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**Bright flame goes out.** The late Tim O'Connor was a member of an extraordinary writing class at UT. His professor bids him a fond farewell.

**A leader's legacy.** Dr. David Delo passed away this fall, and the *Journal* looks at the legacy of leadership left by a revered University president and author.

**The newest addition.** After much well-founded anticipation, the Bailey Art Studios were dedicated, and a crowd of distinguished well-wishers took the grand tour. Missed it? We'll take you now.

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Photo by Brian Vandervliet

# SPARTANS IN ARMS

By David Brothers  
Editor

## Part I: The Spartan Battalion

The Army ROTC program at The University of Tampa began in 1971. The program's first graduating class, of sorts, was a single cadet in 1973-74.

**A**fter that, the yearly numbers of graduating cadets—which translate directly to newly commissioned officers in the United States Army—grew steadily, reaching a peak of 52 in 1986-87. The annual cadet production averages about 20-25, said Lt. Col. Deirdre Dixon, battalion commander, with 26 making the grade in 2003-04, and 24 anticipated in 2004-05.

"These are phenomenal numbers," Dixon said, "made possible only by the great support that we receive from the faculty and administration here at UT for our recruiting and retention efforts."

As good as the numbers are, recent challenges have been presenting themselves that don't have to be faced during peacetime, challenges directly related to active-duty military personnel doubling as college students.

"Because of the continuing war in Iraq, student-soldiers are sometimes called away for duty," Dixon said. "Over the last year, we've had four of these cadets deploy. Two of them have returned for classes. We expect the others to return, as well."

Most of UT's ROTC cadets are on Green to Gold scholarships, Dixon said, and some had



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# SPARTANS IN ARMS

PART I:  
THE SPARTAN BATTALION

**D**uring the "Bootstrap" program in the 1970s, career military officers were placed on temporary duty at various colleges and universities to earn degrees. More than 600 went through the program.



Lt. Col. Deidre Dixon



Spartan Battalion cadets conducting one of their frequent exercises in Plant Park.

ROTC Photo

been active-duty enlisted personnel for a few years before getting their scholarships to join the program.

## Longer Roots, Unusual Inscriptions

The numbers for some past years are sketchy or missing altogether, but a reliable estimate suggests that the program has contributed more than 500 officers to the Army over the last third of a century.

But the University's role in contributing to the U.S. military extends to well before those humble ROTC beginnings in the early '70s.

In 1939, UT began training pilots for the Army Air Corps (there was no separate Air Force until 1947) for the Civilian Pilot Training Program, put into operation at colleges and universities across the nation that year as the conflict in Europe threatened to wax into the second global conflict (see story, fall 2001 *Journal*).

During the "Bootstrap" program in the 1970s, career military officers were placed on temporary duty at various colleges and universities to earn degrees. More than 600 went through the program. Many went on to distinguished careers, and three UT "Bootstrappers" became recipients of the Medal of Honor (see related story, page 8).

The University of Tampa is steeped in military history, in fact, but visible signs of that history can become commonplace to the daily parade of familiar eyes that no longer give conscious credence to the pair of stout black cannon that stare mutely from the north side of Plant Park, looking still ready to defend a river that long ago stopped needing defense, or the pale gray cannon facing Kennedy Boulevard in front of the Plant Hall parking lot. Less seen are the latter's unusual inscriptions:

"This war brought the blue of the cold bleak North and the gray of the sunny South into one great brotherhood and liberty to an oppressed people," reads one suspiciously chamber of commerce-sounding allusion to the Spanish-American War as a further uniter of post-Civil War America.

As folks familiar with the campus probably have heard a few too many times, Theodore Roosevelt stationed his Rough Riders here in 1898, before their departure to Cuba in the short-lived Spanish-American War.

Age-pocked black-and-white photographs in Plant Hall safeguard the history of that wartime reality, and a panel at the base of the cannon provides a pinpoint locator: "This spot was headquarters for Roosevelt, Rough Riders, Wheeler Cavalry and the first Florida troops, 1898."



# ROTC

But elsewhere on the cannon, which bears an octagon of commemoratives at its base, colorful lesser-knowns get some recognition.

The cannon originally was deployed as weaponry at Fort Dade in 1898 "for the defense of Tampa." It was relocated to its present position by Gen. Joe Wheeler, commander of the Wheeler Cavalry, in 1927 to mark the spot where Teddy and the boys camped before heading to the Caribbean to fight.

"Fightin' Joe" Wheeler enjoyed the rare distinction of having been a lieutenant general in the Confederate cavalry, then a U.S. congressman, then a major general in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War.

Another panel honors "Admiral George Dewey, Victor of the Battle of Manila Bay, 1898." Above the words is an etched portrait of Dewey, hair and mustache fully represented in white, blazing their contrast to the dark stone face they adorn.

Still another proclaims simply, "Remember the Maine," the ship blown up in Havana Harbor, its subsequent sinking credited with directly triggering the war.

## Green to Gold

The ROTC program of turning an enlistee into a college-educated military officer is known as Green to Gold. More than a century after the Rough Riders' rip-snorting presence established the military legacy at the University (even though it was then still the Tampa Bay Hotel), Green to Gold and the Spartan Battalion carry it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Dixon's cadet command tenure has been extended for an unprecedented fifth year, and no one takes greater pride in the program than she does.

"Our cadets continue to excel in ROTC and across campus," she said. "Our Ranger Challenge Team—ROTC's varsity sport—competed



ROTC Photo

The award-winning UT Spartan Battalion

with 20 other teams from across Florida and Georgia, finished first in our division, and placed third overall.

"We are very proud to have ranked No. 35 out of 271 schools this past year."

The ranking, Dixon said, is based on both mission accomplishment and quality of students, and recent strides are another point of pride for the program.

"Our team here at UT has come a long way from the 209 ranking in 2000," she said.

A long way, indeed.

Cadet Thomas Billig, a senior, was named the nation's No.1 cadet by Cadet Command in Washington, DC, in November. A veteran of Afghanistan, he returned to the States three years ago on a Green to Gold scholarship. He is the Spartan Battalion's second national No.1 cadet. The first was Jeffrey Sargent '96 (see page 6).

The recruitment focus for the past year, Dixon said, has been on recruiting well-rounded students who demonstrate consistently high potential in scholarship, athletics and leadership.

"We awarded 12 high school scholarship winners for school year 2003-04, and their entrance qualifications continue to exceed [those of] previous freshman classes," she said. "This year's class averaged 1117 on the SAT, and shared a 3.5 GPA."

Dixon took her continual search for Green to Gold prospects this year to recruiting fairs in Ft. Bragg, NC, Fort Lewis, WA, and Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA.

## A Brief Glossary of Military Terms

Following is a guide to decoding the "military speak" in this story.

- **AD:** armored division
- **Green Zone:** a protective compound near Baghdad
- **HEMTT:** heavy expanded mobile tactical truck
- **LMTV:** light mobility terrain vehicle
- **MRE:** meal ready to eat
- **MSR:** main supply route
- **MWR:** morale, welfare and recreation
- **PX:** post exchange; essentially, a department store
- **Redeploy:** return home
- **RPG:** rocket-propelled grenade
- **TOC:** tactical operations center
- **USR:** unit status report

ROTC Photo



Spartan Battalion cadets rough it over a river.



Capt. Jeffrey Sargent in front of a graffiti-decked mural of Saddam Hussein.

## Part II: Letters from the Front

"The smell of burning crap and diesel fuel will never leave my memories."

**C**apt. Jeffrey Sargent's memories may be a bit more olfactory than many people's, or maybe not: Hardship in a strange land far from home often does stamp unusual impressions in the mind's eye—or nose, for that matter.

Yet it seems only natural for things that rain strangeness on the senses—things that may pass barely noticed in familiar territory—are more likely to sink in and stay put when one is in a strange place. Add risk and its accompanying alerting of the senses, and you're bound to get all kinds of unusual per-

manent impressions.

Sometimes leaving his rank out of his name to avoid confusion, Capt. Sargent (you'll read more from him below) is one

of a small but distinguished legion from UT to reach the roiling Middle East. They are graduates of the Spartan Battalion, the University's Army ROTC unit.

Part of the unit's camaraderie finds space among the new alliances each member makes, and links back to its place of origin in a new electronic age in which communication traverses even the planet's most remote locales and forbidding landscapes.

In this issue of the *Journal*, become acquainted with a few of the Spartans presently or recently abroad—in their words. Their communiqués—almost all of them e-mails—are peppered with military jargon, that special banter that swings deftly between abbreviation and words that seem to be from another world.

In each case, paragraphs have been adjusted (most messages arrived in the single lump of text typical of the e-mail medium), and punctuation, capitalization and spelling have been changed to conform to convention. Par-

"The most desolate place." Sargent's photo shows anything but exaggeration in his description.





**Don't drink the water.** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. (now Capt.) Stephen Champlin chopping ice that later proved to be contaminated.

enthetical asides alluding to the state of the e-mail itself ("excuse this hasty jumble," for example) have been deleted. But otherwise, in every case, the original writer's words have been reprinted verbatim. Photos were contributed by the subjects except as noted.

Quotes from Sgt. Sam Wenzel Jr. are excerpted from a Sept. 7 article in the *Charlotte Sun*, and are reprinted with permission.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Champlin '01** (since promoted to captain) was assigned from March-December 2003 to the 49th Quartermaster Battalion out of Fort Lee, VA, first in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, then Fallujah, then Cedar 2 just outside Nasiriyah, and finally at Camp Victory, Kuwait.

"This is me chopping up a block of ice (photo above). We bought it from the Iraqis in blocks that were about four feet long, eight inches wide and eight inches tall. At the worst point, we paid \$10 for a block, and during the good times, we paid \$1 for two blocks. You always had to negotiate, 'cause the local Iraqis learned quickly that a dollar was worth something. You could only put the ice in your cooler around the water bottles or soda cans, and never in your drinks. The med guys tested several blocks of it and found that it contained traces of feces. ...

"Iraqi taxi with coffin strapped to the top ... is how they transport their dead relatives for burial. But sometimes, they would transport guns in these coffins, as well. It may not look like much, but riding next to a small Iraqi vehicle would make everybody nervous, 'cause you never knew if the people in the vehicle would start shooting at our tankers."

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Randy Garcia '03** (no photo available) is stationed at Camp Anaconda, Balad, Iraq, north of Bagdad. He is the S4 (logistics officer) for the 31<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Hospital Forward.

"We have been on ground since Jan. '04. We are the largest combat support hospital in theater, conducting split operations in the Green Zone and in Balad.

"We see many different types of patients, ranging from Iraqi civilians to Coalition soldiers. One of our unique missions is our support to the local hospital. We have purchased them the proper equipment to enhance their patient care capabilities.

"Another unique characteristic of this hospital is the amount of local nationals and detainees we see. Over half of our patients are Iraqis receiving the best medical care on their home front. I also employ 30 local nationals who work as interpreters, housekeepers and kitchen help.

"The last piece I will give you is our standard of living here. It is great. We do average a mortar attack every 12 hours, but it has become a way of life. Our post offers awesome MWR facilities. We have an indoor pool, an outdoor pool, a movie theater and a huge PX."

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Christina Rock '02** is the chemical officer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), Camp Taji, Iraq (stationed out of Wheeler Army Air Field in Hawaii).

"I'm at Camp Taji, Iraq (aka FOB Gunner, or Camp Cooke) just north of Baghdad. The official name is Camp Taji now. It's a total hole.

"I'm the battalion training officer, the USR rep (this awful thing that all chemos have to do; it's basically asking if the unit is ready to deploy...sucks), and I act as the liaison officer for our battalion and the ground units. I track all their activities as far out as they'll give me, and brief the crews.

"Our pilots fly OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopters. They're meant for reconnaissance, but it never fails—a ground unit gets in trouble, they'll call for our help.

"Right now, our battalion is attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, as we deployed to a different location than the brigade we normally train with. I had only been in Hawaii about two months before we deployed, so I'm looking forward to two full years of Hawaii when I get back!

"I've lived in all kinds of places during the seven months I've lived here—tents, buildings, abandoned and condemned warehouses. I've slept in HEMTTs, LMTVs, and outside on my cot in the desert. I've heard the creepy

"It may not look like much, but riding next to a small Iraqi vehicle would make everybody nervous, 'cause you never knew if the people in the vehicle would start shooting at our tankers."

—1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Champlin



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Christina Rock

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# SPARTANS IN ARMS

PART I:  
LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

crawlies here skittering around on the gravel around me. I've seen cobras, rattlers and scorpions, but no camel spiders (thank God!).

"I've felt the walls of my trailer (where we live now) shake as rounds impact 50 feet from where I sleep. I've had to lock and load when a report of our perimeter being breached came out, and I've had to listen to the ground units blow the hell out of places trying to get to our pilots that have been shot down. I stay inside the TOC almost all the time. Once in a while I get to go out and do something chemical, but that's rare.

"I wish I did more, but my experience here has been pretty mundane!"

**Capt. Jeffrey Sargent '96** was division artillery combat team intelligence officer, 1st Armored Division, in Iraq May 2003-July 2004. He was named the nation's No. 1 ROTC cadet as a Spartan Battalion member in 1996.

"Kuwait was miserable. I experienced the most terrifying bus ride in my life traveling from Camp Wolf up to our staging area in

Camp Pennsylvania. There were a dozen small buses crammed with soldiers racing north through the desert. It reminded me of a Mad Max film as the Third country nationals were jockeying for the pole position. There were berms and potholes so big you could have a professional rally race there. At one

point I flew up about three feet out of my seat, landed square on my back, and couldn't walk right for a few days afterwards.

"Camp Penn was the most desolate place I've ever been to. We joked that it looked like we were on the moon. Our division commander ... ordered there not be any cots or ice chests taken 'down range' (it's what we military types call the deployed area), so we were forced to dig up old pallets and cardboard boxes from the dump pile to make makeshift beds.

"We used sandbags and plastic lining for ice chests for the once-a-day ice delivery of a few bags that would promptly melt in about an hour. Water was limited to a few bottles a day per soldier, but we all drank at least 8 1.5 li-

ters. It was amazing how thirsty we all were, and cold water was more precious than anything you can imagine.

"Well, enough of Kuwait, as that was only the first 7 days of my 14 months 'down range.'

"I flew into Baghdad International Airport on 13 May 2003, arriving in the dark in a C-130 Air Force plane. Descending into BIAP is like nothing else. The planes approach the air space very high, and then rapidly descend in a circular corkscrew pattern. They also frequently expel flares, which are meant to project a heat signature for surface-to-air missiles shot at them.

"Landing at BIAP is a celebration of making it through another flight. One civilian, a woman working for the U.S. government, wasn't so lucky. She was hit and killed by a single AK-47 round shot at her plane as it departed BIAP during late June 2004.

"My experiences are not exciting, nor are they full of the glamour of war we all see in movies. They are more of the loneliness and mundane things soldiers experience during long deployments. I moved my "hooch" (Army soldier home in the field) no less than six times in 14 months, and lived in everything from a porch to a place I named the closet. The closet was big enough for one cot from end to end, and wasn't deep enough to put two cots in parallel to each other. There was no power, no A/C, and the windows were broken out, which meant dust was free to blanket my belongings on a daily basis.

"We were initially issued only two desert uniforms for deployment, which meant you had to rotate quite frequently. The big events in life were washing clothes, getting mail, sitting under the stars smoking Cuban cigars, and getting e-mail from anyone. Clothes-washing was an archaic process consisting of a big bucket, laundry soap and a good attitude. ...

"I frequently listened to my little radio in the evenings just to hear the BBC. They could have been talking about grass growing, but it was better than staring at the walls.

"My wife, Mariangela, sent at least 100 packages to me during the deployment, and they were the most precious things in the world. She'd write little notes to me on yellow Post-its, and I still have some of them today. She'd write things like 'LUV U', 'Eat a lot', 'Can't wait to see you', 'Be careful', 'You are the best.' Having her in my life was, and is, the best thing ever.



Sargent showing the news. He already knew.

"At first, we didn't know how long I'd be gone, and then we found out it was for a year, and then in April 2004, we found out we were being extended an additional three months. She handled it like a real soldier. Being a military wife is probably as hard as being in the military, and all married soldiers know what I mean."

**Capt. Justin K. Ward '01** was an attack helicopter pilot with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment in Iraq over the last Holiday Season. Following are excerpts from a mass-mailed holiday letter he sent home to family and friends in the States.

"Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays... this year, from Iraq...I hope this note finds each of you doing well this Holiday Season! ...

"Thanksgiving was surprisingly good. ... Although away from home, family and friends, it proved to be enjoyable to spend time with great people. The new dining facility was operational, so it was nice to have as close to a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner as can be expected in Iraq.

"The weather continues to be interesting: 118 when we got here, now in the 40s/50s. It doesn't sound that cold, but the temp changes pretty rapidly in the desert—we have actually had incidents of hypothermia because of the drastic and quick temp changes. As I mentioned earlier, we now have a dining facility, so MREs are a thing of the past. ...

