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## Bush authorizes attack on Taliban

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Two hours before unleashing bombs and cruise missiles against Afghanistan, President Bush turned to an aide in the Oval Office and said, "I gave them fair warning."

In fact, the president signed off on the plan for Sunday's military action long before he put it into action. A senior administration official said Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld agreed weeks ago on the tactics, the extent of the strikes and the nature of the targets.

Bush and his advisers ran through a final checklist of diplomatic and military details in a videoconference call Saturday, while the president visited Camp David. Although the presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland is usually a place for Bush to relax, he spent the weekend preparing for war.

According to the administration official, who insisted on anonymity, Rumsfeld assured the president that a coalition of traditional allies and newfound friends, from Britain to Uzbekistan, was prepared to help. CIA director George Tenet reported that the attack was likely to catch Afghanistan's Taliban rulers off-guard, because they weren't

expecting it for at least a few days. Secretary of State Colin Powell said the State Department would put its diplomatic missions on high alert and issue a travel warning to Americans abroad.

Bush also huddled at the presidential retreat with speechwriter Michael Gerson and counselor Karen Hughes. The two aides had played key roles in drafting the president's widely acclaimed Sept. 20 speech to a joint session of Congress; now they were working on the follow-up announcement that military action had started.

With the plan in place, Bush began calling congressional leaders at about 9 p.m. Saturday to tell them he was ready to order retaliation. He found House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt at Camden Yards in Baltimore, where the St. Louis lawmaker was watching Cal Ripken in his final game with the Baltimore Orioles. Gephardt offered Bush his support, then turned back to the game.

Other calls went to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott and House Speaker Dennis Hastert. The president resumed his public schedule by attending an annual tribute to fallen firefighters at the national training center in Emmitsburg, Md., near Camp David. His demeanor and words of-

fered no clues to his intentions, but his tribute also could apply to the men and women he was sending to war.

"All of them serve," Bush said, "knowing that one day they may not come home."

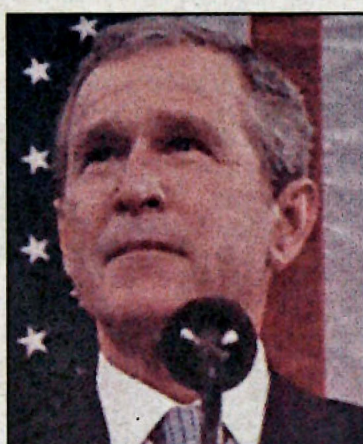
The only hint that something had changed came when the presi-

Back in the Oval Office, Bush began calling world leaders, running through a list that included Russian President Vladimir Putin, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. Powell called about 10 other foreign leaders.

About 30 minutes after the first strikes in Afghanistan, the president went on national television to announce that "the battle is now joined on many fronts." Departing from the traditional setting of the Oval Office, he spoke from the White House Treaty Room, with a view of the Jefferson Memorial over his right shoulder.

Then he joined his aides for sandwiches. He urged them to help prepare the nation for a military campaign unlike any war in the nation's history.

"The president has very often said to us that it's very important for the country to understand how really different this is," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. "It's not just a typical, traditional, conventional war." He described Bush's mood as "resolute and determined" throughout the day.



Associated Press  
President Bush speaks during a press conference outlining his approval of the retaliatory attacks against Afghanistan.

dent and first lady. Laura Bush boarded a helicopter after his remarks and returned to the White House about 10:30 a.m. — several hours earlier than usual.

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## Organizations rally to support victims

By BONNIE WAGNER  
Staff Reporter

Shortly after the tragedies on Sept. 11, various organizations at UT stepped into the light and began fundraising activities to assist those affected by the attacks.

Some organizations were more successful than others, while other organizations were more original than others.

For example, the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority held a teddy bear drive to have bears donated and sent to the children in New York. Not only did they receive a warm response from UT, but the Tampa Bay community helped them out as well.

The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity raised money in memory of the firefighters who lost their lives while trying to assist the thousands of workers in the World Trade Center. One of their fraternity brothers from a different chapter, also a firefighter in New York, lost his life in the tragedy.

The Delta Sigma Theta sorority held a ribbon campaign, and the Delta Gamma sorority raised money

for the Red Cross.

In addition to the fraternities and sororities who raised money, the Community Development Team (CDT) set up a campaign as well. They promised to dye Dean of Students Bob Ruday's hair for one day if they could raise \$1,000 or more, a goal which unfortunately was not achieved.

"I have followed websites for other schools, but we are truly unique in doing this," commented Ruday. "It is nice to have students initiate these things, not just a couple of people doing it. I don't think it matters if the CDT raises \$1,000 or not, but they are committed to this."

Jody Link, coordinator of the CDT effort, also agreed it was not the amount that was important, but the fact that everyone came together to help in a time of obvious need.

"Although we didn't meet our goal," Link said, "we still raised approximately \$250 in cash and checks. Plus, we had quite a few people donate clothing and food. It was great seeing all the organiza-

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## Homecoming Court Announced

After completing the interview process for the Homecoming Court, select faculty, staff and alumni have chosen ten students to vie for the honorable distinctions of being crowned this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

Elections will be held Oct. 15 - Oct. 18 in the Plant Hall lobby.

For biographies on each prince and princess, please see page 8.



April Gillespie—Special to the Minaret



# Call for student action

## EDITORIAL

When the tragedies of Sept. 11 first struck America, the University of Tampa was immediately forthcoming in its response and support of students. A crisis center was set up to help people cope with the tragedy and so that we could contact our families. A vigil was held where faculty, students and President Vaughn gave speeches to unite our campus community and help us deal with the grave danger that faces our nation.

Since then, though, what has our student body done? The only outpouring of information and leadership has come from the faculty, those who submitted their own written testimony of their thoughts on the tragedies, offering their writings to the students as a means of support and guidance by allowing them to be published in *The Minaret*. It was our faculty and staff that organized the memorial service and the crisis center.

But what have the students done? Little more than make ribbons to wear to class. Even though students signed posters hung in Plant Hall offering support, many of the written messages were promotions for the organizations of those signers. We didn't even reach half the goal set by the CDTs to raise \$1,000 in support for victims. And these actions happened all in the first two weeks after the tragedies in New York City and Washington, with the exception of planned P.E.A.C.E. blood drives, what has been done since then?

*The Minaret* is an open forum for both faculty and students to express their ideas and feelings about this tragedy, and we have received only one guest column from a student about the events. The only student letter-to-the-editor complains about Michael Jackson's age reference in a features story. Does no one care that we could be under serious attack and are bombing another country?

Throughout W. W. II and the Vietnam War, colleges across the country held "teach-ins" where students and faculty would have an open forum on the current danger and could discuss and debate what course of action would be best. From this grew the anti-war movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s, a movement that had a great influence on the course of the Vietnam War.

Only after the action of a dean is one able to take place at the University of Tampa. No students have taken the initiative. Who should do such a thing? Our Student Government has great authority over the students and should have scheduled such events, and we haven't had one such an event in the one month since the attacks. The Student Government Executive Board are meant to be the leaders of this university but, in time of war, can only offer a simple speech at an event planned by the Vaughn Center Action Team and haven't shown any sort of leadership to the student body.

Perhaps, though, our student leaders are not at fault. Who would attend these teach-ins? There was a large turnout at the memorial service on Sept. 12, but who would attend now?

We are not the intellectual college we pretend to be, and even though we have just been ranked as a first-tier school, our actions as a student population during this crisis should knock us back down to the lowest rung. Our students would rather ignore the facts and pretend that everything will be just fine. Have you considered that our government's actions might eventually be calling on our male student population to fight? With the financial impact, have our marketing students thought that there might not be a job market for them to join when they graduate? How will this affect our education systems? What about the threat of biological warfare? Do you even know what anthrax is, and that its first target was a Florida journalist?

How can there be such apathy at this supposed cradle of learning? We are harboring and producing the kinds of students who don't react to a national crisis. These are the same students who think we are an intellectually advanced university and believe the preposterous rumor that all we need to do to be included into the Ivy League is construct a fence around our campus. The Ivy League isn't shopping, and even if they were, they would never allow a school into their midsts a school that doesn't have a philosophy major. These are the same students who are doing nothing in the face of a global crisis.

The time for denial is over, and the time for action is now. Write us your thoughts, your feelings. Do more than just stop on CNN for 20 seconds on your way to *The Simpsons*. Take the initiative to do what our Student Government should be doing, and help organize teach-ins. This is a life changing event, and our world will never be the same. Do something about it.



## When the beer flows like wine

### COLUMN

While walking to work in the Student Union last Friday morning, I overheard the following: "Yeah, my roommate's mom came down for Family Weekend so the three of us went to Bar [Tampa] last night, and she bought us a bunch of shots. She is so cool."



By  
SARAH  
MORGAN

A mom? Buying shots? For freshmen? You have got to be kidding me. That is no way to raise a child, especially one who has just left the nest. I don't care if this mom was trying to act cool in front of her daughter's new friends. There is something wrong with taking your kids—or having your kids take you—to Ybor for the sole purpose of you getting drunk together. And don't try to tell me it was mother-daughter bonding, I don't buy that for a minute.

Now, there is an exception to that rule. That rule is called the legal drinking age. Mind you, there are some 21+ freshmen who live on campus. Chances are, some even have their parents come down for the annual family deal. But I sincerely doubt that this was the case with these girls.

This scenario is not limited solely to Family Weekend. Many times during Orientation, I have seen parents trudging up the stairs to Junior's room carrying a cooler full of booze. That's the easiest way to acclimate them to college life—get someone older to buy the drinks and carrying the bottles up the stairs. No one's going to catch you getting written up the first day.

Of course, drinking is the favorite pastime of most at UT, but is it really neces-

sary for parents to assist in that hobby? No. Any reasonable human being who had enough common sense to raise a child to adulthood should know better than to aid the underage drinking phenomena.

As always, there are exceptions to this rule. Most of us have been to high school parties at a friend's house where drinking was allowed by parents as long as no one left. Then again, I seriously doubt the parents fronted all the money for the alcohol. That kind of parental assistance—if that's even the right word—is somewhat acceptable. Those kids are in a controlled environment. Everyone is accounted for, all keys are locked away in Mommy and Daddy's room till morning.

But that's not how it is here. There is no such thing as a controlled environment in college unless one chooses to be locked within the confines of a 12' x 14' dorm room for 22 hours a day, venturing out only to consume enough food from the caf to survive the rest of the day. Most people don't do that. When they drink, they drink to get drunk. They run around the halls setting off fire alarms at 2:30 in the morning,

puke in the corners and spread their feces on the walls. Some decide to drive around Tampa and see where the parties are. There is nothing close to a controlled environment.

Another exception is, of course, a glass of wine with dinner. Notice, "a glass," not two, three or eight. A glass of wine is completely acceptable for anyone over the age of, say, 15 to enjoy an alcoholic beverage with a meal, save maybe breakfast.

But back to the original point. These freshmen, and even upperclassmen, do not need parental help in order to find a way to drink. Although when parents come for the weekend, the drinks are always free.

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# The Cards on the Table

## On my own and missing Mama

COLUMN

By NIKI CONSTANTINO  
Staff Writer

With the first part of fall semester over, students are now formally enthralled with independent living. Before now, especially for the younger students, laundry and cooking were tasks of an unfamiliar nature. But now, it is perfectly lucid to all that the objectives of clean clothes and suppressed hunger pains must be met.

Certain students still have the luxury of driving home every weekend to do laundry (or have it done for them) and the convenience of the meal plan, the lucky devils. But most do not. ResCom troopers in particular know all too well that that mountain of laundry isn't shrinking or smelling any sweeter, and the rumble in your tumbly only gets louder (and always during class). What's the solution? Mommy and Daddy, but, they're noticeably not here and not easily accessible. This is the reason for Family Weekend.

Last Friday, UT was the scene of many a student-parent reunion. The guardians finally got to see the finished room decor, friends and roommates, and of course, their children. You lead them around campus, introduce them to your friends, relieved they're capable of finally

placing faces with names. Putting aside any anxiety or concerns that were present before they arrived, you're now back to the familiarity of the home that's them. Most take a mini vacation to the Hyatt or Radisson, wherever your folks are staying at, and the best part of all—eating out. This may not seem like a big deal to those of you with the endless cash flow.

But, to the rest of us eating in the caf or cooking for ourselves, God help us, having Mom and Dad foot the bill for dinner is a joyous occasion. Do you hear me, joyous! By now, words like breakfast, vegetables and nutrition are mostly vague and meaningless with all the regularity of a comet. Oh sure, the caf's got 'em supposedly; but homemade loveliness is gone, and we've almost forgotten what in the world it tasted like. Poptart, McDonald's, Ramen noodles. Ah! Now that I've heard of.

