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Fingar discusses Chinese/American relations

By FARAH REFAI
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On Thursday, Feb. 5, the U.S. Department of State held a Town Meeting in Falk Theater, co-sponsored by UT's Office of International Programs and Development and the Tampa Bay Area Committee on Foreign Relations. The main topic was U.S. relations with China.

The two speakers invited were John D. Holum, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Thomas Fingar, deputy assistant secretary for Analysis, Bureau of Intelligence and Research Department of State. Holum was not able to attend due to the current tension with Iraq which kept him tied up in Washington.

Mark Lombardi, chair and associate professor of political science, began the meeting with a brief biography of Fingar, in

which he mentioned that he was an undergraduate at Cornell University in 1968, and received his Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University in 1977.

Fingar is fluent in Chinese as well as German and has held a variety of positions, from being a Director and Senior Research Associate for the U.S. China Relations Program at Stanford to working with the Advisory Panel on Technology and East-West Trade Office of Technology Assessment.

He has written numerous books on China and its history, as well as its part in our economy. Fingar's extensive knowledge on China was apparent in the passionate and intricate delivery of his speech. Fingar sees China as an integral part of the economy of the United States.

He said, "China is not just another country, it is a nuclear power. We don't want to make



Susan Wheeler Hudmon-The Minaret

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Fingar lectured at Falk Theater on Feb. 5, to an audience of approximately 260 people.

Parking solutions

By MACKENZIE
CARIGNAN
Staff Writer

The projected opening of UT's new garage has been pushed into March, not mollifying the concerns of students, faculty, staff, and administration. Students living on campus often find the majority of parking spaces in the Bob Martinez lot, while commuter students can often be seen circling campus several times for an open spot near Plant Hall.

A committee comprised of resident and commuter students, faculty, staff and administration has been assembled to target parking problems and come up with the "fairest" parking plan for the Fall of 1998.

Due to a rain delay of three weeks, this structure, which will bring us 588 new spaces, is not likely to open before mid-term exams. Technically, it could be

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Professors awarded tenure



Jen Wolfson-The Minaret

Jeff Klepfer and James Krauss prepare to cut the cake in honor of their tenures.

By KATIE NGUYEN
Staff Writer

On Jan. 27, a tenure and promotion reception was held to honor the awarding of tenure to psychology professor Jeff Klepfer and James D. Krause of the College of Business. Along with his tenure, Klepfer was also promoted to associated professor. The function was attended by other University of Tampa faculty members, staff and students.

What is tenure? A newly hired teacher is put on a probation period. After a period of time, the professor's department recommends tenure, or not.

In order for a teacher to receive tenure, this recommendation must pass the dean of the appropriate college, the president of the university and the board of trustees. Tenure is widely understood to mean having a position on a permanent basis at a university.

There are various academic

ranks a teacher can achieve, the first of the which being "assistant professor" and "instructor." One is given the name "assistant professor" if an individual obtained a terminal degree. When this is not present he or she is named "instructor." There can also be a promotion to "associate professor" and "full professor."

In response to his promotion, Klepfer stated that he felt good that

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Real love means more than just saying oops

EDITORIAL

February 14 is National Condom Day, and what better day than the day set aside and commercialized as the National (if not worldwide) Day of Love. When we at *The Minaret* received information that Valentine's Day was National Condom Day, we laughed. Like most of you, we had no idea that there was a National Condom Day and scrutinized the need for one. Was this just another plot to sell something to the American people? Just another way to make a buck?

It was something to consider, until a realization was reached. It doesn't matter how condoms are sold, distributed or hyped. What matters is that they are used. A statistic came out several years ago that before long everyone would know someone who had AIDS. The American people pushed that statistic away. We tried not to think about it. Tried to turn our heads. But there are only so many ways you can turn.

Award-winning movies like *Philadelphia* have given us a hint at how painful AIDS can be. The Broadway show *Rent* and the plays *Angels in America* and *Love! Valour! Compassion!* have made the unthinkable tragically beautiful. Art reaches out to us and gives us something we can feel, but still, when the lights come up we can leave the theater. Those living with AIDS do not have that luxury.

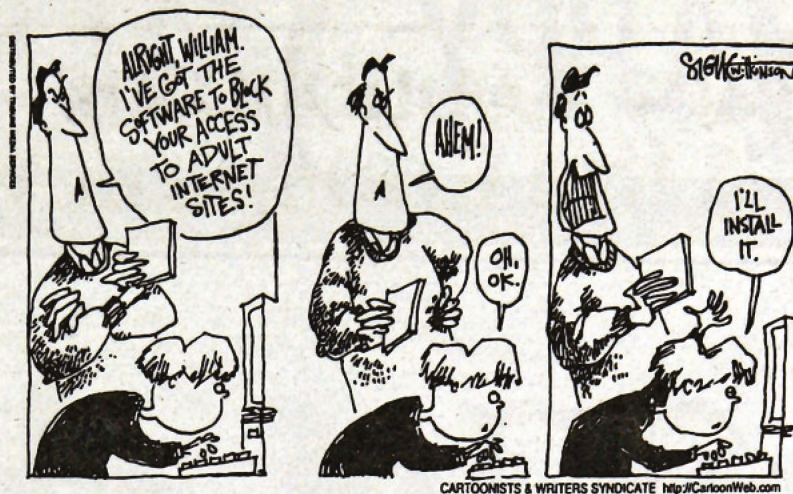
By now you have been touched by AIDS. Whether it be a friend or a family member, someone you know has contracted the HIV virus, even if you do not know it yet. If AIDS has not yet touched your life, it will, and everything will change.

February 14 is not National Condom Day to promote Lifestyles and Trojan brands. It is National Condom Day because there are men and women, both homosexual and heterosexual, both drug-users and non-drug-users, who are dying. You may think that it can't touch you. The people you sleep with are safe, right? You could tell if they were sick, right? They would look like Tom Hanks in that movie or that guy from *Real World*, right?

Wrong. There are men and women on this campus with the HIV virus. Why bother going to college if you're going to throw away your life by doing something stupid? Use a condom. You can get them for free in the health center or from your RA, and, heaven forbid if you can't face someone you know, they sell them in Eckerd's, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Walgreens and most grocery stores.

Show everyone why you're in college. Male or female, don't trust your partner to protect you. Your partner isn't the only one who will have to live, and die, with the results. Do something smart and protect yourself.

We promise no one will laugh at you.

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KATHY'S KORNER

The many hardships of love & computers

COLUMN

Curmudgeon that I am, I just can't conjure up enough venom to attack Valentine's Day. It's too commercial-



By
KATHY
PHILLIPS

ized—I swear, the holiday is as cynical as I am. It's cold and unfeeling, and it makes no bones about it. The cheesy routine of buying red and pink paper hearts is nothing to bitch about, so I don't want to hear anyone complaining that they are alone. Grow up. Buy yourself some candy if you have to, but don't waste time bemoaning the fact that you don't have someone to buy it for you. If you're alone on V-day, big deal. Chances are you're alone every other day of the year too, so what difference does it make? Accept it and move on. Or do what I do.

Conduct an on-line relationship.

Yeah, yeah, jokes about floppy disks and hard drives aside, The Boy is a horrendous 14 hours away, but with my computer, he's right in my dorm room. *wink*

I admit, The Boy and I started dating before we went to college, but since we only see each other during the summer and winter breaks, we might as well be an on-line couple. The advantage of being in an on-line relationship is that it keeps the phone bill on a strict diet. There are no marathon weep sessions and no bills that skyrocket into three digits. Also, unless you want to pay for postage, the only presents you have to give each other are virtual presents. There are many web sites where you can send the one you love a virtual bouquet, a virtual kiss, a virtual beer or even erotic post-

cards. Not that I would know about that sort of thing.

Certainly, I would rather physically be with The Boy every day instead of chatting him up on-line, but it's better than nothing, and I'm not complaining.

Even if you don't have a prepackaged on-line lover like I do, it's not that hard to meet people on your own. I don't know about other Internet Service Providers, but on AOL it's frighteningly easy to find people to talk to. Just sit back and let them come to you. On the basis of clever things you say about yourself in your Member Profile, random AOL users seek you out and send you Instant Messages. Of course, a lot of them say they want to spank you, and other less tasteful things, but that's not such a bad starting-off point.

Just don't meet anyone in real life. The size of a person's self-esteem is inversely proportional to the size of their lies—as a general rule, add 20 pounds and a third less hair to whatever description they give for themselves. And you don't know which people are psychos or just neurotic, but you don't want to be stuck on a real live date with either. Best to keep it strictly cyber.

Now, while an on-line relationship may taste great, is it really less filling than your regular relationship? You spend so much time on the computer that your friends gripe that they never see you anymore. A computer makes a crappy prom date. Your mom balks when you stay up all night and she demands to know what you were doing on-line for so long. Your modem is never fast enough, and your typing fingers are not as skilled as you want them to be. In electronic love, size matters: the length of your messages, the measure of your words, the amount of bandwidth you can take before mail starts bouncing out of your box (although you'll probably find that too much mail is not enough).

So what does this prove? Even in the computer age, some things never change.

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Racy Republicans and the Conspiracy

COLUMN

If you've been watching the news lately, you've seen that Republicans are up to their old tricks again, being



By
JOE
LAWLER

stupid. Now, for those of you who say I've already written a column about this, you're right, but the stupidity never ends. In the past couple

of weeks, some classics have happened, and, as usual, I'm here to make fun of them.

I'll start off with the bigger of the two. One of the greatest men in our nation, Ronald Reagan, is getting an airport named after him. Not seeing the humor in this? I know, lots of great men have had airports named after them, from John Kennedy to John Wayne.

Reagan had all that he needed to be a great leader, he's younger than Strom Thurmond and more animated than Gerald Ford, so why isn't Reagan deserving? I'll tell you why. In 1981, The Great and Powerful Reagan fired 13,000 air traffic controllers. The controllers had been striking, making such selfish and unrealistic demands as: more reasonable hours, suggesting that perhaps a few more people should be hired to ease the workload. I guess Reagan thought that air traffic controllers fell into the category of nonessential workers, and told them to go home and rent *Bedtime for Bonzo*. After all, their only job was making sure planes

didn't crash into each other.

Now, Congress has overwhelmingly voted to declare Washington's National Airport the Ronald Reagan National Airport. A move on par with naming a General Motors union after Roger Smith, or perhaps a Holocaust museum named after Hitler, it just doesn't make sense. Not to mention that the airport is already named after a U.S. President, someone who did a thing or two more than Reagan in his life, George Washington. In historical context, who seems the better choice, the man who founded our nation, or the man who sold weapons to Iran? In any case, I don't think I'll be scheduling any flights through D.C. for a while, I don't want to know what kind of mood the controllers will be in.

On the lighter side, Sonny Bono died.

Not to be disrespectful or anything, he did die, but if Republicans are mourning this man as a great leader and musical genius, I guess naming an airport after Reagan is not that hard to believe. C'mon, Cher chose to sing their hit song "I Got You, Babe" with Beavis and Butthead rather than with him later in his life.

On a bizarre note, just the week before, trees proved they were nonpartisan by offing Michael Kennedy. Sounds kind of suspicious to me, two deaths by tree involving politically connected men within days of each other? Maybe we should look into their policies on deforestation. If people consider men like Reagan and Bono great, is it inconceivable that trees could be gaining sentience and murdering people? Someone call the *X-Files*, I've got a hot one here for them.

Phi Theta Kappa chapter recruits at conference

LETTER

Dear Editor,

The regional Phi Theta Kappa convention was held in Key Largo this year. It was attended by Carl Thome, UT chapter Vice President, and myself, Rae Simundza, UT chapter President.

The morning after we arrived was bright and clear. Breakfast in the terrace restaurant allowed for a magnificent view of the Straights of Florida.

The rest of the day was spent at the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon Shores about 40 miles south of Key Largo. It has been seven years since I moved back to the Tampa area there have been many physical changes at the DRC, but my dolphins are still the same. They have a tour of the property and explain the Dolphinlab, Marine Mammal Rescue Program, and Dolphin/Child Program. This is a not-for-profit education and research organization.

