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*"When a man  
steals your wife,  
there is no better  
revenge than to let  
him keep her."  
-Sacha Guitry*

## UT Volleyball Jumps to #1 Ranking



Photo by Andy Meng

Peter Arrabal  
Sports Editor

Early season games are supposed to be guaranteed wins. Teams build their season around their first few matches.

"I intentionally scheduled this. These out-of-region matches are vital for postseason play," commented head coach Chris Catanach. Catanach has been the coach at UT for 23 seasons.

The University of Tampa volleyball team entered the

Colorado Premier Challenge ranked second in the nation with a 4-0 record, and left ranked first with an 8-0 record. After defeating West Texas A&M 3-1, the Spartans moved on to the semifinals with a 3-1 victory over Augustana College (Ill.).

The semifinal was a flash back to the 2005 Elite Eight match against Concordia University, St. Paul (Minn.).

Currently ranked fourth in the nation, the Golden Bears took a 2-1 match lead into the fourth game. With the score tied at 25,

Tampa's Alisha Green had three key kills to give the Spartans the final lead, forcing a decisive fifth match.

The fifth match was all Tampa as the Spartans wrapped up their seventh victory of the season with a 15-12 win.

"To be honest, if we played five times, [Concordia] would win three. They are that good," said coach Catanach.

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## False Alarms Raise Concern

Victor O'Brien  
Editor-in-Chief

In the early morning hours of September 2, malfunctioning Rescom fire alarms forced residents from their beds and into the courtyard. "It shocked me a little," said Nils Bjorkman, a freshman originally from Sweden. "I don't think something like that should happen here [UT]."

The alarms began around 2:30 a.m. and concluded at 4:45 a.m., after at least eight false alarms. Residence Life and Security did not expect the subsequent disturbances.

After the last alarm, a Rescom Resident Assistant addressed the crowd, saying, "If you have somewhere else to stay, go there! If not, don't bitch and complain if the alarm goes off again." The Minaret decided to withhold the name of the Resident from this article for confidentiality purposes.

Brittany Decker, a senior, recalls residents in the courtyard "screaming at each other" before the statement was made.

"I'm a freshman here and ... so it's not very easy for me to go somewhere else" said Bjorkman. "I thought it was very stupid to say."

"[The RA] should not have made that statement. It was inappropriate for us being out there at that time," said Karen Augustin, a senior. "The [RA's] job is to handle these situations appropriately."

The RA's statement was not authorized by Residence Life, and the matter is being handled internally by Residence Life.

The RA sent a letter of apology stating the following: "I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for my actions on the night of September 1, 2006 during

the 5am fire alarm. I recognize that my choice of words was unprofessional and unwarranted. If I have offended you in any way I do apologize, for I am deeply sorry."

While some students were dismayed by what they heard, many were just as upset two days later by what they did not hear. "I still don't know what the cause was," said Jaime Dickson, a senior in Marketing. "I just don't think that it was handled well. I didn't see Resident Assistants walking to check if people had left the building."

Nora Bugg, Assistant Director of Residence Life, asserts "residents are informed as information is made available to our staff."

Not all students were dissatisfied with the Residence Life response.

"I don't really know how else it could have been handled," said Matt Pezzullo, a senior.

In one Rescom room, the fire alarm was the least of residents' worries. "If there was really a fire, we would have never known because the fire alarm in our room was broken. We didn't know until the next day what really happened," said Juliann Raymond, a senior.

"People barged into our room but we never came out since we had no idea who it was. I locked my door right after they left. They didn't say anything to identify themselves at all."

The Resident Assistant

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Photos by Victor O'Brien

On Labor Day, Hyatt residents choose to lug their laundry across the Hillsborough River on the shuttle rather than pay twice as much, \$3.50 to do laundry at the hotel. However, the MacGray laundry card machine was "Out of Order" in Vaughn; The Library was closed and the machine not available; Stadium Place's machine refused some dollars bills. Residence Life is contacting the Hyatt to review the cost situation.



Over the summer, campus laundry prices increased by 50 cents or forty percent from \$1.25 per load to \$1.75 per load.

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FOR STUDENT REACTIONS!**



# Special Delivery!



Jessie Hsu, UT Diplomats president, with Stephanie and "Baby Holz."

On Friday, August 25, 2006, Stephanie Russell Holz gave birth to her daughter, Annaleis Marie Holz. At birth, Annaleis weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. *The Minaret* wishes Baby Holz and family many happy, healthy years together.

Photos provided by Stephanie Russell Holz.



## What Code Of Conduct?

### Student Conduct Office Special to The Minaret

The conduct code is a critical but often unnoticed facet of campus life. Many students only take the time to look over the code of conduct after being charged with a violation. Indeed, most students say that if they were more aware about the code of conduct and exactly what it was, they would probably be more inclined to follow it.

For starters, the code of conduct consists of 24 policies, or articles, which the University has set out as its expectations for all students who attend UT. The rules and policies are enforced by campus RA's and Security, and are executed by the conduct board. The conduct board is a group of students who hear cases from students charged with a violation of the conduct code. Too often during their hearing students say – "I didn't know that we could get into trouble for that." But not knowing is not an excuse for violation.

The point of the code of conduct is to ensure that students act in an appropriate fashion in order to help make UT a safe and pleasant environment for all who work at and attend the university. The code of conduct is covered in some detail during orientation in order to ensure that all students are aware of it. Unfortunately, since orientation is a lengthy process, it is difficult to go into all of the details of the 24 articles that

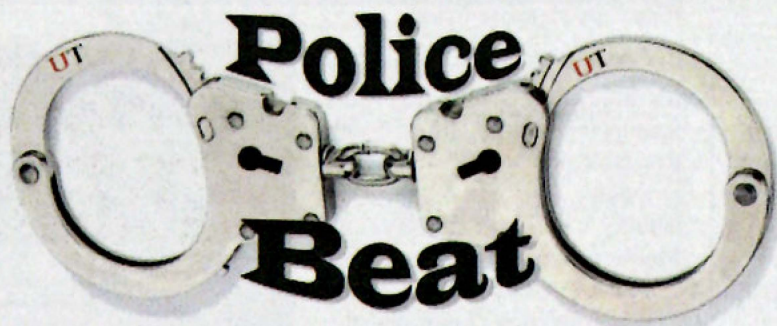
the code of conduct contains. So, what's a student to do?

The code of conduct can be found online via the UT website, or you can pick up a copy from the Office of Student Conduct located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Vaughn in room 210. In addition, the staff at the Office of Student Conduct are always more than happy to go over the code of conduct with you. They spend most of their time with individuals who have broken the code – it would probably be refreshing for them to talk to students who are trying to take an active interest in not violating the code.

Over the next few months, there will be other columns similar to this describing the various articles of the code of conduct. Don't follow my example of not being aware of the code of conduct. Pick the book up. Read it. But more importantly, join the Office of Student Conduct in the journey of exploring each of the policies as we explain and share them with you.

Many choose the University of Tampa because they are impressed with its reputation – let's not change that!

Please refer to the Student Conduct webpage: [www.ut.edu/studentlife/Judicialaffairs](http://www.ut.edu/studentlife/Judicialaffairs) for the complete code of conduct and more information on conduct policies. You may also reach the Office of Student Conduct at (813) 258-7228.



There will be no Police Beat this week. Check back next week for UT hijinks.

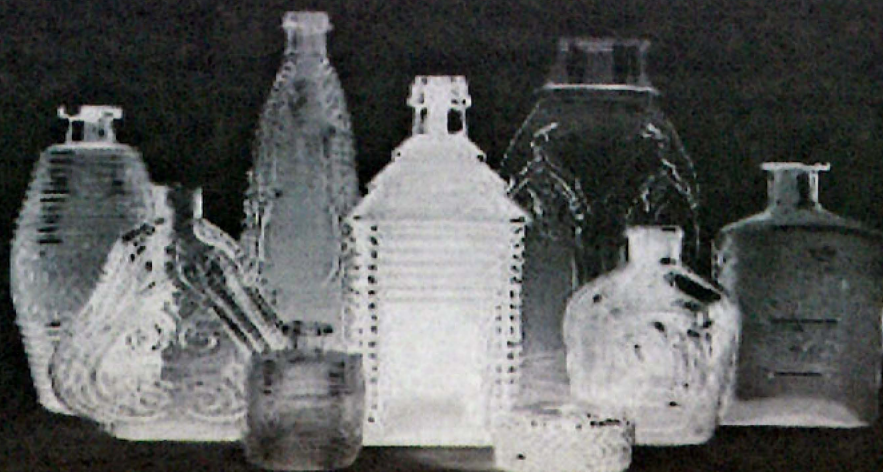


Have you witnessed crimes or other incidents taking place on campus? If so, let *The Minaret* know. E-mail [e\\_minaret@hotmail.com](mailto:e_minaret@hotmail.com)



# Never, ever, drink and drive

Friday,  
September 8th  
the Wolf Pack  
will be on campus,  
doing DUI checks





# SG REPORT

From September 5  
Student Government Meeting

## General Interest:

-On September 15, from 3:30–5 p.m., the President's Dinner will be held on the 9 Floor of Vaughn.

-Diversity Fellowship is accepting applications for leadership roles / board positions.

-Up Til Dawn is hosting a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Campus organizations can participate as a whole and send groups to participate as they work together to achieve common goal. Organizations can form a team of 6 and can send multiple teams. The culminating event will be an all-team meeting, consisting of 6 hours of games and prizes, along with a band. During this event, each team member writes 50 letters to friends and family around the country. In spring, awards will be given out to the most spirited team, the team with the most donations as well as the team with the most letters.

-SP: Rent in Reeves 8 p.m. Friday (today). Author Jennifer Worick will be in Reeves on Monday, September 11 at 8 p.m.

## Executive Board Reports

President Andrew Maddock: Nothing to report, welcome back.

Vice President Joshua Murphy: Congress elections are coming up, interest / mandatory meeting this

Friday at 4 p.m. in SG office, Vaughn 220.

Treasurer Ali Mathe: Finance committee meetings Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. in Vaughn 220 to register and discuss appropriations and funding for groups.

Secretary Stephanie Dutka: There is a new policy for announcements. Organizations should e-mail announcements in blurb form to [SG@ut.edu](mailto:SG@ut.edu). Announcements will then be posted on PowerPoint during the following week's meeting, in the Minaret and in global event email.

Director of Public Relations Jabari Bennett: Students should have a voice, and that voice can be heard at [SG@ut.edu](mailto:SG@ut.edu).

Director of Special Events Mark Kieslor: Special Events Committee meets Wednesdays from 8-9 p.m. in the SG office in Vaughn 220.

Director of Student Services Bradley Whittier: The NY Times has decreased by 50 copies, but is still available in Vaughn, Sykes, Plant Hall and in the Mailroom. Also, the free bus passes policy has changed. From now on, there will only be 15 per day on a first come first serve basis. If you need a daily pass go to SAO to purchase one at a discount.

RHA President Katie Seamands: Nothing to report, welcome back.



From Left to Right: Mark Kieslor, Jabari Bennett, Stephanie Dutka, Andrew Maddock, Ali Mathe, Joshua Murphy, Bradley Whittier. Not Pictured: Katie Seamands

## Housing Too Little, Too Late For Many

Sam Kellenberger  
Business Manager

On February 10 of last year, Rebecca Palmer stood alone in the Vaughn Center, protesting the construction of Residence Hall VI. Her reasoning was based on a strong concern that by increasing student population and not the amount of professors, UT was putting itself at risk of losing its small-school nature and in doing so, losing a critical aspect that attracts so many. Although UT officials were quick to reassure everyone that this was indeed not the case, those words seemed somewhat

than last year. One faculty member noted that, due to high freshman enrollment, the University was "actually calling students to see if [they were] coming for sure," adding, "... we're pretty jam packed." Some students even received e-mails with an enticing offer: their housing costs would be refunded

overbooked. For those who can't meet their hour requirements because of full classes, a special clause is in effect. A student would enroll in UT100 as a measure to have hours on their schedule, and the University would take measures to try and get another professor and class started at the soonest availability.