Unfortunately, not all the effects of

Mom and Dad's absence are so shallow. Fending for yourself definitely has its perks, for it includes doing whatever the hell you please without the drawback of your parents' response (e.g. eating junk, skipping class, drinking, coming home late, not coming home at all). Still, few can deny that the upshot of so much care-free spontaneity reaps anxiety and an assault of conscience when things don't go your way. It's then that the fun comes to a screeching halt, and you abruptly stop to look around for the

two people whoknow you best. Sure, you have your friends here, and the more time you've spent at UT, the dearer your roommates and pals become. But they haven't known you since before you could talk, or walk, or spend money, or play beer pong. It's then when your parent's nagging and lecturing doesn't

seem so bad, you forget for a little while that you couldn't wait to get outta Dodge and into the endless summer. For just a second, you think, to hell with all of that, and you miss them

terribly. So, you rely on the phone, right? Or e-mail. And, though both are miracles of technology and enable you to "reach" them in a second, you don't really reach them. It's not enough.

My parents couldn't make it for Family Weekend. Even though plane tickets are dirt cheap right now, and they would have loved to escape from what is becoming a chilly October in Maryland, they were stuck. And I was stuck watching other kids with their parents, their mommies. Feeling so estranged from home at that point, one has the impulse to wander up to random women asking, "Are you my mommy? Have you seen my mommy?"

Strange as it seems to me, there are some students who aren't close with their families and never regret the distance they've accumulated between them. So Family Weekend isn't a big deal for them and neither is Thanksgiving or Christmas vacation. My mom hesitates putting me on a plane now, but flying doesn't bother me. Those two breaks are my only consolation whenever I miss my parents—you bet I'll risk a hijacking or two for them. My need for their presence was colossal my freshman year, and hasn't dwindled now that I'm a senior. Though my growth since then would never have happened, had they been with me.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am calling into question columnist Samantha Horvath's ability to judge time.

She claims that Michael Jackson is "near 50". That's a helluva stretch, considering his age is 43 years old. Using Horvath's math, a 6th grader, like my 11 year-old niece, is "near" the voting-age.

In truth, Horvath's math doesn't irritate half as much as her ageism. Notice how she equates Jackson's age to "isn't what he used to be". She's optimistic but skeptical the relic can perform.

It's simply wrongheaded to make assumptions about what a person is or isn't capable of based solely on a birth date. I'll bet Horvath, like most UT students, detests being judged by her (young) age. Well, that knife cuts both ways.

Look in the mirror,

Valerie Wolf  
School of Continuing Ed.  
(Class of .. Whenever I get done.)

Due to the writers disdain for our content, we have run this letter as is, with no edits.

Dear Editor:

When I opened my mail today (Oct. 9), I was pleasantly surprised to find a letter from dear old UT. What I had hoped might be a warm "how's it going?" from Ron Vaughn was in fact, a form letter inviting me to donate money. "Whether it's been 5 or 50 years since you've walked the halls of our alma mater..." I was a bit perplexed at first. It's been 0-4 years since I walked through Plant Hall. Did this excuse me from donation? But I digress. The real issue here is the fact that the school is asking me for money, while turning it away from other sources.

Evan Fetter, a 1996 UT grad, attempted to make a small donation to raise the stipends of the school's woefully understaffed publications. The school hasn't raised the stipends on any of the publications editorial positions in some time, at the same time, raising tuition steadily. The money Fetter offered wasn't a lot, but it was a nice gesture, a little something to let the students in these important positions know that they are appreciated. What did the administration do with Fetter's financial offer? They turned it down.

For a school that is heavily pushing its state of the art school of

business, such a move makes very little business sense. There was a time when UT was in danger of being acquired by USF, now it is strong enough to turn away monetary support from alumni?

The letter I received states that of the \$290,000 donated by alumnus last year, \$188,000 went to student scholarships. So it seems clear to me that money donated by alumnus is being earmarked for student use, why not this donation? Why can John Sykes decide where his money going, is it the size of the donation that counts?

The letter states that UT has a goal of \$350,000 to be raised from alumni donations this year, and they have invited me to help with this campaign by sending in my gift of \$70. Instead, I would like to offer the school so much more, close to \$5,000 that Fetter has commitments for, from over 50 alumnus. If you are interested in supporting this cause, I invite any students or faculty who haven't already done so, to stop by the Quilt office on the second floor of the Student Union and sign the petition begun last year asking the school to accept Fetter's donation. Until the school accepts the money generously offered, I have no problem denying it my financial report.

Josef Lawler  
2000-2001 Quilt Editor-in-Chief

Top 5 things you'll never hear a UT professor say:

1. Math final exam:  
2+2=?
2. Attendance is neither mandatory nor encouraged
3. For next class, please watch 5 horus of "Baywatch" and be prepared to discuss the deep, underlying thematical nuances.
4. I think Brian Sutton is one sexy bitch.
5. The Minaret is the greatest publication ... ever!

Prove the man wrong!  
Help us grow to be the publication everyone expects from such a fine university. We love freshman and we love UT. So join our staff. Period.



# On religion, war and politics

FACULTY FORUM

To many, religion is a matter of ultimate concern. Others may view the subject as I did at college age: silly and irrelevant, tied to childish ideas I'd put away.



By  
DR. ANDY  
SOLOMON

The times now make religion relevant to us all, because of the human activity to which it has always been intimately linked: war. As Vietnam was to me, this new war will almost certainly be the defining historical event of our students' lives.

We have on our campus veterans of wars from Korea to the Persian Gulf. Yet, none of us knows what this new war may be like. Viewed from home, a conflict like the Gulf War, the only war within the living memory of most UT students, can look appealing in its simplicity. To the ten-year-olds some were then, its video game-like launching of precision smart bombs with few lost American lives could even look like fun. To the Iraqis on the ground, it looked like death. But it was happening to them, not us.

In this new war, it can happen to us. Our leaders tell us to expect that. The restraint and patience this war demands will feel uncomfortable, no quick overwhelming victory like the Gulf. In war, as in most things, Americans like quick results.

We've always romanticized war. But we were wrong, just as we've often been with its uneasy partner, religion.

Jesus states clearly in Luke 17:21, and even more clearly in the Gnostics' *Gospel of Thomas*, that heaven is right here and right now. So too is hell. Dante makes one way clear when he and Virgil enter the Inferno beneath a sign: Leave behind all hope, ye who enter here. *Wherever there is no hope, there is hell*; many downtrodden people around the world live there. Victorious Union General William Tecumseh Sherman makes

clear another inferno in the midst of us: *War is hell*.

War is not Achilles' glory or Antony's "royal occupation" or even Rambo. Actual war, as Purple Heart veterans like Tim O'Brien show, is a waking nightmare. Ask those at UT who've seen it first hand, and they will tell you that real-life ground combat is thinking you have no real loved one on earth but the soldier next to you firing back at the enemy, and then watching that loved one's helmet fly past containing half his head. You don't feel like saluting a flag then; you pray you'll remain alive.

That is when true heroism comes out. Not when you're still safely back home gloating how easily you'll kick some Confederate or Nazi or North Vietnamese ass, but when you're by the trench or jungle trail ankle-deep in body parts you pray yours won't soon be among, and you're scared, but you still do what you have to do. Our D-Day supreme commander Dwight Eisenhower, who saw its brutality in both World Wars, said, "I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity."

Yet, when it has been necessary, America has always had the stomach for it. With the cruise missiles already flying, what may we need the stomach for now? Whatever it will be, religion lies at the heart of it, so much so that injudicious moves could transform a war on terrorism into a perceived war on Islam. That would mean war against 1.2 billion people, perhaps killing many of them and turning survivors into people eager to kill Americans and our allies. Who has the stomach for that?

We must make 1.2 billion people see that our enemies are also Islam's enemies. Many don't see that yet. The hostilities of millions are currently drawn along religious lines. We are forming, as people always do, Us/Them groups. In incidents fortunately still rare, Americans have bombed mosques and

killed people they thought were Muslim. To those who did the killing on Sept. 11, the U.S. was Islam and the Them were the infidel West. We're forming religious mobs. Impassioned masses inevitably sink to the intelligence level of their least intelligent members.

We hear each night of "radical" or "fanatical" Muslims, but Islam has no corner on murder done in its name. Violence perpetrated in the name of Islam is different neither in kind nor degree than history's copious violence perpetrated in the name of Judaism and Christianity. Its essential difference now is in place. It happened here, to us.

We face powerful and resourceful fanatics whom both we and they label *religious*. The term itself may be an oxymoron; there is a reason God says in the 46th Psalm, "*Be still, and know that I am God.*"

Religious fervor limits our view and casts the same actions in diametrically opposite light. Medieval Christian kings sought a place in heaven by leading Crusades to the holy land. To Muslims, those kings were satans.

A jihad looks to a radical Muslim exactly as a crusade did to a medieval Christian. We think a man who kills thousands of innocent people seems headed straight to hell, yet the Sept. 11 hijackers carried letters saying, "Allah is with you and the angels are protecting you," and they believed it.

This disparity occurs not only between religions but within religions. Jesus declares one of the two most important rules of his religion is Leviticus's "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," yet Jerry Falwell, who says he believes Jesus was God, thinks God so hates homosexuals and feminists that He allowed 5000 innocent people to perish here because America permits homosexuality and feminism. In the Koran, Mohammad writes as God's instruction: do not kill women, children or the elderly. This evidently eludes terrorists and an entire generation of indoctrinated children who pin pictures of martyrs to

their walls as American kids do Brett Favre and Allen Iverson.

Falwell and misguided martyrs, however, are fervid, malevolent and stupid, a terribly volatile mix. They have little interest in hearing what Jesus or the Koran actually say. What the founding prophets teach casts a less powerful spell over people than what religion as commonly practiced actually provides. The poetic mysticism of Jesus, the submission to God that Abraham exemplified and Mohammad taught, commandments to love one another "even as I have loved you" all prove too hard. People want something blissful in the present and eternal in reward, preferably something that won't prove difficult or make them have to think much.

And so, in a world I suspect would make Jesus or Mohammad weep, people kill in religion's name. They always have. We face a "jihad," which means what a genuinely religious mind like those of the founding prophets would consider the most mistaken and perverse of oxymorons: holy war.

Most of us hope we never find ourselves at war with Islam, but we may find ourselves at war with "jihad," which since the era of the Great Conquests has been an Islamic concept. Long before that, it was a Hebrew concept, and the Crusades are far from the only time it was a Christian concept. The wrong and evil done in religion's name began almost immediately after each religion began. Even the people claiming to write their founders' faiths in the Old and New Testaments may already have been changing them, as I'll begin to explore next week.

The Koran and its message unified warring tribes and even briefly tamed them, but in barely a century those Arabs warriors found within the Koran's words on war enough ground to build the idea of jihad on.

More than a thousand years later, with much of the world at stake, it is a frightening word indeed.

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## Taking the measure of religious belief

FACULTY FORUM

By DR. JEFF KARON

*Faculty Forum*

I thank my colleagues for contributing such thought-provoking pieces to the Oct. 5 Faculty Forum. Dr. Andy Solomon's article, "Religion and What Can Happen in Its Name (Part I)," begins the difficult process of untangling religious belief from the way we pose every decision during this difficult time. I want to present a somewhat less optimistic view of the situation, though.

Solomon summarizes the common history of three world religions, rightly pointing out how much is shared by their current adherents. I should appreciate his reassuring, lovely meditation "that their names for the same God sound different but mean the same suggest to me something deeper: the religions themselves can be thought of as three varying languages describing much the same vision and a hope for eventual peace among peoples." I should, but I cannot. What do we make of the claim that religions really worship the same God, even though that God may be vengeful or completely loving, immanent or removed, a trinity or a unity, a father of a human son or just the father of the

universe, utterly mysterious or knowable? Even if we focus on one religion—say the few thousand splintered sects of Christianity—powerful differences emerge in the concept of God.

No theologian has convinced me how to reconcile strong religious differences in some harmonious way. We have all been exposed in these last few weeks to the easiest path: insist that religious zealots who resort to violence all misinterpret their religion. Better yet, insist that they are irrational, godless creatures. While I believe strongly that terrorism can be condemned, I could condemn it on religious grounds only if I knew that my religious views were the right ones, that I understood what others do not: God does not condone violence. I say instead: look at the history of religion where violence is writ large.

Solomon points us to a world where

violence recedes, and eventually disappears. I want to join him in that world, and I am just enough of a utopian to think that we can strive for it. I wonder, however, if too many people have subscribed to a different utopian scheme than mine, one in which the arc of history includes a "Great Chain of Being," but instead of filling the slots with species (with humans as the crown jewel), religions now are arranged according to how "advanced" they are. In this rather vague sort of spiritual evolution, some religions clearly are "better" than others, which perhaps explains their dominance.

But to judge religious merit requires a yardstick of some sort. One type—which seems very popular right now—is the yardstick of religious truth. Some religions just have managed to get closer to the real metaphysical stuff.

or belong to one of those old, throwback religions, that yardstick is likely to turn into a rod broken across your back.

Another type is the yardstick of human rights. We see that some religions do recognize human worth and dignity, that they can be judged according to how the individual fares. This measuring raises difficult questions, and requires us to take a stand on what counts as a violation of human rights here and abroad.