"We did manage to purchase a rudimentary washing machine. It doesn't seem like a big deal unless you have ever had to wash your clothes by hand in a five-gallon bucket, carrying jugs of water back and forth from a water point...yeah, there's not a lot I take for granted anymore. We're still utilizing a tent with eight hose nozzles in it for a shower facility (yeehaa, no more baby wipes!); however, a fixed shower facility is under construction. ...

"We're continuing to fly a lot and support an incredible operational tempo. To date, we've flown almost 500 hours since deploying (just over three months by the time you get this). We normally fly 700-800 in an entire year when training at Ft. Bragg and supporting missions in the U.S. We'll probably fly close to 1,000 hours in the six months we're here.

"I used to joke about flying by comparing it to human age in 'dog years,' i.e., each minute in the air is stressful and busy enough to equal seven minutes on the ground, etc. It's exponentially relevant while flying in and around



Capt. Justine K. Ward, in his words, "in the office" and "outside the office."

Iraq. The environmental conditions, threat, increase in speed, decrease in altitude, lack of contrast and terrain all add to the complexity of the mission and flying, especially at night under night-vision goggles.

"I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, New Year and Holiday Season. I'm not sure what's on the schedule, but I'm sure we'll have something put together. I heard Drew Carey is coming, but no confirmation; apparently he went to Afghanistan last year. As we enter into the New Year, it should be pretty much downhill—we're scheduled to return towards the end of February/beginning of March '04. However, there are already rumors of the redeployment timeline moving to the right a bit. Unfortunately, I don't think I'll be making Gasparilla this year, and the Bucs are well into a season where my presence is obviously missed.

"Thank you all for the letters and packages. I apologize for the informality of the mass mailing, however, there doesn't seem to be enough time in a day (nor is picking up some Christmas cards really an option)."

**Sgt. Sam Wenzel Jr.** is a member of the 810<sup>th</sup> Reserve Military Police Company, based in Tampa. He returned in September from Camp Navistar in Kuwait, just over the border from Iraq. His duty involved convoy protection for supply vehicles on MSR-Tampa, which connects An Nasiriya, Baghdad and Fullujah. Most of the typically two-day runs to Baghdad were routine. At least one was anything but.



Sgt. Sam Wenzel Jr.

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## Part III: The Highest Honor

Like so many who could boast so much, they instead are reluctant even to mention their heroism.

**T**hey went to college after receiving the most revered military honor in the land. Most of their classmates never knew their noble secret.

To this day, it is a surprisingly little-known fact that three men who attended The University of Tampa—Harold A. Fritz, Ronald E. Ray and James A. Taylor—are among the 3,440 recipients since 1861 of America's highest award for military heroism, the Medal of Honor. Although none were ROTC cadets at UT, all studied at the University and earned their degrees here, and all interacted with the University's ROTC program, either before graduation or in the years hence.

Each earned his Medal in Vietnam. Hal Fritz graduated in 1975, six years after earning his Medal in 1969. Jim Taylor graduated in 1972, half a decade after being awarded the Medal for his heroism in action in 1967. Ron Ray also is from the class of '72. He was awarded the Medal in 1966.

Their stories are different, but each, unmistakably, is a portrait of "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty," and each is one of only 326 to live to wear the Medal around his neck.

"There used to be a classroom named for them," said Lt. Col. Deidre Dixon, UT ROTC director and Spartan Battalion commander, "but somehow, it has disappeared."

### Harold A. Fritz '75

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Troop A, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. Received Medal for action near Quan Loi in Binh Long Province, Republic of Vietnam, Jan. 11, 1969.

At UT, Hal Fritz sought and completed a bachelor of science degree in arguably one of the gentlest areas of study: elementary education.

"I wanted to leave the military and teach in Florida," he said.

While an undergraduate student at the

University in 1974-75, Fritz was tapped for service on the ROTC graduate scholarship program committee, at the urging of UT President B.D. Owens. He was a member of the Pen and Sword Society.

"I continue to enjoy the distinction of being an alumnus of The University of Tampa," he said recently. "After combat tours in Vietnam, the college environment of Tampa was both challenging and relaxing."

Five years before enrolling at UT, he received the Medal of Honor serving under Col. George S. Patton, son of the famous WWII general by the same name.

### According to His Medal of Honor Citation:

As he lead a seven-vehicle armored column to meet and then escort a truck convoy, Lt. Fritz and his men found themselves the sudden targets of an intense ambush.

Fritz was seriously wounded when his vehicle was struck in the initial attack. Quickly and astutely assessing his platoon's dire circumstances—exponentially outnumbered, surrounded, and in all likelihood, about to be overrun—Fritz scrambled to the top of his vehicle, ignoring his own physical condition and the inferno he was standing on, to direct the platoon.

He then dashed to each vehicle, fully in the line of fire from enemy gunners, to direct the repositioning of the platoon, distribute ammunition, direct return fire, even encourage his men and help the other wounded.

When the much larger enemy force began its inevitable assault to overrun the platoon, Fritz picked up a machinegun, "and through his exemplary action, inspired his men to deliver intense and deadly fire, which broke the assault and routed the attackers." A short time later, a second enemy force arrived, "advanced to within [seven feet] of the position and threatened to overwhelm the defenders."

By this point armed only with a pistol and a bayonet, Fritz, the future UT elementary education major, "led a small group of his men in a fierce and daring charge [that] routed the attackers and inflicted heavy casualties.



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Harold A. Fritz serving with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry in Vietnam, 1969.  
(Photo courtesy of Hal Fritz)

"When a relief force arrived, [he] saw that it was not deploying effectively against the enemy positions, and he moved through the heavy enemy fire to direct its deployment against the hostile positions. This deployment forced the enemy to abandon the ambush site and withdraw. Despite his wounds, Lt. Fritz returned to his position, assisted his men, and refused medical attention until all of his wounded comrades had been treated and evacuated."

Years later, Medal of Honor winner Hal Fritz never did get to teach.

"The United States Army would not allow my release from active duty," he said. "I travel and speak on a regular basis to elementary school young people and educators. The youth of this nation hold the future in their hands. We must never ignore the importance of embracing our youth and sharing experiences with them."

Today, Fritz lives with his wife in Peoria, IL.

## Ronald E. Ray '72

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Received Medal for action in Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam, June 19, 1966.

When Ron Ray traded bayonets for minarets a few years after his combat experience, it was to earn a degree in criminology. A minor irony may be that his combat experience came in a conflict that is commonly referred to as a war, but that is technically defined as a "police action."

Ray, who was born the day the Japanese attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, had left high school to enlist in the Army in 1959. After three years of service, the native of Cordele, GA, returned home. Restless after a mere two months of civilian life, he re-enlisted, this time joining Special Forces.

He excelled in daring activities, including one known as HALO, short for "high-altitude, low-opening" parachute jumps. The HALO jumps required exiting an airplane at altitudes so high that portable oxygen was needed, then not opening the chute until within 1,500 feet of the ground.

It wasn't long before Ray's battalion commander recommended him for Officer Candidate School. Two weeks after his arrival in Vietnam, he was in command of a platoon that was headed for trouble.

## According to His Medal of Honor Citation:

When a reinforced company of Viet Cong attacked one of Lt. Ray's ambush patrols, Ray quickly organized a reaction force that proceeded through more than a mile of dense jungle to the contact area.

After leading his group through the enemy's front line to reach the trapped patrol, Ray began directing reinforcement of the site. When high-volume automatic weapons fire pinned down three of his men, he ended the threat with a well-placed grenade, and dispatched four Viet Cong with rifle fire.

Hostile fire broke out next on medics trying to move wounded to safety. Ray again directed return fire on the enemy position, then moved in on the position close enough to single-handedly wipe it out with more deftly lobbed grenades and his 12-gauge shotgun.

Moments later, he saw an enemy grenade land near two of his men, who were unaware of it. "Without hesitation or regard for his safety," the citation says, "he dove between the grenade and the men, thus shielding them from the explosion while receiving wounds in his exposed feet and legs." Despite the shrapnel wounds from the grenade and additional wounds from an enemy machinegun, he wiped out the latter threat with his last grenade.

Ignoring "great pain from his wounds" and fighting through momentary paralysis, Ray continued directing his men, "providing the outstanding courage and leadership they vitally needed, and prevented their annihilation by successfully leading them from their surrounded position. Only after assuring that his platoon was no longer in immediate danger did he allow himself to be evacuated for medical treatment."

Ray's wounds required immediate surgery, after which he was transferred to the hospital at Fort Bragg, where he remained for six months. He retired on medical disability from the military in 1980. Since then, he has been president of Ronald E. Ray Inc., an investment company located in Winter Haven, FL. He later served as assistant secretary for the Department of Veteran Affairs, 1989-93. He lives in St. Petersburg, FL, and was commissioning speaker at last year's ROTC graduation at UT.



Ron Ray addresses Spartan Battalion cadets (above) at the 2003 commissioning ceremony. (ROTC Photo)

**R**ay, who was born the day the Japanese attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, had left high school to enlist in the Army in 1959.

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### The Highest Honor

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## James A. Taylor '72



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Troop B, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, Americal Division. Received Medal for action west of Que Son, Republic of Vietnam, Nov. 9, 1967.

Jim Taylor enlisted in the Army in 1957 at the age of 19. He served as an enlisted man for a decade before being selected for Officer Candidate School. As soon as he graduated, he was assigned his command in Vietnam.

### According to His Medal of Honor Citation:

Lt. Taylor's troop, which he served as executive officer, was on a search-and-destroy mission when it came under intense fire from enemy weapons including recoilless rifles, mortars and automatic weapons positioned directly in front of them. Immediately, one armored cavalry assault vehicle was struck by recoilless rifle fire. All five crewmembers were wounded, and danger of the vehicle exploding was imminent.

Aware of the grave danger that his men would be incinerated, Taylor rushed forward to pull the men from the crippled vehicle to safety despite a continuous hail of exploding ammunition and enemy fire. A second vehicle was hit a few moments later. Again ignoring heavy enemy fire, Taylor advanced on foot to extract

the wounded from the burning vehicle. He then personally moved the crew to safety at a nearby dike just before the vehicle exploded.

Taylor was badly wounded by mortar fire as he attempted to return to his vehicle, "yet he valiantly returned to his vehicle to relocate the medical evacuation landing zone to an area closer to the front lines. As he was moving his vehicle, it came under machinegun fire from an enemy position not 50 yards away."

Engaging the enemy with machinegun fire, Taylor eliminated the three-man threat. As his convoy arrived at the new evacuation site, a third vehicle was struck. Yet again, Taylor rushed forward to rescue the wounded from the vehicle, loaded them aboard his vehicle, and returned them safely to the evacuation site.

"His actions of unsurpassed valor," the citation reads, "were a source of inspiration to his entire troop, contributed significantly to the success of the overall assault on the enemy position, and were directly responsible for saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers."

Taylor lives in his native California. He and Hal Fritz were acquainted on campus, "and indeed a rascal he was," Fritz said.

*Editor's note: Citations are paraphrased from files in the U.S. Army Center of Military History; portions directly quoted are in quotation marks. Additional information was gleaned from Medal of Honor by Nick del Calzo and Peter Collier (Artisan, 2003) and individual sources. Photos are courtesy of the Home of Heroes Web site, except as noted. ■■■*

### Letters from the Front

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"MSR-Tampa was much like I-75 around here. It's a multiple-laned blacktop highway in both directions. It's three lanes going up to Baghdad much of the way. ...

"We rolled out at 4 a.m., and everything went fine all the way up to Baghdad. We were coming through a residential neighborhood of mostly mud homes, with a few two-story houses scattered here and there. About 7:15 a.m., a fire broke out. We were just driving along in Abu Ghraib when a roadside bomb went off.

"Fifteen or so guys on the second floor of this partially destroyed block building armed

with AK-47s hooked up on us. All these guys had their AKs trained on the first vehicle, a Humvee. They were trying to knock it out so our convoy would stop. Three of the four guys in the Humvee were hit by their rifle fire, but they kept going, and so did the rest of the convoy. ...

"They started running right at us with their RPGs. We started shooting at them with our .50-calibres, and they turned around and tried to run the other way. They never got a chance to fire their RPGs, because we cut them all down."

Wenzel begins college at UT in January. He will study government and world affairs under an ROTC Green to Gold scholarship. ■■■

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# UT Virtually Unscathed by Frances, Ivan

By **Grant Donaldson**  
Director of Public Information

**H**urricane preparation pays, especially when it comes with a healthy helping of good fortune.

Thanks to Ivan's wide turn west into the central Gulf of Mexico 200 miles offshore, The University of Tampa escaped its ravages Sept. 15, as it had those of Hurricane Frances the previous week, with minimal damage to the campus. There were little more than doses of anxiety and boredom for the estimated 2,500 students who stayed on campus for the duration of Frances.

Anticipating a direct hit from a category 4 hurricane, the University urged resident students to leave for Ivan, and many did. Approximately 1,400 remained on campus.

The most fortunate bit of luck was that most of the campus never lost power through the rain and winds that Tampa experienced; so water pressure, electrical power, phone service, cell phones, Internet and Web site all operated without interruption. Much of the rest of Tampa was not that fortunate, as power outages were widespread throughout the Bay area.

While Ivan was the monster, distance made it tamer than Frances on the Suncoast.

## Frances

During Frances, UT experienced partial loss of power in the library, McKay residence hall and Res-com housing complex, resulting in the loss of air conditioning for a brief period.

There were a high number of inquiries on the UT Web, presumably from parents and

relatives who wanted to stay informed on the status of the campus. Staff was brought in to provide round-the-clock service so that callers would have someone to answer their questions.

Students entertained themselves with slip-and-slide sessions on the lawn and beach volleyball contests between the rain showers.

"I thought it was going to be a lot worse than it was," said Rebecca Calix, a second-semester freshman from Long Island, NY. "It was kind of fun. We ran around in the rain and played soccer and football."

For those who wanted to stay dry, the University provided first-run movies in each residence hall and in the Vaughn Center's Reeves Theater. The McNiff Fitness Center was staffed by students, and the Martinez gym and weight room were open. The Spartan Club also was opened to provide some diversion with electronic games, foosball and pool.

"We were determined to stay one step ahead of this storm as best we could," said President Ron Vaughn, who serves as head of the core Emergency Operations Team, which began regular meetings on Sept. 1 when Hurricane Frances was still located in the Bahamas.

The team met each day during the weekend, refining its responses, changing messages on the Web site, issuing global e-mails and voice-mail messages, and updating the media on emergency planning.

In order to provide uninterrupted services, the core team brought in a number of staff and their families to stay in University quarters for the duration of the emergency. President Vaughn and other key Emergency Operations Team members also slept on campus so that they could continuously check on students and respond to any emergencies that might arise.

## Weather

By the time Frances got to Tampa on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5, it had been downgraded to tropical storm status, with steady winds of about 40 miles per hour and gusts a bit higher.

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A few individual students, and members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta, were out in front of the Sykes College of Business with rakes, brooms and gloves, pitching in with the post-Frances clean-up effort.

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### JANUARY

**Monday, Jan. 17**  
Fifth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

### FEBRUARY

**Thursday, Feb. 10**  
MBA Information Session  
5:30-7 p.m.  
Vaughn Center Board Room

**Saturday, Feb. 12**  
MBA and MS-TIM  
Information Session  
10:30 a.m.-noon.  
Sykes College of Business  
Information Theater,  
room 134

### MARCH

**Wednesday, March 2**  
Career Services presents  
HIRE-UT Education and  
Human Services Career  
Fair  
1-3 p.m.  
Plant Hall Fletcher Lounge

**Friday, March 11**  
Chiselers' Market Preview  
Party.  
7-9 p.m.  
Plant Hall  
\$50

**Saturday, March 12**  
Chiselers' Market Sale  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Plant Hall

**Thursday, March 17**  
MBA Information Session  
5:30-7 p.m.  
Vaughn Center Board Room

**Friday, March 18**  
Florida Directors' Institute  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Vaughn Center  
Reeves Theater  
\$500

**Saturday, March 19**  
MBA and MS-TIM  
Information Session  
10:30 a.m.-noon  
Sykes College of Business  
Information Theater,  
room 134

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# Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Class of '04

**U**T sports alumni, coaches past and present, and area dignitaries gathered in the Crescent Club at Vaughn Center for the University's annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Oct. 14. Long-time local sportscaster Dick Crippen, now the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' executive director of community development, was master of ceremonies.

On Oct. 15, the accompanying Hall of Fame Golf Tournament played at Avila Golf and Country Club.

The University of Tampa Athletic Hall of Fame, established in 1962, celebrated its 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, and its members have been active in their support of UT athletics, said Larry Marfise, UT athletic director.

"For the past 14 years, UT Athletic Hall of Fame members have sponsored our annual golf tournament to support

athletic scholarships," said Marfise. "This year, our focus is to develop a new Athletic Hall of Fame display area in the Martinez Sports Center, in addition to generating scholarship dollars. We are grateful to the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee members for dedicating their resources toward this effort."

