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Gateways helps freshmen adjust to college

MINARET STAFF REPORT

Freshmen at the University of Tampa will find the transition from high school to college easier than most thanks to the Gateways program. Gateways, now approaching its fourth year, along with the sister program, Global Issues, was created to provide students with a support network to help them become fully orientated with university life.

Dr. Joseph Sclafani, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Dr. Jack King, associate professor of art, voluntarily revised the program to better suit the incoming class. Students are now grouped according to majors and interests. There are also sections designed around those freshmen who have not yet declared a major. Classes cover issues from time management to coping with new relationships.

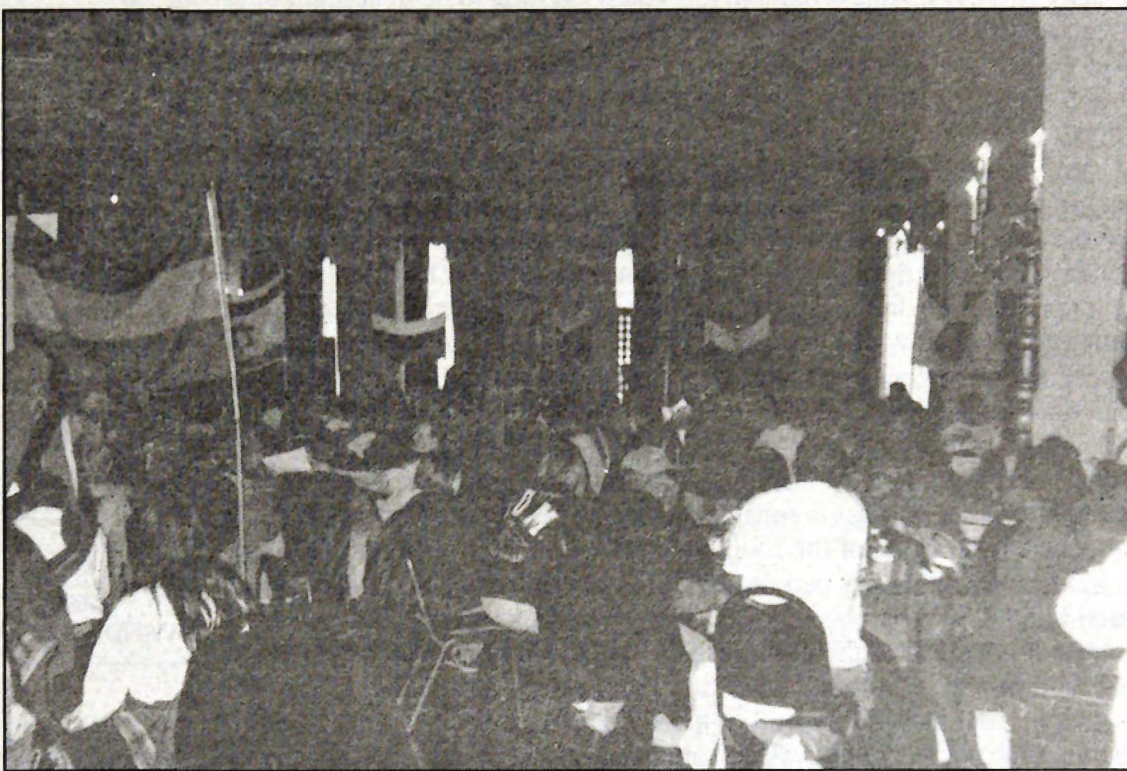
"We want to help students make the transition by connecting them with the right people and giving them everything they need to

know for a successful academic career," said Sclafani.

Gateways is an 11-week program that is divided into several interactive sections. Classes meet once a week for an hour to discuss many issues in an informal setting. Many advisers, like King, have the students form a circle to break the stereotyped teacher/student relationship. In order to keep the classes limited to 15 students per adviser, the number of Gateways classes has been increased to 38 from last fall's 33.

"This is not about me lecturing," said King. "Advisers are students' advocates, someone on their side. We can be their contact if they are treated unfairly or their confidant when they are in need of support or advice."

In addition, a sophomore mentor is assigned to each class. Sophomore mentors are second year students who attend classes to assist freshmen in knowing



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Global Issues students participate in a Global Village Simulation each semester. Professors encourage their students to expand their cultural knowledge.

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Control: how you create your college experience

EDITORIAL

When high school students imagine college life, many see visions of all-nighters dancing in their heads. Movies such as *Higher Learning*, *PCU* and even *Animal House* have created a picture of college that the American high-schooler readily believes. Whether it is studying or partying that keeps them awake at night, college is usually a teenager's first chance to be out on his own.

The lifestyle change is immediate. All of a sudden you discover people that run up and down the halls at 2 a.m. Baking cookies at midnight becomes completely normal and Pizza Hut knows exactly who you are when you call. There is no one around to tell you what time to be in at night or to tell you to "stay away from that boy with the pierced lip and long hair" or not to "speak in that tone of voice." The moment you have waited for all through high school has finally come: You are on your own.

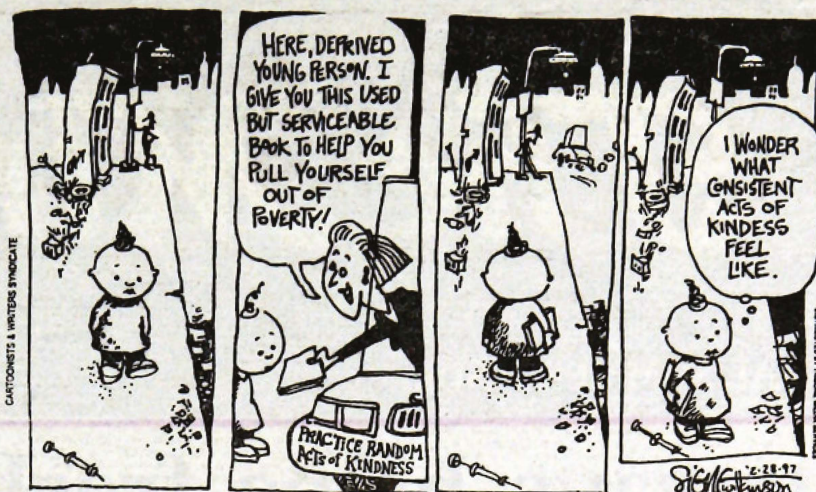
The rest is up to you. Your college experience can be either good or bad. You can make it what you want. Many students come down to Tampa expecting to lay out in the sun every day and party every night. If that is what they seek, that is what they find. But it is often these same students that can't return for their sophomore year because of their low grades. With freedom comes the dreaded grown-up "R" word, responsibility. College is training for the real world, for life. You can sleep until noon and skip your classes, but when your professors begin asking about you and your grades drop, you will regret it.

And they will ask. Professors at UT know their students by first name. Students are not taught by teaching assistants and graduate students as in larger universities. A class is considered large when they are forced to move to a lecture hall or one of the rooms on the fourth floor of Plant Hall, one that holds more than forty people. Professors at UT really care; it is not just something they tell parents during orientation week.

Most students love the closeness of the UT community, but there are those that want to be nothing more than a social security number. Those are the students that leave at the end of their first semester for larger state universities. The students that stay at Tampa are given many amazing opportunities. They can participate in the renowned Student Government, voted the best private university government in Florida by *Florida Leaders Magazine*. They can sing in the Collegiate Chorale, exercise in the brand new McNiff Center, publish a research paper in *Respondz!*, choreograph and dance in the renovated dance studio or even join the crew team and race in the Hillsborough River.

In most Eastern cultures moderation is the key to success. Too much ambition can be dangerous but having none is just as bad. The same goes for partying and sleeping, two main staples of college. The truly successful student is the one that manages to balance work, fun, studying and leadership. During orientation week, you will meet some of the students that have everything under control, such as Dave Virgilio, president of Student Government.

As in the real world, you have to work to get somewhere, but at UT there are people who will help you, support you and encourage you. Your years in college can be the best years of your life if you want them to be. The experience college provides is unique to every student. It is up to you to take what you want from college and from life.



New challenges make life more interesting

COLUMN

I don't remember my first meeting with my roommate upon my arrival at college. It blends into a giant mirage of movement, I just remember my heart pounding inside my chest. I asked myself all the typical questions: what if we hate each other? what if she's messy? what if she goes to bed earlier than me?

There were tons of emotions stirring around in me. I was excited, I

was scared, I didn't know what the future would hold. For weeks I let those emotions inhibit me, I stayed inside my dorm room constantly. I sat and watched t.v. while my roommate made friends and learned about all the opportunities on campus. When I finally decided to be social and brave the outside world, I had an amazing experience.

Most of my experiences my freshman year involved finding my place within the social circles, although I still did not have the courage to go out and be active in campus organizations and activities. The friendships I made and the friendships that I didn't make that year shaped me as a person. More than that, they shaped my college experience. It never really worked out with my roommate, but she did teach me one important thing. In order to be successful at college, you must get involved. Hiding in your room doesn't make things easy in the long run.

Really it wasn't until my sophomore year that I branched out and showed my face on campus. I became a Resident Assistant

which helped me meet people and gave me the confidence to trust myself. Eventually, I used that confidence to join other organizations and became actively involved in campus life.

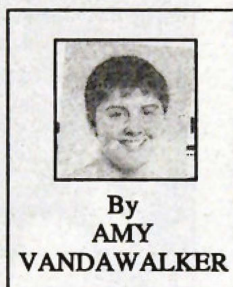
So you're saying, who cares? Well, the point is that going to college isn't always easy. It's a challenge to find the right combination of things that work for you. The key is to not get frustrated. I could've easily given up during those first few months of my freshman year, but I couldn't imagine what my life would be like now if I didn't take chances. The most helpful advice I can give is to take the fear of stepping into something new and use it to your advantage. Let the prospect of the unknown drive you.

It is easy to get lost in the bustle during the beginning weeks of the semester. It is easy to fade into the crowd. But doing that won't make you successful and you definitely won't have as much fun. I think that a lot of students feel that there isn't a place where they can fit in, but there is. The real challenge is finding that place.

I truly believe that there is something for everybody here. Most students can find an organization or activity that really means something to them. Everyone can find something to sink their passion into. It is also important to realize is that there will be a lot of other students who feel just like you. They will understand your struggles, excitement, anxiety. Even the older students will understand because they've been there, too.

So, have a good time when you get here in August. Take risks, talk to people, ask questions, attend events, get involved and have fun.

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Studying abroad gives student a global outlook

COLUMN

By DEBRA JEAN LONGOBARDI

The ability to speak another language, meet people outside one's culture and live in a foreign country seems to be a trend in the nineties. I have always had a passion for travel and a vision to study abroad, but I could not imagine, much less plan, two years and a summer away.

My freshman year, a sorority sister and I decided to study abroad. After months of planning she backed out and I was off to Florence, Italy—alone. I entered the country with a minimal knowledge of basic Italian grammar and not a single friend. I was intimidated and anxious. I struggled through my first few weeks in the small town of Siena. My personal journals kept me sane and provided an outlet for my energy.

Attempting to speak the language was a real battle. I was laughed at, questioned and unable to ask for what I wanted. However, after three months I was managing to link sentences, thoughts and ideas and able to communicate and explore a new world. After months passed and my comfort with the Italian people strengthened, I realized that in order to

master the Italian language I needed to become acquainted with the culture and traditions. After making the attempt to interact with locals I began to feel like a local, myself. I was able to join in at dinner parties, dance at the clubs and go to operas and museums. I overcame obstacles and gained a new perspective on life.

After studying in Italy I was ready to travel the world. I narrowed my choices to England and France. In the end I chose England because I was interested in interning for a television station to satisfy my major—communications. I had to start all over again. I had to make new friends, learn a new culture and survive the cuisine. I realized that even though I spoke the same language, I

felt more like a foreigner than I did in Italy.

Studying and interning made the adjustment very difficult. I battled the busy streets of London, taking the tube and working full time for CNN-International. It really forced me to grow from a timid, dreaming girl into an aggressive and determined woman of the 90s. I learned the ins and outs of the media industry. I adjusted to the different manners, learning how to hold a fork and sip tea during teatime. My focus changed. Instead of being concerned with grades and books I was immersed in the real world. That meant going to bed early and getting up in the morning. After adapting to English culture I began to fit in, as I did in Italy. I met celebrities such as Alberto Tomba and Princess Di. I worked out with Cindy Crawford. Dustin Hoffman was my neighbor.