Dare I suggest a sacrilegious thought experiment? Even if many of us are wrong about God, even if God does (somehow) condone violence, well then, in the instance of terrorism, such a God is wrong. We must walk our own path. I am sure, however, that most of my readers do not believe that their personal God would condone such behavior. But settling questions of proper actions in response to terrorism should be a matter of settling ethical issues that do not depend on religious truth. The important secondary result: protecting religious belief, even if it seems "crazy."

*Dr. Jeff Karon is an assistant professor in English and Writing.*



## A different view

FACULTY FORUM

By DR. JOE SCLAFANI

Faculty Forum

I write again to share more specific thoughts on a singular topic – negotiating for peace with terrorists. In a phrase, this is what a psychologist would say about the topic – “it can’t be done.”

By definition, terrorists are extremists and fanatics. Their ability to reason or be reasoned with does not exist. If they could be reasoned with, they would no longer be terrorists.

And so, for those who look to make peace with these people, I say, “You delude yourself.” The Bush administration was totally correct with its initial message – the U.S. does not negotiate with terrorists or their kin (the Taliban). The reason is that it cannot be done.

As can be seen by the events of the past week, the Taliban lie like a cheap rug. They changed their stories daily – “We don’t know nothin’ ‘bout no Osama” to “Give us evidence and we will try him.” Also, they were quick to point out how we missed our targets and then talk about the plane they shot down. Wrong, wrong again. A la Britney, “Oops, they did it again.”

These liars are really easy to understand and predict if you see them in simplistic terms as overgrown school yard bullies. Remember that bullies are insecure and try to live life as the best defense is a good offense. They also try to distance themselves first so that they cannot claim to be rejected later.

In a more serious description, these scum are narcissists and sociopaths. They can kill anyone because only they themselves matter. They talk a great game about Islam and Allah, not having any clue about intimate relationships. There cannot be a religious relationship without emotional intimacy.

Like all good narcissists and sociopaths, terrorists are excellent blamers, never able to take any personal responsibility for being wrong or wrongful. They delude themselves in their personal religious wrappings without any clue about the meaning of their message to or for others – only as a means for self-promotion of their misguided agenda.

Narcissistic sociopaths have no consciences. They will never express or feel regret. They will use whatever means to get their way: 5000 people in the twin towers were as meaningful as sand. Our horror is not understandable, only our hurt.

Finally, these narcissist/sociopaths are coming back for more terror attacks no matter what we say or do. Why should we offer up Israel or move out of Saudi Arabia? Giving in would only show the bullies a sign of weakness. Remember that the best way to get rid of a bully is pure power – show them you have resolve and ability to hurt them and they will run like a nose with a cold.

So what we must do is strike hard and often. Today Afghanistan, tomorrow, who knows? Again the U.S. will play by Geneva convention and just war rules while the terrorists will play down and dirty. But even within our self-imposed civilizing constraints, we can and must make our point with power and aggression – the only language bullies respect.

If you are a peaceful person or a peacemaker, these are difficult times. The peace you seek can, unbelievably, only come out of war. If we stop fighting, they will laugh and attack us again and again, seeing our peaceful ways as signs of vulnerability and weakness. If you hope that any potential peaceful response we make will be a model to show them they can be different, you will die waiting for their conversion that will never come. These people will never change because they see no reason to. So we must change them through their death.

We are joined in a long-term “war for peace” – a peace that will only come when terrorist minds are eliminated.

Dr. Joe Sclafani is an associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and an Associate Professor of Psychology.

## The day after speech: Sept. 12

FACULTY FORUM

By DR. JAMES HARF

Faculty Forum

*The following is a transcription of the speech made by a new faculty member at UT. This speech was made at the campus-wide vigil held on the East Verandah on September 12th, 2001.*

As a member of the University of Tampa community who recently arrived three weeks ago, I welcome the privilege of representing my faculty colleagues in sharing some thoughts with you on this overwhelmingly sad occasion. It is good that we gather today to remember those directly touched by yesterday’s tragic events. But in a larger sense, we are all touched by yesterday’s disasters. Each and every one of us, because we value human life and because we believe in the dignity and worth of the individual, cannot help but be touched by what unfolded on a bright sunny September day on the east coast of our country. All of us in the UT community, no matter the language we speak, no matter where we call home, no matter whom we worship, share a common bond. A bond larger than that created by country of origin, skin color, native tongue, and whom we call creator. It is a bond that says: we join together to use whatever skills we have for good, for a better world, not only for those we love but for all human beings, no matter how far removed they are from our daily lives.

I’m reminded of the terrified soldier in Melos, a colony of Sparta, facing a certain death at the hands of his Athenian captors. And yet the fight was not his.

I’m reminded of the little Muslim boy, cowering behind the side of his hut, as the white knight on horseback struggles to retake the holy shrines. And yet the fight was not his.

I’m reminded of the Russian peasant hiding in terror as the German army pushed ever forward eastward toward Moscow, not once but twice in the last 200 years, knowing that all that he valued would be destroyed as the invader passed. And yet the fight was not his.

I’m reminded of the 17-year-old French lieutenant, lying alone in a foxhole somewhere in France early last century as the odor of poisonous gas makes its way toward him, and yet the fight was not his.

I’m reminded of Anne Frank, lying in terror in the attic, fearful of the dreadful consequences of being found out. And yet the fight was not hers.

I’m reminded of the nurse at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, unaware that enemy airplanes loaded with bombs were just over the horizon. And yet the fight was not hers.

I’m reminded of the little Japanese girl in her classroom in downtown Hiroshima, trying to make some sense of the multiplication tables in front of her, as the bomb bay opened and the mushroom-shaped cloud was only moments away. And yet the fight was not hers.

And finally, I’m reminded of the young mother with daughter on a bright September morning, yesterday morning, waving goodbye, blowing a kiss and whispering the words “I love you” to husband and daddy, and then hurrying down the jet-way to board American Airlines Flight 11, bound for Los Angeles from Boston. Unaware that the final destination would not be LAX but the north tower of New York’s World Trade Center. And yet the fight was not hers, nor was it her young child’s.

Let me make one thing clear. Yesterday’s tragic events do not represent a clash of civilizations. Nor do they represent a clash of countries, nor skin color, nor one person’s deity with another’s. Rather, they represent the struggle between those individuals who would deny the dignity and worth of the individual with those who cherish

these values. Between those who believe in the rule of law and those who embrace lawlessness. Between those who find goodness in the human spirit and those who scoff at such nonsense. Between those who believe that violence is to be avoided and, if unavoidable, the rules of a just war are to be followed, and those who seek out innocent civilians to strike back at the enemy. Between those who

believe that being different must lead to violence and those who see opportunity in diversity. In short, it is a struggle between good and evil. It is that simple and yet so complex.

Complexity. Everything is becoming more complex. Our daily lives. The world itself. It is no longer a simple place. The enemy does not always ride a dark horse. The enemy does not always arrive with gun in hand, in a different colored uniform (or any military uniform at all) ready to do battle.

In the old days, we thought it easy to identify the enemy. And perhaps it was, although tell that to the Japanese-

Americans who were placed in camps during W.W. II, lest they harm us “real Americans.” It is not

so easy today to pick out those who would harm us. But one thing is certain. Only one criterion is relevant. It is defined by behavior, nothing else. Evil action is wrong, no matter what the context, no matter what the goal.

So let us in the UT community – no matter where our national allegiances lie, no matter which deity we worship, no matter where we call home – join together. Embrace goodness. Reject evil, no matter the circumstances. Reject violence, no matter the perpetrator. Join with the person next to you to fight for the right to those liberties that all Americans cherish. Thomas Jefferson got it right: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, however each of us defines it.

To those of you who have lived your life here, proudly embrace these goals. Do not apologize for your vigorous pursuit of these cherished values. Resolve that no enemy will put these values in harm’s way.

To those of you who have chosen to spend time with us from somewhere else, indulge us during this time of mourning as we sort through the implications of yesterday’s events. Please understand that we hurt deeply. Be patient when we may appear insensitive. Help us understand that you ache too. And finally, all of us, join together in creating not just a country where these values are cherished, but a world free of violence, hatred and discrimination.

James E. Harf is the director of the Office of International Programs

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### NEWS ITEM: AMERICANS BUYING GAS MASKS





# Police Beat

Compiled by GORDON IRELAND  
Staff Reporter

## Oct. 3

### Note left after accident

A student parked her car in the intramural parking lot around 10 a.m. When she returned at 8:30 p.m., she found her car damaged. There was a note left on the car with the person's contact information and acceptance of fault.

### Student's property stolen after locks are changed and he doesn't receive keys

A student notified security that when he returned to his room in Brevard Hall around 2 a.m., the furniture in the common room had been turned over. That afternoon, he noticed four DVD movies missing. Value of the DVDs was said to be around \$80. Security asked if his room was secure at time of incident. The student explained that it was not locked due to a new lock being put on their door. The 24-hour desk assistant told him that his keys were in ResLife, and since it was the weekend, the student would have to wait until Monday. Security informed him if this happens again to inform security so they may assist sooner.

## Oct. 4

### Ex-boyfriend stalks female

While a student was leaving her workout, her ex-boyfriend arrived. They began to talk around 3:05 p.m. The conversation escalated, so she left the area and got into her car. She drove around for about 15 minutes and during that time, her ex-boyfriend called her between 20-30 times. She returned to campus and went to the security office. The suspect also followed. TPD was notified, and a trespass warning was issued.

### Laptop stolen from McKay

A student informed security that she left her room at 3 p.m. and returned just 25 minutes later to find her laptop missing. Her roommate was in the room when she left, but her roommate had also left, securing the door. Security checked for forced entry, but there was none. The student then stated that she had checked out a lockout key from the 24-hour desk in McKay Hall and had not returned it yet. In fact, she had noticed it missing that day. Security gave her the non-emergency number for TPD. A follow-up was given to security the next day stating that there was another individual in the room during the time period stated. He is not a UT student.

## Oct. 5

### Intoxicated male claims to be UT student, receives ride from female

An unknown female was attempting to drop off a white male subject who she had brought home from Ybor. She asked a security officer if she could find out where he lived because the intoxicated male was unable to remember where he lived, yet he claimed to be a UT student. It was determined that he was not listed as a current student. Having little success on finding where the subject lives, the female left campus. Security had no success dealing with the intoxicated subject, who became slightly belligerent. When the subject continued to ignore commands to stay where he was and continued to be uncooperative, security handcuffed him and contacted TPD. The TPD officer then placed the subject under arrest for disorderly intoxication and transported him to the Hillsborough County jail.

### Drug arrest at Holiday Inn

Security was conducting a walk through of the 4th floor of the Holiday Inn, and as they entered the floor from the stairwell, they noticed a strong odor of marijuana. One of the officers went to Hotel Security and an RA. While waiting for the other officer to return, the officer observed a girl running into the suspected room and saying, "I just wanted to let you know there were some cops up here a minute ago." She then left the room, not noticing the officer. When the other officer, hotel security and the RA returned, they approached the door. They could hear the sound of air freshener being sprayed. Security knocked on the door. When the door was opened a small dog ran out of the room. Also, the smell of cigarette smoke, air freshener and marijuana was detectable from the doorway. Security asked what was going on, and the three subjects stated, "Nothing." They were asked if they were smoking marijuana. All stated they were not. Security searched the room and found a portable scale, one large zip lock bag containing approximately six grams of marijuana and cigarette pack wrappers, each containing 3-4 grams of marijuana in one of the desks. In a purse there was a sunglass case that contained a pipe with residue, plastic baggies, rolling papers and approximately 3-4 grams of marijuana. A bank ATM canister was found, containing rolling papers. At 9:30 p.m., TPD arrived on the scene. One suspect waived her *Miranda* rights and admitted to smoking marijuana with the other two suspects and that the marijuana found in the purse was hers. Another suspect also waived his *Miranda* rights and admitted that all the marijuana found in the female suspect's desk and ATM canister was his and that the female suspect had no knowledge of the marijuana that was in her desk. The last

suspect refused to answer any questions, observing his right to remain silent. The female suspect was arrested for misdemeanor drug possession and released on her own recognizance. The male suspect was arrested for felony drug possession with the intent to distribute and was handcuffed and taken into custody. The last suspect was given a trespass warning for campus and the Holiday Inn. RAs will file judicial paperwork for the two students on scene.

### Harassing phone calls

A student stated that she had received between six and eight calls from an unknown male suspect. She did not think that the calls were coming from anyone on campus, but agreed to keep a log of incoming calls.

## Oct. 6

### Fight at Crescent Place

Security was called to a fight at Crescent Place. A student and a white male had just finished a physical altercation in which both sustained minor injuries. Neither wished to press charges, and no damage to the room had occurred. One male involved was taken back to his parents and released. Both parties agreed to stay away from each other until they could work the dispute out.

### Intoxicated student moved to new room at Holiday Inn

At approximately 4 a.m., security was called to the Holiday Inn where they found a subject incoherent and stumbling in the room. He appeared to be highly intoxicated and had spread feces and vomit all over the bathroom wall, the sink, himself and the carpet. The on-duty manager was contacted and briefed on the situation. He dispatched the cleaning crew to the room, which continued till 7 a.m. Arrangements were made for the subject to stay in another room until the clean-up was completed.

