

The Minaret



Gateways reinvents itself for the class of 2002

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College is often referred to a classroom to the world, a place to broaden your horizons and to extend your borders.

In a world which is increasingly globalized and diverse in nature, college students find themselves faced with the challenge of preparing themselves for the future. Freshmen at The University of Tampa will find the transition from high school to college easier than most, thanks to the Gateways program. Gateways, now approaching its fifth year, and the linked learning community of "Global Issues and First Year Writing (English)," were developed to provide students with a support network to help them become fully orientated with university life.

Students are placed in their Gateways groups based upon a number of factors such as prospective major, professional and career interests, educational goals and Honors status. There are also specific sections of Gateways that are especially designed for the "undeclared" student entering college without a firm career or professional plan in mind.

All Gateways groups meet once a week to discuss issues in an informal setting. A Sophomore Mentor, a successful student from last year's freshman class, is also assigned to each Gateways group to assist the students in making the transition into UT life.

"Gateways is not about lecturing," said Jack King, director of the Baccalaureate Experience, who is responsible for the Gateways Program. "Gateways Faculty Advisers serve as student advocates, a friend that can help insure that their first semester is successful. We can be their contact or confidant in all matters associated with college life."

During the summer, Gateways students are introduced to the Baccalaureate Experience and to the various academic policies and regulations that govern the degree programs. Important lifestyle issues, health matters, study and exam tips, and other more personalized topics are covered as well.

The idea behind the program is to acclimate students to the university and to help them adjust to the rigors and distractions associated with life in college. Students participate in class discussion and simulations designed to introduce them to the various avenues for exploring their personal values, interests and goals.

In an attempt to continually improve the Gateways Program, many changes have been made for the Fall of 1998 that will make the program more intensive and hands on. The entire orientation was reworked so as to form an instant sense of unity and a bond for entering students with their Gateways class. The focus of orientation will be providing useful, pertinent information which students will be quickly putting to use. The book *War of the Worlds*

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Each semester, students participate in Global Village Simulation through their Global Issues classes. Each class represents a given country culturally, through costuming, foods and exhibits. Students create a "world market" and attempt to meet their country's needs through trade with other countries.

Performing artists keep you entertained

By SUSAN W. HUDMON
Editor-in-Chief

Last semester, the David Falk Theater was alive with banging and tapping, painting and cleaning, and people coming and going throughout the day. No, it wasn't some odd tap dance number, it was the renovation of the 1928 theater originally designed for Vaudeville.

Through the years, Falk has seen numerous movies, shows, musicals, dance recitals and orchestra concerts. Falk is also home to the Honors Convocation and several SP events. Recently, the theater seems to be in constant use.

According to most of those who attended classes or performed in the theater, the 60 year-old building was in dire need of repairs. The dressing rooms were dark and dirty, the backstage area desperately needed repainting and the basement flooded every time it rained. The plumbing leaked, and water fell into the bathroom on the third floor when someone on the fourth floor flushed. When university officials toured the building, they agreed that something must be done. Practically the next day facilities workers went about the job of restoring the theater.

paint and recarpet as much of the building as possible," said Michael Staczar, associate professor of speech and theater. "They hope within the next year to either fully restore or replace the stage lighting system."

Next year students will enter a theater with a freshly painted lobby and backstage area, dressing rooms that have been relit and recounted, and carpets which have been cleaned, and in some cases, replaced.

The performing arts major, which will encompass 30 students in the fall, is growing in reputation and ability. Until last year, the tradition had been one musical in the Fall and one play in the Spring. This past year, both a play, *The Boys Next Door*, and a musical, *The Boyfriend*, were performed



Raf Lee — The Minaret

Our Town, Spring 1998.



Kat Lee — The Minaret

The David Falk Theater was built in 1928.

during the Fall and the play *Our Town* was performed in the Spring.

Students and alumni have the opportunity to perform or do technical work on any or all of the productions. Students can receive a credit hour per production, and gain experience in many aspects of the theater. But most students

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Create your own college experience

COLUMN

By SUSAN WHEELER HUDMON
Editor-in-Chief

When I imagined college as a teenager, I saw all sorts of visions. When high school students imagine college life, many envision all-nighters dancing in their heads. Movies such as *Higher Learning*, *PCU* and even *Animal House* have created a picture of college that the American high-schooler readily believes. Whether it was the studying or partying that kept me up, college was my first chance to be on my own.

