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DEFINES NEW ERA







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# Capital Campaign Underway

The University of Tampa's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign was announced to an enthusiastic crowd of students, staff, faculty and trustees October 18, when President Vaughn and a who's who of bay area community leaders announced the campaign and its projects at a major press conference on the steps of Plant Hall's east verandah.

Although many had known there was a quiet capital campaign going on for about two years, the audience was stunned to hear that more than 75% of the \$40-million goal had been raised by the time of the public announcement.

At least \$10 million remains to be raised before the campaign ends two years from now.

A plethora of full-color renderings of the projects planned for the University clearly impressed the large crowd of staff, students, faculty and media gathered for the announcement.

"Great campaigns require great leadership, and UT is fortunate that an alumnus and his wife have been at the point of this campaign from day one. Beverly and Al Austin are due our deepest appreciation for all that they have done to make this campaign so remarkably successful in such a short period of time," said Ken Hyatt, current Board Chair.

Al Austin, Westshore developer and distinguished UT alumnus, co-chairs the campaign with wife Beverly. He told the gathering about how the campaign had grown large from relatively modest roots.

"As you might expect in a first-ever campaign, we were a little cautious in the beginning at setting our goal," Al Austin said. But a bit of mega-philanthropy was about

to up the ante, even though the initial goal called for \$20 million.

"John and Susan Sykes' wonderful gift [of \$10 million] changed all that, and with the leadership their gift provided, we felt that others would follow," Austin said.

"That prompted us to consider a campaign with a \$30-million goal, which was really an incredible number for an initial campaign. With the fast pace [at which] the campaign was moving and the momentum that was developing, we decided, with trustee approval, to raise the bar and set an ultimate goal of \$40 million," he added.

"When we first started looking at this—when the facilities plan was first shown at a trustees meeting—I thought it was a wonderful dream, but I, like many others, had some doubts it would ever come about," said Vince Naimoli, immediate past trustee chairman.

"Now [we] see the fruition of it, and again, it's a compliment to the vision of Dr. Vaughn and also a compliment to all the fine, fine donors."

"It's especially wonderful because, historically, Tampa has not

given a great deal of money to education or higher education, so it's amaz-



Al and Beverly Austin, Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, announce that the University has raised more than 75% of the \$40-million goal.

ing what this group has been able to do," added former UT trustee and former Tampa Mayor Bill Poe.

"I don't think we've had a campaign of this type—not just The University of Tampa, but the whole area.... When I was a trustee, if you got \$2 million from all the trustees and everybody else, you thought you had done really a good job," Poe said.

Of the projects the campaign has sparked for the University, Poe noted how many are already taking physical form.

"It's not only planned and funded, but a lot of it's in the concrete already, so the people can look, and the students can look and see what has actually been planned and what's been done, and then they know the rest of it will be done," he said.

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— Vincent J. Naimoli





# Take UT To the Top

*The Comprehensive  
Campaign for The  
University of Tampa*

## CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

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**CAMPAIGN GOAL \$40,000,000**

Capital Gifts \$27,000,000

Endowment \$5,000,000

Planned Gifts \$3,000,000

Annual Fund \$5,000,000



Vincent J. Naimoli, Lead Gifts Chair



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Betty and Bill Poe



Kenneth E. Hyatt  
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# CURRENT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS

**S**pecial recognition goes to the donors who have pledged, as of October 18, 1999, more than \$30,000,000 in the last two years to "Take UT to the Top."

The public phase of the just-launched campaign will raise an additional \$10,000,000 and provide funds for the University to continue its role as an institution of regional distinction.

## GIFTS OF OVER \$1 MILLION

### John and Susan Sykes \$10 Million

To name the John H. Sykes College of Business Building  
The John H. Sykes Chapel and Intercultural Center and to endow The Center for Ethics

### Anonymous \$2.5 Million to Endowment

**Macdonald Family Foundation** \$2 Million  
To name the Macdonald - Kelce Library

## GIFTS OF \$1 MILLION

### Daniel M. Doyle

To name The Information Theater in the John H. Sykes College of Business Building

### Robert and Lorena Jaeb

To name the Jaeb Family Reference and Technology Center in the Macdonald-Kelce Library

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### "Three Tampa Boys Looking to Take UT To the Top"

For the Recreation and Pool Area at the Student Center

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To endow the James W. Walter Chair of Entrepreneurship Management

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### Alfred S. and Beverly A. Austin

### Charles and Haven Poe and Bill and Betty Poe

To construct and name the main campus entry, Poe Parkway.

### Vincent J. Naimoli

To name the Naimoli Institute for Strategic Analysis and the Lenda F. and Vincent J. Naimoli Dean's Office Suite in the College of Business Building

### NationsBank

To establish the NationsBank Endowed Scholarship Fund

### Allen N. and Vivian C. Reeves

To name the Allen N. Reeves Theater/Lecture Hall in the Student Center

### Rick and Sandy Thomas

## GIFTS OF \$250,000 TO \$500,000

### Anonymous

To name the Richard Johnson Binnicker Board Conference Room in the John H. Sykes College of Business Building

### H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr. and H. Wayne Huizenga, Sr.

To name the Huizenga Family Foundation Financial Trading Center in the John H. Sykes College of Business Building

### Frank and Carol Morsani Charitable Foundation

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To name the Saunders Main Lobby and Lounge of the new Residence Hall

## GIFTS OF \$100,000 TO \$250,000

### Blanchard Family

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To name the West Terrace, John H. Sykes College of Business Building

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### The Chiselers

### James A. & Anne Cloar

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# Board of Trustees Names New Nine

The University of Tampa announces the addition of nine distinguished community leaders to its Board of Trustees.



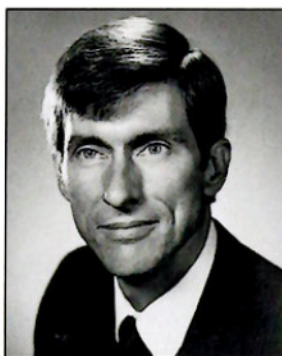
Scott Blackburn

## Scott Blackburn

Mr. Blackburn is a former IBM executive and the founder of CommerceQuest, which began in 1992 as Message Quest, a computer consulting service that later expanded into software development. *The Tampa Tribune* identified CommerceQuest as Tampa's fastest-growing high technology company.

## William H. "Bill" Cantrell

Mr. Cantrell is President of Peoples Gas Companies of TECO Energy. A 1979 MBA graduate of UT, he serves on the boards of the Florida Orches-



William H. "Bill" Cantrell

tra, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America/Gulf Ridge Council, American Gas Association and Florida Natural Gas Association. He also is a member of the Resource Council for the Spring of Tampa Bay.

## John A. Ferrell

Mr. Ferrell is President of GTE Florida. He also is a trustee at the University of Redlands in California,



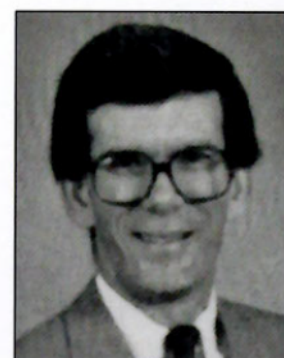
John A. Ferrell

where he earned his MBA. His community service includes membership in the Executive Committee and Policy Board for the Tampa Bay Partnership, the

Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, the Florida Chamber Foundation Board of Trustees, the Florida Chamber and the Hillsborough United Way.

## Mark A. Hanley

Mr. Hanley is this year's representative on the Board of Counselors, of which he is President. An attorney with the law firm of Thompson, Sizemore & Gonzalez P.A., he also serves on the boards of The Children's



Mark A. Hanley

Home and Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind. A graduate of Stetson University College of Law, Hanley also holds an MBA from Ball State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida.

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Robin C. "Rob" Hoover

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Mr. Hoover is Chair of Spartan Premier Staffing Inc. He earned his B.S. at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and his M.S. at the University of Minnesota. His varied community activities include Director of Pride Inc., Chair of Rise USA and member of the Interbay Rotary Club and the American Institute of CPAs. He previously served UT as a member of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Advisory Board.



Thomas E. "Tom" Jones

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Mr. Jones is Executive Vice President of Citigroup Business Services, where he is responsible for creating and managing the company's shared service function, supplying business support in finance, human resources, credit, law, treasury and all other "middle" office activities. Prior to this assignment, he was Executive Vice President and Principal Financial Officer of Citicorp/Citibank and spent fourteen years as Director of Financial Control for International Telephone and Telegraph. He has had assignments in several European countries, including Italy and England. He is a vice chair of the International Accounting Standards Committee and is a British Chartered Accountant.

### Phyllis Kimbel

Ms. Kimbel is President of The Chiselers Inc. and is serving as their representative to the Board. This is her second "tour of duty," having served



Phyllis Kimbel

as President of The Chiselers in 1996-97. She is a docent at the Tampa Museum of Art and former President of the Rose Circle of the Tampa Federation of Garden

Clubs Inc. She has served on numerous civic committees since moving to Tampa in 1985.



A.D. "Sandy" MacKinnon

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Mr. MacKinnon is President and Owner of Yale Industrial Trucks, with dealerships in Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville and Lakeland. His many awards include the Dealer of Excellence Award/North America for five consecutive years, Brandon Small Business Leader of the Year (1994), the

Tampa Chamber Business of the Year (1997) and Citizen of the Year Award (1998). He is a board member for Colonial Bank, Chair of the Tampa Chamber Business of the Year Committee, Trustee and Director for the Tampa Chamber of Commerce, member of the Executive Board for Florida 2012 and member of the 2001 Super Bowl Task Force.

### J. Arthur "Bubba" Turner III

Mr. Turner is President of Tampa Armature Works Inc. and will serve as this year's President of the Board of



J. Arthur "Bubba" Turner III

Fellows. His community activities include the Rotary Club of Tampa and Leadership Tampa. He also serves as a Trustee at Berkeley Preparatory School. Turner has de-

grees in electrical engineering from Clemson University and economics from the University of the South. **UT**



Annual or endowed scholarships were awarded to 238 students at UT's 11th annual Scholarship Luncheon in October. Pepsi is one of UT's most generous scholarship donors, this year awarding ten \$1,500 academic scholarships. Pictured above are some of this year's Pepsi scholars and their mentors.



# Rathole Gang Still Rocks

By Grant Donaldson  
Editor

**J**oe Mills remembers leaving a 1927 Model T Ford parked outside the UT Registrar's office when he went off to war in 1941.

Stan Moore remembers stuffing Mills into a Minaret after he "mouthed off" to the rest of the football team.



Joe Mills



Champ Williams

Champ Williams remembers the first football he ever caught in a college game because he ran 33 yards for a touchdown. Everyone remembers that feat because it was the debut of one of the Spartans' greatest football stars.

All three men, and a dwindling group of fellow alumni, are members of UT's infamous Rathole Gang. They have some of the best stories about UT when it was in its infancy.

There's still some dispute over where the Rathole Gang actually lived in Plant Hall, but none over the impact the place had on the lives of those early Spartan athletes. Anyway, the Rathole is more a state of mind than a place now.

If you could go back to that time, you would find an utterly different Plant Hall and "Tampa U," as the students called the University then.

It was the 1930s. The country was in the midst of a dark depression following the October 1929 crash of the stock market.

There were few jobs. If you could get an athletic scholarship at Tampa's only University, it would provide food,

shelter and a chance to get some education. It was a hopeless time for most Americans, and The University of Tampa was a Mecca of sorts from the hardships of the Depression.

The two-year-old University of Tampa had moved into Plant Hall in 1933. The building was not the elegant and well-kept landmark it is today. And although it was in disrepair, it was adequate to house the entire 350 students and University operations. Men lived on the fourth floor; women resided on the third. Classes were conducted on the second floor, and the administration occupied the ground floor.

The UT library was housed in Fletcher Lounge, and there's an old Minaret newspaper photo showing students lined up for a meal in the just-dedicated cafeteria, now the Rathskeller.

## The Rathole

Football players lived in the circle of rooms above Fletcher Lounge, now faculty offices. It was a part of the building that had not been fumigated, and the rats had moved up from the south end, so the players frequently had some uninvited guests. Traps,

poison and other methods were used to rid living quarters of the rodents. Rather than fret over the situation, the players accepted it and made a game of it.

"When a rat would die, we would all file out and have a solemn service and burial for it in Plant Park," said W. "Bill" Gates, who is one of the original Ratholers, having enrolled at UT in 1933.

No one around the table at a recent reunion in Homosassa could remember who first named them the Rathole Gang, but the moniker has endured for more than 60 years. While most UT alumni associations have developed more elegant logos, the group is represented by a battered rat on crutches, dressed in a football uniform.

Generally, you are a Ratholer if you played ball at UT between 1933 and 1947, but a few exceptions have been made over the years.

The group gather each year to celebrate their time at UT and to memorialize those who have passed on during a simple yet respectful service. They seem to face the passing of their

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Some surviving members of the Rathole gang met in Homosassa in October for their annual reunion.