I spoke with Rita Irwin, Director of Membership and Development, about UT Phi Theta Kappa having a fund-raiser

for them next semester. Irwin was very happy to hear their plight for donations will be answered all the way in Tampa. When she heard about our Marine Biology major here at UT, she asked to have UT contact her to set up an internship with them. We will be getting help on the fund-raiser from two of our local chapters, St. Pete JC in Tarpon and Hillsborough CC campus Brandon. That was my first victory on the trip.

By the time I returned to the hotel we were disappointed to find that there was a mix up in the UT sponsorship. I was not able to speak before the general assembly.

However, we were given a table in the

marketplace for our UT information. We were able to pass out applications, brochures, open house information, and even brochures of Plant Museum. By the end of the convention, all the UT material was gone and everyone knew where we were from. And we were next to the St. Leo table. My second victory.

At the Alumni meeting Saturday, the USF chapter was chosen as hosts for the Leadership Convention in Sept. '98. At least we won't have far to go next year.

They informed us they would be looking to our chapter for help since we hosted the 1994 convention. We are also going to start a scholarship for PTK graduate students who are active in their alumni chapter at the

university level. The dinner that night was held outdoors, and the awards for the community college chapters were handed out.

I have invited a students from Jacksonville and Key West to attend an open house next semester and to stay with me for the weekend. On

Friday, November 21, we had a student from Edison Community College to tour our campus. Denise and her mother seemed very pleased. After having lunch with them, Denise decided on a return trip next semester.

It was tough leaving the Keys again, but after the closing session it was time to return to Tampa and UT. It was a long seven hour drive back. The next goal is the International Convention in April '98 in Nashville, Tennessee. There we will have over 4000 students to introduce to UT.

-Rae Simundza



Photo Courtesy of Rae Simundza

PTK at the Key Largo conference.

Not everyone is anxious to see Jerry Springer

COLUMN

When students at UT heard that talk show host Jerry Springer was coming to campus, they universally and wholeheartedly rejoiced.



By
KETH
MCBRIDE

They praised Student Productions for their brilliant work.

Let me say that SP has put together a semester of programs that have the

whole campus excited, and they should be commended for this. Anyone who attended Joe Clark's presentation on Feb. 3 saw an excellent example of SP's devotion to the

students on this campus. With Springer though, they may be taking it a step too far.

Was there ever a more smug, annoying, cowardly, arrogant, pathetic little worm than Jerry Springer? The way his "thug" security guards on the show manage to maintain constant mayhem on the stage demonstrates Jerry's interest primarily in the shock value of his air time. He is not slow to recognize that this value is high, especially to the intellectually challenged viewer thirsty for sex and violence.

He, in fact, has described himself as "a coward" when his guests get unruly on the show. When fights break out, Springer conspicuously disappears. Late night talk show host Conan O'Brien recognized this, and could not help but ask Springer exactly where it was that he disappeared to.

Springer replied, "I go to the bank."

The truth is that Springer usually remains in the crowd, far from the stage, during the pandemonium. Occasionally, the camera finds him slowly and pompously strutting among his studio patrons, sporting a grotesquely smug grin and bright green dollar signs in his eyes. He watches with glee as father and son, mother and daughter, or brother and sister duke it out on-stage.

I must applaud Mr. Springer, though, for achieving the American Dream. He is an immigrant, and as such has achieved a level of financial success that many others like him could not. Then again, his success has not been without its repercussions. Now that his show is broadcast in 30 foreign countries, all the world gets to see the most low class, immoral, ignorant redneck hicks in all of America. As if our international reputation

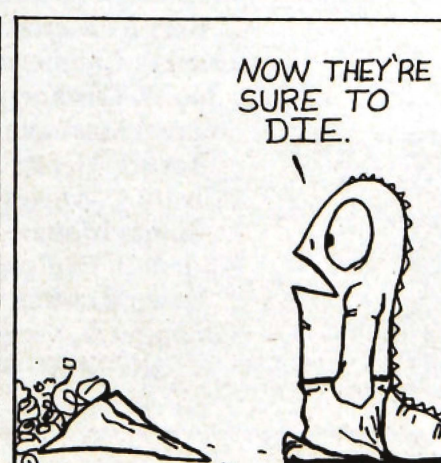
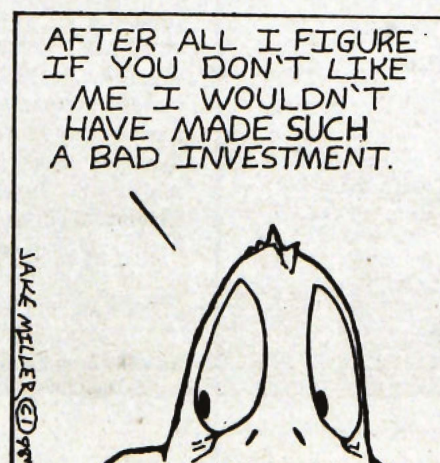
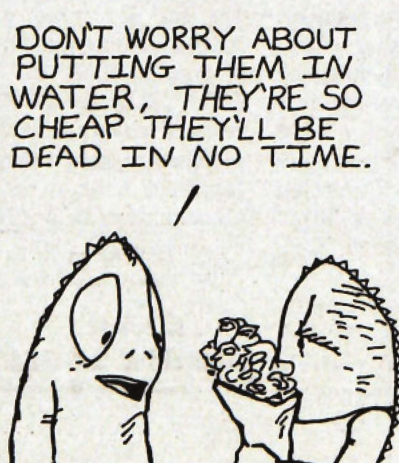
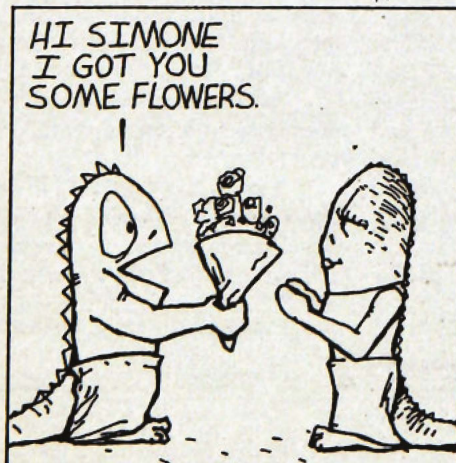
isn't bad enough.

Actually, I haven't decided whether or not I'm going to attend SP's presentation of Jerry Springer. Still, just for once, I would like to see the entire campus universally support an SP event, and I have a feeling that this may be my only chance. Everyone is going to be thirsty to see what hideous portrayal of middle class America Jerry Springer can come up with next.

*Coffeehouse is coming!
Prepare yourself...*

UTITES

By Jake Miller



Fingar, from page 1

China an enemy, however, just as importantly China doesn't want to be an enemy of the U.S." Due to its growing population and economy, Fingar sees China as a global player which holds its challenges, but whose friendship would be of great benefit to us in the present and future.

Fingar said, "One-third of our exports are to China, one out of seven airplanes sold from the U.S. went to China, their economy is growing 10 percent every year. We need China." Fingar also made the point that China, in the present, is what America was at the beginning of its struggle for independence 222 years ago. China's government has many issues of importance on its agenda.

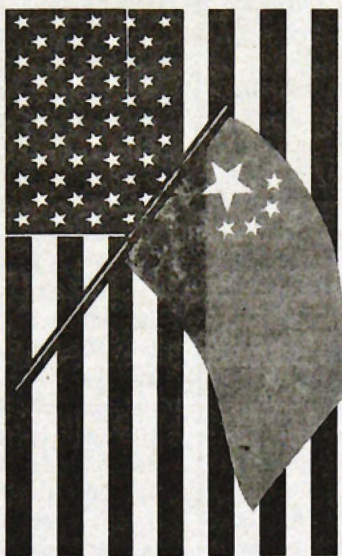
For example, China wants to clean up the environment. Its major source of energy is coal, which has been a major cause for global warming and acid rain. China would like to lower its use of coal, but unlike the U.S., which can afford the development of technology to reduce the use of coal, China can

not yet afford to meet such high standards without help from our government. China is progressing, but with a population of almost 1.3 billion, it can only move so fast.

Right now, the major issues of concern in China are not only about the health of its economy, but the health of its people. Fingar pointed out that the use of birth control and condoms is hard to emphasize when the majority of the population, especially women, are uneducated and when religious and cultural differences exist that prevent the use of what we consider "mainstream" methods for controlling population growth.

Fingar also pointed out that many times these points are overlooked by our government. This is ironic, seeing that America went through and is still struggling with issues concerning birth control. "We went through this progression. It took a long time," Fingar pointed out to the audience. He continued to emphasize how things have changed in China since both countries have made a greater effort at understanding each other's governments as well as cultures.

"We have changed a little bit due to our relations in the last 20 years. China has changed tremen-



dously," Fingar stated.

Along with discussing China's history and politics, Fingar also discussed Cuba. According to Fingar, both China and Cuba are Communist countries, that is where their similarities end. Fingar asked the audience to real-

ize that Communism in China is quite different from Communism in Cuba. From Fingar's point of view, China no longer contains such an extreme, totalitarian government. "They have changed. The system is less noxious than the government in Cuba," Fingar pointed out. He added that the U.S. needs to look past the politics and help the people.

After closing his speech, Fingar opened the discussion up to the audience. Issues concerning China's economy, Cuba and the current situation with Iraq, were some of the topics that were brought up by members of the audience.

The next morning, at 9 a.m., Fingar joined Robert Kerstein's Introduction to Political Science to discuss his role in Washington and to answer any questions that students had for him. Besides discussing his educational background and giving advice to students about making connections early on in order to successfully pursue a career in Washington, he also answered student's questions on everything from the potential consequences of the situation in Iraq to

expansion of NATO.

"I enjoyed it a lot," commented Jenny Hogan, a freshman majoring in communications. "It was nice to talk directly to someone who is part of a department in Washington."

When asked about the town meeting, Hogan replied that at the meeting she had felt overwhelmed by the amount of information that was discussed relating to China and that she could not comprehend why China was such an important topic. After the discussion with Fingar in her political science class, however, Hogan came out with a different point of view.

"Now I see how important China is and how China really does affect us," she stated.

That is the theme that Fingar hoped everyone carried away from his lecture. Fingar feels that the U.S. is the only nation that can give China not only the opportunity to be heard, but the chance to feel that they belong. "To feel it [China] has a stake, it has to feel that it has a say."

Tenure, from page 1

the University believes in him. He went on to say that tenure is a form of motivation for faculty members to deepen their commitments to the school and students.

"I think mostly it means a certain kind of acceptance on the part of faculty and on part of the university as a whole, including certainly the board of trustees, who in the end make that decision. So, it is a sense of acceptance that the contributions that I have made as a faculty member, so far, was valued," stated Klepfer.

He also said that when the University awarded him tenure, they made a commitment to support him as he develops as

a faculty member.

Krauss said, "Well, teaching's probably one of the easier things I have ever done. I just do whatever I think that I have a knack for doing. One of which is helping students become better people." He thinks that students in business should get tenacity and reason out of their education at the University of Tampa.

He said, "I think when you finish here and get a degree, what that tells a future employer or another future educational institution is that you have learned how to learn. That is what we're trying to do here. When I try to make people do that, I have helped them succeed."

Compiled By **BILL SHEERIN** and **DYLAN FIGUEROA**
Staff Writers

'I'm walking on what... ?

For anyone who has a little trouble walking, a Utah man makes canes out of bull penises. He claims to have made them for a number of high ranking state officials and is still taking orders.

Beware The Crocodile Men...

In Kiwasha, Africa six tribal chiefs have been arrested for killing 33 people. It is believed these men retain the ability to transform themselves into crocodiles. Police made arrests based on claims of a fisherman who was reportedly banished from the village. The fisherman told the police that he escaped an encounter with the monsters, men with human hands, faces and legs but crocodilian features otherwise.

Sorcery is held in serious regard in most of Africa, and there are frequent reports of sightings of half man/ half crock monsters.

'Ummm... can I lick your legs?'

In Albuquerque, police arrested a 16 year-old teen on charges of criminal sexual contact of a minor. He reportedly followed children around in his car near schools and offered them gifts to lick their legs. He is being detained in a Juvenile Detention Center and police stress he did not become violent with the children.

'That'll be four ounces please.'

In Orlando, Florida police say a woman paid her 13 year-old babysitter in marijuana instead of

cash. The woman is being brought up on charges of child abuse, neglect and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The conditions in which she was housing her three children were a disgrace according to police. The woman's family said it was about time something was done to save the children from a life of misery.