The lifestyle change was immediate. All of a sudden I discovered the people that run up and down the halls at 2 a.m. When my neighbor in Smiley and I had a craving for Chinese food at 3 a.m., it seemed perfectly normal to run to Kash n' Karry. Pizza Hut knew exactly what room it was when we called and what we wanted.

There was no one around to tell me what time to be in at night or tell me to "stay away from that boy with long hair and a pierced lip," so I went to his fraternity formal with him. Finally, there was no one banging on the door in the morning screaming that I was going to be late. The moment I had waited for all through high school had finally come: I was on my own. And you are on your own, too.

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

I've seen too many smart people get caught up in partying and the internet. A friend of mine stopped going to her classes because she was up all night talking to boys she met on the internet. The Japanese believe that everything is good in moderation. The problem with suddenly being thrust out of the nest is that you don't know what moderation is. After falling a couple of times, you hopefully figure it out, but others are not so lucky.

UT is not like a state school. Your professors

will know you and who your friends and roommates are. If you miss class you are likely to hear about it. You will never be just a number or just a face in the crowd. Some students don't like that their professors know their names, but I do. Would a class at a state college meet outside of school and head to dinner or a concert?

Most students love the closeness of the UT community. It offers opportunities that they can't get anywhere else. I, for instance, dance and choreograph in the dance program, act in theater productions, sing in student recitals. I'm a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the Theater Arts honors fraternity, and Sigma Tau Delta, the English and writing honor society. I am active in the Honors program and I love photography and writing. I have been published in *Respondez* and *The Quilt*, and this is my second year as editor of *The Minaret*.

Although I sometimes find myself feeling a bit overextended, I'm very grateful for the opportunities that UT has presented me. I would never have thought about joining the newspaper at another school, but here things are much more open. Student leaders are very friendly here, and are perfectly willing to take new students under their wing.

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

If you need any help or advice, or would like to get involved with the paper, please feel free to contact me either at the office (813) 253-3333 X 3335 or through my email addresses TheMinaret@aol.com or Pele017@aol.com.

Susan Wheeler Hudmon is entering her fourth and final year at The University of Tampa. She is a little trepidatious about leaving, but hopes she will have gathered the courage by May graduation. Susan was Editor-in-Chief last year and Opinion editor before that and is an English and writing major with a theater minor. She hopes to have a job when she gets out, but plans on going to grad school anyway.



KATHY'S KORNER

How to cut the apron strings without pain

COLUMN

This column was originally run in the Sept. 12, 1997 issue of *The Minaret*.

By KATHY PHILLIPS
Humor Columnist

Have you already acclimated yourself to the idea of this lovely, if slightly harrowing, thing called college? More importantly, have you mapped out how to get to Ybor? Well, good for you! Kudos. Please grunt hi to me when you stumble into the dorm at three in the morning, convinced that you can make it to your eight o'clock class.

I, too, am faring well, making all the adjustments, although I have yet to dip into the festering cesspool of sin that is Ybor City. Maybe during finals.

But no matter how well you or I are doing, the transition from high school to college is hard for others, namely parents. This is what you have to go through: cramming your existence into easily transported boxes and suitcases, saying goodbye to friends and loved ones, leaving behind everything that you've ever known- and that's only half the fun. After you get to the school, you have to find new radio stations, new stores, new friends- all sorts of things that you must unavoidably and tearfully abandon when you leave for the summer. Thus, the angst-ridden cycle keeps a' churnin'.

However, while you are busy with your new life, your parents, your family in general, are still stuck in their old one, only now they have to go through the motions without your glowing presence.

Example: Like I said, I'm doing just fine. Angst is my thing, baby! But my mother is really having a hard time with the whole thing. I'm the oldest child, the first monkey to break out of the zoo. Mom and I are pretty close, so not only is she losing a daughter, but she's also losing a friend, a confidante . . . a dishwasher. Indeed, she's losing a whole household maintenance crew.

She tries to keep herself busy, to ease the pain of my absence, by sewing. The day I moved into the residence hall, she bulldozed inside with Martha Stewart intensity, determined to make throw pillows, curtains, anything to create a homey atmosphere for me. She measured everything from the walls to the windows to my roommates.

"I'll make you girls some matching outfits," she chirped, wielding the tape measure like a whip. "It'll be cute."

Then she hefted a glue gun out of her

purse.

"What's that for?" I asked edgily, glancing towards my father, who was dozing in my squeaky desk chair, unable to tackle Mom if need be.