## Ratholers

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comrades the same way they have faced life, with a quiet dignity.

For the last few years, the Gang has been meeting at a resort in Homosassa in October for three days of revelry and story-telling. They come from throughout the country, Gates, all the way from Juneau, Alaska.

### It Was Survival

"Looking back to our days at Tampa U, times were hard, but they were the same for everyone, and it didn't seem so bad," said Bob Bowen, now 79, who played right end for the Spartans.

Most of the Rathole survivors are now in their late 70s or early 80s and played at UT from around 1937-43.

They talk of having one pair of shoes a year. "You would go barefoot in the summer and save your shoes for school," says Bowen.

A breakfast of eggs, bacon, toast and grits cost 25 cents. The players ate at Louie Gout's Café on Franklin Street, downtown, for a dollar a day, five days a week, as a part of their scholarship. That buck paid for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The players had to fend for themselves on the weekends, which is how Joe Mills came by that 1927 Model T, for \$5.

"I had been hitchhiking and I needed a way to get home to Clearwater for meals on the weekends. The new Courtney Campbell Causeway was a toll road, so we had to go up and cross to Clearwater on Memorial Highway," he remembers.

Mills said that when he went off to war in 1941, he left the car parked outside Plant Hall and never saw it again.

During their football days, about nine of the players secured jobs at the Sulfur Springs Dog Track, leading the dogs to the track and parading them around so people could place their bets.

"If one of the dogs went to the bathroom, people would bet on him because they figured he was lighter and could run faster," said Moore.

University Students Like New Cafeteria

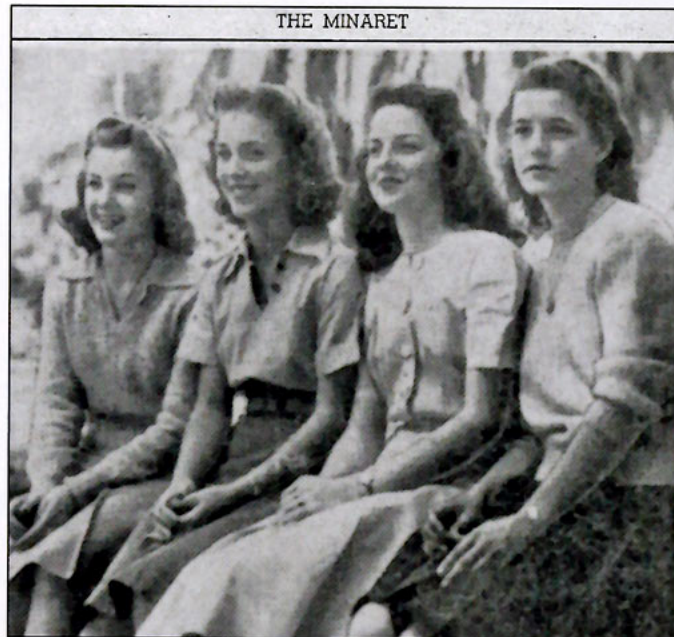


Students lined up for a meal in the new cafeteria, located in the current Rathskeller.



Bob Bowen and wife Ann today. Ann is the woman on the far left in this 1941 *Minaret* photo.

THE MINARET



After the race, the men would go catch the dogs and lead them back to the kennels.

"It was the best job in the country," said Mills. "People were begging for work. We were making \$22 a week."

Mills, Cecil Reed and Stan Moore were roommates. By the time they arrived at UT, the football team was living on the fourth floor of Plant Hall.

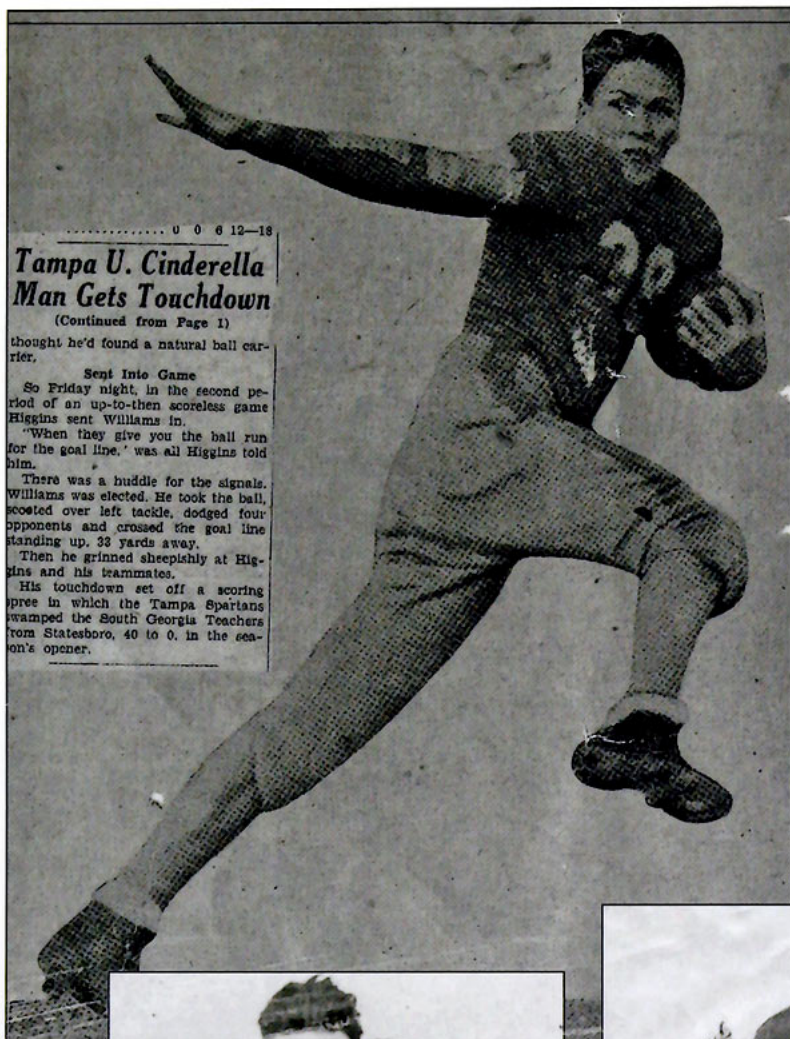
The trio spent a lot of time together. Mills was apparently a little more outspoken than some of the team members liked, so Stan Moore and a

few of his teammates put Mills in a minaret for a while to think about it. When they finally let him out, he was covered with head lice and pigeon guano.

Both Mills and Bob Bowen met their wives at UT. Bowen married Ann Brown Willis. He still keeps a tattered December 8, 1941, issue of the *Minaret* in which is a photograph depicting the vivacious, energetic young coed.

Mills met his wife, Hilda, after "spotting her in a freshman pajama parade in downtown Tampa." He and Hilda





Champ Williams (left) was an instant star on the first play of his college career when he caught a pass and ran for 33 yards to score in a 1938 game.

Bottom right: (from left) Al Marchetta, Bob Bowen, Henry Weech in 1941.

Bottom left: Joe Mills played guard.

### Tampa U. Cinderella Man Gets Touchdown

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thought he'd found a natural ball carrier.

#### Sent Into Game

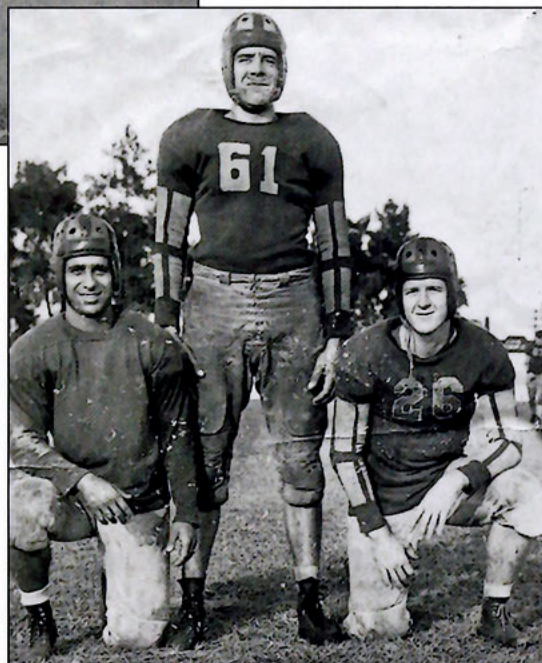
So Friday night, in the second period of an up-to-then scoreless game Higgins sent Williams in.

"When they give you the ball run for the goal line," was all Higgins told him.

There was a huddle for the signals. Williams was elected. He took the ball, scooted over left tackle, dodged four opponents and crossed the goal line standing up, 33 yards away.

Then he grinned sheepishly at Higgins and his teammates.

His touchdown set off a scoring spree in which the Tampa Spartans trampled the South Georgia Teachers from Statesboro, 40 to 0, in the season's opener.



got married in 1942, just after Mills was commissioned as a naval ensign and aviator. After the war, he came back to finish a three-hour English course so he could graduate.

Nash Higgins was the first Spartan Coach. The team played Rollins, Stetson, Miami, Florida, South Georgia, Boston University, Louisiana Tech, Appalachian State and any other school they could get a game with.

All the players held positions on both offense and defense, so they played the full 60 minutes per game.

Although they were all good players, there was one who was a natural and was undoubtedly the most gifted player UT had in those years.

Quinten "Champ" Williams, at 150 pounds, stepped onto the field on Sept. 6, 1938, for his first play in a college game. He took a pass and raced 33 yards for a touchdown in a game against South Georgia Teachers College. "I was as shocked as everyone else," says Williams.

He became an instant hero with the Tampa fans. What followed was a

stunning college football career capped off by being named to the Little All-American team in 1940.

His biggest game, he says, came against Oglethorpe in the next-to-last game of his senior year, when he rushed for 225 yards and five touchdowns despite playing only 10 minutes.

He says he didn't have blazing speed, but he could quickly change direction and few could catch him.

Like the rest of his teammates, he went off to war, and when he came back, the world had changed.

## War and Depression Bred Serious Students

Hardened by the austerity of the depression and the brutality of war, the returning alumni were serious students, set on making careers and raising families.

Bob and Ann Bowen live in Alpharetta, GA, where he still works in commercial real estate investments. The couple has five children and 29 grandchildren.

Joe Mills spent a lifetime in vocational education, and at 79, still works as a consultant. He and Hilda are still happily married and had four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Stan Moore, 79, is retired, lives in St. Petersburg with his UT bride, Juanita, and had a career in the Pinellas educational system. Cecil Reed, 83, is retired after a career with the telephone company and lives in Jacksonville. Bill Gates is retired and has homes in Juneau and Tampa. Champ Williams retired from the Veterans Administration after 24 years and lives on 30 acres of prime real estate in the Homosassa area.

There are still about 100 members or surviving spouses of the Rathole Gang. This year's gathering in Homosassa drew about 35.

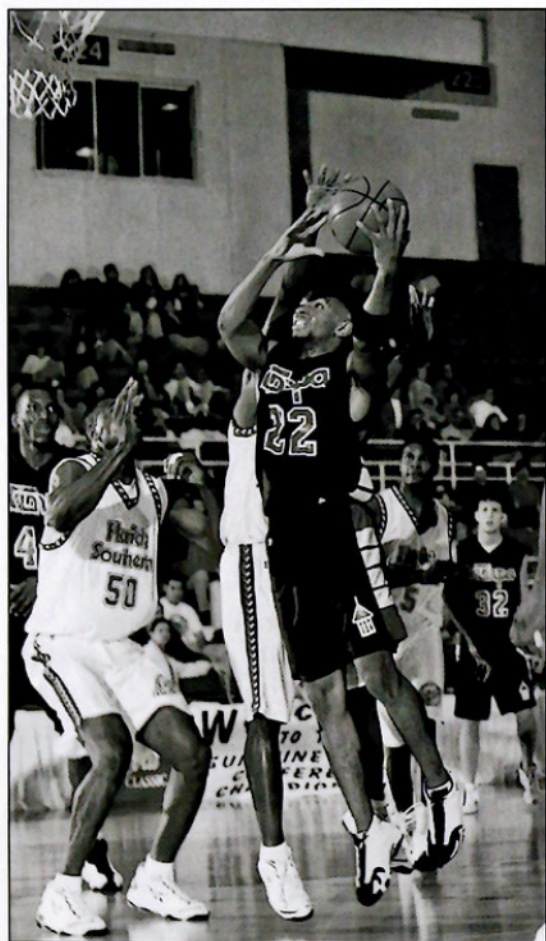
Although they all have the kinds of ailments one would expect from people their age, they all appear remarkably fit and they still retain some of their athletic abilities. As a group, they represent one of the more colorful periods of UT's early history. **UT**



# Last Year's Losses Ancient History

**F**ive starters return from last year's injury-riddled 10-16 men's basketball team, which suffered 17<sup>th</sup>-year Head Coach Richard Schmidt's (342-136) first losing season ever. The Spartans return 10 lettermen and have added four key newcomers with expectations of returning to the Sunshine State Conference championship picture.