As for dorm construction progress, Kennedy place has been finished and work on a new safety median on Kennedy is underway. Residence Hall VI is still scheduled for completion by next fall, and the West parking lot addition is already completed. While the extra living space



Work on Residence Hall VI continues.

Photo by Crechelle Oliveira

hollow last weekend during the move-in process when new students and parents crowded residence hall entrances, parking lots and elevators.

This year's freshman enrollment reached an unprecedented high with nearly 250 students moving into the Hyatt due to lack of on-campus living space - not to mention 90 more international students enrolled

as a scholarship towards tuition if they were willing to move off campus for the year.

While some teachers were lost over summer, most were replaced without much difficulty. The University has recently added approximately 50 new faculty and staff positions.

Even with additional teachers, nearly every class is full and most of the rest are

will help to accommodate more students, little of this does any good without classes for them to attend.

Other projects near completion include an annex to the Cass building for faculty, an expansion to the Macdonald-Kelce Library, Plant Hall academic area renovations, a new chapel and Intercultural Center and the Riverside Center renovations.

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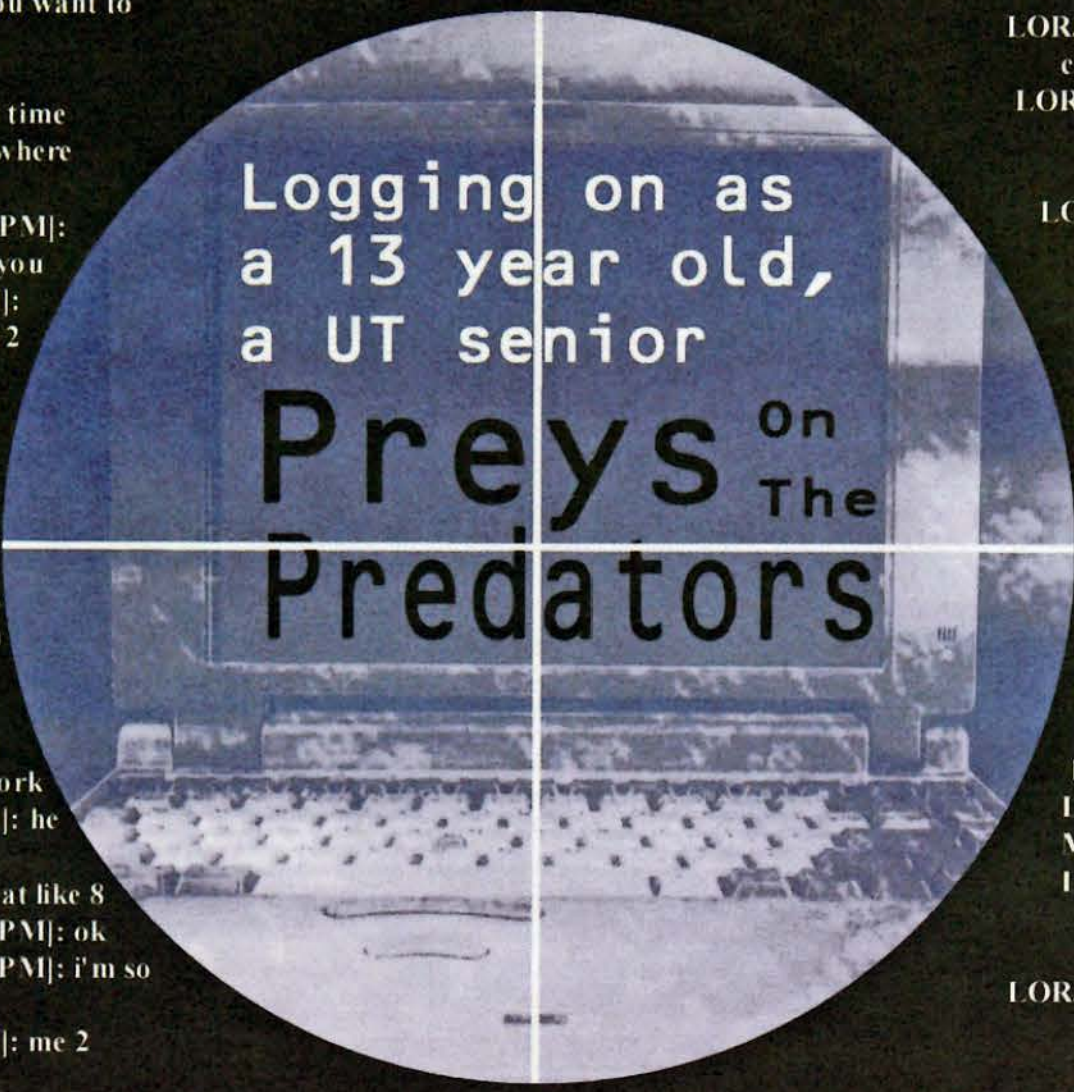
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 MDo500412: k  
 LOR35TAMPA: what time  
 LOR35TAMPA: and where  
 MDo500412: the zoo  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:06 PM]: what time is good for you  
 MDo500412 [4:06 PM]: my dad only workz til 2  
 LOR35TAMPA: can you tell him you going to friends house  
 MDo500412: i dont got no friends here  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:07 PM]: damn that sucks  
 MDo500412: but i can go at like 9  
 LOR35TAMPA: kewl  
 LOR35TAMPA: what time your dad go to work  
 MDo500412 [4:08 PM]: he got to be ther at 9  
 MDo500412: so he go at like 8  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:08 PM]: ok  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:08 PM]: i'm so horny right now  
 MDo500412 [4:09 PM]: me 2



Logging on as  
 a 13 year old,  
 a UT senior  
**Preys On The  
 Predators**

LOR35TAMPA [4:09 PM]: well we can take care of that tomorrow  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:09 PM]: do you come alot  
 MDo500412 [4:09 PM]: yea  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:09 PM]: good me too  
 LOR35TAMPA: so what all have you done with a guy  
 MDo500412 [4:10 PM]: all  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:10 PM]: and you like it all  
 MDo500412 [4:11 PM]: it feels good  
 LOR35TAMPA: well i'm going to make feel great then  
 LOR35TAMPA: i'm hard as a rock right now  
 MDo500412 [4:12 PM]: brb  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:12 PM]: ok  
 LOR35TAMPA: you still there  
 MDo500412: yea but i gotta go  
 LOR35TAMPA: ok talk to you later  
 MDo500412 [4:22 PM]: k  
 LOR35TAMPA [4:22 PM]: call me if you can  
 MDo500412 [4:22 PM]: k

## Sex Predators Beware: Don Pedro Is Coming For You

Dan Sullivan  
 Alumnus

On a sunny Sunday April afternoon, a 25-year-old UT student known as "Don Pedro" sat inside one of the rooms of a vacant home in Fort Myers, idly typing away in an internet chat conversation. Several other people sat nearby, in front of other computer screens, chatting online with other people.

They had been doing it all weekend: logging on to various chat sites and posing as young girls and boys. On this particular day, Don Pedro was posing—as he usually does—as a 14-year-old boy. He had set up an account and profile stating his gender and fictitious age, entered a regional Florida chat room, and waited.

Within minutes, more than one man had begun chatting with him. Most of the conversations started out innocently enough, with questions of age, location, etc. But, also within minutes, the process of what is referred to as "grooming" began. The men would ask pointed questions:

"Is your mom home a lot?"  
 "Does she keep track of you?"

Almost inevitably the chat would then turn sexual, with further questions asked as the grooming process continued.

"What is the oldest person you've ever been with?"

Eventually an agreement would be made, between the older man and the supposed 14-year-old Pedro, to meet at the house for sex.

It was the typical chain of events. On this particular day, it played out as it had earlier that day, and the day before, and the day

before that. The men would arrive at the house and subsequently be arrested by Fort Myers Police officers who lay in wait nearby. After that, they would be counted in amongst the hundreds of sex offenders busted by Don Pedro and the group known as "Perverved Justice."

To those who don't know him, there might not be much to make the man who is known to some as Don Pedro seem very different from most other UT students.

Although he is slightly older than most of his classmates, at age 25 he could easily go unnoticed amid of his 20-ish counterparts.

A junior-level Pre-Med major with ambitions of going into the field of biomedical research, Don Pedro (who chose not to have his real name used for this story) spends much of his time between classes studying. In the little spare time he does have, he enjoys playing poker with friends and occasionally playing online computer games.

Coupled with his remarkably youthful physical appearance, these traits are a part of what make Don Pedro good at blending in.

One or sometimes two weekends a month he volunteers with Perverved Justice. The self-described "civilian watchdog group" locates and exposes people who attempt to solicit children and teens for sex over the internet.

The group is a diverse cast of over 35 volunteers with a variety of backgrounds and beliefs who have become well-known for their exposure of internet child predators. To date, the group boasts of over 60 criminal convictions from around the U.S.

on its website, *perverted-justice.com*.

Pedro's basic duty as a volunteer is to talk to people in internet chat rooms while posing as a young homosexual boy, usually 13 or 14 years old. Other Perverved Justice volunteers pose as boys or girls of various ages.

The ultimate goal is to get the chatter to solicit the boy for sex, which usually entails setting up a place and time for the chatter to meet.

Once the solicitation has occurred and the chatter has been verified to be a real person, Perverved Justice then notifies the proper authorities and the chatter is usually arrested.

Upon the person's conviction of the crime in court, Perverved Justice then posts to the web the entire chat transcript along with a photo of the chatter and contact info if available.

Visitors to the site are also able to vote on a ranking for the posted man based on the vulgarity of the chat. The rankings are on a scale of one to five, with one being "not really slimy" and five being "oozing, dripping with sliminess!"

It all serves the purpose of both embarrassing the person as well as discouraging other potential child-sex solicitors from committing similar crimes.

As a gay man himself, Don Pedro is one of a few individuals who are permitted to take on the role of a closeted gay teen in the online chats. Chat transcripts on the Perverved Justice website reveal that it is a role he plays well, with many men frequently being taken in by the ruse.

"They all follow the same pattern and you can just tell where they're going," he says.

Despite his knack for successfully portraying underage boys, the chats are not something Pedro necessarily enjoys. Many of the conversations read like pornographic literature. The fact that these men talk this way with what they think is a young boy is something that further disturbs Pedro.

"You've almost got to turn your emotions off," he says. "You almost have to ignore any feelings you have towards it. You've just got to go through the process."

"You get kind of numb to it after a while," he adds. "Sometimes you just want to puke."

For Don Pedro and the other Perverved Justice volunteers, that Sunday afternoon in Fort Myers was one of those times.

The Fort Myers bust was orchestrated by Perverved Justice, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and NBC's *Dateline* news program. *Dateline* had previously covered similar stings by Perverved Justice in other jurisdictions as part of its heavily-watched "To Catch a Predator" series.

Chris Hansen, a reporter for *Dateline*, produces the series and conducted brief interviews with nearly every man who entered the Fort Myers house expecting to meet a minor for sex. Some of the men appeared visibly shaken upon learning of the setup. Others became angry and walked out.

