typewritten pages.

"Tom is responsible for motivating 400 employees at the Hyatt Regency Tampa. He consistently practices fair treatment and holds all of the managers and employees accountable for the

highest ethical conduct. When asked for direction in difficult situations, Tom's well-known precursor to the conversation is, "Just do the right thing."

Said another, "In April of 1997, Tom and his wife, Ros, and their two children, John David and Sarah, went to Russia and adopted Andrei, a six-year-old orphan boy with cerebral palsy. This is just one more way that Tom leads by example and puts others before himself."

Sullivan works cooperatively to solve problems in his profession and in the community, and volunteers his time to positively impact Tampa through Metropolitan Ministries, Habitat for Humanity and various other community organizations.

Sullivan is the incoming President for the Hillsborough County Hotel/Motel Association, and is also active in the Tampa/Hillsborough Convention and Visitors Association and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

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**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Tom Sullivan and family at the annual ethics award breakfast. (From Left) Sarah, Ros, Tom, Andrei, John.



**ON THE DRAWING BOARD:** A number of projects are underway on campus and there's more to come. President Ron Vaughn recently briefed past UT Board of Trustee chairmen on the latest projects, which include the John H Sykes College of Business building and the Chapel and Intercultural Center.

## UT Brain Bowl

A UT team competing in the annual College Bowl "did well considering it was our first time and we were competing against much larger universities," said Dr. Richard Piper, Honors Program director.

The student team, along with 300 other institutions of higher learning advanced to the regional championship tournament February 20-22 at Auburn University in Montgomery, AL.

UT beat Southern Miss 120-20 and Georgia College 105-100. The University of Florida won overall and the University of Georgia placed second. Sophomore Robert Reeb captained the team of: Sasha Osgood and Iggy Hernandez, sophomores; Bruce Palmatier, junior; and Sarah Waylett, senior.

College Bowl is a game of academic knowledge and quick recall. Now in its 21st year, the College Bowl program is a popular tradition on America's campuses.

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# Law and Justice Minor Established

UT has introduced a new approach to the study of the law called the Law and Justice Minor. The program will examine legal ideas, legal institutions, and public policies within the framework of a solid liberal arts environment.



Dr. Susan Brinkley

"Outside the U.S., law is often studied as an undergraduate discipline," said Susan Brinkley

associate professor of Criminology and Chair of the Department. "Law is recognized as a vital part of society, but in this country the study of law has been relegated to the professional school where law is studied as a tool and the focus is on 'how to' rather than 'how to understand.'"

The Law and Justice Minor is designed to meet the needs of any student desiring to gain an in depth understanding of the law and its effects on society. These can run the gamut from students planning to go to law school to those planning to enter the

public sector to political science and history majors.

According to Brinkley, UT already offers a broader array of law courses than almost any other liberal arts university of its size. The Law and Justice Minor will focus these opportunities for those students who have a need for a comprehensive understanding of the law.

"The program will provide UT students with a unique opportunity," says Brinkley, "of pursuing the academic study of law along with obtaining the skills of their major." **UT**

## Morrill Publishes Nonfiction Work

**D**on Morrill, associate professor of English has written a book of creative nonfiction called *A Stranger's Neighborhood*.

Published by the Duquesne University Press of Pittsburgh, PA. the book is part of a series called Emerging Writers in Creative Nonfiction. This project finds and publishes young writers who "...have found ways to report factual stories in unique and subjective ways, demonstrating definitively that nonfiction writing can

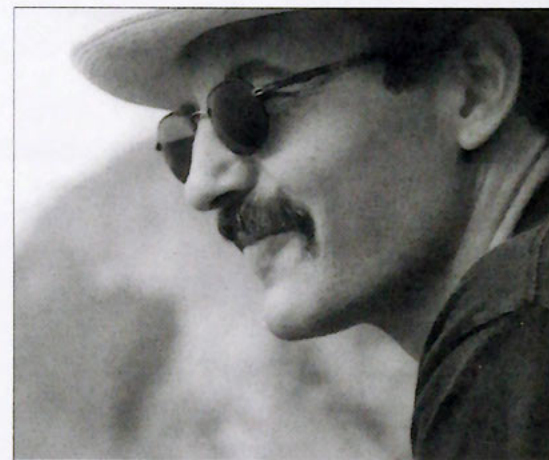
equal all the grace and style of any poem, any piece of fiction."

Morrill's work, according to the book's

jacket, "... focuses on childhood and home, adulthood and travel." Travel for Morrill is extensive; the book features such far flung places as China, Tibet, Turkey, Egypt and Russia as well as several sections chronicling experiences in Tampa and St. Pete.

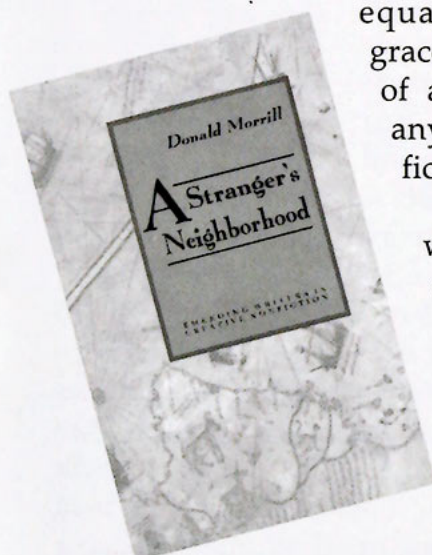
Compiled from journals and mostly from memory, the book is characterized by Morrill as a memoir.

His poems and prose have appeared in numerous journals and magazines, among them *The North American Review*, *Manoa*, *The Kenyon Review*, *The Southern Review*, *Creative Nonfiction* and *Grand Tour*. *A Stranger's Neighborhood* is his first book. Later this year Mid-



Dr. Don Morrill

List Press of Minneapolis will publish a collection of his poems called *At the Bottom of the Sky*. **UT**



## Spartan Scholar-Athletes

UT athletes topped the list of Sunshine State Conference honorees named to the fall semester Honor Roll. Some 123 student athletes were named to the list conference wide, with 23 coming from UT, the most of any school in the conference. To be eligible for the Commissioner's Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have a 3.2 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale for the semester. The fall list of sports includes men's and women's cross country, men's soccer, and women's volleyball. **UT**



# Two Professors Awarded Tenure

The Board of Trustees has awarded tenure to Dr. Jeffrey G. Klepfer of the Psychology Department and Dr. James D. Krause of the College of Business. In addition the Board promoted Klepfer to the rank of Associate Professor.



Dr. Jeffrey G. Klepfer



Dr. James D. Krause

Dr. Klepfer joined the UT community in 1985 as the Director of The Personal Development Center. In 1987 he was promoted to Dean of Students and later that same year

took on the additional job of Vice President of Student Affairs. While filling these important roles for the University, he taught psychology courses part-time.

In 1993 he joined the Psychology faculty full-time. In recommending him to the Board, Chairman of the Educational Affairs Committee, Richard Swirbul said "Dr. Klepfer has been a diligent teacher, both part-time and full-time, for over 10 years and an extraordinarily cooperative member of his department. His solid student teaching evaluations in conjunction with his high standards and varied pedagogical techniques, make him an excellent addition to the faculty.

"One of Dr. Klepfer's greatest strengths is his adaptability and genuine love of his profession. His Teaching Excellence and Innovation Grant this year is indicative of his continual efforts to improve his teaching and his students' learning," said Swirbul.

Dr. James D. Krause joined the University of Tampa in 1985 after ten years in the business world. Immediately prior to his UT appointment he was Chief Financial Officer of Inland Diamond Products of Madison Heights, Michigan, a manufacturer of optical equipment and supplies.

Currently Dr. Krause divides his teaching between the department of Accounting and the department of Finance. "It is a testimony to his teaching," said Swirbul, "that the faculty in each department would prefer that he focus all of his efforts in their particular area.

"Individual student feedback," Swirbul continued, "is almost uniformly positive with students frequently commenting that they would take any course he would teach."

Dr. Krause will hold the title of Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance. **UT**

## Fotopoulos to Coach Women's Soccer

Former UT national player-of-the-year George Fotopoulos was named head coach of the school's new women's soccer program in February. Fotopoulos is expected to field UT's varsity womens team this fall and will compete in the Sunshine State Conference. He begins his duties immediately.

A 1992 graduate of The University of Tampa, Fotopoulos played forward for the Spartans for two years after transferring from Old Dominion. He was twice named first-team all-Sunshine State Conference and as a senior was voted the NSCAA National On-Field-Player-of-the-Year after leading the Spartans to the NCAA II national championship game. He played forward in 41 career games at UT and scored 56 points.

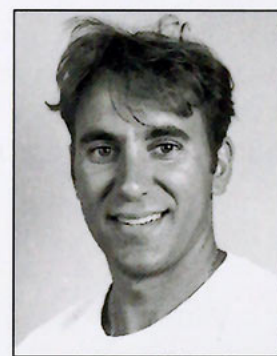
He continued playing in the professional ranks with the APSL Tampa Bay Rowdies (1992), the New Orleans Riverboat Gamblers (1994), the AEK of Tripoli in the Greek second division (1993), and the USISL Tampa Bay Cyclones (1995).

Coaching at UT, Fotopoulos has participated in training and recruiting while spearheading the team's fund raising and alumni relations efforts for the Spartans' Top 10 program.

"This is a dream come true for me because Tampa is my home, UT is my school, and I've thought a long time about starting the first University of Tampa women's soccer team," said Fotopoulos, "Now we have to educate the country's top players that we have a team and get them to consider

attending The University of Tampa. We expect to recruit players who can compete for national honors just like our men's team and the University is giving us an opportunity to do that."

As a staff member since 1995 with the Florida State Olympic Development Program and the United States Soccer Federation, Fotopoulos has strong ties to various women's youth programs. Last summer, he was named Director of Women's Soccer for the state of Florida and coaches the U15 state team. **UT**



George Fotopoulos



# Acclaimed Chilean Author Isabelle Allende Graces *Tampa Review*

**T**he popular and acclaimed Latin American writer Isabelle Allende becomes the first author to have bilingual texts published in *Tampa Review*.

Best known for *The House of the Spirits* and other magic realist novels, Allende and her translator Margaret Sayers Peden are both interviewed by contributing editor Jan Garden Castro. The issue includes an excerpt from Allende's *Paula* in the original Spanish accompanied by Peden's English translation. Allende's newest book, *Aphrodite*, also translated by Peden, is being published this month by HarperCollins.

International flavors abound in this latest issue of Tampa's world-class literary journal, with work from England, Israel, Japan, and Bangladesh—and the editors emphasize Florida's connections with the global village.

Spilling off the cover is one of Trevor Bell's dynamic "light pillars." A native of Leeds, England, Bell established a studio in Florida in 1973 and found his paintings filled with new vibrancy

and light, partially inspired by a night moon-launch at Cape Kennedy and "the amazing pillars of fire left behind the rocket." Bell has exhibited at the Tate Gallery in England, the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and other major museums. His new Tate-commissioned painting "Himalaya" faces the first story.