With the emergence of reserve players and the new additions, Coach Schmidt is reluctant to name a starting lineup in preseason, saying, "We have enough good players to change our lineup depending on each night's match-up."



John Brown

Look for Tampa to take advantage of its inside strength, led by 6'-10" sophomore J. B. Bryan (6.5/6.7) whose 65 blocked shots as a freshman rank second in school history. Seven-foot senior letterman Peter Maloney (0.7/2.2), 6'-7" senior forward Truman

Daniels (4.3/3.3), and a pair of 6'-7" newcomers, junior college transfer Percy White and freshman James Mereus, will give Tampa a much improved inside game. White averaged 22 points and 12 rebounds per game and was considered one of the nation's top juco rebounders.

The wing players include 6'-5" shootist John Arigo (16.4/89% FT), second-team all-SSC; 6'-4" sophomores Gecarri Freeman (7.8/4.9) and Peter Howard (7.1/2.2), senior six-footer Jason Wingenbach (1.7/0.6) and 5'-9" sophomore Ramon Cowan (2.7/1.2).

Returning starters who interchange between the point and two-guard positions are 5'-10" junior Chuckie Powell (9.2/3.6) and six-foot sophomore Jon Brown (10.2/3.9).

Junior college transfer Terrance Bhegani is a 5'-10" Washington, DC, product who averaged 18.1 points and 9 assists per game at Mitchell College. He and six-foot Hillsborough Community College and Gaither product Joe Jackson are playmaker candidates.

Last year, two key Spartan starters—6'-9" senior Matt Parker and 6'-5" freshman Michael Cooper—were knocked out by injuries before the fifth game, and only three players escaped injury or illness to play in all 26 games. At one stretch, Coach Schmidt manned all five positions with freshmen. Still, the young Spartans led eventual conference champion Florida Southern for much of the home game before dropping a 76-74 decision to the Final Four team, which illustrates the talent level of this squad when healthy.

Cooper may return this year, but Parker expects to sit out again after major surgery.

In the Sunshine State Conference pre-season poll of coaches and sports information directors, the Spartans were picked to finish fourth, while Florida Southern was given the nod to repeat as champions.

## Women's Basketball Preview — Senior Lineup Gives Mosca Confidence

Five seniors will be in the starting lineup for 11<sup>th</sup>-year Head Coach Tom Mosca (156-119) who expects his women's basketball team to compete for the Sunshine State Conference championship and an NCAA post-season berth. Although career scoring leader Missy Mack has graduated, Tampa has three returning players with all-conference credentials.

The all-senior lineup won't be available to Mosca, however, until volleyball season concludes, as 6'-1" center Chervara Smith is an important factor on that fall team, which is contending for the national championship.

Smith is a two-time second-team all-SSC selection who averaged 14.6 points and 8.6 rebounds per game last year. She is expected to take over the starting role at center sometime in December.

Heather LeVan, six-foot power forward, has been a regular starter since transferring from South Florida two years ago. LeVan averaged 11.2 points and 6.9 rebounds per game while leading last year's team in blocked shots with 37. The North Carolina product was second-team all-SSC as a sophomore and honorable mention all-conference as a junior.

Trysta Morenz, who started last year after transferring from Division I Missouri-Kansas City, elevated Tampa's play with her experience and skill. Morenz averaged 12.4 points per game and led UT with 75 steals. Considering intangibles, the 5'-10" swing forward, who also can handle either guard position, was perhaps the Spartans' most consistently effective player last year. Morenz was named to the SSC all-tourney team.

Tampa's playmaking duties are in the capable hands of fourth-year starter Africa Gaston, who averaged 7.2 points per game while leading UT in assists



(92) and ranking second in team steals (70). Mosca says Gaston is the league's most underrated starter and figures she, too, should be mentioned for post-season honors, calling her "the best point guard in the conference."

The shooting guard position goes to senior Antoinette Cole, a reliable three-year letter-winner who gains a starting nod for the first time. A solid defensive player, Cole has demonstrated in pre-season that she is capable of developing into Tampa's top three-point threat.

Two freshmen are expected to be among the top rotation, including Port Charlotte's Jessie McDowell, a 6'-1" center who may start until Smith rejoins the team. Cincinnati freshman



Africa Gaston

Liz Wetenkamp has impressed and is capable of providing quality depth to both guard positions.

Additional players expecting to see action are letter-winners Chandra Holden and Laurie Hayes and freshmen Andrea Nordholt, Gail Tomchick and April Hinton. Sophomore Toni Williams, a 6'-2" transfer from Miami, was expected to be a major impact but suffered an injury over the summer and will redshirt this season.

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## Swimmers Back as National Power

UT's men's swim team has placed fifth at each of the last two NCAA National Championship meets and looks strong enough to remain in the top five nationally.

That's because five All-Americans return, while veteran Coach Ed Brennan has added some competitive newcomers.

The top returnees are seniors Tim Slamkowski and Scott McLearn, juniors Jim Kiner and Preston Bokos, and sophomore Steven Foster. Woodland, CA, freshman Michael Chase appears capable of scoring points at the NCAAs.

Tampa's women's team placed 23<sup>rd</sup> last season and must replace Jen McLeod, who has scored all of UT's NCAA points for women the last two years. Seniors Jan Dumas, Kim Nerko and Bridget Satinover, along with junior transfers Kiera Coote and Katy Hennig, join freshmen Melissa Fielder, Kari Lawrence and Brooke May to lead a roster of 20 women hoping to qualify for nationals. **UT**

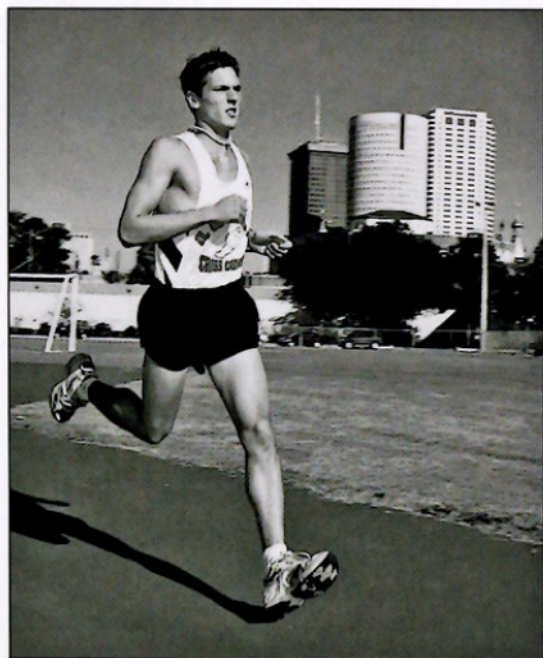
Rowing Coach Bill Dunlap was a member of a four-man U.S. rowing team that won two masters gold medals at the world championships in Seville, Spain, last September. It's the

## From the LOCKER ROOM

third time Dunlap has won masters medals at world championship meets, but the first time in Europe, which Dunlap says "attracts the strongest fields."...Under first-year Coach Jarrett Slaven, the men's cross-country team placed third and the women fourth in the SSC Championship Meet at Rollins in October. Both Spartan teams placed last the previous season...Volleyball Coach Chris Catanach earned his 500<sup>th</sup> career victory on October 9 versus Mars Hill...Senior setter Danielle Faggion set the conference and school career assist records on October 22 vs. Saint Leo. She surpassed Katia Serkovic's (1990-93) mark of 5,616 and contin-

ued to add to that record as the season progressed...George Fotopoulos' women's soccer team defeated 12<sup>th</sup>-ranked Catawba 3-2 for the second-year Spartans' first victory against a top 20 team. Tampa later led No. 2 Barry 2-0 into the second half before losing a 3-2 heartbreaker in overtime...Former Spartan athletic director Hindman Wall and former Spartan baseball player Sam Millitello, who was national pitcher of the year in 1990, have been voted into the SSC Hall of Fame, with the induction banquet set for Feb. 26 in Lakeland, prior to the SSC post-season basketball tournament. Interested persons should call the athletic department, (813) 253-6241, for advance banquet ticket requests.

For daily scores, schedules and highlights, call the UT Spartan HotLine at (813) 253-6240 (after answer, press 2 twice) or hit our Web site at [utweb.utampa.edu](http://utweb.utampa.edu). **UT**



Charlie Moores earned cross-country all-conference honors.



# The Course of History

By David Brothers  
Staff Writer

Professor Terry Parssinen prizes the photographs that adorn the walls of his Plant Hall office. The affable history professor concedes their juxtaposition of traditional sensibilities against a taste of the unexpected: One favorite is a rare black-and-white of Winston Churchill dressed in a pinstriped suit, packing a tommy gun. (One visitor thought it was W.C. Fields.)

Much like the photo of his World War II hero, Parssinen's third book, *September 1938: The Conspiracy to Kill Hitler and Overthrow the Nazi Regime*, presents history with a twist that may seem flamboyant, yet cannot mask its legitimacy.

The rambling title is the latest of several working titles likely to be cropped or changed entirely by the publisher, Parssinen says.

The flamboyant twist comes from no less than speculation about the course of history had the plot succeeded.

The plot, of course, did not succeed, but Parssinen and co-author Paul Bookbinder's manuscript did, landing them a publishing deal with HarperCollins, replete with an unusually large \$350,000 advance. While the pair work toward completion of the final manuscript and securing international publishing contracts (France and Italy have just been cinched as this *Journal* goes to press, with Britain and Germany in the works), other operatives already are discussing motion picture rights.

"All my friends have been asking me for parts, and I say, 'You've got the part; all you have to do is pretend to be a Nazi general,'" Parssinen quips.

Would he like a role in the film? "Absolutely not! I'd love to be the advisor, and I hope they ask us, but it's a long shot under any circumstances. If it works out, I think it'd be great, but that's frosting on the cake as far as we're concerned."

## Massive Historical Implications

The project has distant origins in the late 1960s, when Parssinen and Bookbinder, now a history professor at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, were graduate students together at Brandeis University.

Bookbinder, an expert in German history who is fluent in the language, stumbled upon documents compiled by Eldor Borck, who, as a major with the Berlin police, had questioned suspected participants in the failed July 1944 attempt to kill Hitler. To his surprise, Bookbinder discovered that several of those questioned had been linked with an earlier plan that had never been put into action.

This plan, had it been carried out successfully, might well have put an early end to the Holocaust and prevented World War II altogether.

The massive implications did not escape Bookbinder. Although some histories of the Third Reich made passing mention of the plan, it was never considered to be of compelling historical significance.

But Bookbinder's discovery changed all that. Borck's files revealed suspicions that, if accurate, suggested a well-organized conspiracy involving high-ranking Nazi officers and influential civilians.

Bookbinder's further digging unearthed British collaboration in the plot. Upon that discovery, he approached friend and fellow graduate stu-

dent Parssinen, who was then just becoming an expert in British history.

Parssinen and Bookbinder drifted in and out of other projects over the next three decades, but eventually, they decided to join the ranks of the few would-be authors who turn "we should write a book someday" into actually writing it.

## An Untold Tale of Unsung Heroes

The decision came when a feeling of need to write replaced the mere desire to do so. The authors' cognitive dissonance was tipped by the recognition of what lay untold before them: the only serious plot to derail Hitler that had a realistic chance of success, before the war had even begun.

Moreover, it was an untold tale of unsung heroes who lived with their

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Dr. Terry Parssinen with his favorite photo of Winston Churchill.



## Parssinen

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necks in tightening nooses because they opposed Hitler. Unlike most who opposed him, they did so on moral, rather than political, grounds. Few of them had names readily recognized today, and most of the conspirators were, in fact, not in positions of power. They were students, clergy, Catholic intellectuals (the "Uncle Emil" group), lower-ranking members of German military intelligence (especially Lt. Col. Hans Oster, arguably the movement's greatest hero) and foreign service personnel.

It is these "resisters of conscience" who are the story's heroes. They drove the effort, sought and found British collaboration and, probably because of their lack of influential position in society or government, struggled in vain—British and German, side by side—to prevent the Holocaust and the most horrific war in world history.

By late 1997, Parssinen and Bookbinder began discussing their approach to the project. Initially, they were certain they had a book, but were uncertain as to the kind of book they had.

"What we were uncertain about was whether to write it as a novel or write it as a history book, and we struggled with that issue back and forth," Parssinen says. "In consultation with our agent, we worked out this blend in which the first three quarters would be documented history, the last would be plausible history."

"It is very uncertain as to how that will be received. Some of the publishers that we talked to were very excited about it; others were very leery of it."

### A Perfect Partnership

By the end of '97, the two had begun writing their respective portions, geared to Parssinen's expertise in Brit-

ish history and Bookbinder's in German. E-mail bridged the gap in proximity, helped by a joint summer 1998 sabbatical to Germany and Czechoslovakia.

"We visited Prague, then we went up through Nuremberg, where the

Nazi rallies were held, and then we spent about five days tromping around Berlin," Parssinen recalls.