The Old West that never died

The old western movies ended with a sunset and the hero cowboy riding into the distance. One North Carolina man says that despite his battle with a deadly disease, he will have that same happy ending.

"My dad said I was always a cowboy," said Paul Rine. "My dad was a cowboy also. Yea, I've been a cowboy all my life."

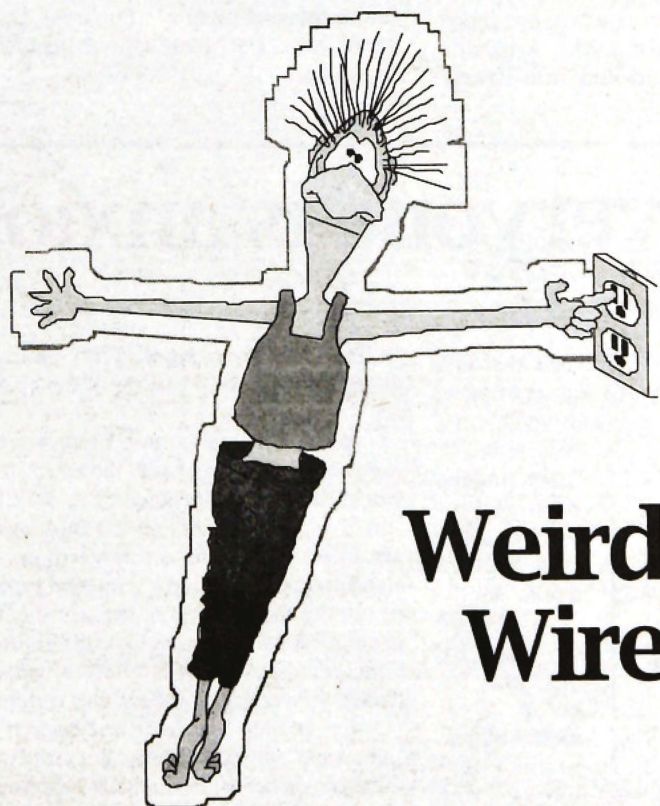
Known to his fans as "Cowboy Paul," Rine has appeared in several western movies and toured the country with his own wild west show... playing places like the Galleria Mall in Rock Hill N.C..

Rine always closed his show with the message for kids to stay away from

guns, drugs and alcohol. "They'll make it in this life if they do. If they keep their promise to Cowboy Paul."

Paul Rine has bone cancer, but doesn't seem to fear that walk to boot hill.

"I know that I'm going to see Jesus and I know when I get there there's a white horse up there and I'm going to find that white horse and I'm not going to hurt no more then," said Rine.

**Weird Wire****Making you one with everything****"Meet my fiance, Scary."**

Earl Kaufman, of Tucson, Arizona, has a court date to legally change his name to "The Scary Guy." 85 percent of Kaufman's body is covered by tattoos and piercings, even parts of his face. Kaufman is the owner of several tattoo parlors. He and his employees answer the phone by saying: "The Tattoo Shop... home of The Scary Guy."

Babe to star in Backdraft sequel
A man in Ramsey, New Jer-**UT Students Named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**

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Lori F. Burchell
Krista Canary
Mackenzie L. Carignan
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Lisa M. Dettore
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Michelle L. Harber
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Justin C. Mieles
James Moton
Anders B. Paulsson
Dawn Rawlins
Samantha A. Swann
Fritz Tanis
David Virgilio



On Jan. 31, at 9 p.m., someone reported that an unknown person(s) smashed the front passenger side of his vehicle. Stolen from the vehicle was \$40 and a set of house keys. The vehicle was parked in the Tampa Prep parking lot adjacent to Cass Street. The victim was advised to contact the Tampa Police Department.

On Jan. 31, at 9:15 a.m., someone reported that between 6 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., an unknown person(s) smashed the front passenger side window of her vehicle. Taken from the vehicle was a black money bag containing \$300. The vehicle was parked in the Merle Kelce Library's second parking space, north of the main entrance.

On Jan. 31, at 12:43 p.m., UTCS received a report of a theft from the Nursing Building. Stolen from the building was a television and VCR combination set. The items were last seen on Jan. 29, at 2 p.m., and were discovered missing from a locked computer lab. There were no signs of forced entry.

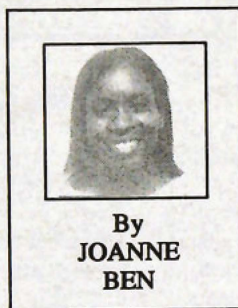
On Jan. 31, at 9:35 p.m., someone reported that between 6 p.m. and 9:35 p.m., unknown person(s) smashed the driver's side window of his car. A handgun was taken from the vehicle. The car was parked in the McKay overflow parking lot. The victim was advised to contact the Tampa Police Department.

On Feb. 2, at 2:30 p.m., a UTCS officer responded to Plant Hall and met with a victim concerning her stolen wallet. The victim stated that when she got to work she placed her purse next to her desk, then left her office and went to the office across the hall for about 30 minutes. She then departed her office from about 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. She discovered her wallet missing when she attempted to retrieve change during her lunch break. The miss-

ing wallet is brown leather and has black shading.

On Feb. 3, at 6:30 a.m., a student in Delo Hall reported that her lava lamp was stolen from her room. According to the student the lamp was stolen over winter break.

On Feb. 3, at 8:52 a.m., A UTCS officer observed a gray Toyota in the boathouse parking lot that was unregistered and had three citations. While further investigating the matter, the officer discovered that the parking permit on the vehicle was issued to another student other than the one who owns the vehicle. According to the student who owns the vehicle, he lost his registration and asked a friend to acquire a permit for him. The officer later found out that the suspect's friend claimed that she lost her parking permit in order to acquire one for her friend. The case was referred to the Judicial Board.



By
JOANNE
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On Feb. 4, at 7:44 a.m., UTCS received a report of a theft in the McKay Lounge area. When UTCS arrived they observed that the television and microwave were missing. UTCS interviewed a witness who said that she went to the lounge at about 1 a.m., when she saw

the suspect pick up the television and placed it on the floor. Then she saw him touching the cables on the television trying to disconnect them. She recognized him as a person she knew when she worked at Ybor City.

If you notice any suspicious activity contact UTCS at Ext. 3333

UT residents tap into the future

By JOSEF LAWLER
News Editor

UT recently signed a contract with GTE Data Services which will greatly increase the amount of electronic services available to students. Instead of having to walk to the computer labs to access the Internet and email, any student with a computer will be able to access it from his or her room without a modem.

"Today's students who have access to the evolving electronic technology have a competitive advantage. This new system will take UT ahead of many of its competitors in the race to provide that competitive edge," said UT Vice President of Administration and Finance Bob Forschner.

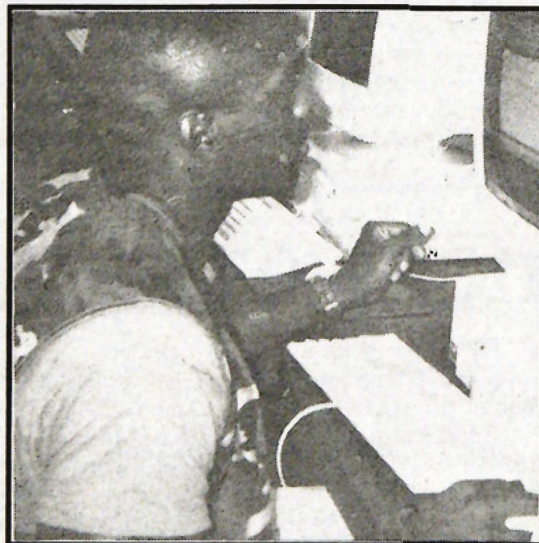
Twelve thousand feet of fiber optic cable is currently being installed on campus to almost all buildings, including the new residence hall. It will also be installed in McKay Auditorium, once the asbestos removal is complete. Howell Hall is not included in the plans, because of plans to tear it down in the near future.

"The advantage of this addition to our network infrastructure is that it provides the foundation for the University's technological needs for many years to come. In addition to faster access speeds to the Internet, it will support other services such as voice, video, fire and security systems, card access, energy management, distance learning to remote classrooms, access to professors and many other applications," said Director of Information Technology Donna Alexander.

Delo Hall will have only enough connections for half its residents, because it is no longer seen as a long-term building. Installation should be completed by May of 1998, at which point the campus should have 1200 connections, including connections for the Macintosh labs, which have not had Internet access up to this point. The wire is being run underground, which increases the reliability of the system, and decreases the risk of damage.

"In the past, there was no real campus wide system, just a few offices hooked in. The new network will connect anyone Internet-wise on our campus," said Macintosh Coordinator Brian Garman. "The advantages of a direct connection through Ethernet are: One, you can use your phone, and two, it's much faster than a modem, ten to 20 times faster."

"The move from modem to fiber optic cable is like driving from a one-lane dirt road onto a 12-lane super highway," said Project Manager Dan Brown. A traditional modem has around 56,000 bits per second, the new system will be able to receive and



Katie Nguyen—The Minaret

Starting in the fall, students will be able to access in their rooms all that they now have access to through the computer center

transmit data at a rate of ten million bits per second.

"Students will be able to sit in their rooms at any time of the day or night and research class assignments using the World Wide Web or contact their teachers using Internet email," said Brown.

Although a schedule has not been set, the next phase in wiring the campus is already being planned. It will connect the western part of the campus, including the Spartan Sports Center, the Thompson building, the McNiff sports center, Campus Store, American Language Academy and the Fine Arts Buildings.

Facilities west of North Boulevard, including the Falk Theatre, might be connected by wireless applications.

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opened as early as mid-February, but construction would still be going on around the parked cars and this is something administration would rather avoid.

"We would have liked for it to have opened as projected on Jan. 15, but now that it's opening late, we want to do it right," said Rod Plowman, director of Administrative Services at UT.

Plowman heads the "parking committee," which have been meeting two or three times per semester for approximately two years. One of their goals is to address the concerns of commuter and resident students equally. Lee Hoke, professor of economics, who sat on the committee for a brief period, commented on the "natural tensions between commuter and on-

campus students" and how the committee is able to put these tensions aside while solving the problem. There are staff members who represent both

groups of students in case the students felt uncomfortable speaking up. Beth DiMuccio had been cited as the advocate for residents' parking rights, but ResLife has not appointed anyone new after DiMuccio's recent departure from the university. Katie Kazor of the Student Activities office make sure that the commuter students' concerns are heard.

Students representing resident students are Joanne Miller and Dave Virgilio.

"Dave is a strong voice for the students," says Kazor.

Virgilio, also Student Government president, sees the concerns of the commuters and residents as equally important.

According to Virgilio, "We all want to park where we are safe, our car is safe, and where we don't have to carry our books or groceries across campus."

Parking remains foremost among commuter concerns, according to a recent survey put out by Student Activities. To make sure that commuter students don't get lost in the shuffle, students Melony and Stephen Dillon are representing them. Thirty-six percent of students see parking as the number one problem. This is an improvement from last year's fifty

percent.

Many students have voiced their concerns about the recent reduction of parking in such places as the boathouse lot, which was designated for visiting crews and directly in front of University West due to construction. This eliminates about 40 parking spots while the number of cars on campus seems to remain constant.

Stacey Zimmerman, a resident of University West, said that she had to park almost all the way across campus late on a weekend night. When asked why she didn't park in the Martinez lot, she replied, "I don't feel safe when it's late at night. There may be security officers there, but walking on Boulevard late at night is not safe, especially for a girl alone"

We all want to park where we are safe, our car is safe, and where we don't have to carry our books or groceries across campus.

— Dave Virgilio

source of the parking problems to the underuse of that lot.

"Martinez is underutilized. At least 100 parking spaces are unused," said Campbell.

Will the parking problems ever be solved? According to students, probably not, and this is why the Parking Committee has seemed to reach what Rod Plowman describes as "an extreme compromise." The final parking plan for Fall of 1998 has not been finalized yet, but so far the following plans have been suggested: Freshmen parking on the top floor of the garage, residents getting priority in their adjacent lots, such as Delo, Crescent Place, McKay, ResCom, East, and West; any students with a tag may park in the garage as well as faculty, staff and part-time MBA students.