### Student's key stolen while in the shower

A student taking a shower at 1 p.m. came out of the shower to find an unknown white male subject in his room. He escorted him from his room and off campus. Upon returning to his room he noticed that his room key was missing and called security.

### Harassing phone calls at McKay

A student stated that at approximately 9 p.m., she received a call from an unknown individual saying that her boyfriend owes the caller money and that he is going to come over and pay her a visit. The student does not have a boyfriend and had no idea who the caller was. The student was given the non-emergency number for TPD and instructed to notify security if anything else occurs.

## Oct. 7

### Harassing phone calls at Crescent Place

A student stated that she had received phone calls at approximately 4 a.m. on several nights. The last call was only one of four that an unknown male caller spoke. The rest were hang-ups. During the call, the unknown male asked her what she was wearing, where she was and her name. The student was given the non-emergency number for TPD.

### Vandalism at Student Union

Security was called to the Student Union for a report of vandalism. The vandalism included papers, boxes and colored napkins in the west stairwell and second floor. In addition, a bulletin board next to the vending machine had the content ripped off. The Facilities duty manager was notified of the mess.

## Oct. 8

### Missing necklace at Holiday Inn

A student informed security that someone had broken into her room and stolen a silver necklace with a platinum heart pendant, valued at \$1,500. Security did not find any signs of forced entry. He also noticed her roommate's jewelry, a laptop and stereo CD player left in the open yet not disturbed. The student stated that she had not seen the necklace since Oct. 4 and that she had numerous guests that evening. She was given the non-emergency number to TPD.

### Accident in the Parking garage

One vehicle was turning eastbound from the middle of the second level of the parking garage into the eastern corridor at approximately 5-7 m.p.h. when it struck another vehicle in the left front corner, causing minor damage. Both parties agreed to exchange insurance information. Neither driver was hurt and they appeared to be sober.

## Organizations raise money

Continued from page 1

tions working for the same common goal."

Angela Lauer, coordinator of Greek Life, Peer Education and Community Service, had thoughts along the same lines. "It's really neat that all of our groups, in one way or another, saw a need and did something about it.

"It is very positive to have students in three distinctive areas (the Greeks, P.E.A.C.E. and the CDT) come together in this. It is very inspirational to see."

She went on to talk about how P.E.A.C.E. is going to plan a few blood drives for the Red Cross because the need for blood will not diminish in the weeks and months to come.

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## UT receives top tier ranking in survey

By GRANT DONALDSON  
Public Information Director

The University of Tampa has been ranked as one of the top educational institutions in the nation by U.S. News & World Report magazine in its 2002 selection of America's Best Colleges.

UT is ranked 33rd out of 130 colleges and universities in the Master's Category, southern region. Including all geographical regions, the category includes 573 institutions nationwide that are listed in one of the four tiers.

The Master's category is defined by the Carnegie Foundation as a class of schools that "provide a full range of undergraduate programs

and some master's level programs."

Rankings are based on several key measures of academic quality: academic reputation, first-year retention of freshmen, six year retention, faculty resources (class size, teaching aids), average admission test scores of incoming students, financial resources and alumni giving rate.

"We're very pleased to be recognized in the top tier of schools because the designation confirms what we have been working toward and also supports what we already knew, that The University of Tampa is an institution of high quality and educational excellence," said President Ronald L. Vaughn.

Six years ago, the University began a comprehensive and broad-

based effort on all educational fronts to enhance the educational experience at the University.

It included recruitment of many outstanding faculty members, a much expanded academic support system, recruitment of higher ability students, improved learning environments, enhanced faculty development, support of numerous teaching innovations, a transformed technology infrastructure and a strengthened curriculum, including development of an exceptional Baccalaureate Experience and Honors Program.

When the University first began its re-emphasis on quality in 1995, UT was in the third tier of the U.S. News and World Report college rankings.

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### Classifieds

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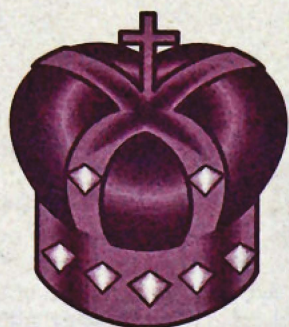
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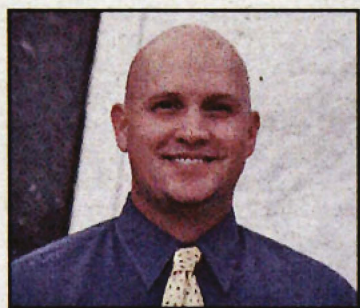
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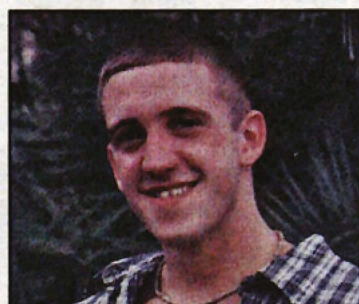
**Sean Foley** is a senior majoring in History. He is representing ResLife. Sean is an RA and also a Judicial Board Council member. He feels he should be king because "I could represent the goals and ideals the University of Tampa teaches each and every one of our students."



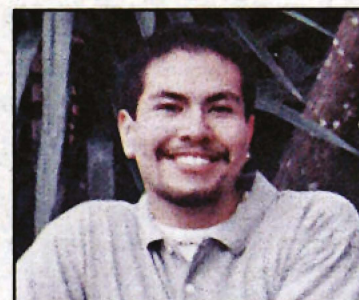
**Jody Link** is a senior marketing major and is representing *The Minaret*. He serves as the news and advertising editors for *The Minaret*, is a photographer for *The Moroccan* and is a member of the Community Development Team. He is also involved in BACCHUS, is the historian for Theta Chi and the Chairman of the Board for Brevard Hall Council.



**Steve Posin** is a senior Criminology major and is representing the Criminology Club. Steve stays busy as the Scholarship Chair for the Interfraternity Council and as the Scholarship and Fund-raising Chair as well as New Member Educator for Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He is also the treasurer of GAMMA, was a Rho Gham and member of the Move-in Team and serves as an SG Rep.



**Paulie Reid** is representing the Diplomats. He is a senior criminology major. He keeps himself busy with weight training, boxing, basketball, going to the beach and being involved in the Diplomats. He wants to be king because, "I am extremely friendly, and my main goal is to keep people happy and smiling."



**Paul Rodriguez** is representing Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He is a senior communications major and is also the Head Resident of ResCom. He is part of the Philanthropy Committee for Pi Kappa Phi and also enjoys rollerblading, screenwriting and producing videos for various organizations. Rodriguez believes he is a perfect candidate for king because, "I can represent the University in an honest and well-informed manner."



**Serena Barder** is a Psychology/Art Therapy major. She is a senior and is representing the Panhellenic Council. Barder is a second year RA in Brevard, the President of Panhellenic, a member of the Order of Omega and a Diplomat. She also stays busy with intramural softball, Alpha Chi Omega sorority and the Honors Council. She feels that she is an excellent candidate for queen because she is "so involved with UT and I have learned what great opportunities there are for students here."



**Becky Carey** is a senior Marketing major. She is representing Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Carey is the President of Student Government and Vice President of Recruitment for Alpha Chi Omega. She is also a member of Order of Omega, the Honors Program, Senior Giving Committee, Diplomats and Harvard Model United Nations. She has been an RA and the President of Alpha Chi Omega.



**Jen Miller** is representing *The Minaret* of which she is Editor-in-Chief. She is a senior English major. She is also a member of the Delta Zeta sorority, Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society, Order of Omega, the Honors Council and spent last semester doing a study abroad in Oxford, England. She would like to be queen because "I feel I would be a well rounded and knowledgeable representative of the University of Tampa."



**Kimmi Rindler** is a senior representing Sigma Delta Tau of which she is president. She is majoring in Marketing, and is involved as a Gateways Coordinator, Vice President of Delta Sigma Pi and Vice President of Order of Omega. She feels she would be a great queen because, "in all activities of which I am a part, I have taken a leadership position. I pride myself in being a leader on campus."



**Shea Warner** is a senior majoring in Criminology and has a minor in Law and Justice. She is representing Delta Gamma sorority of which she is President. She is also a member Alpha Phi Sigma, Alpha Chi, Phi Eta Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa. Warner is also part of the Honors Program and Honors Council as well as a member of the UT Judicial Board.

—Photo of Jody Link by Jen Miller  
All other photos by Jody Link

Voting for Homecoming King and Queen will be held in Plant Hall from Monday, Oct. 15 through Thursday, Oct. 18. The winners will be announced at halftime of the Homecoming game on Oct. 19.

## Homecoming events this week

### Sun., Oct. 14

2 p.m. - Student Productions' Carnival - Games, food, music and more.

### Mon., Oct. 15

#### Pajama Day

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - The Spirit Committee will be in Plant Hall. Vote for your King and Queen in the Plant Hall lobby through Oct. 18.

8 p.m. - Homecoming Float Construction Party & Bake Off - Come on out to help build floats and taste the wonders. Live music & refreshments provided.

### Tues., Oct. 16

#### Tourist Day

8 p.m. - Casino night - Win prizes and donate canned food for spirit points.

### Wed., Oct. 17

#### Decades Day

### Thur., Oct. 18

#### Mismatch Day

5 p.m. - Lawn float judging on west verandah of Plant Hall.

8 p.m. - The 8th annual Homecoming Bonfire/Spirit Scream at the stadium. Come out and show your spirit! Participate in the games & other Spartan traditions. This will be followed by the 4th an-

nual Powder Puff Football game, sponsored by Student Government.

### Fri., Oct. 19

#### UT Spirit Day

5 p.m. - Check in at the Faculty/Staff parking lot for all those participating in the Spirit Walk.

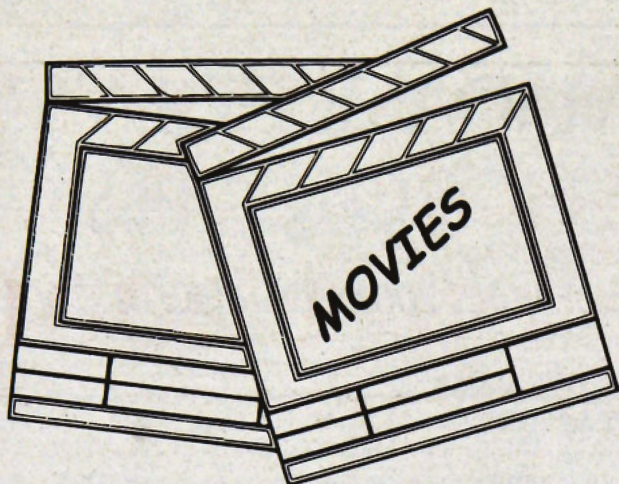
6 p.m. - The Spirit Walk will begin at 6 p.m. from the faculty/staff parking lot behind Plant Hall and will circle into Pepin/Rood Stadium.

7 p.m. - Homecoming Men's Soccer game vs. Saint Leo University.

### Sat., Oct. 20

8 p.m. - Discover the Wonders Dance presented by Student Productions, with live DJ and music.





## Halloween Horrors

By TYLER MARTINOLICH  
Staff Reporter

*Jeepers Creepers* tells a tired and campy tale of a brother and sister, traveling home on a college break. In true urban legend style, they make a discovery in the basement of an abandoned church that leads to their pursuit by a "nightmare cloaked in rags." From there, their routine road trip turns into a heart-stopping race for their lives. It's more like a race out of the theater.

The first 20 minutes of the movie can only be described as *Texas Chain Saw* nostalgia. A lonesome car on a lonely country road, a couple of pretty, young people (in the car in this case), a brother and sister who wage combat by talking dirty set the scene. An event suddenly disrupts the ritual brother/sister fighting, which is apparently unsettling to both. Scary? Not at all. It looks like farmer John dropping a sack of potatoes into a silo. The only ones who would be creeped out by this scene would be the self-respecting farmer fearing for the lives of the potatoes, which are now undoubtedly bruised.

So far, so creepy? Moments later, the brother absurdly and "accidentally" falls down the silo. The brother finds himself in a cavernous dungeon full of surgically mangled and resealed corpses. Maybe farmer John is into

taxidermy?

At this point, *Jeepers Creepers* forfeits any pretense to suggestive horror. It turns into a grab-bag freak show as desperate as it is arbitrary. The ominous atmosphere of redneck Americana gives way to yet another hyperbolic slasher cartoon, featuring a flesh-eating killer who looks like a rather sorry cross between a hick and Freddy Krueger. Scary yet? Once again, no. In truth, he's about as scary as Malibu Barbie.

*Jeepers Creepers* is one of those nail-biting horror films that'll have audience members cringing in their seats, not from fright, but from that terrible sinking feeling in their stomachs telling them that they just paid \$7 to watch this piece steaming pile of campy dog doo.

At least the actors know they are in a cheesy movie. If they thought that they were in a real movie, they would have acted. Wait maybe that was their best acting! Now *that's* scary.