"I wanted to get a sense of the layout, see where things were, since much of our appraisal of the possible success of the conspiracy had to do

with who could move troops from one place to another."

Since then, the two have divided the work by chapters, then revised, added to and deleted from each other's drafts via e-mail. "It's a partnership that's worked out quite well," Parssinen says.

Whatever its eventual title, Parssinen and Bookbinder's unified efforts will be published as a major international release in late 2001 or early 2002.

When it is published, it will rack up an impressive list of firsts: first book-length examination of the 1938 conspiracy; first historical work to focus on the "resisters of conscience"; first historical work to integrate the German and British components of the conspiracy; first to get off the big-name gravy train and recognize the plot's real heroes.

Notably, in spite of the many fine scholarly books by members of the UT faculty, it also will be the first work by a UT faculty member to be a featured book release from a major commercial publisher.

Reading the riveting, deftly crafted advance chapters now, one gets the feeling that Winston Churchill would enjoy the finished work, "plausible history" and all. He might even wear a pinstriped suit to the first signing.

Dr. Parssinen's previous works include *Webs of Smoke: Spies, Warlords, Smugglers and the History of the International Drug Trade* (co-authored by Kathryn Meyer; Rowman & Littlefield, 1998) and *Secret Passions, Secret Remedies: Narcotic Drugs and British Society, 1821-1930* (Manchester University Press, 1982). **UT**

## Book from UT Press Finalist for National Award

Tampa writer Rick Wilber's *Where Garagiola Waits and Other Baseball Stories*, the first collection of contemporary fiction published by The University of Tampa Press, has been chosen as one of six national finalists for the Dave Moore Award, presented by *Elysian Fields Quarterly*, a literary magazine dedicated to baseball.

The Dave Moore Award is presented annually to the author of the most important work of literature on baseball from the previous year. The award's purpose is to recognize the book that best uses baseball as a means of expressing American cultural, social and personal identities.

Nebula Award winner Michael

Bishop, author of *Brittle Innings* and *No Enemy But Time*, writes that "Wilber, like a hitter on an unstoppable streak or a hurler in an unhittable groove, will exhilarate, startle, and dazzle you."

Hugo-winning novelist James Patrick Kelly writes: "Rick Wilber understands that it's not the homers and no-hitters that make baseball great; it's the way the game brings people together. He captures both the sadness and sweetness of baseball and recreates its astonishing capacity to touch our lives."

The Dave Moore Award winner will be announced on January 15 at a banquet in St. Paul, MN. **UT**



# UT Students Studying at Oxford

**P**aul Bishop, Honors Program graduate from Wimauma, has been accepted for graduate study in history at Oxford University in Oxford, England. He spent the fall 1998 semester as an undergraduate at Oxford after being chosen by the faculty Honors Committee. The committee has chosen two outstanding undergraduates for studies at Oxford each semester since January 1997, said Dr. Richard Piper, Director of the Honors Program and Dana Professor of Government and World Affairs.

Honors students Samantha Ricca and Dawnette Smart have been chosen by the faculty Honors Committee to be the University's representatives for the fall 1999 semester. They left for Oxford on Sept. 23. While there, they

can expect a challenging, richly rewarding academic experience.

"It's a unique system, one-on-one with the Oxford faculty," Piper said. The coursework will include writing, presenting and defending a paper a week. UT is the only school in the state with such a program in the spring and fall semesters, he said, while one other university offers an Oxford study only in the summer.

Bishop will be the first UT student to engage in graduate studies at Oxford. During his term there as an undergraduate, his love of history was understandably stimulated by both the campus (dating to 1379) and his tutor/professors. "I mean, the guy was a former aid to Winston Churchill," he recalls of one. "They were just fantastic," he says of them collectively.

His experiences at Oxford, including attending a lacrosse match that "was like the Florida-Florida State game of England," led him to the idea of pursuing his graduate degree there.

"The idea turned into a dream, and the dream turned into a reality," he says. "Sometimes I wonder if I can cut the mustard, but I'm confident that I can. Most days, I just can't wait to go."

Bishop left for Oxford on Sept. 27.

"You never know what you are capable of unless you trust yourself, unless you test what seem to be the limits," Ricca said. "And at UT, there are none. Education is not limited to its campus; education at UT extends itself globally through its professors, students, and programs." **UT**

## Dana Distinction for Six

**T**he distinction of Dana Professorship was conferred upon six UT professors this fall. Dana professors are recognized for continuous excellence in teaching, as well as commitment to academic advising, intellectual growth and service to the academic community.

**Dr. Gilbert W. "Joe" Joseph**, Accounting, has taught at UT since 1986. He is listed in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* and won the University's 1997-98 Louise Loy Hunter Award.

**Dr. Richard B. Mathews**, English, has authored ten books and edited four

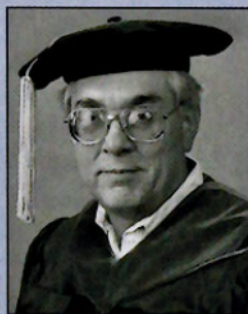
others. He is a recent Louise Loy Hunter Award winner, has published 28 scholarly articles and essays, and is editor-in-chief of *The University of Tampa Press* and editor of *The Tampa Review*.

**Dr. Linda Musante**, Psychology, has published 27 articles in such major medical journals as the *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* and is a Louise Loy Hunter Award winner.

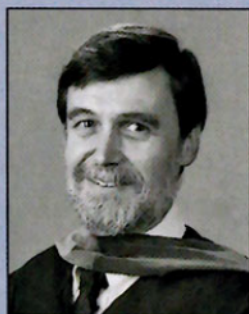
**Dr. J. Richard Piper**, Government and World Affairs, is Director of the UT Honors Program. He has written numerous articles for journals including *American Politics Quarterly*. His first book was published in 1997.

**Dr. W. Wayne Price**, Biology, has published articles in *Florida Scientist*, *Southwestern Naturalist*, *Marine Science* and other major journals. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Florida Academy of Science.

**Dr. Michael H. Truscott**, Finance and Economics, is a three-time Outstanding Teacher Award winner, as well as winner of the MBA Hall of Excellence Award, the International Service Award and the G. Truman Hunter Award. He has authored more than 30 journal articles. **UT**



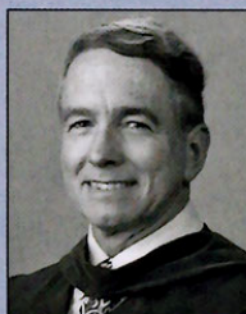
**Dr. Gilbert W. "Joe" Joseph**



**Dr. Richard B. Mathews**



**Dr. Linda Musante**



**Dr. J. Richard Piper**



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**Dr. Michael H. Truscott**



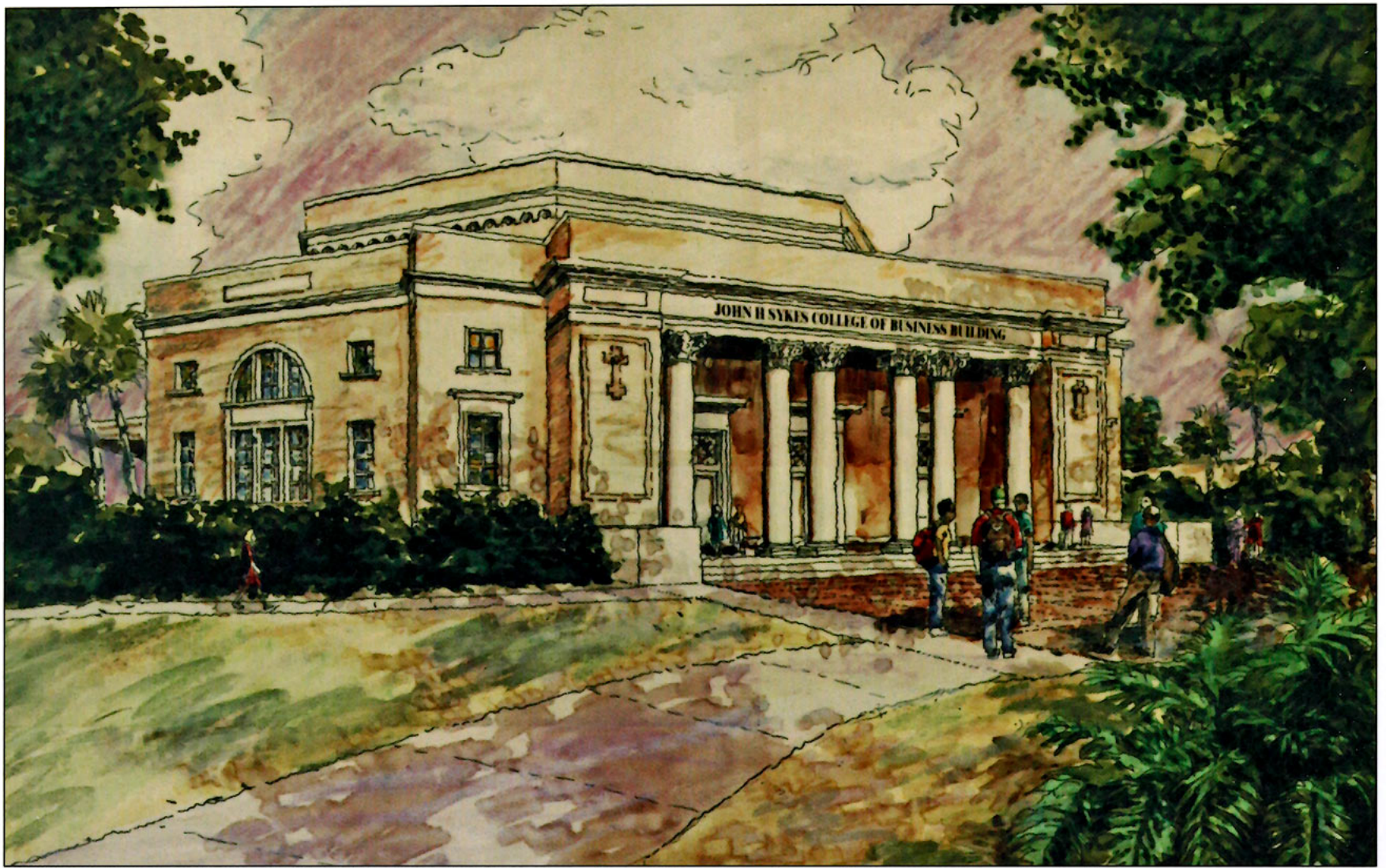


STUDENT CENTER. Cost: \$9.8 million. Campaign Project.



INTERIOR, STUDENT CENTER.





**JOHN H. SYKES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS BUILDING.** Cost: \$ 9 million. Completion: Fall 2000. Campaign Project.

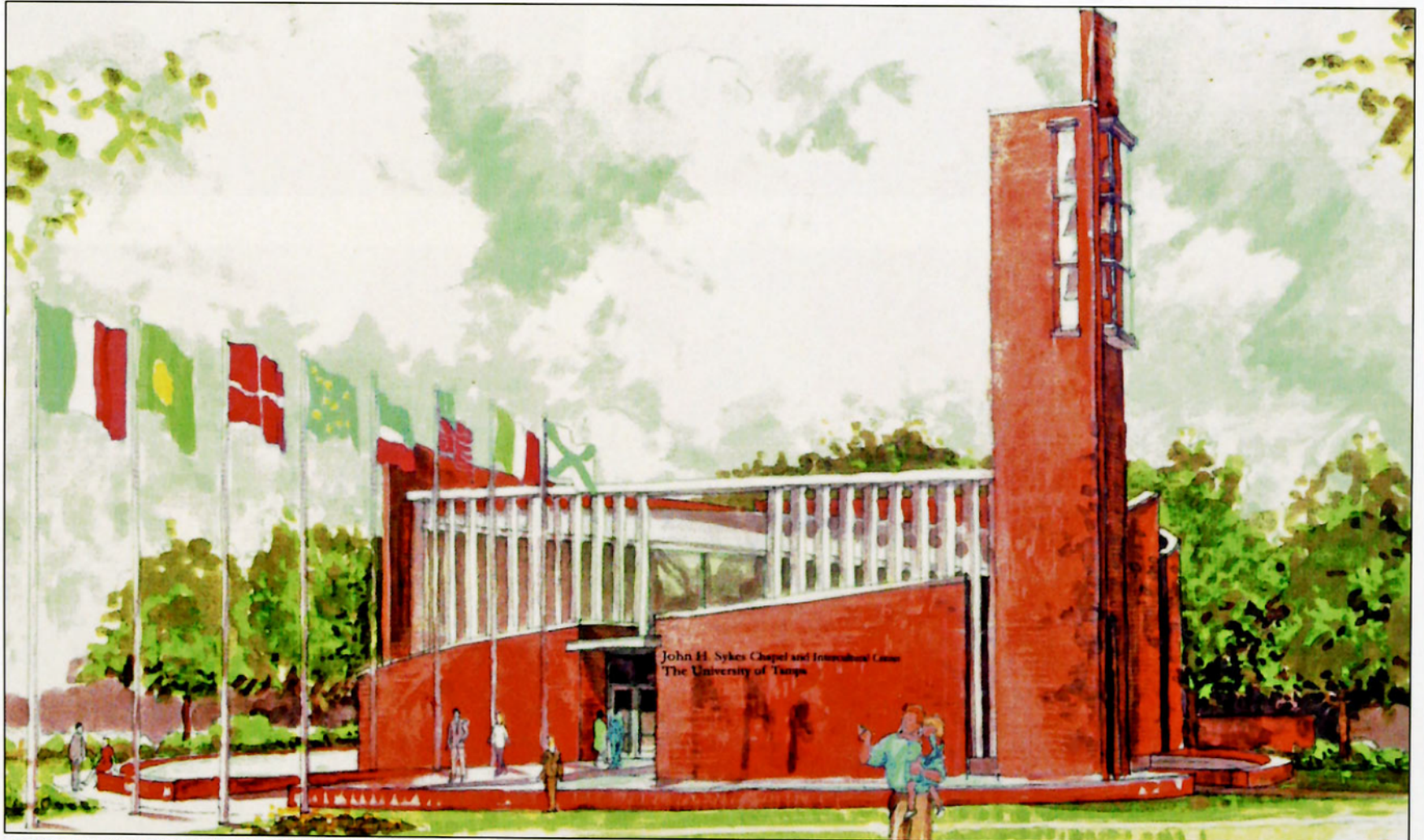


**INTERIOR, JOHN H. SYKES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS BUILDING.**





SCIENCE FACILITY: building re-acquired by University for future use as a science building.