## Eight student-athletes inducted:

**Laura Atterberry-David** (swimming; 1987-88) is UT's most decorated swimmer, winning five national championship events including three individually (50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyle) and two with relays (400M freestyle relay in 1987 and '88). Her times in those five events are still school records.

**DeCarlo Deveau** (men's basketball; 1990-94) was named National Player of the Year by *College Sports Magazine*, and was a first-team

NABC All-American in 1994. He was a two-time Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year, and holds UT's school scoring records.

**Danielle Faggion-Marante** (volleyball; 1996-2000) was selected the 2000 Sunshine State Conference Female Athlete of the Year, and is only the third player in AVCA history to become a four-time All-American. She owns the school and conference assists records.

**Jackie Langley-Driscoll** (women's basketball; 1974-78) still ranks first in UT career rebounding and second in career scoring while holding the season scoring average record at 25.6 points per game.

**Henrik Nebrelus** (men's soccer; 1995-97) was a three-time first-team All-American and the 1995 National Player of the Year. Twice the Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year, he holds UT's scoring records.

**Paul Russo** (baseball; 1988-90) was the 1990 Sunshine State Conference Athlete of the Year and a two-time first-team All-American. He holds the school record for hits in a season, and ranks second only to Tino Martinez in several other offensive categories.

**Ervin Smith** (football and wrestling; 1971-74) was a Florida Collegiate State Champion in wrestling in 1973 and runner-up heavyweight in '74 who appeared in two NCAA championship tournaments. In addition, he was a starting defensive tackle and senior co-captain on the football team.

**Justin Throneburg** (men's soccer; 1988-91) was the 1991 National Goalkeeper of the Year and a two-time All-American. He holds school records for best season GAA and career shutouts. He is one of two SSC Silver Anniversary goalkeepers.

## Two coaches inducted:

**Tom Fitzgerald** (men's soccer coach, 1987-95) led UT to the 1994 NCAA II National Championship, and is just the third coach in history to win NCAA titles in both Division I (with UCLA) and Division II. He led the Spartans to three NCAA II Final Four appearances while his teams won five Sunshine State Con-



**Hall of Fame class of '04.** From left, seated: Jackie Langley-Driscoll, Danielle Faggion-Marante, Laura Atterberry-David. Standing: Justin Throneburg, Richard Schmidt, Tom Fitzgerald, Ervin Smith, Paul Russo. Not pictured: DeCarlo Deveau and Henrik Nebrelus.

# Alumna Becomes Federal Judge

**V**irginia Maria Hernandez Covington '76, '77 became a federal judge for the middle district of Florida. She was nominated by President Bush in February, and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Sept. 7. She had been a Florida appeals judge since 2001, and before that, spent nearly 20 years with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tampa, where she became chief of asset forfeiture.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer," Covington said, an ambition that began "well before high school, maybe sixth or seventh grade. It seemed like an interesting and fulfilling career. I haven't been disappointed."

Covington was the first Cuban-American woman appointed to a Florida appellate court. Her federal appointment fills a bench left vacant by the death last November of Judge Ralph Nimmons Jr.

After graduation from UT, the native of

Tampa earned a juris doctor degree at Georgetown University Law Center. She then became a trial lawyer for the Federal Trade Commission and an assistant state attorney in Hillsborough County.

Undaunted by the heavy caseload before her (she will be handed 500 cases to start), Covington said she was "ready to jump in." Her eagerness will be helpful, if not necessary: The middle district of Florida is one of the nation's largest federal court districts, handling federal cases from 35 of the state's 67 counties, accounting for about 55 percent of the state's population, said Chief Judge Patricia Fawsett.

Covington received an Alumni Achievement Award from UT's National Alumni Association in 2003. She is the daughter of a former UT history professor, Dr. James W. Covington, who taught at the University from 1950-93. ■■■



Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington

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ference Championships and made nine consecutive trips to the NCAA II Tournament. He left UT for a position in Major League Soccer, ultimately leading the Columbus Crew to the playoffs, and coached two years at UCLA before returning to UT this year.

**Richard Schmidt** (men's basketball coach, 1983-present), in 21 years has guided UT basketball to 14 NCAA II Tournament appearances including one Final Four and eight SSC championships, and has received six SSC Coach of the Year awards. He re-started the basketball

program at UT in 1982 after a 13-year hiatus, and took a starting lineup of four freshmen and a junior to an SSC Tournament Championship. It was the first team in any division to win an NCAA Tournament bid in its first year.

The 1970 Spartan football team, which held a No. 1 national ranking and finished 10-1, was honored as a group.

President Vaughn also presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to **Sam Bailey**, for whom the University's softball field is named. The award henceforth will be called the Sam Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award. ■■■

## Former Surgeon General Honored

Dr. Antonia Coello Novello speaks on Oct. 23 at the Vaughn Center, where she was honored as the MOSI National Hispanic Scientist of the Year. Novello was the nation's first woman and first Hispanic to serve as surgeon general, a post she held from 1990-93. Novello, presently New York state health commissioner, spoke about health education, 9/11, heart disease and other topics. UT helped sponsor the annual awards gala. ■■■



## @ut.edu ARTS to do CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

**Wednesday, Jan. 26**

Songs and Society: Pop Music at the Turn of the (Twentieth) Century. Yvonne Dechance, soprano; Tara Swartzbaugh, piano  
4 p.m.

Vaughn Center  
Reeves Theater

### FEBRUARY

**Sunday, Feb. 20**

UT Wind Ensemble with Palm Harbor University High School Band  
5 p.m.  
Falk Theater

**Tuesday, Feb. 22**

UT Wind Ensemble with H.B. Plant High School Band  
7:30 p.m.  
H.B. Plant High School Auditorium

**Friday, Feb. 25**

Yolanda Richards, senior voice recital  
7:30 p.m.  
Plant Hall Grand Salon

**A complete listing of University events can be found at [ut.edu](http://ut.edu)**

# Board of Trustees Welcomes New Members

**T**he UT Board of Trustees this fall welcomes four new members for three-year terms and five new ex-officio members, while promoting a long-time officer to emeritus status.

New three-year members include two UT alumni—**Leo Berman '69** and **Dennis Zank MBA '82**.

Berman is president of HLB Management, a parent company for family-owned businesses in southern New Jersey and Palm Beach County with interests in motels, strip stores, marinas and aluminum manufacturing.

Zank is president of Raymond James & Associates Inc., serves on the firm's operating committee, and is a director of its insurance subsidiary, Planning Corp. of America.

Also joining the Board for three-year terms are **Lee Ann Ned** and **Philip Orsino**.

Ned is vice president and general manager of the USAA Southeast Regional Office, which provides support to policyholders in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Orsino is president and CEO of Masonite International Corp. The Toronto native was Canada's 2003 Outstanding CEO of the Year, and is a member of the board and Audit Committee of the Bank of Montreal.

New ex-officio members include **Velva Clark**, president of The Chiselers Inc., Board of Fellows Chairman **Stephen Murray**, Board of Counselors member **Curtis Rogers**, Parents Council President **Linda Ward**, and National Alumni Association President **Phil Hills '88**.

**Ernest Segundo Sr.**, Board of Fellows member 1992-97, and Board member since 1997, has been named trustee emeritus. ■■■

## Campus Site of Cuba Summit

The University campus was the site of a summit on U.S. relations with Cuba on Oct. 8. Sponsors rented space for the National Summit on Cuba, which was not a University event. The summit was noted as "lengthy and sometimes heated" by the *Tampa Tribune*, and a small group of protestors, some reportedly bused from Miami, gathered across Kennedy from Plant Hall.

Inside the Grand Salon, American and European politicians, business leaders and economists discussed the U.S. trade and travel embargos with the island nation. Essentially, two views were expressed: Speakers either opposed the present sanctions or supported them. Previous summits were held in Washington and Miami.

A spokesperson for the World Policy Institute, one of the summit's sponsors, said that Tampa was considered "logistically desirable" for discussing concerns for the Gulf Coast states at large, downplaying the city's more obvious status as home to a large Cuban-American population.

This was the third annual summit, with previous summits held in Washington and Miami. About 250 participants paid \$150 each to attend. ■■■



Leo Berman



Dennis Zank



Lee Ann Ned



Philip Orsino



Velva Clark



Stephen Murray



Curtis Rogers



Linda Ward



Phil Hills



Ernest Segundo Sr.

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Rain and possible coastal flooding were the big concerns as the back side of Frances moved through Tampa early Labor Day morning. A tidal surge of several feet came up the Hillsborough River, and water lapped into Plant Park and within 10 feet of McKay Hall.

Work crews were out early Tuesday morning after the winds began to subside. Unex-

pectedly, a few individual students, and members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta, were out with rakes, brooms and gloves.

"We took a day off from classes, but that doesn't mean you take a day off from life," said Jamal Wilburg, chapter president of Phi Beta Sigma. "We wanted to help out. It's our campus, and we want people to see a beautiful place."



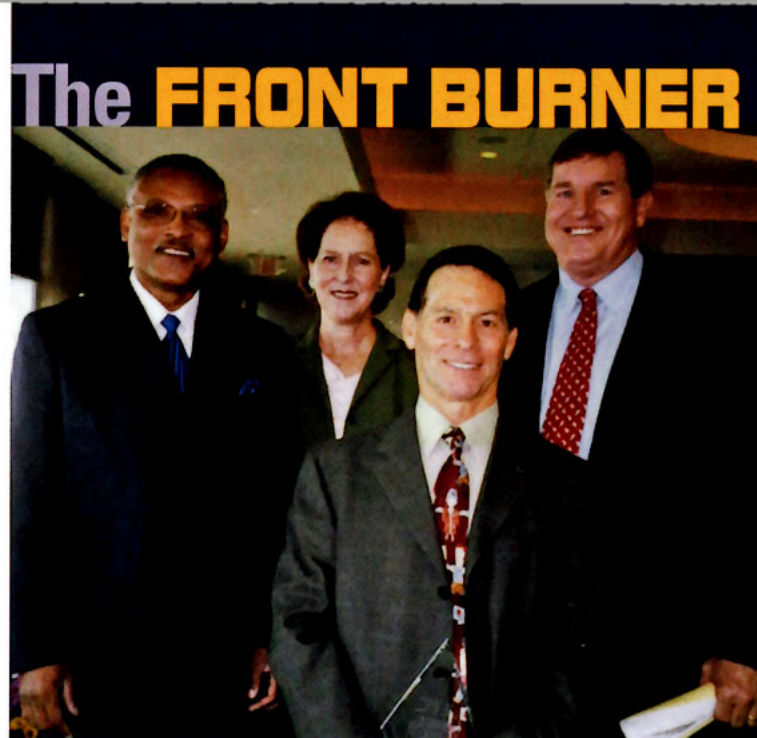
# Kaplan Gets Tampa Bay Ethics Award

**H** Roy Kaplan, Ph.D., received the 2004 Tampa Bay Ethics Award at the 14th annual Tampa Bay Ethics Award Breakfast in the Vaughn Center Crescent Club on Sept. 24.

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

Kaplan is executive director of the Na-

tional Conference for Community and Justice—Tampa Bay Region. He has led the human relations organization in addressing bias, bigotry and racism in the community. He has been recognized nationally as a “Hero of Education” by the U.S. Department of Education, and has served as an adviser on the President’s Commission on Race Relations, “One America.”



**Ethics in the forefront.** H. Roy Kaplan is honored with the Tampa Bay Ethics Award. Behind him are, from left, Tampa Community Affairs director Fred Hearn, former mayor Sandy Freedman and attorney Bill McBride.

# Hollingsworths Give \$788,000

**T**he University has received a \$788,000 gift from the Max H. and Ivy M. Hollingsworth Charitable Remainder Trust.

The gift completes funding for the \$1-million Max H. Hollingsworth Chair of American Enterprise at the University, and also funds the Max and Ivy Hollingsworth Project Development and Innovation Fund at a half-million dollars. The gift was made in memory of Max H. Hollingsworth and his wife, Ivy, who both died this year.

Max Hollingsworth was an executive with the Winn-Dixie grocery store chain for 45 years. He retired in 1979, but continued a long-term relationship with the University.

His passion for education led him to help found the Berkley Preparatory School, which today boasts 1,200 students. For 20 years, he served as a University of Tampa trustee, and the University was a major focus of his life after retirement.

In 1984, he set up the Chair of American Enterprise. He also supported a faculty teaching excellence and innovation program in the College of Business that since has been institutionalized across the University.

Among his contributions to UT, Hollingsworth served as a trustee from 1963-84 and served on the steering committee for the Center for Ethics and the Advisory Council for the College of Business.

In 2000, he was awarded the Lifetime of Integrity and Service Award from UT’s Sykes College of Business, and was one of only a few former trustees honored as a trustee emeritus.

“The tie with Dad, through the Chair of American Enterprise, is that a man with a can-do spirit could succeed. It is through free enterprise that the can-do spirit comes to fruition,” Holly O’Malley, Hollingsworth’s daughter, said in announcing the gift. “He hoped to pass that on, through education, to young people.”

Max and Ivy Hollingsworth are survived by O’Malley, son Jim Hollingsworth, and granddaughters Brook Perdigon and Ivy Gustafson.

## Up the River with a Paddle

Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio got an water-level look at the Hillsborough River during a three-hour canoe trip from the Lowry Park Zoo to The University of Tampa campus, Oct. 22. Iorio and a group of Bay Area environmental students were looking at how Tampa has used one of its most valuable assets, and seeking ways to encourage enjoyment of the tributary.



# Bright Flame Goes Out

By Dr. Andy Solomon  
Professor of English

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Tim O'Connor in his *Quilt* days at UT (seated at right in a 1979 Moroccan photo) and in a recent photo (inset—courtesy of Renée Zuckerbrot).



Our fiction workshop met around the table just beyond the Rathskellar bar a quarter-century ago. They were a talented and demanding group, unconcerned with false praise but obsessed with pushing a draft to become better.

One by one, we'd comment: Amy Hill Hearth, soon a *New York Times* features writer

whose *Having Our Say* would stay on bestseller lists for nearly three years; Dave Richards, later head of advertising for Eckerd Drugs; Connie May Fowler, whose *Before Women Had Wings* became an Oprah TV movie; Erika Mansourian, eventual editor at *Esquire* and Houghton Mifflin; John Omlor and

Howard Ibach, who would join the faculties of USF and Brown; Stephanie Tripp and Sharon Waldron, who would write for the *Tampa Tribune* and *St. Petersburg Times*; and Steve

Boyett, the toughest of all and first of them to publish a novel, which began at that table.

When Steve thought a writer gave anything but his or her best, he'd whip out a Zippo and burn his copy of the manuscript right there. A nonsmoker, Steve bought that lighter solely to ensure that all UT students took writing as seriously as he. Then everyone turned to the man they admired most. Not me, the instructor, but the man I, too, admired most. As manuscript ashes still smoldered beside Steve, Tim O'Connor would speak. He'd note the draft's strengths, as they were what the writer would need to build on. He'd painlessly reveal where it fell short, so the writer could make the story stronger.

We kept silent. That's how people always listened as Tim, in the most humble way, displayed his keen eye, saint-like gentleness, and love of excellence.

That love of excellence would inform everything Tim O'Connor did until the morning of June 22, when his wife, Renée, woke at dawn in their apartment to find Tim dead at 44 from a fatal reaction to a prescribed medication.

There was nothing Tim did that he wouldn't try to bring near perfection. Though he still rose before dawn each day to write, Tim earned his living overseeing computer network security for many years at NYU, these past two at Columbia University.

We all do our jobs as we can, but few with Tim's excellence. Tim solved over the phone problems in our computers that seemed unfixable to technicians sitting before them. Though he could never reveal details, Tim was on the short list of experts our government turns to for help finding treacherous hackers worldwide. The computer I type on is named *Tim's Son* because he built it for me and brought it when he visited this past May.

Three weeks after getting that computer, I flew to New York with my son, who had revered and adored Tim since toddler-hood. We sat in the funeral parlor in a row with people from that fiction workshop, from NYU and Columbia, even UT students and staff who had not been there when Tim was, but who had met him later and grown to love him. What struck us most was not how many people but *how much* we all loved him. We saw the pain in each other's eyes as we contemplated a Tim-less world.

I couldn't help but see again that Rathskellar table surrounded by gifted young people with wonderful futures, all of us listening to Tim, all of us knowing that if we made any mistake in taking him as our model, it was only in aiming too high.

Andy Solomon, professor of English, created UT's writing major in 1976 and taught in it for more than two decades. ■■■

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# University Gets Nuclear Spectrometer

**T**he Department of Chemistry and Physics acquired a new 300MHz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer this fall.

Similar in concept to the magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, devices commonly found in hospitals that take pictures inside of the body, the NMR allows chemists to take pictures of molecules and determine the structure of a newly created chemical material, said Dr. Joseph Laurino, associate professor of chemistry and associate director of the Honors Program.