As the characters' situation worsens, sadly, so does the movie—especially when the evildoer's (in this case the writer and director) played for camp instead of creeps. The end's a groaner, and after looking down at your watch, you realize you have just wasted an hour and a half of your life. The final word on *Jeepers Creepers* is simple: save your peepers, and don't go see this movie.

## Portrait of a dancer: An Honors Symposium

By RACHEL YEOMANS  
Staff Reporter

Louis XIV was more than the "sun king"; he was the sun king with ballet shoes. Considered to be ballet's first real star, the king of France began the formal history of the dance form, ballet.

The fact that the infamous French aristocrat was also an avid dancer began an amusing and interesting series of fun facts concerning dance and its origination and creation.

Dr. Susan Taylor Lennon recognized the major historical occurrences in ballet's history in her instruction of the honors symposium, "Dance in the 20th Century: The Righteous & The Rebels."

Ranging from the 15th to the 20th century, corsets and wigs to tunics and emotional stories to improvisational ("chance") choreography, ballet has quite an interesting historical background.

Famous names such as Isadora Duncan, Martha Graham, Vaslav Nijinski, John Cage and Merce Cunningham, caused the break from traditional standards and

gave dance the freedom and expression that it boasts today.

Historical video segments and scenes of different forms of ballet highlighted the points Taylor Lennon conveyed during the symposium. It was an extremely interesting and entertaining program that would have held the interest of an individual even without a background in dance.

Taylor Lennon's active demeanor created a laidback atmosphere with a little comic relief in her aside remarks and demonstrations. For example, in order to voice the transition of ballet customs in one single statement, she said, "it's a big jump from a tutu." Providing live entertainment from dance students for the finale of the symposium, gave the audience a much better grasp of the material being conveyed. The dance was a very nice way to end it. The program was very well thought out and prepared with good examples, video clips, live performances and a handout of the historical timeline. All students, whether related to dance or not, no doubt found enjoyment in the symposium's delivery.

## Art: Not just for the old or the rich

By KELLI MALAFONTE  
Staff Reporter

For Sophia Nakis, work is her passion. It's not the same old, same old. It's not a nine to five day with punch cards. Her work is her life. Her job is more than just a job to her, the artists she represents and to her clients.

Sophia is an art director at MacArthur Galleries located in downtown Tampa on Madison St. "I feel I help people cultivate their aesthetic pallet for what they already know and develop their own taste and confidence of an art," Nakis said.

The first step in starting a collection is "to buy something that you like," Nakis said. She suggests collecting originals but adds if it's too expensive, then to buy a print. "A lot of people are scared to buy art because they don't know what's right or wrong [and think] is it cool or not cool. What will my friends think? That's not what art is about. Art is about your appreciation for someone else's ideas," Nakis said.

Nakis describes art collecting as a "journey of your own spirituality and creativity." Being a collector of art herself, Nakis knows the value of collecting. She collects "egg art"; anything pertaining to eggs, cracked eggs and has a fourth generation tapestry from France of her favorite nursery rhyme, Humpty Dumpty.

An art director in Tampa for a

year and a half, Nakis' job encompasses "a little bit of everything." Her title as art director expands to different roles, acting as director of sales and marketing, public relations, coordinator of special events, day to day sales, working with corporate and residential clients, consulting, speaking and working on the web site.

MacArthur Galleries is located in what Nakis calls "the heart of Tampa," in the center of the cultural arts district. MacArthur Galleries grew out of Interarch Design, an interior design and architectural firm founded by Debroah MacArthur in tribute to her late husband, Hugh A. MacArthur.

Defining what art shows or exhibitions are and what they represent is simple. It is a collection of similar works either in style or content that is related to an underlining theme of the show. It either represents one artist or a group of artists. An exhibition is "the best way to represent an artists work to the public," Nakis said.

The opening night of a show is never the same as the previous one. Everything is different from the art itself to the music and food, which Nakis cooks herself. Shows are by invitation only. Preparing a show takes a full three days, which the main focus on making the artwork "really shine," Nakis said. "The artist gives me the work, completed, representing themselves the best they can, and it's my responsibility to make them shine even more," Nakis said.

Not every gallery is alike. Nakis describes MacArthur Galleries as "homey, inviting, and high energy." One of the things Nakis tries to do when talking to clients is to engage them in questions, trying to find out what they like or don't like about a certain piece and why and what brought or drew them into the gallery. "We don't just have a wine and cheese opening," Nakis said. The show is often tied into something that's either a fundraiser or educational.

Nakis feels the arts are important to children's development of their imagination and they need "to have culture and stimulation of other people's minds and ideas." The gallery takes part in literacy programs such as Read to the Children at some of the local elementary schools.

For artists just starting to exhibit, Nakis has some advice. The first step is to drop off a professional portfolio. Nakis stresses "quality, craftsmanship of the piece and professionalism." This is all to show the art director how serious the artists are about what they're doing.

As for the future of art in Tampa, Nakis said "as cultural as Tampa is, and as supportive of the arts as Tampa is there's not enough people buying it."

"Sculpting 2001" is the name of the show currently showing until Oct. 25 at MacArthur Galleries featuring the sculptor John Langley along with other architects' models and drawings. For more information visit [www.macarthurgalleries.com](http://www.macarthurgalleries.com) or [www.interarch.com](http://www.interarch.com).



By ASHLEY IRIS ROACH  
Staff Reporter

Usually when you hear the first couple of tracks off an album, it's easy to guess how the rest of it will sound.

This, that certainly doesn't apply with Nelly Furtado's debut album *Whoa Nelly!*

Furtado, a Canadian, was discovered by her future manager at a Toronto talent show when she was 18. At the age of 19, she began to record her debut album, which took her a year and a half to complete. She worked with producers Gerald Eaton and Brian West otherwise known as "The Philosopher Kings."

*Whoa Nelly!* is an eclectic album with a plethora of instruments and sounds. She uses the ukulele, the udu and the berimbau in the

majority of her songs, and she also sings in three different languages: Hindi, Portuguese and English. About 25 musicians played on *Nelly*, and Furtado wrote every song. She definitely has a style all her own.



Nelly Furtado and her new album *Whoa Nelly!*

I'm sure that you're familiar with her hits "I'm Like a Bird", and her current single "Turn Off the Light." But if you think that you have her style summed up, you're

wrong.

When you listen to the first track, "Hey Man," you're introduced to violins. Later the violins are followed by light guitar strings and lyrics so advanced that once the song is over, you'll want to hear the song over again just to make sure that you heard them correctly.

The next song, "On the Radio," is also addictive. It will defiantly have you pressing the repeat button. This song has more of a pop feel to it but has its own style, and it will stand apart from most mainstream songs.

Then there's "I Will Make You Cry," which has a Brazilian/Jamaican dancehall influence to it. Every single song has its own flavor. No one song sounds like the next, which can't be said for most of the pop sensations out now.

With eclectic rhythms and lyrics that are wise beyond her 20 years, Furtado should be around for many years to come. She states on her web site, "I aspire to do great things with my life, and I want to inspire people but not in a cheap way." She has succeeded with *Whoa Nelly!* This album is definitely a good investment. On a scale from 1 to 10, it has to be a 10!

All information is courtesy of [www.NellyFurtado.com](http://www.NellyFurtado.com).



# little facts & tell to know

By SAMANTHA HORVATH  
Accent Editor

We all know that the time will come when we move out of one stage of life and into another, leaving behind countless things that we once held dear, such as your blanket, your first truck or your teddy bear. However, we come away with knowledge and hopefully are a little wiser than before.

Then again, I am overlooking one crucial point. There are certain things that only members of that generation will understand, such as the enchantment of Barney and the Teletubbies, the love of Hanson or Steve, his green crayon and handy-dandy notebook. Yes, we too have the vastness of the universe at our fingertips, but unfortunately, they are things that only we college students understand.

I will attempt to cover some things that only pertain to today's average college student.

(1) The wonders of the Food Network: While this may seem like torture to a college student eating cafeteria food, the Food Network is loved by many people, myself included. One of the more popular shows is the Japanese dubbed version of *Iron Chef* where a challenger tries to beat the clock and the Iron Chef of his choice by creating new and unusual dishes with the day's theme ingredient. Indeed, it seems to have a cult following. Another great show is *Emeril*, who now has his own television sitcom on NBC. Emeril Lagasse, a well-known chef, plays

a chef with his own TV show, original huh? Anyway, UT students love to watch Lagasse "kick it up a notch" with his entrees.

(2) Renting videos vs. borrowing them from the library: Many students drive to Blockbuster or Hollywood Video to pick up their favorite flicks. However, why drive when you can walk? And, that's just what students do. The mere mile, give or take a few feet, is a small price to pay for some much needed video-goodness. The John F. Germany Library has a large selection of cassettes despite popular belief. They have everything from Disney to *Carmen* from *Reading Rainbow* to Irish dancing. The best part is that it's free. Students can borrow videos for a week with an additional week as a grace period for turning them in.

(3) Poverty: You will never be as poor as you are right now. I watch for any type of fast food commercial. If both my roommate and I can eat an entire meal at Wendy's for \$3, or if I can eat a full dinner at McDonald's for 99 cents on Sundays, you know that I'm poor and cheap, but I prefer "frugal." It's a much nicer term.

(4) Homework: Your little brother or sister has got nothing on you. Their meager math problems and spelling quizzes are nothing compared to the stress of one semester. I am beginning to think that teachers seriously conspire with one another to give each student the maximum amount of homework each night. Indeed, perhaps the only solace to the continually growing mound of homework is knowing that it will hopefully fall on you, smothering and killing you, so at

least you won't have to turn it in.

(5) Old cartoons: It is late Saturday night, you have finished your homework (or at least as much as you are going to do) and your little brain is fried beyond biological recognition. What will you do? Watch TV, of course. What will you watch? A great old show that will bring back your fond childhood memories. I am talking about those great '80s cartoons. For each young adult, the 1980s hold something different. However, here are a few great shows from way back when, guaranteed to make you smile: *Fraggle Rock*, *She-Ra*, *JEM*, *He-Man*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Scooby-Doo* (which is not from the 1980s, but it's a classic nonetheless), *Strawberry Shortcake*, *The Carebears*, *The Smurfs* and, last but not least, *Rainbow Brite*.

(6) Weird Trivia: What is it about our generation that we know so many random things? Why do I know that entire song of "Gone Goldfishin'," and why do I start singing it? Why do I know that James T. Kirk's middle name is Tiberius (this is probably due more to the fact that I am a Trekkie instead of general college understanding)? Did you know that I can sing all fifty states in alphabetical order? See what I mean? I know that many of you out there know exactly what I am talking about. Those random facts scare your family members. Between us, we know just about all of the lyrics to every Disney song ever made.

Oh, to be a college student... Any who, college is a fun experience, most of the time. It is a time to explore the world around you and prepare yourself to the road ahead. But for right now, I am going to finish up my homework and watch *Emeril*. Enjoy college. It may be the last time you will have the excuse to pop in those old *Fraggle Rock* videos that you borrowed from the library.

# MADAME ZOLA'S HOROSCOPES

October 12, 2001 - October 18, 2001

By CHRISTINA AGOSTO  
Astrology & Astronomy



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

There is a common thread woven throughout all of humanity, and you finally seem to have pulled the right string. Fellow travelers are united by politics, spiritual ties and a common enterprise.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Everything you thought you knew yesterday has changed into something different today, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing. For now, the dream defines the reality, instead of the other way around.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

You might not see a familiar face all day, but try to make the best of it, Sagittarius. Even loners have to admit that they couldn't have accomplished nearly as much without another's input. When all is said and done, you might want to consider further joint projects like this one.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

While everyone else is following the directions that were given, you yearn to color outside of the lines. You can't help it — this moment bristles with creativity, uncomfortable as it may be. If you'd rather be somewhere else, why not just go?



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

You just want things the way you want them, and you don't see anything wrong with that, right? The downside of being so stubborn is that you may start feeling persecuted. Before sounding your battle cry, you might want to look at yourself through another pair of eyes.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)**

If you want to get to the heart of the matter, it's necessary for you to read between the lines in search of possible mistakes. New business should be undertaken cautiously. Both financial and business-related risks should be avoided at all costs.



**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)**

There's a certain charm to creating a system and sticking with it. Attempt to put on a happy face even as you hesitate. Most of the problems that you'll encounter over the course of the week are extremely temporary. The less fuss you make over them, the sooner they'll go away.



**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)**

If you think you can go about your business without anyone else noticing how much of a genius you are, you're dead wrong. You're living up to your potential, and everyone else knows that you're doing so. Your credit is good everywhere, although you may not have a chance to find out when others insist on treating you to your every need and desire.



**GEMINI (May 21-Jun. 21)**

The signals you're receiving might not turn out to mean what you think they mean. It might do you some good to study the playbook in a little more detail. It's very important for you to be wary of assuming that you have everything under control.



**CANCER (Jun. 22-Jul. 22)**

You don't have to be alone — unless you want to be, that is. A partnership bursts into bloom. Your degree of success is closely tied to the strength of your self-image right now. Put your best intentions on display where everyone can see them.