Some of the men appeared to be more sinister than others. Some brought alcohol with them. One man was found to have a rope and duct tape in his car after it was searched. But perhaps the most disturbing was one of the four men who had been lured in by Don Pedro himself.

As *Dateline*'s camera's rolled and the house's occupants peered out its windows, a dark-colored SUV rolled up the street and parked in front of the house. They continued to watch as a 40-year-old heavy-set man stepped out of the driver's seat and came around the vehicle to open the passenger door.

Most of them expected him to remove alcohol or something else intended to entice the fictitious 14-year-old he was expecting to meet.

A series of gasps could be heard as the object removed was revealed to be the man's five-year-old son. As the man entered the house and walked, hand-in-hand with his son, into the dining area, Chris Hansen appeared and confronted him.

Abandoning plans for an interview, Hansen identified himself and sternly, but politely, told the man to leave. Upon exiting the house, a female police officer swooped in, picked up the child, and carried him away as several other officers put his father in handcuffs. The man's intentions were in bringing his son along are unknown.

"Nobody said a word for at least an hour afterwards," Don Pedro said as he later recalled the incident. "Everyone in that house was just outraged and shocked."

Upon exiting the house, all of the other men were also instantly taken into custody by the Fort Myers police.

All told, 24 men were arrested after arriving at the house, making the Fort Myers sting among the most successful that Perverved Justice and *Dateline* have done together.

Don Pedro's reasons for getting involved with the group



are simple. He says that the abundance and prevalence of sexual predators luring children on the internet is something that has been generally ignored by the public for a long time.

"It's an issue that needs attention brought to it," he says. "It was open feeding grounds for quite a long time. Stopping these predators from using the internet is pretty much why I do it."

Having stumbled across the Perverted Justice website in early 2004, Pedro liked what the group was doing and decided to contribute to their online forums. After several months, the site's creators asked him to join the official staff, which he did in August of 2004.

The alias "Don Pedro" was given to him by the site's main creator, a man who calls himself Xavier Von Erck, and who names many of the staff members after restaurants and food products popular in and around his hometown of Portland, Oregon. "Don Pedro's" is the name of a Mexican restaurant.

Since he became a staff member, Pedro says he has personally busted close to 100 people, some who turned out to be more outrageous than others.

One man was a former TV news anchor in Palm Springs, CA, who has claimed in court that his chat was part of a fantasy-role play and that he never intended to actually have sex with a minor. It is a claim that makes Don Pedro laugh.

"I just reread it the other day and it was *not* fantasy-role play."

Another man who was busted as part of one of *Dateline's* previous "To Catch a Predator" programs, turned out to be a Rabbi in Virginia. Pedro recently traveled to Virginia in order to testify in front of a Grand Jury, which later indicted the man in connection with the incident.

Pedro says his favorite bust was one in which state officials in Rhode Island used a newly created law against internet sexual solicitation to prosecute the Vice Principal of a Catholic High

"Which is a good thing."

Additionally, the work of Perverted Justice has caught the attention of law makers concerned with protecting children from predators. *Dateline's* Chris Hansen recently testified in front of a House committee on what the *Dateline* investigations had uncovered.

Hansen said that the best way to prevent a child from being victimized is to ensure the establishment of a dialogue between parents and children or

public posting of chat transcripts violates the men's right to privacy.

Pedro says that while some of the criticisms have merit, others are just "blatant lies."

"We're not making people do anything that they're not predisposed to do."

When the group was first established in the early 2000's, many in law enforcement did not take them seriously; therefore, police were not involved as a matter of practice until around 2004, when convictions began to occur. Now, it is the group's official policy to always notify the police once a volunteer has been solicited.

Regarding individual rights to privacy, Pedro asks, "What's the bigger right? The right to privacy or the right for kids to be able to use the internet and not have anyone going after them for sex?"

In order to combat some of the criticism from Corrupted Justice, the group has set up another website of its own, at [corrupted-justice.net](http://corrupted-justice.net).

Still, other criticism has come from the mainstream media. An article in the April 9, 2006 edition of *The Washington Post* reported that *Dateline* had paid Perverted Justice \$100,000 in return for their participation in the Fort Myers sting and another sting in Ohio. The article said that NBC executives had no reservations about the action, despite that fact that some have questioned the ethics of it in addition to the fact that Perverted Justice members were allowed to be "deputized" by

law enforcement in order to facilitate the operation.

An Op-Ed in the July 3-10 issue of *Newsweek* was also critical of *Dateline*, saying their series may be exaggerating something that is only a small problem and rare occurrence, leaving some with the false impression that the internet is "evil."

Despite the criticism, support for Perverted Justice seems to be abundant and on the rise. The group has received awards and praise from various law enforcement agencies. They also recently received a letter of thanks from Utah Senator Orrin Hatch for their efforts. Hatch implied that their work was part of what led to the passage of the Sex Offender Notification and Registration Act on May 4.

Although the administrators of Perverted Justice frequently give their successes a prominent place on the main page of their website, Don Pedro prefers to downplay his own involvement with the group.

"I don't usually talk about it much," he says. "It's just something that I do."

As far as his own opinions on the issue of what to do with the people he busts, Pedro says a long period of rehabilitation and counseling should follow jail.

"They should be getting help for that," he says. "If it takes them getting busted to get help with it, then I guess it might be a good thing in the long run."

**"... sometimes you just want to puke."**

School who had approached Pedro online.

With such prominent and productive members of the community being exposed in this manner, the group was bound to get the attention of both Law Enforcement and the general public. While they were initially hesitant to get involved prior to the group's numerous successful convictions, various police agencies now frequently seek the help of Perverted Justice to not only assist in sting operations like the one in Fort Myers, but to train people within the agencies themselves on how to find and bust child predators.

"Now it seems like everyone is on the sexual predator bandwagon," Pedro says,

teachers and students.

"It's really the same talk our parents had with us, years ago," Hansen said. "About strangers at the playground or accepting a ride from someone you don't know. You just have to apply it to the internet."

While the general response to the efforts of Perverted Justice is positive, there has naturally also arisen much controversy and criticism.

A website called *corrupted-justice.com* sprouted up as a result of the public humiliation of the busted men. The site makes numerous claims of impropriety against Perverted Justice and their methods. Among them are the accusations that the group rarely works with police and that the



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*What: Peer Education Informational Meeting*

*Who: All students currently involved or interested in becoming involved in peer education*

*Where: Brevard Community Room*

*When: Tuesday, September 12 @ 5:00 p.m.*

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SG VP Josh Murphy and Secretary Stephanie Dutka working hard on Labor Day.



Sigma Chi recruitment in the Vaughn Center.  
Photos by Victor O'Brien



Edson Araujo photographs local model Nivea Zacarkim outside Plant Hall.

# UT Kicks Back On Labor Day



Students relaxing poolside.



Theta Chi members playing soccer during a barbecue in the Vaughn Courtyard.



Two students playing air hockey in the Spartan Club.



(L) Patrice Hunter and (R) Tiffany Mucklow sunbathing outside McKay.

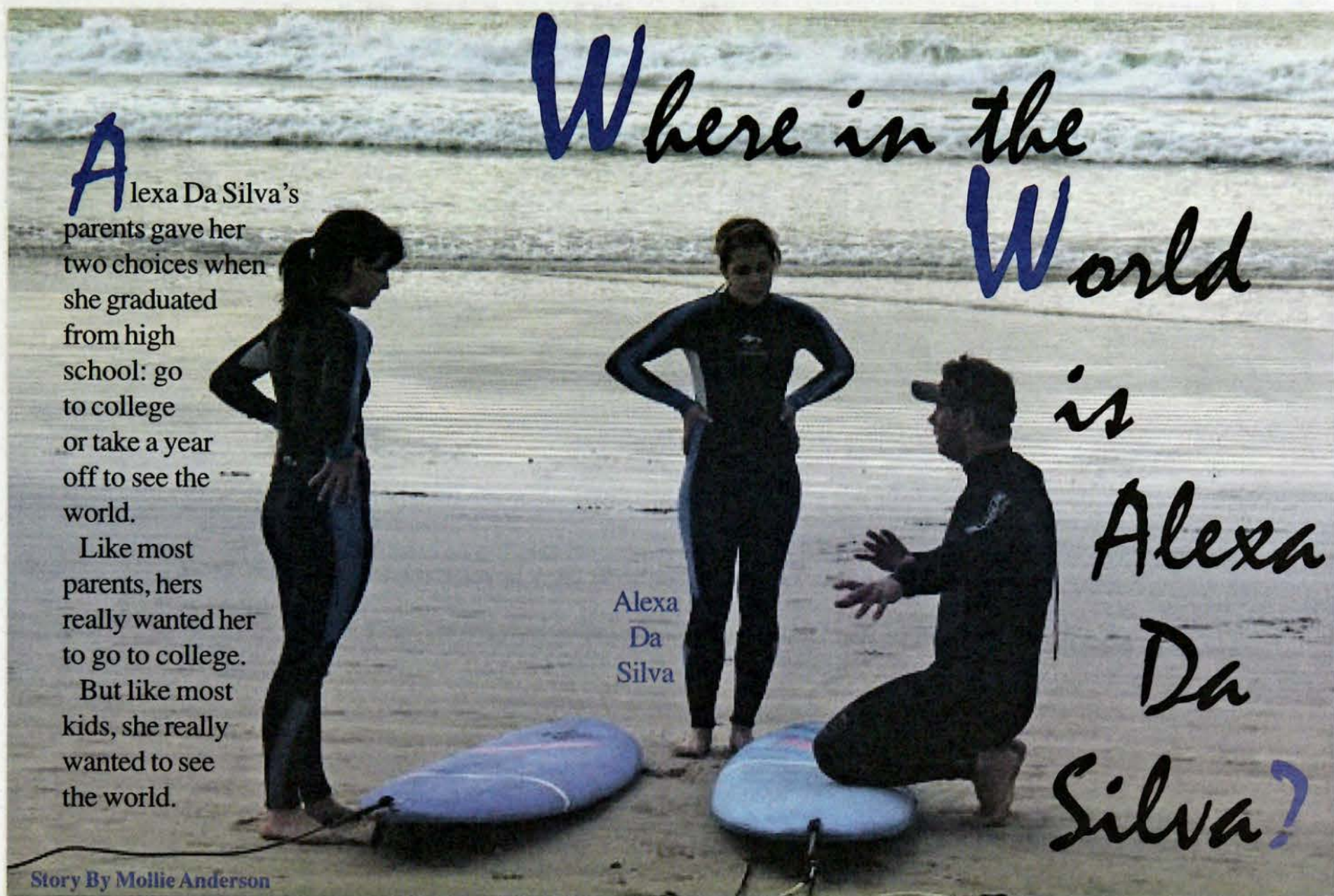


Campus security taking a much needed break in Plant Park after the first week of class.



(L) Katie White and (R) visiting student from Colorado reading behind the Riverside Building.





**A**lexa Da Silva's parents gave her two choices when she graduated from high school: go to college or take a year off to see the world.

Like most parents, hers really wanted her to go to college.

But like most kids, she really wanted to see the world.

Story By Mollie Anderson

As a result, during that year, the 21-year-old Da Silva stood in Westminster Abbey, explored Cape Town, and gazed upon the Golden Gate Bridge. She has also skydived and bungee jumped in South Africa all in one summer, and has been bridge swinging four times.

Although they gave her the choice, Da Silva's parents wanted her bound for college, but instead, she was bound for other things.

"They weren't exactly for it," she says. "They wanted me to go to school like all my friends, but I told them that if

I went to school I'd be all undecided."

"So they said okay."