Additionally, Laurino said, the instrument can determine the interactions between two or more molecules during a chemical reaction, thereby allowing researchers to investigate reaction mechanisms.

Essential to the NMR is the superconducting cryogenic magnet, similar to, but smaller

than, those used in some magnetic levitation-type transportation vehicles. The magnet requires constant cooling to about -500°F with liquid helium and liquid nitrogen. Because of the sensitive nature of the magnet and the instrument, a special facility—actually, a small suite—had to be built in the new Cass Building.

In addition to highly controlled environmental and electrical power systems, the main room housing the NMR is equipped with state-of-the-art oxygen sensors, water sensors, and temperature and humidity control devices. All of the essential parameters are electronically monitored at all times, and abnormal conditions are automatically reported to key personnel.

"The infrastructure to support this thing is more than there is for the instrument itself," Laurino said. "This is the most carefully monitored room on campus."

The machine will provide an impressive increase in molecular research capabilities at the University, Laurino said.

"We're going for American Chemical Society accreditation," he said of the \$300,000 instrument, "and having an NMR spectrometer is just about required for that. Most schools this size don't have one. You'll typically find them at large tier-one research universities."

The chemistry/physics department will begin using the instrument in advanced laboratory instructional courses and in student research projects by the end of the fall semester, Laurino said. ■■■



The NMR spectrometer in its berth in the Cass Building.



Dr. Joseph Laurino at the controls of the University's newest research tool.

## "ChemBA" Programs Added

**T**wo new BS/MBA degrees at UT will allow students interested in biomedical, biotechnical, pharmaceutical and chemical careers to earn undergraduate degrees in either biochemistry or chemistry and an MBA degree in five years of study.

With Tampa Bay's growing interest in creating and attracting biomedical and biotech-

nology-related companies, the program is the first in the region to specifically prepare students for careers in these fields.

The University joins the ranks of such schools as Penn State and the University of North Carolina in offering the combination. Best known for its liberal arts and business programs, UT has invested substantial re-

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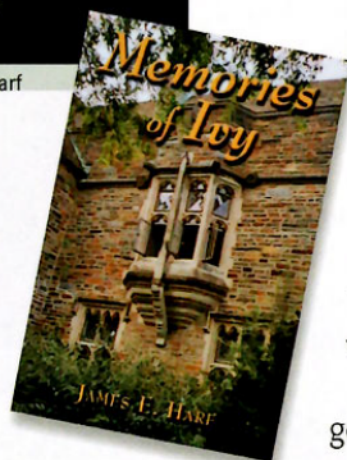
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## Publisher Sees Gold in Ivy



Dr. James Harf



**D**r. James E. Harf, director of International Programs and professor of government and world affairs, may be the last person on campus anyone would guess for a romance novelist. A spy novel, maybe, or something brimming with world politics or some kind of global intrigue, but romance?

Nonetheless, romance it is, and Harf's recently completed manuscript, *Memories of Ivy* (which really is a serious love story rather than a romance novel in the pedestrian sense), struck gold immediately with a publisher (which just happens to be called Ivy House) and various reviewers and pre-viewers. One reader called the book "one of the best works of fiction we have seen lately."

The story is of a Duke University government professor, Jonathan

Hawthorne, and his "unrelenting physical and emotional desire" for Sarah Mathews, a student in one of his classes in the fall of 1967. The plot follows Hawthorne's pursuit of Mathews over the next 25 years, focusing on his inner conflicts of strong moral and professional codes versus desire.

The fact that the lead male character is a government professor, and further, that Harf spent a year as a visiting professor at Duke, has everyone asking the question that is as unavoidable as it is irresistible: fiction or coyly disguised autobiography? The author's answer may or may not satisfy, depending on one's point of view.

"The novel is strictly fiction," Harf replies. "Debut novelists write about what they know. The Duke campus description is a very accurate description."

The book will be available to buyers everywhere in the spring. ■■■

## New Fulltime Faculty, Fall 2004

NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	HIGHEST DEGREE
Wasif Alam	Visiting Associate Professor	Baccalaureate Experience	MD: medicine
Jay Anthony	Visiting Associate Professor	Communication/English and Writing	MA: journalism
Brian Babbitt	Visiting Associate Professor	Psychology	Ph.D.: psychology—cognitive development
Eric Ballard	Assistant Professor	Chemistry	Ph.D.: organic chemistry
Stephen Blessing	Assistant Professor	Psychology	Ph.D.: psychology
Louis Bonavita	Instructor	Government, History and Sociology	MA: sociology
Leslie Broadway	Assistant Professor	Military Science	MA: management and supervision
Matt Burge	Visiting Assistant Professor	Art	MFA: art and technology—digital imaging, animation and video
Donald Cannon	Professor	Chemistry	Ph.D.: biochemistry
Kim Curry	Assistant Professor	Nursing	Ph.D.: adult education curriculum and instruction
Kari Fowler	Assistant Professor	Mathematics	Ph.D.: mathematics
Bella Galperin	Associate Professor	Management	Ph.D.: business administration
Karl Hill	Visiting Instructor	Communication	MA: communication arts
Lois Jordan	Visiting Assistant Professor	Information and Technology Management	Ph.D.: industrial engineering
Ronald Kuntze	Assistant Professor	Marketing	Ph.D.: marketing
James Lee	Assistant Professor	Marketing	Ph.D.: business administration—marketing
Barbara Lippincott	Assistant Professor	Accounting	Ph.D.: accounting
James Lopez	Assistant Professor	Languages/Linguistics	Ph.D.: Spanish
Vanessa Newell	Visiting Assistant Professor	Communication	MFA: film production
Jay O'Sullivan	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science and Sport Studies	Ph.D.: zoology
Wendy Perry	Visiting Instructor	Mathematics	MA: mathematics
Maria Rost Rublee	Assistant Professor	Government, History and Sociology	Ph.D.: international relations
Thomas Sager	Assistant Professor	Military Science	BS: agricultural studies
Alisa Smith	Visiting Assistant Professor	Criminology	Ph.D./JD: criminology
Daniel Verreault	Associate Professor	Accounting	Ph.D.: accounting
Andrew Wheat	Visiting Associate Professor	English and Writing	Ph.D.: literature
Jennifer Wortham	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science and Sport Studies	Ph.D.: environmental and evolutionary biology

# UT Press Releases *Stein Mart*

**W**hen Jewish Russian immigrant Sam Stein came to America with big dreams in 1905, he didn't come with much else: his clothes and \$43, to be precise. He drifted from New York southwest to Memphis, then south down the Mississippi River to Greenville, MS. To eek out a meager existence, he became a peddler of cheap house wares to the impoverished rural residents of the Mississippi Delta area.

After a few backbreaking years, he opened a small store in Greenville. From that inauspicious beginning, one of the great stories of the American dream came to life. Next year will mark the centennial of Stein Mart, a 260-plus chain of stores from coast to coast that now is based in Jacksonville, FL.

It was Sam Stein's eldest son, Jake, who worked the small but successful family store into the largest variety store in the Delta area and gave it its modern name. Jake's son Jay thought bigger still. He opened a second store, in Memphis in 1977, and began an aggressive expansion that rapidly mushroomed into the modern Stein Mart empire. As the chain grew, he relocated the company's headquarters to Jacksonville in 1992.

Jay Stein was at The University of Tampa on Oct. 15 for the release by the UT Press of the book about his family, *Stein Mart: An American Story of Roots, Family, and Building a Greater Dream*.

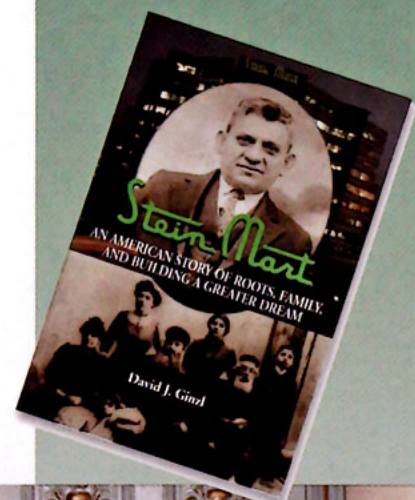
Author David J. Ginzl also was on hand for the release. Ginzl is a respected historian of Florida business, having previously penned

*Images of America: Barnett Bank* (Arcadia, 2000) and his first book published by the University of Tampa Press, *Barnett: The Story of "Florida's Bank"* (2001). A review in *Florida Historical Quarterly* called the latter "the best book ever written on commercial banking in Florida, and indeed one of the best volumes ever produced on the economic and business history of the entire state."

Stein joined Sykes College of Business dean Joe McCann in a living-room style discussion in the Allen N. Reeves Theater. Stein's advice to budding entrepreneurs: Treat everyone with respect, and value the contribution of every member of your organization, right down to the person who sweeps the floor. Learn even that floor-sweeper's name, and thank him personally for what he does.

Ginzl and Stein later signed copies of the new book at a luncheon in the Grand Salon with McCann, UT Press director Richard Mathews, UT President Ron Vaughn, and other members of the University and business communities.

To order a copy of *Stein Mart*, contact the UT Press at (813) 253-6266 or <http://utpress.ut.edu>. ■■■



At the release party for *Stein Mart* are, from left, Sykes College of Business dean Joe McCann, Stein Mart president Jay Stein, author David J. Ginzl, and UT president Ron Vaughn.

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sources in its science programs over the past several years.

"A unique part of this new program is the significant time spent in internship activities designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of both business and science," said Dr. Joseph Laurino, chair of the department of chemistry and physics, and anticipated 2005 graduate of the MBA program. "Better and more broadly trained individuals make better employees, scientists and business leaders."

Students in the program will complete undergraduate business courses in accounting, economics, finance, marketing and management, in addition to all of the liberal arts, biology and chemistry courses required for the BS degree, in about 3 1/2 years. Participants will complete their graduate business courses and internship requirements during the remaining 1 1/2 years of study. The program is the only one in the Tampa Bay area that offers an accelerated MBA degree to non-business and non-engineering students. ■■■

# A Life Well-Celebrated

By Grant Donaldson  
Director of Public Information

**T**he celebration of David DeLo's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday was a high-spirited affair with good food, wine, speeches and wisecracks by the almost centenarian. It was attended by a host of family members and close friends at his Seminole retirement community home four years ago.

David, as usual, was the vortex of the conversation, listening and commenting on whatever subject was being discussed. At the close of the party, he advised me, with a characteristic optimism, to save the date for the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> year. He didn't quite make it. He died on Oct. 31, about six weeks before his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. But knowing David, I wonder if the Almighty didn't maybe ask him if he agreed that it was time to go, rather than just take him the way He does the rest of us mortals. David's strength of will and zest for life were strong until the end.

He served as UT's fifth president, from 1958 to 1971, and is singularly credited with having saved the University at a time when it was within a whisper of its own demise. That's what brought him to my Plant Hall office one day in 1992 with a sheaf of papers under his arm bearing the strange title of *The Last Rites Never Came*.

David had just left UT President David

Ruffer's office, where he had been directed to see me about publishing his book. He was 86 and carried himself with purposeful vigor. The fact that we didn't publish books failed to deter him. But the UT Press had just been created, at least on paper, and director Richard Mathews, a UT English professor, agreed to look at the manuscript. It was the first book the Press published.

David's *Last Rites* were the memoirs of his years here, a work that he humbly volunteered had more value for its historical contribution than for its literary power.

Today, more than 30 books later, Mathews fondly remembers the experience of publishing the first one.

"I remember David DeLo as having an amazing clarity of mind, not only for the past and the details of his administration, but for the present as well," said Mathews. "More than 20 years after he left, he was still promoting and enlarging his vision of UT. I think his purpose in doing this book was as a gift to the University, to be added to our history."

Certainly, the book is the only comprehensive first-person account in University archives by a former president.

David's vision and tenure at UT endeared



DeLo was in the prime of his presidency when this photo was taken in 1963.



DeLo Park was dedicated on campus Dec. 3, 2002. In attendance were (clockwise from left) Martha Vaughn, President Ron Vaughn, Estelle DeLo and David DeLo.



DeLo (center) spent a lot of time working with students and mentoring them. The photo probably was taken in the mid-1960s.

him to current president Ron Vaughn when he took over in 1995, and they became close friends. Vaughn credits him with having laid the foundation for his own success in growing the University more than 20 years later. Many people thought that when David came in 1958, he was being brought in to write the last chapter on UT, but instead, he doubled enrollment, revitalized curriculum, quadrupled the size of the campus, and either acquired or built 10 new buildings.

"In periods where there is no leadership, organizations and societies stand still. Progress occurs when courageous and skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better," said Vaughn at a memorial service for DeLo on Nov. 11. "David DeLo was one of those true leaders so important to facilitating positive change in turbulent times."

When the 74-year-old DeLo Hall was demolished to make room for a new student union/residence hall, Vaughn made sure that the DeLo name would endure by dedicating a campus park in his honor in 2002.

David and wife, Estelle, attended the dedication. A wheelchair restricted David's body that day, but it couldn't contain his still-active mind and enthusiasm for life. A student enlisted to push him wherever he wanted to go had an exhausting day.

The story of David Marion DeLo's life accomplishments would fill a book, but that isn't the purpose of this tribute. His son said that David referred to awards and accolades as symbols of a misspent life...and he had little regard for "recognitions for longevity."

No, the magic was in David's knack for making people feel valued and important. It

about our mutual love for the west, where he founded an innovative geological field station for Knox College, near the tiny town of Dubois, WY. He was president of Wagner College on Staten Island, NY, for six years before coming to UT.

At his memorial service at Freedom Square in Seminole, there were many friends and family, among them his daughter, Diana Marie Betts, and son, David Michael DeLo, both of whom call Montana home.

David Michael related a story in which his father noted that his legs seemed to be weak after a long day hiking down a Wyoming mountain, and he observed that he might have to start cutting back a little. The senior DeLo was 82 at the time.

The memorial service was a respectful yet cheerful event, and the only thing greatly missed was the booming voice of the guest of honor, and his wry observations. Some would say that 98 years is enough for any man, but I think all who knew him wish that he had been able to stay a little longer. ■■■

worked on family and friends alike, and you got the feeling that people would give him anything he asked for.

He had many other lives. He was the son of a Lutheran minister, educated at Miami of Ohio and the University of Kansas, with a doctorate from Harvard. He was a geologist by training; we had many conversations

**D**avid referred to awards and accolades as symbols of a misspent life...and he had little regard for "recognitions for longevity."

### *Upon My Father's 93rd Birthday, I just want to say . . .*

*Dear Father:*

*You may walk with a cane . . .  
but I've seen you stride the hills of Wyoming  
when the Aspen leaves applauded with wind  
that whistled through the pines.*

*You may not see as well today . . .  
but, standing on a mountain ledge  
I've watched you trace a thousand folds  
and faults that lay beneath the land.*

*You may forget more often now . . .  
but when you taught, images and facts flowed like  
the freshest mountain stream, and the symphony  
you made lingered in the minds of young and old.*

*I, too . . .  
have heard the trout smack water for the joy of leaping,  
have tasted the bite of a pre-dawn wind, and  
have stood at the pass to inhale the works of God.*

*You are with me when I walk.  
And when I look upon the land, my eyes are your eyes,  
and when I speak, I carry your words, and your thoughts.*

*And all this is true because I am your son.  
And you have taught me well.*

—By David Michael DeLo

# The Changing Arts Scene

**A** stunning new \$2-million art complex opened on the UT campus Oct. 2 with the dedication of the R.K. Bailey Art Studios in what once was a warehouse used to store furniture. Two years in the making, the 30,000-square-foot building was transformed into a luxurious complex of galleries, painting and ceramics studios, art library, photographic laboratory and darkroom, all made possible by a gift from the Bailey Family Foundation. The family and arts patrons celebrated at a dedication ceremony and a gala event the night before. Members of the Bailey family attended the event. ■■■



**Fine Artists.** Lew Harris, art department chair (left), and Terry Mohn, chair of the music department, turned out in fine threads for the occasion.



**The Donors.** From left, Ron and Beverly Bailey, R. Kyle and Michele Bailey, R. Kent and Cristina Bailey.

Hmmmm.... Left: A patron takes in a piece by featured artist Miriam Schapiro. Below: The new entryway to the art complex on North Boulevard.





**Best of Show.** The Baileys and other dignitaries (left) cut the ribbon signaling the official opening of the spacious gallery (above).



Left: Gallery Director Dorothy Cowden with her friend and featured New York artist Miriam Schapiro (at right in photo), who exhibited 20 major works created over the past quarter-century. Schapiro is recognized internationally as a leader in two art movements: the Feminist, and the Pattern and Decoration movements. Some of her work appears in photo above.