Her eyes watered, "I'm going to re-attach the umbilical cord so you can never leave me."

The fear that shot through my body, fizzling in my brain before shooting into my bowels, I can't even describe it. I could just see us, my mom and I, stuck together for all eternity, bouncing off each other's bellies like yo-yos. . . I shuddered.

She smiled menacingly and reached for me, "Honey!"

My eyes popped wide open and I gasped, stepping back. Good Lord! She's a raving lunatic! She's on crack! She's actually going to do it, she serio-

"You didn't think I was serious, did you?" She plunked the gun back into her purse and grabbed me. "Oh, Kitty," she whimpered her pet name for me, "I'mmonnamissu!"

I rolled my eyes at her melodramatics, but obligingly put my arms around her, "I'm gonna miss you too, Mom."

I caught sight of my brother out the corner of my eye. He was making stabbing motions into his chest and pointing at Mom. I stifled a giggle.

"At least you still have Kevin," I said. She pulled away and stared at him. Then, slowly, she smiled. "Yes . . ." Her smile grew, "yes, I do, don't I?" She patted her purse.

I could hear Kevin's bowels wail in terror. The sound woke my father up. I just laughed because that's why I love college. I am free! But don't forget that the people you had to leave behind are still shackled to their routines. Write them a letter, shoot some email their way- heck, you can even call 'em because they'll be so desperate to hear your voice that they might not even care if you called collect. (Operative word here being "might") Don't delay! It doesn't take much time or effort. Just don't call after those educational field trips to Ybor, okay?

Kathy Phillips, a graduate from Merritt Island High School in Merritt Island, Fla., will be entering her sophomore year this fall. Kathy successfully negotiated her first year of college and was named The Minaret's Columnist of the Year for the 1997-1998 school year for her unique, albeit warped, outlook on college life.

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Parents of new students

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

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

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

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

Orientation '98 officially begins on Wednesday, August 26, with an 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. check-in. During the next two days, you will have a chance to meet many people: faculty members who will assist your student to achieve their academic goals, staff members who will support them in this process, and the student leaders who will serve as mentors to your son or daughter.

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

We want you to attend Orientation '98, because we want to demonstrate our commitment to join with you, as partners, in order to help your son or daughter achieve their academic and career goals. We want to reassure you that you are leaving your student in good hands and that you know that we have their (and your) interests at heart. We want you to become acquainted with our services enough so that you feel comfortable and can continue to foster your student's independence. In this regard, you will be confident, instead of you working out any difficulty that your son or daughter may encounter, you will know enough to be able to suggest options that he or she will be able to take in order to resolve that issue.



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Bob Ruday, UT dean of students and the man behind the famous chocolate chip pancakes

Have something to say?

Letters to the editor must be typed and double spaced. Please submit letters to *The Minaret* office (Student Union, Room 4), Student Activities, UT Box 2757 or using our e-mail address "TheMinaret@aol.com" by 2 p.m. Monday to appear in the following Friday paper. Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number where the writer may be contacted regarding verification and editing. Names will be withheld if requested, but we cannot print an anonymously written letter. Editors may edit letters for libel and space considerations.



DISABILITY SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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Message from the president

Our wish is that you become involved as an active contributor and participant in The University of Tampa community. We welcome you as a partner in learning and we are committed to your intellectual and personal growth.

The *Guide to Orientation* that you received this summer and this special edition of *The Minaret* point out the many ways in which you can be involved on campus and thereby compliment your academic experiences. As an active member of our community, you will meet new people and acquire knowledge that will expand your view of the world and its issues.



I welcome you to our community and hope that you will join us in continuing to make UT a great university.

Ronald L. Vaughn,
Ph.D.
President

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don't do it for the credit. Most theater performers you ask will tell you they act not because they want to, but rather because they have to. Students, both actors and techs, typically put in 15 to 20 hours of rehearsal a week for a grade that amounts to a one credit hour.

The intention behind

Staccar's program is to prepare students for life in the theater, but often their paths take a different turn. Steven Midura, class of 1998, started his job as a lead singer and dancer for a Royal Caribbean ship the day after graduation. Jessica Comer, class of 1998, is interning with the Tampa Performing Arts

Center, but plans on a career as a country singer.

The theater honor fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, is designed for theater majors and minors, but many different backgrounds occur within the group. Some are writers, artists, singers, dancers and business majors. The thing they all have in common is the love of theater.