Once completed, the new parking structure will have video surveillance cameras, emergence telephones directly linked to security and some sort of gate in both the front and back of the structure. Plowman even talked of an ID card that would contain meal plan information, library access and a bar code to enter the parking garage.

"This is long term thinking," Plowman insisted.



The Minaret
would like to wish
everyone a
Happy Valentine's Day!

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Black History Month: A time to celebrate

By NATASHA JACKSON
Staff Writer

"The old Negro Mammies, Aunt Jemima's and Uncle Toms are dead. The importance and significance of the African forest and American plantation has faded; the horrific Mumbo-Jumbo and gris-gris are things of the past. The tom-toms and ivory trumpets are silent, only their echoes resound down the years. The story of black slavery is an old and sad story; for those who were not murdered, died of broken hearts. W.E. Burghardt DuBois, a prominent Negro, says, 'The colored folk have much to remember, and they will not forget.'"

-From *Negro Heritage*, Hugh Ford.

There is irony in the fact that many of us are homesick for a place we really do not know. It rests within us to learn about the birthplace of our ancestors.

We should all know, for ex-

ample, about the Kingdoms of Ghana, Songhay and Mali.

We are enriched when we study the complex religious heritage and philosophy of life of African peoples, among them the Yoruba and the Kongo.

Let us go beyond our kente cloth ties and hats to learn of our heritage before our people were chained and brought here. Our culture was stripped from and denied our enslaved ancestors, but we are able and morally bound to pick it up again.

It is important to recall our history in order to proceed into the future. Black Americans and other peoples of African descent were once considered a race that had not contributed to human productivity. The first blacks to come to the U.S. landed in Jamestown, Va. in 1619, when a Dutch trading vessel in need of supplies weighed anchor and exchanged 14 Blacks for food and supplies. The Jamestown

people made slaves out of those men. By 1662, nearly 2,000, most of whom had been imported from Africa, were made slaves.

Within the public and private eye, Black Americans and other peoples of African descent were continually dehumanized, humiliated and relegated to the position of noncitizens and fractions of humans.

In fact, Professor John Burgess, the founder of Columbia University's graduate school of Political Science and an important figure in America scholarship, defined the African race as "a race of men that has never created any civilization of any kind" in the *Ghana Review* Vol. 1. No. 6.

In a reaction to this disdainful belief, the talented and brilliant African American scholar, Harvard-trained Ph.D.

I, Too
- Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.

*I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.*

*Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.*

*Besides,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed--
I, too, am America*

Trenody
- Waring Cuney

*Only quiet death
Brings relief
From the wearisome
Interchange
Of hope and grief.
O body
(Credulous heart
And dream-torn head),
What will wisdom be
Or folly-
When you lie dead?
Life-beaten body
Bruised and sore-
Neither hunger nor satiety
Are known beyond death's
door.*

Black Woman

- Naomi Long Madgett

*My hair is springy like the forest
The cushions the feet of squirrels-
Crinkled and blown in a south breeze
Like the small leaves of native bushes.*

*My black eyes are coals burning
Like a low, full, jungle moon
Through the darkness of being.
In a clear pool I see my face,
Know my knowing.*

*My hands move pianissimo
Over the music of the night:
Gentle birds fluttering through leaves
and grasses
They have not always loved,
Nesting, finding home.*

*Where are my lovers?
Where are my tall, my lovely princes
Dancing in slow grace
Toward knowledge of my beauty?
Where are my black men?*

We Wear the Mask

- Paul Laurence Dunbar

*We wear the mask that smiles and lies,
It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes,-
This debt we pay to human guile;
With torn and weeping hearts we smile,
A mouth with myriad subtleties.*

*Why should the world be overwise,
In counting all our tears and sighs?
Nay, let them only see us while*

We wear the mask.

*We smile, but, O great Christ, our cries
To Thee from tortured souls arise.
We sing, but oh, the clay is vile
Beneath our feet, and long the mile;
But let the world dream otherwise,*

We wear the mask.

Carter Godwin Woodson led the struggle and search for the truth and institutionalized what was then referred to as Negro History Week. Woodson devoted his life to the scientific study of the African experience in America, Africa and throughout the world.

In 1926, under Woodson's direction

and using contributions from other African Americans and white scholars, Negro History Week became a serious platform. Today, this national and international observance encompasses the entire month of February.

February is significant in African American history for the remembrance of great African American pioneers and institutions, including: Duke Ellington, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr. and George Washington Carver, just to name a few in a long and distinguished list.

Happy Black History Month.



Photo courtesy of Schomburg Center
Jazz master, Duke Ellington.

Come rain or shine, wear your rubbers...

By JENNIFER WOLFSON
Staff Writer

National Condom Week kicks off on February 14th to the theme of "Love me Safely". Sponsored by the American Social Health Association, Valentine's Day seems the perfect time to emphasize that loving someone means protecting the sexual health of both partners.

However, condoms and their predecessors do more than prevent sexually transmitted diseases. The first condoms were for birth control and decoration.

In 1350 BC, men wore decorative sheaths on their penises and relied on withdrawal (coitus interruptus) to prevent pregnancy.

In 1564, Fallopius, the great Italian anatomist, described the use of linen sheaths to protect against syphilis. In the eighteenth century the name condom was given to these penile sheaths by the British Physician who first described them, Dr. Condom. At this time all condoms were made from lamb intestine.

Finally, in 1837 Charles Goodyear succeeded in vulcanizing rubber and the first latex condoms were made. Now condoms come in every color, size,

and flavor imaginable with bumps and ridges for your pleasure.

With 12 million new STD cases annually and two-thirds of them in people under 25, the reason to use a condom is obvious.

However, many people do not use condoms for one reason or another. Many say that sex with a condom is not as pleasurable. More likely than not, sex with a condom is much more pleasurable than frequent visits to the doctor to be treated for chlamydia.

Condoms are the best way to prevent STDs if you have no plans of abstaining. Even in a monogamous relationship, you must keep in mind that you are sleeping with everyone that your partner ever slept with. Some STDs may remain symptomless and go undiagnosed for long periods of time.

College students should look at condoms as a part of their life just like the classes in the course catalog:

Fine Arts: With all those colors and textures to work with you can't go wrong.

Genetics: Keep the gene crossing in the lab, use a condom and keep your genes to yourself

Computer Information Systems: Friendly user-interface,

*In the days of old
When knights were bold,
And condoms not invented,
They wrapped a sock
Around their cock
And babies were prevented.*

—Waverly Harrison Huff

terrific virus protection and great compatibility; condoms work on all hard drives.

Business: What a great investment. For 50 cents you can protect your personal portfolio and that of your partner.

Math: $1+1=2$ unless you use a condom.

Shakespeare: How do I love thee, let me count the used

condoms.

Student health centers around the country report a rise in STD cases following Spring Break. At the University of Tampa condoms are always free at the student health center. You don't even have to ask. Just walk in, grab a handful from the basket, shove them in your bookbag, and leave. However, for the less timid they will provide a paper bag and instructions. Just ask. And two weeks after a wild and carefree spring break, if you end up with something new that's red and itchy, stop by the health center to see Carmen and Sharon.

Condoms do come in different colors, textures, and sizes, but all male condoms go on the same way. The condom should be put on when the penis is hard but before genital contact. Hold the condom by the tip to squeeze out the air. Leave some space at the tip and unroll the condom all the way over the erect penis. After sex, the man should hold the condom at the rim and pull out slowly while the penis is still hard. Use a new condom each time you have sex and if you switch orifices.

One more important note, never keep a condom in your wallet or back pocket. The constant heat and bending will weaken the condom, making it unsafe to use. Also, never use body oil, ice cream, lotion, or Vaseline as a lubricant. Buy water soluble lubricants to go along with your latex condoms.

For free, confidential information on STDs and condom use call one of the following ASHA operated hotlines:

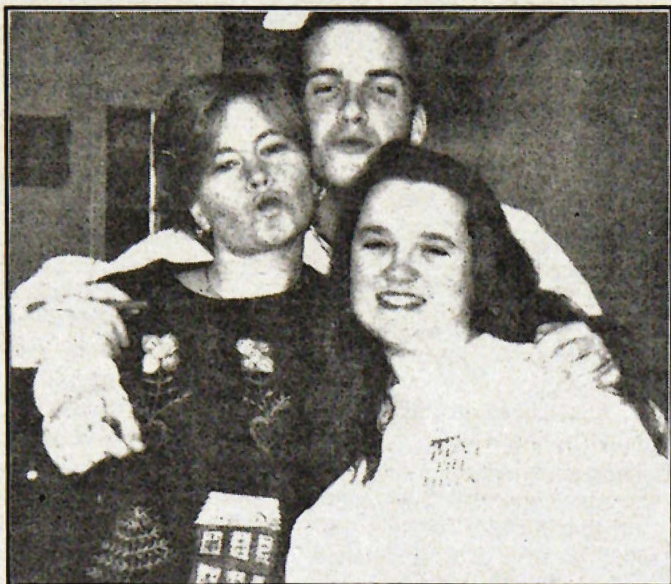
National AIDS hotline:
1-800-342-2437

National STD hotline:
1-800-227-8922

National Herpes hotline:
1-919-361-8488

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Cupid's arrow doesn't always hit its mark

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Minaret file photo

Freshmen Mike Jackson, Maren Julian and Amanda Edward will enjoy each other's company tomorrow rather than a Valentine.

By
**SUSAN WHEELER
HUDMON**
Editor-in-Chief

"Will you be my Valentine?" These are the words that strike terror into the hearts of boys and girls of all ages. From as far back as most of us can remember, Valentine's Day has signified love. We remember Charlie Brown and his endless quest for the little red-haired girl. We remember buying those little cards and addressing our envelopes to everyone in the class, even that boy who was mean, because the teacher said to. Most people I

talked with remember rejection.

"There was always some boy that you really really liked," said one student. "But he never seemed to notice. So you gave him the best valentine and tried not to let anyone see you drop it into his bag."

If you drop the clue "Valentine's AND Day" into AOL's search engine you come up with 33,550 sites (as of Feb. 8, 1998). You can find anything you ever wanted to know about Valentine's Day. Such as how to make your own valentine's gifts and romantic meals. You can also find interesting and some out-and-out odd statistics. Did you know that three percent of pet owners give their pets Valentines. Sad, isn't it? And then there are the true origins of the holiday.

"Valentine's Day is actually a pagan celebration of raping young virgins," said sophomore Ariel Gunn. "I don't celebrate it."

Despite the pagan origins and the Christians who were martyred on Feb. 14 in Rome, most of us know Valentine's Day as a day of flowers and candy, although we have our various ways to celebrate.

"I'm boycotting it," said senior Melony Dillion. "I used to like it, but that was when I had a boyfriend."

College breeds many long-distance relationships. Valentine's Day, for most of us, is the hardest day to be alone. There is always the dilemma of how to deal with this. Should you suck it in and go out, or hide in your room with a big box of chocolates?

Last year, I went to see *The English Patient* with two of my friends so we could cry at the tragedy of love lost. We were surrounded by a predominantly female crowd that apparently had the same intentions. Misery does love company.

There are other ways to deal with being alone. You can throw yourself into work or even something more interesting.

"Oh, [Valentine's Day] is going to be great," said FIT student Mijee Bain with a snicker. "My boyfriend is going to be skydiving in Arizona, and I am going to be at work re-working a portion of our computer network."

"I'm celebrating it by going to the dance with four dates, but other than that, nothing," said

freshman Paul Trusik. "In the past, it was just buying things for people who didn't appreciate it anyway."

Although we have all had our good and bad Valentine's celebrations, many of us remain hopeful. A friend of mine went on a blind date last Valentine's Day. It was a

candy, who can resist falling in love (or desperately hoping to)? Even those students who spent last year making anti-Valentine's Day cards and wearing all black are occasionally swept away by it all. It makes us do crazy things.

"Love should be celebrated 365 days a year, not just one," said senior Sarah Waylett.

Eva Van Buren of Flagler College plans to celebrate by "having dinner out, renting mushy movies, receiving mushy gifts and lots of other stuff that makes single people vomit."

When love is in the air, those who have it revel in it. Those who don't seem to get more and more bitter.

Although it seems like a woman's plight, even men are just as likely to feel the pain.