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# Schmidt and Jessee and the Ultimate Goal

One is a recently inducted member of The University of Tampa Athletic Hall of Fame, the other is building his own legacy with the Spartans. The Hall of Famer is considered by many to be a Bobby Knight clone on the sidelines, while the legacy builder is a bit less animated from the bench. The former has built a program that started from scratch 20-plus years ago, the latter inherited a program in need of a major restructuring. One is coaching in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year at The University of Tampa, the other is in his third season.

For all their differences, UT men's basketball coach Richard Schmidt and Spartans women's bench boss Tom Jessee couldn't be more alike when it comes to winning.

Each took his team to the NCAA Tournament in his first year with the Spartans. Each has chosen The University of Tampa as the place to coach basketball above anywhere else in the country. Schmidt has had one losing season in 21 years at Tampa, Jessee has had one losing campaign in 12 years as a college head coach. They are both driven by competition and the goal of winning the national championship. And although both are extremely dedicated to their vocation, each has interests away from the game of basketball that allows him to be much more well-rounded than most in his profession. Most important, they both have wives that are major parts of their lives.

## Overstating the Obvious

Schmidt revived the men's basketball program at UT in 1983 after 12 years of dormancy. Amazingly enough, he guided his first team to a 20-win season and an NCAA Tournament berth. In fact, in 11 of his first 12 seasons at Tampa, Schmidt directed his troops to 20 or more wins, and during that period took his team to the postseason tourney on 10 occasions.

Jessee has enjoyed similar success, mainly at his alma mater, Bluefield St. (WV), as he coached the Lady Blues to nine consecutive winning seasons, reaching the 20-win mark four times in that stretch. Then, in his first year with the Spartans, his team made the

NCAA Tournament, finishing with a 23-8 record. In 2003-04, with his team in the midst of a major rebuilding project, UT struggled to a 10-18 mark.

"I've had nothing but bad taste in my mouth since the end of last season," Jessee admitted. "It's the first losing season that I've had. I don't like that, and I want my kids to understand that. We don't want that feeling. It's competition—I've been around sports my entire life, and I don't like to lose."

Not surprisingly, Schmidt has similar disdain for the not-so-good times, but also enjoys the struggles involved in coaching and the pride involved in seeing his players succeed beyond their playing days here at the University.

"I hate losing, I enjoy the competitiveness of the game," Schmidt stated. "I consider myself a teacher. I get more out of watching the kids develop and improve and get better. We've had so many kids come here, get an education and do well in life, not only in basketball. So many of my kids have done so well, have made it big time. And then I have a bunch of them who are still playing pro basketball. We took Nate Johnston, who didn't even start on his JV team as a junior in high school, and he leaves here and goes in the NBA. DeCarlo Devaux never even played high school ball, came here and ended up being the Division II Player of the Year. I've got a lot of guys like that."

"Most of those kids weren't even recruited by anyone but me, and that's what drives me. To improve kids, see them get better. That's what I like more than anything else. I hate losing, but winning will come if you have the right people and do the right things."

The fact that both of these guys love to coach is overstating the obvious. It's the chase for that elusive national championship that drives each of them, so much so that these gentlemen can be seen on the sidelines in a rather excitable state. Schmidt is known for his tirades from the bench, while Jessee is a bit less demonstrative, yet still quite animated. Each has similar explanations for his sideline demeanor.

"I consider myself a teacher. I get more out of watching the kids develop and improve and get better."

—Richard Schmidt

"I'm very emotional, and as a young coach, I was a lot more fiery than I am today," Jesse said. "I'm not a silent coach; I believe that I can help the team from the sideline. I guess I'm still playing through those kids, so I'm still involved emotionally just like I'm playing in the game. We all get on the officials too much as coaches, we all know that. I'm not going to belittle them, but we're going to make sure they're working hard on a nightly basis. They're going to know I'm in the gym."

Schmidt, with his now famous bench antics, also has reasons for his demonstrative disposition.

"I can get after it a little bit. I've gotten a lot better through the years," Schmidt commented. "I'm more of a coach in the line of a Bobby Knight who likes to get the kids going, get on them. We like to make sure that they're doing the things that they're supposed to do. I get on the referees because I don't think that they're always taking the game as serious as the kids do and the coaches do, and that bothers me. I should be more like other people and look past that, but I just want them to do a good job."

## Horse Sense and Recruiting a Wife

Away from the court, Schmidt lives on 15 acres, providing him a getaway from the confines of the basketball court. He loves being outside and enjoys animals, so much so that he is recognized worldwide as an expert in breeding exotic birds.

"For a long time, I was importing a lot of birds and selling them to a lot of the better zoos in the United States. We also have horses and a lot of other things on our property that most people don't have. My wife's a saddle-bred horse trainer. So we have horses, and she's giving lessons and going to horse shows all the time," Schmidt said.

Schmidt mentions his wife, Mary Jo, because she is a big part of his life. They truly enjoy one another's company—and that of their five grandsons—and support each other's endeavors.

"She's in a competitive business, just like me. She understands the competitiveness of coaching, and I understand the competition within her business," Schmidt said. "We understand each other, and enjoy going to each other's events. If it isn't basketball, we're into

the horse shows and the bird shows and the breeding of animals and being around our grandkids."

The support Jesse has shown for his wife, Tiffany, and the pursuit of her medical career is admirable, to say the least. He actually left his coaching job at Bluefield St. to follow his wife to the Tampa Bay area.

"After nine years as head coach at Bluefield St., I had to make a choice," Jesse acknowledged. "My wife was in med school and needed to go to Florida to do her medical training, and we weren't going to have a long-distance marriage, so I left without work and came here. It was against my father's advice—'Don't quit one job until you have another one'—but I made the move down here."

Their relationship has an interesting story attached. The Jessees grew up together in "small-town America" and were dating at the time Jesse was interviewing to become the women's coach at Bluefield St. Tiffany was an outstanding high school basketball player in West Virginia. Jesse was up front during his interview that he and Tiffany were dating. He was offered the job, and recruited Tiffany to play for his team, a move the college supported.

"They had no problem with it. It was handled very professionally. Some people look at that differently, but I don't," Jesse admitted. "She was treated no differently than anybody else."

Separating work and personal life was not easy, but it was aided by the fact that Tiffany was a darn good basketball player.

"It was a fortunate thing that she was a good enough player to be a factor in the program. She was an Academic All-American there and is one of their all-time players," Jesse said. "I'm very proud of the fact she got a chance to play for me. She's a competitor,



**"I'm not a silent coach; I believe that I can help the team from the sideline."**

—Tom Jesse

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Lee Webber returns as one of the nation's best in the breaststroke.

## The Proof is in the Pool

Success and stability are synonymous with The University of Tampa swimming program. Ed Brennan has been the only head coach UT swimming has ever known, and year-in and year-out, he turns out men's and women's teams that are among the best in the nation. The 2004-05 season should be no different.

The Tampa women have placed eighth at the national meet for four consecutive years. As for the men's team, they placed 12<sup>th</sup> at the NAAs in 2003-04, and will look to make the leap back into the top 10 teams in the country, a ranking they secured every year since 1998 with the exception of last season.

The Spartan women return several NCAA qualifiers from a year ago to help Brennan attain his top-5 goal. Junior Shanna Halsell was seeded first in the 100m backstroke, and is a legitimate threat to win the

national championship in that event this year. She already holds the school record in that event, as well as in the 200.

Along with Halsell, other returning national qualifiers include Julie Visser, Jasmine DeGross, Diana Mielke, Meredith Roberts, Kacie Tomlinson and Meghann Mulbarger, and all scored points at the nationals. Bo Stith also is a returning qualifier from two years ago.

Halsell, DeGross and Roberts were the team's top scorers at the national meet.

Add to the mix a solid group of newcomers like Alex Colley, Mariesa Hardin and Katie Shald, and several promising returnees in Bethany Swigon, Sara Regan and Carol Bohnsack. If a large portion of this group is able to qualify nationally, Brennan's top-5 aspirations may come true.

Several members of the men's team also return with national experience. Those who will be competing to return to the NAAs are Lee Webber, Dan Laidlaw, Mac Mattingly and Dan Klee.

Webber made the finals in the 100m and 200m breaststrokes, and beat the returning national champion last year. Laidlaw was a member of the point-scoring relays, Mattingly scored in the 100m breaststroke, and Klee earned points in the 50m and 100m free events.

The top additions to the program include Ben Oshri, a transfer who already has scored at the Division II national meet, and freshmen Johnny McMahon and Zach Berg, who were high school teammates at Baylor School in Tennessee, and Fred Nesbit and Kyle Merritt. Brennan is looking for big things out of returnees such as Kyle Treen, Kevin Hensley, Flynt Foster, Dan Cucchi, Scott Hensley, Ryan Gober, and Malcolm Trier. All of these athletes have the ability to make the national cut, as well.

As the only coach in the history of the program, Brennan deserves all of the credit for UT's swimming success. The proof is in the pool. ■■■



Jasmine DeGross is a returning national qualifier in the butterfly.

## Bringin' it Home

Spartan volleyball players Katelen Dixon, Erin Clark and Sara Ellis (from left) celebrate a Homecoming victory over Rollins. ■■■



## Schmidt and Jessee CONTINUED FROM PAGE 25

and she carries that over into her work. I can go home and talk basketball with her, and she can give me some advice."

## The Right Fit and the Ultimate Goal

Advice is not something Schmidt or Jessee had to seek in order to realize that The University of Tampa is the right fit for each of them. Schmidt has made Tampa his home, and Jessee's intentions also are to be on campus for a long time. Both have turned down offers to leave UT to coach in Div. I, and both have chosen to stay with their Spartans.

Beyond that, the most significant common bond between the two is that they share the same ultimate goal.

"I begin to get a little more hungry now about winning a national championship. I can't imagine what that might feel like. We prepare each year with those dreams," Jessee concluded.

Just three years ago, Schmidt got the Spartans closer to that dream than any other basketball team in UT history, dropping an 85-84 overtime heartbreaker to Kentucky Wesleyan in the NCAA Division II Championship game. Nonetheless, he's just as proud of the annual success his team has enjoyed during his lengthy tenure.

"You'd like to win the national champion-

# SPORTS to do @ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### BASKETBALL

Men's (M) and women's (W) games played at Martinez Sports Center.

<b>Monday, Dec. 20</b>	5:30 p.m.
Davenport (MI) (W)	
<b>Monday, Dec. 20</b>	7:30 p.m.
Davenport (MI) (M)	
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 28</b>	7:30 p.m.
St. Ambrose (M)	
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 29</b>	5:30 p.m.
California Baptist (W)	
<b>Thursday, Dec. 30</b>	7:30 p.m.
St. Xavier-Chicago (M)	
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 5</b>	5:30 p.m.
Rollins (W)	
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 5</b>	7:30 p.m.
Rollins (M)	
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 12</b>	5:30 p.m.
Florida Tech (W)*	
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 12</b>	7:30 p.m.
Florida Tech (M)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 22</b>	2 p.m.
Nova Southeastern (W)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 22</b>	4 p.m.
Nova Southeastern (M)	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 29</b>	2 p.m.
Lynn (W)*	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 29</b>	4 p.m.
Lynn (M)*	
<b>Saturday, Feb. 5</b>	2 p.m.
Barry (W)*	
<b>Saturday, Feb. 5</b>	4 p.m.
Barry (M) *	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 16</b>	5:30 p.m.
Florida Southern (W)*	
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 16</b>	7:30 p.m.
Florida Southern (M)*	

**Wednesday, Feb. 23** 5:30 p.m.  
Eckerd (W)\*

**Wednesday, Feb. 23** 7:30 p.m.  
Eckerd (M)\*

### SWIMMING

**Thursday, Jan. 6** 11 a.m.  
UT Relay Invitational  
**Saturday, Jan. 15** noon  
Emory

### TENNIS

**Saturday, Feb.. 12** noon  
Florida Gulf Coast  
**Tuesday, Feb. 15** 3 p.m.  
Florida Southern\*  
**Saturday, Feb. 19** 9 a.m.  
Barry\*  
**Monday, March 14** 3 p.m.  
Indianapolis  
**Wednesday, March 16** 3 p.m.  
Florida Tech\*  
**Friday, April 1** 3 p.m.  
Eckerd\*  
**Monday, April 4** 3 p.m.  
Saint Leo\*  
**Friday, April 8** 3 p.m.  
Nova Southeastern\*  
**Saturday, April 9** 2:30 p.m.  
Lynn\*

### BASEBALL

Games played at Sam Bailey Field

**Saturday, Feb. 5** 2 p.m.  
Georgia College (DH)  
**Sunday, Feb. 6** 1 p.m.  
Georgia College  
**Tuesday, Feb. 15** 7 p.m.  
Florida Tech.  
**Saturday, Feb. 19** 2 p.m.  
Valdosta State (DH)

**Tuesday, Feb. 22** 7 p.m.  
Eckerd  
**Friday, March 4** 7 p.m.  
Rollins  
**Saturday, March 5** 1 p.m.  
Rollins (DH)  
**Monday, March 7** 7 p.m.  
Dowling  
**Tuesday, March 8** 1 p.m.  
St. Anselm  
**Thurs., March 10** 7 p.m.  
Concordia  
**Friday, March 11** 2 p.m.  
Shippensburg (DH)  
**Saturday, March 12** 1 p.m.  
Shippensburg  
**Monday, March 14** 7 p.m.  
Quinnipiac University  
**Tuesday, March 15** 7 p.m.  
U Mass.-Lowell  
**Friday, March 18** 7 p.m.  
St. Leo  
**Saturday, March 19** 1 p.m.  
St. Leo (DH)  
**Tuesday, March 22** 7 p.m.  
Franklin Pierce  
**Friday, April 1** 7 p.m.  
Florida Southern  
**Saturday, April 2** 1 p.m.  
Florida Southern (DH)  
**Friday, April 8** 7 p.m.  
Florida Gulf Coast  
**Saturday, April 9** 1 p.m.  
Florida Gulf Coast (DH)  
**Friday, April 15** 7 p.m.  
Eckerd  
**Saturday, April 16** 1 p.m.  
Eckerd (DH)  
**Friday, April 29** 7 p.m.  
Lynn  
**Saturday, April 30** 1 p.m.  
Lynn (DH)  
**CREW**  
**Saturday, April 9**  
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ship," Schmidt agreed. "That's got to be your goal every year. Some people do it, some don't. I would rather be very good year-in and year-out than win one and not be very good any more. Some people have done that, I'm more into the consistency. I don't like up and down."

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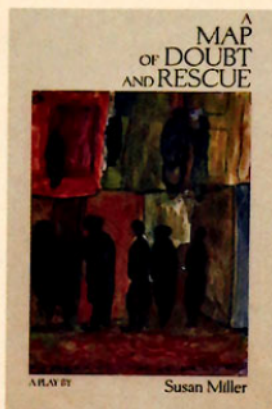
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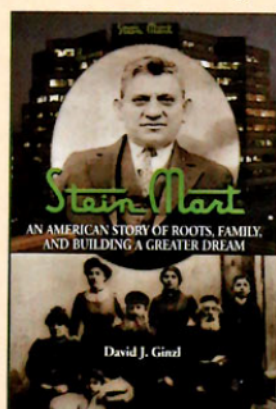
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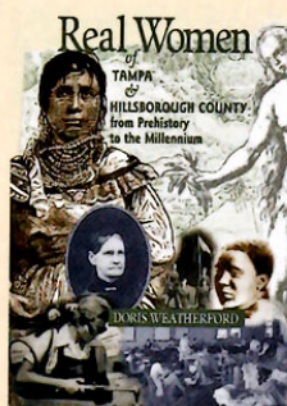
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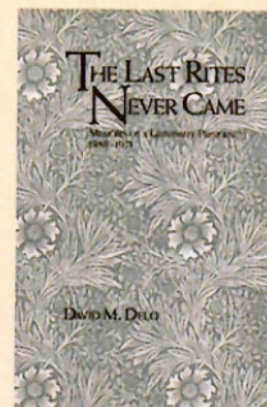
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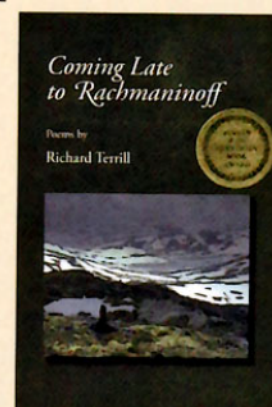
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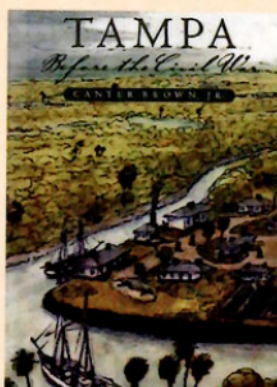


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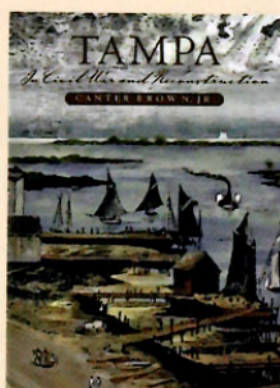
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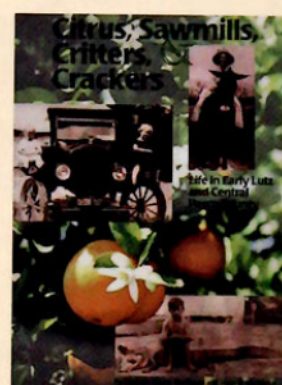
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**W**hile driving through Tampa on any given day, I see all kinds of specialty license plates—Save the Whales, Save the Panther, Support Education, and many others. In all, Florida has about 90 specialty plates, promoting everything from endangered species to professional sports teams.