The members

of the theater department are typically not just in one club. They are some of the most recognized and involved students on campus. They are active in leadership roles, sororities, fraternities, publications, broadcasting, dance and athletics.

"I think theater is a wonderful way of unlocking the true self," said Staccar. "It makes you more genuine, more real. I think it makes you more human."

Next year, the department of speech, theater and dance will produce the play *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* and the musical *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. All students, faculty and alumni are invited to audition by simply setting up an audition time with Michael Staccar or one of his students at his table in Plant Hall during the first week of classes. Audition is by allotted time only, so be sure to sign up!

Learn more about the musical theater department and Alpha Psi Omega from Michael Staccar during *UT Unplugged*.



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Freshmen Maren Julian and Susie Natbony received awards last year as the most outstanding newcomers to the program.



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Each spring the Musical Theater students prepare a showcase for the public.



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Carmen King prepares to give a student her allergy shot. Many students take advantage of this service rather than finding an allergist in the Tampa area.

Health Center tackles more than students' ills

By SHARON SCHAEFER,
ARNP
Director of Health Center

dents needing referral or consultation.

Students are invited to come by and meet the staff at UT's Student Health and Counseling Center.

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

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

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

Doctors Saccar, Lee and Richards are available at the Health Center twice each week for stu-

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

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

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

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

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

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by Mark Slouka has been selected as the required summer reading this year. King has indicated that the university has been fortunate to engage Slouka to deliver the orientation keynote address.

Also new this year is the increase of the Gateways experience from one semester to a year-long experience. One hour of credit is given each semester. Gateways 100 is offered in the Fall and is designed to provide students with the tools and techniques they will need for a successful college experience.

Gateways 102 is offered in the Spring and will concentrate on the development and exploration of professional and career goals.

"Gateways is an intrusive student success program," said King. "Our mission is to assist each of our students in making a successful transition from high school and, more importantly, establish the foundations for career and long term educational goals that will enable them to be successful graduates."

Look for Michael Staccar in the PH lobby on September 4 and 8 to sign up for an audition time for 'Tis Pity She's a Whore or You're a Good Man Charlie Brown.

Student Productions keeps on entertaining UT

Student Productions Staff

In relief of their studies at UT, students laugh with comedians and hypnotists, dance and sing at DJ parties and live music performances, get away to amusement parks, theatrical performances, movies and museums, learn from famous and knowledgeable lecturers, and relieve stress with countless other on and off-campus events free of charge or at a low cost. These events, sponsored by Student Productions, give students necessary breaks from the rigors of their studies by giving them additional opportunities which they may not have otherwise. At many of these events, students are offered refreshments, prizes and opportunities to participate in the action. The events are open to all full-time undergraduate students, including both commuters and residents.

There is a student-run organization behind the planning and running of all these events, funded by the Student Government fee. Student Productions brings all of these events to UT's student body, with the goals of entertaining, involving and educating students.

Student Productions has been steadily improving in the quality of events it has brought to campus in recent years. "Get-Aways" that have been popular with the students are trips to such places as Busch Gardens, Disney World, Universal Studios and the Medieval Times dinner theater in Orlando. All of these trips were offered at a very low cost to students and transportation was provided. Students have laughed with comedians like

Gallagher, Carrot Top and Jimique, and comedienne Elvira and Rene Hicks. SP brought both entertaining and educational lectures from Jerry Springer, Joe Clark, ghost expert Peter Jordan, Charles Pellegrino - a consultant to the movie *Jurassic Park*, the authors of the book *The Hot Zone*, a serial killer expert, and a workshop on Creative Dating. Students have enjoyed a variety of game shows

reality and an organizational carnival. There have also been a variety of music-based events, including Caribbean Night, Latin Night, Alternative Night, video dance parties, off-campus concerts and musicals, bands, and UT's annual homecoming dance. Some of the special events SP sponsored this past year were a Valentine's Murder Mystery dinner and dance called "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me," and discounted Spring Break trips offered to students to places such as Cancun, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

This upcoming year, SP's goals are to increase attendance

a Tampa Bay Buccaneers football game, ice skating and several trips to the movies. Other planned events include concerts and musicals off-campus, a lecture on cloning, top-name comedians, dance

always open to new ideas, suggestions and involvement from UT students. Involvement in SP is a fun and rewarding experience. Members gain experience dealing with agents and entertainers, planning events, working with a budget and public relations. It is an excellent opportunity to develop social skills and make contacts both on campus and in the business world. If you are interested in becoming part of SP, or if you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us as our campus extension 3104. Our office is located on the second floor of the Student Union. We are looking forward to another fun and rewarding year bringing entertainment and education to the UT community. Remember, Student Productions is her for you.