**LEO (Jul. 23-Aug. 22)**

You like your associates, although it's very hard for you not to feel superior while in their presence. When it's time to perform, no one will be able to come up with the vocabulary to describe what you're doing or how good you look while doing it.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Now that the test is over, you can finally feel free to let the transformation begin. Relax the wary stance you've held for the last couple of days, and remember that sometimes a smile is just a smile. Welcome back to the human race, and don't drop out again any time soon.

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sagittarius	aquarius
earth	water
taurus	cancer
virgo	scorpio
capricorn	pisces

## Sign of the month



**LIBRA**

Style, wit and charm define the ever-lovable Libra, the member of the zodiac who's engaged in an interminable search for balance and harmony. Balancing business and pleasure is among your foremost challenges because you tend to labor like a locomotive. You've never settled for routine or mundane roles at work or at play. And why should you? You're a natural-born leader. That's why you can preside over any frontier you settle.

Your rugged individualism gives you a transcendental lift. Experience has taught you to trust your intuition and self-reliance. Even so, you're sometimes too vulnerable to the sway of others' opinions. Impec-

## points & how they add up

By ANN ONYMOUS  
Weigh Watchers Participant

Weight Watchers progress at the end of week two: 2.6 pounds lost this week, which brings the grand total to 4 pounds even for 2 weeks. Not too shabby. Actually, I didn't think I was going to lose that much this week. I had a terrible dream that I didn't lose any weight, and so I was terribly nervous at weigh in.

At the meeting, after weighing in and getting the good news, I gave into the fad and bought two boxes of the "Just Two Points!" bars, yummy little snack bars with just two points. After deciding against the brownie bars, I went for the Oatmeal Raisin granola and the Chocolate Crisp bars. Though the price tag was a little

hefty—\$5 for 4 bars—they were worth it.

The oatmeal bars are a great start to a day, especially for someone like myself, who doesn't like breakfast. Grab a bar and I'm out the door! As for the crisp bars, they're great for a sweet something after dinner. Yea, I think I'll be shelling out \$10 a week from now on to have some great snacks stored in my room for those late nights of studying.

I figure, at roughly two pounds a week, by the time April comes around, I should be looking mighty fine. On a side note, I started a new exercise class at the beginning of the semester and I'm already seeing a difference. It's wonderful to see progress in this latest attempt to shrink myself. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for continued success!

cable judgment and taste inform all of your endeavors, and your signature style makes you plenty sought after.

Your social life centers around your fascination with ideas, attitudes, opinions and beliefs. You have a gift for entertaining others, fleshing them out and flirting with them intellectually. You are a gentle but passionate lover for whom sex may serve the purpose of a surrogate fulfillment. A lack of emotional

commitment from a lover may frustrate you. This may leave you trying to numb the pain by artificial means.

It's often said that a Libra is smart about everything — except when his or her feelings are hurt, and it's worth saying again. Let your indomitable spirit and balancing act prevail.

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# Ty's your weekly guide to anime Toons



By TYLER MARTINOLICH  
Staff Writer

From the renowned creator of *Appleseed*, *Black Magic M-66* and *Dominion Tank Police* comes *Ghost in the Shell*.

The third, in my opinion, is a contender for the title "best anime ever."

*Ghost in the Shell* is based on the manga by the famous Masamune Shirow. *Ghost in the Shell* is set in the future where advanced computers and cybernetic technology dominate the world. The vast leap in technology provides a breeding ground for neo-terrorism and techno-criminals.

In this world, what separates man from machine is the presence of the ghost, the very essence of a human soul. But what would happen if a computer AI could surpass that barrier and attain its own ghost, its own soul, and would that then make the computer a human?

The story revolves around Motoko Kusanagi. Motoko is a top operative in the infamous Section 9, which is a special anti-cybernetic terrorism unit of the Japanese government. Years of hard missions and interacting in such a callous computer world have begun to take their toll on Motoko. She is beginning to wonder whether she is more machine than human now. Her doubts have made her become more philosophical, and this change in attitude has made her partner Batou worried.

When Motoko and Batou encounter a ghostless (android) mercenary during a data hack, they are lead on a spiritual journey down the path towards the understanding of

what makes a human, human. Motoko discovers the existence of a secret American computer AI, one designed to infiltrate and hack into target systems. This AI, called the Puppet Master, has developed its own ghost and is trying to gain its freedom. The Puppet Master seeks to communicate with a kindred spirit and who than Motoko? The

male and female chests there is no major difference anywhere else in appearance between sexes. While it does make sense to have genders ambiguous in a world that is more mechanical than organic, the original manga has no such ambiguities and somehow remains more appealing than the anime version in this respect.

This discrepancy of style between the anime and manga at first leads me to despise *Ghost in the Shell*. However watching it over and over, the style becomes less important to than the story, which is much improved from the manga version.

The gritty, true-to-life feeling of the story is more apparent in the movie than in the manga. Although the manga does have Shirow's humorous touches, including a guest appearance by the Puna sisters from *Dominion Tank Police*, the added depth in the movie is more appealing.

With its story, *Ghost* easily holds its own against some of the giants in the genre. The electric cityscape, the

sound of heavy firepower slamming into thick armor plating, the haunting soundtrack, the eerie look in Motoko's artificial eyes and even the stalwart attitude of Batou lend an incredible and spectacular air to the well-adapted, enhanced story.

The final word on *Ghost in the Shell*, while I still don't think it beats out *Honoreamise* and definitely not *Akira*, it is up on the same pedestal as those anime. Go out, rent or buy *Ghost in the Shell*. You will not regret it.

*Ghost in the Shell* one of those rare animes.

While the story alone is enough to make an argument for this being the greatest anime of all time, there are a few items that keep it from beating out *Akira* or *Wings of Honoreamise* for that title. The visuals are stunning and technically well executed, but they lack the flavor and style of the manga.

The problem is that the setting seems borderline on androgynous. Besides the obvious difference in

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## Wacky o the Website f week

By CHRISTINA AGOSTO  
Staff Reporter

Who in their lifetime hasn't enjoyed the subtle sweetness of America's favorite snack food, the Twinkie? This tempting treat can provide its consumer with minutes of enjoyment, or as this week's wacky website illustrates, hours. The T.W.I.N.K.I.E.S. project was a series of experiments conducted during finals week of 1995 at Rice University. The two wacky scientists who undertook this journey into the unknown realm of the Twinkie were in their early twenties at the time of the experiment. T.W.I.N.K.I.E.S., which stands for Tests With Inorganic Noxious Kakes In Extreme Situations, was designed to determine the properties of that incredible food the Twinkie.

The Twinkies, 20 in all, were subjected to test after test to determine various attributes. One of the first tests these young scien-

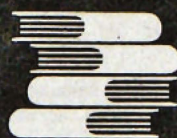
tists embarked on was to test the Twinkies resistivity to electrical charges, followed by radiation tests, solubility tests and yes, even turing tests (tests designed to determine the Twinkies intelligence). As you might imagine, many Twinkies were lost during the experimentation, which is another reason the turing test was done last. "We decided to this test last, because we killed a lot of Twinkies during these experiments and didn't want to know before the other tests were over if they were sentient."

While this website provides endless valuable information on a subject that would interest, well, let's face it, probably just the two scientists who performed the experiments, one question that must be asked is how would a Zinger react to these experiments or a Swiss Cake Roll? Sadly, these questions are not answered, but if you are interested in the truth behind Twinkies, check out the T.W.I.N.K.I.E.S. project at [www.twinkiesproject.com](http://www.twinkiesproject.com).

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## Bookworm's Corner

By KELLI MALATONE  
Staff Reporter

In *Black Cuban, Black American*, author Evelio Grillo retells the story, in a three-part memoir, of his life. He tried to be who he was while learning about the Cuban culture, which he was born into at a time when it was a struggle in itself to do so.

Born in the early 1900s in Ybor City, which is described as a "small city within a city," Grillo grew up in divided city Black Cubans, White Cubans and Black Americans separated by social classes, religion, language and culture.

It was through education in public schooling that Grillo learned about Black culture, its history, heroes and heritage. It was during this time that he was influenced by his teachers and other adults. Grillo talks about the impact his mentors had on him and about people he knew during this time: "Had it not been for Mr. Martin and our black American teachers, it would have been very difficult for us to land places in

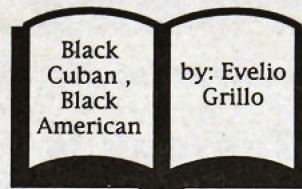
black American life and, however limited, in American society," Grillo writes.

Washington was a haven for Grillo. He writes, "I was free: free to ride the bus and sit anywhere, free to go to the library...free to enjoy so many things I could not even dream of in Tampa...I was free to be unambiguously black."

Life has shown Evelio Grillo many things through his experiences in early schooling, college, graduate work, years as a

soldier in the U.S. Jim Crow Army during W.W. II and political and community activist. Grillo writes, "My education and experience have shown me that organizing can manifest itself in service to groups, institutions, political organizations, and communities...viewing all these entities as organisms-each one having it's own particular history of development, intellectual, emotional, social, and cultural."

*Black Cuban, Black American* brings a piece of local history to light. Most people aren't aware existed in this world. Readers will appreciate the lesson in history it conveys Grillo's own personal stories of struggle and triumph.



## Season Premiere Time:

### Buffy's back, and she's still kickin' butt

By USHA NANKANI  
Staff Reporter

*Buffy the Vampire Slayer* aired last Tuesday on UPN for its 6th season. This show has been played on the WB for the past three years and has now been moved to UPN. When *Buffy* first aired, 2 million people had visited the *Buffy* website in the first 24 hours. It had been an overwhelming success and still continues to be today. The Myth of *Buffy* starts like this:

"Into each generation a slayer is born. One girl in all of the world, a Chosen One, one born with the strength and skill to fight the Vampires, to stop the spread of their evil and the swell of their numbers."

This show takes place in Sunnydale, a town where all the evil hides and are destined to be slayed by Buffy Summers. The rest of the slaying gang is Willow, Giles, Xander, Anya, Tara, Spike and Dawn.

In the last season finale? Buffy had given her life to the climatic battle to save her sister Dawn. Her loss was grieved, but the gang still continued defeating evil without her. Although is this two hour episode, the mechanical Buffy that Willow designed, wasn't much of a success.

All the underground demons find out about the mechanical Buffy and decided to raid the city. Meanwhile, the viewers find out that Xander and Anya are engaged, although they are afraid to

tell the gang about this news because of the commotion that had been going on after Buffy's death. Eventually, Giles feels that he cannot continue being a watcher with Buffy gone. He then flies away to England and hands over the Magic Box to Anya. He left without knowing about the plans that had been made by Willow to resurrect Buffy from the dead.

Buffy eventually is resurrected from the dead after all the pain and torture Willow had to go through. At first, Buffy is very confused on what seemed to be happening around her and manages to escape from the demons and the burning town. But when the moment comes to save her sister's life again, Buffy awakens, and she runs to save her sister. This, however, doesn't mean that things are finally back to normal. The confused Buffy runs away when the gang approaches her, and so the episode ends. As it is known from previous episodes of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, whenever Willow attempts magic; there are always severe consequences.

The new season is very promising. The added special affects and strong plot line is going to make this an exciting season for the cast and viewers and perhaps even raise UPN's ratings. Continue watching *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* Tuesdays at 8:00pm on UPN 4 to find out more about Buffy's resolution with the gang, the news of Xander and Anya's engagement and the ongoing feelings of Spike towards Buffy.

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## The Wide World of Entertainment

By NIKI COSTANTINO  
Staff Reporter

Upon initial reactions to commercials and advertisements I'd seen publicizing *Riverdance* in the past, I'd developed a somewhat stereotyped opinion. I assumed the show would only be about Irish people, sporting Irish colors, dancing to Irish music. To my pleasant surprise, *River Dance* was an array of Russian, Spanish, American, and Irish dance and music.

I was thoroughly amazed at the dizzying, electric performance including song and thundering steps all syncopated in a rhythm, which moved the

entire audience. Not only was the technique impeccable, the energy the show possessed could not be contained merely on the stage. The voices, like bells, resonated in Morsani Hall, clear and sweet,



leaving the audience breathless.

Act II completely won me over, as the raw talent and skill burst forth, and radiated with every scene. The two leads, Michael Patrick Gallagher and Tara Barry, were truly captivating professionals. Each scene's motif was narrated by a booming voice, speaking of tradition and the struggle of the Irish

people and their journey through the ages. Backdrops included starry nights, a full moon, glittering forests, and harboring ships, all signifying the unity of one world, with many countries.

All in all, *Riverdance* spoke, using not just voices, but movement and song, which enthralled the enthusiasm of its viewers. By the end of the per-

formance, one message was clear: no matter how unique and perhaps isolated each culture is, all are considered one. All have feet with which to dance, and a voice with which to sing. I completely enjoyed the performance, clapping whole-heartedly and giving many a standing ovation along with the rest of the crowd.