"I'm alone," said UCF student Ed Apsey. "I choose not to participate in the hellish ritual of the heart. I'll just spend the day with my two best friends, Ben and Jerry."



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Valentine's Day merchandise filled some stores as early as the first of January.

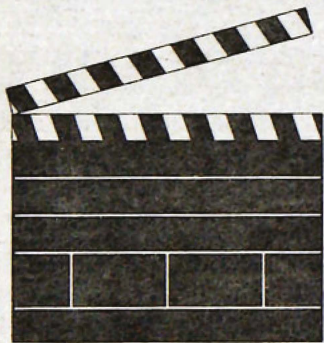
disaster. And then there's this Singled-Out thing that Smiley Hall has done for the past three years. What is it about Feb. 14 that makes us so desperate to be on someone's arm?

Egged on by television specials, songs on the radio and the endless barrage of red and pink cellophane hearts and flowers and

Trivia Question

What was the name of Sir Lancelot's "horse" in *Monty Python's Quest for the Holy Grail*?

Please send answers to *The Minaret* box 2757.

The big screen takes on the blues
And some really good car chases too

By JD MCGEE
Staff Writer

It has been said by greater minds than mine that Americans are losing their roots. We have seen the decline of nearly everything except greed and shallowness.

Unfortunately, music has seen this same decline. The blues have nearly been forgotten; certainly the Spice Girls/Marilyn Manson/MTV crowd still thinks the blues is some old black dude on a street corner bitchin' about his woman and woes. But the blues is what started it all.

Without the blues we wouldn't have Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton or even Nirvana. The blues is the most down to earth, alive form of art on the planet.

Dan Akroyd and John Landis know this. They told us all about the blues in their 1980 smash hit movie, *The Blues Brothers*, and they do it all over again for a new generation in their new sequel,

Blues Brothers 2000.

The movie itself is a near carbon copy of the first one, only it's been 18 years, and Elwood Blues (Dan Akroyd) is just getting out of jail. Joliet Jake is dead and Elwood decides to get the band back together. He finds and coerces them into following him on the road to a battle of the bands in Louisiana.

Of course, he's being chased by everyone, like the Russian Mafia, right wing neo-Nazi's (which is funny because the whole premise of the *Blues Brothers* is that they think they're black) and every cop from Chicago to New Orleans.

On the way, he gets himself a new singer, bartender Mighty Mack McTeer (John Goodman), a wise-ass orphan to care for named Buster (J. Evan Bonifant) and a long lost ex-cop somewhat half brother, Cab Chamberlain (Joe Morton).

The two best things about this movie, like the original, are the music and the chase scenes. While

I still maintain that the chase scene at the end of the original is the greatest one of all times, *Blues Brothers 2000* may have the most astounding crash scene in the history of Hollywood.

The sight of a hundred cop cars piling up for a good six to ten minutes was well worth my money and would probably be worth yours too. Of course, Elwood does have an old cop car that he transforms into his "blues mobile" with a remote control. To top it off, it is submersible (he drives it through a river to avoid a road block).

But, still, it is the music that really matters; the rest is just salt on the steak. And we aren't let down for one moment. As soon as Elwood gets out of jail, the audience is treated to a gritty voice singing an old gospel blues tune called "John the Revelator."

From there it gets better and better. Aretha Franklin sings "Respect" to Matt "Guitar" Murphy. Wilson Pickett, Eddie Floyd, and 17 year-old-up-and-coming blues

dude, Johnny Lang, jam it out on "634-5789." James Brown cooks stuff up at a revival.

The highlight comes when the Blues Brothers Band face their competitors in the battle of the bands at the end of the movie. I can still remember members of the Blues Brother Band offstage saying, "Who are these guys? The Louisiana Gator Boys? Just a bunch of locals. How good can they be? How good?"

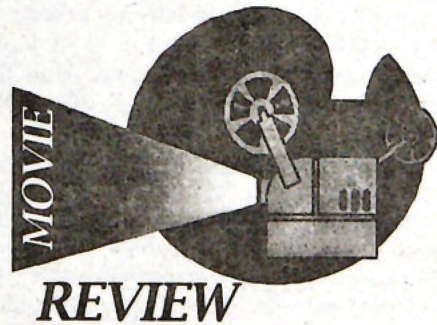
The 21-member band is an all out jam session led by none other than B.B. King, including Eric Clapton, Jimmie Vaughn, Clarence Clemons, Joshua Redman, Paul Shaffer, Dr. John, Koko Taylor, Steve Winwood, Charile Musselwhite, Bo Diddley and Travis Tritt. If you don't know who these guys are get out there and find out, especially the old blues masters like B.B., Musselwhite, and Bo.

As a whole, the movie served

its purpose: to promote, preserve and celebrate the blues, which is truly one of the only good things America has given the world.

It's a fun movie and may be the last time we get to see all these talents together in one film, 'cause God keeps on callin' them back to that great bar beyond, as in the case of Junior Wells, one of the most gifted men to ever blow the harp.

Thank God we have people like Dan Akroyd and John Landis to make great movies like *Blues Brothers 2000* that will keep blues alive and turn people on to it. Get off your duff, turn off that Puff Daddy and Celine Dion, and see this movie; then hit the stores and buy some Muddy Waters and B.B. King. You'll thank me someday.



Guess What? It's Coffeehouse time again!

By MACKENZIE CARIGNAN
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To be a writer is to think in images, to speak in metaphors, and to view things from a different slant. Award-winning author Carol Shields embodies the writer in form and soul, and her style finds a way to invade the reader with its simplicity. Shields has claimed many honors, including the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, the National Book Critics Circle Award and the 1993 Governors General's Award for fiction.

Her Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Stone Diaries*, is per-



haps her most famous publication. In an interview with Idella Sturino, Shields describes her inspiration for this family tree-style narrative: "The book started with this love I

have of stone, especially limestone. I'm interested in limestone because it's an inorganic material made of organic material; it's made of sea creatures, actually, that have been crushed and cemented together. So there's something about the

metaphor, of the inorganic and the inorganic, the expressed and the unexpressed, that I liked." *The Stone Diaries* does just this; it weaves together the aspects of loneliness that are often found in

death and isolation with the life that is found in love and discovery.

Writing novels is not Shields'



only talent. She has published in almost all genres, including two plays, two collections of short stories (*Various Miracles* and *The Or-*

ange Fish), three volumes of poetry (*Others*, *Intersect*, and *Coming to Canada*), and one book of literary criticism (*Susanna Moodie: Voice and Vision*). This is in addition to her publication of nine novels which include the highly praised *Stone Diaries* and *The Republic of Love*.

She has been praised by critics for the life she brings to literature. The *New York Times* said that Shields' writing "re-minds us again of why literature matters. The *Boston Globe* calls her "witty and ebullient." The *Chicago Tribune* remarked on her

"precise, fluid prose (that) encompasses a variety of styles and creates a divergence of characters, but is always of a uniform excellence."

The University of Tampa will surely be most honored by her appearance here and will continue the winning streak of fine authors in *Quilt's* Coffeehouse series. Last year we were lucky enough to have best-selling author Jane Hamilton, whose new novel appears next month, and the year before we had *Quilt* will sponsor her reading on Thursday night, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Scarfone Gallery. The reading is free and open to the public, so don't miss out on one of this semester's greatest events.



Oasis rocks sellout crowd at UCF arena

By ANDREW BREEN
Staff Writer

"Guess who just got back today? Those wild-eyed boys who have been away. Haven't changed that much to say, but man I still think those cats are crazy...the boys are back in town."

An appropriate introduction for Oasis, those wild-eyed, working class heroes from Manchester, England. The sold out UCF Arena went ballistic.

The opening chords of "Be Here Now" ignited the show and the flame grew brighter and deeper with each song. From the raw energy and power of anthems like "Roll With It" and "It's Getting Better (Man!)" to the sheer emotion and feeling of ballads such as "Stand By Me" and "Don't Look

Back In Anger," the show lacked nothing.

Liam Gallagher, although noticeably dazed at times, was on point. His raspy, nasal voice shifted from the defiance of "D'You Know What I Mean?" to the delicacy of "Wonderwall" with relative ease. Noel Gallagher's lead guitar was brilliant, effortlessly strumming away at roof-raising riffs like "Cigarettes & Alcohol" and intricately ad-libbing guitar solos on songs like "Champagne Supernova."

Though sometimes forgotten, the rest of the band created a flawless backdrop for the brothers. Paul "Bonehead" Arthurs' rhythm guitar was perfect. He was joined by Paul "Guigsy" McGuigan on bass and the extraordinary drum work of the best pop/rock drum-

mer on the scene, Alan White.

The atmosphere was that of a roaring English pub, with the Brothers Gallagher leading the bar room sing-along. Liam's voice was rivaled only by the echo of the crowd. Then, just when the show couldn't have possibly gotten any better, Noel Gallagher took center stage with his acoustic.

His emotional acoustic version of "Don't Go Away" brought out the Zippos. He then continued with an outstanding version of "Fade In-Out" with Ben Ayres from Cornershop sitting in on sitar and Alan White on bongos. Then came the show stopper, a mellowed out, stunning version of The Beatles' "Help."

The show had everything—energy, emotion, power, and most



Photo Courtesy of PULSE! Magazine

Cheers to Oasis, their talent and their sold out show.

importantly, the music of one of the greatest songwriters of the '90s. Simply put, Oasis rocked, and if there was any doubt before the show, there was none afterwards.

Oasis is currently the best band in the world—something the band has known all along, but America is just beginning to discover.

Two Souls brought together in celebration of love

The Republic of Love
By Carol Shields
Viking. 327 pp. \$22.

Reviewed by
Andy Solomon

As the number of love's multiply-burned swells among us, the question "Why do fools fall in love?" appears more and more to contain its own answer. Yet, said Robert Browning, "Take away love and our earth is a tomb."

In what is partly, but far from merely, a celebration of romantic love, Canadian Carol Shields uses a tender, upbeat touch to bring two amiable wounded souls together.

Tom Avery's vision of woman-kind grew fuzzy at age three weeks. His teenaged unwed mother grievously ill, Tom was entrusted to the kaleidoscopic nurture of 27 "mothers," senior-year home economics students at a nearby college.

Forty years and three failed marriages later, a directionless Tom finds "this isn't where he meant to be at 40"—six bottles of beer in the refrigerator but no milk, coffee but no coffee pot—still, "he's planning to get himself organized soon and cultivate a better set of habits."

From midnight to 4 a.m., Tom's radio talk show "brightens the nights" of Winnipeg. He's a minor local celebrity, yet he's lonely.

As he nears that age when the only time a man wants to make love to a woman twice in one night is before he's made love to her

once, Tom's weary of loveless sex but wary of love.

Tom is linked to Fay McLeod by a cat's cradle of relationships (Tom's first wife married the man who married the woman who was once married to Fay's last lover—the labyrinthine ties of the modern mid-sized city), but they spend half the novel in solitary angst before they meet.

Fay, 35, has never married. While Tom's been impulsive about marriage, Fay's been scared. Like Tom's, however, Fay's romantic history confirms Edna St. Vincent Millay's observation: "Life is not one damn thing after another—it's one damn thing over and over."

Tom kept marrying sad women he could not make happy. Fay, fearing no marriage could be as perfect as her parents' 40-year union seems to be, kept shying away from commitment.

As Associate Folklorist at the National Center for Folklore Studies, Fay buries herself in research on mermaids. She suspects, however, that the mermaid's combination of allure and inaccessibility has become an apt metaphor for herself.

Like Tom, Fay becomes conscious of aging and fears she may be "shriveling up inside her jangling singleness."

Tom and Fay meet at a party just before Fay leaves on an extended research tour, allowing their initial infatuation to incubate into overwhelming passion. When she returns, they pledge un-

ending love. However, we know how the course of true love will run in a good comic novel.

Or do we? While never losing the witty, ebullient voice that makes *The Republic of Love* as genial a read as anything this side of *Tom Jones*, Shields does not back away from the ominous possibilities of her theme.

That theme is nothing less than the nature, wisdom, mythic



Carol Shields visits Scarfone, Thurs. Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.

foundation and illusory aspects of romantic love itself.