"I had been thinking about it for ages, like since sophomore year in high school," Da Silva replied. "But when my parents agreed, like the beginning of my senior year, I was stoked!"

To shed light on her decision to travel, Da Silva offers one simple explanation: "I was bored!"

No wonder. By the time she was 2, her passport had already been stamped in the U.S. and Portugal, and when she was 10, she boarded a plane alone from South Africa to Portugal.

At 18, she began her adventure exploring the different sights of her native South Africa. By high school, Da Silva was once again setting on her sites on foreign lands.

Her agreement with her parents was that they would buy her a round-trip ticket, and she would pay for food and board. She worked her way around the U.S. teaching rock climbing and mountaineering for three months.

Using the North Carolina camp as a base, she was able to travel down to Florida, over to Arizona, then up to New York City.

Though she loved the outdoors, she felt equally at home in NYC.

"New York. Well, New York is New York—who doesn't love it! It's so touristy!"

Once she returned to South Africa, she stayed at home for a few months and began college in South Africa, but that wasn't where her heart was.

"I needed different cultures, so I applied to UT and University of Miami. I liked the size of UT and decided I was headed through here," she explains.

Her favorite destinations have been France, New York City and Portugal.

"I am Portuguese, and it was good to see where my parents lived and how they grew up," Da Silva said.

She also enjoyed France, where she was able to practice French, a language that she loves.

She has learned more traveling than attending college, she said. Going to school overseas is very

different. All of the material she is learning now at UT she learned in high school.

"School just doesn't teach us worldly things," she said. "You learn such awesome people skills. It's crazy."

School also doesn't teach life lessons that traveling does.

"Traveling teaches you that you need to be accommodating, to accept people for who they are, to not be disrespectful with regard to food or even mannerisms in different cultures."

Such as in Mozambique, where if they place strange foods in front of you, it has to be eaten. Not eating it will offend the host of the meal.

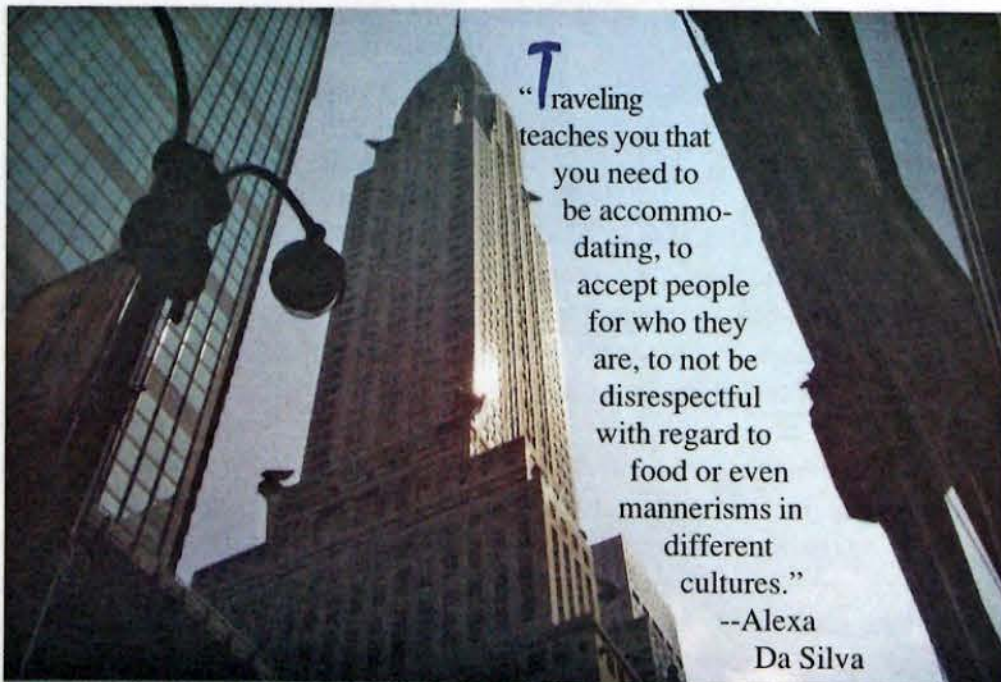
In South Africa, Da Silva learned that if someone burps, it means the meal was terrible.

While not exploring the world, the adrenaline junkie made time to bungee jump and skydive with her sister last summer. She prefers skydiving, which she called "unbelievable."

"Skydiving was a 45-second free fall from 11,000 feet. We opened the chute at 5,500 feet and had a 7-minute parachute down. Such an awesome site, a great feeling; I wasn't scared. Whereas bungee jumping I was petrified!" explained Da Silva.

As for the future, she hopes to go to medical school and then to work with a company called Mercyships.com, which takes doctors and nurses where they are needed throughout the world.

"The fact that I can use what I've learned to help people and get to travel, what more could I ask for?"



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--Alexa Da Silva



## FROM "Alarms"

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informed Raymond and the other residents of the room that Campus Security entered the room.

"What we [Security] do is help [RAs] make sure the building gets evacuated," said Charles Mascenik, Director of Safety and Security. Mascenik added that security wears uniforms and only enters when there is no response from residents.

Simplex, the fire alarm company, was on campus Tuesday checking the fire alarms. This caused several fire alarms to sound.

When asked why residents were not notified of the potential for fire alarms to occur today, Bugg responded, "We didn't know that the alarms would be going off. It's always a possibility that they will go off. Simplex checks the system several times a year." Since the system is tested frequently, Bugg explained that it would be "overkill" to e-mail residents since many times the alarm does not go off during a test.



**In Their Own Words:** "We're the formal face of UT."

**Why They're Important:** "I think we're important because [we're] leaders on campus."

**Main Objective:** Assisting with formal events and Vaughn Center 9th floor happenings.

**Membership:** 25 students, mainly upperclassmen. Freshmen cannot participate.

**Major Events So Far This Year:** Freshmen orientation, including helping with administration, Parent Cocktail Hour, family seminars and training O-Team members.

**Distinguished By:** Red blazers.

**Biggest Accomplishment To Date:** Before the diplomats first sponsored the semi-annual blood drive Spring 2004, only 40 people were participating at each drive. That year, the number jumped to 253 donors.

**Why They Do It:** Because they want to—it's entirely a volunteer organization. "The only benefit we get out of it is knowing that we did something for the school and for the student body."

**The Best Part:** Being recognized across campus as leaders. "Part of the satisfaction is knowing that I worked at orientation with President Vaughn. For him to stop and recognize us was a big deal. I guess that was a turning point for me, for President Vaughn to shake my hand and thank me."

All quotes from Stephanie Sans, senior, marine science and biology major, VP of Communications for the UT Diplomats. Stephanie is pictured at left.

## UT Provost Brings Big Plans, Positive Outlook

Heather Goode  
Staff Writer

As UT's new provost and Chief Academic officer, Janet McNew will oversee all academic affairs within the university. Prior to coming to UT, McNew was provost for Illinois Wesleyan University, where she helped reduce the faculty course load and develop the General Education Program.

### Questions:

-I understand that you were in high demand while you applied for the provost position at other schools. What other schools were you invited to? Why did you choose UT?

I can't give you names of other institutions where I interviewed due to confidentiality issues. There were about a dozen, and all but this and one other were for president, not provost. I chose UT because I find it a dynamic institution, one that is on the move in terms of growth but also in terms of quality and creativity of the programs offered. I was also attracted to Tampa itself and especially to the people—faculty, students, staff, and trustees—that I met here. You all, to a person, were warm and welcoming—a wonderful community.

-As provost, a major part of your job will be working with the faculty, particularly department heads. How much time have you spent (so far) working with the faculty? Are there any specific dynamics that might be either helpful or troublesome in future years?

Since most of my time here so far has been summer months when most faculty members are not on campus, I have primarily worked with the deans in preparation for this academic year and in planning for the future. I did, however, invite faculty and staff members to stop by my office, beginning

with my very first week of work, even before my office renovation was complete, and I have enjoyed talking with the dozens of faculty members who took me up on that offer in July and August. The fall faculty workshop further allowed me to get to know the faculty and they, me. So far, I am most impressed by the willingness of the faculty to think beyond their own self-interest and to focus on what's best for UT as a whole.



New Provost Janet McNew

-One of the requirements for UT's provost position was that applicants have experience at private institutions. Is there anything about private colleges and universities that particularly appeals to you?

I've spent my entire 27-year career in private institutions. Non-profit private universities are just as focused on offering a public good—higher education—as public ones, but we are generally more at liberty to define our missions and our emphases than are public universities. We have less bureaucracy and, therefore, can relate more directly to the students.

-You said in a meeting with student leaders last spring that a university's values are reflected in its budget. What do you think this says about UT? Do you feel that this is an area that should be improved upon?

Ask me this one again later. [I'm] not really ready to address [it yet].

-Out of curiosity, what was the topic of your dissertation?

Two British essayists and critics from the late 18th/early 19th century—Samuel Johnson and William Hazlitt—and their relation to the emergence of romantic poetry.

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# Editorial

## The Minaret: Past, Present and Future

Summer break is, for most, a welcome relief from the rig amoral of UT and college in general. Some would argue that summer is too long ... others, that it's too short. Either way, it's over, and it's time to get back to work (or to continue partying ... whichever floats your boat). Just make sure that if you choose to participate in the latter you don't destroy your dorm in the process. At *The Minaret*, of course, it's time to get back to work in order to keep you abreast of all the happenings on our lovely campus.

Last semester was a semester of great change at *The Minaret*. While we said goodbye to Dr. Solomon after 35 years of advising for our humble publication, we welcomed in the dynamic and valuable perspective of Charles McKenzie. Last semester *The Minaret* also tackled some of the biggest stories in recent campus history, including SG's violation of its own constitution and our baseball team climbing to #1 in the country. We took a look at student apathy on campus and its devastating effect on everything from organization membership to the Student Government elections. We also brought *The Minaret* online and made it available to students, faculty and alumni both near and far.

This semester we're not going to sit idly and settle with the accomplishments of last semester, as big as they might be. *The Minaret* is looking to even further improve our ability to bring you the story and to keep you informed about what's happening on campus and in the UT community – we don't put this newspaper together just for kicks, after all.

One major addition to *The Minaret* is the new events calendar we've put together in the Arts and Entertainment section. You can add your own events by submitting them via E-mail to [minaretcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:minaretcalendar@gmail.com). The calendar is also available at [theminaretonline.com](http://theminaretonline.com), where you can also participate in forums and polls, check out additional artwork and visit links to help you delve deeper into the stories we cover.

While we're looking to continue improving and adding to *The Minaret*, we aren't forgetting our roots. Look for the returns of old favorites, including the political battleground of the Commentary section, the often drunken shenanigans from the Police Beat and the ever-interesting and random Campus Voice.

Summer's over, but things are just heating up at *The Minaret*.

## The Freshman Experience

Simos Farrell  
Commentary Editor

I've been asked to say a few words about the freshman experience, and the last several weeks has, indeed, given me a unique perspective on the subject. Whether you're having your freshman experience in Vaughn, McKay or the Hyatt, one thing is for certain: You have more free time now than you will ever have for the rest of your life.

If I had as much time to myself now as I did when I was an incoming freshman, I could construct a working model of the space shuttle *Columbia* made entirely out of popsicle sticks. If I was lucky enough to be over at the Hyatt, you'd better believe that I'd be spending a good deal of time trying to persuade the manager to help me along on my future career as a Las Vegas lounge singer – which, by the way, I am not prepared for by my current course load of English and history classes.