Writer Kit Reed, originally from St. Petersburg, contributes *Slumber*, a story of two people returning to Florida to attend a high school reunion. Freelance photographer Anthony James shares his journey in Japan with both photographs and text. He traveled from the castle town of Himeji to the Miyajima Shrine on the Inland Sea of Japan.

Jane Hamilton, author of the best-selling novel *The Book of Ruth*, was a guest author at The University of Tampa last year. An interview with her is accompanied by photographs taken during her visit.

Featured Florida writers and artists include poets Silvia Curbelo, Ron De Maris, Chris Green, Z.A. Jaimot, Dor-

othy Jean Shepard, and Gregory Byrd; fiction writer Michael Winter; and artists Charlotte Schulz and Anna Tomczak.

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For further information contact: Dr. Richard Mathews or Ms. Ellen White, *Tampa Review*, at (813) 253-6266. **UT**



## A Little Study on Love

**W**hat more than love has captured people's thoughts since the beginning of time? Who isn't moved by a love story? Who doesn't have a love story of their own? Yet, despite its overwhelming presence in our lives, love is rarely the subject of serious study. We tend to feel it more than we think about it.

Professor Robert D. Strickler of UT's Psychology Department is offering a more scholarly approach in his course, *Advanced Social Love*, which is being offered for the first time this semester at The University of Tampa.

The course description of *Advanced Social Love* promises, "An exploration of the preeminent emotion of love, mainly from psychological perspec-

tives. Topics include: What is love? (various conceptions); Types of love (parental, brotherly, romantic, companionate, etc.); cross-cultural perspectives on love; and maintaining loving relationships."

"The main thrust," says Strickler, "is love as it evolves from romantic love to long-term relationship and the problems that come up along the way."

The 400-level psychology course is a seminar and relies on rigorous participation from the students.

"I certainly don't have all the answers," says Strickler, "but by examining the problems individually and sharing the results maybe we can learn something about love and why marriages are currently failing at a 50% rate."

There are no magic formulas for success in long term relationships, according to Strickler. A lot depends on the judgment one makes about the value of the relationship. Having irrefutably made that judgment, then such factors as commitment and trust come into play.

Strickler's credentials. Beside holding a Ph.D. in Psychology from Columbia University, he has been married to the same woman for 29 years.

He said he originally intended to keep the class size down to 15, but was oversubscribed. There are 17 students in the course, with 15 women and two men. Why the imbalance? "That's another study altogether," quips Strickler. **UT**



# Pesticide "Magic Bullet" May Be a Ricochet

By Harry Chittenden  
Freelance Writer

A part from the reverence that he feels for the natural world, Fred Punzo, Dana Professor of Biology, has practical concerns for the environment.

"It is clear that we cannot continue to destroy species without upsetting the balance of nature in some unfore-



Dr. Fred Punzo

seen calamity that will cost a hell of a lot more to fix than to prevent," says Punzo.

Take the wild dog (dingos) problem in Australia. Dingos roam the outback

living on small game, particularly rabbits. When sheep farming became a staple to the country, the dingo preyed on stray sheep and the farmers shot and trapped dingos with a vengeance that very nearly wiped them from the continent. The result was a plague of rabbits. Without the dingo, rabbits multiplied with such dazzling rapidity that they were soon competing with sheep for food and threatened entire herds rather than the relatively few strays taken by the dingo.

Punzo, an involved scientist, is alert to the sensitive balance in nature. Perhaps that's why he's particularly interested in amphibians.

"Frogs and toads are disappearing world wide," he says. "Nobody is quite sure why, but the consequences could be enormous. Amphibians are crucial to controlling the insect populations."

The humble oak toad is a good example, he says. The little noticed Florida resident, at a scant two inches,

is the smallest toad native to North America. It hunkers quietly, camouflaged by eons of evolutionary adaptation and gobbles up about one third of its body weight in insects every day.

For a farmer, a healthy oak toad population in the neighborhood could be a major factor in controlling crop pests. Unfortunately, like other amphibians around the world, the oak toad is disappearing. Punzo wants to know why.

Sometimes mysteries are solved by looking in the unlikeliest of places. Maybe that's why in 1994 Punzo decided to look at neem.

Neem is the generic name of an insecticide commonly used around the world. In Florida it is favored by farmers growing ornamental plants like poinsettia and African violets to control aphids and white flies.

Neem is also the name of a tree in India. For centuries, Indians noticed that the waves of locusts that periodically invade their crops and devastate their lives assiduously avoid neem trees. The locusts strip every shred of vegetation for miles, but not neem leaves. Naturally, scientists took an interest. After analyzing the leaves and seeds of the neem, they discovered that a substance called azadirachtin was responsible for keeping the locusts off the neem. Moreover, the substance seemed to affect only insects. Reptiles and arthropods (eg. spiders) were apparently not bothered.

Scientists are not sure what about azadirachtin (AZA) causes distress in insects. Studies have shown that the

substance suppresses the appetite enough that the insect will simply quit eating and die. Continued exposure can also disrupt the molting process, preventing the insect from metamorphosing from one stage to another; it perishes as a consequence.

According to the Extension Toxicology Network, an online data base funded in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, AZA is used to control a variety of plant eating insects, but "... is relatively harmless to spiders."

However, Punzo's findings cast a shadow on that contention. In two separate studies, he tested the theory that AZA is harmless. In the first he examined its effects on spiders, choosing as a subject the wolf spider, a creature about one half inch long that feeds on insects in fields throughout the Southeastern U.S.

He isolated a statistically significant population of wolf spiders grown in his lab from egg-bearing females captured in Hillsborough County, FL. He divided them into two groups. To

the one group he fed insects injected with varying quantities of AZA corresponding to levels commonly used to treat crops. To the other he fed a diet of AZA-free insects. The results were disturbing.

"The spiders who ingested the AZA insects experienced a mortality rate that corresponded to the

amount of AZA in their diet," says Punzo. "And spiderlings died at a greater rate than adults. Wolf spider populations may be depressed in fields treated with AZA."

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Punzo asserts that there is a point where chemical treatment becomes counter productive. Wolf spiders are voracious eaters of insects, not crops. Farmers need to assess whether destroying the spiders can wreak havoc by allowing more insects to thrive than the chemicals can effectively destroy. He published the results of his work in the *Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology* the Fall of 1997,

In the second study Punzo produced the first scientific data on AZA and amphibians. Using specimens hatched in the lab from eggs collected in Myakka River State Park (Sarasota County, FL), Punzo experimented with AZA and its effect on oak toad tadpoles.

He placed tadpoles in water with concentrations of AZA corresponding to those found in ponds near agricultural areas and discovered that tadpole mortality in AZA water correlated with the density of the concentration.

In addition, AZA greatly decreased the general fitness of surviving tadpoles. They were found to swim slower, inhibiting their food gathering ability and making them more vulnerable to predators. Some were deformed. Exposed adults experienced decreased fertilization success as AZA somehow affected the sperm, says Punzo.

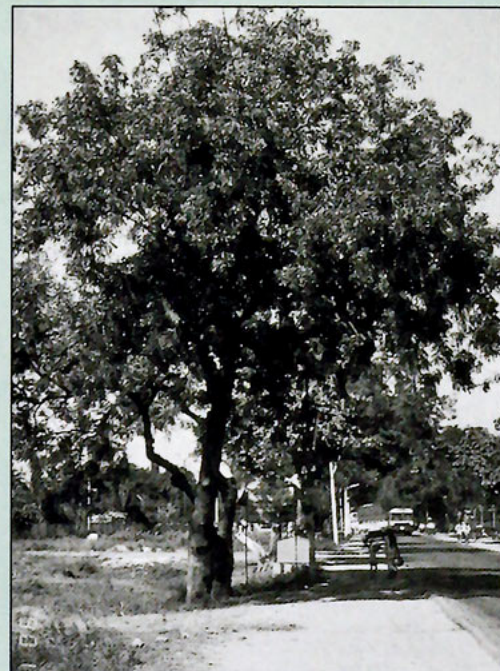
The question is: if AZA is doing this much damage to the oak toad and the wolf spider, what could it be doing to other species?

"It's troubling," admits Punzo. "It was years before we figured out how dangerous DDT was. It was on the verge of wiping out vast sections of the food chain before the alarms went off."

His oak toad study was published in the journal *Florida Scientist* in the Spring of 1997 and is still being circulated. Bob Torla, a scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said that the EPA still considers AZA relatively non-toxic.

"However," he said, "there are a lot of critters out there. We can't test every one in the neighborhood. It's

Oak Toad



## SAFE OR NOT?

Pesticide made from AZA, a naturally occurring chemical of the neem tree of India, is being used world-wide and marketed as a safe pesticide which only affects insects, but used outside of its natural environment, neem could be responsible for high mortality of the oak toad, wolf spider and other species in the Southeast.

Wolf Spider



possible that we haven't tested the right critters."

Punzo is not arguing for a ban on AZA, but strongly advocates a diminishing role for chemicals in pest control. For example, new technologies that employ natural predators deserve more consideration. He is currently working with a project to control fire ants, a Central and South American scourge that has become a problem in the southern U.S. Under study is a fly that lays eggs in the carapace shell of the ants. When the eggs hatch, the larvae destroy the ant.

Another promising solution is the development of high tech pathogens that infect single species.

"There is a bacterium," he says by way of example, "that can infect the

larvae of the tomato horn worm and wipe them out of a field. The bacterium then dies harmlessly."

These technologies require intensive research and development funds and cannot yet compete economically with chemicals. Punzo advocates subsidization of the research and perhaps regulation to mandate the implementation of non-chemical pest control until the new technologies become economical.

Meanwhile, we must strive to learn as much as we can. "AZA is certainly not the worst of the insecticides and has a definite place in pest management," says Punzo, "but there is little doubt that more work needs to be done to determine its side effects."

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# Strong ROTC Program Enhances Campus

**D**octors, pilots, engineers and accountants are just some of their specialties. We don't always think of them this way. Our impressions are mostly from the movies or television, and are of the infantry soldier attacking the hill. But at UT, Army ROTC cadets use their majors to serve in many different branches and functional areas in the US Army.

Last year, the program commissioned 26 Lieutenants that went into over 13 different occupational specialties from medical school to pilot training. Their activities, both academic and social, prepare them well for the many challenges of an army career.

The ROTC program plays an integral part in the day-to-day life on UT's campus. The cadets enhance not only the academic and social environment

but provide cultural diversity. Many have prior service and are from different parts of the country. Some have served overseas and often provide interesting insights into international policy and decision making from their first-hand experience. Cadets that win Green to Gold scholarships are recruited from the different Army installations worldwide by the ROTC Department. The

new scholarship program beginning this fall will provide \$16,000 towards tuition and fees to Green to Gold and high school four-year scholarship winners who attend UT.

Perhaps the biggest change in the scholarship program will be implemented next year and will benefit the students already on UT's campus. The Professor of Military Science, LTC Robert Bruns, who is in charge of the program, will have 17 two-year and 17 three-year on-campus scholarships to award qualified students.