Take advantage of the events and benefits we provide and contact us if we can better meet your needs.



Susan Wheeler Hudmon
— The Minaret



Courtesy of SP



Jennifer Wolfson — The Minaret

and involvement at events by bringing even more variety and a better quality of events to campus. Some events SP has planned for the upcoming semester are trips to Disney's Animal Kingdom, the Kennedy Space Center, a Tampa Bay Devil Rays baseball game and

parties, a game show called "Think Fast," South Park parties, and much more.

Student Productions is



Courtesy of SP

captions: (From Up Left- Clockwise)

(1) Mark Berkowitz's hypnotist show during orientation is typically the most attended entertainment event during orientation. New and returning students all make sure they get there early to get the best seats. (2) SP took a group of students to Disney's Magic Kingdom to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the park's opening. (3) SP events, like their pajama parties, include games that students can participate in for prizes. (4) Jerry Springer provided the biggest SP event for the 1997-98 school year. Students packed into Falk Theater to listen to the "King of Talk" speak about his experiences on the show and in politics. (5) X-Treme Air was the most adventurous (and loudest) event last year. Students were able to experience jumping out of an airplane without leaving campus.

University of Tampa Office of Judicial Affairs



FRESHMEN JUSTICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The University of Tampa Judicial and Traffic Boards have freshmen justice positions available for 1998 - 1999. The boards are responsible for resolving a variety of student-related judicial cases.

Applications will be available at *UT Unplugged* during orientation. Pick one up! It's a great way to get involved.

Freshman Elections!

Be an active part of
the class of 2002!

Pick up your election packet in the SG office, Student Activities Office or the Dean of Students Office by 5 p.m.,
Wednesday, September 2.
Speeches will be given by all candidates
on September 9.
Elections will be held on Wednesday,
September 16.

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

A complete list of student organizations

Athletic Teams

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

Academic and Professional Organizations

American Chemical Society
American Marketing Association
Angel Flight-Silver Wings
Army ROTC
Criminology Club

Greek Organizations

Alpha Chi Omega
Delta Gamma
Delta Sigma Pi
Delta Zeta
GAMMA
Interfraternity Council
Kappa Sigma
Order of Omega
Panhellenic Council
Phi Delta Theta
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Delta Tau
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Zeta Phi Beta

Honor Societies

Alpha Chi (Scholarship)
Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)
Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre Arts)
Beta Beta Beta (Biological)

Pi Mu Epsilon (Math)
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political)
Psi Chi (Psychology)
Sigma Beta Delta (Business)
Sigma Tau Delta (English)
Honor Society of Nursing
Honors Program

Interest Groups

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ROTC prides itself on being one of the most diverse and populated organizations on campus. ROTC students strive for excellence in academics and physical conditioning.

Perishing Rifles
Skull & Bones
Sociological Society
Student Accounting Society
Student Finance Association
Student Nurses Organization
Tomorrow's Lawyers Today
UT Computes

Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership)
Order of Omega (Greek)
Phi Alpha Theta (History)
Phi Theta Kappa (Alumni)
Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences)

Artoholics
Anonymous
BACCHUS
BiGLAS
Cadenza!
Chess Club
Christian Student Union
Christus Rex (Catholic)
Dance Expressions of the Nineties
Environmental Protection Coalition
Equestrian Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Hillel (Jewish)
Honors Council
International Student Organization (ISO)
Mountain Biking Club
Spartan Club
Spartan Commuters
Spartan In-Line Hockey Club
SPO (Politics)
TUCO
Vision Quest
UT Skateboard Club
UT Women's Organization

Media Groups

The Minaret (Newspaper)
Moroccan (Yearbook)
Quilt (Literary Journal)
Respondez (Honors Journal)
WUTV (Cable TV)



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Last semester, Phi Theta Kappa, utilized one of the most popular methods of fundraising, a raffle. The grand prize was a cruise for two to the Bahamas.



Photo Courtesy of Chris Bess

Do you like fast-paced action? High Technology? Wood, steel, camel backs, batwings, cobra rolls, boomerangs, vertical loops, immellmens, corkscrews, barrel rolls, water, darkness, and anything else that keeps your senses begging for more? Pay attention to your senses. Join T.U.C.O. (Tampa University Coaster Organization). For more info call Chris at (813) 258-8699.