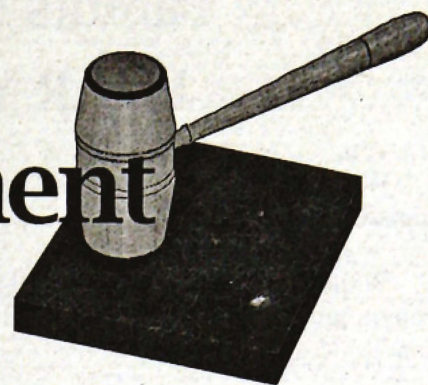
My study abroad experience made me realize that the world is huge and there are endless opportunities for the youth. I finally gained the sense of freedom and responsibility I had yearned for my entire life. I had the ability to travel anywhere and do it on my own. I never could have foreseen such power.

The American Institute of Foreign Study enabled me to study abroad for two years and still graduate on time. They offered a variety of scholarships and two structured programs. AIFS made me feel secure and I trusted them like my own family. The opportunity to share my experiences with fellow students and advisors all over the United States was wonderful. Studying abroad positively affected my life in all aspects: the workplace, socially and mentally. I would encourage this study program to students who wish to expand their horizons and better themselves.

Debra Jean Longobardi is a member of the University of Tampa 1997 graduating class.



Student Government Corner



By DAVE VIRGILIO
SG President

I would like to welcome all new students to the UT community. Soon many of you will find out that UT is a small campus saturated with many wonderful people who care a great deal about each and every one of you. It is, however the students that make the University of Tampa a special place, not only to learn but to acquire priceless leadership skills as well. If you involve yourself with the university, both in academics and in leadership roles, I assure you your university years will be some of the best years of your life.

This is a wonderful time for you to get involved, as there are some exciting changes happening on campus. The Student Government Executive board is always looking for students to serve on committees that give input into these new plans. Student Government serves as a student link to administration and its charge is to ensure that the best interests of the students are represented and taken into consideration as changes occur. The student body is represented by four class senators and four executive board members (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary). Each officer serves on many committees that deal with a wide variety of issues ranging from student services (food service, residence life, health center, etc.) and academics to several volunteer projects.

What makes a student govern-

ment successful is input from the entire student body. Therefore, it would be beneficial to inform the officers of any problems you may encounter. Each officer is required to serve a number of office hours in the Student Government office located on the first floor of the Student Union Building. Even if you do not have an issue for the Student Government, just stop in and introduce yourself to the officers.

Additionally, every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Student Government holds its weekly general assembly meeting. This meeting is for officers to inform the student body of changes taking place on campus. It is where the student body can voice their concerns to the officers. At each meeting the executive board invites a guest speaker, usually someone from an office on campus, to help students get acquainted with the services the campus has to offer.

I would like to wish all of you the very best in the upcoming year in both your quest for academic excellence and the other ventures in which you will find yourself. Once you are settled on campus I urge you to stop by the Student Government Office or Student Activities to find out what this exciting campus has to offer.

Dave Virgilio, the Student Government President for the 1997-98 school year, is a senior business major.

Tampa community wants to help you get involved

COLUMN

By BOB RUDAY

Orientation is a special time at the University of Tampa, not only for you, the new members of our community, but also for faculty, staff and student leaders who are here to welcome and assist you.

During orientation, and the weeks and months that follow, we will meet and welcome all of you and introduce you to our wonderful university, of which we are so very proud. We are here to help you succeed, to help you in reaching your goal, to provide a challenging, stimulating and culturally enriching environment conducive to education excellence. We are excited that you have chosen the University of Tampa to become your alma mater.

We encourage you to take part in Orientation and all of its programs, both educational and social. This is a time to explore new horizons, ask lots of questions and investigate and explore the many areas of the university that will soon become so very familiar to you.

Besides being part of a great academic program, you can test your leadership skills, write for a publication, try a sport, get involved in theater or art, volunteer and take part in community service join an organization or work part time.

We can help. Whether you are a resident student or a commuter, there are multiple ways for you to become involved in campus activities, and we urge you to do so.

Those of us who work at the university want to see you succeed in meeting your goals, both academically and in your campus life. We want your years at the University of Tampa to be wonderfully rewarding and a time to be lovingly remembered.

We look forward to your arrival and the beginning of a brand new and exciting academic year, bursting with promise.

Bob Ruday is the dean of students at the University of Tampa.

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Freshman Elections!

Be an active part of the class of 2001!

Pick up your election packet in the SG office, Student Activities office or the Dean of Students office by 5 p.m Wednesday, September 3.

Speeches will be given by all candidates on September 10.

Elections will be held on Wednesday, September 17.

Persons elected must have a 2.5 GPA at the end of their first semester in order to continue in office.

Parents of new students

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

- Want to know the 8 secrets of parenting a university freshman (these will also apply transfer parents)?
- Want to know about the special parents' course on UT Student Finances 101? (This course will guarantee that you will not receive letters like this "No fun, no mon, yur son.")
- Want to know how you can best communicate with your son or daughter during their collegiate experience?
- Want to know what not to say to your university student?
- Want to know the best advice you can give to your son or daughter?
- Want to know how the family pets can play an important part of your son or daughter's successful transition and success at UT?

And best of all... want to have the best CHOCOLATE CHIP PANCAKES, created by the world renowned chef Bob Ruday, Dean of Students, who has received his training at the Willie Wonka School of Culinary Arts.

All these questions will be answered - and more, exclusively, at The University of Tampa's New Student Orientation.

This program is so successful that we have expanded our breakfasts from one to two!!! About half of the parents will be invited to have this breakfast program on Wednesday morning and the other half on Thursday morning. If either one of these dates are better for you, please let us know when you check in.

Orientation 97 officially begins on Wednesday, August 27 with a 9 am. (Resident parents may check in beginning at 1 pm on Tuesday, August 26. During the next two days, you will have a chance to meet many people: faculty members who will assist your student to achieve their academic goals, staff members who will support them in this process and the student leaders who will serve as mentors to your son or daughter.

We will include some entertainment, good food, and helpful people into the orientation program. So, why stay home? Join your son or daughter in this great program. Remember, this is not only a time of transition for your son or daughter, but for parents too!! As you can see, orientation issues for parents will also be addressed.

We want you to attend **Orientation 97** because we want to demonstrate our commitment to join with you, as partners, in order to help your son or daughter achieve their goals, academic and career. We want to reassure you that you are leaving your student in good hands and that you know that we have their (and your) interests at heart. We want you to become acquainted with our services enough so that you feel comfortable and can continue to foster your student's independence. In this regard, you will be confident, instead of you working out any difficulty that your son or daughter may encounter, you will know enough to be able to suggest options that he or she will be able to take in order to resolve that issue.

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more about campus life. They are volunteers who make themselves available to answer any questions, whether they be personal or academic.

"The mentors offer students another person they can turn to," said Sclafani. "As well, they can give students hints on what to do around town or campus, or what not to do, like eat the cafeteria potatoes on Thursday."

Freshmen will meet and interact with their Gateways adviser as early as orientation and then through the first week of classes. For the next two weeks, half of the classes will tour the Henry Plant Museum while the other half concentrate on time management skills. Then the groups will switch.

The proceeding 10 weeks will consist of group meetings with campus directors, discussions about the UT catalog and the construction of a two year plan, individual meetings with advisers, class discussions and a career and vocational inventory known as the "Self Directed Search."

The Self Directed Search is

designed to aid students in finding direction or insight regarding their majors or future careers. Career exploration is not required. According to King, some students want to investigate and others feel confident in their future plans.

We're like a fine restaurant, and the higher expense is worth it.

— Dr. Jack King

At the end of the program, students and their advisers sit down and prepare for spring enrollment. Some advisers even engage students in mock registrations.

Both King and Sclafani feel that the Gateways program offers students something large universities don't: personal service and a sense of community. According to Sclafani, all professors that are guiding a Gateways class are there because they want to. The faculty is very motivated.

"With Gateways, advisers prove that at UT, students encounter more than fine faculty, they also receive quality, personal service in

a community they can feel comfortable in," said King. "In that way, we're like a fine restaurant, and the higher expense is worth it."

Along with Gateways, freshmen are required to enroll in a Global Issues (GIS) course. Linked with freshmen English classes, this program is designed to encourage students to become more globally-minded and culturally-aware.

"GIS courses help students understand that there's a whole world outside of UT or Tampa or even the U.S.," said Sclafani.

The big event for these classes is Global Village Simulation, where each class is assigned a country to represent. The students' research their countries and prepare to participate in a global market, where they must buy and sell their countries' goods. The simulation teaches students about world trade while allowing them to have fun. Students often dress in traditional costumes and offer food from their country. According to Sclafani, it teaches business and cultural sensitivity as well.

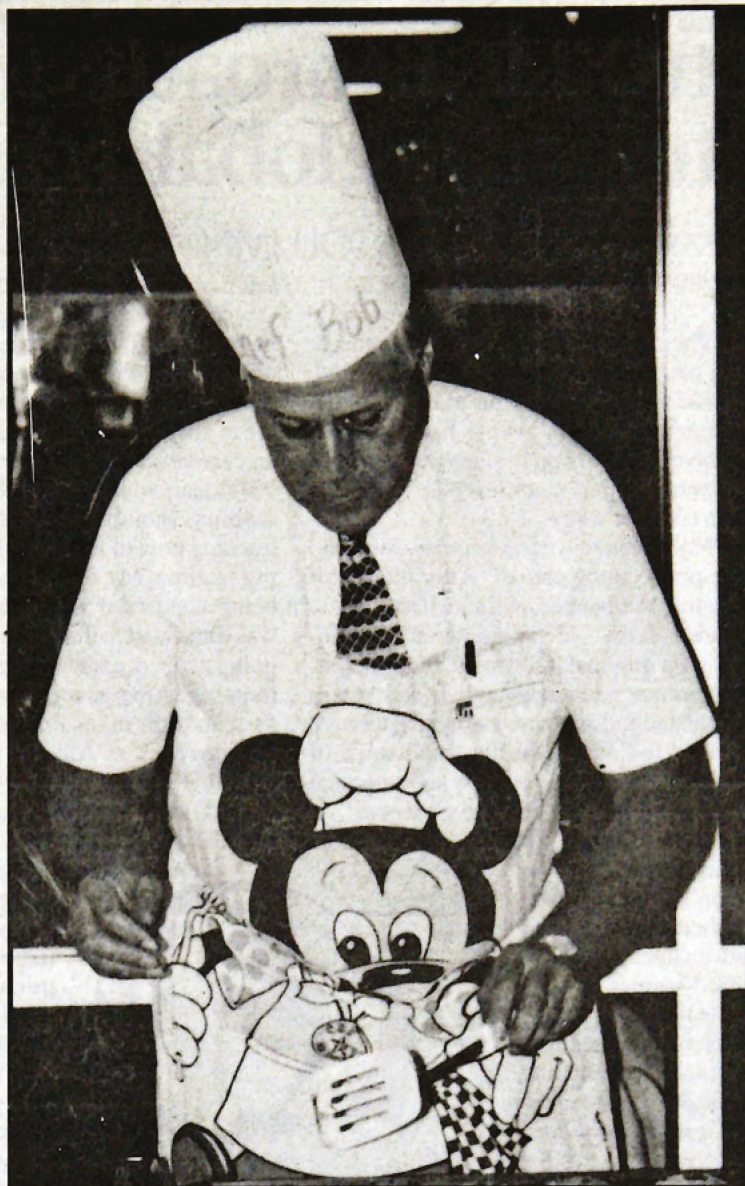


Photo courtesy of the Moroccan

Bob Ruday, UT Dean of Students and the man behind the famous chocolate chip pancakes

Health Center tackles more than students' ills

By SHARON SCHAEFER ARNP
Director of Health Center

Students are invited to come by and meet the staff at UT's Health Center located in the Communications/ Nursing Building between the Lecture Halls and the Computer Center.

At the center, visitors will be greeted by Marcy Aramanda, the receptionist, who makes appointments, takes care of medical record and assists in all areas as needed.

Carmen King is the medical assistant. She takes students' temperatures, checks their blood pressure, asks them questions about their medical needs and performs routine laboratory tests if necessary.

The director of the center is Sharon Schaefer a nurse practitioner, who will discuss health problems, perform examinations, write prescriptions and direct the course of treatment.

Doctors Saccar, Lee and Ri-

chards are available at the Health Center twice each week for students needing referral or consultation.

One of the center's doctors is on call 24 hours a day, and can be reached through the Residence Assistants or the university security department for students living off-campus.

The Health Center provides many services other than the treatment of illness or injury, such as allergy or immunization injections, counseling for HIV testing, family planning services and physical examinations.

For information about any of these services, please call (813) 253-6250 or drop by in person.