JOHN H. SYKES CHAPEL AND INTERCULTURAL CENTER. Cost: \$1.5 million. Campaign Project.





Joyous and festive, the Oct. 18 capital campaign announcement was a party shared by University and community leaders, philanthropists, media, faculty, staff and hundreds of students. The campaign's goal and progress were made public, along with a comprehensive plan for the University's future. **UT**



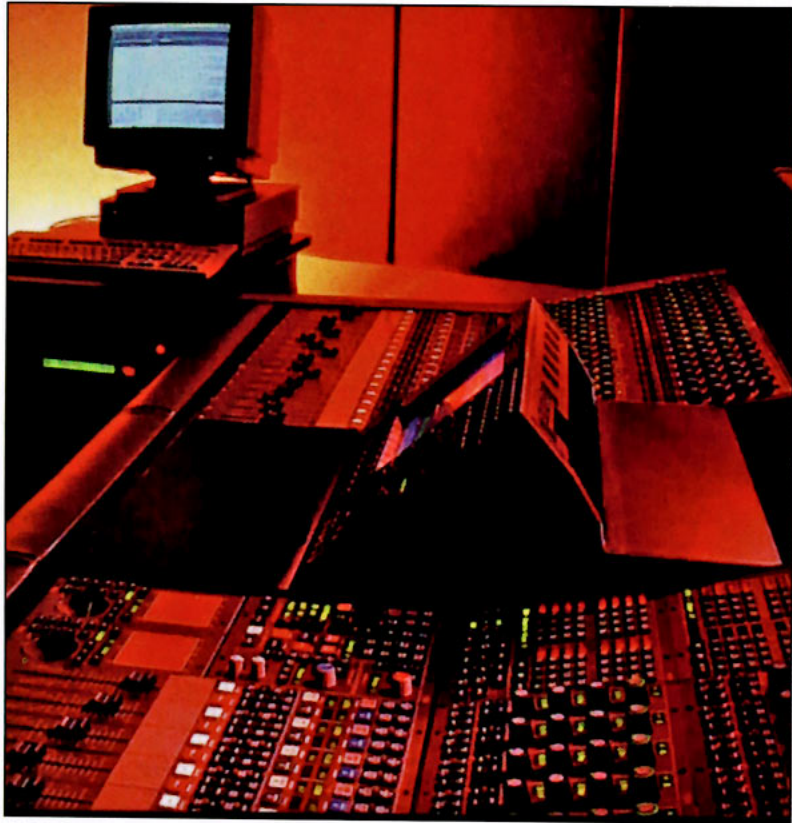








**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES RENOVATION. Cost: \$1 million. Campaign Project.**



**LANGUAGE LAB RENOVATION, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, PLANT HALL.**



**MOCK COURT ROOM, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, PLANT HALL.**





MACDONALD-KELCE LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION. Cost: \$3.6 million. Campaign Project.



JAEB REFERENCE-TECHNOLOGY CENTER, MACDONALD-KELCE LIBRARY.





**NEW RESIDENCE HALL.** Cost: \$14.5 million. Completion: Fall 2000.



**POE PARKWAY AND ENTRANCEWAY.** Cost: \$500,000. Completed Winter 1999. Campaign Project.



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A L U M N I N E W S

## Listening to U




Natalie Preston  
Alumni Director

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On the heels of UT's 1999 Homecoming and Reunion celebrations, I have opted to get off my soap-box and "listen to the people." Here is your chance to have your voice heard and maybe add some variety to the programming that is done around here. This is not to imply that change is needed, but like any good alumni director, I am open to change and want to stay in tune with what my constituents want.

Through February, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and all interested alumni will examine the format of Homecomings and Reunions at UT. Should you wish to be involved in the process, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations ASAP.

Fax this form to (813) 258-7297, or mail it to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations by January 15. Be sure to include your name and phone number if you wish to be involved in the planning process. 

### ALUMNI INTEREST SURVEY

#### Homecoming

I would like to see the following activities incorporated into Homecoming:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | A talk featuring a prominent alumnus   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | An alumni cultural event (concert, theatre, etc.)                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | An alumni/student service/volunteer project (painting/gardening)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | An alumni networking event (reunion, after-work reception)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | An alumni family-oriented event (picnic, pool party, etc.)                         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | An alumni athletic event (i.e., alumni athletes vs. student athletes.)             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | An alumni cruise   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am willing to contact other alumni and encourage their attendance at Homecoming. |

#### Reunions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a reunion for graduates of my academic program.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a reunion for graduates from my fraternity/sorority.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a reunion for graduates with whom I played UT sports.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a reunion for graduates who were members of my club (e.g., SG, pep band, dance, etc.).   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a cluster reunion for graduates surrounding my graduation year (e.g., the class of 1990 10-year reunion would include the classes of 1989 and 1991). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a decade reunion for graduates from my era. (Ex.: The class of 1990 10-year reunion would include all classes from the '90s.)                        |

##### What

Rank the following activities in order of preference (1-7) with 7 being the highest.

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| ___ | I would attend a reunion breakfast.                         |
| ___ | I would attend a reunion luncheon.                          |
| ___ | I would attend a reunion dinner.                            |
| ___ | I would attend a reunion reception.                         |
| ___ | I would attend a reunion family-oriented event.             |
| ___ | I would attend a reunion off-campus event in Tampa.         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a reunion separate from Homecoming.                     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I would attend a reunion held in conjunction with a UT athletic event. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> O   | <input type="checkbox"/> W  | I would attend a one-day or weekend reunion event (choose one).        |



# C L A S S N O T E S

'45

**Rosalie (Mathis) Vinson**, a retired teacher in Palm Harbor, FL, sent a Christmas 1986 photo of herself and fellow UT alumnae **Virginia (Smith) Spayd '45** and **Dot Read '45**. She writes that "our years at Tampa U. were some of the happiest in our lives." Rosalie may be reached at 1844 Mary's Meadow, Palm Harbor, FL 34683, and Virginia at 1655 Jellison, Lakewood, CO 80226. Dot resides in Lakeland.



A 1986 Christmas gathering included Rosalie Mathis Vinson '45, Virginia Smith Spayd '45 and Dot Reed.

'49

**Truman Hunter** and his wife, Mary, have been married for more than 45 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

## INDUCTION, REUNION FOR '50

*The Class of 1950 will be inducted into the Golden Spartan Society on Thursday, February 24 at 11 a.m. in Fletcher Lounge. The Golden Spartans are comprised of Spartans who graduated fifty or more years ago from UT! Invitations will be mailed in January. The Class of 1950 also has begun making plans to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in the Fall of 2000. To get in on the action and help with the planning, contact Renee' Fisher '50 at (813) 839-5659.*

'61

**Jean (Walker) Weinstock**, of St Louis, MO, has been

appointed to the St. Louis County Library Board. Jean is a communication arts teacher.

E-mail: [duv@prodigy.net](mailto:duv@prodigy.net).

'62

**David E. Sparkman** is president of IQS Business Products Inc. in Plant City, FL. The company provides computer supplies and equipment, business forms, and labels.

'64

**Carol Ann Pinson**, of Tampa, is a self-employed accountant.

'69

**Darlene (Russo) Frisco** and her husband, Dennis, celebrated 25 years of marriage in June. Their son Stephen is a college sophomore, and their son Michael is a graduate student. The family resides in Gainesville, FL.

'71

**Karen V. Chapple** has started her own business, Chapple Consulting Group, which serves the needs of government and non-profit organizations. Karen and her husband, Steve, reside in Greensboro, NC.

E-mail: [kvchapple@mindspring.com](mailto:kvchapple@mindspring.com).

**John E. Conley** is an attorney with Steven H. Mezer P.A. in Clearwater, FL, specializing in general and community law, condominiums, cooperatives and homeowner associations. He also is a licensed real estate broker and a retired U.S. Army major.

**Howie Thompson** has been named head varsity coach of boys' and girls' soccer at Brewster High School in Brewster, N.Y. In 1998, he received the Connecticut Coaches Sportsmanship Award for girls' soccer coaching. Howie and his wife, Nancy, reside in Ridgefield, CT.

E-mail: [coachhta@aol.com](mailto:coachhta@aol.com).

'73

**Frank Zedar** has earned an MBA from Georgia Tech. Frank, an associate broker with Century 21 New Millennium, is also a certified Commercial-Civil Dispute Mediator. Frank and Nancy reside in Fairfax, VA. E-mail: [frankzedar@aol.com](mailto:frankzedar@aol.com).

'74

**Dick Kjellsen** (MBA) of Cumming, GA, works at IBM Global Services/Network Services in Atlanta. E-mail: [kjellsen@us.ibm.com](mailto:kjellsen@us.ibm.com).

**Dr. Edward W. Minnock** is executive director of the Office of Continuing Education at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan.

## TAMPA ALPHA MEETINGS

*The Tampa Alpha Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are at 6 p.m. in the Sword & Shield Room. If you are interested in becoming a board member or just want to check us out, stop by and join us on January 20.*

'76

**Carl R. Nelson** has been appointed chairman of the Florida Bar's Admiralty and Maritime Law Certification Committee. Nelson is a shareholder with the law firm of Fowler, White, Gillen, Boggs, Villareal and Banker P.A. He co-chairs the firm's admiralty department.



# C L A S S N O T E S



Natalie D. Preston, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, visits with Julia Timmons '78 and Osborne Timmons after a recent Devil Rays vs. Mariners game. Ozzie Timmons was an outfielder for the Seattle Mariners. He has now returned home and has joined the Devil Rays organization.

**Ambassador Douglas "Pete" Peterson**, the U.S. envoy to Vietnam, was profiled in *Pete Peterson: Assignment Hanoi*, which aired Sept. 7 on PBS. Peterson was shot down in Vietnam while serving as an Air Force captain and spent 6<sup>1/2</sup> years as a POW. He also was the subject of a report in the Sunday magazine *Parade* on August 29.

**'78**

**Natalie Bodine-Shah** and her husband, Ted, have welcomed Sebastian Edmund to the family. Natalie works for Eagle Bear Management. The family resides in Plant City, FL.

**'79**

**Marine Lt. Col. Odin F. Leberman** is serving with the Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Training Squadron

204, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing in Jacksonville, FL. He joined the Marine Corps in 1979.

**Thomas Uselding**, of Belgium, WI, works for Alpine Industries.

**Mitchell Weiss** is an MIS team leader with Citigroup in Tampa.

**'82**

**Stephen Bako** (MBA) is president of the UT MBA association for 1999-2000.

**NEW MBAA PRESIDENT**  
*The MBA Association held its annual meeting on October 20. Steve Bako '82 MBA was elected President for 1999-2000. The MBA Association seeks alumni to participate on its continuing education, events, fund-raising, membership and student relations committees. The next planning meeting is on January 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sword & Shield Room.*



**Stephen Bako '82**, President of the MBA Association.

**Gregory Viscomi** and his wife, Christina, announce the birth of their first child, Maria Eleni. Gregory is an educator with the Dearborn, MI public schools, and founder and artistic director of the West Side Theatre Project in Detroit. The family lives in Dearborn.

**'84**

**Marsha (Fleming) Stone** and her husband, John, welcomed Samantha Olivia to

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the family on July 28. Marsha lives in Tampa and works at Northwest Mortgage.

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mflem23199@aol.com.

## '86

**Alexandra A. ("Sandi") Fernandez** is curatorial assistant at the Henry B. Plant Museum at UT. In this newly-created position, Sandi will work to increase the quality of collections care.