"This will be the single best thing to happen for the students as far as scholarships go," Bruns said. "The Army has powered down the decision level and fenced scholarships which will



Col. Charles Lee, Commander, 6th Brigade, 1st Region ROTC, presents the 1997 General Douglas MacArthur Award, to JC/LTC Joe Lawhorn, UT's ROTC Cadet Battalion Commander. The award is given to the number one program on the each coast each year.

allow more opportunity for UT students. The potential for the Army to provide over \$1.2 million per year in scholarship dollars should be realized on a yearly basis," Bruns said. Previously, UT students competed for these scholarships against students from other colleges and universities throughout the country.

UT has long been recognized for being a leader in providing incentive scholarships that supplement the Army's, making the cost minimal for students to attend college. That, and other support, has earned the Spartan Battalion a national reputation for success. Statistically, Cadet Command, the Army's ROTC Headquarters, ranks the program in the top 8% nationally. This includes recruiting, retention, training and commissioning and is computed in over 270 programs throughout the United States.

A 1996 UT graduate who is in the military intelligence business in Hawaii as a second lieutenant recently won an award as the top ROTC graduate in the country. 2LT Jeffrey Sargent was a 4.0 student and the Cadet Commander of the battalion.



UT senior cadet James Moten prepares for a Buccaneer home game. James, a two-year Green to Gold scholarship winner, is a 'Buc' cheerleader and also holds more than 12 body building titles.



"The University of Tampa ROTC program called me after I won a Green to Gold scholarship and offered me free room and board," said Sargent. "I wanted to attend Brigham Young, but the ROTC department convinced me UT was the place for me and I am glad I accepted."

Sargent was an Academic All American and all conference on the cross country team. This year LTC Bruns and UT President Ron Vaughn joined Sargent at the Pentagon for a ceremony recognizing his achievement and the outstanding success of UT's ROTC program.

The ROTC department highly encourages the cadets to participate in social, student government, and the many other activities available on campus. A large percentage of the campus's student leadership positions are filled by ROTC cadets ranging from student government to Greek organizations.

"Leadership is what we teach and they can get lots of hands-on experience in these organizations on campus," Bruns said. Many cadets are varsity athletes, resident assistants, diplomats and even a class senator. Cadet Brook Matherly sets the example by being a leader in ROTC, Pan Hellenic President, a diplomat and the Senior Class Senator. "ROTC has provided me with the organizational and leadership skills necessary to be an effective leader on campus. It also has given me the confidence I will need to lead soldiers in the future," said Matherly.

The history of the ROTC program at UT is a proud and honored one dating back to 1971. In 1997, it won the award for the best ROTC program out of 168 schools on the east coast and, in fact, has won this award three of the last eight years. There have been over 750 officers commissioned through the University's ROTC program. According to Bruns, many officers graduated from UT while being stationed at MacDill AFB in Tampa, or after returning from Vietnam. Three General Officers graduated from UT.

"The ROTC program gets the best support from the University of any

program in the country," said Bruns. "The success we have cannot be obtained without University involvement and we will continue to improve an already great partnership."

Bruns says he has received many notes and letters from ROTC alumni stationed throughout the world about articles in the *Journal*.

"Army officers are known for being extremely loyal to institutions they are, or have been associated with," Bruns

says, "and we hear from them they are very pleased the UT ROTC program continues to lead from the front."

This year another 21 newly commissioned second lieutenants from UT will graduate in May and serve on active duty around the world. The partnership between the Army ROTC program and University will continue to produce young leaders who will serve our country and community well into the future said Bruns. **UT**

## Alumnus Commands Fla. Guard

Brigadier General Frederic J. Raymond is a 1972 graduate of The University of Tampa where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology. He attended UT through the Army's Bootstrap Program which was a program that afforded highly qualified commissioned army officers the opportunity to complete a four year degree while remaining in an active duty status.

General Raymond is a proud UT alumni who looks back on his collegiate experience at UT with pride and fond memories. He accredits his college experience to greatly contributing to his life's successes. When asked how his experience at UT prepared him to meet the challenges of both a military and civilian career, he responded, "contacts, you meet a lot of people, even as a student, that have an impact on your life."

Prior to his attending UT, Gen. Raymond enlisted in the Army and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant from the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. After receiving his commission as a 2LT, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th

Infantry, of the 101st Airborne Division, stationed in the Republic of Vietnam.

During his active military service, he was selected for the Boot Strap Program and decided to attend UT.



**Brigadier General Frederic J. Raymond '72, commander of the 53rd Infantry Brigade of the Florida National Guard.**

"I made the choice to go to UT very quickly, but I was really happy I made it. It was a wonderful experience," said Raymond. After serving six years in the active Army, he departed active duty to continue his military service as a Florida National Guardsman.

Since August of 1991, he has served as the Commander of the

53rd Infantry Brigade (separate) based in Tampa. His command is made up of more than 4,000 soldiers and comprises approximately 40 percent of the total Florida National Guard strength.

Though the enormous organization's headquarters is in Tampa, a large portion of the unit is located throughout the state. When he is not commanding troops, Gen. Raymond works as a Field Collection Manager for the Internal Revenue Service serving the local Tampa Bay area. **UT**



# Baseball Countdown: 5-3 and #1 in '98

**T**he Spartan baseball team, after placing fifth in the 1996 national tournament and third last year, is picked to finish No. 1 this year by both *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball America* magazines.

Coming off a record breaking 46-16 Sunshine State Conference championship season, Coach Terry Rupp returns nine starters and has several transfers and freshmen ready to bolster a strong lineup.

Leading the way are three returning All-Americans and a national championship series MVP.

Catcher Angel Diaz was the NCAA II National Championship Series MVP after going 11-for-16 (.688) with five home runs, 17 rbi, and eight runs. On the season, he hit .332 with 50 runs, 49 rbi and 10 homers while fielding .992 behind the plate. The backup receivers are Miguel Menendez, Harry Spotts and Jeff Stein.

Menendez is the primary starter at first base after hitting .332 with 40 rbi and nine doubles. Polk Community College transfer Adrian Merkey, an

all-conference and juco all-star performer, was recruited to play third but will see time at first. Two power hitters, letterman Russ Ducharme and freshman Matt Smith, who hit 21 homers at Tampa Bloomingdale, are vying for time at first and can also contribute in the outfield.

Second base is in the capable hands of Louis Martinez, one of the conference's top fielders and called one of the 12 best position players in small college baseball. Martinez (.353/45 rbi/14 dbls) earned first-team all-conference and second-team all-region last year. Ron Merrill Jr. (.379/94 hits/67 rbi) is the shortstop after starting at third last year where he was named SSC Freshman-of-the-Year.

Emerging as the top third baseman is freshman Michael Suarez, who as a top recruit was expected to be a future starter but played his way into the lineup earlier than expected. Letterman Andrej Horbaczuk and Mississippi State transfer Mike Uzdavines provide depth to the infield.

In the outfield, fourth-year starter Erik Mirza (.360/62 rbi/26 sb) again roams center and expects to cap a career that includes all-conference, all-region and second-team All-America honors. He has the tools to be Tampa's SSC Player-of-the-Year candidate. Two years ago, Eric Sims (.318/31 rbi/19 sb) was named SSC Freshman-of-the-Year for his work in right field. Last year, he was injured in the season's fourth game and missed the remainder, but returns in top form. Jason Barker (.386/34 rbi/23 sb) replaced Sims in right and could start this year in left or serve as the designated hitter.

Mike King appeared in only five games last year after being promoted from the junior varsity, but as one of the team's fastest runners, is having a strong pre-season and could emerge as a starter in left or at dh. Senior letterman E.J. White provides additional depth to the outfield.

The Spartans feature one of the nation's deepest pitching staffs, especially if a few questions are answered early. Two All-Americans return in Mike Valdes and Rick Burton. Valdes (13-1/3.76) was South Region Pitcher-of-the-Year and first-team All-America last year. He defeated Florida Southern in the NCAA Regional and SIU-Edwardsville in the national series. Burton was 14-1 with a 2.29 ERA two years ago, earning South Region Pitcher-of-the-Year and first-team All-America, but missed last season with an injury. If he returns strong, then the Spartans have an imposing one-two punch.

Add USF transfer Eric Busch, who started for the Bulls last year and won an NCAA Region game against Western Carolina, plus junior college transfer Greg Watson, who ranked seventh in the state in juco ERA at 1.87 and two prize freshmen: Kevin Provencher, who was 5-0 with a 1.98 ERA for West Palm Beach Forest Hills and David Muley, who led Tampa Jesuit to the state title, posting a 10-0 record with an ERA of 0.71.

Senior Jeremy Erickson (5-1/3.22/4 svcs) could emerge as a starter or continue to be strong in middle relief while John Hipp (2-2/3.72/2 svcs.) appears to be the everyday setup man. Junior College transfer Rich Faraone (2-1/2.80/4 svcs.) is set to be the closer. The questions are, will Burton return to full strength and how many of the newcomers are as good as advertised at this level?

Tampa opened its season with 11 of the first 12 games on the road, seven against ranked teams and posted a 6-6 record. From there, the Spartans won four straight at home, improving to 10-6.

Two of those games were played at Montgomery's Paterson Field, home of the Div. II national championship series, where Coach Rupp wants his players to be thinking of as their home away from home.



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# Softball Team Ready to Move Up

Tampa's softball fortunes have not been rosy the past three years but Coach Leslie Kanter has assembled her largest and most talented roster and appears ready to move UT up the SSC standings.

There are 19 players, including 12 returning letter winners from last year's 18-28, 6-22 team and seven freshmen, at least three of whom are impact recruits.

The letterwinners include four seniors, two juniors and six sophomores. Kanter says the four seniors will be depended upon for leadership among a strong, but otherwise young team.

Fourth-year starter at first base, Missy Agnitsch, a first-team all-SSC performer as a freshman, has been the team leader in almost every offensive category throughout her career. A career .359 hitter batting leadoff, Agnitsch holds the school record for stolen bases in a career (67) and sea-

son (24), has a chance to break the school career hitting record (currently .344 by Shannon Abarbanel), and is ranked among the school's top three in hits (154), runs (90), triples (10) and home runs (4).

Anchoring the opposite corner is Amanda Bedford, who started at catcher the past two seasons, but is moving to her best position at third base. A fourth-year starter and career .340 hitter, Bedford hits third in the lineup and is UT's third career RBI producer (58).

Jessica Plante is the best outfielder and roams center. She hit .220 last year, but stole 17 bases in 18 attempts and possesses good speed and arm strength. Chrissy Holden, who hit .256 last year, has been a full time starter in two of her three seasons and will platoon between catcher and second base.

Among the remaining letterwinners, sophomore shortstop Kelly McKendree proved outstanding defensively and hit .270 with 17 rbi and 11 stolen bases. Junior Cathy Zakavic (.244/15 rbi) is another speedy outfielder who'll start in left. Sophomore Robyn Markley (11-12, 1 sv., 3.53 ERA) was Tampa's top winner last year and returns to the rotation.



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Amanda Bedford, who started at catcher the past two seasons, is moving to her best position at third base.

Three freshmen are expected to be among Tampa's best ever recruits. Pitcher Laci Tiarks (Underwood, Ia.) is a four-time all-state selection, including first-team as a senior, and for four years was first-team all-conference, district and region, earning various MVP awards. Tiarks enters the season at UT's No. 1 starter.