WUTZ (Radio Station)

University Leadership

Community Development Team
Delo Hall Council
Diplomats
Judicial Board
Host Program
Howell Hall Council
McKay Hall Council
O-Team Leaders
PEACE Volunteer Center
Peer Organizational

Advisors (POAs)

Res Com/ West Hall Council
Resident Assistants
Residence Hall Association
Smiley Hall Council
Student Government
Student Productions
Traffic Board



Kasey Molina — The Moroccan

Last year's Respondz staff brought scholarly publications to a new level. All Honors students are encouraged to submit papers to the journal.

Note:

Sports teams are recognized as organizations to help build school spirit and a stronger sense of community.

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

By SUSAN W. HUDMON
Editor-in-Chief

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

Dance Expressions of the Nineties (DEN) would like to state that dance does not necessarily

mean ballet. That is an option, but along with ballet, choreographers have tapped into Caribbean, Latin, Irish step dancing, tap, modern, jazz, lyric, step, reggae, Indian, Martha Graham style and martial arts-inspired moves.

Dance at UT prides itself on its ability to bring people together and expose the masses to the cultures of different students.

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

DEN, formerly known as "The UT Dance Club" was founded on Septem-



Courtesy of J.M. Lennon

Dance at UT ranges from Latin to Jazz to Modern, as shown here. Tampa dancers pride themselves on being very versatile.

ber 1, 1993, by Susan Barnes. Since that time, they have become much more than "just a group of dancers," winning the 1997 Leadership Award for Outstanding Community Service for their efforts. DEN members volunteer at Elementary Schools, the Museum of Science and Industry (M.O.S.I.), Hudson Manner and perform dances for many community events. DEN sponsors dance classes every week after their meetings. DEN also helps to bring dancers and choreographers to the stage with Student Dance Happenings, which occur in both the Fall and Spring and the Annual Spring Dance Concert in Falk Theatre. Dancers often participate in Global Village Day in March. Participation in all of these events is possible by audition.

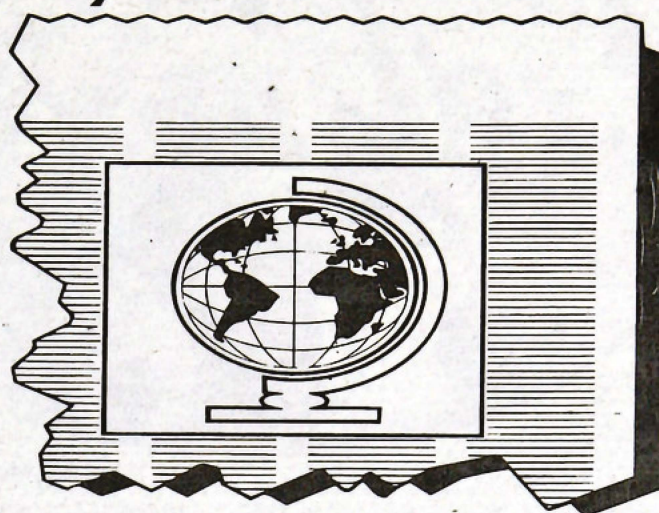
If you would like more information about Dance Expressions of the Nineties, visit the table at "UT Unplugged" to view a video of former performances, sign up for the interest meeting or just chat with the members. The DEN office can also be reached by phone at extension 3762.



Courtesy of J.M. Lennon

Pierfranco Issa danced a Caribbean piece in the Annual Spring Dance Concert held in Falk Theatre.

Let experience be your teacher!



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

The Minaret, a completely student-run newspaper, is distributed 22 weeks out of the academic year. With its finger on the pulse of UT, it brings students hard-hitting news, diverse opinions, dynamic features and in-depth sports coverage. As well, the photographers grab the action and bring it to life on our pages. *The Minaret* is UT — captured!

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

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

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

ATTENTION ALL NEW STUDENTS

If you have not received your copy of the notebook
Connecting with UT: A Guide to Orientation, please call your admissions counselor.

GET INVOLVED!

Join Student Activities for
"UT Unplugged"

Friday August 28, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Meet representatives from many of UT's student organizations.



Shannon Whitaker — *The Minaret*

Seniors celebrate impending graduation at *Platforms* in Ybor City, the central location of many clubs and unique shops and restaurants.