The Health Center's hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

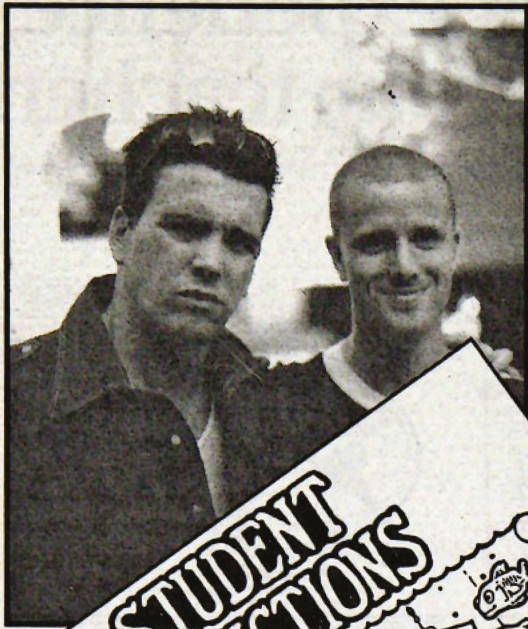
The center will treat illness and injury as well as help students maintain a healthy lifestyle while at the university.



Minaret File Photo- Jeff Petruno

Carmen King carefully gives Stacey Jerry her antibiotic. Besides performing the usual services of a health clinic, the staff also offers health seminars during the year.

Student Productions keeps it interesting



Stacey Chmura
Student Productions President

Looking for entertainment? Well, Student Productions (S.P.) is a campus organization that provides UT students with on-campus and off-campus entertainment throughout the year. S.P. is completely student run and receives their funding from Student Government's (S.G.) allocation of your student activities fees.

Within the organization are four separate chairs. The stage shows chair is in charge of providing a variety of comedians and lecturers onto campus. Last year this chair brought lecturers such as Robert Ressler, a renowned author and one of the FBI serial killer experts consulted upon the writing of *Silence of the Lambs*, and Nancy and Jerry Jaxx, experts on the Ebola virus and the subjects of the best-selling book *The Hot Zone*. Two years ago the stage show chair brought Carrot Top to UT for S.P.'s year-end event.

The film and recreation chair provides students with a wide range of off-campus activities such as horseback riding, ice skating, canoeing, paint ball, Tampa Bay Lightning and Buccaneer games, trips to malls and movie theatres, concerts and plays and the major theme parks.

Last year, S.P. took students to a Mighty Mighty Bosstones concert in St. Petersburg and to see the Broadway musical, *Miss Saigon*, in Orlando. The recent years, the film and recreation chair

has taken students to Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, Disney's MGM Studios and Universal Studios' Halloween Horror Nights. The film and recreation chair works with the stage show chair to bring virtual reality simulators, make-you-own-video machines and murder mystery dinner shows on campus.

The third division in the organization is the music chair. This chair provides students with a wide variety of music from local and national bands and musicians. The music chair provides DJs for all of the major S.P. events and also brings several acts on campus each month. Last year, the music chair brought acts ranging from the rock band Bricq to contemporary Christian artist Roger Day. No matter what your taste in music, the music chair can satisfy.

The last division, arguably most important, is its advertising chair. The advertising chair is not only responsible for advertising events, but for S.P. itself. Each year S.P. picks a new theme for the program and sends advertising to work. Advertising then creates incentives for you to attend S.P. programs and purchases prizes to give away at all of the events. This year's theme is "Drowning in Entertainment." We have already ordered the S.P. T-shirts that will be given out at our events. Last semester, we not only gave out T-shirts at our events, but also stuffed campus mailboxes with stress balls during finals week.

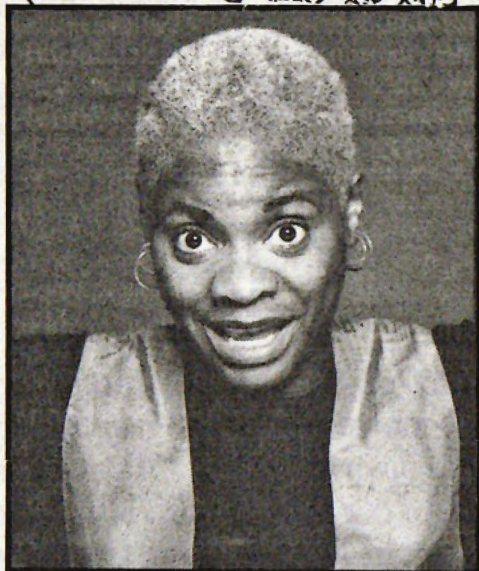
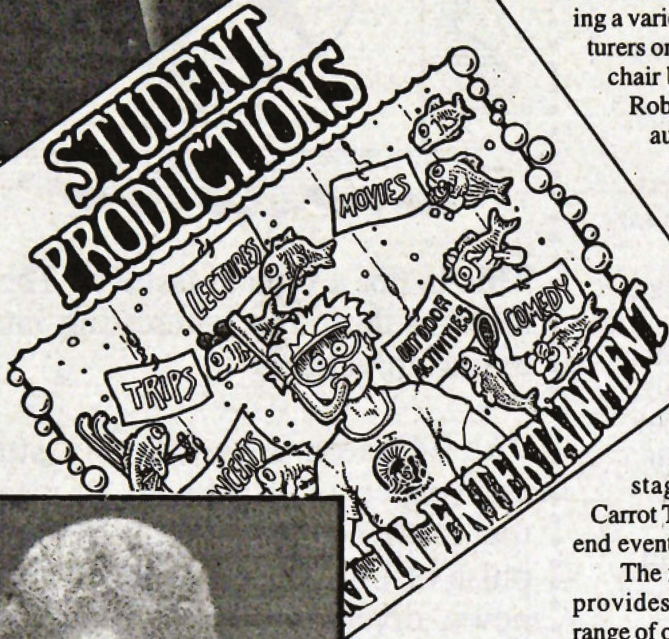
The president of S.P. is elected in a campus-wide election with S.G. officers and sits on the S.G. executive board, giving progress reports at the weekly general assembly meetings. Once the president is elected he or she ap-

points a vice-president who is in charge of the S.P. budget and the annual Homecoming dance (which we be held October 18, 1997) and Harold's Club, our annual casino night (spring semester). Then chairs and co-chairs are interviewed and appointed.

The greatest thing about S.P. is that 95% of all of our events are FREE to all students! The rest are campus events where S.P. provides transportation. In the past, tickets to the major theme parks were sold to students for only \$10! S.P. is not interested in making money, rather it is our goal to provide the best entertainment money can buy without any, or minimal, cost to students.

Since Student Productions is completely student run, the views and opinions of each student are extremely important. This is where our committee system comes in. Each chair has their own committee that consists of student volunteers who want to have a say in what kind of entertainment we bring on campus. These committee members meet with their chair on a weekly basis to discuss upcoming events. Committee members are rewarded and appreciated for their hard work in many ways and gain valuable experience should they apply for a chair position the following year.

The Student Productions organization works tirelessly day in and out to keep the campus entertained with two or three events a week throughout the year. If you are interested in being part of one of the most important campus organizations or would like a copy of our event's calendar please contact our office at ext 3104 or stop by our Student Union office to visit.



Top: Andy Ceusters poses with the frontman from The Mighty Mighty Bosstones. Middle: Each year the S.P. logo and theme grace many t-shirts and posters, S.P. organizes many events. This year comedian Rene Hicks is among those scheduled to perform.



MY DEGREE GOT ME THE INTERVIEW. ARMY ROTC GOT ME THE JOB.

Things got pretty competitive for this job. I'm sure my college degree and good grades kept me in the running. But in the end it was the leadership and management experience I got through Army ROTC that won them over.

Army ROTC taught me responsibility, self-discipline and leadership. Those are things you just can't learn from a text book. I don't know where I'd be right now if I hadn't enrolled in Army ROTC, but I do know one thing for sure ... I wouldn't be here.



ARMY ROTC

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For details, visit the ROTC Bldg., 401 West Kennedy Blvd.
or call 253-7200

A complete list of student organizations

Athletic Teams

Baseball
Basketball (Men)
Basketball (Women)
Crew (Men)
Crew (Women)
Cross Country
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Volleyball



Academic and Professional Organizations

American Chemical Society
American Marketing Society
Army ROTC
Criminology Club
Data Processing Management Association
Organization of Future Lawyers
Perishing Rifles (Military Science Society)
Society of International Business
Student Nurses Organization

Greek Organizations

Alpha Chi Omega
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
GAMMA
Interfraternity Council
Kappa Sigma
Panhellenic Council



Phi Delta Theta
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Delta Tau
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Zeta Phi Beta

Honor Societies

Alpha Chi (Scholarship)
Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)
Alpha Kappa
Delta (Sociology)
Alpha Psi Omega (Drama)
Beta Beta Beta (Biological)
Delta Sigma Pi (Business)
Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership)
Order of Omega (Greek)
Phi Alpha Theta (History)
Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association
Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences)
Pi Mu Epsilon (Math)
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political)
Psi Chi (Psychology)
Sigma Beta Delta (Business)
Sigma Tau Delta (English)
Honor Society of Nursing

Interest Groups

BACCHUS
BiGLAS
Canterbury Campus Ministries (Episcopal)
Christian Student Union
Christus Rex (Catholic)
Da Bomb Entertainment Services (DBES)*
Dance Expressions of the Nineties (DEN)
Environmental Protection Coalition (EPC)
Equestrian Club
Friends of Brak (Japanese Animation Club)
Hillel (Jewish)
ISO (International)

Mountain Biking Club
Spartan Club
Spartan Commuters
Spartan In-Line Hockey Club
Spartan Spirit Club
Spartan Stars Dance Sport Team
Student Political Organization
TUCO (Roller Coasters) *
Vision Quest
UT Art Association
UT Women's Organization *



Media Groups

The Minaret (Newspaper)
Moroccan (Yearbook)
Quilt (Literary Journal)
Respondez (Honors Journal)
WUTV (Cable)
WUTZ (Radio Station)

University Leadership

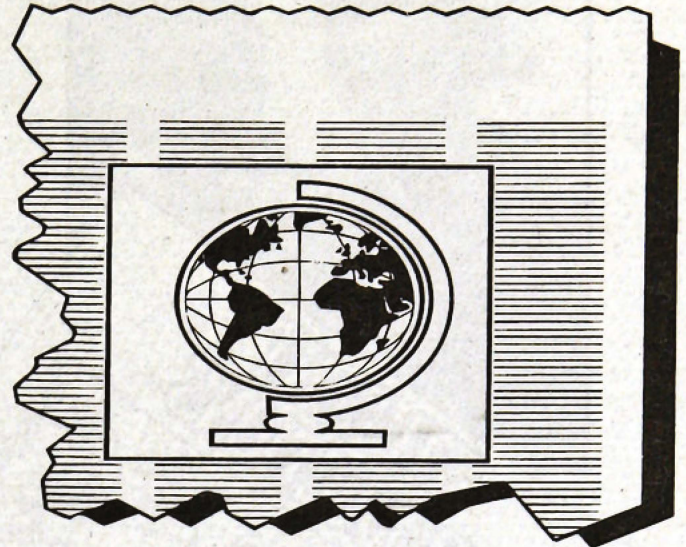
Community Development Team
Delo Hall Council
Diplomats
Judicial Board
Health Advocates
Host Program
Howell Hall Council
McKay Hall Council
Orientation Team Leaders
PEACE
Peer Organizational Advisors (POAs)
ResCom/ West Hall Council
Resident Assistants
Smiley Hall Council
Student Government
Student Productions
Traffic Board



* These organizations have been proposed but are not yet organized and have not been granted official status by the Student Activities office.

Note: Sports teams, fraternities and sororities are recognized as organizations to help build school spirit and a stronger sense of community.

Let experience be your teacher!



This is not a typical issue of *The Minaret*, rather a thorough, interesting introduction to our university.

The Minaret, a completely student-run newspaper, is distributed 24 weeks out of the academic year. With its finger on the pulse of UT, it brings students hard-hitting news, diverse opinions, dynamic features and in-depth sports coverage. As well, the photographers grab the action and bring it to life on our pages. *The Minaret* is UT — captured!

There are many positions available at the paper, from reporter to photographer to graphic artist to business staff. **All you need to become part of our staff is a drive to learn and a commitment to the truth.** Credit is available for members of the staff. However, some paid positions require writing samples and applications. *The Minaret* will be accepting applications for a new business manager.

For more information, ring up our office at 813-253-3333, ext. 3335, or look for us at "UT Unplugged."

The Minaret can also be contacted at University of Tampa Box 2757 or our email address, "TheMinaret@aol.com".

GET INVOLVED!

Join Student Activities for
"UT Unplugged"

Friday August 29 from 2-4 pm

Meet representatives from many of UT's student organizations.