Tampa product Melissa Tapia (Seminole Presbyterian) is a three-year all-state and class A state and district player-of-the-year who led her team to the state championship in '97. A top notch infielder, Tapia will open at second base. Dunedin's Dawn Wallace, a two-time first-team all-conference, all-county and all-Suncoast catcher is also expected to start immediately.

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## Soccer

The men's soccer team under second-year coach Keith Fulk ran its record to 8-1 just at the midway point in the season. Junior Henrik Nebrelus, who as a freshman was CoSIDAs national player-of-the-year but saw his numbers fall off some as a sophomore, has rebounded and ranks first in the SSC and second nationally in scoring with 17 goals and 37 points.

Senior Anders Paulsson ranks sixth nationally with eight goals and 22 points. Junior keeper Eric Sims ranks 10th in GAA at 0.96. The Spartans are ranked fifth nationally in team offense.

Having scored victories over nationally-ranked Florida Tech, Saint Leo and Seattle Pacific, it appeared that South Carolina-Spartanburg (which



handed UT its only loss to date) and Lynn, would be the top competition in the South Region.

## Cross Country

Freshman Emily Saunders and senior Mackenzie Carignan have the women's cross country team back on track. After a couple of dismal seasons, the Spartans are on pace to finish second behind Florida Southern in the SSC. The men's team has struggled with injuries and illness, but hoped to recoup in time for a strong SSC finish.

## Men's Basketball

Men's basketball coach Richard Schmidt signed the school's first 6-11 player when Peter Maloney transferred from Div. III Ithaca College. The Lemon Bay native was not heavily recruited out of high school, due to his 6-9, sub-200-pound stature, but he has since grown to 6-11, 220 pounds and appears to be blossoming into a good player. He joins 6-9 Matt Parker, 6-9 Tony DiBuono, 6-8 Matt Dillard, 6-7 Tamari Thompson and 6-7 Truman Daniels to form perhaps the tallest team in Div. II.

Ironically, 5-4 Don Mallory, possibly the shortest player in men's collegiate hoops, returns to start at point guard.

utility infielder. Sophomore Jodi Pattee (4-4, 3.84 ERA) is the third pitcher while freshmen Amanda Hutchinson and Becky Clarkson provide depth to the infield.

"This is our strongest team in years," said Kanter. "We expect to be solid defensively, improved on the mound and more aggressive offensively."

The Spartans are picked to finish sixth in the SSC.

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Looking good in pre-season practice are freshmen point guard Chuckie Powell of Tampa Robinson and Jacksonville Orange Park shooting guard John Arigo, a 6-4 swing man who can fire from the right or left hand.

## Women's Basketball

Women's basketball coach Tom Mosca is equally enthused about his team's prospects. All-conference performers Chervara Smith and Missy Mack return along with all-freshman point guard Africa Gaston. Smith, who also letters on the volleyball team, will miss up to eight basketball games due to her commitment, but was among the conference's dominant players upon joining the team late last year.

Tiffiney Garrett, 6-0 post player from San Antonio, Tx., is the top recruit and while she was listed as a top reserve going into practice, appears to be working her way into the starting lineup.

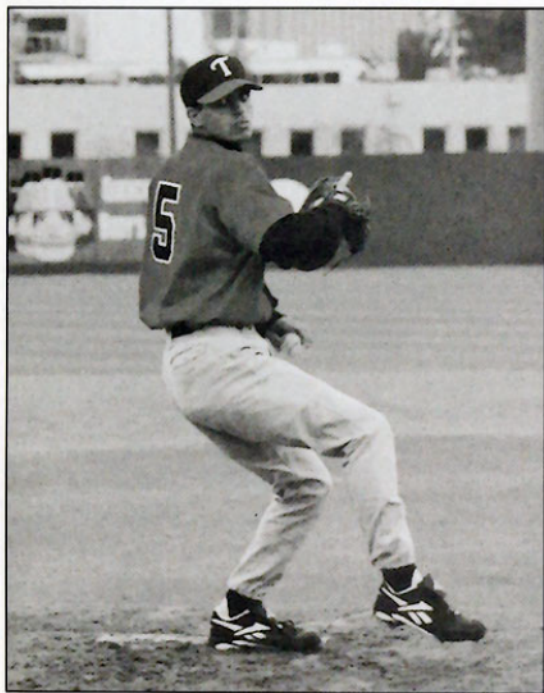
Each team is working on a mid-year pick-up player who could enroll in December and be contributors.

## Baseball

Terry Rupp bolstered his pitching staff with the addition of South Florida transfer Eric Busch, who defeated Western Carolina in the NCAA I playoffs for the Bulls. Busch is penciled into the starting rotation along with returning pitchers Mike Valdez, 13-1, (All-American, South Region and SSC Pitcher-of-the-Year) and former All-American Ricky Burton (14-1 in '96), back after a redshirt season. Two to three additional highly regarded high school pitchers are joining the staff which should prove to be Tampa's best.

Seven starters return to the Spartan lineup and Rupp and assistant Nelson North have added at least two newcomers who could start. After placing fifth and third in the Div. II national championship in his first two years as head coach, Rupp knows what it takes and believes he's loaded for a run at the title.

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Mike Valdez, SSC Pitcher-of-the-year, is returning.

## Softball

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Returning sophomore twin sisters, Jaime and Maria Pirone, are leading candidates for right field, while sophomore Alicia Rinki and freshman Amber Smith and Kristen Publicover provide depth to the outfield.

Two-year letter winner Amy Christiansen has several starts at third base to her credit and will be a



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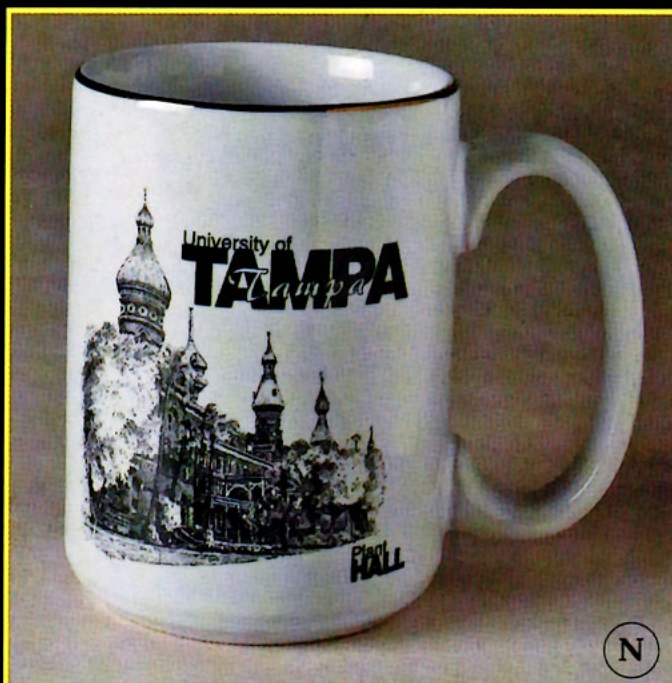
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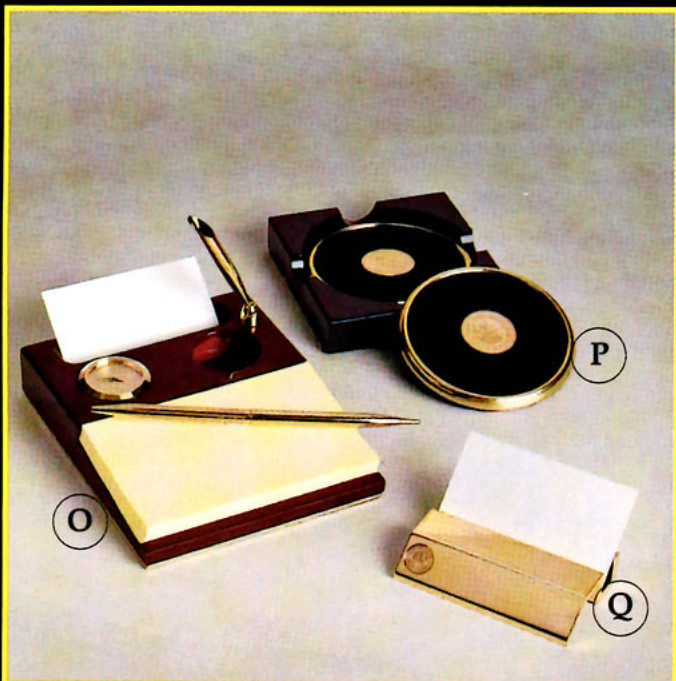
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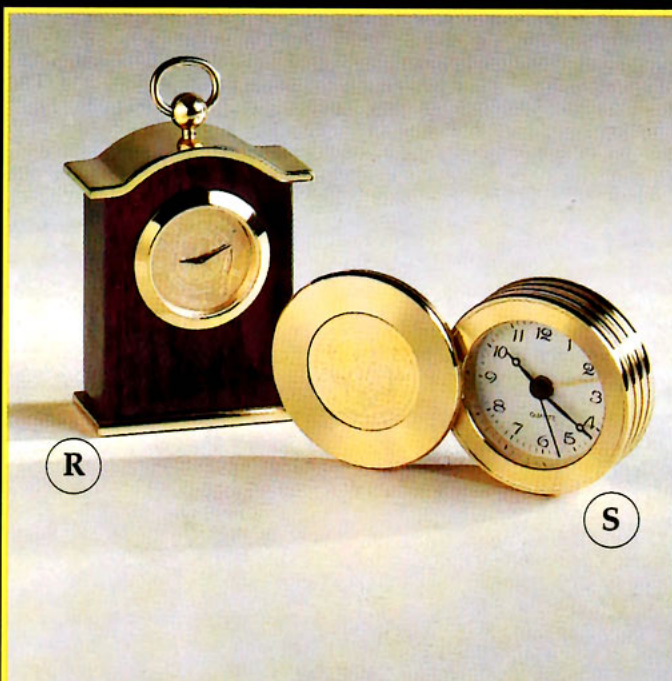
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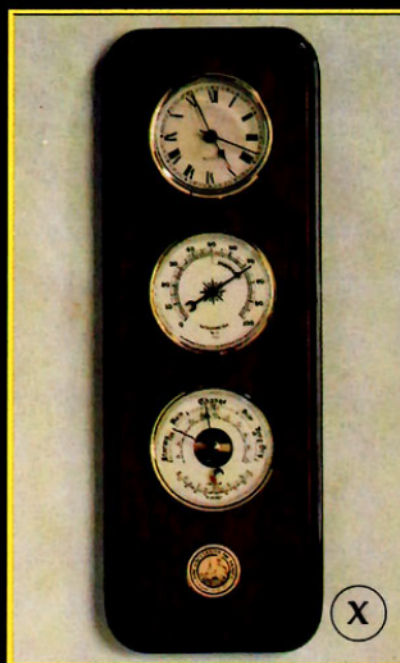
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## Alumni Making 'the Difference'



Stacey A. Bruels  
Alumni Director

**T**his Spring there is a spring in everyone's step here on campus. As some buildings near completion and renovations begin on others, the campus is blooming like April flowers. This activity is made possible by the commitment of our UT alumni. As a group, you have stood tall and led the way to a dramatic increase in our alumni giving as well as alumni participation.