Tampa was no stranger to *Titanic* fever. The exhibition was so popular that it was held for a 6 month run.



Susan Wheeler Hudmon — *The Minaret*

The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, just across the river from UT, brings some of the most acclaimed Broadway shows to Tampa. Last year students attended *Rent*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Showboat*, *Chicago* and *Masterclass*. Student Productions bought seats at several shows and sold them to students at a discounted price.



Photo Courtesy of Tampa Performing Arts Center

Brad Little and Kimilee Bryant in *Phantom of the Opera*.



Roger Wenzlaff — *The Minaret*

Old Hyde Park Village, only a few minutes from campus, provides students with many shops and restaurants. The AMC Theaters are also located in Old Hyde Park.

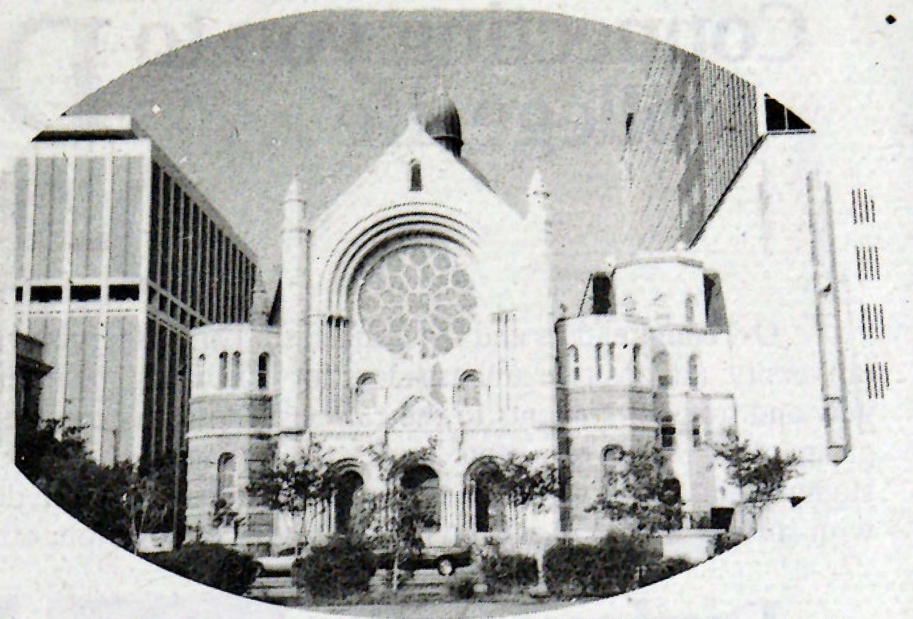


Photo Courtesy of Faye Dunaway as Maria