Mountain Bike Club enters second year with high hopes

By ANDY CEUSTERS
Staff Writer

I know what you're thinking: "Mountain biking in Florida? Don't you need mountains for that?" Okay, so this isn't exactly Colorado, but we had a lot of fun in our first year as an organized club and found some challenging trails to ride. None of us are professional, which may be a bit of an understatement, so finding challenging trails wasn't too difficult.

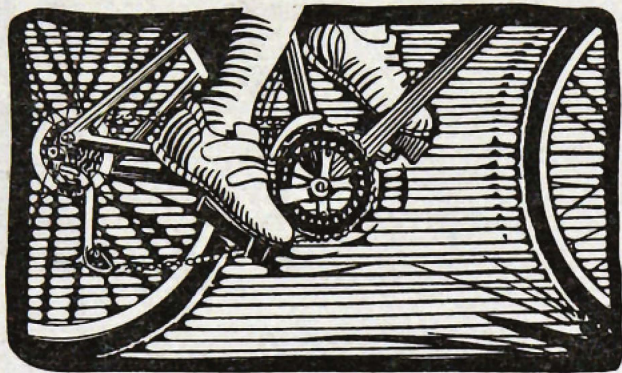
Gender wise, the club is split pretty evenly, with our female riders often being the more dedicated members. Among our members are several beginners, myself included; my first mountain bike is still less than a year out of the store. However we have all improved in the last year, tackling steep hills that at first we had to walk. When I was first persuaded to hit some trails with my roommate, I thought it might be fun and now I'm hooked, along with several other new riders. We have a few experienced riders, one of which is the club's founder and first president,

Bryan Addams. Unfortunately, he is taking a semester off to intern at Epcot in Orlando, but he will be able to ride with us occasionally.

There are no dues to pay and no obligations. If you want to come along when we organize a ride, great! If you're busy or just a little

spring break we took a road trip to North Carolina for the week. It was the cheapest spring break trip I've been on and the most fun. Hopefully we'll take another road trip in 1998 to experience some real mountain biking.

If you plan to be on campus on August 29, the University is organizing its annual "UT Unplugged" event where organizations have their first opportunity to recruit incoming freshmen. As long as my car makes it down from New York, I will have a table set up with a sign-up sheet. If I'm feeling energetic, I might even be



tired from a hard nights partying, we promise not to drag you out of bed, strap you to a bike, and send you plummeting down the nearest hill. Our club is quite laid back. The main focus is to enjoy ourselves.

Throughout the year we will go on lots of day trips within a couple of hours driving time, but you don't need a car with a bike rack to join. We always find a way to get all the bikes and people to where we're going. Last year for

showing a video we made on a ride last year. Now if that doesn't get you excited enough to join, I might have to offer free food. That, however, is highly unlikely. This is a biking club, not a cooking club (in other words, I can't cook).

If you can't make it to "UT Unplugged," feel free to call me anytime after August 28, at extension 7951. We appreciate any new members of any skill level. I hope to see you next semester!

WUTZ once again to fill campus air

MINARET STAFF REPORT

Ever dream of hearing your voice bellowing over the air waves? Ever see yourself in control of hundreds of records? Ever hear those morning show guys and think, "Hey, I could be that funny?" Your fantasy is possible at the University of Tampa's on-campus radio station, WUTZ.

The station was set up to give students the music, news and entertainment that they want. And because WUTZ is not "controlled" by corporations or a board, students are free to play whatever the listeners request when they want it an dhow. WUTZ's motto is: if we have it, we'll play it.

WUTZ offers a variety of programming from hip-hop to rock, from punk to jazz, country and even ska. Two years ago there was even a show that concentrated on spoken word and poetry. "This helps to keep our station diverse and popular," said former disc jockey Brian Adams. "We honor any and all requests that come in."

This past year WUTZ was plagued with many problems that basically cleaned the station of all equipment. Under the management of Luis Matos and Derik Ingber, the new school year promises to be a fruitful one for this UT organization.

No experience is necessary to work for WUTZ. If you have the interest and the drive it is very likely you will get a position.

UT Post Office tips

When forwarding parcels to the University of Tampa in advance of your arrival in the fall, you should use the following format.

The University of Tampa
(your full name)
UT Box Number ____
401 W. Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33606-1490

Your full name must be the same name the box is registered under, not a nickname. Also, be sure not to write P.O. Box, as packages with those labels often get routed to the City of Tampa Post Office and take much longer to arrive at their proper destination.

When you pick up your packages, you must present your UT ID or any ID that has a photograph.

D.E.N. provides an outlet for UT's movers and shakers

By SUSAN W. HUDMON
Editor

Fitness is important to many college students, especially with the "Freshman 10" looming over the new students at orientation like some horrific bird of prey. The "Freshman 10" is not a myth. Many girls come to college and gain weight, presumably from eating pizza and pasta too often. But never fear, there are ways to combat these unwanted pounds. Students can join sports teams, such as crew or cross country. Students can also work out in the newly-remodeled McNiff Fitness Center or they could dance,

Dance Expressions of the Nineties would like to state that dance does not necessarily mean

ballet. That is an option, but along with ballet, choreographers have tapped into Caribbean, Latin, tap, modern, jazz, lyric, reggae, Indian, Martha Graham style and martial arts-inspired moves. Dance at UT prides itself

on its ability to bring people together and expose the masses to the cultures of different students.

It is the mission of Dance Expressions of the Nineties (DEN) to provide dance and social opportunities for members. These range from teaching dance classes, choreographing, performing, organizing dance related events and working to make the community a better place through dance and volunteer services. DEN fosters the educational development of UT students and faculty by promoting cultural awareness and providing leadership experience for students.

DEN, formerly known as "The UT Dance Club" was founded on September 1, 1993 by Susan Barnes. Since that time, they have be-



Shannon Whitaker- The Minaret

Dancers rehearse for the 1996 Fall Dance Happening. Monique Blaaker's Caribbean numbers always energize the audience.

come much more than "just a group of dancers," winning the 1997 Leadership Award for Outstanding Community Service for their efforts. DEN members volunteered at Elementary Schools, the Museum of Science and Industry (M.O.S.I.), Hudson Manner and performed dances for many community events.

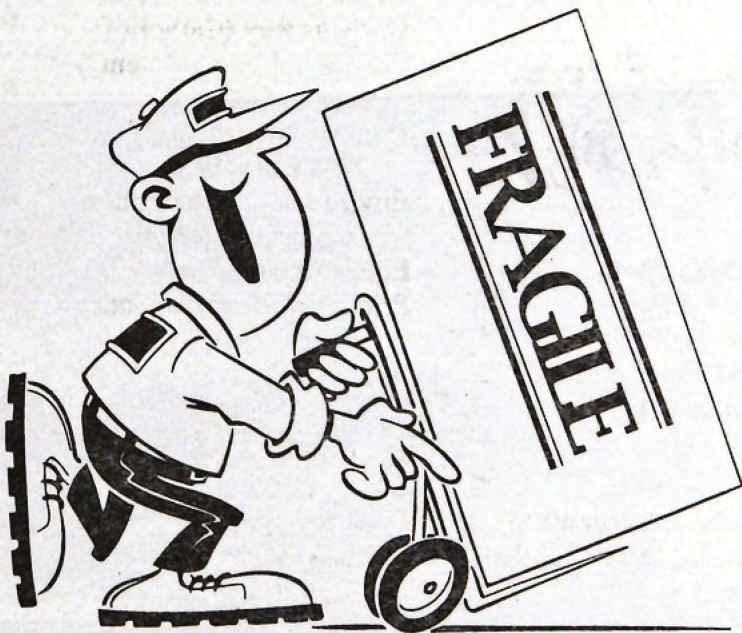
DEN sponsors dance classes every week after their meetings. DEN also helps to bring dancers and choreographers to the stage with Student Dance Happenings, which occur in both the Fall and Spring and the Annual Spring Dance Concert in Falk Theatre. Dancers often participate in Global Village Day in March. Participation in all of these events is possible by audition.

If you would like more information about Dance Expressions of the Nineties, visit the table at "UT Unplugged" to view a video of former performances, sign up for the interest meeting or just chat with the members. The DEN office can also be reached by phone at extension 3762.



The Minaret - File Photo- Bridget Mobley

Daniella and Pierfranco Issa during the 1996 Annual Spring Dance Concert held in Falk Theatre.



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award-winning

Be
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of
UT
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No experience is necessary to join
UT's Moroccan yearbook staff.

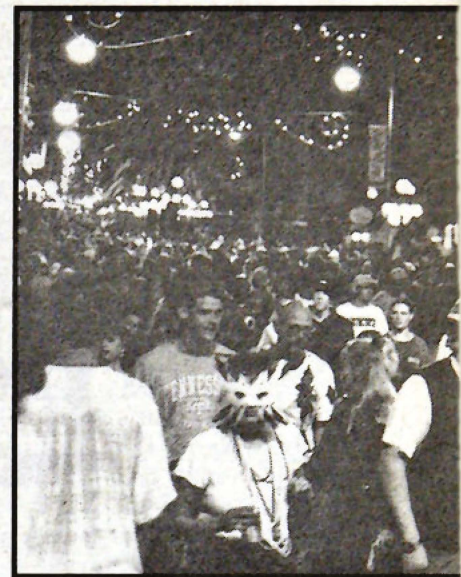
Visit us at UT Unplugged, the university's student organization fair, on Friday, August 29. Or, call our office at x. 6263.

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Shannon Whitaker- *The Minaret*

Seniors celebrate their approaching graduation at the "50 Days Party" in Ybor City, the center of local nightlife.

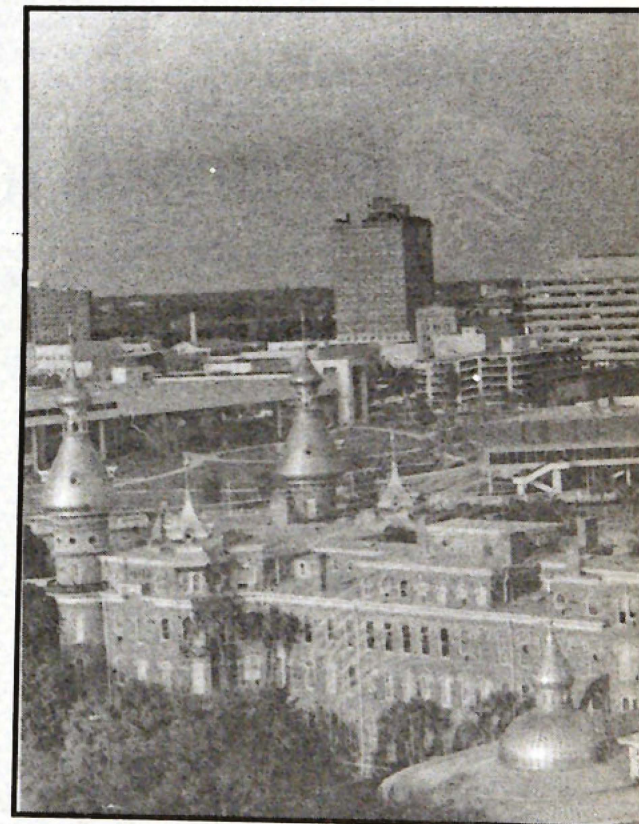


Gauwaween, celebrated the weekend Ybor into a large costume party. Stage nationally known bands increase the



Jenn Wolfson— *The Minaret*

The Tampa Convention Center, just a short walk from campus, hosts many interesting events each year including state drama and music festivals. In the past year, the Convention Center hosted a gigantic thrift store expo and the AIDS Quilt. Tampa residents were encouraged to add panels to the quilt to honor friends and family that had battled the disease.



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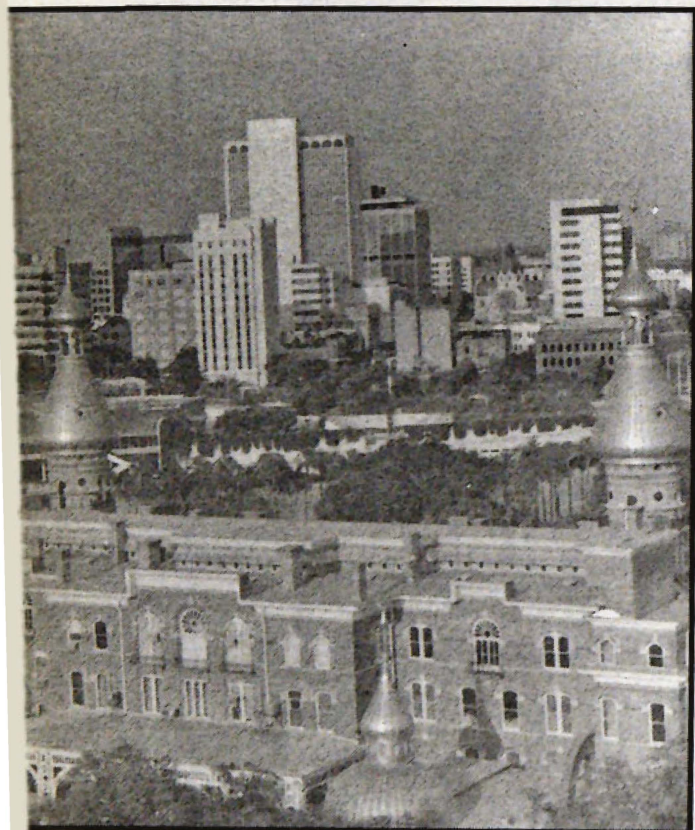
During the day, the shops of Ybor City clothes to salons. Ybor is also know for its many stores.