## Go Greek, Greek food that is

By MINERVA RODRIGUEZ  
Staff Reporter

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In the mood for something Greek? Try making Greek rice pudding. If your not skillful in the kitchen forget about it and just go buy this delicacy.

1/4 cup rice  
1 1/2 tablespoon of cornstarch  
1/3 cup sugar  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
2 cups milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons of butter  
ground cinnamon

Boil rice until cooked, cool, and set aside. In medium saucepan, combine cornstarch and sugar. Add eggs, milk and rice; turn heat on medium high and bring to a boil, stirring constantly to make sure pudding doesn't stick. Remove from heat; add vanilla and butter. Pour into custard cups and sprinkle with cinnamon. Makes 4 to 6 servings.



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# Bonds and Ripken in the spotlight

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO  
Sports Editor

Summer is now officially over, not because we have been in school for nearly three months or because the earth has changed its location near the sun. No, the reason why is because the boys of summer have ended their regular season.

Unless you have been living under a rock, don't care about sports or are still in an Ybor stupor, you know that records have been broken and milestones accomplished in Major League Baseball.

The record that everyone has been talking about is Barry Bonds' 73 homeruns. He broke Mark

That was not broken until 1961 when Roger Maris hit 61. Maris' record stood for another 37 years. In 1998, McGwire beat Maris with 70, and now we have Bonds with a total of 73.

Where is it going to end? Records are meant to be broken, but not this frequently. Bonds stated to ESPN, "I don't know if it is going to exist next year." So, who is going to demolish this record? According to Bonds, "I think Sosa has the best chance, McGwire if he's healthy. It might be a guy in Denver, [Todd] Helton's almost there. My odds are on Sosa. But that number is an insane number to beat."

I saw Bonds hit his 71st and 72nd home runs on television last Saturday night. On Sunday morning, I woke up and saw the typical

"you did something terrific," where are you going to go next? I bet you can't guess where Bonds said he was going to go.

But Bonds not only beat the home run record, but he also broke the overall and Na-

tional League records. He had a .863 slugging percentage, which broke Rogers Hornsby's NL record of .756 in 1925. His 177 walks surpassed Ruth's 170. He had the highest on-base percentage with .515.

Bonds tied Ruth's record 1,379 combined on base and slugging. Bonds had 107 extra-base hits, which is behind only Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

**I think that more people would be happy about Bonds' breaking the record if he had been more receptive to fans and the media in the past.**

Finally, his 15.34 homers per 100 at-bats ratio surpasses McGwire's 1998 record.

I think that more people would be happy about Bonds' breaking the record if he had been more receptive to fans and the media in the past. It is hard to root for someone who has gone through a turn around at the same time his career became a record breaker.

Bonds was not alone in the spotlight this weekend. The Seattle Mariners exceeded the Yankees record of most wins in a season for the American League and tied with the 1906 Cubs with most wins in a season with 116 wins. The Mariners lost their final regular season game, so they must live with having the highest record in the AL, rather than in all of MLB.

But, as I am from Maryland, the record that has captivated the attention of many Marylanders is Cal

Ripken Jr.'s retirement.

I am not a fan of the Orioles, and the press coverage of this bad team astounds me. But I see nothing wrong with Ripken unless you talk about those weird milk commercials.

Finally, Ripken will no longer be playing professional baseball. When he beat Gehrig's record of most consecutive games played,

many people wanted to see him leave baseball so that he would leave on top of his game, but he hung around...

He has played professional baseball ever since I was born. I think it is time for him to quit.

"I've had 20 full years, and when I look back, I can't say I wish I would have played more or wish I would have taken it more seriously or wish I would have taken care of myself better," Ripken stated in his press conference after his last game on Oct. 6.

Honestly, Ripken has not been on the top of his game since he switched from shortstop to third base. He probably should not have been in the last few All-Star Games. It was more about having a famous name than about the performance aspect.

One of my friends said this

about Ripken's retirement, "It is a shame that the only two players who seem to play for the simple love of the game—[Tony] Gwynn and Ripken—are leaving it. I can predict nothing but money crazed jackals taking over now, like A-Rod [Alex Rodriguez] who left the Mariners to become the highest paid player in the game."

If Rodriguez was after a championship, I bet he regrets switching from the playoff-bound Mariners to the comatose Rangers. But when money is involved, winning apparently does not matter to some athletes.

I know I will offend many people who love Ripken, but like last week with Michael Jordan, I think an athlete has to know when his or her time is up. I just hope that Ripken will remain retired so that he can actually be inducted to the Hall of Fame when his time comes.

What will the MLB look like next season? Will the uniforms still show their support for the United States? Will the players who play for the fans remain? Are there any left? Will baseball become about people trying to break records and making so much money that they will never be able to spend it all in one lifetime? Or will it go back to being America's pastime?

I hope that the World Series is a good one. Otherwise, I think baseball may be losing some longtime fans.

## Katzman's Calls

### Preview of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

By ANDREW KATZMAN  
Reporter

After an emotional, gut-wrenching home victory against the archrival Green Bay Packers, the Bucs head to Nashville to take on the 0-3 Tennessee Titans. There is no bigger disappointment thus far this season than the Titans, who were picked by many to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl. They have already equaled their loss total of last season with three.

Tennessee began the season with an embarrassing home loss to Miami, and starting QB Steve McNair was injured in that game. Neil O'Donnell replaced him, and they proceeded to lose road games to division rivals Jacksonville and Baltimore.

McNair is expected to start this week, but star RB Eddie George is listed as questionable with a sprained ankle. The offense has been non-existent with George in the game, and if he is out they are in big trouble. On defense, Tennessee has lost their star cornerback Samari Rolle for 3-4 weeks. The rest of the defense has not been up to par with Titan defenses of past seasons, coming off an embarrassing 26-7 loss at the hands of Super Bowl Champions the Baltimore Ravens.

As for the Bucs, they found their groove on defense against Green Bay after a disappointing

performance in Minnesota. Brett Favre was picked off three times, and Shelton Quarles returned one

room for improvement. Warrick Dunn is still out of the lineup, so Mike Alstott will get the nod

just seven points on offense (Shelton Quarles' TD not withstanding) just won't cut it. Tony Dungy needs to allow them to stretch the field more.

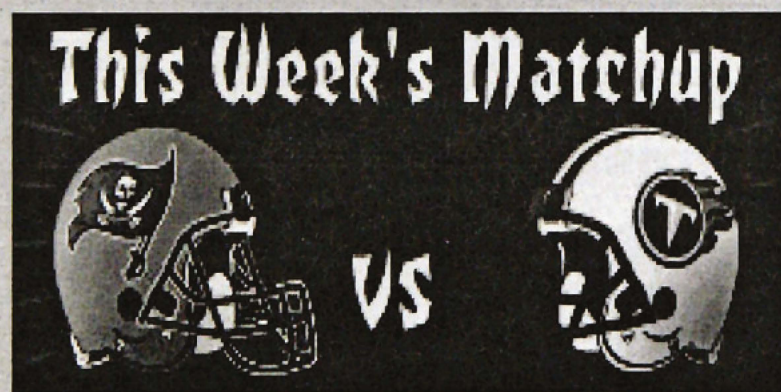
classic Black & Blue division match up. Minnesota, after beating the Bucs two weeks ago, was beaten up in New Orleans and lost 28-15.

Meanwhile, the Lions were embarrassed at home against St. Louis and are still searching for their first win. This is an important game for both teams, as the loser will have four losses already.

Minnesota swept the series 2-0 last season, and there is nothing like the Lions to cure an ailing team. Minnesota gets back in the win column.

In what is one of the top games of the week, the Baltimore Ravens travel to Lambeau Field to take on the Packers. After a sluggish start, the Ravens are back on track with impressive wins over Denver and Tennessee.

As mentioned earlier, the Bucs smothered the Packer offense last week. I look for the Ravens to do the same, and win a close one on the road.



of them 98 yards for a touchdown.

Against Tennessee, the main focus will be on stopping Eddie George, if he does play. If not, either second-year back Mike Green or rookie Dan Alexander will likely get the start.

The Bucs need to start finding a way to bring the QB down also. McNair is a similar QB to the Vikings' Daunte Culpepper, minus the star receivers. Still, he can be extremely dangerous if he is given too much time to throw.

Thus far this season, every team that has faced the Titans has found a way to get to the QB. Whether it has been McNair or O'Donnell, teams have been able to disrupt their timing.

On offense, the Bucs still have

at tailback once again. Alstott had 15 carries for 77 yards against Green Bay, including a game-winning 39-yard run. The Bucs will need the same type of production or better against Tennessee.

As for the passing game, Brad Johnson was 23-29 for 198 yards against Green Bay, but had no TD passes. His longest completion was for 22 yards. While he has a very impressive completion percentage of over 70 percent, Tony Dungy and Clyde Christensen don't seem to allow him to throw deep.

As good as the Bucs defense is, they are not good enough to carry the offense all season long. Mike Alstott claims that the offense is improving. On the 95-yard drive, they were impressive. But scoring

The Bottom Line: I do see the potential in the Buc offense to improve, and I believe they will as the year goes on. However, this week's game will be won in the trenches yet again. This will be another defensive battle all the way, and I believe the Bucs will have just enough offense to come out on top once again, whether George plays or not.

**Prediction: Bucs 13 Titans 10**

In other NFC Central games, the Arizona Cardinals travel to the Windy City to take on the surprising Bears. I will be the first to admit that I underestimated the Bears, who I picked to lose in Atlanta.

Not only did the Bears win, but they embarrassed the Falcons on the road 31-3. Second-year LB Brian Urlacher continues to impress, along with the rest of the Bear defense.

Meanwhile, Arizona is coming off a stunning road win against Philadelphia.

Asking them to win two in a row on the road is too much to ask. Chicago takes this one.

The struggling Detroit Lions go to Minnesota this week, in a





# Cross country review

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO  
Sports Editor

Last weekend, the cross country teams competed at the Disney Invitation in Kissimmee. The women's team came in sixth out of 29 teams and the men's team came in tenth out of 29 teams as well. Once again, both teams finished behind fifth place Florida Southern.

Tracy Buxton turned in the best female performance of the

Spartans. Buxton came in fourth out of 250 female runners; her time was 17 minutes and 58.99 seconds. This time was a personal best, with an average of 5 minutes 47 seconds per mile. Coming in fourth Buxton received an award for being in the top ten.

Dee Dee Haefling also had a good meet this weekend. Haefling came in tenth with a time of 18 minutes and 14.94 seconds.

This week, Eric Hall was the men teams' highest placing

runner with 26 minutes and 50.62 seconds which put him in 41st place. placing high within the 235 runners. The rest of the men's runners finished in the top 190 runners.

This weekend, the cross country team travels to Jacksonville. The Spartans were meant to run at Florida Southern this weekend, but Coach Jarrett Slaven made a switch. This change enables us "to run against some regional teams from the Gulf South and Peach Belt Conferences." Coch Slaven stated

For the month of September,

Buxton was named Female Athlete of the Month the SSC Commissioner, and rightly so. Buxton has had a phenomenal season thus far.

She captured two victories and one third-place finish in four September meets. In the two meets she did not come in first, Buxton was not only the first SSC runner to cross the finish line, but she also outran several Division I runners. An all SSC performer in 2000, Buxton is the first female cross country runner to be named SSC Athlete of the Month.

Coach Slaven stated, "Tracy has enjoyed a tremendous season thus far where she has enjoyed an infinite amount of success."

"She is a main reason for our team's success as she has our team off to a tremendous start. She has also pushed our other runners to success in the early season, and her success has carried over to the entire team. In addition, her team leadership skills as a senior have been invaluable to our team," Slaven affirmed.



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## Former Spartan, Merrill, first alum to play in premiere baseball prospect league

By DAVE MACE  
Special to The Minaret

Former switch-hitting All-American University of Tampa shortstop Ronnie Merrill became the first former Spartan to play in the Arizona Fall Instructional League. The Arizona Fall League is known throughout baseball as the "graduate school" for the Major Leagues' top prospects.

The approximate two month long Arizona Fall League began in 1992 and is made up of the six top prospects from each Major League team for a total of 180 players. Major League Baseball created the AFL in order to monitor and properly protect its rising stars during off-season play as an alternative to the Winter Leagues in the Caribbean and South America.

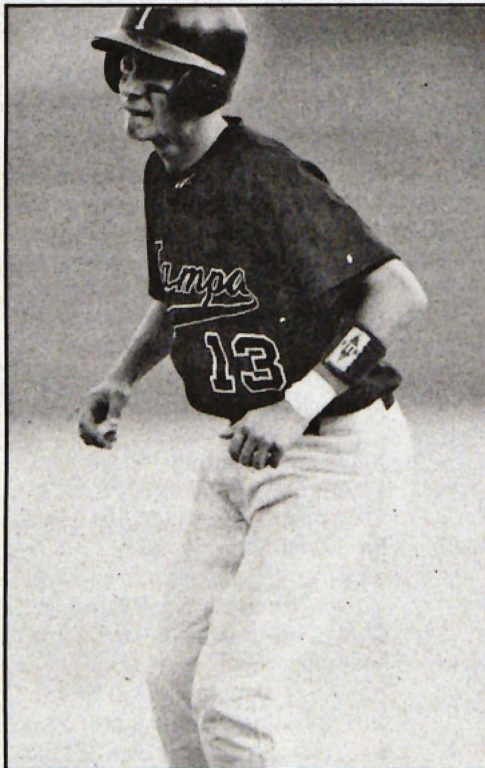
MLB executives feared that their young prospects may not be able to receive proper medical attention if injured. They also had concerns about travel expenses and

scouting accessibility.