Now, granted, these words are coming from the mouth of a man who somehow managed to join every campus organization that would take him, and some that wouldn't. I guess if I were less progressive, I, too, may have fallen prey to the possible dangers that plague freshmen, among them: alcoholism, STDs and cell

phone use in the computer lab. That having been said, I have not seen the pool or the gym in at least a year, which is, in my opinion, a compelling case for campus non-involvement.

Far be it for me to discourage anyone from participating in our campus's many fine institutions, such as *The Minaret*, which has been a paragon of investigative journalism for as long as anyone can remember. Rather than blithely counsel that freshmen should join every club, group, team, council, alien hive mind or secret society that UT students possibly have access to or that all your time out of class should be spent at the pool (there is a core group of die-hard pool enthusiasts who don't need me to tell them this), let me give you some basic advice:

1) You are going to get bored. Don't be surprised. This particular bit of advice may not apply to some science majors, whose only opportunity to get bored occurs somewhere in the fifth year of their 16 year UT education.

2) You're not going to know all your on-campus amusement options. Ask your RA. That's part of what they're there for. Incidentally, I consider it a courtesy not to ask Residence Life staff for directions to Ybor – but that's just me.

3) You're going to find more than one thing on campus that you want to do. Start with two. I was a copy-editor at *The Minaret* as a

freshman, and now, I'm only two steps away from running the joint. Good organizations with lots of time and effort invested in them have a lot of opportunities, and you may get more out of two than six. Pace yourself.

4) First-semester freshmen can't alter their schedules. Your first impulse as a second semester freshman will be either a) to drop to twelve credits or b) to try to overload to a number of credits not yet defined outside of theoretical mathematics. Do neither of these things.

5) Remember that there are many more items on the meal plan other than the most convenient ones. If you're going to indulge in your meal plan, remember that we have a gym.

6) Business majors: take a literature course.

7) Liberal arts majors: Don't take a business course. The business majors are out to get you.

8) Disregard that last part.

But most of all, make good use of the time you have. Learn what you're capable of and where your limits are. Don't try to be something you're not. College is one of the greatest opportunities you're ever going to get: be sure to enjoy it.

## Letters to the Editor

### Submission Guidelines:

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# I Am Not A Writer

John Phifer  
Staff Writer

I have a confession. I am not a writer by any means. I am merely a common citizen who occasionally has opinions to share. It is for this reason that I am not an official writer for this fine newspaper. I hope that you will not think less of me for admitting this and will continue to take my future works seriously.

You see, I am practically the polar opposite of a writer, I am a Computer Information System major. I have no personal interest in writing; it's just something I do to express my opinions. I could never come up with some of the far out topics that our commentary editor writes about because I don't have an actively creative mind in that sense. I also don't have passionate views on any one topic that I could write a string of articles on like some of the other esteemed columnists of *The Minaret*.

I am but a mere computer nerd. I haven't taken courses on religion, world history or even philosophy. I don't have an extensive knowledge of minute details of history to cite in my articles. If I ever do make such a reference, rest assured that I have either accidentally run across it on the internet or recently learned it from a trusted source. I am not out to talk down to you or make you feel inferior. If you do feel that way from anything I write, it is unintentional.

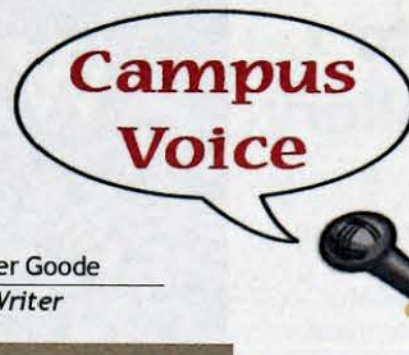
Don't take what I am saying the wrong way. I do enjoy writing about my personal experiences and observations on life. I do

make statements that are very opinionated and have a lot of thought put into them. This, however, does not make me a writer. That makes me an educated and informed individual.

As I have pointed out in the past, I am a practicing Christian. That does not mean that I know everything there is to know about the books of the Bible and that I can cite scripture to you. To be honest, I have friends who have no religious affiliation whatsoever that know more about the Bible than I do. I enjoy watching historical documentaries and the like on *the Discovery Channel*. That does not mean that I have acquired some great mass of knowledge on the world to go out and preach to the masses. Again, it only means that I am educated and informed.

If you are reading through this and saying to yourself, "Self, isn't he contradicting himself a bit?" then that means you're paying attention. The purpose of this article is to show that I am just an average individual that happens to have opinions from time to time that I feel like sharing with the world or, in this case, the population of UT. No, this isn't some sort of subliminal message to convince you to write for the paper ... or is it? My point here is that it doesn't take some special talent to write commentary articles or for your own personal enjoyment.

George Costanza had never done anything that involved writing in his life until he co-wrote a pilot for NBC, and look where that took him! I am not a writer, I write articles for *The Minaret*.



Heather Goode  
Staff Writer



"I think it's improved. It looks and feels more organized than it used to."

Ashley Pabilonia,  
Sophomore



"I like it. The only thing is there's a link on here that's not working."

Ben Rhodes,  
Junior

What do you think of UT's new website?



"There are some things that bug me about it. Certain departments are hard to get to. If you go to certain organizations and clubs, you don't get any information on them. It could be more informational."

John Walker,  
Alum, '97



"It's okay. It kind of surprised me. I think the old one was easier to navigate but the new one's easy too."

Shawn Rubin,  
Sophomore



"It's different but it's kind of confusing because of the layout. But it's updated. I like it."

Mariah Robinson,  
Freshman

# The "It" Factor

Steve Knauss  
Commentary Editor

A specter is haunting campus—the specter of the "it" factor. All the powers of campus authority have entered into a holy alliance to keep this specter from being exposed, until the cat was let out of the bag by *Kaplan's Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges 2004*. "Whether it's the academics, the location, the social scene, or the perfect combination of everything, [UT has] that certain "it" factor, making them [one of] the most popular among high school students this year," wrote intrepid muckrakers Trent Anderson and Seppy Basili, setting off a panic wave that was by no means confined to the most lavish offices on the ninth floor Vaughn.

At *The Minaret*, our hands were tied. Everyday, students repeatedly asked us, "What is this 'it' factor, and how did we end up with it?" Demand was so high that we put some of our most talented investigative journalists on the job, but they were consistently blocked by bureaucratic red tape. We quickly became disheartened; we wanted nothing more than to explain the "it" factor to our eager student body, yet we were convinced that we would never be able to until the day that we had executive endorsement for such a move.

Today, that day has come. The executives could never firmly decide to proudly proclaim our possession of the "it" factor; they were always worried that revealing its source would lead to other universities replicating it. But since Trent and Seppy's courageous exposition, more and more higher-ups have gradually been won to

the side of full disclosure. I don't know who the swing vote was, but today I am glad to state that the days of secrecy and cover-ups are forever through on campus.

For the 2006 school year, we're loud and proud: "We've got the 'it' factor!" Sure, we're all right academically, but who cares? It is of little consequence. Why would we bother attempting to attract prospective students by telling them that they can look forward to manifold options and high flexibility regarding a major choice or that they'll find small class sizes and intensive teaching methods catered to their learning needs? Those are things that we'd say in an attempt to compensate if we *didn't* have the "it" factor. But when you're holding four aces, why emphasize your 3 of clubs; when you've got the "it" factor, why talk about academic nonsense?

The "it" factor is part and

parcel of our new public image at UT, and people are catching on quickly. All the nerds that care about academic standards and a learning environment are looking to some square place like Harvard anyway, so why bother with them? Trent and Seppy hit the nail right on the head. The "it" factor is "the perfect combination of everything." We're a quick cab ride from some of the most chic clubs that Florida has to offer, a half hour from a beach that puts the cold Atlantic to shame and a quick walk to a year round swimming pool that can provide a relaxing afternoon and a great tan, not to mention an excellent alternative to an afternoon of classes! This perfect combination is the secret of our "it" factor, and we are finished with futile attempts to bury it in the sand.

So, thank you, Trent and Seppy. Through your resolute determination, you helped set the

ball rolling that would eventually demystify our prized possession, which had been languishing for far too long in inconspicuous omnipresence. With us wearing our strength on our sleeve, the future looks bright at UT. The "it" factor continues to attract increasing numbers of freshman matriculates, and a whole new confidence has developed around campus. In fact, with the "it" factor on our side, some of the more brazen students have even gone as far as classifying our school as "the Harvard of the South." The implication is clear: gone are the days when a school's prestige is rigidly determined by archaic attributes such as academic standards. Harvard has first rate research facilities and strict scholarly criteria, while we have that perfect combination, the all-encompassing "it" factor. Which sounds like more fun to you?



## Three UT Grads to Exhibit Works at Gallery

### UT Press Release

Three University of Tampa graduates present their recent paintings in *LIPPO PARADES, When Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures* at UT's Scarfone/Hartley Gallery on Monday, Sept. 11-Thursdays, Oct. 12. The exhibition will be preceded on Friday, Sept. 8, by a gallery talk by the artists at 11 a.m. and an opening reception, 7-9 p.m.

The artists are Gerald Collings, David Giansante and Daniel Hesidence. All three are emerging artists in New York City.

Collings is a Tampa native who graduated from UT in 1997 with a bachelor of fine arts degree. He completed a master of fine arts degree at the Hoffberger School of Painting in Baltimore in 2000, and is represented by Envoy Gallery of New York City.

Giansante was born in Manchester, CT. He received a BFA from UT in 1997 and an MA and MFA at Boston University in

1999. He has exhibited at New Arts Gallery in Bantam, CT, and at *Black and White*, an annual exhibit in the Holland Tunnel in Brooklyn, NY.

Hesidence was born in Akron, OH. He received a BFA from UT in 1998 and an MFA from Hunter College in 2001. He is represented by Feature Inc., New York. He has had numerous exhibitions in New York, Los Angeles, Montreal and Cleveland.

The Scarfone/Hartley Gallery is located on the UT campus in the R.K. Bailey Art Studios at 301 N. Boulevard. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday, closed on national holidays. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Dorothy Cowden, gallery director, at (813) 253-6217 or [dcowden@ut.edu](mailto:dcowden@ut.edu).

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**Official Buccaneers Season Kickoff**, 7 p.m. at the Channelside Courtyard, 615 Channelside Dr., Tampa. Features cheerleader performances, appearances by Buccaneer players and live music. Cost: free.

**Opening reception for "Crossroads,"** an art show to benefit breast cancer treatment and research at Mirta's Coffee House Art Gallery, 119 S. Hyde Park Dr., Tampa. Visit [mirtasgallery.com](http://mirtasgallery.com) for more information.

**Dunedin Fine Arts Exhibits Reception**, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd, Dunedin. DFAC to host opening reception and lecture by artists. Cost: \$5. For more information, visit [www.dfac.org](http://www.dfac.org).

**TESA Art Show**, 7:30 p.m. at Extraordinaire Oxygen Bar, 2481 N. McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. Features costumes, poetry readings, live music, art exhibits and more. For more information, visit [www.extra-air.com](http://www.extra-air.com).

**Z-Grapes**, the annual wine tasting event of the Zodiac Group, 8 to 10 p.m. at the Salvador Dali Museum, 1000 3rd Street, St. Petersburg. Cost: \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Tickets cost \$10 extra if buying at the door. Visit [www.savordalimuseum.org](http://www.savordalimuseum.org) for more information.

**California Wine and Sushi**, 7:30 p.m. at Charlie's Wine Bar, 533 S. Howard Ave., Tampa. Cost: \$15 online, \$20 at door. For more information, visit [www.charlieswine.com](http://www.charlieswine.com).