... in the center of it all!



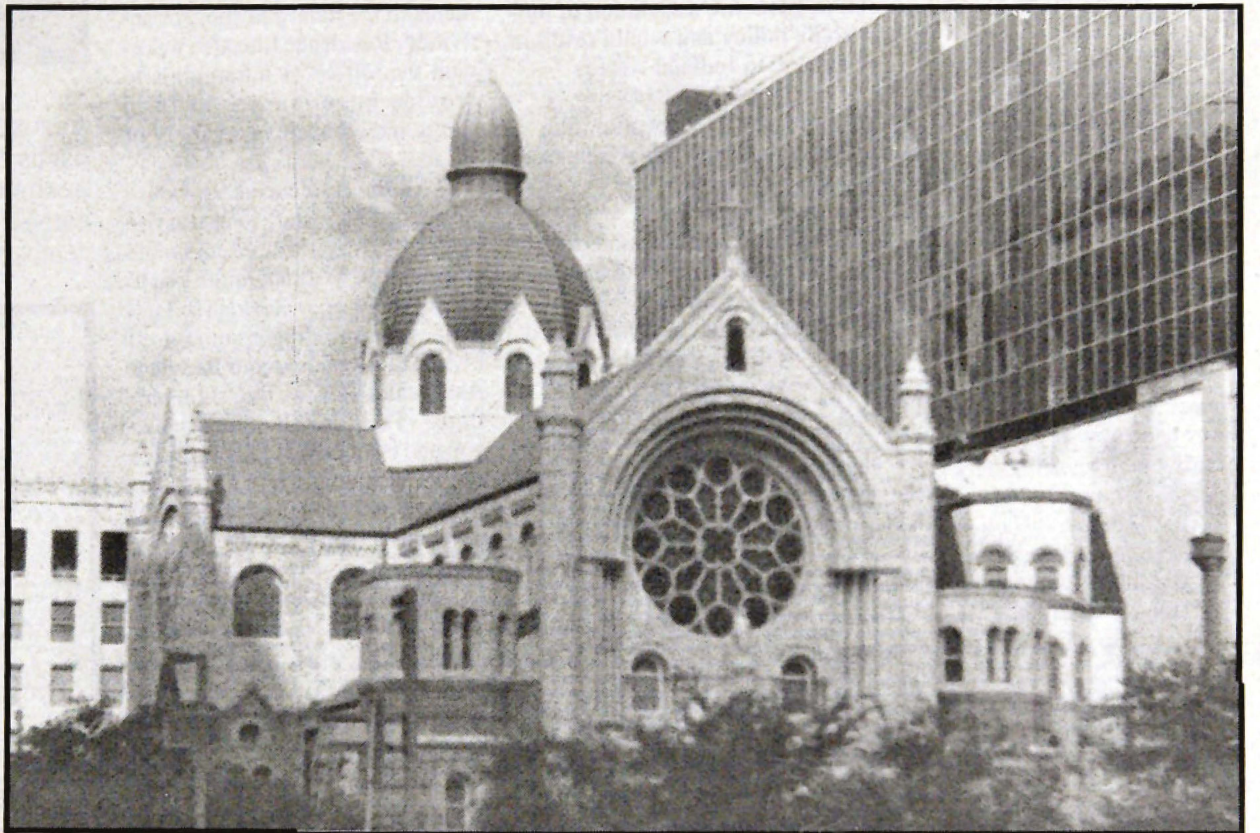
Nikki Teigen- The Minaret

Before Halloween turns the streets of Tampa into a scene of excitement, the streets are created in several locations and excitement.



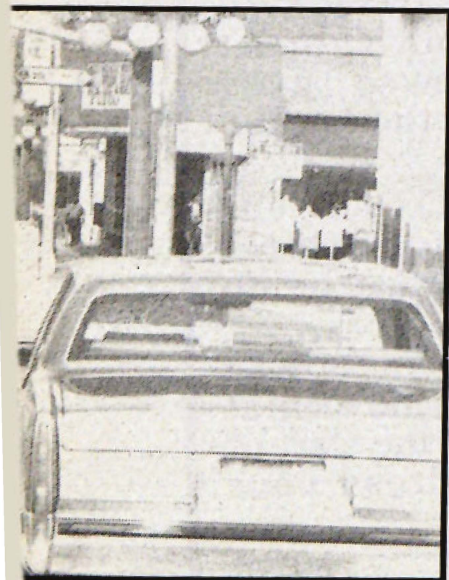
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church in downtown Tampa is just one of many pieces of beautiful architecture. The University of Tampa Collegiate Chorale performs two concerts annually in the church under the direction of Dr. David Isele.



The Minaret— File Photo

provide everything from new age to vintage clothing and thrift



The Minaret— File Photo

Historic Hyde Park provides shopping, movie theaters and many fine restaurants. Art and music festivals occasionally block streets off to traffic.

ResLife offers helpful tips to students arriving on campus

By BETH DiMUCCIO
Asst. Director of Residence Life

On behalf of the Office of Residence Life, I would like to welcome you to the University of Tampa community. Ours is an office that many of you will interact with over the course of your education. One of our favorite tasks involving students is providing assistance for their on campus experience. Below you will find a list of some of the basics, while you will undoubtedly have thought of most of these, read through the list carefully, there are a few that you may have forgotten which will come in handy.

Handy Items

Alarm clock
iron/ironing board
soap
tissues
shampoo
posters
hair dryer
waste basket
hangers
cups/plates/utensils (for snacking in the room)
umbrella/raincoat
beach chair/suntan lotion
power strip with breaker
writing utensils, highlighters
stamps
paper
reference texts
sporting equipment
laundry detergent

laundry basket
comforter/blankets
sheets
towels
pillows
TV/VCR
computer
small refrigerator
microwave oven

Each room can only have one refrigerator and microwave. To avoid doubles of these items, call your new roommates once you receive your room assignments.

Please leave the following items at home

The following items, if found on campus, are a violation of university policy and would result in a referral to Judicial Affairs

*FIREARMS

*All other weapons (hunting knives, martial arts weapons, etc.)

*Fireworks

*Pets (with the exception of fish in a tank no larger than 10 gallons)

*Toaster ovens (or any exposed coil heating element) regular toasters are ok

*Lofts of any kind

Other helpful information

All residence halls have front desks where students can check out equipment with proper ID. Equipment includes vacuums,

board games, and sporting/rec equipment.

There are laundry facilities in all residence halls, these areas have been recently renovated and given all new machines, the cost is \$.75 to wash and \$.50 to dry. Change machines are located in some halls, but it is a good idea to bring a lot of quarters.

Your bathroom will be cleaned on a weekly basis by our housekeeping staff, so don't worry about bringing those supplies, it is a good idea however, to bring glass cleaner and dust rags to keep your room clean.

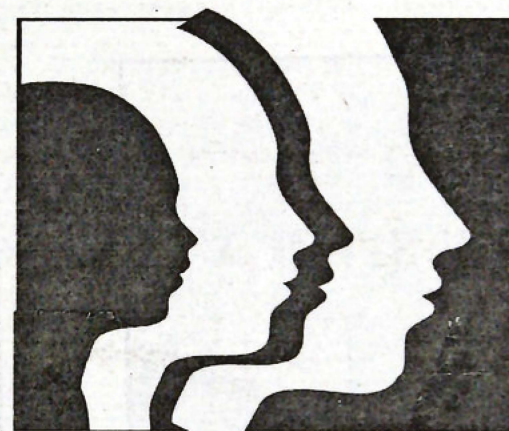
There are opportunities for involvement within our residence halls, each building has a Hall Council which makes improvements to the halls and sponsor activities. Residence Life also works with the Office of Intramurals to provide opportunities to form teams and compete in a variety of sports.

All the residence halls house Residence Life staff to assist you and help create a safe, enjoyable community. We encourage you to get to know your Residence Hall staff. Each building is supervised by a Head Resident and Resident Assistant's (RA's) live on every floor. They are all students like you and can be an excellent source of information. They also make great friends!!!! If you have any questions please feel free to call the Office of Residence Life at (813) 253-6239. We look forward to hearing from you. See you soon..



File Photo- The Minaret

According to the Office of Residence Life, Delo tops the list as the hall most often requested by incoming freshmen. The residence hall, originally built in the 1920s housed over 200 students during the 1996-1997 school year.



DISABILITY SERVICES

If you are a student with a physical or learning disability, please let us know. We want to assist you in satisfying your needs to help you achieve your academic goals.

If you have not already received information about our support services, please let us know so that we may provide you with the needed information.

We encourage you to contact us during the summer with the proper documentation, which must be no more than three years old.

If you will be requesting special accommodations, please send them at least two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester. Address your information to:

Robert M. Ruday, Dean of Students
The University of Tampa
401 W. Kennedy Blvd. Box C
Tampa, FL 33606-1490

Residence hall activities help create a sense of community

By OFFICE OF RESLIFE

Are you wondering just what you have to look forward to once you get to campus in the fall? A LOT! In addition to getting involved in student clubs and organizations, there are numerous things to do, right in your own residence hall! Each semester, your Resident Assistant and the Community Development Team will provide a variety of programs and activities for you to enjoy. The RAs will ask his or her residents what kinds of things students would be interested in doing, and then work hard to make those suggestions a reality.

Some sample programs in-

clude cookouts and volleyball tournaments, trips to the movies, and programs on issues of student concern like "Writing a Resume" or "Finding an Internship." The RAs have taken their residents to Disney World, have traveled to the beach and have given them with insight into a different culture by dining at a local Cuban restaurant. Residents have seen their RA kiss a pig in an effort to raise money for a local charity, participated in a Halloween Trick or Treat program for underprivileged children and become more physically fit by visiting the fitness center together as a floor.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless! Residence Life student staff strive to ensure that all residents know each other and

are somehow involved in residence hall programs and activities. The Community Development Team, another group of student staff, will also be providing programs dealing with campus safety, alcohol and drug awareness, and relationship issues, so look for those activities throughout the year!

As we said before, you have a lot to look forward to once you move into your residence hall! Plan now to get involved, to meet lots of new people, and to give your Resident Assistant and the Community Development Team suggestions for what you may be interested in doing! They will welcome your input!

Job Openings at the Office of Student Activities

Are you interested in a real service area? All of the work that takes place in the Student Activities Office is designed to serve the university community. In the Student Activities Office, your position is more than just a job. Our desire is to assist you in preparing for your life's work and we hope your experiences will present you with some challenges, an opportunity for growth, information about your leadership capabilities and will provide you with a way to make new friends.

•L.A.S.E.R. Team (Law Abiding Students Ever Ready): students provide the escorts for students to various on-campus locations. These students also supervise the Student Union Computer lab and perform other duties.

•Fitness Center: attendants staff the fitness center at McNiff.

•POA's (Peer Organizational Advisors): these students will be responsible for communications and promotions for student organizations.

•Office Assistants: these students will assist in a variety of ways: typing, computer work, filing and nusal office dither

•P.E.A.C.E. (People Exploring Active Community Experiences) and the Office of Community Service: at these positions, students will be interviewing placing volunteer students in Tampa's many community service agencies.

To find out more about these positions contact the financial aid office or attend the SAO Hiring Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 5 p.m.

Aramark serves up more than meals

By ARAMARK

Good food and good service are essential to the happiness and well-being of college students. For this reason, they owe it to themselves to become acquainted with Campus Dining Services.

The Student Union Cafeteria is where most residential students eat their meals and meet their friends. When students arrive on campus this August they will find a revitalized and more spacious dining room and servery. The decor and style of service will be based on a food commons approach. Menus will be more varied and more food items will be prepared at the point of service. Many of these changes were based on the results of food service questionnaires taken last fall and spring.