The AFL is comprised of six teams split into two divisions and will feature 25 former first-round draft picks including Tampa Bay Devil Ray prospect Josh Hamilton, who will be playing along-side Merrill for the Maryville Sagueros. Also joining Merrill on the Sagueros will be prospects from the Detroit Tigers (his parent club) Baltimore Orioles, Pittsburgh Pirates and other Devil Ray prospects.

The AFL has featured Major League greats such as Nomar Garciaparra, Derek Jeter and Mike Piazza (who were all inducted as the first class of the AFL Hall-of-Fame this year). But the AFL is not just a proving ground for upcoming player prospects.

It also acts a developmental league for umpires and future coaches and managers. Three-time San Francisco Giants NL Manager-of-the-Year (1993,'97, and '00) Dusty Baker



Ronnie Merrill here as a UT Spartan, will be playing in the Arizona Fall League

had his coaching start in the AFL in 1992 and rounded out this year's AFL Hall-of-Fame class.

So where does Merrill fit in? In Merrill's senior year at UT, his batting average was .427, and he had 75 runs, 90 hits, 20 doubles, eight triples, eight homeruns and 57 RBI's. Throughout his other three years at UT, Merrill was the 1998 Championship Series MVP, All-tournament team, Easton Redline Defensive Player-of-the-Year, along with being named to every SSC and South region teams, just to name a few accomplishments.

Merrill also tied the school record of number at bats in a game at seven. He accomplished this feat twice against Barry and Central Oklahoma State

during one season.

More impressively, in just his second year in professional baseball, Merrill climbed from rookie-level A ball to the AA Erie Seawolves with no problem in the transition. Merrill batted .293 in 37 games with the Seawolves and committed only six errors while moving over from shortstop to second base.

Merrill also recorded 14 doubles, slugged four homeruns with 18 RBI's and had an impressive .465 slugging percentage as he continues to climb up the baseball ranks.

Currently, the Maryville Sagueros are 2-3 in a three-way tie for first place in the AFL West Division.

*Dave Mace is the former Sports Editor of The Minaret. He is a graduate of UT and currently resides in Tampa.*

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## Spartans ridicule the Mocs

By MICHELE LEMOS

Reporter

After their 1-1 tie against the #2 team in the country, the Spartans have moved up seven spots in the NSCAA national soccer rankings to #10. Last Wednesday night against the Moccasins from Florida Southern, the men's team came ready to play. There was no absence of offense in the game this week.

Jeff Foxenberger had the first shot of the game, which was deflected by Florida Southern's Nick Bergstrom, and passed just wide of the goal. Ten minutes later, the Tampa offensive made a nice transition pass play down the field. Mario Lara brought the ball over midfield and passed to Ingo Fochler. Fochler gave the ball to Roy Fink just outside the 18-yard box, and Fink passed back to Fochler in the corner. He then crossed the ball in front of the net to Fink whose shot went wide enough for the Florida Southern goalie to get a handle on it.

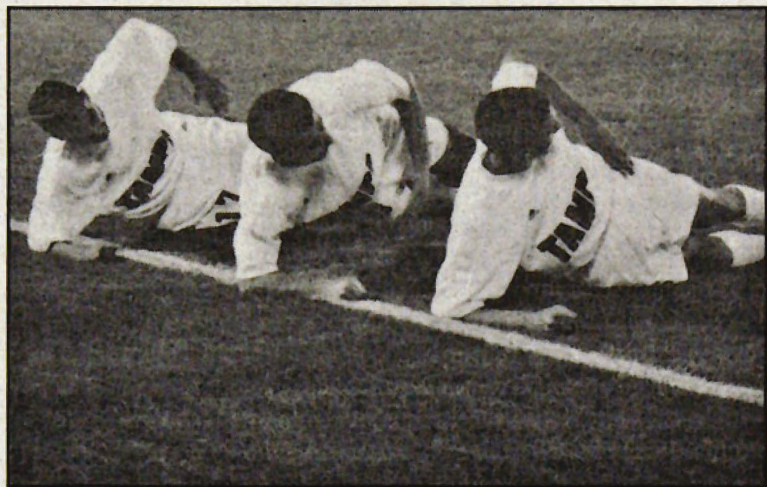
Later in the half, Ilir Disha had a chip shot in front of the net, but no one could control the ball to take the shot. After Fochler's shot was headed out of play by Bergstrom, Robbie Folbrycht placed a corner kick in front of the net, but Foxenberger's head ball could not find the net. Tampa's first goal came with less than one minute to play in the first half. Jason Bell started the attack and

passed wide to Mehran Mostafavifar. Aaron Pitchkolan tipped the cross in front of the net to Fink who shot the ball by the keeper and into the net.

Tampas defense played ex-

Sanger. The ball almost went into the Tampa net, but Swarts was able to stop it in time.

With less than ten minutes to play, it looked like Tampa was going to add a little breathing room



Teammates do push-ups after Finks goal

—Jody Link

ceptionally strong this game, allowing no goals and few shots. Marlon Rojas had a strong game at defense, containing many of the Florida Southern forwards and not allowing them to take a shot. Roy Swarts also continued his solid play in net, making numerous saves.

The first great UT defensive play started with a shot by T.K. Kladies which bounced off of Swarts, and Erol Belli saved the follow up shot. The second great save started off as a mishap. Swarts went to kick the ball, and it hit the back of Florida Southern's Robbie

for themselves. Fochler came down the field with the ball and passed it to Foxenberger inside the penalty area. Foxenberger scored the goal, but officials took it back and called the Foxenberger off sides.

The Spartans were able to hold off a last minute offensive surge from the Moccasins to win the game 1-0. Fink leads the Sunshine State Conference in goals and scoring. Mario Lara is tenth in the conference for scoring, and 15th in the conference for assists. Swarts is the leading goalkeeper in the conference.

## Lightning Safety

By TOVAN WILLEY

Student Athletic Trainer

Over the past century, lightning has been among the top three causes of weather-related deaths in the United States and is the most dangerous and frequently encountered severe storm hazard that people experience in a year.

Approximately 100 fatalities each year in this country are lightning-related and many hundreds more are injured. Over the past 36 years, 3239 deaths, 9818 injuries and 19,814 property damage reports have been recorded, based on the NOAA publication *Storm Data*. Of these incidents, Florida leads the nation in the number of deaths and injuries. Males account for 84 percent of the victims while females account for only 16 percent each year. Ninety-one percent of the fatalities involved one person, while the other eight percent involved two.

The time of highest risk for casualties occurs on Sundays between noon and 6 p.m. during the month of July.

As mentioned, Florida leads the nation in deaths and injuries due to lightning storms. Being in Tampa, "The Lightning Capital," it is extremely important to inform and educate people on the proper precautions for preventable measures and procedures in case of an emergency when dealing with the threat of lightning.

If you are outside, it is extremely important to be aware of the weather conditions surrounding you at all times.

Lightning storms in Tampa are spontaneous and unpredictable. Take notice of the way the clouds appear and the direction in which they are travelling. With the first clap of thunder, you are in range for a lightning strike. From the first flash of lightning use the Flash-to-Bang count to determine when to go to safety.

By the time the count is 30 seconds apart all individuals should have reached a safe structure and if there is not a safe structure in sight then you are to crouch into a catcher's position on the balls of your feet and cover your ears with your hands. If there is more than one person, it is important to stay at least 15 feet away from one another.

If you are inside avoid using electrical appliances, including the phone and try to stay clear of windows. One of the safest shelters is a fully enclosed metal car with the windows completely shut.

In case of emergencies, remember that the lightning-injured victim is not "charged." The first step in providing care is to call 911 with the appropriate location, details of the accident and the symptoms of the victim. Proceeding that, make sure the scene is safe or relocate the victim to a safer environment, make sure the person is breathing and has a pulse. If not, begin CPR, if qualified to do so.

## Lady Spartans too much for Mocs

By MICHELE LEMOS

Reporter

Last week the women's soccer team traveled to Florida Southern University to take on the Lady Moccasins. The Spartans defeated the Moccasins by a score of 2-0.

Katie Calvin's strong offensive play sparked the UT offensive early in the game. Tai Kirklin scored the first of her two goals off of a pass by Melanie Moody. Her second goal of the game was unassisted, after Kirklin took advantage of a deflection on a UT corner kick. Tai Kirklin is currently

eighth in the Sunshine State Conference for goals and 13th in the conference for scoring.

Moody is also eighth in the conference for assists. The Spartan defense played another strong game, stopping shot attempts and containing the Florida Southern offense. Senior goalkeeper Susan Vaughn saved the shots that did reach the net.

Vaughn had a strong game this week after suffering a minor concussion a week earlier. This was Vaughn's second shutout of the season. Because of her strong start, Vaughn is currently third in the Sunshine State Conference for goalkeepers.

After the game, Coach Jay Entlich had a few comments about the game and the rest of the season. "I am really pleased with the way we played. What we are looking for now is more consistency across the board, and that all 11 players play well at the same time."

Tai Kirklin continues to lead the team with 20 shots on net, while Melanie Moody, 19 shots, and Amy Pfitzinger, 17 shots, are close behind. Kirklin also leads the team in goals, and points. With their win over the Moccasins of Florida Southern University, the Spartans are now 2-1-0 in the conference and 6-5-0 overall.

## Tennis wins their first game

By RAQUEL PITTIGLIO

Sports Editor

This past weekend was the start of the tennis teams season. Last year the women's tennis team finished with a 1 win and 15 losses.

Trying to separate themselves as much as possible from last years record the teams started off on the right note, by defeating Hillsborough Community College

In the doubles matches two UT teams won their matches. In the singles matches the Lady Spartans won four out of the six matches. With the final score of six UT wins and 3 HCC win., therefore, UT won the match.



—Jody Link

Abby Shelide won her set against HCC

## Alone on top of SSC

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West Texas A&M, and Barry. Regis (#10) is the lone ranked team to have defeated the Spartans.

Tampa then plays New Haven (Conn) on Saturday. The match will be held at Florida Southern, and will start at 4:30 p.m.

Here are the current UT statistical leaders:

Kills:

1. Ania Ruiz, 197
2. Tiffany Boatwright, 181
3. Sandi Fox, 155
4. Lisa Webster, 108

Attack Percentage:

1. Boatwright, .466
2. Yoshiko Ozawa, .367
3. Webster, .345

4. Ruiz, .326
- Service Aces:
1. Ruiz, 27
  2. Gretchen Naruta, 19
  3. Fox, 15
  4. Katie Levins, 11

Digs:

1. Krissi MacIntyre, 131
2. Ruiz, 129
3. Naruta, 100
4. Levins, 98

Total Blocks:

1. Boatwright, 61
2. Ruiz, 36
3. Webster, 33
4. Naruta, 18

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# Spartans prolong winning streak



Tiffany Boatwright, SSC Player of the week, scores one of her 16 kills against Lenoir Rhyme.

Jody Link—The Minaret

By ANDY BOTT  
Reporter

Tampa Volleyball (14-2, 5-0 SSC) ran its current winning streak to a season-high six matches this past week with victories over Eckerd and Lenoir-Rhyne.

On Oct. 3, Tampa defeated Eckerd, three games to none, to become the last remaining unbeaten team in the SSC. The Spartans then

defeated Lenoir-Rhine this past Saturday, 30-15, 30-13, 30-22.

Tiffany Boatwright was named SSC player-of-the week for her strong play in these matches. Against Eckerd, Boatwright was unstoppable. She had 16 kills in 20 attempts with only one error.

She followed this performance with a 13-kill, five block effort against Lenoir-Rhine. Boatwright continues to prove herself as one of

the nation's best attackers; she now is among the national leaders with a .466 attack percentage.

Boatwright is also second on the team in kills per game, behind Ania Ruiz. Ruiz also leads the team in service aces, and she is second on the team in digs.

Krissi MacIntyre, who stretched for 23 digs in the two matches, now leads the team in digs with 131.

The biggest threat to UT's win streak this week came on Thursday, when Armstrong Atlantic visited the Martinez Center, after *The Minaret* went to press. Last season, Tampa also came into a home match with Armstrong with a 14-2 record, and came within one point of sweeping the match in three games. Armstrong, however, came back to win the tilt in five games.

The loss was Tampa's lone

home loss on the season. Tampa currently has a seven-match home winning streak, dating back from its only loss this year, on 8/26 vs. Alabama-Huntsville.

Alabama, unranked at the time, is now ranked #24 in the nation.

Though not currently ranked, Armstrong receives a number of top-25 votes each week. So far, Tampa has defeated three ranked opponents: Northern Kentucky,

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