Last year, after months of legislation and piles of paperwork, the University announced that a UT license plate was available for purchase at all state tag agencies. Since the plate's introduction, the state has issued 261 University of Tampa tags, generating more than \$2,450 in revenue to the University.

While this is great progress, there is cause for concern. The state recently amended its specialty tag law, and now requires that every specialty plate design sell a minimum of 1,000 tags within a year. UT recently was warned that if it does not issue 1,000 plates by July 1, 2005, its specialty tag will be discontinued!

To help save UT's endangered plate, I am turning in my old personalized license plate for a University of Tampa tag. That's right, my plate will no longer say RIDNOUT. Instead, I'll be sporting a UT plate, and I challenge all of our Florida alumni to join me and help us reach the 1,000 mark!

The cost of a University of Tampa specialty plate is only \$25 per year in addition to regular registration fees (this breaks down to about \$2 per month extra). UT specialty plates are tastefully designed in red, yellow and black with a signature minaret. They also can be personalized with your own set of letters or numbers (for an additional fee).

For more information, contact your local tag office, or log onto [www.hsmv.state.fl.us/specialtytags/utampa.html](http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/specialtytags/utampa.html).

See you on the road!

### Four Special Awards

Do you have friends or classmates who have outstanding records of service to UT? If

so, let them know that their efforts are appreciated by nominating them for one of the University's National Alumni Association awards.

The NAA is now accepting nominations for four special awards: The Esse Quam Videri Outstanding Alumni Award, the Young Alumnus Award, the Alumni Achievement Award, and the Service and Recognition Award.

The Esse Quam Videri is the highest award that a UT graduate can receive, recognizing outstanding service to the University or to the NAA. Nominees should have significant achievements in their careers and in their communities. The Young Alumnus Award also recognizes outstanding service to the University and the NAA, but is reserved for alumni age 35 and younger. Nominees for the Young Alumnus Award should have great achievements in their careers or communities.

The Alumni Achievement Award is presented to graduates with outstanding records of professional or civic achievements (past or present involvement with UT is not a factor), and the Service and Recognition Award is reserved for non-alumni who have greatly supported the University and the NAA.

These awards are presented during UT's Commencement exercises. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu). The deadline for nominations is March 14.

### Endow Your Family

If you have a family member who wants to follow in your footsteps at UT, he or she might be eligible to apply for the National Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship.

The NAA is accepting applications for this annual scholarship award. Applicants should be first-year students (freshmen or transfers) who are descendants of alumni, rank in the top quarter of their high school graduating class, and score 1,100 or higher on the SAT or 26 or



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the Plate,  
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Truman and Mary Hunter's 50th wedding anniversary cake

## '39

**Truman Hunter** and wife **Mary** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They live in Oxford, OH. Truman is retired from the IBM Corporation.  
E-mail: [hunt82@cs.com](mailto:hunt82@cs.com)

## '60

**Billy Turner** is the current head football coach at Chamberlain High School in Tampa. For three seasons, he was an assistant coach and athletic director at The University of Tampa.

## '67

**Federico Firnhaber** married **Rosa Blanca**, and they live in Maracaibo, Venezuela. He works for an insurance broker's firm.  
E-mail: [firnhaber@hotmail.com](mailto:firnhaber@hotmail.com)

**Larry L. Riemersma** retired in July 2003 after teaching in Hillsborough County for 37 years. He was a professor of mathematics for the last 28 years at Hillsborough Community College. He and his wife, **Alice**, live in Trinity, FL.  
E-mail: [ProfRiem@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ProfRiem@tampabay.rr.com)

**Ken Weiss** is retiring from the Hillsborough County school system in May after 37 years of teaching and coaching.  
E-mail: [kvweiss@earthlink.net](mailto:kvweiss@earthlink.net)

## '70

**Kathy Stone** retires after 34 years of teaching at Woodstock School district 200 in New York. She taught U.S. history to high school students.

## '71

**Charles Leigh** was promoted to secretary of Florida Fellowship of Community Churches. He is a bishop at Apostolic Catholic Church in Tampa.  
E-mail: [BishopChuck@ApostolicCatholicChurch.com](mailto:BishopChuck@ApostolicCatholicChurch.com)

**Howie Thompson** is a teacher and coach at Durham Public Schools in North Carolina. He was added to the *Who's Who of American Teachers* in 2004.  
E-mail: [ncoachhta@msn.com](mailto:ncoachhta@msn.com)

## '73

**Jim Clark** is serving his fifth term in the House of Representatives in Washington state. He is a management consultant and an adjunct professor in business for Lewis-Clark State College and Eastern Washington University.

## '74

**Rod L. Piatt** is the president of Horizon Properties in Pittsburgh. In addition to welcoming his son **Nathan**, Rod was elected to the board of Mylan Laboratories Inc.  
E-mail: [RodneyL53@aol.com](mailto:RodneyL53@aol.com)

**Peter J. Russo** was appointed principal of Forster Elementary School in Tampa. He lives in Valrico, FL.  
E-mail: [PRussoTPA@aol.com](mailto:PRussoTPA@aol.com)

## '75

**Bruce Losee** and his wife, **Suvi**, have moved back to Connecticut after living in various parts of the

country and overseas as vice president and senior director of sales for BFWG.  
E-mail: [Bruce\\_Losee@B-F.com](mailto:Bruce_Losee@B-F.com)

## '76

**Virginia Hernandez Covington** was sworn in as a U.S. district judge. She will be assisting in the Jacksonville division. Judge Covington was the first Cuban-American woman to ever be appointed to Florida's appellate courts. She also is the highest-ranking Hispanic woman serving in Florida's judiciary.

## '77

**Roberto L. Leon** obtained his Juris Doctorate from American University in California. He is a candidate for a master's degree in international law at St. Thomas University in Miami. He works for Lionex Mortgage Banking. Roberto and his wife, **Palmyra**, are relocating to Florida at the end of the year. They have three children and eight grandchildren.  
E-mail: [firstamericanu@aol.com](mailto:firstamericanu@aol.com)

## '79

**Keizo Shimamura** has joined Dorsa Consulting, where he will serve as head of its new International Consulting Division.

## '80

**Mark Bachmann** is vice president of human resources for Unilever-Best Foods. He lives in Sparta, NJ, with his wife, **Tina**.

**Fred N. Stribling** has been promoted to vice president of marketing and sales for the South Carolina State Ports Authority.

## '81

**Joan (Dresner) Joslin** lives in Roswell, GA. She retired from IBM and recently started her own medical and IT consulting company. She has one child.  
E-mail: [cjjoslin2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cjjoslin2003@yahoo.com)

**Jeffery D. Lee** works for Farmers Insurance and Financial Services, and has been in the insurance business for 23 years. He is a reserve district manager in Nashville. He lives in Franklin, TN, with his two sons, ages 3 and 5, and his wife, **DeAndranise**.  
E-mail: [jlee8@farmersagent.com](mailto:jlee8@farmersagent.com)

## '82

**Glenn Taylor** was recently promoted to president of Mexico Tissue Operations for Georgia Pacific.

## '84

**Hugh Hommel** volunteers for the Ocean City Marine Animal Rescue Program in Baltimore. He is a paramedic by profession.

## '85

**Jodie Nelson** was married in July to **Ron Chiricosta**. They live in Chesapeake, VA, where Jodie works as director of programs for Operation Blessing.  
E-mail: [jnelsonzz@hotmail.com](mailto:jnelsonzz@hotmail.com)

## '86

**Dave Glassman** lives in New York, where he is director of marketing for Restoration Hardware.

**Ginger (Hutchins) Hunter** was promoted to senior IS&T desktop support specialist with United Guaranty. She lives with her husband, **William**, in Greensboro, NC.  
E-mail: [ghunt770@triad.rr.com](mailto:ghunt770@triad.rr.com)

**Brian Reichberg** recently joined Oppenheimer & Co. in New York City as an executive director. He lives with his wife, **Tina**, in New York.  
E-mail: [brian.reichberg@opco.com](mailto:brian.reichberg@opco.com)

**Emmy (Purcell) Reynolds** lives in Tampa, and is a broker Henry Purcell Inc. She got a job promotion as vice president. She also is serving her fourth term as president of the Beach Park Home Owners Association.  
E-mail: [emmyreynolds@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:emmyreynolds@tampabay.rr.com)

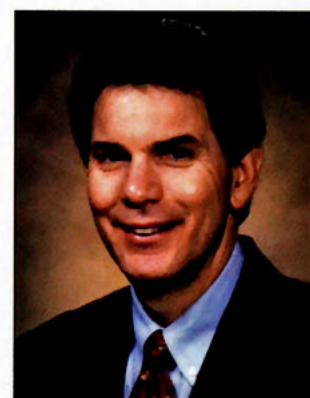
**John C. Skinner** received an MS in real estate finance at New York University. He joined

Integra Realty Resources in Tampa Bay to work in real estate commercial appraisal and consulting.  
E-mail: [jskinner@irr.com](mailto:jskinner@irr.com)

**William Weimer** left behind his marketing and sales positions at Fox Sports Net and Showtime to join DIRECTV as the director of sales. Bill and his family live in Irvine, CA.

## '87

**Joann (Stroh) Kartes** recently was promoted to major in the Army Reserves. Her husband, **Thomas Kartes**, graduated from UT in 1988. Joann will be deployed to Iraq in November for one year. They recently moved from North Carolina to Fairfax, VA.  
E-mail: [tkartes@cox.net](mailto:tkartes@cox.net)



Michael Martinelli

**Michael Martinelli** joined LA-Z-BOY as vice president of supply chain in June 2004. He and his wife, **Jodie**, live in Perrysburg, OH, with their two children.

**Michael T. Nardella** founded The Westend Group in 1991. It is a Wilton, CT, retainer and contingency recruiting firm.  
E-mail: [mnardella@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mnardella@sbcglobal.net)

**Rep. John Stargel** is running for re-election for a two-year term in the Florida House of Representatives. He lives in Lakeland with his wife, **Kelli**, and their five children.

**Leslie (Reicin) Stein** recently retired as general counsel of Verizon Information Technologies Inc. to become vice president and general counsel of Special Data Processing Corporation in

Clearwater, FL. She lives with her husband, Richard, in Tampa.  
E-mail: lstein@specialdata.com

## '88

**Terry Rupp** and wife, Jill, welcomed their son, Jacob, on Oct. 2, 2003. They live in Hyattsville, MD.

**Josephine (Fessenden) Slater** and her husband, Marion, welcomed their first child, Savannah Lee, on Dec. 31, 2003.

E-mail: bdynsoul@bellsouth.net

Savannah Lee Slater



Rebecca, Bailey and Jordan Maun

## '89

**Rich Maun** and wife, Penny (Portnoy) '91, live in Key West with their three children, Bailey, Jordan and Rebecca. Their newest member is Bailey, born on June 30, 2003.

E-mail: kwmaun@aol.com

**Ronald B. DuBois** retired from the Army in May 2004. He has accepted a position as an Operations Group Leader with Target Corp. His wife, Hilary, and their two children, Nicholas and Claire, live in Benton, AR.

E-mail: rdubois@yahoo.com

## '90

**Tracey (Bittel) Burak** received a promotion in

June 2004, after working for the Carriage Club of Charlotte since October 2003. She is now assisted living manager for the Alzheimer's unit called the Arbors. She and her husband, Chris, live in Charlotte, NC.

E-mail: bittelt@bellsouth.net

**Stephen M. Johnson** works for Shell Oil Products U.S. He lives with his wife, Kathy, and two children, Brett, 6 and Julia, 4, in Huntington Beach, CA.

E-mail: Kathy-johnson@earthlink.net

**Michelle (Jolicoeur) Scalise** recently returned to Florida from New Hampshire with her husband and three sons. She is working toward a career change into the teaching profession.

E-mail: threoeight@netzero.net

## '91

**Krista (Stamm) Hinrichs** is a principal at Spencer International Advisors. She gave birth to her son, Grayson Robert, on July 17, 2003.

E-mail: krista@silverking.org

**Gilbert Kreis** is employed as a physical education teacher at Woodmere Middle School, and is varsity girls soccer coach at Hewlitt High School, Long Island, NY. His wife, Lori, and their 3-year-old daughter, Mia, recently moved to Lido Beach, NY.

E-mail: glbeach@optonline.net

**Scott Sanders** married Nikki Koklanaris Oct 17 in St. Petersburg, FL. Scott is a senior account executive in the federal

government group called Sum Total Systems. His wife, Nikki, is a graduate of Brown University and received her medical degree from Temple University.

**Jeffery Steiner** has relocated from Seattle to Scottsdale, Arizona. He is continuing in residential real estate development.

E-mail: payne16\_2000@yahoo.com

**Paul Squitieri Jr.** lives in Portland, OR, where he is a pharmaceutical sales associate for Aventis. Paul and wife Kristen welcomed Joseph Paul, who joins older sister, Anna.

E-mail: squitieri5@comcast.net

## '92

**Noelle (Sheeran) Buso** received her MSW in 1997. She lives in North Canton, OH, with husband Steven Buso '92. On Sept. 25, 2003, they added a daughter, Rylie Ann, to their family.

E-mail: stebu5@cs.com

**Britt (Lorish) Knuttgen** and her husband, Dustin, started an IT consulting business in 2000 called Automated Horizons. They live in Roanoke, VA.

E-mail: britt@automatedhorizons.net

**Peter J. Rossi** and wife Jennifer Lynn live in Plymouth, MA. Abigail Grace joined her sisters, Paige, 8 and Hannah, 7 on Nov. 25, 2003.

E-mail: pjandjenn@adelphia.net

**Kim (Nordt) Tompuri** is an office manager at Empire State Carpenters Benefit Funds in Carmel, NY. On June 10, Kim and husband Jorma added a son, Gus, to their family.

E-mail: kpuri15@hotmail.com



Gus Tompuri

## '93

**Charles Jerome Hahn** exchanged wedding vows on May 8<sup>th</sup> with Stephanie Shaffer. He is a chief financial officer of Hahn Engineering in Tampa. The couple live in Tampa.

**Penny Hulbert** is senior vice president for Commercial Markets at RBC Centura Bank, which is expanding in Florida with Penny's assistance.

**Amy L. Martin** married **Derek J. Diamond** '95 in November of 2004. Amy works for Brey & Company, and lives in Tampa.

E-mail: amy@breycpa.com

**Colin McDougall** is attending the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario in hopes of getting an MBA in 2006. He and his wife, Martha, celebrated the birth of their twins, Peter and Molly, last December.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Payne** is the captain for the Mojave Greens, an Australian Rules football team based at Fort Irwin in California.

**Rita (Pavan) Peters** and her husband, Sean, gave birth to their first child, Luke Alexander, on June 30. They live in Tampa.

E-mail: rpavan@yahoo.com



Jill and Stephen Swartz

**Jill Randall** married Stephen Swartz on May 1. The couple live in Tampa.

E-mail: JillianRandall181@yahoo.com

## '94

**Debra (Levinson) Dietz** married Bryan Dietz in Mamaroneck, NY, in May. She is a sales associate for the Stark Carpet Corp. in New York.

**Karen Lynch** had her first novel, "The Game of Lies," published in September 2004.

**Whitney E. (Torpey) Roosa** welcomed a second addition to her family in October 2003. She lives in Winter Springs, Florida.

E-mail: wroosa@earthlink.net



Chazz Brazzeal

## '95

**Alina (DeMeo) Brazzeal** and husband David Brazzeal '95 added a baby boy to their family. Chazz was born on July 6, 2003.

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**Anna Deakin** works as a chemist in the laboratory division for the FBI. She lives in Quantico, VA.

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## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

Clayton Lewis Smith '57  
John Paul Jelsovsky '56  
Mario N. Herce '48  
Robert E. Deen '53  
Thomas Rao '68  
Samuel Haydis '78  
Charles W. Koch '56

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Dr. David Delo

**Danielle Gramanzini** recently opened the Broadwalk Restaurant and Grille in Hollywood, FL.

**Jason T. Harris** was married to Maria on Aug. 10, 2002. He is an instructor at Purdue University and is finishing his Ph. D. in radiological health physics. The couple live in Urbana, IL.  
E-mail: jastharris@aol.com

**Anthony A. Jaramilla** was an actor in the movie *Red Sun Rising*. He was fourth-runner-up in Mr. Asia, USA, in 1993. Jaramilla works as a consultant in Los Angeles.