The newly renovated facility is upbeat with an air-conditioned and carpeted seating area and an outdoor patio. IT offers something for every appetite, serving traditional fare as well as Mexican, Oriental and continental dishes, vegetarian selections and meals for those with special dietary requirements.

Cookouts, holiday dinners, contests and theme buffets are featured throughout the year. Special late-night breakfasts and exam events are offered during finals.

The Grill, located in the basement of Plant Hall, will undergo some menu changes to enhance its traditional short order offerings

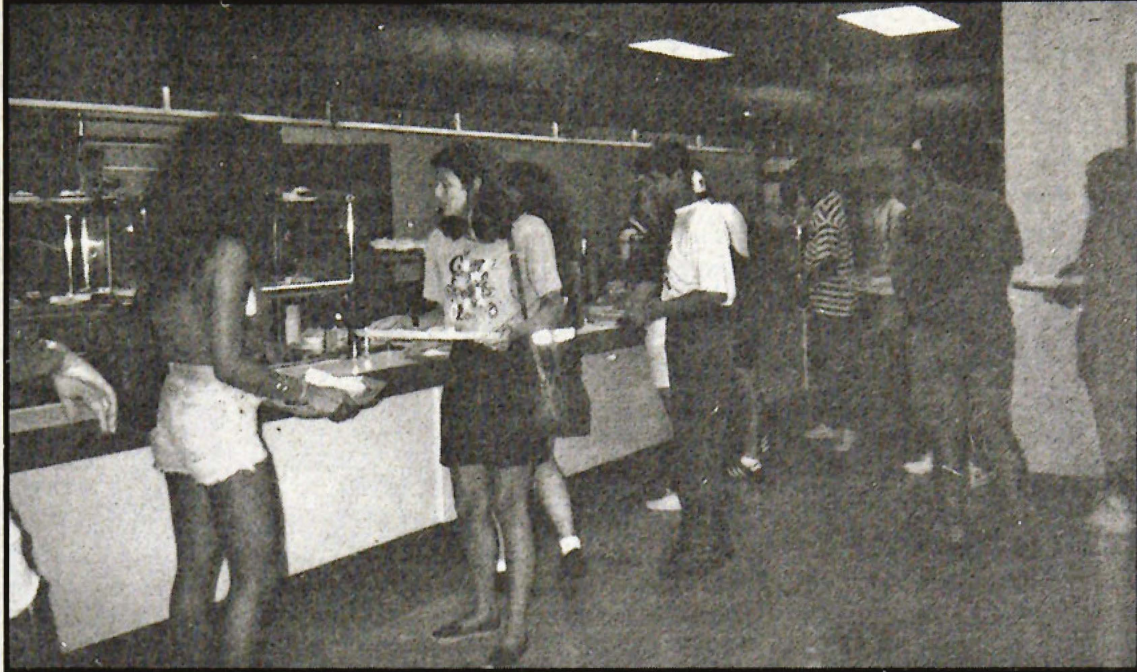
and snacks. It will still offer a variety of options for breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, including coffee, fruit, Dunkin' Donuts, grilled items, Itza Pizzas, fruit shakes and many beverage products. The popular Subway Sandwich Shop is also located here. Our "little" Subway was the first Subway franchise granted to a college or university in Florida and it continues to be a very popular place on campus.

Located adjacent to the Grill and Subway is the Rathskeller Pub. Fondly referred to as the "Rat" this popular meeting spot has been a part of campus life for many years. The Rat also serves as a game room and venue for entertainment. Beer and wine are available to those of legal age. Nonalcoholic beverages such as coffee, Italian Sodas and specialty drinks are also available. The Rathskeller Rub offers pizza, a variety of hot appetizers and snacks.

There are three different meal plans from which students can choose. They are encouraged to select the plan that best suits their needs.

The Complete Plan provides 19 all-you-can-eat meals served in the cafeteria each week. Additionally, two guest passes accompany this plan. The cost is \$1370.00 per semester.

The Flexible 15 provides 15 of any of the 19 meals offered each week in the cafeteria and \$100 in Flex Dollars for casual dining on your own schedule. Two guest



The Minaret File Photo

Students choose the meals that fit their appetites and diets. Aramark offers vegetarians and low-fat meals for students and faculty, as well as usual cafeteria fare.

passes are also included. The cost is \$1250.00 per semester.

The Perfect 10 provides the option of eating any 10 of the 19 meals each week and \$100 Flex Dollars for other meal options. This plan may be the best option for active students who spend significant time away from campus. Two guest passes round out this package as well. The cost per semester is \$1175.00.

To contract one of the above meal plans, contact the university Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.

until 5 p.m.

As an additional option, the declining balance card or Spartan card offers students the same convenience in dining that an access card offers in banking.

With the initial plan deposit, a validated card allow students to purchase items in any food service area, with the amount subtracted from the balance. Balance information is available at any dining location. Money can be added onto the balance in increments of \$50. ARAMARK offers a five percent

incentive to your balance at the time of deposit.

The Spartan Card is a 100 percent declining balance plan. While it is available as a meal plan alternative only to residents of University West, ResCom and commuter students, it may be purchased by any student to supplement primary meal plans.

To obtain a Spartan card call extension 3355 Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The staff will be glad to assist.

Come discover your campus store

By STORE MANAGEMENT

New Students:

It is now only about one month until you arrive on campus for the Fall Semester. You are probably wanting to make sure you have found out everything you need to know, especially how to prepare for your arrival. The UT Campus Store has decided as a staff to provide you with information about our department to help you with your preparation.

The textbook department carries all the required course material, but it is only one of many departments in our store. In addition to the textbook department the campus store carried school supplies, general books, electronics, UT clothing, imprinted giftware and a convenience store. The campus bookstore also provides package shipping through UPS and a dry cleaning service.



Nikki Teigen - The Minaret

UT's campus store houses much more than just books.

To help make your arrival easier you may pre-order your fall textbooks. Above all, remember, the campus store IS a student service center. We are here to help you and we are literally a great

place to browse.

Again, welcome to UT! We look forward to meeting and assisting you.

Sherri, Cheryl and Claudia

UT welcomes the families of new students to come and join in the Orientation Week fun!!

(Plus students always need help fitting their lives into that one room).

Join us for Family Orientation... look for more information coming to a mailbox near you!!

UT CAMPUS STORE ORDER FORM

Items you may order prior to 7-31-97

Student Name _____
Your Name _____
Your Phone # _____

To pre-order your Fall textbooks please list below the course # and section. Optional books may be purchased at a later date. Check if you prefer:
new _____ or used _____ (if available)

Form of payment: Visa () Mastercard ()

Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Cardholder's Name _____
Signature _____

UT Folder	Qty _____	X \$.59 = _____
UTBinder	Qty _____	X \$2.99 = _____
UT Pencil	Qty _____	X \$.39 = _____
UT Pen	Qty _____	X \$.99 = _____
Filler paper 100CT.	Qty _____	X \$1.69 = _____
Dictionary Retail \$5.95	Qty _____	X \$4.95 = _____
UT Notebook		
1 Subject	Qty _____	X \$1.09 = _____
5 Subject	Qty _____	X \$3.99 = _____
Highlighter	Qty _____	X \$.79 = _____
UT T-shirt Retail \$14.95	Qty _____	X \$12.95 = _____
UT Campus Store Gift Certificate amount		_____

Fax or Mail to:
University of Tampa Campus Store
626 W. North "B" Street
Tampa, FL 33606
813-253-6230
813-253-6294 Fax

Diplomats and O-Team Leaders: helping to make the transition easier



Courtesy of the Moroccan

UT's Diplomats act as ambassadors and representatives of the University. They are **Front:** Justin Mieles (President), Martha Gely, Fritz Tanis; **Second:** Rachael Hoagland, Heather Gray, Krista Canary, Yira Bermudez, Amanda Jaxheimer, Brooke A. Matherly, Samantha Swann; **Third:** Jerrold Freeman, Jeff Riegler, Lara Wainscott, Kristen Nelson, Laura Saunders, Laurinna Lewis; **Fourth:** R. Sean Hoover, Roderick Patten, Keisha Byam, Thomas M. Sidik, Tracy Hill, Chris Bess, Keri Kiefer; **TOP:** Shareef Khatib. **Not Pictured:** Lori Burchell, Mackenzie Carignan, Shannon Hamilton, Jenna Marotta, Dave Virgilio, David Charles, Robin Roberts and Sarah Waylett.

DIPLOMATS:

Yira Bermudez :

I'm from Puerto Rico. I love the diversity of the UT campus.

Lori Burchell:

Hello, my name is Lori Burchell and I'm a junior biology major. I play tennis and am also interested in artwork. I'm in the Honors Program and Honor Society. I'm originally from Massachusetts and I LOVE to eat!

Keisha Byam :

I am a biology major with a minor in chemistry and psychology. I would like to be an obstetrician gynecologist pediatric surgeon. I would like seven kids.

Krista Canary :

I am a junior here at the UT. My major is biology with minor in chemistry. I'm from Mt. Morris, NY. I enjoy reading and gardening. I like to run, I have three younger brothers and I tutor chemistry for the ACE center.

Mackenzie Carignan:

I'm a senior with a double major in English and writing with a minor in women's studies. I'm a proud member of the cross-country team, editor of the literary magazine, *Quilt*, president of the English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta and a firm believer that our school needs a women's soccer team!

Jerrold Freeman :

I am the Advertising Chair of Student Productions, member of the Student Political Organization and Vision Quest. I enjoy having fun. I am a double major in international business and Spanish.

Martha Gely :

Welcome to UT! I am currently a senior majoring in international studies with a minor in women's studies. I am originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico and I love UT.

Besides being a diplomat, I am the Student Government Secretary and the president of PEACE, UT's Volunteer Center.

Shannon Hamilton:

Hi. My name is Shannon Hamilton. I am currently a senior and have three majors: flute performance, vocal performance and music education. I am a member of Delta Zeta sorority and the coordinator of the McNiff Fitness Center. In my spare time, I play tenor sax in a rock band called Sugardaddy and sing with the Tampa Opera. I originally hail from Frederick, MD and HATE THE SNOW.

Tracy "Smiley" Hill :

I love to sing, act and dance. I love children, they are truly our future. If you see me around campus, say: "Hi!" Or if you ever need any help, just ask me. I love TuPac, Fugees, Whitney and D'Angelo. I'm going to be famous one day.

R. Sean Hoover :

I am a criminology major and a speech minor, a junior, Pi Kappa Phi historian, resident manager of the boathouse and a diplomat going on my third semester. I love it! I serve as the Public Relations Chair on IFC and I love UT. My philosophy is to get involved and make something of yourself.

Amanda Jaxheimer :

I'm the VP for Panhellenic Rush and a campus sorority member. I major in education and rowed on Crew Team.

Shareef Khatib :

Greetings and welcome to UT. I'm a biochemistry major and this is my third year at UT. I'm very active on campus and aside from being VP of Diplomats, I'm involved in the Greek system and will be a Rho Gam in the fall. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Keri Kiefer :

Hi, my name is Keri Kiefer. I'm from Silver Spring, Maryland. This will be my fourth year here at UT and I have been a diplomat for two and a half of those years. My major is biochemistry and I will also have a minor in history. I was also a member of the Swim Team for three years. I will be working in the Student Activities Office as a Peer Organization Advisor in the fall. I look forward to meeting all of you in August. Have a wonderful summer!

Laurinna Lewis :

I am from New York. I'm majoring in marine biology. I love the ocean and everything in it and hope to some day find Flipper.

Jenna Marotta:

I am a Junior majoring in math education and music theater. This is my second year as a diplomat. I am also a resident assistant and am very involved in numerous activities on campus.

Brooke A. Matherly :

Hi! Welcome to UT. I am looking forward to meeting you all in the fall. I am originally from Bethesda, Maryland. I have recently been elected Senior Class Senator for the 1997-98 school year. I have also been involved with the diplomats for two years. I am also the Panhellenic president and an Army ROTC cadet. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!!!

Justin Mieles :

Hello, my name is Justin Mieles. As the President of the Diplomats I would like to welcome the new freshmen and transfer students to our community at UT. I, as well as the rest of the "Dips," look forward to meeting as many of you as we can during fall Orientation. Just remember, we're the guys and gals in the red shirts.

Kristen Nelson :

I am working on a double major in marine science/biology and two minors, chemistry and Spanish. I'm involved with Greek life, Beta Beta Beta, Vision Quest and the UT Diplomats. I'm a sophomore from Mt. Vernon, NY.

Laura Saunders :

I'm a marine biology major with a chemistry minor, a member of a campus sorority, the Honors Program, and a sophomore mentor.

Thomas M. Sidik :

This will be my second year as a UT Diplomat. I am a pre-med/biology major with minors in chemistry and history. I'm a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. My favorite activities are all sports, especially football.