During the February Gasparilla pre-parade brunch, we had a record number of attendees (155) gather for a breakfast and spirits prior to the day parade. Class members from '56 to '97 were represented, while pockets of friends gathered and made plans to see one another annually at the event while others made arrangements to meet under the Davis Island Bridge in a few hours.

The UT parade entry, "UT—Tampa's Symbol of Educational Excellence" sparkled under the Florida sun as students and alumni rode through the streets of Tampa, bestow-

ing treasured Gasparilla beads on parade-goers.

As usual, alumni from all class years gathered and had a chance to catch up with one another. Many alumni from all over the country made special arrangements to attend the parade. Several younger alumni made trips from Massachusetts, New York and Washington, D.C.

Another example of our alumni participation can be found with our Golden Spartan Alumni. The Class of 1948 was recently inducted into the Golden Spartan Society. This group of golden alumni who graduated 50+ years include Dr. Braulio Alonso, Dr. Truman Hunter, Rene Gonzalez, Martha Brinklow, and many other distinguished members in our community.

This group is largely comprised of former educators who were superintendents, coaches, and teachers. It is simply amazing to think about all of the lives that this group has touched throughout the years. Many of the children in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties had UT alumni shaping their minds and framing their futures.

Overheard at the lunch were comments such as "You know Dicky Greco (Mayor Dick Greco of Tampa) was the cutest 7 year-old to teach" and "Wow, this place sure has changed since 1948." During this annual event, there were four inductees from the class present: Adelfa Diaz Alonso, Gloria Rodriguez Ferlita, Mildred

Baucom Lasitinger and Fred Lenfesty.

Overall, 72 guests were in attendance at the annual spring induction and the group enjoyed the afternoon chatting and catching up with one another and perusing pictures of the group's fall luncheon provided by Leah Hunter Hackney '38.

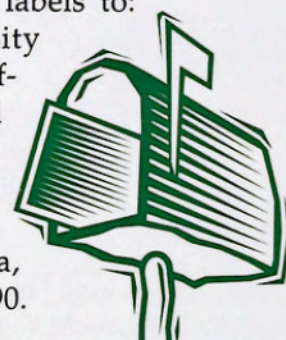
These are just two of the many events that have drawn many alumni to campus as spring approaches. Regardless of the occasion, we hope that all UT alumni will come back to campus and witness some of its renovations and improvements. It is an exhilarating time here at UT, and we hope that you'll continue to visit often and become a part of taking UT into the next century. **UT**

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# From the Artic to UT

## The Long Way to a Teaching Career

By Harry Chittenden  
Freelance Writer

**Editor's Note:** Angie Lucht is a sophomore transfer student who arrived at UT in January.

In September of 1994 Angie Lucht was working odd jobs at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club in Pasadena, FL. She was running several miles a day to keep in shape, but mostly she was just hanging out and enjoying Florida living.

One day an old friend came to town and told her about racing in the Iditasport, a demanding 100-mile-race along a stretch of the Iditarod Trail which runs for 1100 miles between Nome and Anchorage, AK. The previous February her friend had ridden his bike in the Iditasport. Of the 80 or so people who participated, most rode their bikes or trekked on snow shoes; a precious few actually ran the course, he told her.

Angie, a lanky six-foot runner, was fascinated as she sat and listened to her friend's tale. She had grown up in Marshall, MN, where it was "really cold."

"How much colder can Alaska be," she asked herself?

Angie's friend had biked the race, but she was thinking of running.

### North to Alaska

After a year and a half of mulling it over, and another year of training and raising sponsorship money, Angie, at age 25, found herself 65 miles north of Anchorage checking her gear at the starting line on February 15, 1997.

The day was perfect, the sky clear but for a few high snowy clouds, and the temperature a seasonably 20 degrees F.

There was considerably more to racing across one of the world's last great wildernesses than doing a few leg stretches and packing some orange wedges. The racing rules required each racer haul a small sled that contained a prescribed store of survival gear, as well as food. Angie chose a selection of high tech super energy power bars and a couple of

*"... as far as I was concerned,  
it was the Olympics."  
— Angie Lucht*

slices of pizza. Race officials carefully checked her equipment.

In the briefing, they explained that the trail was marked at intervals of a half mile with fluorescent reflectors to make it easier to identify them at night. However, the markers for snow mobiles were

different and led away from the foot trail. Officials warned the racers to distinguish the difference.

### We Brake for Moose

The only wildlife danger was moose which can be cantankerous and territorial. If you see one, freeze until it decides to go on its way. Running from it can excite it to charge.

After a year of preparation Angie was more than ready to go and at 10 a.m. when the gun went off, a cheer arose from the runners and the small crowd of well-wishers and volunteers.

"It sounded great," said Angie, "as far as I was concerned, it was the Olympics."

The racers quickly spread out and she and fellow racer Scott Hawn found themselves alone. They chatted amiably as if they were jogging in the park and plunged deeper into countryside famous for its rugged beauty and its ability to kill the unwary.

After about 15 miles Scott decided to increase his pace. Slowly, the sound of his footsteps and sled faded as he drew away until Angie was alone. It was quiet. The snow muffled the sounds of her breath, her footsteps, and the sled. Occasionally, she heard the wind hissing through the bare branches of nearby trees.

### Alone on the Iditarod Trail

She began to sing. "I sang every song I knew," she said. No mean feat in light of the fact that she's a professional singer with a number of appearances on her resume.

Once she wandered off the trail and found herself waist deep in sugary snow that trickled down her shoes to



The first checkpoint. Racers were required to check in and sign a register. They could linger and enjoy light refreshments, but most came and left in a hurry.



her bare feet. She retraced her route and soon found her way again.

At last she spotted the first check point, a cabin on the shore of a frozen lake about 24 miles into the race. When she got there, the sun was still relatively high in the sky and the day warm. She had actually gotten hot enough to peel away a layer of clothing.

She threw off the sled tow rope and climbed the steps to the cabin. As she did, she felt a menacing twinge in her right knee, but deliberately put it out of her mind. Inside she was pleased to find that she'd been on the trail 6 hours and 20 minutes, well within her game plan. She hadn't worn a watch. "I didn't want to know what time it was. I found it to be a distraction."

She had some hot tea and took her shoes off. Her feet were fine except for being wet. She dried them and wrapped them in garbage bags to keep them dry, a childhood Minnesota trick, and put her shoes back on. After signing a register, Angie went back outside, attached her sled rope, and trotted down the trail across the frozen lake. She had stopped about 10 minutes.

## Into the Night

At around 4 p.m. the sun had sunk below the horizon beginning the long Arctic dusk. Darkness didn't come for several hours, and before it completely got its way, the moon rose. Angie had a light affixed to her head, but the moon was so bright she didn't need it. The fluorescent-taped markers were easy to see. She hoped the moose would be too.

She mostly looked up. The sky was awesome. "Even with a nearly full moon, I could see every star in the sky."

The silence seemed to deepen with the darkness. With her vision now limited she thought more about moose. Unhappily, she was also beginning to think more about her right knee. She was finding herself favoring it more and more. She tried walking.

After what she thought to be about 4 hours from leaving the checkpoint, she heard the whine of snowmobiles ahead. Two race officials from the next check point eventually pulled up.

They asked if she was alright. They could see that she was limping.

Angie assured them that she was fine and could easily make it to the check point "About four miles ahead," they said.

When they buzzed away, she tried to pick up her pace, but the knee wouldn't let her unless she distorted her body off to the side in a wobble that quickly became unsustainable. And so she walked, limped, for she didn't know how long. Her next memory was the sound of the snow mobiles again. "Are you sure you're alright?"

"I'll be fine."

"It's been an hour and you haven't gotten very far."

"I'll be fine when I get to the check-point and can rest," she insisted.

But she wasn't really alright. The pain had become excruciating. Each foot fall sent a jolt of agony from her knee to her hip. Now she was limping with the sideways wobble. When the officials came back a third time, she allowed them to help her into the sled behind one of the snow mobiles.

At the checkpoint, they took her arms on their shoulders and helped her inside and lowered her into a chair. Then they left and she was alone again.

She tried to congratulate herself that she had run nearly 50 miles, a magnificent feat by anyone's standards. But she began to cry and soon wept uncontrollably. She fell asleep in the chair. The next day she was flown out.

## Back in Florida

Later that Spring in St. Petersburg, Angie underwent surgery to repair the torn lateral meniscus of her right knee. She could run again, but she was beginning to have other thoughts about the course of her life. Last Fall she decided to go back to college, something that she had earlier vowed never to do.



Angie and fellow runner Scott Hawn. They ran the first few miles of the race together.

"I'd been adventuring around enough," she said. "I developed the urge to start a career."

Characteristically in pursuit of challenge, she decided to become a high school music teacher.

She had spent a year and a half at the University of Wichita and that experience had convinced her that she wanted a smaller, more personalized learning environment.

After investigating several schools, she chose UT because she was impressed with its music department. All her credits transferred and she started as a sophomore in January.

She still has not given up on completing the Iditasport race and is keeping in shape, running 30 to 35 miles a week. However, most of her time is devoted to school. "When the time is right, I'll get another chance," she says. "Meanwhile, I am going to run in another ultra race in California's Death Valley."

However her racing career pans out, it seems clear that in the near future a group of lucky high school students somewhere are going to encounter a very determined music teacher.





Some of UT's earliest attendees: Dorothy Van Balen '35, Don Guinta '34, and Emily Mills '33 gathered as part of the celebration during the Golden Spartan luncheon.



Spartan Supporters . . . Tampa Alpha Alumni members gathered on Saturday, Jan. 24 to watch the women's and men's basketball teams defeat Eckerd College. Pictured are Tampa Alpha Board Members: Tom Meachum '81, Nick Mooney '82, Dr. Ron Vaughn, Lisa Shetter '88, and Angela Dennis McCutcheon '92.



Gasparilla Gathering . . . Alumni Steve White '81, Bill Giesecking '82, Jeff White '81, Ron Dennison '79, Dean Denegrie '79, and Bob Cascella '81 gathered with 155 of their closest friends during the annual UT Gasparilla Brunch prior to the day parade on Feb. 7.



Golden Spartan Inductees . . . Members of the Class of 1948 were formally inducted into the Golden Spartan Society during their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 19. Class members are: Adelfa Diaz Alonso '48, Gloria Rodriguez Ferlita '48, Mildred Baucom Lastinger '48, and Fred Lenfestey '48.





# C L A S S N O T E S

'67

George D. Murphy, Risk & Personnel Manager for the City of Lake Worth, FL, has been named for a second term as chairman of the board of Directors of Southeast Risk Management Association (SERMA). George and his wife, Susan, and their newly adopted daughter from Romania, Gabriela, reside in Lake Worth.

'70

Gary Cooper, public affairs officer of the New Jersey Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs, was the recipient of a 1997 Pyramid Award from the NJ Chapter

of the Public Relations Society of America on May 14, 1997. Gary resides in Plainsboro, NJ.