"Love is the only enchantment we know," someone had told Tom. Once in love, he and Fay are transformed creatures, filled with "the ballooning sensation of being intensely alive." Like children, they see their world "glow with color as they move among common objects."

But, Fay finds, unlike work, war, good sex or the environment, no one she knows seems to take

love seriously: "It's the one thing in the world everyone wants, but for some reason people are obliged to pretend love is trifling and foolish. . . . It's womanish, it's embarrassing, it's something to jeer at."

Worse, love seems barely possible in an age of abandoned myths. "Believers," Fay notes in a lecture, "develop an aptitude for belief, a willed innocence . . . disbelievers, those without a mythic tradition, are unable to abandon rationality." Is it possible, Shields asks, to be rational about love and still capable of it?

And once we are deeply and unreservedly loved, will we be able to stand it? Was Blake's Little Black Boy right that "we are put on Earth a little space/ That we may learn to bear the beams of love"? Fay learns how searing the heat gets as we near the goal of "rapturous union."

Shields suggests it takes courage in a cynical age to risk loving. It takes courage, too, for a serious literary novelist to toast love with the exuberance Shields does here.

And she does it expertly. She can take a simple act—Tom vexed by a disappointing sexual encounter, Fay crying—and shape the scene into a comic gem.

Always buoyed by intelligence and salted with insight, her prose is richly descriptive: a waitress is "a boil-in-a-bag kind of pretty, someone who looked like she'd just grown into her bones"; at a party "the evening ripens and

swells; the walls rise into darkness and acquire a look of watered silk"; Fay about to make love with Tom "moved in closer. Her body felt bent in the shape of a smile."

Shields' dexterously blends two narrative structures. Overall, the book is a diptych: the first half a mounting droll foreplay to Tom and Fay finally meeting, the second a perceptive exploration of why fulfillment is seldom easy. At the same time, Shields braids the novel's 38 chapters by alternating between Tom's and Fay's viewpoints.

Long before they meet, we've grown to know them from inside their own perspective, so it becomes particularly entertaining when we begin to see them from the outside, through each other's eyes.

Shields, who teaches at the University of Manitoba, has been writing superb fiction for a decade and half yet still languishes in obscurity. Her last story collection, *The Orange Fish*, contained engaging characters in difficult situations, eluded the notice of most American readers.

Perhaps this new and delightful novel will prove her overdue breakout book. For too long we have ignored Carol Shields, greatly to our loss.

Andy Solomon is a professor of English at the University of Tampa. This review appeared originally in the *Boston Globe* in 1992. Carol Shields no longer languishes in obscurity, as her next novel, *The Stone Diaries*, won the Pulitzer Prize.

Mack twins double the threat for opponents

By JULIE K. TREMMEL
Sports Editor

Missy Mack, Mandy Mack and Mosca. To the layman it may sound like a new tongue twister, but for the opponents of the University of Tampa women's basketball team, it is often a deadly combination.

Together Missy and Mandy can create a lot of problems for other teams," coach Tom Mosca said. "Individually they each have their own style, playing ability and ability to score."

The juniors, from Sarasota Booker High, have impressive accomplishments. Around campus they are affectionately referred to as the "Mack Attack."

Missy, with 1,204 career points, recently passed Jane Castor (1977-81) for eighth place on the UT career scoring list.

Missy needs 76 points to claim seventh, held by Cathy Fox (1987) with 1,280.

We began playing basketball when we were 5 years old," Missy said. "I kind of attribute my ability to everyone that has helped me through the years, and that's a long range of people."

They grew up on the playground shooting hoops with the guys," Mosca said. "The twins have natural talent."

Between them, Missy and Mandy rank in the top 10 of five categories in the Sunshine State Conference. Missy is No. 3 in scoring, while Mandy is at No. 9. In free throws Mandy was third, Missy seventh. Missy is No. 9 in Field goals, and No. 4 in three-point Field goals.

"Being on the court with Missy makes me play better," Mandy said. "I want someone on the court who can play at or up to my level. I constantly try to play at her level too. We are always pushing each other. There's constant competition between us on the court."

Missy sees the competition as a friendly one, saying, "there is no hostility between us on the court."

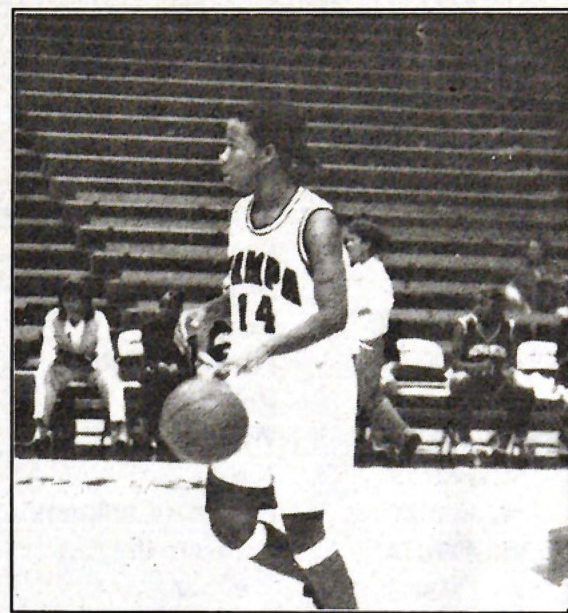
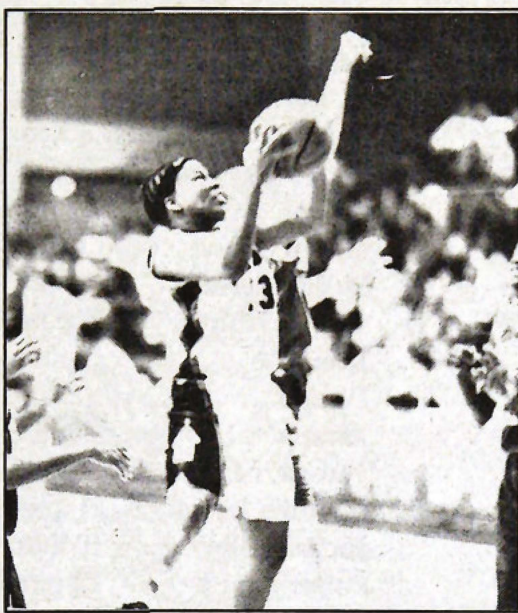
Mosca disagreed. "They would never admit it, but I think that they definitely try to outdo each other, sometimes breathing right up each

other's necks. I think that's just a twin syndrome thing."

Mandy admitted it's not always good competition. "Because we know each know what the other's potential is, we verbally keep each other in check on the court. Sometimes people don't realize that we are two separate ball players."

Although Missy does not have a favorite game, Mandy recalled a nostalgic moment. "My favorite game with Missy was the recent Eckerd game," Mandy said. "Because the game was so close and we were down. Missy and I just took it upon ourselves to bring the team up."

Mosca joked about the perils of having a set of look-alikes as UT Spartans. "What? Would I ever have another set of twins on my team? Never before, and never again."



Twins Missy, left, and Mandy Mack have played basketball since they were five years old.



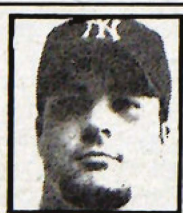
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Missy Mack

Mandy Mack

Reinsdorf, Krause full of Bull

Last Sunday's NBA All-Star game may have been the last for Chicago Bulls' super star Michael Jordan, who earned the MVP award for the third time in his career. The All-American from North Carolina has threatened to retire at the end of this season if management tears the team apart.



By
ROB
KELLEY

Third time in his career. The All-American from North Carolina has threatened to retire at the end of this season if management tears the team apart.

Owner Jerry Reinsdorf and GM Jerry Krause have already indicated their plans to rebuild after this year. Imagine that, a team who has won five of the last seven NBA titles (it probably would've been seven straight if Jordan hadn't tried the baseball thing), and these two nimrods want to screw it up!

First, they will allow head coach Phil Jackson to walk after this year, and most likely bring in Iowa State coach Tim Floyd, a man most famous for producing Fred Hoiberg. Next, after treating Scottie Pippen like a rented mule throughout his career, Chicago will let him sign elsewhere as well. Then, the whack job of the NBA,

Dennis Rodman, who has behaved well this season, will either be forced to retire or relocate. Finally, since it is now an entirely different team, Jordan will go the same route as Rodman, thus ending the only dynasty alive in professional sports.

This makes no sense. The Florida Marlins got rid of their talent to save money. They won it all, but in the process, lost millions of dollars. Hell, the Marlins are more likely to spend money Federal Expressing the championship rings to last year's players than on the personnel of the team!

Reinsdorf and Krause are reportedly going to use all the money they'll save on Jackson, Pippen,

Rodman and Jordan, and spend it on other free agent superstars.

But who would want to play for these two nuts? They treat their players like trash and with no respect.

Kevin Garnett was said to be close to signing with the Bulls before resigning with Minnesota. Garnett said he would never have signed with the Bulls and sited management as the main reason why.

So what makes Reinsdorf and Krause so confident that free agents such as Joe Smith, Jerry Stackhouse and Isaac Austin will sign there?

Jordan has said from day one that he would never play for an-

other coach, such as Tim Floyd, but Jackson will definitely be lured in by other teams in need of a great leader. The Pistons will be looking for somebody to replace Doug Collins. George Karl may be the odd man out in Seattle, and Jeff Van Gundy may get the boot in New York from the Knicks.

Wait a minute. Jackson used to play for the Knickerbockers in the 70's on their championship teams. Jordan has said repeatedly that he would love to play in New York. If Jackson would take the job in New York, Jordan could play for the Knicks and stay true to his word. Wouldn't this be perfect for Chicago? That would teach those two windy city windbags.

WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE -1998

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri., Jan.30	St. Leo	St. Leo	3 p.m.
Sat., Jan.31	Nova SE	Tampa	9 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 4	Palm Beach Atlantic	West Palm Beach	2 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 5	St. Thomas	Miami	2 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 6	Barry	Miami Shores	3 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 7	Nova SE	Ft. Lauderdale	9 a.m.
Tues., Feb.10	Eckerd	St. Petersburg	3 p.m.
Thurs., Feb.12	Florida Southern	Tampa	3 p.m.
Sun., Feb.15	Rollins	Tampa	9:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb.17	Webber	Tampa	3 p.m.
Sat., Feb.15	Nova	Tampa, FL	1 p.m.
Fri., Feb.27	Bethune Cookman	Daytona Beach	11 a.m.
Sat., Feb.28	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	10 a.m.
Sun., March 1	Webber	Babson Park	12 p.m.
Tues., March 17	Florida Southern	Lakeland	3 p.m.
Wed., March.25	Morningside	Tampa	4 p.m.
Mon., April 6	St. Leo	Tampa	3 p.m.
Fri., April 10	Eckerd	Tampa	3:30 p.m.
Fri., April 17	SSC Tournament	Tampa	
Sat., April 18	SSC Tournament	Tampa	
Sun., April 19	SSC Tournament	Tampa	

Tentative Men's and Women's Crew Schedule

March 14	President's Cup Regatta Tampa, FL (Hillsboro River)
March 21	Florida Crew Classic Gainesville, FL
March 28	Sunshine State Conference Tampa, FL
April 4	Governor's Cup Regatta Melbourne, FL
April 11	State Championship Regatta Tampa, FL
April 18	SIRA Championship Oakridge, TN
May 9-10	National Championship Philadelphia, PA

Spartan Profile

Softball
player
Christina
Holden



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FULL NAME: Christina Marie Holden

SPORT: Softball

POSITION: Catcher, 2nd Base

AGE: 21

DATE OF BIRTH: May 10, 1976

HEIGHT: 5'6"

CLASS: Senior

MAJOR: Marine Science, Biology

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: To be a marine biologist

HOMETOWN: Carol Stream, IL

FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT UT: Small classes, student/teacher ratio, Ybor, location, the weather, being able to play softball all year

ROLE MODEL/MENTOR: My mom

FAVORITE SONG: "The Old Apartment," by Bare Naked Ladies

SUPERSTITION: "I always pull just one sock up on game day."