**St. Pete Clay Co.** to exhibit "Transformed by Fire," by Becky Fedor Martha Kehm, 7 to 9 p.m. at The St. Petersburg Clay Company, 420 22 St., St. Petersburg. Visit [www.stpeteclay.com](http://www.stpeteclay.com) for more information.

**Student Productions presents "RENT,"** 8 p.m. at Reeves Theater.

### Saturday 9

**St. Pete Gallery Walk**, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Galleries throughout St. Pete's downtown area to feature openings, receptions and special events. Events vary by location. Visit [www.stpetearts.com](http://www.stpetearts.com) for more information.

**Library Book Sale**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Branch St. Pete Library, 861 70 Ave, St. Petersburg. Call 727-893-7214 for more information.

**Evening of Improvisational and Integrated Dance**, 8 p.m. at the Masque Community Theater, 8825 N. 56 St. Tickets cost \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door.

**Tampa Bay Vegetarians Monthly Dinner**, 5 to 8 p.m. at Trang Viet Cuisine, 1524 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa. Visit [www.vegtampabay.newhumanitee.com](http://www.vegtampabay.newhumanitee.com) for more information.

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**Kellusion Art Reception**, 7 p.m. at Kellusion Art Gallery, 538 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Meet the artists of the Beauty: For Men - Four Visions exhibition. Visit [www.kellusion.com](http://www.kellusion.com) for more information.

### Sunday 10

**Catwalk for a Cure**, 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Tampa Improv, 1600 E. 8 Ave., Tampa. Art auction and fashion show to benefit the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Cost: \$15 to \$25 per seat. Visit [www.tampaimprov.com](http://www.tampaimprov.com) for more information.

### Monday 11

**"The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating, Sex and College with Jennifer Worick,"** presented by Student Productions, 8 p.m. at Reeves Theater.

**Wonderful Wednesday Workshop**, hosted by Career Services, September 13, 4:30 p.m. PH 312.

### Upcoming

**Student Production presents "Inside Man,"** September 15, 8 p.m. at Reeves Theater.

**America Reads Training**, sponsored by P.E.A.C.E., September 15, 2 to 6 p.m. in John Sykes 234. Volunteers to read to children at local schools. Call 813-253-6263 for more information.

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**Volunteer Days in the Vaughn Lobby**, September 19 to 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives of local non-profit agencies to speak with students about volunteering for their organizations. Sponsored by P.E.A.C.E. Call 813-253-6263 for more information.

**Writers at the University presents Chase Twichell**, 8 p.m. October 5 at Reeves Theater. Sponsored by the English and Writing Department.

### Ongoing

**Quilt**, UT's literary magazine, meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m. in the Quilt office, second floor of the Vaughn Center. Artists, poets and authors are welcome. For more information, email [hgoode@ut.edu](mailto:hgoode@ut.edu).

**Student Government** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Reeves Theater.

**The Special Events Committee** meets every Wednesday from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Student Government Office on the second floor of the Vaughn Center. The group is currently seeking volunteers for UT's ongoing 75 Birthday Celebration.

Want your event published in *The Minaret*? E-mail the who, what, when, where and contact information to [minaretcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:minaretcalendar@gmail.com). Submissions must be received no later than two (2) weeks prior to the event.



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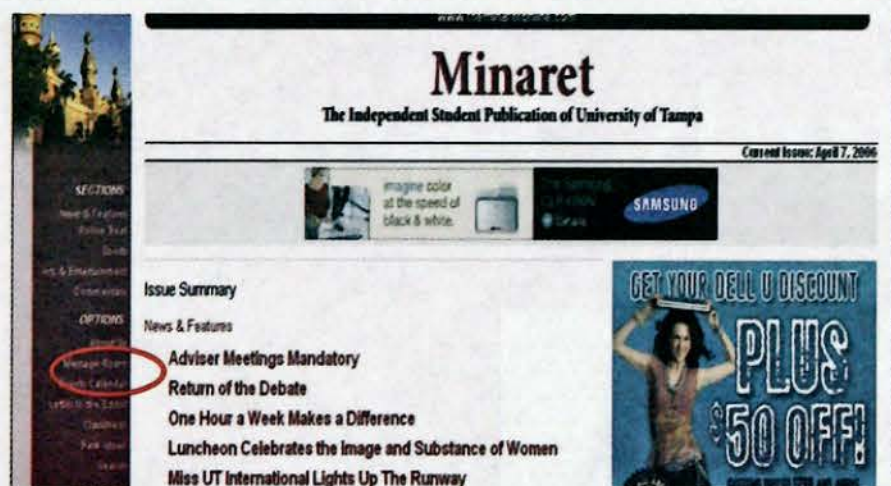
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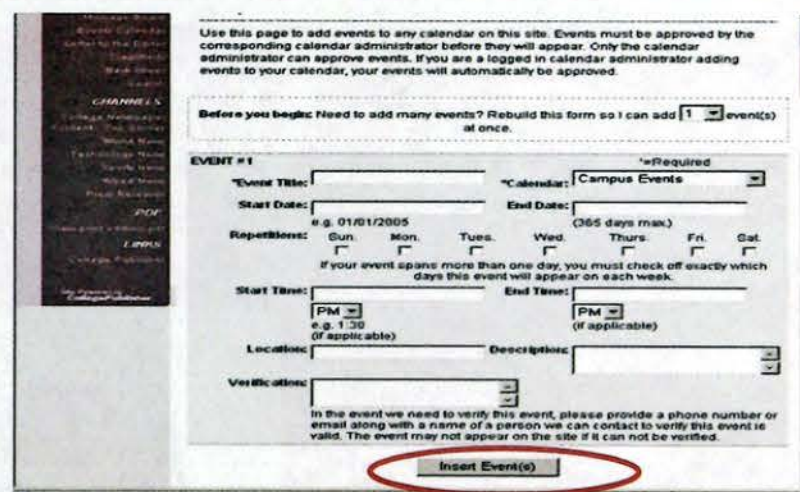
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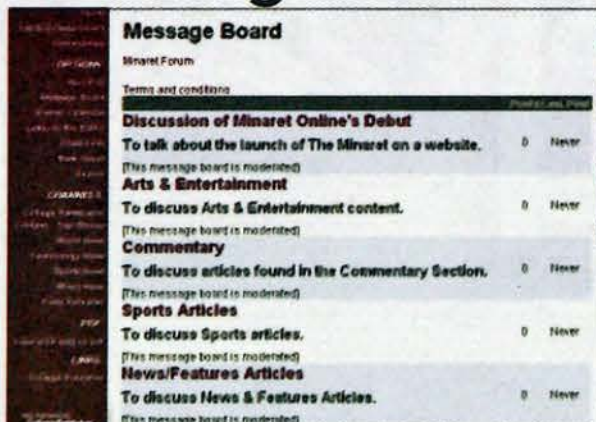


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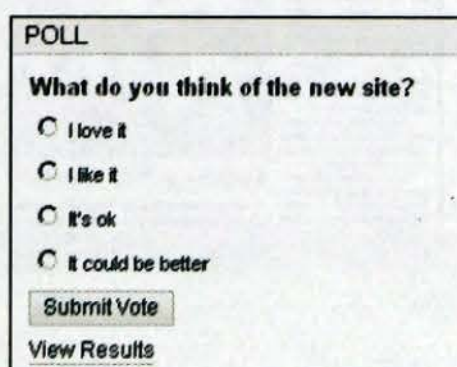
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# Volleyball Wins Colorado Premier Challenge

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Eleventh ranked Florida Southern College (Lakeland), who is a top competitor in Tampa's Sunshine State Conference, awaited the Spartans in the championship match.

On playing their top conference challenger so early, Catanach commented, "We play them four times this year; once now, twice in season and probably again in the [NCAA] regionals."

After battling through their first three matches, the University of Tampa dominated FSC, securing a 3-0 victory. The Mocs were never close to victory as Tampa took all three matches, 30-23, 30-28 and finally 30-21.

Outside hitters Katelen Dixon and Stephanie Rivera were both named to the All-Tournament first team roster.

"Katelen was steady and solid the whole time. What wasn't

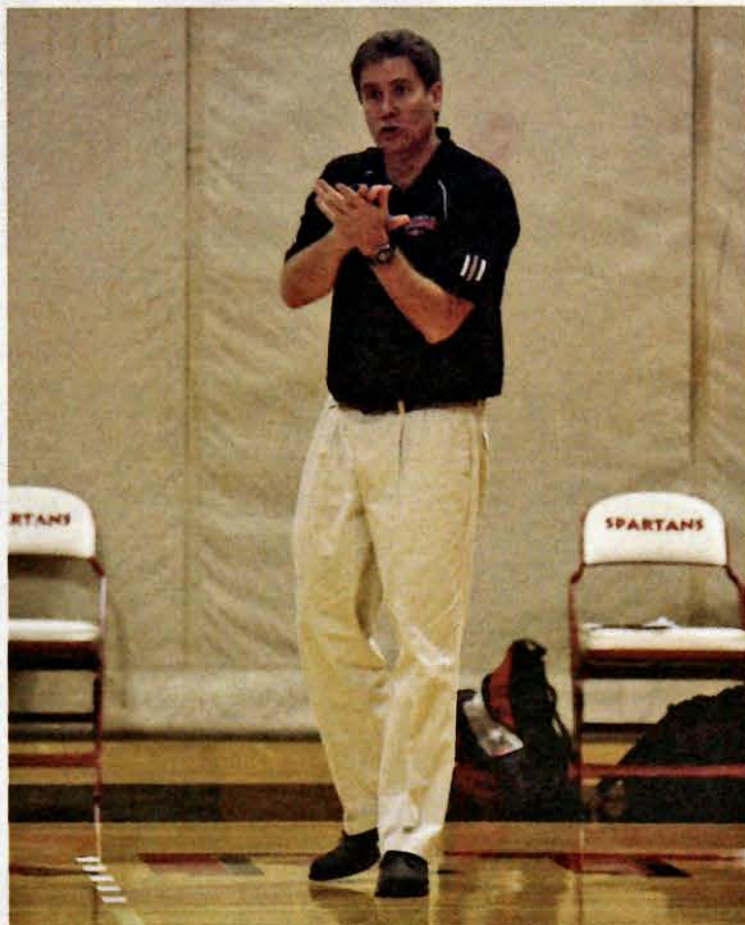
in the box score for Stephanie was that she had 17 kills on 20 attempts. She had zero errors. It was amazing," added Catanach. Rivera's .850 kill percentage is among the best in UT history.

SSC Player of the Week Margeaux Sinibaldi recorded 26 digs in the semifinals and 25 digs in the final match.

The Challenge victories have the Spartans on a roll as the season gets going. This is the

team's first 8-0 start since 1997. Up next is the Armstrong Atlantic Tournament in Savannah, GA. The ladies return home on September 12 to open up their SSC schedule against Saint Leo University. UT won the SSC in 2005, their fifteenth conference championship.

"Give us a shot. Come out to the match. It will get the players pumped up," added Catanach.