Jerry Margolis, in addition to being president of Victor Advertising Service, is also the owner of a silk screening company. Both companies specialize in putting company logos on promotional items. Jerry and his wife, Elle, have two children, Scott and Rachel, and reside in Newington, CT.

'71

Rosalie Baya started her own residential and commercial cleaning service, Maid To Perfection of Tampa, in June

of 1996. She retired from teaching after 20 years. Rosalie resides in Tampa.

## GRADUATION LUNCHEON

*The National Alumni Association will be hosting a graduation lunch for the Class of 1998 on Saturday, May 9, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seniors will be able to pick up their National Alumni Association card and Tampa Alpha Alumni Board members will be on hand to offer free one year Tampa Alpha memberships to graduates who will be staying in the Bay Area.*

Ronald A. Schagrin is the Director of Colliers Liehrer International. He has earned a Society of Industrial and Office Realtors degree, after meeting the qualifications as an experienced Real Estate salesman. Ronald and his wife of 26 years, Jane, reside in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Howie Thompson is the CEO-President of the Howard Thompson Agency, Inc. He has also entered into a new occupation: varsity girls soccer coach at Notre Dame H.S., and is the assistant coach of varsity girls basketball at Weston H.S. He was awarded the

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## WHAT'S HAPPENIN'? News for Class Notes

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# C L A S S N O T E S

300+ Wins Youth Soccer Award. Howie married his wife, Nancy, on March 14. They reside in Ridgefield, CT.

Raymond Wiede works in sales at Hoechst Marion Roussel. He and his wife, Helene ('72), recently relocated to Jacksonville, FL. Their son, Jonathan, is a senior at UT, and their daughter, Allison, is a sophomore at UNLV.

## '82

John Crumbley is a teacher and a sports coach at Tampa Jesuit H.S. He was named 1997 National High School Baseball Coach of the Year by the Nat. H.S. BCA. His Jesuit High team was the number one ranked team by Baseball America for 1997. John and his wife, Lisa, live in Tampa, FL.

## '85

Hayley Tanenbaum Brady is the Human Resources Director at Gillian and Hartmann, Inc. She and her husband, Jim, welcomed a new baby girl, Claudia Isis, into the world on March 31, 1997. Hayley, Jim and Claudia reside in Pottstown, PA.

Karen Magnuson has recently been promoted to Compliance Officer at the Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago, Ill. Karen will coordinate activities with the FDA when they perform Pre-Approval Inspections for various chemical and agricultural products. She lives in Kenosha, WI.

## '86

Stephen Gonyea, former MBA Alumni President, continues his work overseas in private sector development with the United States Agency for International Development in the former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia. He is engaged and will return briefly to be married in Clearwater.

Patrick Kephart is President of Market Media, Inc. and he resides in Orlando, FL.

## '87

Charles Tel fair and his wife, Valerie ('89), live in Sarasota, FL where Charles is an attorney at Lutz, Webb. Valerie is a stay-at-home mom taking care of their sons CJ (7 yr.), Brendan (4 yr.) and their new edition,



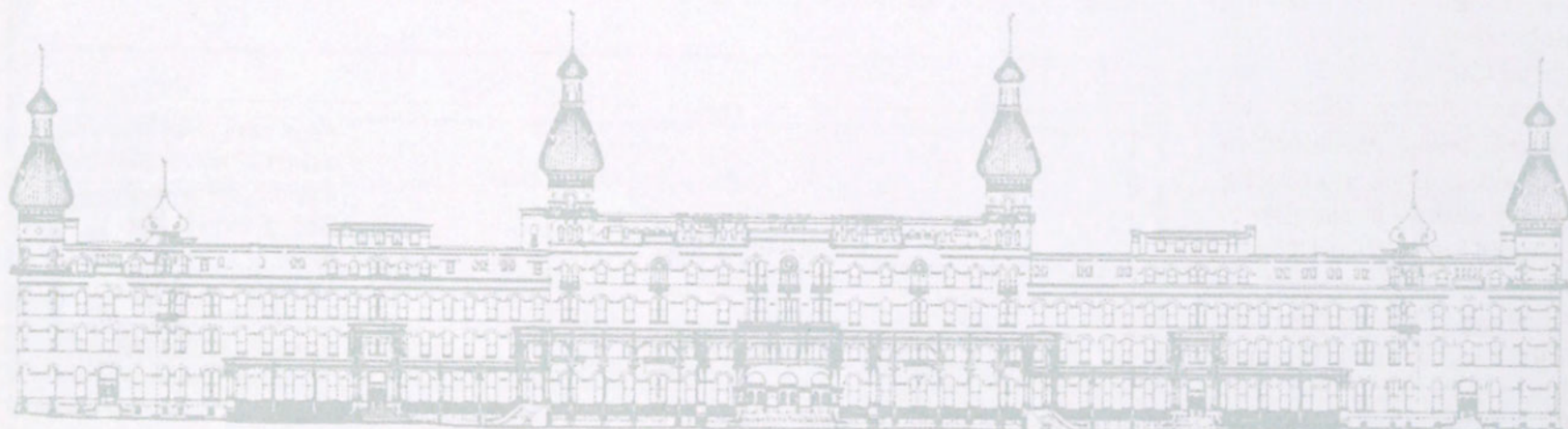
UT Board of Fellows members Lea Lavoie Davis '93 and Michael J. Leding, Jr. enjoy camaraderie as they cheer on the Spartans to a double header basketball victory over Eckerd College.

Alexander Demetreu, born in September, 1997.

## '88

Allison Schroeder (Kostelnik) is an accountant for Klym, Olszewski and

Nedlik. She and her husband, Jeffery, announce the birth of their twin daughters Erin Ashley and Emily Allison born on December 5, 1997. They live in Oakmont, PA.





# C L A S S N O T E S

**'89**

Felicia Berke Goldberg became a full time mom last year when she and her husband, Scott, welcomed their new son, Brett Douglas into the world. They also have a 3 yr. son Justin. Felicia and her family live in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

**'90**

Navy Lt. Christopher D. Amaden graduated UT with a BS degree. He recently received his master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. The school is the only naval institution of its kind in the world, and provides students with courses of study in a variety of scientific, management, and engineering fields.

Kristy L. Byrd is a homemaker and lives in Tampa, FL with her husband, Doug. The couple announce the birth of their son, Zachary Evan Byrd, who was born premature, at 3 pounds and 7 oz. on Sept. 18. He spent a month in neonatal intensive care but they are pleased that he is healthy and has progressed so quickly.

CPT Jeannie M. Kvanvig Robertson is an Army National Guard Aviator in the Texas Army National Guard, being promoted to captain in 1994, after being on active duty in the Army. She and her husband, Craig, have recently moved to Brenham, TX with their two children, Austin (3) and Lorin (1).

Tracey Yarborough Stone is General Manager at Ikon Office Solutions. She married Scott Stone ('90) on March 22, 1997 on UT's veranda. Many Tampa alumni attended the ceremony. Fritz Schulz ('90) and Patrick Turtle ('90) were groomsmen and Sherril Cheevers ('90), Gatey Graves ('90) and Laura Lee Kozoil ('90) were bridesmaids. A great time was had by all! Tracey and Scott now live in Delray Beach, FL.

## CRUISING WITH THE UT ALUMNI

*The NAA will be hosting an alumni cruise leaving the port of Tampa on Thursday, June 25. This four-day Carnival cruise will be going to Key West, Playa del Carmen, Cozumel, and back to Tampa. The cost is \$464 per person, based on double occupancy. For more information, please contact Susan Zoller at Cruise World at (800) 228-1153. Space is limited.*

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**'91**

Gail Hant Ballin has a new job as the Director of Clinical Services at All Care Consultants, Inc. She has earned her Master's in Mental

Health Counseling. Gail still maintains her private practice in Sunrise, FL. She and her husband, Robert, are

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# C L A S S N O T E S

proud to announce the birth of their son, Joshua Logan, born on Jan. 8. Gail and family live in Coral Springs, FL.

Fonda (Satzinger) Moll is an Optometrist in the U.S. Army. She lives in Hinesville, GA with her husband, Brad, and their new son, Austin, born on October 19.

Rachel Oboikovitz is a full-time student attending Law school. She has recently moved to Valparaiso, IN.

## '92

Dr. Richard F. Gasper is head of the Language Arts Department at Van Buren Middle School. He was named the 1997-98 Florida Reading Association's, Secondary Reading Teacher of the Year. Richard resides in Apollo Beach, FL.

Heather R. Parks recently left the U.S. Air Force where she was a communications-computer officer. Now she is volunteering in a hospital at Scott AFB in OB/GYN

and Surgery. She is pursuing a degree in nursing. Heather was married to Jeff Parks in March, 1997. UT alumnae, Ann Chase Gayer and Sandra Thompson attended the ceremony. Heather and Jeff live in O'Fallon, IL with their two cats, Willow and Teddy.

## '94

James Brunson has accepted a new position with Lykes Lines Limited, headquartered in Tampa, performing as a charter accountant,

managing aspects of admiralty, corporate and transportation law and like-kind aspects of accountancy.

## TAKE YOU OUT TO THE BALL GAME

*The Atlanta Chapter will host a pre-game social and Braves outing on Saturday, June 13. The pre-game social will begin at 5 p.m. at The Bull Pen (735 Pollard Blvd.) and the game will begin at 7:10 p.m. at Turner Field. So, make plans to come out and visit with some of your Atlanta Chapter alumni and watch the Braves vs. the Expos. For more information, contact Mary Polaremeo Mangum '83 at (770) 924-6469. Tickets will be \$15 per person.*

## '95

Tiffany R. Holmes is an environmental specialist for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. On Oct. 11, she married Vince Knight ('95) and relocated to Hollywood, FL.

Erin E. Lloyd attended Comair Aviation Academy in Sanford, FL after graduation. She received her Certified Flight Instructor Certificates and is now a pilot and flight instructor at Phoenix East Aviation in Daytona Beach, FL. Erin lives in Deltona.

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## END OF THE YEAR ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Join your Tampa Alpha Board of Directors as we celebrate the end of a successful '97-'98 year.

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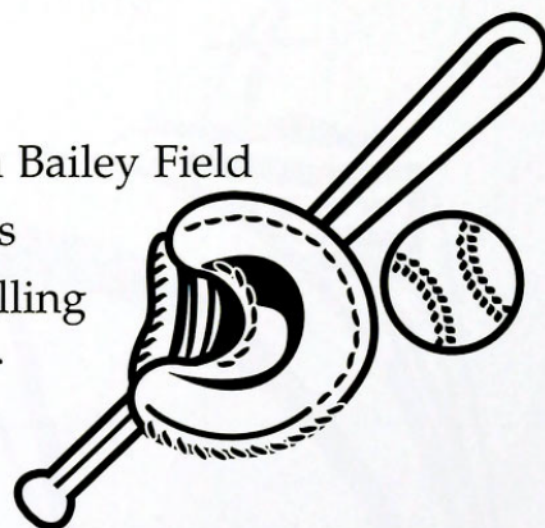
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After the game, join us in the Rathskeller for a cold one and to watch the running of the Kentucky Derby.