Samantha Swann :

Hi! My name is Sam and I'm part of the Diplomats and Orientation Team at UT. I'm looking forward to having an incredible orientation experience and a great year at school. I can't wait to meet all of you!

Fritz Tanis :

I've just finished two full years at UT. I'm a junior, originally from Montclair, New Jersey. I have been a diplomat for two years and I'm currently the VP. I love all sports, hanging out with friends, and, best of all, meeting new people. So, welcome to UT, I can't wait to see you!

Dave Virgilio :

My name is Dave Virgilio and I am a senior at UT. I have been serving as a UT Diplomat for nearly three years. In addition to diplomats, I am also the Student Government president for the 1997-1998 academic year, a member and scholarship chair of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and a member of the Homecoming Committee. I am looking forward to meeting all of you this fall. Congratulations on becoming a member of this outstanding university community.

Lara Wainscott :

I am a sophomore from Kentucky. I am a marine biology major and I love going to school in Florida. I'm looking forward to Fall '97 when I can meet new people and hang out with old friends.

Other Diplomats:

David Charles, Heather Gray, Rachael Hoagland, Roderick Patten, Jeff Riegler, Robin Roberts and Sarah Waylett.

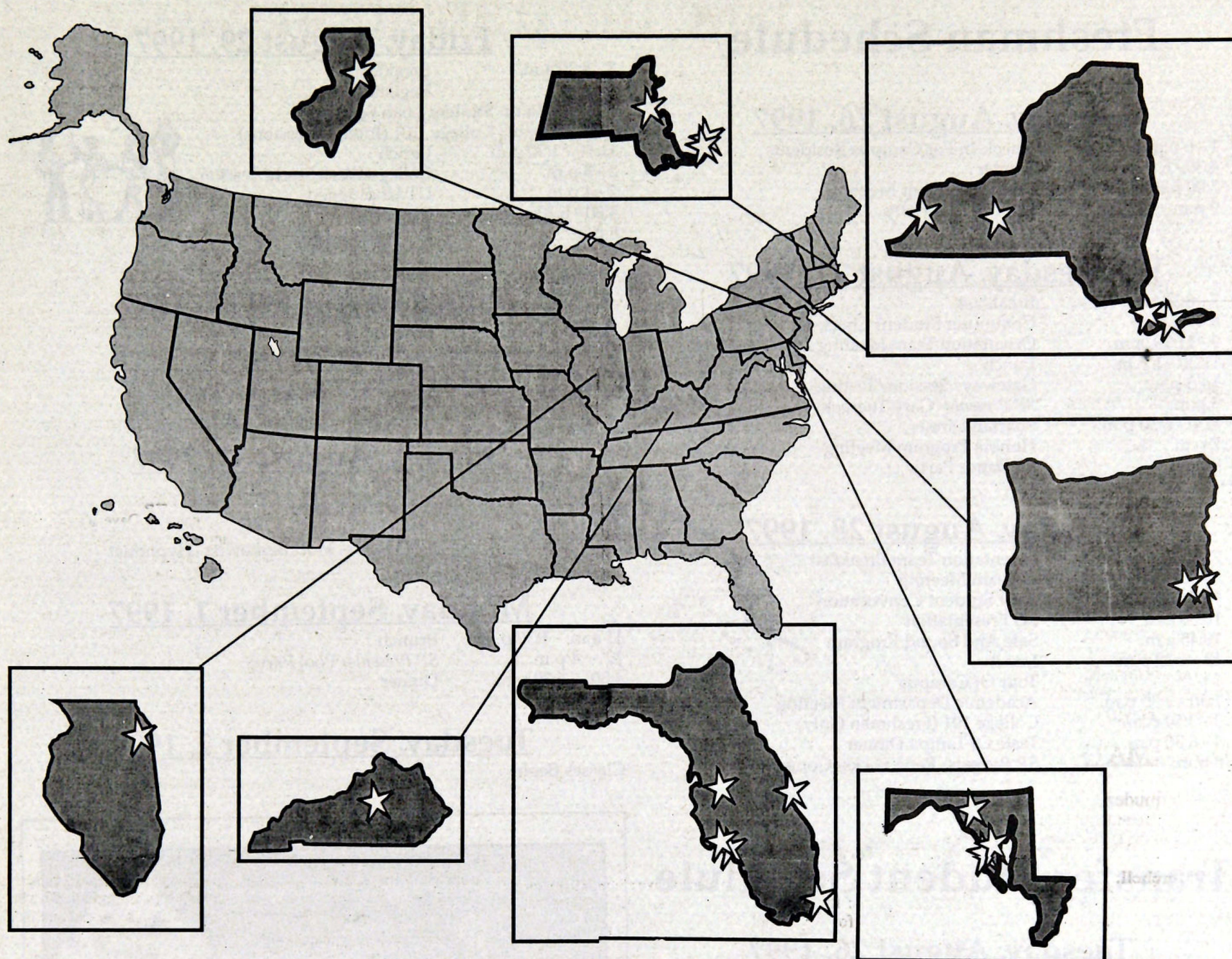
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Courtesy of the Moroccan

Orientation Team Leaders will help you through your first days as a college student. They are **Front:** Sandi Cook, Vanessa Schwartz, Niki McBain, Nancy Poole, JoEllen Irizarry, Melony Dillon, Bridget Satinover; **Second:** Jamie Shanahan, Deanna Mason, Adam Reynolds, Tina Robichaud, Mervelle Sage, Raini, Rogoff, Natalie Masciotra, Amy Innes, Brandon Baker, Bill Whitty; **Third:** Tina Berlett, Adam Vanslyke, Eric Tomlin; **TOP:** Courtney Smith. **Not Pictured:** Brian Gorevich, Jason Mathews, Andrew Satterlee, Katen Amin, Brandon Baker, Christina Berlett, Carolyn Berke, Chris Doyle, Brian Mastellone and Maria Melendez.

"So, where are ya from?"



Diplomats and O-Team Leaders continued from page 12

O-TEAM LEADERS

Sandi Cook :

I'm on the P.E.A.C.E. Volunteer Center staff. I enjoy going to various theme parks and the beach. I am active in my church and like spending time with my friends. But you won't find me around on Valentine's Day or the 4th of July..... I'll be in Daytona, watching Jeff Gordon win the next NASCAR race!

Melony Dillon :

I am a lifelong resident of the Tampa Bay area. I am currently president of the Spartan Commuter Organization and am dedicated to helping commuters on campus. I am also the fund-raising chair of my sorority and am involved in many other organizations on and off campus.

Brian Gorevich :

What's up? My name is Brian Gorevich and I will be a sophomore in the fall. I love it here at UT and have become very involved on campus. I'm a brother of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and I intend to play soccer for the Spartans this fall. In my spare time I play sports of all kinds and go out with friends. I also try to find time to bake in the warm Florida sun. I'll look forward to seeing you all. Get ready for a good time.

Amy Innes :

Hi! My name is Amy I'm a senior at UT. I am an elementary education major. I am involved in Greek life and I am the president of Order of Omega, the Greek National Honor Society. I am from Cape Cod, MA. I was a transfer student and I have been at UT for three years now. I will be doing my final internship in the spring at an elementary school. I hope you enjoy your college life here at UT as much as I have. See you soon.

JoEllen Irizarry :

Hi! I'm JoEllen from Buffalo, NY. This is my second year at UT and I'm an English/education major.

Natalie Masciotra :

I'm a sophomore with an economics major. I'm from Chicago and like dancing and hanging out with friends.

Deanna Mason :

I'm an international business major and a Spanish minor originally from Ottawa, Canada. This will be my third year at UT. I love to write and I'm a staff writer for *The Minaret*. I also love meeting people, so I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at orientation.

Jason Mathews :

Hi, my name is Jason Mathews. I'm from Richborn, PA which is located right outside of Philadelphia. I am currently a member of

the Kappa Sigma fraternity and am also on the men's Crew Team here at UT. This coming fall, I will begin my new job as Programming Coordinator at our fitness center. I look forward to meeting you all!

Niki McBain :

Hi! My name is Niki. I am a junior education/English major. I live on the east coast of Florida and love scuba diving.

Nancy Poole:

I am a political science major with a minor in criminology. I am also in the Honors Program, the concert band (I play the flute) and a member of a campus sorority.

Adam Reynolds :

Hey everyone, my name is Adam Reynolds and I am a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. I am also a disc jockey for WUTZ. My radio name is Spade. If you have any questions or want to hear a good joke e-mail me at (MCCOYHUH@AOL.COM). Bring your suntan lotion and your favorite Jimmy Buffet CD and let's go hit the pool.

Tina Robichaud :

I am from MA and am down here studying biology. I love to play soccer and go skiing and yes I "Pahk my cah!"

Raini Rogoff :

I am a sophomore from Miami, Florida. I am a psychology major with an education minor. I love to go to clubs and hang out with my friends.

Mervelle Sage :

I am an English/writing double major, who enjoys writing, poetry, singing, dancing and making new friends. I believe in cultural/racial diversity and I like to be open-minded. My philosophy is "Love and be loved", "Live and learn". My nickname is "Sunshine".

Bridget Satinover :

Hello! My name is Bridget and I'm a sophomore O-team leader. I am a member of the Swim Team and a marketing major. UT is a great place to learn, make friends, and have fun. I can't wait to meet you all!

Andrew Satterlee:

Greetings new students. I am a Sophomore at UT and an active member on campus. I am the Student Government treasurer and in Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. I look forward to meeting all of you. Have a great year!

Vanessa Schwartz :

Hi everyone! My name is Vanessa and I'm a junior majoring in psychology. This is my second year as an O-team leader and I'm also a member of one of the sororities on campus. See ya this fall!

Jaime Shanahan :

I'm a junior from Chicago who transferred here from Indiana University. I'm an elementary education major. I love sports and I am looking forward to being a part of orientation.

Erik Tomlin :

I am a musical theater/communication major. I'm in the Varsity Swim Team. I'm from Ft. Walton Beach, FL and I am a sophomore.

Adam Vanslyke

I am a first year O-team leader from Philadelphia. My major is education and I would some day like to teach special education. I enjoy skateboarding, music, writing, and just hanging out with close friends.

Bill Whitty :

Hi, my name is Bill and I am from Bethesda, Maryland. I am currently on the men's Varsity Swim Team and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. My major is marine biology. I enjoy all water sports and love to play and watch football. I am looking forward to seeing you all and starting a great new school year.

Other O-Team Leaders:

Katen Amin, Brandon Baker, Christina Berlett, Carolyn Bertke, Chris Doyle, Brian Mastellone and Maria Melendez.

~Orientation Schedules~

Freshman Schedule

Tuesday, August 26, 1997

1 - 6 p.m.	Check-In For Campus Residents
4:30 - 6 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Residents' Floor Meeting
9 p.m.	Dance/Pool Party

Wednesday, August 27, 1997

7 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8 - 9 a.m.	Commuter Student Check-In
9 - 11:30 a.m.	Orientation Team Meeting
11:30 - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 - 3 p.m.	Gateways Session/Testing
3 p.m.	SP Presents- Gary Tuerack
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Spartan Dinner
7 p.m.	Honors Program Meeting
9 p.m.	DJ Dance Party

Thursday, August 28, 1997

7 - 8:30 a.m.	Orientation Team Breakfast
9 - 9:45 a.m.	O-Team Meeting
9:30 a.m.	New Student Convocation
10:30 a.m.	SG Presentation
10:45 a.m.	Safe And Sound Program
12 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m.	Tour Of Campus
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Academic Department Meeting
3 - 3:50 p.m.	College 101 (Freshmen Only)
4 - 6:30 p.m.	Taste Of Tampa Dinner
8 p.m.	SP Presents- Rene Hicks- Comedian

Friday, August 29, 1997

7 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9 a.m.	Registration
10 - 10:50 a.m.	Student Loan Services
11 - 11:50 a.m.	College 101 (Interest Sessions)
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
2 - 3 p.m.	College Work Study Session
2 - 4 p.m.	UT Unplugged
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
8 p.m.	SP Presents- J & L Street Party



Saturday, August 30, 1997

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Brunch
11:30 And 1 p.m.	Tour of Tampa/Shopping Trip
4:30 p.m.	Dinner
9:00 p.m.	Movie: <i>You're in the Army Now</i>

Sunday, August 31, 1997

10:30 a.m.	Brunch
11 a.m. & 12 p.m.	Adventure Island
4:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	SP Presents- Mort Berkowitz- Hypnotist

Monday, September 1, 1997

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Brunch
12 - 4 p.m.	SP Presents- Pool Party
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner

Tuesday, September 2, 1997

Classes Begin

Transfer Student Schedule

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The Minaret- File Photo

Last year the J & L Street Party hosted a local band and many extraordinary events. This year it promises to be bigger and better with a video screen and prizes awarded to dancers and game winners.