## MBAA WILL GET BACKSTAGE

*The MBA Association is planning its next Backstage Tour for early 2000. The organization's board hopes to organize a "behind the scenes" tour of Tropicana Field, home of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, combined with a discussion of the Rays' marketing strategy. MBA Association members and MBA graduates should watch for the invitation in the new year. Previous tours have included the TECO Data Center in Ybor City and the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.*

## '87

**Joseph T. Potuzak, Jr.** and **Michelle** are the parents of **Megan Taylor**, born March 23. He is senior portfolio manager in the global cash management division of First Union National Bank, Charlotte, NC, and serves as a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. E-mail: joseph.potuzak1@firstunion.com.

## '88

**David J. Bailey**, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of West Alabama, received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Florida State University. He resides in Livingston, AL, and is engaged to marry **Melissa Tan** of New York City in January. E-mail: dbailey@univ.westal.edu.

**Dana Crosby**, of Tampa, is an assistant county attorney in Polk County, FL. Previously, she worked in Tallahassee as a legislative analyst for the state senate. E-mail: danacrosby@webtv.net.

## '89

**Mark Gorski** is a CPA with Johnson, Slaughter & Wells in Mobile, AL.

**Lorraine (Raffer) Graybill** and her husband, **Jonathan**, are celebrating the October 9 birth of **Aaron Raffer Graybill**. The family resides in Doylestown, PA. E-mail: graybill@prodigy.net.

## '90

**Christopher P. Grazzini** and **Wendi L. Grazzini '90** reside in Texas, where Christopher is an officer stationed at Dyess Air Force Base.

**U.S. Army Capt. Mark M. Herrin** is a Readiness Officer at the Defense Supply Center in Columbus, OH, working on customer support issues related to the Kosovo crisis. Previously,

### *In Memoriam*

Alvara Breijo '49	William L. Kronk '82
Zula S. Cook '37	William Tracy Marzolf '60
Olga Corrales '43	John R. Munz '54
Spencer E. Dimond '35	Daniel C. Neff '50
Ernest Clifton Gorrell '50	Lt. Col. Robert E. Nichols '48
Cyril "Bill" Handley '40	Suzanne Jackson Reid '42
Suzanne H. Harpham '56	Marlene Robb '70
Patricia Jackson '49	Donna L. Schnorr '83

he received a master's degree in systems management at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

**Phillipe Hills** (MBA) is assistant dean and senior director of development at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA.

**John Spillner** and **Carolyn (Mogg) Spillner '90** have three children: twins **Kevin** and **Kyle**, 3 1/2, and **Zachary**, 1. The family resides in Littleton, CO. John's E-mail: john.spillner@ey.com; Carolyn's E-mail: cspillner@bemail.com.

## '91

**John Perry Brooks** is an emergency planner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Washington, DC. He resides in Alexandria, VA.

**Bruce Ford** has a new baby and a new job and will receive an additional academic degree. Bruce and his wife, **Cecilia**, welcomed **Olivia Grace** on Aug. 14, and he now works as a

technical writer for the Bankers' Insurance Group in St. Petersburg. He expects to receive an MBA from USF next summer. Bruce and Cecilia reside in St. Petersburg.

**Tawny L. Kaufman**, of Rockville Centre, NY, has been named manager of financial operations at Ziff-Davis Inc. in Manhattan. On Aug. 4, 1998, she and her husband, **Aaron**, welcomed **Rebekah Lyn** into the family. E-mail: apkaufman@excelonline.com.

## BRUNCH BEFORE GASPARILLA

*The annual Tampa Alpha membership brunch is on Saturday, February 5. Of course, the brunch is free for members. Guests' tickets for the brunch are \$15 in advance for adults, \$10 for children, and \$20 for adults the day of the event. Children under 3 get in free. Invitations will be mailed in January. To join Tampa Alpha, send an e-mail to tampaalpha@aol.com.*

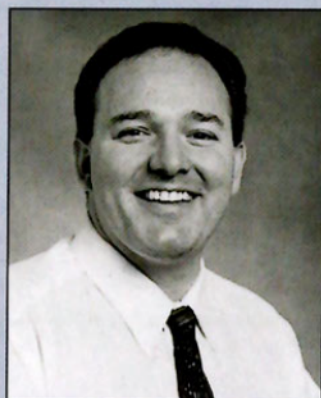


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**Dean Anthony Koutroumanis** (MBA) and his wife, Dawn, are the parents of Anthony Dean, born Sept. 18. The family resides in Palm Harbor, FL.  
E-mail: ddkoutrou@aol.com.

**Lisa Mahon** teaches expository writing at the University of San Francisco. She married James Foubister on Jan. 7.  
E-mail: mahon@usfca.edu.

**Marty E. Reed** works for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball organization. He and his wife, Donna, live in Albemarle, NC, with their 9-year-old twin sons.  
E-mail: matt419@cfc.net.



**Richard Gaspar '92, Ph.D.,** is Assistant Professor of Reading and Lead Faculty Member at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City Campus.

**'92**

**Richard F. Gaspar** is assistant professor of reading and lead faculty member at

Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City campus.  
E-mail: gaspar@typhoon.coedu.usf.edu.

**'93**

**Monica (Szczesniakowski) Converse** and her husband, Thomas, announce the birth of Allison Nicole on Aug. 17. Monica works for GTE. The family resides in Wesley Chapel, FL.  
E-mail: convers1@gte.net.

**'94**

**Kimberly A. Bennett** is a U.S. Army captain stationed at Ft. Hood, TX. She spent the past four years in Ger-

many and is working on a master's in education at the University of Phoenix.

## PICTURE THIS

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## WHAT'S HAPPENIN'? News for Class Notes

The University of Tampa is interested in the progress of its alumni. Use this form to let us know your news. Be sure to provide all information, so that your news can be included in the Class Notes section of the next issue of the *UT Journal*. Please mail this form to:

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Color or black and white photographs of newborns, weddings, etc. may be submitted along with class notes and will be published on a space-available basis only. Photographs should be sharp and properly exposed. Identify those pictured and include a contact phone number. No group shots please. Photos will **not** be returned.





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**Shannon Grosso** works for the New York City Board of Education. She was awarded a master's degree in elementary education in January.

**Michael R. Mitaronda**, of Plantation, FL, is a loan officer with First Guarantee Mortgage Corp.

## NAA QUARTERLY SCHEDULED

*The next Quarterly Meeting for the National Alumni Association is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 7:30-8:45 a.m. All meetings are held in the Trustee's Conference Room, located on the south side of the cafeteria. Meetings are open to members of the alumni community.*

**Frank D. Rivera** is the classified advertising manager of the *The Palm Beach Post*.

**Brian Thomas Watson**, of Durham, NC, received an M.S. in Fisheries Science from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. Watson is a non-game wildlife biologist for the North Carolina

Wildlife Resources Commission, leading surveys of fish, freshwater mussels, snails and crayfish.

## '95

**Laurie W. Winkles** (MBA) was named managing director of Hill & Knowlton in Tampa, a multinational public relations and public affairs counseling firm.

## '96

**Jonathan Anderson**, a 1999 Mercer Law School graduate, passed the Florida Bar exam in July and works for Wood and Seidl P.A. Jonathan and Suzanne recently moved to Sarasota, FL, from Macon, GA.

**Evan Brauman Fetter**, of Dallas, will marry Dallas lawyer Rachel Sternberg next summer. They met at the wedding of **Scott Weprint '95** and **Lori Shapiro '95**. Evan works at Brauman Partners Ltd., a commercial real estate and investment firm. E-mail: evanfe@aol.com.

**Kimberly S. Gengler**, of Tampa, is a sales adminis-



**Stacey (Cassidy) Malloy '96 and Maj. Gerald Malloy at their West Point wedding.**

trator with Advantage Sales & Marketing.

**Jessica Greene** is an online editor for News Channel 11 (KNTV) in San Jose, CA. She previously worked for Channel 8 in Tampa. E-mail: jgreene@kntv.com.

## MBA MONTHLIES SLATED

*The MBA Association holds its Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday of every OTHER month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are in the Sword & Shield Room at the Martinez Sports Center on North Boulevard. Graduates and students of the MBA program are invited to take an active part in the Association and its programs. Contact Alumni Relations to get involved or to RSVP for a meeting. MBAA 1999-2000 meeting schedule: January 19, March 15, April 19 and June 21.*

**Lisa Plaisted-Horn**, of Rockledge, FL, is mother to Kenneth Tyler, born July 3, 1996, and Logan Gregory, born April 13. She is a Title I teacher at Dr. W.J. Creel Elementary. E-mail: khorn53172@aol.com.

**Stacey (Cassidy) Malloy**, a second-year law student, was married to Maj. Gerald Malloy at West Point Military Academy, her husband's alma mater. Fellow UT alumni **Katie Malloy '96**, **Sally Potkay '95** and **David Holland '96** attended the wedding. Stacey and Gerald reside in Douglas, MA. E-mail: lupalola@aol.com.

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI**  
*The NAA is actively seeking alumni to get involved in admissions, career development and fund-raising. If one of these areas interests you, contact Alumni Relations and attend the next meeting.*

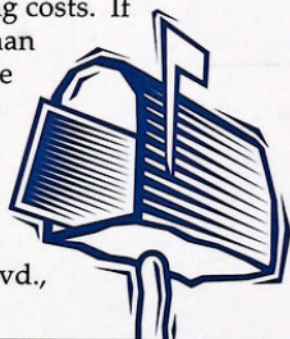
**Rachel Marie Price**, of Waterloo, IA, is attending the Captain's Career Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. E-mail: mizpige@aol.com.

**Angela L. (Coonrod) Smith** married Charles A. Smith in August 1997. Since November 1998, she has lived in Atlanta, where she works for TAP Pharmaceuticals. E-mail: smith1697@aol.com.

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## SPRING FLING FOR THE '50s

Every spring, male alumni from the '50s gather one afternoon for a *Decade of the '50s Gentlemen's Luncheon*. The next event will be held on Friday, March 10 at 11a.m. in the Sword & Shield Room. Expect to hear from *Ernest Segundo Sr. '56* or *Bill (Skinny) Antonini '52* in the spring.

**David Sullivan** is Retirement Operations Representative at T. Rowe Price Associates in Baltimore. He began this assignment in September.

**Kimberly Tope** received her master's degree in nursing from USF in August. She is a nurse practitioner with Bay Area Oncology. Previously, she worked with Hospice of Hillsborough.

## '97

**Jason M. Ciofalo** is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International & Comparative Law*, sponsored by the International Law Students' Association at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. One of the

three annual editions of the scholarly publication—the Bilingual Edition—is the only bilingual law journal/review regularly published in the United States in English and Spanish.

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## '98

**Denise Burech** is engaged to be married and is teaching sixth-grade math and science in Phoenix, AZ.

E-mail: [rubned1@aol.com](mailto:rubned1@aol.com).

**Susan Gansert** has moved from Tampa to Tempe, AZ, where she is working toward a Ph.D. in psychology at Arizona State University.

## MBA ASSOCIATION UPDATE

FROM STEPHEN BAKO '82 MBA — UT MBA ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

### MBA ASSOCIATION SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank **Patricia Bickel '95**, **Jim Robertson '93**, **Lisa Rommanello '94** and **Jeff Rogo '94** for their tireless and valuable help in the past year. They are part of a group that has set the goals for the MBA Association for the next few years.

### TOURS, CHATS, ETC.

The Association has conducted two **Backstage Tours** of local businesses, with additional tours scheduled for 2000. To facilitate interaction between alumni and faculty, we host professor chats. Additionally, the Association encourages continuing education. Last year, the College of Business implemented inter-sessions, and the Association is working with the College

to explore other types of "tune-up" opportunities with the possibility of continuing education credits.

### AACSB ACCREDITATION

In 1998-99, the MBAA Board participated in the AACSB Accreditation of the College of Business and various information receptions for prospective students. The Association is committed to developing and presenting programs, services and networking opportunities that add value to The University of Tampa MBA degree.

### JOIN!

If you are an MBA alumnus, contact Alumni Relations at (813) 253-6268 to join the Association or get involved in the great things that lie ahead!

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## DINNER & RACING

Parents, faculty, staff, siblings, friends and alumni like George Werner '80 raced to Tampa Greyhound for an evening of dinner and racing. Most managed to escape with a few dollars in their pockets.



**MONTE CARLO NIGHT:** The dice were rolling, Ramona Hates Pink was rocking, and Brian Malison '94 and Sam Giunta '60 (not pictured) were smiling all the way to the bank as they split the \$5,000 grand prize raffle. Plant Hall Lobby, Grand Salon, Dome Theatre and the west verandah provided a festive environment. Look for Monte Carlo Night in the same location next year!



## GOLDEN SPARTAN LUNCHEON

The Golden Spartans had a grand time reminiscing about the past, celebrating with friends on hand and making plans for future gatherings.