Catanach is in his twenty-third season at UT. Photo by Andy Meng

## Challenge Results

UT def. West Texas A&M 3-1

UT def. Augustana 3-1

UT def. #4 Concordia-St. Paul 3-2

UT def. #11 Florida Southern 3-0

## Upcoming Sports Events

### #1 Volleyball

Vs. Saint Leo University

**When:** Friday, September 12 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Martinez Sports Center

### Men's Soccer

Vs. Florida Southern College

**When:** Friday, September 15 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Lakeland, Fl.

Vs. Rollins College

**When:** Wednesday, September 20 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Pepin-Rood Stadium

### #9 Women's Soccer

Vs. Florida Southern College

**When:** Friday, September 15 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Lakeland, Fl.

Vs. Flagler University

**When:** Friday, September 22 @ 7 p.m.

**Where:** Pepin-Rood Stadium

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# Everyone's Ready For Some Football

## 2006 NFL season set to begin with shuffled rosters

Andy Sullivan  
Sports Writer

For some, the most wonderful time of the year is Christmas. For another large chunk of the population, the time is now. The NFL season starts in less than a week. With the season opener upon us, here are several interesting storylines and topics

### Key Additions

**Edgerrin James, Arizona Cardinals** - Running back Edgerrin James was clearly the most prized player on the free agent market. He is a strong, uphill runner who has the ability to plow through defenders. For his career, James has averaged 1,318 rushing yards per year. He also has been a legitimate receiving threat, finishing with 337 yards on 44 catches last year. The bottom line is he is a game changer. That is exactly what the Arizona Cardinals needed. Through the years the team has been a laughing stock. This signing not only shows a serious attempt to be a competitor but also gains them national exposure for the first time in years. The Cardinals also sold 55,000 season tickets this offseason.

**Reggie Bush, New Orleans Saints** - After suffering through the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Saints fans were desperate to have something to cheer for. The 2005 Saints didn't provide them with much. They may have found it in second overall pick running back Reggie Bush. Few players have had the hype coming out of college that Bush has had. As a senior, he had 2,611 all-purpose yards and scored a total of 18 touchdowns. He went on to win the Heisman Trophy. Many people see him as a potential Hall of Fame candidate already. The importance of this addition is

not so much for the Saints organization as it is for the people of Louisiana. Bush brings the excitement and the energy that the fans desperately need.

### Questionable Moves

**The Dallas Cowboys Get Terrell Owens** - The addition of wide receiver Terrell Owens could be a huge mistake for the Cowboys. It did not take long for the antics of T.O. to return as the team fined him \$9,500 dollars for various violations. Owens has had a reputation as a selfish player. There is also the question as to how hard-nosed head coach Bill Parcells will get along with his new receiver. Owens has ripped teams apart in the past and shows no sign of changing his ways anytime soon.

**Patriots elect to not re-sign Kicker Adam Vinateri** - The New England Patriots' decision to let their future Hall of Fame kicker walk could severely lessen their chances of winning their fourth Super Bowl in six years. After quarterback Tom Brady, Vinateri was the most crucial player on the team. His consistently hit game-winning kicks, including two Super Bowl winning kicks. Making this move even more damaging was the fact that Vinateri signed with their AFC rival Indianapolis Colts. If the Pats find themselves in a situation where a missed field goal leads to a critical loss, they will surely find themselves questioning their decision.

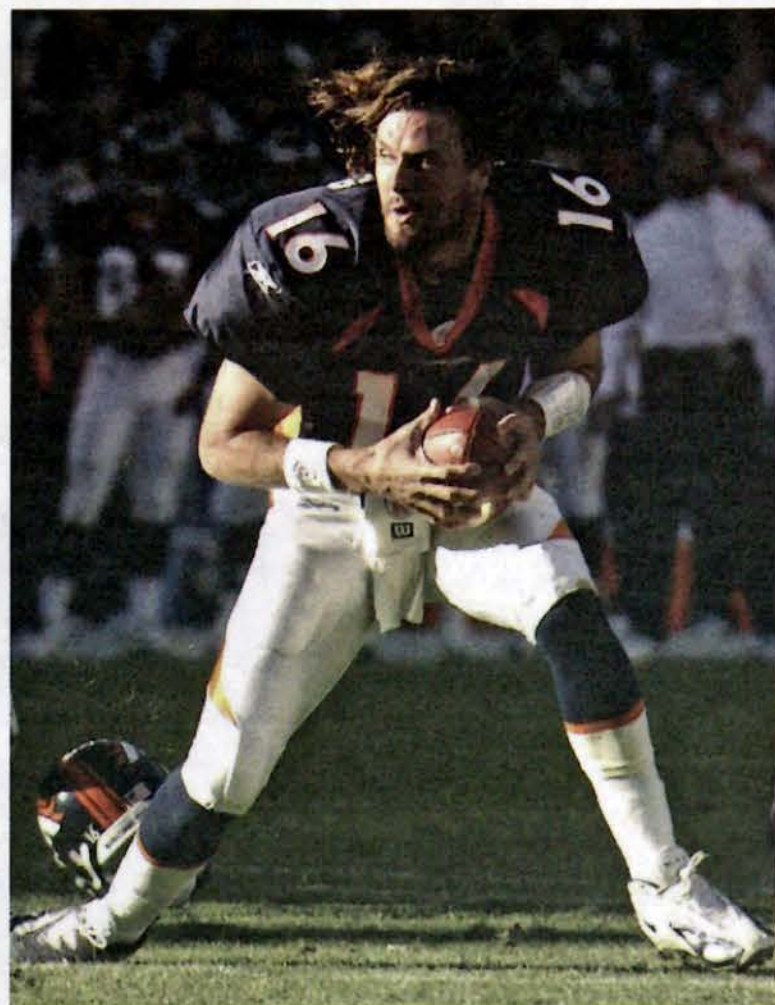
### Teams on the Rise

**Arizona Cardinals** - The Cardinals have the ability to surprise a lot of teams this year. With the addition of Edgerrin James, they have one of the best offenses in the league. They are led by a former MVP

quarterback Kurt Warner and a pair of thousand-yard-plus receivers in Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin. This type of offense is similar to the 2001 St. Louis Rams explosive offense that went on to the Super Bowl.

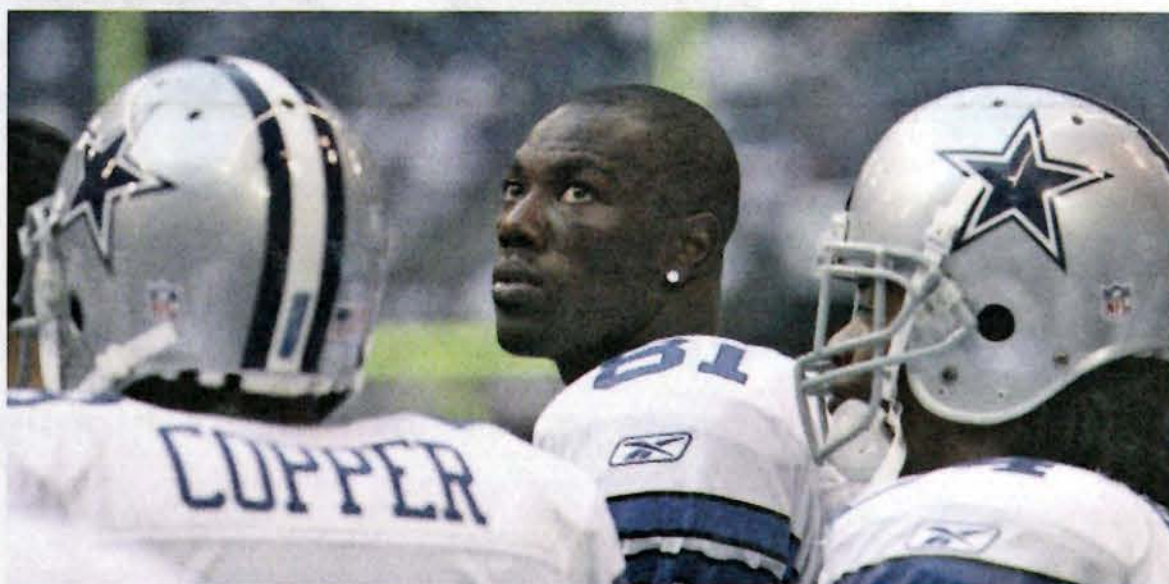
**Miami Dolphins** - Head Coach Nick Saban led his team to a 9-7 record last year with minimal talent. Entering his second year he has clearly implemented his system and the players have bought into it. The addition of Quarterback Daunte Culpepper fills their weakest position. Culpepper had a horrific year in Minnesota last year but had a monster year in 2004 finishing with 4,717 pass yards and 39 touchdowns.

**Baltimore Ravens** - The Ravens have had great defenses the last few years. The consistent area of weakness has been the quarterback position. The addition of former Co-MVP Steve McNair gives them not only a quality player, but also a proven veteran with big game experience. The addition of running back



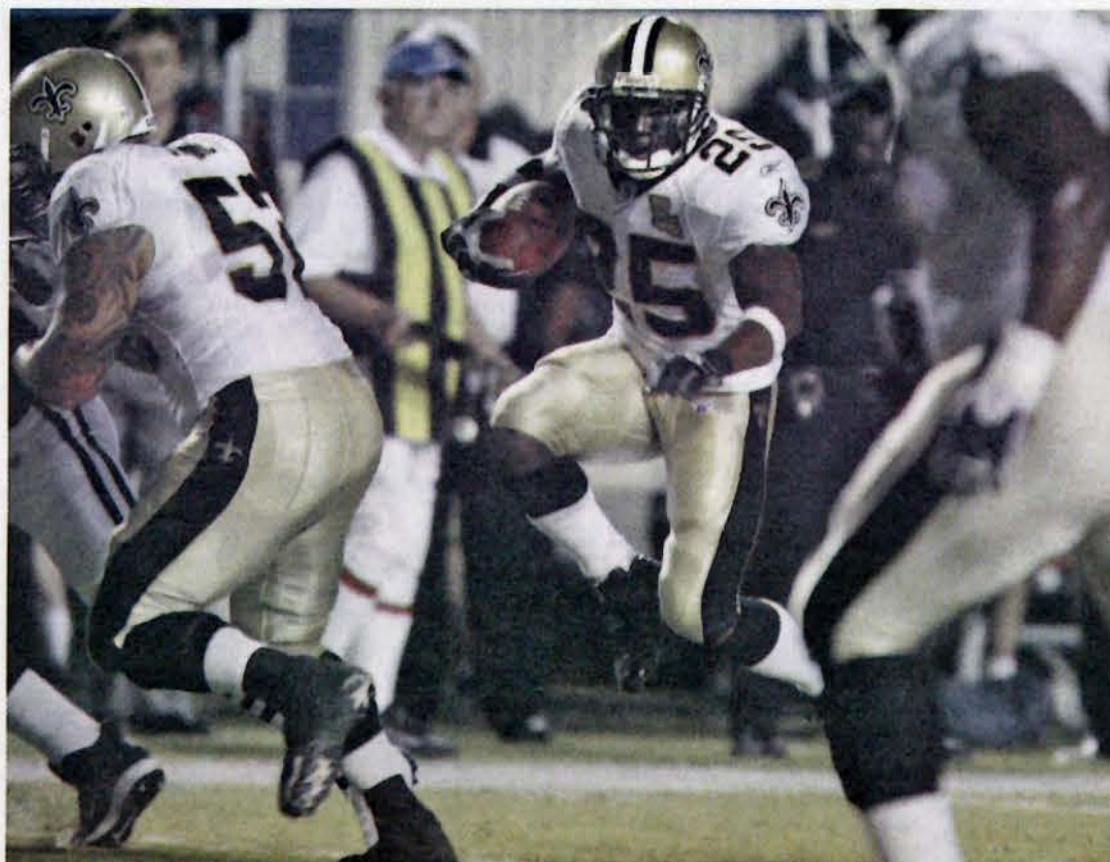
Jake Plummer

Photo by Mark Reis/Colorado Springs Gazette



T.O. slept through meetings and was fined \$9500.

Photo by Ben Noey Jr./Fort Worth Star-Telegram



Reggie Bush flew in the preseason.