FAVORITE PET: Her dog, "Thumper"

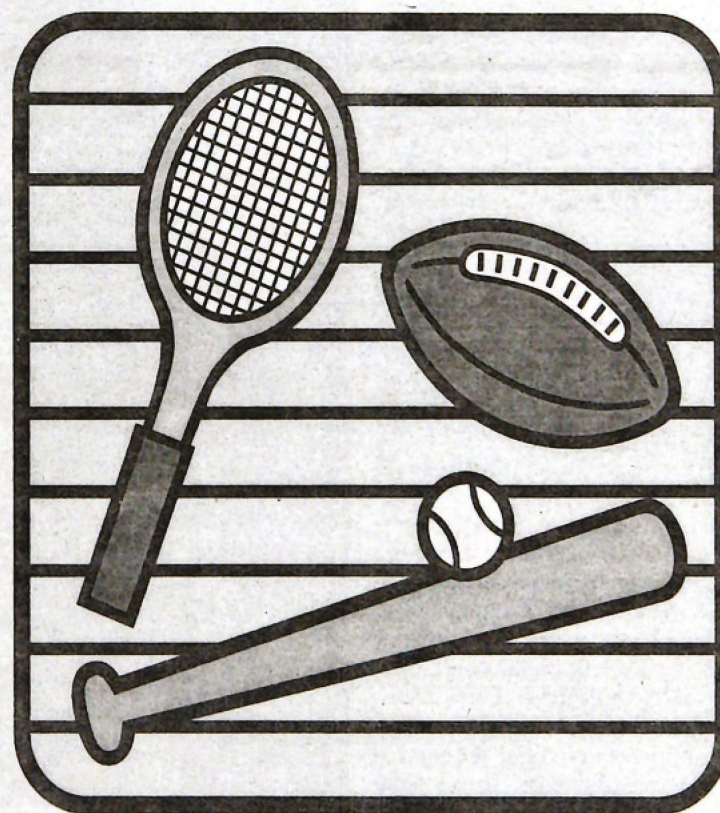
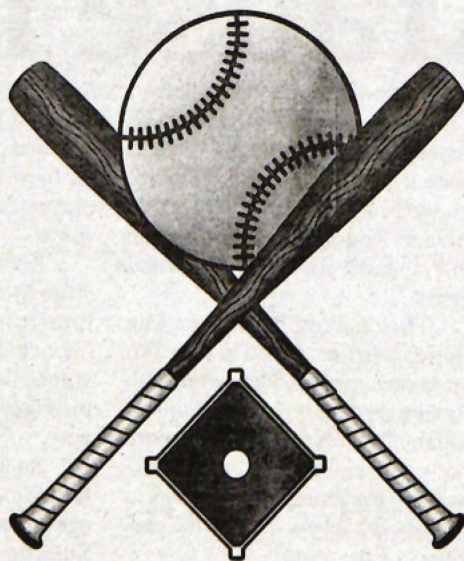
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CHRISSY: She is outgoing, friendly, caring and generous. Her pet mangrove crab, "Manny," passed away last week. "He was a good crab, who wasn't afraid of heights. He enjoyed spinach and wall climbing.

QUOTE: "It's all good."

FAVORITE PRO BALL TEAM: The Cubs

BIGGEST PET PEEVE: Bacteria



Challenging schedule leads to somber start

By Tom Kolbe
Contributor

Last week, the UT Women's Tennis team traveled to Miami to play Palm Beach Atlantic, St. Thomas and Nova Southeastern losing all three matches to the solid teams. Palm Beach and St. Thomas defeated Tampa 7-0 and fell to Nova 4-3. The team's current record is 4-1.

According to coach Gregg Gruhl, the team is playing some of the toughest teams in the conference, which is more competitive than it has been in years.

Tampa was scheduled to play Barry during their trip to Miami, but it was rained out.

Winning for UT was Katika Robertson (6-3, 6-2), JoEllen

Petrey (7-6, 6-3) and Julie Lebizay (7-5, 6-3). Robertson and Petrey's doubles team also won (9-7).

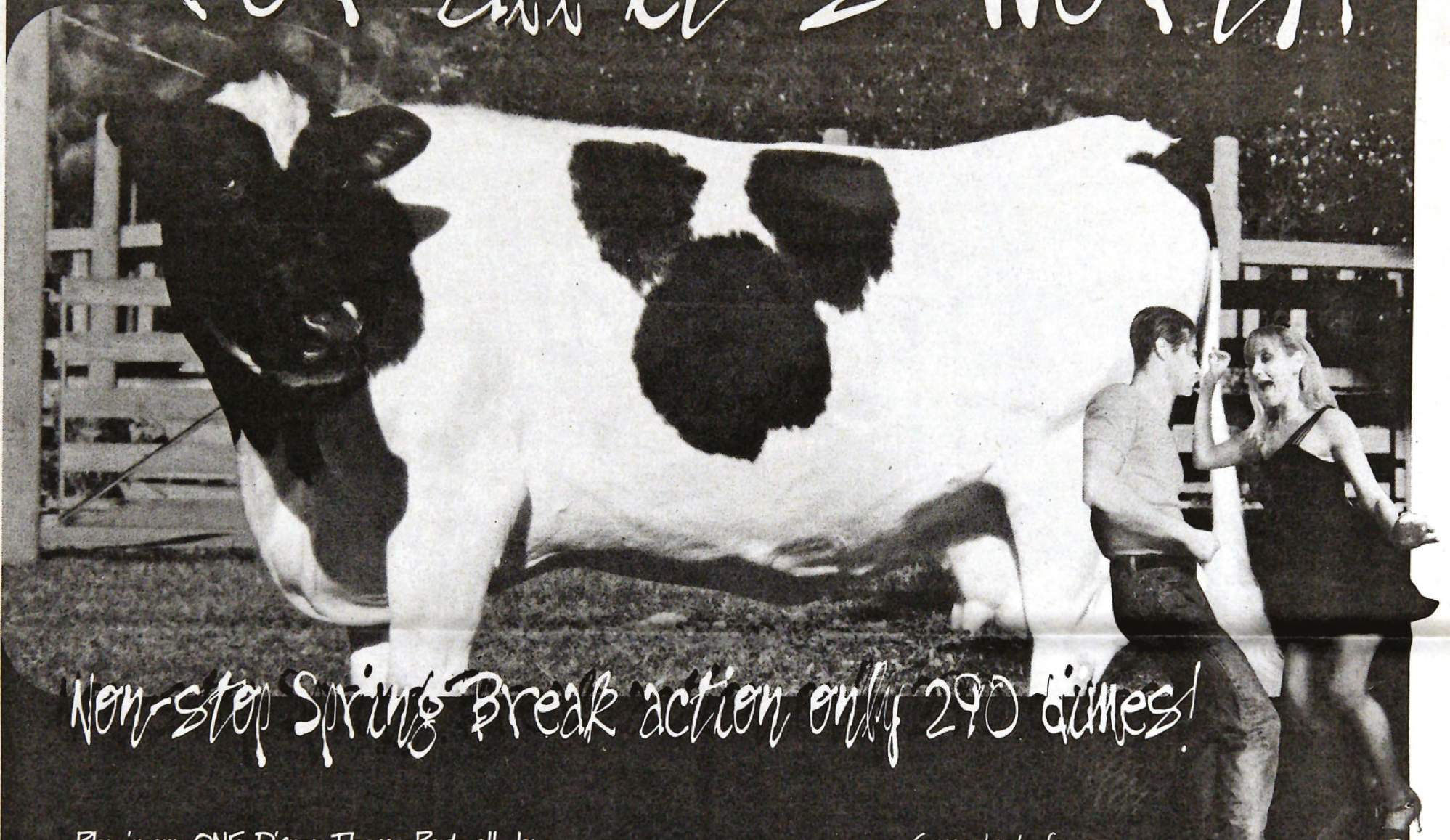
The Spartans play three SCC Conference matches this week. The team will host Rollins on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The team's newest Spartans are Freshman JoEllen Petrey and Lidsay Griffin. Petrey is playing at the #2 singles position and has a 2-3 record. She is also 2-3 in the #1 doubles position with Robertson. Griffin has only appeared in one match, losing to Palm Beach in the doubles.

Attendance at the home games have been pretty low. Get out on the UT tennis courts and support our team.

Their next home game is this Sun. Feb. 15.