**Peter Ollestad** has a new job as the National Sales Manager for Strasser Woodenworks in Seattle.  
E-mail: peterollestad@cox.net

## '96

**Pedro L. Hernandez** is a vehicle acquisition supervisor for Enterprise Leasing Co. He welcomed his son, Logan Pedro, to his family on July 8, 2004.  
E-mail: PLHCMH@aol.com

**Daniel B. Shock** was featured on the cover of the April/May edition of Construction Distribution magazine. He is the national tool and fastener manager for Hughes Supply Inc. He lives in Brandon, FL.  
E-mail: dbs88@hotmail.com

**A.J. Swick** is employed by Clear Channel and is the controller for the Ford Amphitheater. He married Melissa Collins on Sept. 6, 2003. They live in Tampa.  
E-mail: ajswick@tampabay.rr.com

## '97

**Cresta (Couch) Crowther** is a third-grade teacher in Baton Rouge, LA. She received her master's degree in elementary education. She has a son, Blake.  
E-mail: jascresmas@cox.net

**Jennifer Fitts** is an events director for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. She welcomed a daughter, Erin MacKenzie Fee, in February. She lives with husband Brian Fee in Palm Harbor, FL.

**Sandra M. (Spiller) King** celebrated four years of marriage to Larry King. She departed from a career as a teacher to stay home with her two-year-old daughter, Kennadi, and two-month-old son, Bennett.  
E-mail: larryking@sprintmail.com

## '98

**Lisa (Barber) Jajack** and husband, Jason, added a son, Evan Robert, to their family. They live in Richmond Hill, GA.  
E-mail: jasonlisa@bigfoot.com

**Keri K. (Riegler) Kiefer** married Jeffrey Riegler '97 on Nov. 15, 2003. She is employed by the University of South Florida.  
E-mail: kerikiefer@aol.com

**Jessica M. Spencer** received a master's degree in 2002 from Nova Southeastern University. She is a certified addictions prevention professional. She lives in Tampa.  
E-mail: sigdelt@msn.com

## '99

**Chris Checke** is working toward his license as a mental health counselor and certified addiction professional. He is employed by Nova

Southeastern University's Community Mental Health Center as a psychotherapist. He also is seeking an MBA in Health Care Administration. He lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL.  
E-mail: cpc4519@hotmail.com

**Jessica Krusko** and **Matthew Fallows** were married in June of 2003. Jessica is in the process of obtaining a second bachelor's degree in computer engineering.  
E-mail: jkrusko@hotmail.com

**Bruce Palmatier** is a sourcing manager at VWR International. He lives in Sinking Spring, PA.

## '00

**Sean Ball** has recently joined Washington Mutual Home Loans as a loan consultant. He lives in Tampa.

**Tina (Robichaud) Gendron** works for Genzyme Genetics. She married Derek Gendron on Sept. 6, 2003, and they are expecting their first child.

**Dorothy Herbing** and her husband, Ron, were featured in an article in the *Tampa Tribune* about their business, Southwestern Accents in Tarpon Springs.

**Jaclyn (Witkowski) Maciaszek** and three "best friends" are raising \$15,000 for the national Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They took part in the Nike marathon in San Francisco in late October. Her goal is to give researchers the chance to find a cure for Hodgkin's disease, which she is fighting.

**Robin Roberts** is a wholesale account manager for Unimortgage, LLC.  
E-mail: snobbychic3@aol.com

**Julie Robbins** works for CBS Network News Service and was promoted to associate news producer. She also relocated to New York city.  
E-mail: julierobbins1@yahoo.com

**Darren Rubin** and **Kimberly Adler** were

married on Nov. 1, 2003. He is a scientist, and the couple live in Largo.

**William Schaudt** is an assistant crew coach at The University of Tampa.

**Steven J. Wilkie** recently became engaged to **Kristen Szuch** '02. Steven works for Lee Middle School and lives in Ft. Myers, FL.  
E-mail: swilkie23@aol.com



Kevin and Sherissa Williams

## '01

**Sherissa Chang** got married to Kevin Williams on June 29, 2002. She is in the physician assistant program at Barry University.  
E-mail: sherissa.williams@verizon.net

**Kristy Iannello** has relocated from Hauppauge, NY, to Longboat Key, FL.

**Lisa M. Levar** got a new job as a conference coordinator for Thomas American Health Consultants in Atlanta.  
E-mail: lisalevar@hotmail.com

**William J. Podolsky** graduated from Stetson University College of Law

Enedina Santos and Enedina Torres



in December 2003. He is an associate with Broad and Cassel in the commercial litigation practice group. He lives in Tampa.

**Jaime (Tulp) Swank** was married on Sept. 21, 2002. She and husband Andrew had a baby girl on April 7. Jaime works for the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker.  
E-mail: jtulp808@aol.com

## '02

**Jolee Alfonso** became engaged to Brian Harvey in May. She is a graduate of UT's MBA program. She works for Mercantile Bank and lives in Tampa.  
E-mail: joleealfonso@aol.com

**Douglas M. Carruthers** works for the St. Petersburg, FL, Police Department. He married **Laura Orlovsky** '02. The couple live in Palmetto, FL.  
E-mail: Soldiermutt@aol.com

**Shauna E. Engel** is employed at CAE USA Inc. She does military simulation and training as a safety coordinator. She is attending graduate safety classes at USF.  
E-mail: shaunaengel@yahoo.com

**Stacy Estes** is in her second year of law school at Texas Tech University. She lives in Arlington, TX.

**Angela Roberts** works for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and is a Kidspace assistant and educator.  
E-mail: amroberts16@yahoo.com

**Enedina Torres** is actively involved in breast cancer awareness for Hispanics. She is taking part in "The Race for the Cure" and "Making Strides." Inspired by her mom, she is a

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volunteer for Latinas Unidas en un Nuevo Amanecer which is for women diagnosed with breast cancer. She is a commercial Florida administrator for Grubb & Ellis, and lives in Tampa. E-mail: [etorres@commercialfl.com](mailto:etorres@commercialfl.com)

## '03

**Mindy M. Bateman** purchased her first home in Manchester, NH, and is a QC analyst for Genzyme Corp. in Framingham, MA. E-mail: [mindybateman@yahoo.com](mailto:mindybateman@yahoo.com)

**Jennifer S. Dawson** is enrolled at Argosy University in Clearwater to pursue a master's degree in counseling. E-mail: [panamama\\_31@yahoo.com](mailto:panamama_31@yahoo.com)

**Sara Dayley** is director of media and public operations for a minor league basketball team, the Rockford Lightning. She left the public relations staff of the St. Louis Cardinals. She lives in Illinois.

**Camille A. Fazio** is a misdemeanor probation supervisor at the Salvation Army Corrections Department in Tampa. E-mail: [UTgirl03160@aol.com](mailto:UTgirl03160@aol.com)

**Cindy Firestein** has been working with dummies all day. She is an administrative assistant for Goldsmith, LLC, a manufacturer of mannequins. She lives in Brooklyn, NY. E-mail: [c\\_firestein@yahoo.com](mailto:c_firestein@yahoo.com)

**Barbara (Knox) Fontana** is pursuing a pharmaceutical degree at the University of Arizona and recently had another baby boy, Evan Giovanni, in May. E-mail: [chrisbarb1@cox.net](mailto:chrisbarb1@cox.net)

**Elizabeth A. Greenawalt** became engaged to **Steven Carlamere '03** in February. Elizabeth works at Busch Gardens and is in charge of care for the Budweiser Clydesdales housed there. Steven is working as a crisis

counselor at Mental Health Care Inc. They both live in Tampa. E-mail: [lockdown4702@aol.com](mailto:lockdown4702@aol.com)

**Nicole Achilles** married **Robert Heald '97** on June 12 in St. Johnsbury, VT. Maid of Honor was **Laura Hibshman '99**, and the best man was **Michael Heald '94**. Nicole works for the Animal Clinic of Brandon in Brandon, FL. E-mail: [nheald@hotmail.com](mailto:nheald@hotmail.com)

**Matt and Nicole (Rucker) Misiura** were married in September and live in Schaumburg, IL. Nicole works for Coordinated Benefits Company. E-mail: [nicolerucker@hotmail.com](mailto:nicolerucker@hotmail.com)

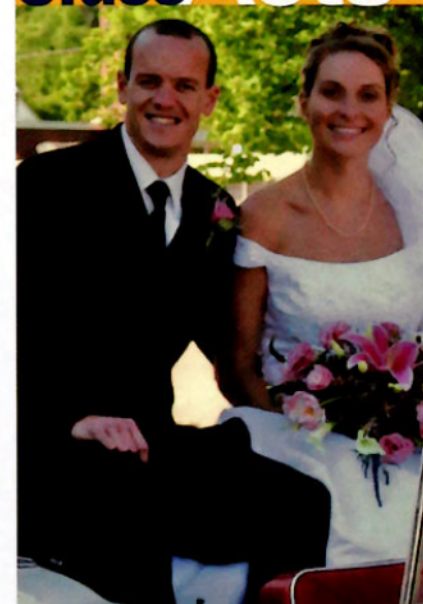
**Sarah B. Morgan** is working on a master's degree in higher education at Florida State University, and works as a graduate assistant in the First Year Experience office. E-mail: [SarahBMorgan@hotmail.com](mailto:SarahBMorgan@hotmail.com)

**Noreen C. Moy** is an associate broker for Oppenheimer in New York City. E-mail: [noreen.moy@opco.com](mailto:noreen.moy@opco.com)

**Romona Ross** was married to Wolfgang Busse in July and is an instructor of nursing at the Pinellas Technical Education Center. She is completing her MSN in nursing education at UT. She lives with her husband in Clearwater, FL. E-mail: [rjb717@msn.com](mailto:rjb717@msn.com)

**Ruth A. Smith** was elected to the executive board of the Cayman Islands Students Association. She also became a mother for the first time with the birth of Raina Amhyl in March. E-mail: [kmnangel@hotmail.com](mailto:kmnangel@hotmail.com)

**Wally Quigg** signed a contract to play baseball for the Quebec Capitales in the independent Northeast League.



Nicole and Robert Heald

## '04

**Ashley Cornell** is a sales coordinator/HR contact for ABC Companies in Winter Garden, FL. She lives in Orlando. E-mail: [acornell23@yahoo.com](mailto:acornell23@yahoo.com)

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# What's Happenin'?

The University of Tampa is interested in the progress of its alumni. Use this form to let us know your news. Be sure to provide all information, so that your news can be included in the Class Acts section of the next issue of the *UT Journal*. Alumni also can update their contact information and share news via the Internet. Log on to [ut.edu/alumni/updateaddress.html](http://ut.edu/alumni/updateaddress.html) and type away.

Please mail this form to  
Office of Alumni Relations • Box H  
Attention: Class Acts  
The University of Tampa • 401 W. Kennedy Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33606-1490

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (for records verification only) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (please include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

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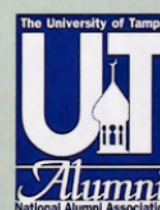
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# News for ClassActs

Please check all appropriate boxes, and provide details to the right of each item:

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South Florida alumni event at Pro Player Stadium in Miami.

### South Florida

Alumni and parents from the South Florida chapter gathered Aug. 28 at Pro Player Stadium in Miami to watch the Florida Marlins beat the Colorado Rockies. The event was hosted by Teri Bendell '87. Those interested in helping with South Florida alumni events can e-mail Teri at [tbendell@hotmail.com](mailto:tbendell@hotmail.com).

### Washington, DC

The Washington, DC, Zeta Chapter gathered for a social at Baltimore's Inner Harbor and an Orioles game at Oriole Park on July 23. Abebi Wolfe '98 hosted this fun event! E-mail [abebi.wolfe@rcn.net](mailto:abebi.wolfe@rcn.net) if interested in helping with a spring event.

### Atlanta

UT President Ron Vaughn joined Atlanta-area Spartans for a cocktail reception Sept. 15 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Guests en-

joyed a private viewing of the exclusive Chihuly in the Garden exhibit. The event was hosted by Robyn Wesley '98 and Alex Mammen '90. A spring event is in the works! Contact Robyn Wesley at [RFW0796@aol.com](mailto:RFW0796@aol.com) to get involved.

### Philadelphia

Philadelphia-area Spartans shared an evening of fun and games at Dave and Buster's Penn's Landing on Nov. 11. The evening was hosted by Colleen Kelly '03, Chris McNulty '89, Bill Mullin '90 and Jenna Schebell '02.

### New York City

Spartans struck Manhattan on Saturday, Nov. 13! New York alumni and parents gathered at AMF Chelsea Piers Lanes for an evening of cosmic bowling fun. The event was coordinated by Donna (Small) Walid '94, Jennifer Guild '95 and Carol Lislevatn '94.

### Parents' Association Annual Meeting

The UT Parents' Association held its annual meeting and panel discussion on Friday, Oct. 1, during Family Weekend. More than 40 moms and dads attended and shared their ideas. Key members of the UT community served on the panel, providing insight into campus issues such as hurricane preparation, campus security, academic advising, tutoring services, career services, student activities and dining services. A student representative also shared his perspective on campus life.

At the meeting, the Parents' Association president, Linda Ward, was officially elected, and 20 new parents were elected to the Advisory Council. Thank you to the past president, Pamela Daniel, for her service and leadership. The Parents' Advisory Council congratulates and welcomes the following new members:

- John and Karen Azzata, North Bellmore, NY
- Kathleen Croteau, Cape Coral, FL
- Judy Gagnon, Land O' Lakes, FL
- Kathleen Giardelli, Roslyn, NY
- Kathy Goodwin, Port Washington, NY
- April Keyes, Germantown, MD
- Irwin and Merri Kotcher, North Woodmere, NY
- Perry and Patty Lenon, Warsaw, IN
- Margarita Morgan, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- JoAnn Myers, Indianapolis, IN
- Sandra Parshall, Greene, ME
- Pablo Santa Cruz, Safety Harbor, FL
- Marie Schepis, Pelham Manor, NY
- Steve and Elisa Silets, Northbrook, IL
- Bill and Kathy Single, Liverpool, NY

### Honors Bestowed

Officers from UT's Honors Alumni Association attended their first National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in New Orleans Nov. 10-14. Ty Botsford '00 and Tiffany Aqabli '00 attended, along with Dr. Richard Piper, Honors Program director. At the conference, the HAA conducted an idea exchange entitled "Bridging Honors Students and Honors Alumni." **UT**

Alumni cocktail reception at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.



# ALUMNI and PARENTS to do @ut.edu

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

### JANUARY

#### Thursday, Jan. 13

Tampa Alpha Board Meeting  
6 p.m. Social/6:30 p.m. Meeting  
Riverside Center, Alumni  
Conference Room

#### Wednesday, Jan. 19

MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, Room 150

#### Friday, Jan. 28

NAA Quarterly Meeting  
8 a.m.  
Vaughn Center,  
Ferman Conference Room

#### Saturday, Jan. 29

Tampa Alpha Pre-parade  
Gasparilla Brunch  
10 a.m.  
Riverside Center  
\$20 per person

### FEBRUARY

#### Wednesday, Feb. 16

MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, Room 150

#### Thursday, Feb. 17

Golden Spartan Induction Ceremony  
11:30 a.m.  
Vaughn Center Crescent Club

#### Thursday, Feb. 17

Tampa Alpha Board Meeting  
6 p.m. Social/6:30 p.m. Meeting  
Riverside Center, Alumni  
Conference Room

### MARCH

#### Friday, March 11

Ladies of the '50s Luncheon  
Noon  
Vaughn Center Board Room  
\$15 per person

#### Wednesday, March 16

MBAA Leadership Meeting  
5:15 p.m.  
Sykes College of Business, Room 150

### APRIL

#### Thursday, April 21

Tampa Alpha Golf Tournament  
1:30 p.m.  
Feather Sound Country  
Club, Clearwater  
\$150 per golfer



A complete listing of University events can be found at [ut.edu](http://ut.edu)

# Alpha TO ZETA Bits



From left: David Tedford, Tino Martinez and Christina Hurley.

## New England has a Ball!

New England area alumni met Aug. 10 to watch the Red Sox vs. Devil Rays game at Jillian's in Boston. A post-game meet-and-greet was organized with former UT baseball star Tino Martinez, and it was a huge hit! The event was hosted by David Tedford '84, president of the chapter, and Christina Hurley '87.