Greeks represent tradition with family, service and fun

MINARET STAFF REPORT

Since the first fraternity was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776, millions of men and women have enriched their college experience by joining fraternities and sororities. The University of Tampa students have an opportunity to become a part of this great tradition by affiliating with one of four fraternities and five sororities.

The members of UT's Greek system welcome you to the university and would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the advantages of our organizations.

At the University of Tampa, academic excellence and high standards of achievement are important goals. Members of the Greek system constantly strive to attain these goals. Through a variety of tutoring and incentive programs, Greeks traditionally maintain high academic averages.

Community service plays a vital role in the lives of Greek students. Whether as individuals or as a group, Greeks can be found extending helping hands wherever they can be of service. While these projects have an inherent value in themselves, they also provide the ideal atmosphere for college men and women to learn the rewards of

service and concern for others.

When studying is finished and it is time to socialize, UT fraternities and sororities lead the way in sponsoring campus social activities. Their busy social calendars include everything from barbecues and formal dances to theme weeks.

Participation in intramural sports removes the tension from hard study and reflects the ancient Greek's desire for a strong body as well as a sound mind.

At the University of Tampa, both sororities and fraternities participate in a wide range of sports that not only develop physical skills, but also promote sportsmanship and teamwork.

Membership in a Greek organization provides the opportunity to develop leadership skills valued by members of the business and professional community. By accepting leadership roles in your chapter and participating in other campus activities, you will learn interpersonal and managerial skills that will help you make your university experience fulfilling and prepare you for a successful career in the future.

If you have any questions about the UT Greek system, feel free to contact Pam Bracken at 253-6233. Also, look for Rho Gams and Rho Chis this fall during Orientation and Rush week.

UT fraternities are:

Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Sigma.

UT sororities include:

Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Alpha Chi Omega, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Delta Tau.

Sorority Rush- September 2 - 7

Fraternity Recruitment- September 9 - 14



Courtesy of Pam Bracken

The 1997 Fall Rush staff is ready to welcome potential brothers and sisters. Greek life exemplifies family and tradition on the UT campus.

As the Fall semester approaches the Greek system at UT is preparing for the 1997 Fall rush, traditionally the largest rush of the year. A great deal of planning has gone into the events for next semester. The traditional barbecue and smokers will be held and all of the Greek organizations on campus will be participating.

Rho Gams, for the fraternities, and Rho Chis, for the sororities have already been chosen. These individuals have agreed to separate themselves from their respective organizations in order to act as guides for the rushees. These persons work to promote Greek unity at all events and around campus.

The Greek system on campus relies heavily on the Fall rush events to boost their membership. The Fall rush will take place during orientation and continue in the first weeks of the semester. Please consult the Greek Life Rush Booklet sent to you for more information on these organizations and the opportunities they offer. And if it appeals to you, or if you're just curious, send in the blue registration form inside. See you this fall!

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Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love are our Watch words

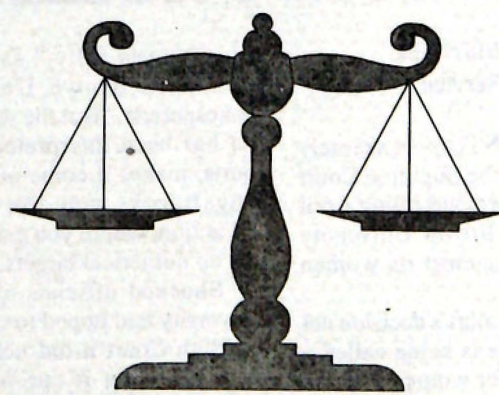
*Fraternity of the Year NINE out of the past ELEVEN years including last year.

*Highest G.P.A. of All Greek Organizations on Campus last year.

*Deeply involved in Community Service and Athletics.

*Come Check us Out

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**FRESHMEN JUSTICE
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The University of Tampa Judicial and Traffic Boards have freshmen justice positions available for 1997-1998. The boards are student conduct boards and are charged with resolving a variety of judicial cases.

Applications will be available at the "UT Unplugged" (organization fair) during orientation. Pick one up! It's a great way to get involved.

Spartan athletics rank among the nation's best

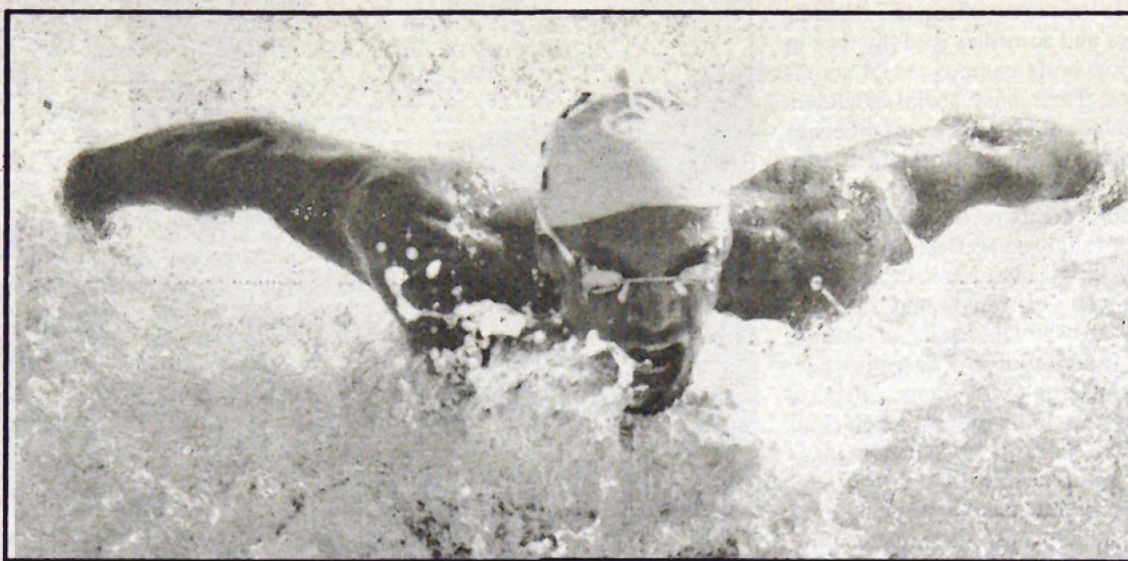
By GIL SWALLS
Sports Information

New students at the University of Tampa will be impressed with the opportunities and activities available at UT. Among the most exciting, whether you are a participant or a spectator, is the Spartan athletic program.

In the past school year, UT ranked among the top 15 NCAA II institutions nationally in the strength of its overall sports program on the basis of NCAA tournament results. Six Spartan teams made NCAA tourney appearances with three finishing in the top 10.

As of mid-May, the baseball team took its Number 1 national ranking into the Elite Eight at Montgomery, Ala. After winning the South Regional Tournament, Tampa was the favorite to win the national championship for the third time. This year, the Spartans became the fourth UT team to win a Sunshine State Conference championship!

In the fall, Tampa's women's volleyball team and men's soccer team open competition during the first weekend of school and are



Courtesy of Ernest Olds

Senior Chris Plaisted was one of four UT swimmers to qualify for last season's national competition held in San Antonio, TX. Plaisted took the number two place in the 200-yard butterfly and fifth in the 1650-yard freestyle.

expected to compete for national honors. Last year, the volleyball team was national runner-up in the NCAA Championships while the soccer team finished fifth at the national tournament. Both teams were conference champions.

The winter season brings basketball and swimming for both

men's and women's teams. Our swim teams placed 16th and 17th respectively at the NAAs while our men's basketball team won the SSC post-season tournament, qualifying for the NCAA Tournament, and posted a 1-1 record at the South Regional. Overall, the men were 23-7 (having won 20 or more games 12 times in the past 14 years) while the women's team just missed an NCAA bid finishing 18-9, second in the SSC. All four winter teams expect to be stronger this year.

Baseball highlights the spring, but Tampa also competes in men's and women's crew, softball, men's golf and men's and women's tennis. Additionally, men's and women's cross country are fall sports. UT also sponsors a varsity cheerleading/dance program.

Most Spartan teams are comprised of

locally and nationally recruited student-athletes, but campus tryouts are offered in each sport at the

beginning of the school year. During the orientation week, one activity on your calendar is the Spartan Dinner, which provides you and your family the opportunity to meet all members of the athletic department and receive information on tryouts, student jobs and school spirit groups.

If you were a high school or transfer student/athlete and are interested in competing at UT, you may wish to write or call the head coach of your selected sport in advance and receive information concerning requirements you'll need to determine your eligibility.

Even if you are not an intercollegiate-level athlete but share a competitive spirit, the campus intramural and recreation program offers a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive sports games and activities. And if you are a sports fan, there's no better place to watch a winning team than right here in SpartanLand!



The Minaret File Photo

Soccer is one of the most exciting sports that Tampa has to offer. Whether playing or observing, school spirit runs high.



The Minaret File Photo

Spartan Baseball has a standing tradition of victory. Tampa competed in the 1997 Division II semi-finals.

High court declines to hear gender equity appeal

By ADOLFO MENDEZ
College Press Service

WASHINGTON- In a closely watched case, the Supreme Court let stand a lower-court ruling April 21 that found Brown University discriminated against its women athletes.

The High Court's decision not to hear the case is being called a major victory for women's sports by advocates of Title IX, who have long argued that women get short-changed in college-level sports. Title IX is the 1972 federal law banning sex discrimination.

Donna De Varona, founding member and past president of the Women's Sports Foundation and an Olympic gold medal winner in swimming, told reporters the decision is the "greatest single victory in the history of women's sports."

But the justice's refusal to hear the case was a defeat to college officials who argued the lower-court ruling subjects universities and colleges nationwide to an unfair quota system. They argue the ruling will cause institutions to drop men's athletic programs, like wrestling, in order to make the number of men and women competing in sports equal.

"Title IX was passed to combat gender discrimination, and that's something Brown Univer-

sity supports fully," said Mark Nickels, a Brown University spokesperson. "But the way [Title IX] has been interpreted by the courts, makes it come out differently. It looks more like affirmative action, where you end up setting up numerical targets."

Shocked officials at Brown University had hoped to convince the High Court it did not violate Title IX when it cut women's sports programs five years.

As part of university-wide budget cuts in 1991, Brown's Department of Athletics and Physical Education stopped funding four varsity teams: men's water polo and golf, and women's gymnastics and volleyball. While the teams could continue to compete at the collegiate varsity level, each team had to raise their own funds.

The two women's teams, represented by Trial Lawyers for Public Justices, filed a class-action lawsuit in 1992. The attorneys argued that the discarded women's teams would have to raise more than \$60,000 annually; the men's teams, \$16,000.

To be judged in compliance with Title IX, the U.S. Department of Education requires a university athletics program to meet at least one of three criteria: approximately the same percentages of female athletes and female undergraduates; a continuing history of ex-

panding athletics opportunities for women; or demonstrated success in meeting the "interests and abilities" of female students.

Last November, the First Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Brown had failed to meet any of the three criteria. In February, Brown asked the Supreme Court to overturn that decision.

Brown attorneys maintain their athletic programs give free and equal opportunity to all students who are interested. "If the gender ratio among athletes don't match the gender ratio of the student body, it has nothing to do with discrimination whatsoever," Nickels said. "We attribute it to interest and ability."

But attorneys for the female athletes argued that Brown failed to promote women's sports as aggressively as men's sports.

Advocates for women's athletics argue that universities traditionally have devoted far fewer resources to women than they do men.

In fact, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, women make up 37 percent of Division I athletes, but their teams get far less money than men's teams do. The report concluded that 25 years after the passage of Title IX, women "have yet to achieve parity with men in college sports."



The Minaret File Photo- Jeff Patrino

Under Title IX, university sports must provide women an equal opportunity to participate. UT's medal-winning women's crew team is just one of the many athletic teams that Spartan women can join.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education study, only 28 institutions, or about 9 percent of Division I member institutions, comply with Title IX's "proportionality test."

With the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case, Brown University officials say the college now "must get our numbers in compliance with what the District Court says it should be," said Nickels.

Nickels says the university should resolve the problem next year, when it anticipates that 421 men and 487 women will partici-

pate in university-funded undergraduate varsity teams.

"We believe that this plan should satisfy the requirements of the court," said Nickels, who noted that 53.8 percent of the undergraduate student body is female.

Brown's appeal was supported by friends-of-the court briefs filed by 60 universities, 49 members of Congress and national education organizations, including the American Council on Education, the Association of American Universities and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.