Kelly Waller (Adams) works in installations-customer support at Financial-Information-Technologies Inc. She was recently promoted to Dept. manager. On May 25, 1996, she married Donald Waller. They live in Tampa.

### '96

David E. Pyatt married Tina R. Paone ('97) on July 5, in Philadelphia, PA. David is working as a valet at Caesar's after the couple's recent relocation to Las Vegas, NV.

Stacey Ronzetti is engaged to Mark St. Amour ('97) and plans to marry in May. Stacey is a Recruiting Consultant for Select Resources Inc. Mark is a Staffing Analyst at Andersen Consulting. The couple has relocated to Atlanta, GA.

### TAMPA BAY ALUMNI

*The National Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Tampa Alpha Alumni Board of Directors will be hosting a picnic and baseball game with the South Florida chapter of the UT alumni association on April 25. Come out and watch your UT Spartans take on Lynn University. 11:30 a.m. lunch, 1 p.m. game. Watch your mailbox for invitations to this special event.*

### '97

Marine Pfc. Charles J. Vayianos has completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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# Set Sail With Your Fellow Alumni

The National Alumni Association will be participating in an Alumni Cruise from Tampa to Cozumel aboard the Carnival Tropicale. The cruise will set sail on Thursday, June 25 at 4 p.m. and return to Tampa on Monday, June 29 at 8 a.m.

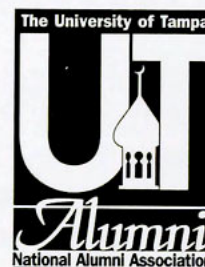


The cost is \$464 per person (based on double occupancy) and reservations and payment must be received by April 30.

For more information about this program, contact Susan Zoller at Cruise World at 800-228-1153.

Space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## IN SEARCH OF... ALL ALUMNI

Have you ever tried to get in touch with an old classmate only to find that the last address you have in your telephone directory is eight years old? Well, your troubles are over. Soon, an impressive directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate all your old friends.

The new University of Tampa Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in September/October 1998, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference on over 14,500 University of Tampa alumni ever compiled. This comprehensive volume will include current name, address, phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

The new The University of Tampa Alumni Directory will soon make finding an alumnus as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues.







# UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA ALUMNI DRIVE FOR 25

## We've Made 'Tremendous Progress'

*A Message from Billy Giesecking '82  
National Alumni Association President*

**T**remendous Progress is what's happening at UT. As I listened to the Committee Report at a recent Board of Trustees meeting, I could only sit back, smile, and enjoy the feeling of success. Progress is happening in all areas of the university. If you have visited the campus recently, you have seen the physical improvements everywhere. The parking garage is fully functional and the new dorm is beautiful.

Right after the Trustee meeting, we had a reception at the new dorm and I had the opportunity to tour the building. All I can say is wow. State of the art and extremely student friendly. Progress is not just physical. Academically, our student profile is excellent. Our average entry GPA is up .3 points. Our projected enrollment is the same story as in the recent past, record breaking. The fiscal fitness of the university is healthy. We the Alumni have made our

contribution to the progress as well. In December of 1996 we were at 10% giving. We have progressed to better than 16% and we are still making progress. Obviously, we have all of the ingredients to keep this dish we call progress moving in the right direction. Despite the progress the academic market place is constantly changing. Competition for the education dollar continues to intensify. Many new colleges have opened in the Tampa Bay market and you can even get your degrees on the Internet. Most of the



Florida independent institutions that are competitive made progress as well. This is why we can not let up. We must continue to build upon our success.

Okay, here comes the sales pitch. Your gift does make a difference. We are going to be closing out our fiscal year at the end of May 1998 and our goal is to have 25% of our Alumni base make a contribution. As John Belushi said in the famous inspirational scene in *Animal House*, "Let's Do It." We are close, very close.

The other day a local radio station was doing a radio-thon for St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Hospital. The stories they told about children with cancer made me feel compelled to make a contribu-

tion. I did, and my sacrifice of 50¢ a day for a year has not changed my life.

My point is, UT is, and has been, a part of all our lives and a part of all our successes and happiness. Skipping that daily cup of coffee or perhaps a new magazine subscription is no big deal. I have been able to tell you

stories throughout the past year in the *Journal* about all the great progress UT has made, hoping to make you feel compelled to support UT.

**W**e all make charitable contributions throughout the year for numerous reasons and to numerous organizations. I am suggesting to you to allocate those dollars to an institution that has played an important role in your life, your Alma Mater. Make your contribution to UT today and be part of the tremendous progress.

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*— Billy Giesecking '82*

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# Comments From UT Alumni



**ALFRED S. AUSTIN '47**  
President, A.S. Austin Company,  
developer of Tampa's Westshore  
commercial district.

"As alumni of The University of Tampa, we have an obligation to remember all our alma mater has done for us in shaping who we've become. Never before has UT had such an opportunity to plan its future and shape its own destiny. Now is truly an unprecedented time to be involved. As the University strives for new levels of success in fund raising, I am proud to be a part of their efforts. I hope you will join me."



**RICK THOMAS '72**  
President & CEO,  
Thomas Financial Group

"There are certain things in your life that are fixed and can't be changed, like your home town, your parents, or where you graduated from college. Your university — like the other parts of your heritage — is a reflection of the person you become. Therefore, by helping The University of Tampa thrive and prosper with a financial gift, you are, in fact, helping yourself."

## Alumni Giving Totals – As of February 28

Class Year	No. of Gifts	Percentage of Class
1935	5	12.5
1936	4	40
1937	6	33.3
1938	6	31.6
1939	16	39
1940	12	23.5
1941	13	36.1
1942	13	32.5
1943	6	37.5
1944	13	40.6
1945	2	9.5
1946	7	35
1947	6	18.2
1948	8	19.5
1949	16	17.8
1950	23	20.9
1951	25	23.6
1952	21	23.3
1953	10	14.1
1954	15	18.8
1955	12	14
1956	18	16.7

Class Year	No. of Gifts	Percentage of Class
1957	21	14.7
1958	32	21.2
1959	21	15.4
1960	29	16.8
1961	27	15.1
1962	17	10.4
1963	27	15.3
1964	14	9
1965	21	11.8
1966	26	16
1967	31	17.1
1968	29	14.1
1969	41	14.8
1970	39	13.4
1971	50	14
1972	29	8.4
1973	36	10.1
1974	38	11.6
1975	31	9
1976	40	10.5
1977	45	10
1978	36	8.1

Class Year	No. of Gifts	Percentage of Class
1979	36	9
1980	29	7.7
1981	27	7.5
1982	37	9.6
1983	36	11.2
1984	37	9.8
1985	29	8.1
1986	50	12.7
1987	47	10.4
1988	41	12.2
1989	45	13.2
1990	35	9.2
1991	32	7.7
1992	42	9.9
1993	44	9.2
1994	61	12.7
1995	51	10.1
1996	48	10.9
1997	37	7.2
No Class Year	2	

**Total Number of Alumni Gifts as of February 28, 1998: 1,703**

**Total Number of Alumni Gifts as of February 28, 1997: 936**



# Alumni Drive in Final Stretch

**F**or the last year and a half you've seen an increased focus on alumni participation. Why, you may wonder, is it so important for us to increase this statistic?

I'm sure you've seen college rankings in magazines like *U.S. News and World Report* and *Money*. In addition to looking at such things as number of admissions, retention, ratio of faculty/students, cost, etc., one key factor considered in college rankings is alumni participation in fund raising.

The national norm is about 23%, UT's percentage has historically been around 10-11%. Last fiscal year, you helped raise this to 15.8%! The magic number to reach 25% alumni participation is 3,750 alumni gifts by May 31, 1998.

## All we had to do was ask!

Thank you, UT alumni, for coming through for your alma mater. Nine months into the fiscal year, we've almost doubled the number of gifts from alumni from the same time last fiscal year, raising almost \$154,000 for the Annual Fund. Your response to class agent letters and to the phonathon has been tremendous.

More than 1,600 pledges were received during the phonathon that ran throughout the fall semester. More than 1,000 have been fulfilled. Thank you!

**T**hrough February 28, the following classes are the top ten in alumni participation:

Class Year	Percentage	Dollars Donated
1944	40.6	\$823
1936	40	\$250
1939	39	\$1,465
1943	37.5	\$224.50
1941	36.1	1,811
1946	35	355
1937	33.3	1,365
1942	32.5	2,151
1938	31.6	1,050
1951	23.6	2,827

**O**f the 63 graduating classes, 14 are at 20% or better, 12 are between 15-19% and 16 are in the single digit category. All gifts received between June 1, 1997, and May 31, 1998, will be counted for the current 97/98 fiscal year.

June 1, we start all over again. If you would like to get a head start on next year's Drive to Exceed

25%, renew your gift after June 1 (this is also a good way to side step any solicitation calls and letters).

**T**hank you for your continued generosity and helping The University of Tampa take its rightful place as an institution of academic distinction.



# Honor Roll of Class Agents

**T**hanks to the listed class agents who diligently continue to seek their fellow classmates' support of The University of Tampa's Annual Fund. Their dedicated work has already impacted the number of alumni gifts received this year, almost doubling in number from the same time last fiscal year.

Some class years don't have a class agent representative, which is why you may have received a letter

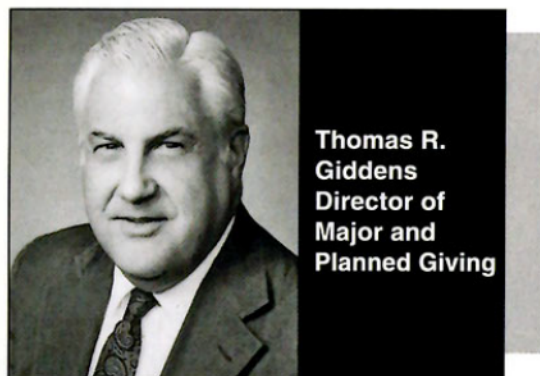
from an agent from another class. This is your opportunity to do something "special" for your alma mater.

**V**olunteer to be your class representative and help us achieve the goal of obtaining 25% alumni participation. To find out more about what it means to be class agent and to sign up, call Laura Molina, Director of the Annual Fund, at (813) 258-7401.