Among the special guests at the Decade of the '50s Luncheon were Tampa City Council member Bob Buckhorn (L) and President Vaughn.



**Favorite Decade of the '50s recipe:** three alumnae and a UT yearbook.



# Decade of the '50s Open House

The sixth annual Decade of the '50s Open House was another rousing success. This year, we moved into Fletcher Lounge, where Natalie D. Preston, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and the Development Office provided for creature comforts and festivity. We had a delicious luncheon and souvenirs for each of the more than 160 guests. Dr. Vaughn brought us up to date on the University's outstanding accomplishments and ambitious plans for the future, with an expanding campus that makes us all very proud to be

alumni. On this occasion, we even sang our Alma Mater, much better than we used to!

The key element in the success of this and all our '50s celebrations lies in those who attend. As we did all those decades ago, each of us contributes to an ambiance of warmth and good fellowship—the essence of the youthful bundles of energy and potential we were back then incorporated into the mature, contented, exuberant folks we've become. When we try to articulate this UT in the '50s "mystique" to others, they do not understand. We

wish we could share the unique nostalgia we enjoy, both with our contemporaries who matriculated elsewhere and with UT alumni of other eras, but we can't; it just won't translate!

We can only treasure anew the experience we had at a very special time, in a very special place, and give thanks for the richness that memory imparts to our still-productive lives. The seventh annual Decade of the '50s Open House in October 2000 will be another opportunity to celebrate that blessing.

— Joyce Wamble Glauser '54

*Note: Any 1950s alumni interested in joining the planning committee should contact Alumni Relations at: [alumni@alpha.utampa.edu](mailto:alumni@alpha.utampa.edu) or (813) 253-6268.*

## Offspring Offered Scholarships

The University of Tampa National Alumni Association awards a \$1,000 scholarship to first-year students who are sons, daughters or grandchildren of University of Tampa Alumni. Financial need is not a factor. The award may be renewable if the recipient is a full-time student and maintains a 3.0 grade point average at the end of each academic year (up to the discretion of the selection committee).

Applicants for The University of Tampa National Alumni Association Scholarship must meet the following additional **minimum requirements**: rank in the top quarter of their graduating class; score 1,100 or above on the SAT or 26 or above on the ACT; have demonstrated leadership achievement in high school & community activities; have applied for admission to The University of Tampa.

Those students **not eligible** to apply include the following: sons, daughters or grandchildren of current National Alumni Association board members; sons, daughters or grandchildren of full-time faculty or staff; sons, daughters or grandchildren of alumni who are appointed members of the screening and selection committees.

### Apply and Submit

**To apply** for The University of Tampa National Alumni Association Scholarship, submit two letters of recommendation, an official grade transcript and a 1-page, typed personal essay.

The completed application package will provide the selection committee with the necessary credentials pertaining to a student's academic record, extra-curricular activities and references.


The aforementioned items should be mailed to The University of Tampa, Attn: National Alumni Association Scholarship, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Box H, Tampa, FL 33606-1490. All materials must be postmarked by January 15.

### Questions?

The scholarship is announced in the spring for the following fall. Questions may be directed to Alumni Relations at [alumni@alpha.utampa.edu](mailto:alumni@alpha.utampa.edu) or (813) 253-6268. 

## Parents' Association Meetings and Family Weekend

Eager parents turned out for the fall Parents' Association meeting, held in conjunction with the 1999 Family Weekend. Attendees volunteered to help UT with career development, recruitment and fund-raising.

Mark your calendars now for Parents' Association events in 2000. The spring Parents' Association meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12, and Family Weekend will be October 6-7. For information, contact [parent@alpha.utampa.edu](mailto:parent@alpha.utampa.edu) 



# CLASS AGENT — CLASS ACT

## Are You Class Agent Material?

**H**ave you been looking for a meaningful way to connect with UT? Consider serving as a Class Agent. Always needed, class agents provide a personal link between graduates and the University. No matter where you live, your services can help advance alumni support of the University while maintaining ties among classmates. Investing just a little time and creativity at key times during the year, Class Agents contact peers on behalf of the University's Annual Fund. They make a real difference in the continued success of UT.

### What is a Class Agent?

**C**lass agents for The University of Tampa are graduates who have accepted a leadership role among their classmates to serve as representatives for their respective graduating classes and to provide the University with a vital link to its graduates.

### Job Responsibilities

**A**s parts of a relatively new program, Class Agent duties will change and grow, limited only by the inspiration and dedication of those involved. Supported by the Director of the Annual Fund, Kim Sperling, Class Agents perform the following important tasks:

- Agents gain an understanding of the Annual Fund and its critical role in the University's operations.
- Agents write one or two letters to their classmates each year. They update graduates on University news and events. They also inform graduates of the University's goals for alumni giving and participation in the Annual Fund.
- Class agents work to achieve specific participation goals for their respective class years.
- Class agents spread the word about The University of Tampa to alumni, business and professional contacts, friends and neighbors.
- Class agents are asked to make a gift to the University's Annual Fund to serve as an example of spirited alumni participation for others to follow.

### How to Join

**I**deally, three or more agents should represent each class. The need for agents is greatest among the following class years: 1937, 1939, 1941, 1944-46, 1948-49, 1951, 1954, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1972, 1978, 1999.

To fill this important role for your class, contact Kim Sperling by phone at (813) 258-7401 or by e-mail at [ksperling@alpha.utampa.edu](mailto:ksperling@alpha.utampa.edu).

## Persistence + Creativity = Success

**S**purred on by diligent Class Agents, UT Alumni continue to give generously to their alma mater. Last year, seven classes achieved more than 40% percent participation in the Annual Fund. And, as you probably know, participation is the key to our continued success. Every gift, large or small, is a significant sign of support!

*"Increasing alumni donor participation is very important to UT. UT will move up in the national rankings if the percentage of alumni giving can be substantially increased. Moving up in the rankings improves university image and our ability to compete and attract corporate and foundation support."*

*— Ronald L. Vaughn, President*

The *Outstanding Class Participation Award* for 1998-99 goes to the class of 1938 for achieving 61.5% alumni participation! Special recognition also goes to the following high-achieving classes:

CLASS YEAR	AGENT	PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION
1936	No Agent	60%
1937	Truman Hunter '39	45.5%
1938	Truman Hunter '39	61.5%
1939	Truman Hunter '39	50%
1943	Norman Light '43	41.7%
1944	Norman Light '43	42.9%
1946	Dorothy Quarterman '47	42.9%

#### HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Second highest giving percentage:	1936 (60%)
Most alumni donors:	1984 (62)
	1992 (62)



# Seven Reasons to Support UT Now!

There has never been a better time than now to support your alma mater. Alumni are investing in UT in record numbers during this unprecedented period of growth and achievement for the University. While there are countless compelling reasons to support your alma mater, here are some of the motivations cited most often by graduates.

## 1. To provide assistance to current and future students.

More than 85% of UT students receive some form of financial aid. Annual Fund gifts finance many of these student scholarships. The average student award of \$13,500 makes the cost of an education at UT much closer to that of many public and state universities.

## 2. To give something back to the University.

Where would you be today without your degree and the life experiences your University provided? Here's your chance to

pass on the tradition of giving that benefited you as a UT student.

## 3. To help UT move up in the national rankings.

Percentage of alumni donors is a major criterion considered by ranking agencies. Higher rank enhances UT's reputation and recruiting ability.

## 4. To invest in UT's bright future.

Total enrollment at UT has grown by 36% since 1994, from 2,388 to 3,236, sparking an ambitious building program that is barely staying ahead of the crush of new students. Twenty new full-time faculty have been hired this year and last to maintain a full-time-faculty-to-student ratio of 1:16. The future looks bright for UT!

## 5. To increase the value of your degree.

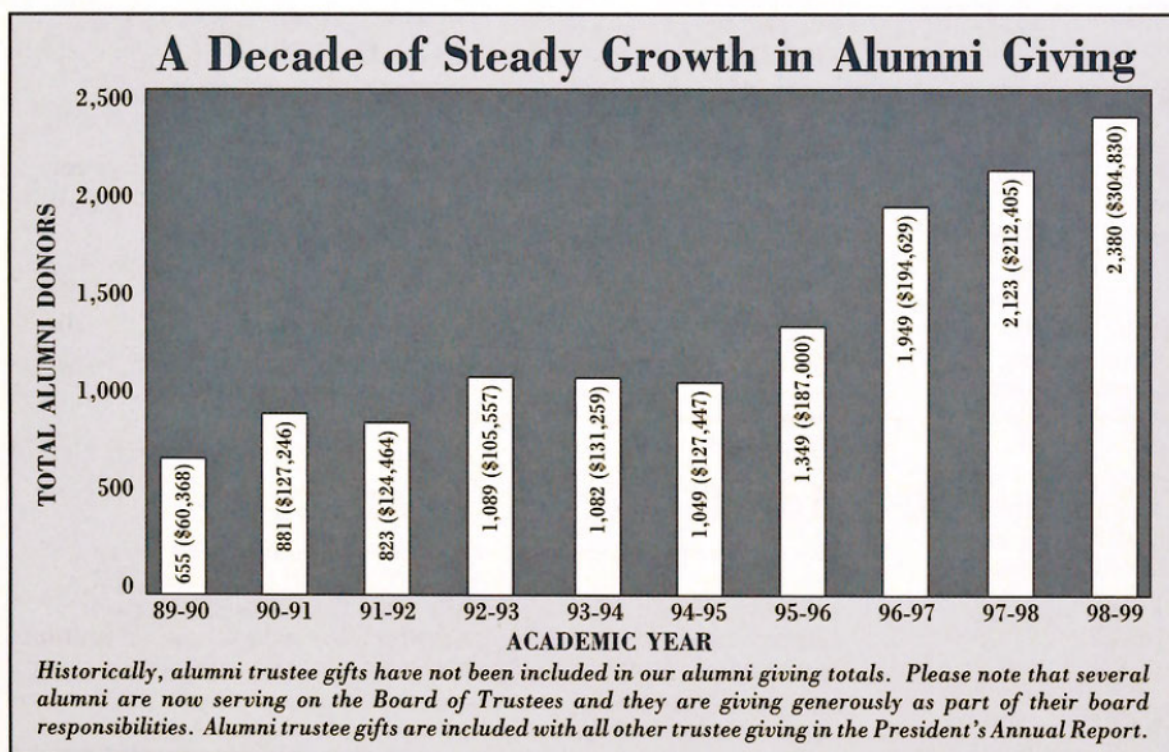
As the University continues to grow in reputation, so does the value of your education. This increases your value as a professional, advocate and community leader.

## 6. To help UT secure new funding opportunities.

Alumni gifts demonstrate confidence in The University of Tampa. Many corporations and foundations examine the level of alumni support before committing their own resources.

## 7. Because UT provides community culture and identity.

Plant Hall's minarets are the city of Tampa's symbol, reflecting a unique heritage and commitment to historical preservation. The University provides speakers, symposiums and cultural opportunities to many area businesses and organizations. University centers, institutes and other programs constantly provide practical learning opportunities for students and community members.



How does The University of Tampa stack up among other universities in alumni participation? Alumni giving is a significant factor used to measure overall institutional quality in many rankings such as the *U.S. News & World Report College Ranking*. Because the alumni giving rate can influence giving by corporations and foundations, alumni gifts gain even more value and serve as a significant stamp of approval. UT's goal is to continue to increase alumni giving and to quickly surpass the national average of approximately 25%.

Here is a glimpse at how UT compares to other universities. Source: *U.S. News & World Report, America's Best Colleges*.

Davidson College, NC	51%
Emory University, GA	37%
University of Florida	31%
Stetson University	27%
Rollins College	25%
Eckerd College	24%
Florida State University	21%
The University of Tampa	18%
Jacksonville University	16%
University of South Florida	10%
Barry University	9%
University of North Florida	6%



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Campus-Wide Events . . .

All events are free unless noted otherwise. Tours of Plant Hall, 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet in Lobby.

### DECEMBER

- Sun., Dec. 5 14th Annual Family Christmas Festival, Sacred Heart Church, 4 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 18 Commencement Ceremony, East Verandah, 1 p.m.  
 Fri., Dec. 24 - President's Winter Leave, University closed.  
 Fri., Dec. 31

### JANUARY

- Thurs., Jan. 13 - Stageworks presents *Kindertransport*, HCC/  
 Sun., Jan. 30 Ybor Theatre. This award-winning British play tells of a miracle amid unimaginable horror—of those who must lose everything they love . . . to live. Free parking and security monitoring.  
 Sat., Jan. 29 Financial Aid Workshop, Plant Hall Lobby, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- Sun., Feb. 6 Admissions' Campus Visit Day, Plant Hall Lobby, 1-4 p.m.  
 Sat., Feb. 19 Financial Aid Workshop, Plant Hall Lobby, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### MARCH

- Sat., March 11 Chiseler's Market Sale, Plant Hall, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop 'til you drop at Tampa's largest one-day flea market.