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- ☐ Albany Rho Alumni Chapter (NY)
- ☐ Atlanta Theta Chapter
- ☐ Black Alumni Association
- ☐ Brandon Epsilon Chapter
- ☐ Broward-Palm Beach Chapter
- ☐ Capital City Kappa Chapter (Tallahassee)
- ☐ Chicagoland Chapter
- ☐ Clearwater Alumni Chapter
- ☐ COB Alumni Chapter
- ☐ CIS Alumni Chapter (Computer Information Systems)
- ☐ Germany Alumni Chapter
- ☐ Honors Alumni Association
- ☐ Jacksonville Chapter
- ☐ Manasota Omega Chapter (Manatee/Sarasota Counties)
- ☐ MBA Association
- ☐ Miami Delta Chapter
- ☐ Music Alumni Chapter
- ☐ New England Alumni
- ☐ New York Sigma Chapter
- ☐ Nursing Alumni Association
- ☐ Orlando Gamma Chapter
- ☐ St. Petersburg Beta Chapter
- ☐ Sweden Alumni Chapter
- ☐ Tampa Alpha Chapter
- ☐ Washington, DC, Zeta Chapter

### WHO ARE YOU?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT DO YOU DO?

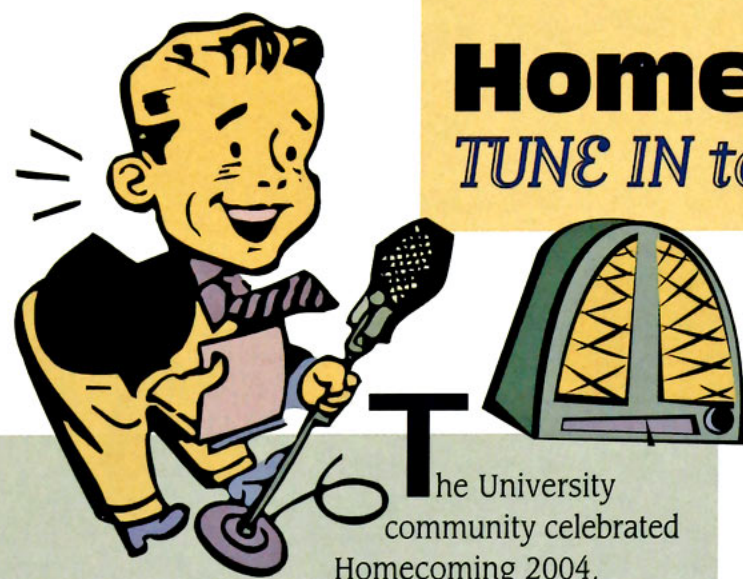
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### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

- ☐ I want to help recruit students to UT.
- ☐ I want to help with career development.
- ☐ I want to help plan Homecoming for alumni.
- ☐ I want to be a sports booster.
- ☐ I want to serve as a class agent for fund-raising.
- ☐ I want to \_\_\_\_\_



# Homecoming & Reunions

## TUNE IN to Spartan Radio 2004

The University community celebrated Homecoming 2004,

"Tune in to Spartan Radio," Oct.

14-17. This year's celebration included a lineup of fun events, beginning with the Golden Spartan Society Reunion Luncheon. More than 100 guests and members of the classes of 1933-54 came together in Fletcher Lounge to celebrate 50 years of being Spartans!

The Decade of the '50s and the Decade of the '60s also held reunions, along with members of the class of '94. Throughout the week, alumni were treated to minaret climbs and campus tours, and President Vaughn once again hosted an alumni reception at his home on Harbour Island. The University's signature Homecoming event, Monte Carlo Night, once again rocked Saturday night of Homecoming weekend with more than 200 guests, casino-style gaming, live music and a full buffet dinner on the ninth floor of the Vaughn Center. **UT**



Among the Monte Carlo Night revelers facing down a wily dealer were, above from left, Raylene Brito, Susan Carlin, Leticia Sullivan '98 and Abebi Wolfe '98. Monte Carlo guests, right, obviously enjoyed themselves.



Above: Violet Papia, wife of Fred Papia '55, enjoying a reunion moment at the Golden Spartan Luncheon.

Above right: A happy group of grads (plus one squirmy new addition) at the class of '94 reunion.

Right: The Storytellers from the Decade of the '60s Reunion Luncheon—front row, from left, Bill Boyd '64, Teresa (Papia) Timmons '63, John Perry '67, Don Small '65; back row, from left, Mike Zidek '65, Jim Lobiondo '66, George Watson '67.



## Who Let the Dogs Out?

More than 40 UT alumni and friends gathered at the Tampa Greyhound Track on Wednesday, Sept. 29, to support the University's annual scholarship night. UT professor Mickey Perlow was on hand to give attendees tips for betting and explain the rules of wagering. Some guests walked away with extra money in their pockets!

## We're Already Planning for Homecoming 2005!

Now that Homecoming 2004 is behind us, the Alumni Office already is laying plans for Oct. 20-23, 2005, when the class of '55 will be inducted into the Golden Spartan Society, and the classes of '80, '95 and '00 celebrate their 25-, 10-, and 5-year reunions. There also is talk of a Decade of the '90s alumni reunion during Homecoming 2005. If you are interested in being part any of these events, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu).

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higher on the ACT. Candidates also must have demonstrated leadership achievements in high school or community activities and must have applied for admission to UT.

Financial need is not a factor with this scholarship, and preference is given to children and grandchildren of UT alumni. Winners will be notified in the spring for fall 2005. For more information, visit [ut.edu/alumni/relations.html](http://ut.edu/alumni/relations.html) and click on "scholarships." All application materials must be received by Feb. 28. ■■■



UT Annual Scholarship Night at Tampa Greyhound Track

## Adding to the Board

The National Alumni Association held its annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14, and more than 40 alumni were in attendance to welcome six newly-elected members to the NAA board of directors:

- Abebi Wolfe '98,
- Tiffany Aqabli '00,
- Svetlana Johnson '02,
- Suzanne Bilicska '03,
- Viancca Burger '03
- April Gillespie '04

Joe Wessel '95 was voted president-elect, replacing Phil Hills '88, and will move into the president's slot from 2004-06. Outgoing board president John McRae Wolfe '68 will serve as chairman during the same period. ■■■

## Check Out the Web

If you haven't visited the alumni pages of the Web site lately, click again! The alumni section recently received a facelift, and some fun new features have been added. The pages now boast an interactive alumni map, online Class Acts, and registration forms for regional alumni activities. Check out the new pages today at

[www.ut.edu/alumni/relations.html](http://www.ut.edu/alumni/relations.html). ■■■



## GIFTS IN HONOR AND IN MEMORIAM

### IN HONOR

Gifts made from June 1 through Nov. 1, 2004.

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**TINO MARTINEZ**  
New England Alumni Chapter

**ZENAIDA G. BORRELL**  
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Anthony Borrell

### IN MEMORIAM

Memorial gifts made from June 1 through Nov. 1, 2004.

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## The Common Good



**THOMAS R. GIDDENS, Ph.D.**  
Director of Planned Giving  
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# Your Future of Giving to UT

By **Thomas R. Giddens, Ph.D.**  
Director of Planned Giving

**S**uppose that you usually make a pledge of \$500 to the University's annual fund. One day, it occurs to you that, after you're gone or cannot manage to send your annual gift, The University of Tampa will no longer receive your support, and you wonder if you can continue to support UT's ongoing operations.

You can, and here's how:

By talking to a planned giving staff member, you'll learn that a bequest or other type of planned gift can provide funding for the University even after your death. In your will, in a codicil to your existing will or through another type of planned gift, you can direct \$12,500 to the University's general endowment, and know that income from your contribution to the endowment will perpetually be used for annual operations just as though you were fulfilling your customary annual fund pledge.

Should you want your gift to be greater than \$500, all you need to do is multiply the amount of your annual gift by 25 to arrive at the endowment figure needed, as indicated in the following table:

ANNUAL GIFT	ENDOWMENT
\$600	\$15,000
\$750	\$18,750
\$1,000	\$25,000
\$1,500	\$37,500
\$2,000	\$50,000
\$5,000	\$125,000

An endowment is an income-producing account, funded by generous donations, that is used to sustain high-quality resources for the future of our organization. The University of Tampa's endowment is the single most important guarantee of long-term institutional excellence because the income produced from endowment funds goes to support scholarships, faculty salaries, materials for the library, and other essential programs provided by the University.

All gifts to the endowment, regardless of size, strengthen the University. Our managers invest the principal of the endowment, with an eye toward earning enough income to meet

the payout requirements of the fund. Since the principal remains intact, the endowment is always liquid, and your gift to the University continues long after you're gone.

Gifts may be directed according to your wishes. For example, your gift may be directed to the general endowment fund, placed in a new fund to honor or memorialize someone special in your life, or added to funds already established for another purpose. A minimum gift of \$25,000 is required to name a new endowed fund.

Endowment funds vary based on the amount of the gift and the wishes of the donor. Larger funds may bear the name of the donor, and may be restricted or used for general purposes. Otherwise, gifts directed to the University endowment are placed in the general fund.

The University's planned giving staff is available to work with you and your advisers to develop a long-term strategy that meets your goals and those of the University. Contact Giddens at [tgiddens@ut.edu](mailto:tgiddens@ut.edu) or (813) 258-7400, or Kelly E. Ritrievi, JD, planned giving officer, at [kritrievi@ut.edu](mailto:kritrievi@ut.edu) or (813) 258-7373. Or, you may write us at The University of Tampa, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Box H, Tampa, FL 33606-1490 or [plannedgiving@ut.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@ut.edu).

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*Giddens also directs UT's Institute for Estate and Financial Planning, which assists alumni and friends of the University with estate and financial planning needs via lectures, seminars, in-home study courses and other educational programs that focus on wills, trusts and life estate contracts, taxes, investments, life insurance, long-term health care and retirement planning.* ■■■

*Life begins as a promise;*

*It ends as a memory.*

*If our lives were to end today,*

*What would they have meant?*

*What difference did we make?*

*What legacy did we leave?*



**Kelly E. Ritrievi, JD**  
Planned Giving Officer  
E-mail: [kritrievi@ut.edu](mailto:kritrievi@ut.edu)

Kelly E. Ritrievi joined the Planned Giving staff in March. Her experientially varied background includes a BS in rehabilitation services from Boston University in 1983, a master's degree in health policy and administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1985, a career in hospital consulting and administration from 1985-2000, a law degree from Stetson University College of Law in 2003, and work as a law clerk in the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, 2002-04. She is a regular contributor to "Capital Ideas." ■■■

# Answering for Alma Mater

**T**he U.S. National Do-Not-Call Registry changed the landscape for telemarketers in 2003 by allowing consumers to eliminate most unwanted sales calls by signing onto the registry. Companies are prevented from calling individuals on the registry unless they had a prior relationship. The registry has been enormously popular with consumers: More than 58 million signed on, indicating their desire to make dinnertime peaceful once again. An appeals court upheld the constitutionality of the registry in early 2004.

But a call from an old friend, even at dinnertime, is still welcomed, right? At least that is what The University of Tampa and most other colleges and universities are banking on. Charities (including educational institutions) are exempt from the calling ban, as are political organizations and surveyors. Private giving is essential for campuses to cover unmet needs, and the federal government realizes that telephone solicitation is a significant means of raising these funds.

"Alumni still seem to appreciate a call from time to time updating them on University happenings," said UT Alumni Director Todd Marrs. They also have come to expect a request for support in this manner. The fact that a prior relationship exists between the school and the individual seems to elevate the call to more of a pleasant exchange than an anonymous sales pitch. Those who do not wish to be called may request to be removed from the list by calling (813) 258-7401 or e-mailing a request to [development@ut.edu](mailto:development@ut.edu).

## MacLeod Match: Give a Dollar, and UT Gets at least Two!

- Only alumni gifts will be matched.
- If you haven't given to the annual fund since June 1, 2003, make a contribution now. The entire amount will be matched.
- If you have given since then, increase the size of your gift. The margin of increase will be matched.
- Gifts and increases up to \$50,000 will be matched.
- Gifts received June 1, 2004-May 31, 2005, will be matched.
- Only unrestricted gifts qualify. Gifts designated to specific programs are not eligible.
- Qualifying gifts from 1970-79 graduates will be double-matched.
- For more information, contact Kim Sperling at (813) 253-6220 or [ksperling@ut.edu](mailto:ksperling@ut.edu).

UT has relied on the Alumni Phonathon for many years to raise a portion of the Annual Fund, dollars that help relieve the school's operating budget by providing for student scholarships, campus improvements, faculty development and other essential recurring needs. The phonathon effort has raised more than \$300,000 in support since 1997.

The phonathon also provides a great way to announce special programs like the MacLeod Match. A call is much more personal than a piece of mail, and allows a few extra minutes to build a case for private support. It also provides a forum for alumni to give feedback, update address information, ask questions, and generally reconnect with the University.

## Corporate Partner Makes It Possible

While calling programs are generally more cost effective than direct mail fundraising, constraints like space and staff have prevented UT from coordinating such programs on campus. Enter Ruffalo Cody, the leader in providing fundraising, membership and enrollment management solutions for more than 300 non-profit organizations. The company is based in Cedar Rapids, IA, and manages UT's program.

"We wouldn't trust just anyone to reach out and touch our graduates in such a personal way," said Dan Gura, vice president for development. "While an on-campus calling center staffed by our own talented students would be ideal, at this time UT lacks the space to conduct such an effort on our campus."

Ruffalo Cody's reputation as an industry leader affirms the value of the partnership. Working with a first-rate partner like Ruffalo Cody makes it possible to contact thousands of alumni in a professional and timely manner. During last year's effort, the phones were dialed an astounding 41,779 times.

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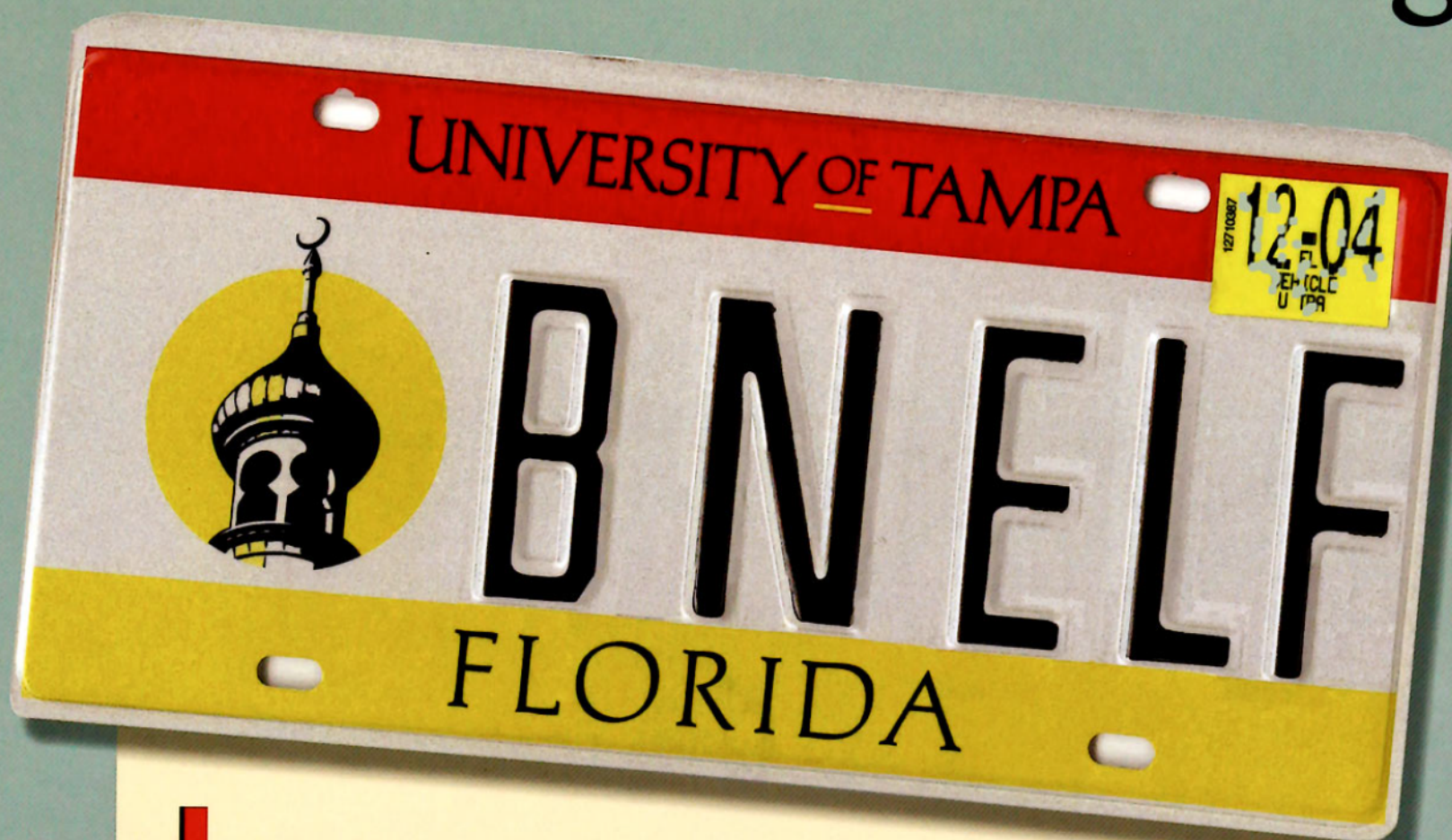
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