Photo by Vernon Bryant/Dallas Morning News

Mike Anderson indicates they will be a primarily run-offense, but now they have a quarterback they can count on to make a big play.

### Teams on the Decline

**Dallas Cowboys** - It's not only Terrell Owens that has this team in trouble. Another loud-mouthed player is kicker Mike Vanderjagt. In the last pre-season game, Vanderjagt missed field goals of 33 and 32 yards in overtime. This does nothing to rid the reputation that he cannot come through in the clutch. The team also has a lot of strong personalities with Owens, Parcells, Vanderjagt, quarterback Drew Bledsoe and wide receiver Terry Glenn. One can almost feel the tension within the team. It certainly looks like a team destined to fall apart.

**Indianapolis Colts** - The loss of Edgerrin James is a big one. He was a staple in the impressive Colt

offense. Defenses were forced to focus on him, leaving the Colts receivers in many one-on-one match ups. He was a big reason for their success. The loss of linebacker David Thornton will also hurt.

He was tied for fourth in the team lead for tackles. The focus before the 2005 season was to improve the defense. This off-season they did not do that. The defense that was among the best last year, may have taken a few steps back this year.

### Denver Broncos

Quarterback Jake Plummer had an MVP-like year in 2005. For most of his career, he has been mediocre.

It is not out of the realm of possibility that last year was an apparition. The Broncos also go into this season without a clear number one running back. With Mike Anderson being traded away, they lose a quality running back as well as depth to a weak position.





# Spartan Sports



## Winning It All

### Chris Rosenbaum's game-winning hit came in his only at-bat

Mike Jones  
Sports Writer

The 2006 University of Tampa baseball team was loaded with talent from top to bottom. The team won a school record 54 games. Five players were selected in the major league draft, Lee Cruz was named the Division II player of the year, Sergio Perez hurled a no hitter against Barry University; and Roberto Mena became the first Spartan to hit for the cycle.

But it was a clutch performance from backup catcher Chris Rosenbaum that gave the Spartans their fourth Division II National Championship--their first since 1998.

Rosenbaum, who had not recorded a single at bat in the previous three games of the college World Series, stepped to the plate to pinch-hit for third baseman Charley Raley in the top of the tenth inning. With two on

and two out, Rosenbaum hit a line drive into right field scoring Cruz from third giving UT a 3-2 lead. Tampa would hold onto the lead

and went on to defeat the Chico State Wildcats (California) in one of the most exciting championship games.

"I was looking for a pitch on the outer half of the plate, something I could try and drive the other way," said Rosenbaum. "To

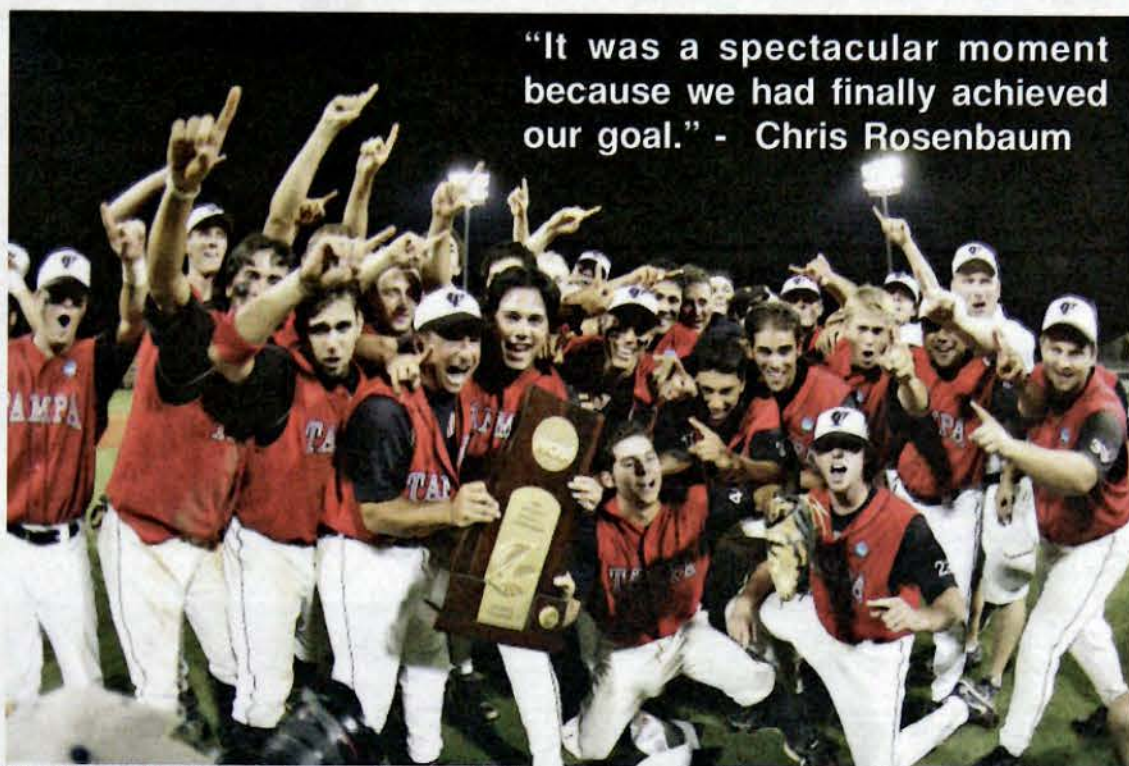
be given the opportunity to drive in the go-ahead-run in the championship game was amazing."

Rosenbaum was fortunate that he had the chance to give his team the lead.

Tampa had to rally from a 2-1 deficit in the ninth inning to force extra innings.

"None of this would have been possible without the heart and character of the entire team after we came back from a 2-1 deficit in the ninth inning with two outs," said Rosenbaum.

"Once I drove in the run I knew we were going to win, it's been that kind of a season for us; coming back when our backs were against the wall. After the final out was made and we were celebrating, it was a spectacular moment because we had finally achieved the goal that we'd been chasing since September through the tireless hours of practicing and preparing, winning the National Championship."



The UT baseball team celebrates their fourth National Championship.

Photo by Marvin Gentry

"It was a spectacular moment because we had finally achieved our goal." - Chris Rosenbaum

## UT Kicks Off With 3-1 Record

### Cardoso's four goals vs. Clayton State highlight men's soccer team's start

Mike Jones  
Sports Writer

The UT men's soccer team is less than two weeks into the season but they have already showed drastic improvement from last year. After a somewhat disappointing 7-7-3 record last season, the team has won three of its first four games this season. These wins included a 5-2 victory over the eighth-ranked Clayton State Lakers.

Credit coach Adrian Bush for his work in the off-season bringing in some of the top junior college players in the country. Bush was able to sign Ricardo Cardoso, arguably the top junior college player in the country. Cardoso, who grew up in Coral Springs, led JPTaravella High School to a state championship before going on to play for Georgia Perimeter College. In two years with Georgia Perimeter, Cardoso recorded a school record 50 goals and led the team to a National Championship in his sophomore year.

It didn't take Cardoso long to get adjusted to his new school. In his first game with the Spartans, he scored four goals against Clayton State.

"I definitely did not expect to score four goals," said Cardoso. "Our team worked well together, and I am extremely proud of our effort."

"I thought he was fantastic. That's what we expect from him.

He led junior college in scoring and he's showing why. That's what we brought him here to do," commented coach Bush talking about Cardoso's performance in the team's first game.

Although Cardoso did not

have a repeat performance in the team's second game against Warner Southern, the rest of the team picked up the slack in defeating the Royals 3-2 in front on 250 fans at Pepin Stadium.

It was a team effort as UT

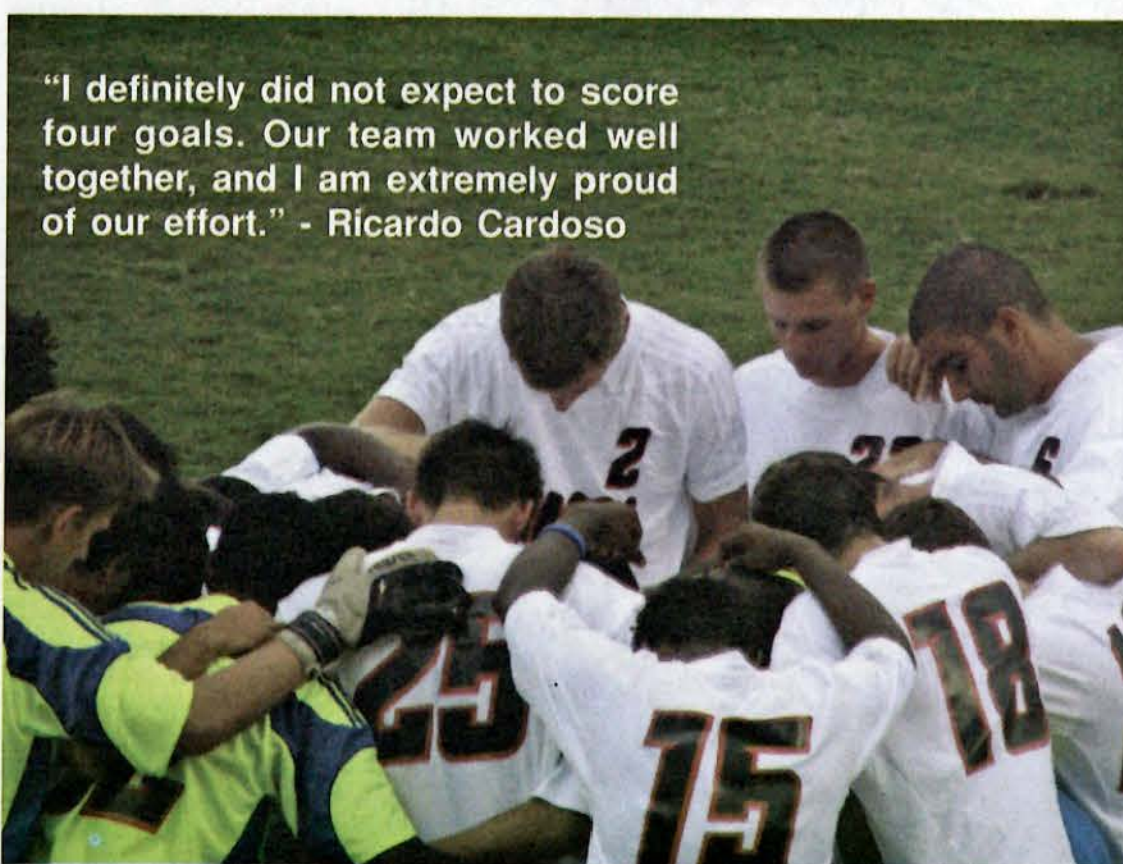
battled back from a 2-1 halftime deficit to defeat Warner Southern. Gregg Emmerman scored the game-winning goal for UT with just 15 minutes left in the game.

"We did not play our best, but we came through when we needed to," said Bush after the game. "I am extremely proud of our team."

After their first blemish, a 3-1 loss against the University of West Florida, the Spartans rebounded to defeat Bethel College on Sunday, September 3, improving to 3-1 on the season. Tampa had many opportunities early, hitting the post twice until they finally struck for the first goal in the forty-second minute as Clewon George scored on a diving header assisted by Carlos Mora.

Bethel tied the game at one, scoring off of a corner kick in the 68th minute. Devin Shaw responded for UT, scoring the go-ahead and game-winning goal in the sixty-eighth minute.

Next up for UT is a trip to Memphis, Tennessee as the team takes on Harding College on Friday, September 8 and Christian Brothers University on Saturday. The team's next home game is Wednesday, September 20 against Rollins at 7 p.m.



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