1935 ..... Open	1963 ..... Mr. R. Drew Mohr	1984 ..... Open
1936 ..... Open	1964 ..... Open	1985 ..... Mr. H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.
1937 ..... Open	1965 ..... Dr. Jerry Kutzman	1986 ..... Mr. Barry Curewitz
1938 ..... Open	1966 ..... Mr. Ralph Bohlke	Ms. Heather Bailey
1939 ..... Dr. Truman Hunter	1967 ..... Open	1987 ..... Mr. Jack Barrett
Dr. Richard R. Powell	1968 ..... Darlene & Frank Johnson	1988 ..... Mr. Phil Hills
1940 ..... Mr. John H. Sherman, Jr.	1969 ..... Open	1989 ..... Mr. Dave Hanson
1941 ..... Open	1970 ..... Open	1990 ..... Ms. Michelle Baker
1942 ..... Mr. Tom Johnson	1971 ..... Mr. Howard Thompson	1991 ..... Mr. Waylon Peterson
1943 ..... Mr. Norman Light	1972 ..... Open	1992 ..... Mr. Robert Eppenstein
1944 ..... Open	1973 ..... Mr. Buddy Carter	Ms. Shannon Davis
1945 ..... Open	Mr. Jack Lamond	Mr. Perry Monastero
1946 ..... Open	Mr. Roger Fried	1993 ..... Ms. Lea Davis
1947 ..... Ms. Dorothy Quarterman	1974 ..... Ms. Sharon Brown	Mr. Chris Hubner
1948 ..... Open	Mr. David Greif	1994 ..... Mr. Rob Mercado
1949 ..... Mr. Harry M. Hobbs	1975 ..... Mrs. Barbara Petry	Mr. Hunter Swearingen
1950 ..... Open	1976 ..... Ms. Carol Martin	Ms. Jean Venturino
1951 ..... Open	1977 ..... Mr. Curtis Rogers	Mr. Steve Sutton
1952 ..... Mr. Wallace Blackburn	1978 ..... Open	Ms. Jennifer Marshall
1953 ..... Open	1979 ..... Mr. Peter Cammick	1995 ..... Ms. Vickie Molina
1954 ..... Open	1980 ..... Charles Bowers	Mr. Joe Wessel
1955 ..... Open	1981 ..... Mr. Jeff White	1996 ..... Ms. Malisa Castellana
1956 ..... Mr. Ernest Segundo, Sr.	Mr. Larry Bryant	Mr. Evan Fetter
Fred Pancoast	Mr. Tom Meachum	Ms. Julie Murphy
1957 ..... Mr. Austin Curry	1982 ..... Mr. Bill Giesecking	1997 ..... Mr. Bascom Bradshaw
1958 ..... Ms. Ida Coe	Ms. Shelly Hollingsworth	Mr. Kristopher Kral
1959 ..... Open	Mr. Nick Mooney	Mr. Mike Minaudo
1960 ..... Mr. Sam Giunta	1983 ..... Mr. Robert Bodmer	
1961 ..... Mr. Robert Keister	Thomas & Nancy Padell	
1962 ..... Mr. Axel Claesges	Steve & Lisa Rorrer	



# Ease Your Mind; Make a Will



**Thomas R. Giddens**  
Director of  
Major and  
Planned Giving

1. A will can let you close the books on your earthly stewardship responsibilities. You've made careful decisions to conserve your estate during life and you naturally want to do the same at death. Through your will, you can wrap up your affairs and "put your house in order."

2. A will can help you express your love and thoughtfulness to others. When a person dies without a will, those who are left behind must sort out the estate and make difficult decisions. Uncertainties arise. Disagreements develop. The grieving process is compounded by frustration. What a difference when the bereaved are left with funeral instructions, an inventory list and a well-crafted will!

3. A will can remind your loved ones of your basic beliefs and commit-

ments. The preamble can affirm not only your guiding principles, but your aspirations for those who are left behind. Your words can provide comfort and encouragement. The way you distribute your estate can also express your commitments. Will you care for your family in an honorable way? Will you affirm worthy charitable organizations? Your will can be an inspiration.

4. A will can ensure that your desires are fulfilled. If you have dependent children, you can designate who will care for them. You can specify the person who will handle the closing of your estate. You can select the trustee to oversee one or more trusts. You can time the distribution of gifts to children and grandchildren. You can designate the giving of specific items to family members and friends. You can make provisions to support charitable organizations. A will puts you in the driver's seat and allows you to make decisions according to your concerns and commitments.

5. A will can conserve your assets, ensuring that more is available to meet your objectives. In many states, a will not only reduces the administrative costs of probate, it can reduce, delay or even eliminate estate taxes. Wise

stewardship means making sure your assets go as far as possible.

6. A will can let you ensure the pattern of your lifetime support to charities you have supported. As you know, we depend on the regular giving of our many friends. In effect, we can't afford for any of these faithful donors to stop giving. That's why it means so much to us when we learn of thoughtful stewards who use a will to fund an endowment that will provide perpetual income for our ongoing needs.

7. A will can provide peace of mind. You can relax in the knowledge that your temporal affairs are in order. You have cared for those persons and those concerns close to your heart. Your will can also bring a sense of peace and security to others.

With all the benefits, one might expect that every person would have a will. But the opposite is true. Of the 1.5 million persons who die each year in the U.S., only 30 percent have a will. And many of those wills are defective.

For most people, making a will is like preparing a tax return — they put it off as long as they can. You may recognize some of these excuses: "It's too expensive . . . I can't handle the decisions . . . My estate is too small . . . It will hasten my death . . . I don't have time . . . I don't know who to name as my executor or as a trustee or as the guardian for my children . . . I don't know where all my records are . . . I'll do it later."

We encourage you to call your attorney and make an appointment to have your will prepared or updated.

If you need an estate planning attorney, we'll assist you with a suggested list of names and addresses of professionals we have worked with in the past. I will be happy to send you our list and if you like supply information on ways you can include charitable giving in your plans. Please call me (813-258-7400) or complete and return the reply form.

**UT**

## Dear Dr. Giddens:

- ☐ Please send me free literature about making a will.
- ☐ Please contact me about a personal visit or other assistance.
- ☐ I have already provided for the University in my will or other estate-planning document.
- ☐ Please send me information about the UT Legacy Society.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Campus-Wide Events . . .

All events are free unless otherwise noted. Tours of Plant Hall, 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet in Lobby.

Sun., April 19	Admissions' Open House, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wed., April 22	Advisors' Reception; Dome Theatre, 5:30 p.m. Leadership Awards Night; Fletcher Lounge, 6:45 p.m.
Thurs., April 23 to Fri., April 24	Student Dance Happening; Dance studio, 8 p.m. free.
Wed., April 29	Academic Awards Ceremony; Fletcher Lounge, 3 to 5 p.m.
Mon., May 4	Spring 1998 classes end. Final exams for Tuesday night classes. Final examination period.
Tues., May 5 to Fri., May 8 Sat., May 9	Commencement Ceremony; East Verandah, 5:30 p.m.
Sun., May 10	Mother's Day. Residence halls close for all students, 11 a.m.
Mon., May 11	Academic Inter-session begins.
Tues., May 12	Summer Session I: students move to summer housing.
Mon., May 18 to Fri., Aug. 7	Summer work schedule begins: Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Most offices closed on Fridays.
Thurs., May 21	Summer Session I final registration for all students; 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Fri., May 22	Academic Inter-session ends.
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day holiday; No classes, offices closed.
Tues., May 26	Summer Session I classes begin.
Wed., May 27	Last day to DROP/ADD classes.
Fri., May 29	Classes meet to make up for Memorial Day holiday.
Sun., June 21	Father's Day.
Thurs., July 2	Summer Session I classes end. Summer Session II final registration and final payment for all students, 1 to 6:30 p.m.
Mon., July 6	Observed Independence holiday, No classes, University open.
Tues., July 7	Summer Session II classes begin.
Wed., July 8	Last day to DROP/ADD classes.
Fri., July 10	Classes meet to make up for Independence Day holiday.
Mon., Aug. 10	Regular office hours resume, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 13	Summer Session II classes end.
Tues., Aug. 25	Residence halls open for new students, 1 to 6 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 26 to Sun., Aug. 30	Orientation for new students.
Mon., Aug. 31 to Fri., Sept. 4	DROP/ADD period.
Mon., Aug. 31	Fall 1998 classes begin.

## In the Henry B. Plant Museum . . .

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. UT students free with ID. Faculty & staff free with ID plus immediate family member or 1 adult. Suggested donation, \$3/adults; \$1/children, Call (813) 254-1891.

Thurs., Jan. 15 to Sun., Nov. 15	Spanish American War Centennial Exhibit; Power, Politics and Personalities: Agendas of the Spanish American War. The exhibition focuses on the connection between the behavior of the individual and the larger course of events. Featured in the exhibition are Colonel Teddy Roosevelt, Henry B. Plant and Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross. A further exhibition highlight is a video specially made in recognition of the centennial. Entitled <i>Dateline Tampa 1898: Florida and The Spanish-American War</i> , this twenty minute production explores Tampa's and Florida's pivotal place in the war. Narrated by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, it will be shown continuously throughout the run of the exhibition.
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## Musical Notes . . .

All programs are in the Plant Hall Grand Salon unless otherwise indicated. Call (813) 253-6212 for further information.

Wed., April 15	Travellers in Concert, 8 p.m.
Thurs., April 16	UT Senior Recital; Mathew Fleming, Voice, 8 p.m.
Thurs., April 23	UT Junior Recital; Jenna Marotta, Voice, 8 p.m.
Sun., April 26	UT Collegiate Choral Spring Concert; Sacred Heart Church, 4 p.m.

## In the Gallery . . .

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. No admission charge. Call (813) 253-3333, ext. 3392 or (813) 253-6217 for further information.

Wed., April 15 to Fri., April 24	Juried National League of American Pen Women Exhibition; in conjunction with the National Conference.
Fri., May 1 to Sat., May 9	Bachelor's of Fine Arts (BFA) Exhibition; Graduating Seniors thesis.
Fri., May 8	BFA Exhibition Reception, 7 to 9 p.m.
Fri., May 15 to Fri., May 29	High School Arts '98 Exhibition; Hillsborough County, juried grades 9-12.
Fri., May 15	High School Arts Exhibition Reception, 7 to 9 p.m.

## Spartan Sports Scene . . .

The following schedules are for home games only. For more information, call the UT Athletic Office at (813) 253-6240. UT students, faculty and staff, free with ID. General public admission: \$5/adults; \$3/senior citizen or college age students and children. \*Sunshine State Conference games.

**Baseball: Games played at Sam Bailey field.**

April 18	Barry University, 7 p.m.
April 19	Barry University, 1 p.m.
April 22	Warner Southern College, 7 p.m.
April 28	St. Thomas University, 7 p.m.
April 29	St. Thomas University, 3 p.m.
May 2	Florida Southern College, 3 p.m.

**Softball: Games played at Softball field.**

April 18	Lynn University, 6 p.m.
April 19	Barry University, 3 p.m.
April 22	Eckerd College, 6 p.m.
April 24	St. Leo College, 6 p.m.







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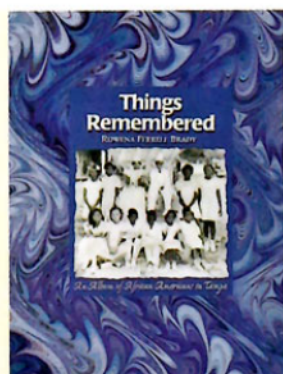
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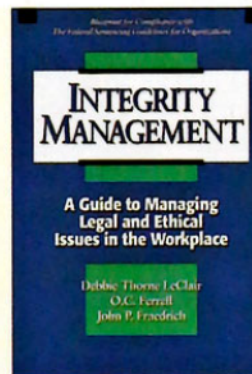
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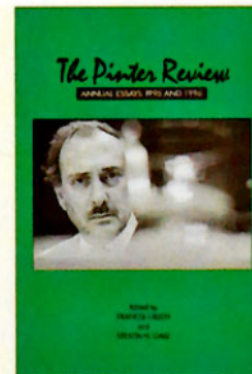
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