## In the Henry B. Plant Museum . . .

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 12 to 4 p.m. Sunday. UT students are free with ID. Faculty and staff are free with ID and may bring immediate family member or one adult. Suggested donation, \$5/adults; \$2/children. Call (813) 254-1891 for further information.

### OCTOBER TO DECEMBER

- Tues., Oct. 5 - Exhibition: *The Grand Illumination*. This exhibition  
 Fri., Dec. 31 will feature the many ways electric lighting impacted the lifestyle of Tampa and the world at the end of the Victorian era.

### NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

- Mon., Nov. 1 - *Upstairs Downstairs*. Every Sunday (except for the  
 Sun., Feb. 27 month of December), 2 p.m. Step back in time and enjoy short, single-character theatrical vignettes that bring Tampa Bay Hotel staff members to life.

### DECEMBER

- Sat., Dec. 4 - 18th Annual Victorian Christmas Stroll, *Presence*  
 Thurs., Dec. 23 of the Past, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Donation: \$7/adults, \$3/children under 12. Each room of the museum is beautifully transformed to capture the warmth of the past.  
 Sat., Dec. 4 *Minaret Mingle*. In front of Plant Hall, 6-9 p.m. An old-fashioned street party under the stars.

## Musical Notes . . .

All programs are in the Plant Hall Grand Salon unless otherwise indicated. Call (813) 253-6212 for further information.

### DECEMBER

- Sat., Dec. 4 Jazz Ensemble, Falk Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 11 Wind Ensemble with East Bay High School, Falk Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 12 Pre-College Recital, Grand Salon, 4 p.m.

### JANUARY

- Sun., Jan. 30 Senior Recital, Alan Trosino, 4 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- Sun., Feb. 20 Pre-College Concert, 4 p.m.  
 Donald Roland, Organ, and Prince of Peace Church Choir, Sacred Heart Church, 4 p.m.  
 Mon., Feb. 28 Eugene and Tasha Bazhanov, Violins with Olga Glick, Piano, 7:30 p.m.

### MARCH

- Sun., March 26 "Opus." This hot group performs a short program of your favorite tunes from Broadway, 7:30 p.m.

### APRIL

- Sat., April 1 Kevin Jon Coward, Tenor, Faculty Recital, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sun., April 9 Choral Band, Sacred Heart Church, 4 p.m.  
 Thurs., April 13 Junior Piano Recital, Erin Taylor, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat., April 22 Pre-College Annual Concerto Recital, 4 p.m.  
 Sun., April 23 26th Annual Concerto Recital, 4 p.m.

## In the Scarfone/Hartley Galleries . . .

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. No admission charge. Call (813) 253-3333, ext. 3392 or (813) 253-6217 for further information.

### DECEMBER

- Wed., Dec. 15 - BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) Exit Show, Senior Thesis.  
 Sat., Dec. 18  
 Fri., Dec. 17 BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) reception honoring graduates, 7-9 p.m.

### JANUARY

- Wed., Jan. 12 - Addy Awards Competition, Tampa Bay Ad  
 Fri., Jan. 14 Federation.  
 Wed., Jan. 12 Gallery Night, 5-8 p.m.  
 Fri., Jan. 28 *Electronics Alive* exhibition reception, 7-9 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- Tues., Feb. 1 - Exhibition: *Electronics Alive*. An opportunity  
 Fri., March 3 to see explorations in technology into the twenty-first century.

### MARCH

- Sun., March 12 *Las Damas de Arte* fundraising reception for art  
 Sun., March 12 - students programs, 5-9 p.m.  
 Fri., March 31 *Las Damas de Arte, Sunday in the Arts* scholarship fundraiser.

### APRIL

- Fri., April 7 UT's Annual Juried Student Art Show opening  
 reception, 7-9 p.m.  
 Fri., April 7 - UT's Annual Juried Student Art Show.  
 Fri., April 28

## Spartan Sports Scene . . .

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

Basketball: Men's (M) and Women's (W) games played at Martinez Sports Center. All games at 7:30 p.m., unless other times are indicated.

### DECEMBER

- Sat., Dec. 11 Fayetteville State University (W)  
 Sun., Dec. 19 Bellarmine College (W), 2 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 20 Benedictine College (M)  
 Wed., Dec. 22 Ohio Northern University (M)  
 Tues., Dec. 28 University of North Florida (M)  
 Thurs., Dec. 30 Northern Kentucky University (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 New Jersey Tech (M)

### JANUARY

- Mon., Jan. 3 Georgetown College (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 Thurs., Jan. 6 University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (M)  
 Fri., Jan. 7 Shaw University (M)  
 Wed., Jan. 12 St. Leo College (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 St. Leo College (M)  
 Sat., Jan. 15 Rollins College (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 Rollins College (M)  
 Wed., Jan. 26 Eckerd College (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 Eckerd College (M)

### FEBRUARY

- Wed., Feb. 9 Florida Tech (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 Florida Tech (M)



Sat., Feb. 12 Lynn University (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 Lynn University (M)  
 Sat., Feb. 19 Florida Southern College (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 Florida Southern College (M)  
 Wed., Feb. 23 Barry University (W), 5:30 p.m.  
 Barry University (M)  
 Sun., Feb. 27- Women's Basketball: SSC Tournament  
 Tues., Feb. 29 at Lakeland Center. Time is TBA.  
 Men's Basketball: SSC Tournament at Lakeland  
 Center. Time is TBA.

**Baseball: Games played at Sam Bailey field.**

**JANUARY**

Sun., Jan. 30 Barry University, 1 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

Sat., Feb. 5 Valdosta State University, 4 p.m.  
 Sun., Feb. 6 Valdosta State University, 1 p.m.  
 Wed., Feb. 9 St. Leo College, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Feb. 19 West Florida University, 3 p.m., (DH)  
 Sun., Feb. 20 West Florida University, noon.  
 Sat., Feb. 26 \*St. Leo College, 1 p.m.

**MARCH**

Wed., March 1 Nova Southeastern University, 5 p.m.  
 Sun., March 5 Shippensburg University, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., March 11 Shippensburg University, 7 p.m.  
 Mon., March 13 AIC, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., March 15 Northwood University, 5 p.m.  
 Sat., March 18 \*Florida Southern University, 7 p.m.  
 Mon., March 20 Army, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., March 22 Warner Southern College, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., March 25 \*Rollins College, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., March 29 Webber College, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., March 31 \*Florida Tech, 7 p.m.

**APRIL**

Sat., April 1 \*Florida Tech, 7 p.m.  
 Sun., April 2 \*Florida Tech, 1 p.m.  
 Sat., April 8 \*Eckerd College, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., April 21 \*Barry University, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., April 22 \*Barry University, 7 p.m.  
 Sun., April 23 \*Barry University, 1 p.m.  
 Sun., April 30 St. Leo College, 7 p.m.

**MAY**

Tues., May 9 Lynn University, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., May 10 Lynn University, 1 p.m.  
 Sat., May 13 North Florida University, 5 p.m.  
 Sun., May 14 North Florida University, 1 p.m.

**Softball: Games played at the softball field.**

**MARCH**

Thurs., March 2 Northwood University (MI), 6 p.m.  
 Thurs., March 9 University of Southern Colorado, 6 p.m.  
 Wed., March 15 Spring Arbor College (MI), 6 p.m.  
 Sat., March 18 Lynn University, 1 p.m.  
 Sun., March 19 Barry University, 1 p.m.  
 Sat., March 25 Charleston Southern University, 1 p.m.  
 Mon., March 27 Principia College (IL), 6 p.m.

**APRIL**

Sat., April 8 Florida Tech, 1 p.m.  
 Sun., April 9 Rollins College, 1 p.m.  
 Wed., April 12 St. Leo College, 6 p.m.  
 Thurs., April 20 Florida Southern College, 6 p.m.

**Swimming:**

**DECEMBER**

Fri., Dec. 17 Wright State University, noon.

**JANUARY**

Sat., Jan. 8 UT Relays, 11 a.m.  
 Mon., Jan. 10 College of Charleston, 2 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

Sat., Feb. 5 Rollins College, 10 a.m.

**MARCH**

Wed., March 8 - NCAA Division II Nationals, TBA.  
 Sat., March 11

**Women's Tennis:**

**FEBRUARY**

Sat., Feb. 12 Rollins College, 2:30 p.m.  
 Tues., Feb. 15 Eckerd College, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., Feb. 24 Florida Southern College, 3 p.m.  
 Sat., Feb. 26 Lynn University, 10 a.m.

**MARCH**

Fri., March 31 St. Leo College, 3 p.m.

**APRIL**

Tues., April 11 Hillsborough Community College, 3 p.m.

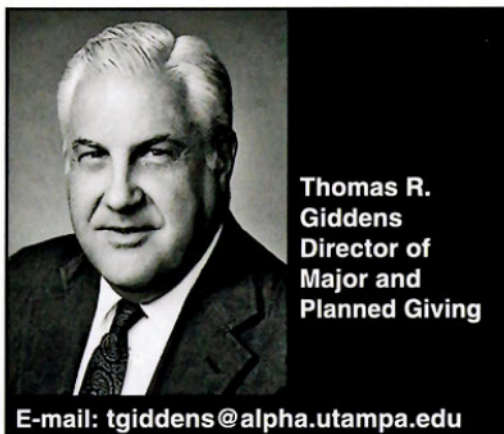


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## The Live-In Plan

Perhaps you intend to make a major gift to the University.

In fact, you would even give your house if you could. One problem: You'd have no place to live. Of course, one way to deal with this is to simply bequeath your home to the University through your will and pass on the home at your death.

Another way is to give your house to the University now, but retain the right to live in it for the rest of your life. This could provide you with a charitable income tax deduction—something that wouldn't happen were you to make the transfer through your will. It also removes the house from your estate, which could save estate taxes.

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This house plan is great for those who need additional retirement income—and yet who still want to make a gift of their house. Here's an example of how it might work:

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## The Part-Give, Part-Sell Plan

This option is similar to the previous one, except there is no charitable trust. The donors divide the deed and give one part to the charity. The donors and charity then sell the house, each receiving a share of the proceeds. Because part of the deed goes to a qualified charity, the tax benefits are quite substantial.

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The main point to all of this is that there are various ways to use your house to meet your own needs, as well as those of the University. We will be happy to discuss these with you and to provide various illustrations to show you more fully how planned giving and house planning can go together.

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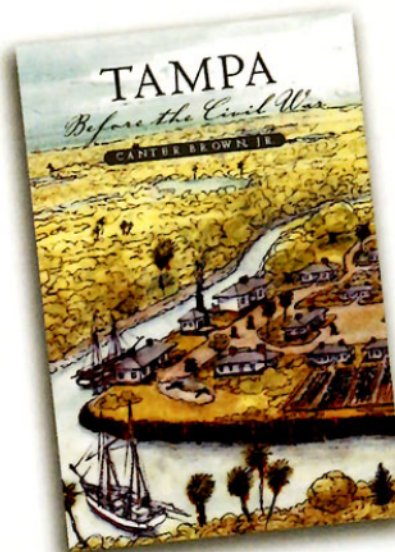


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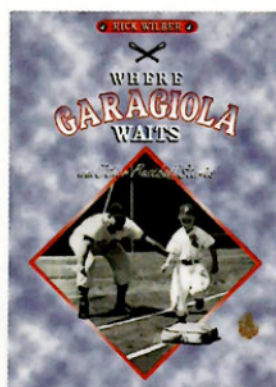
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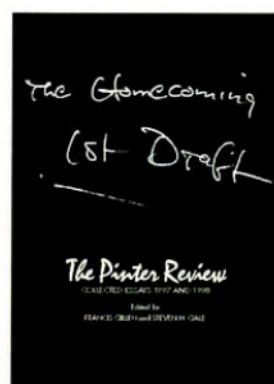
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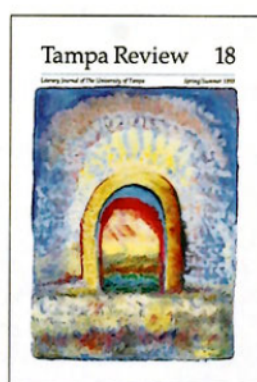
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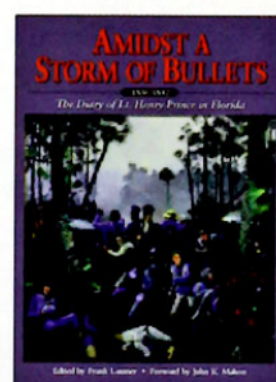
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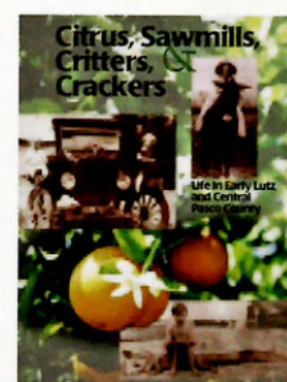
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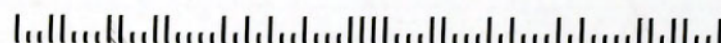


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