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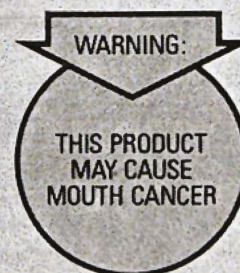
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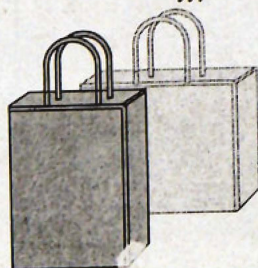
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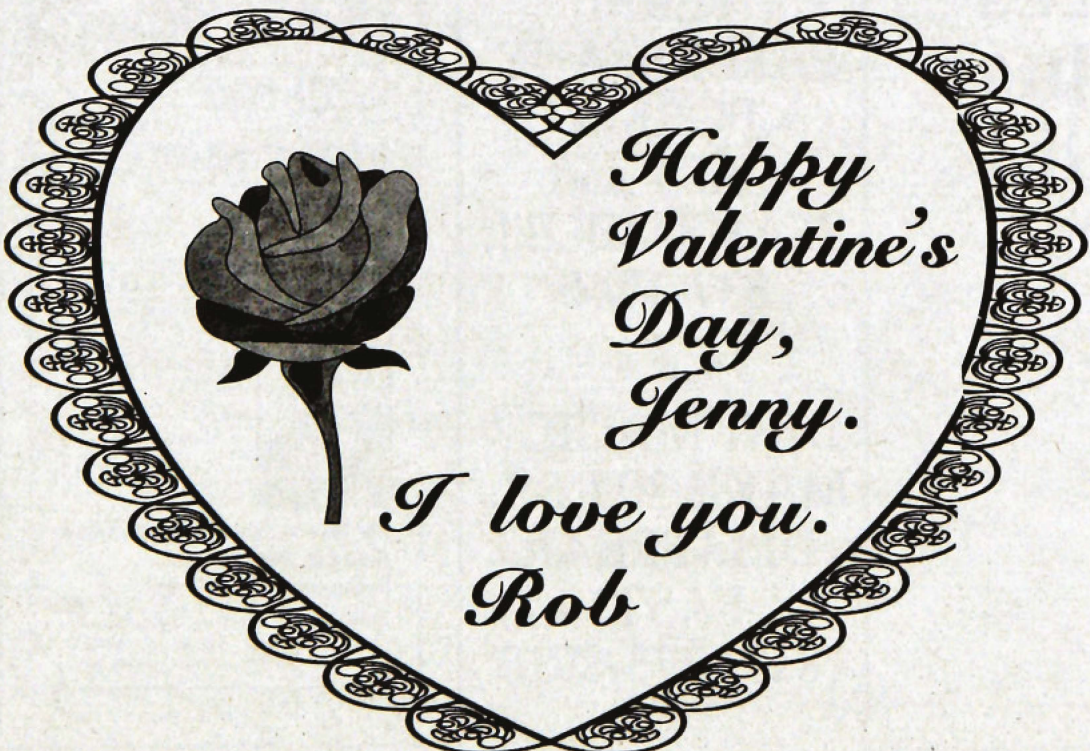
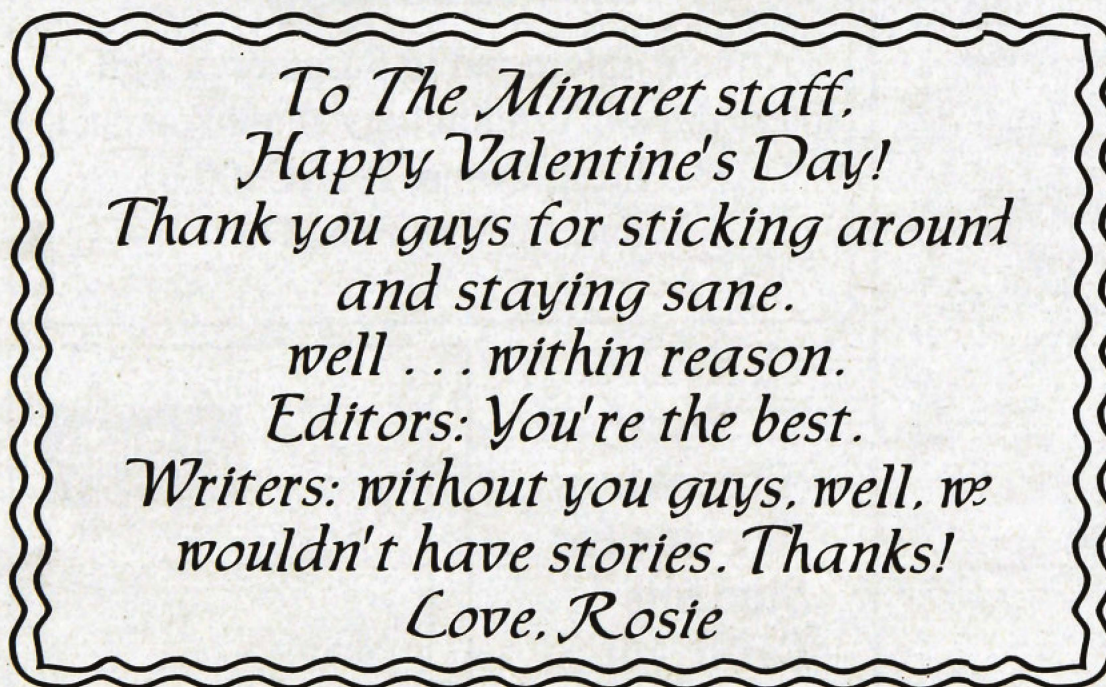
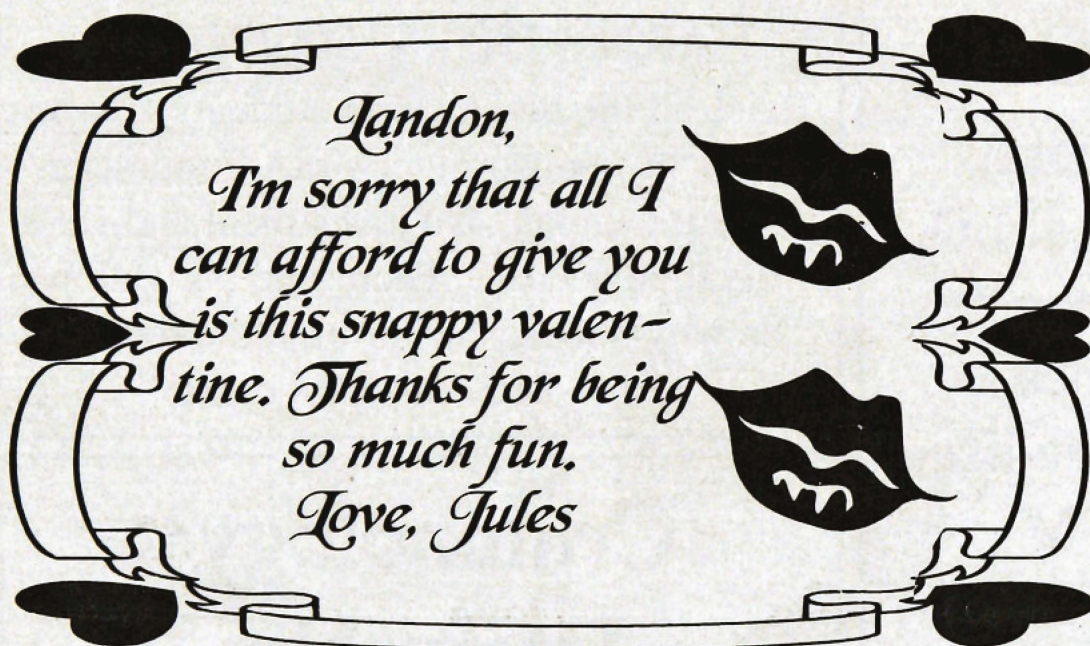
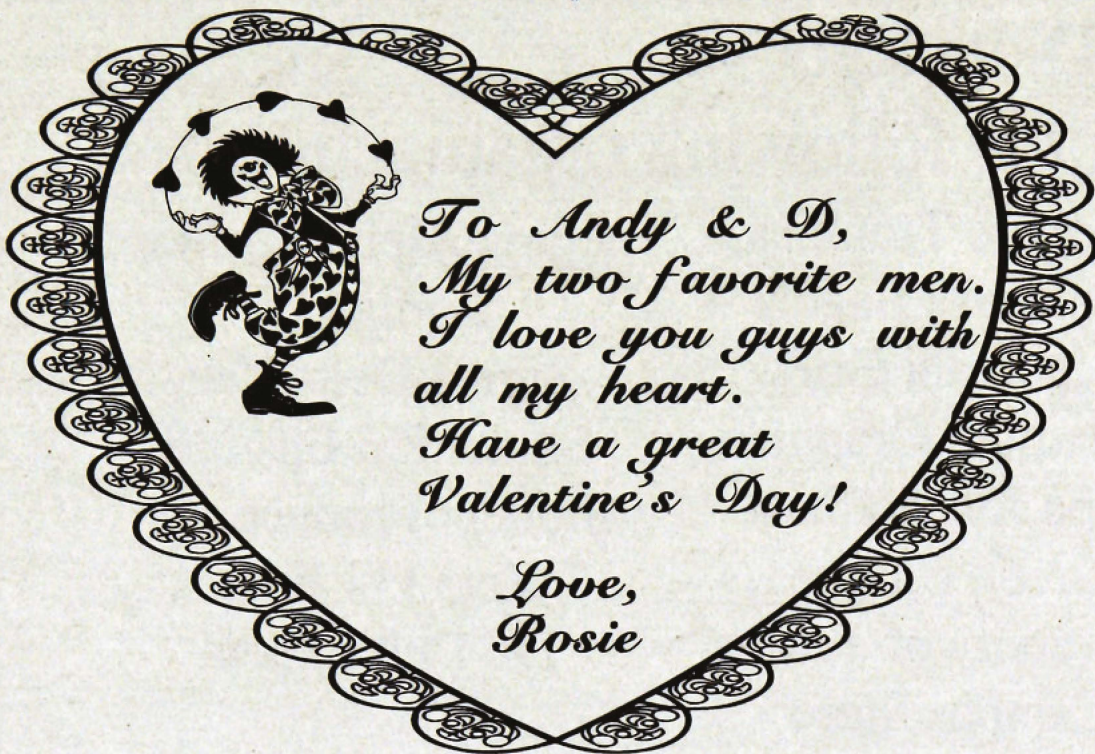
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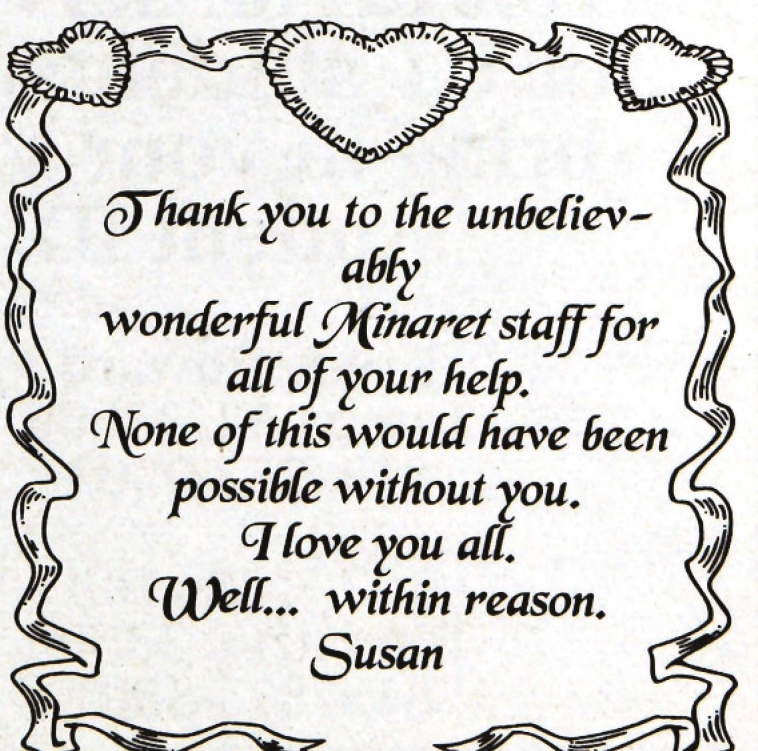
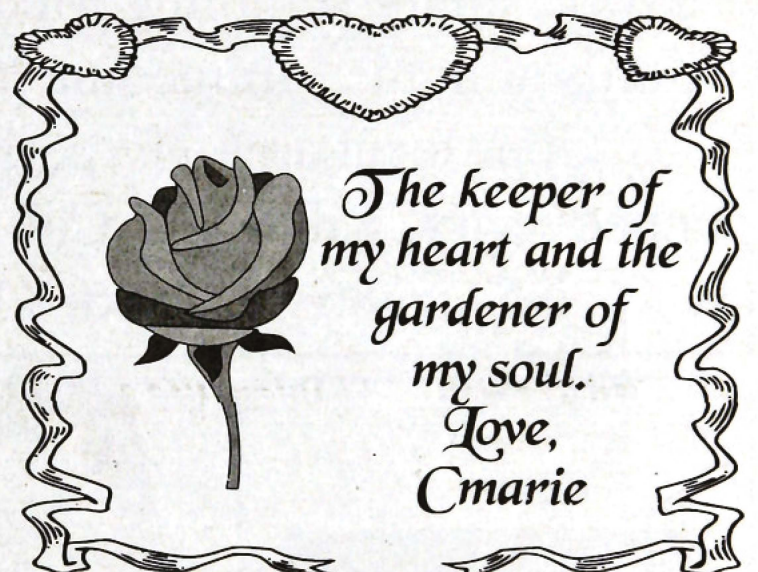
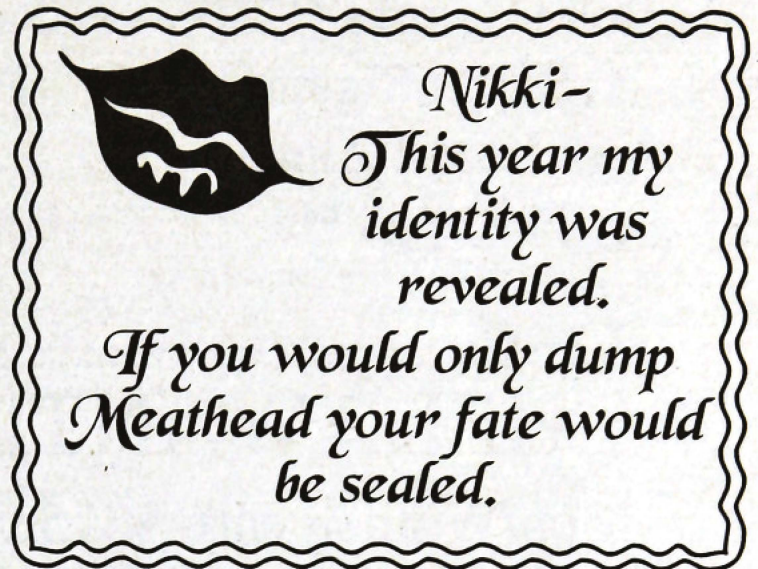
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still running?
Susan

To Buddy and
the rest of campus
security:
We love you
guys!
The Minaret





To all my
SCO members:
Have a great
Valentine's
Day. Your loving presi-
dent Melony.

To my "brothers" of Sigma
Phi Epsilon. Happy
Valentine's Day and
Thank you. Love, Melony
P.S. So, when do you want
another cookie cake?



Dylan, you
don't have to be
beautiful to
turn me on—
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To my
beloved
I've seen blue
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Love, Joe



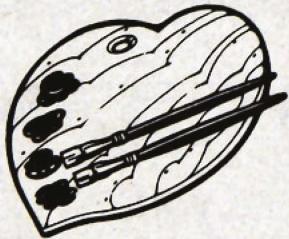
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Love,
Bryan

To Debbie—
You are
always in
my heart—
Every day.
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Jenny

Happy V-
Day,
Infiniti,
Sunshine &
Stinky.
All my
LOVE
Love, Banx

To Delo RAs
and HR,
Have a great
Valentine's Day,
even if you are
single.
I love you, guys!



Love, Rosie

To Ethel—
Happy
Valentine's Day!
From your
trainee,
Kimberly!



Adam,
Even though you're not
here, you're still in my
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