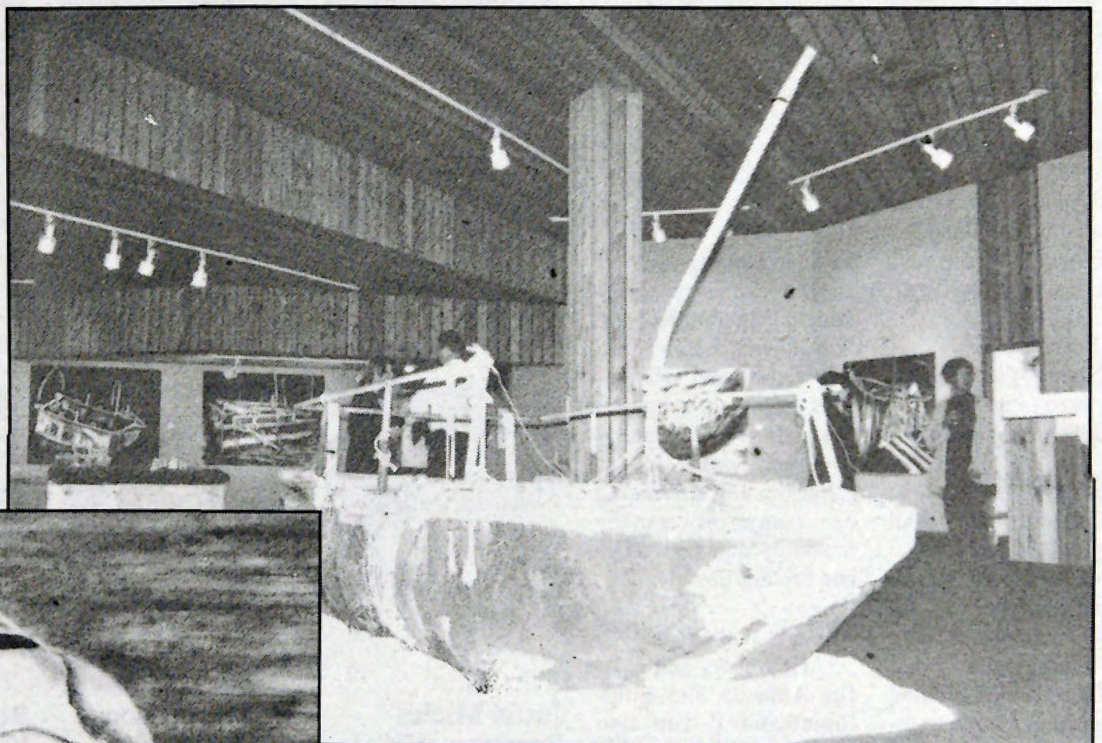
John A. Capozza — The Minaret

r. *Titanic the Exhibition* opened Novem-
museum in downtown St. Petersburg. The
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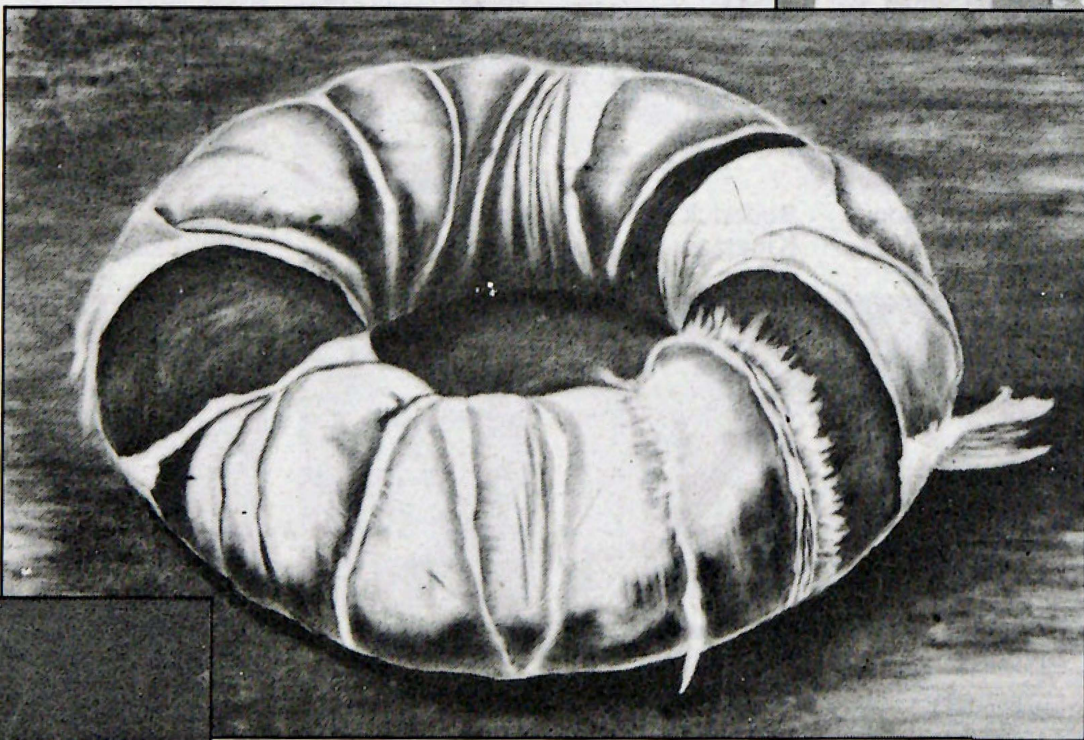
Susan Wheeler Hudmon — The Minaret

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in downtown Tampa is just one of the many beautiful pieces of architecture in Tampa. The Collegiate Chorale, under the direction of Dr. David Isele performs at Sacred Heart twice a year. Sacred Heart, like most of downtown, is within easy walking distance.



Susan Wheeler Hudmon — The Minaret

The Lee Scarfone Gallery, located across from the book-store, hosts many interesting exhibits by students and non-students. An exhibit on Cuban Refugee Rafts by Orlando artist Jackie Otto-Miller attracted a great deal of attention. Gallery openings, exhibits and talks are free.

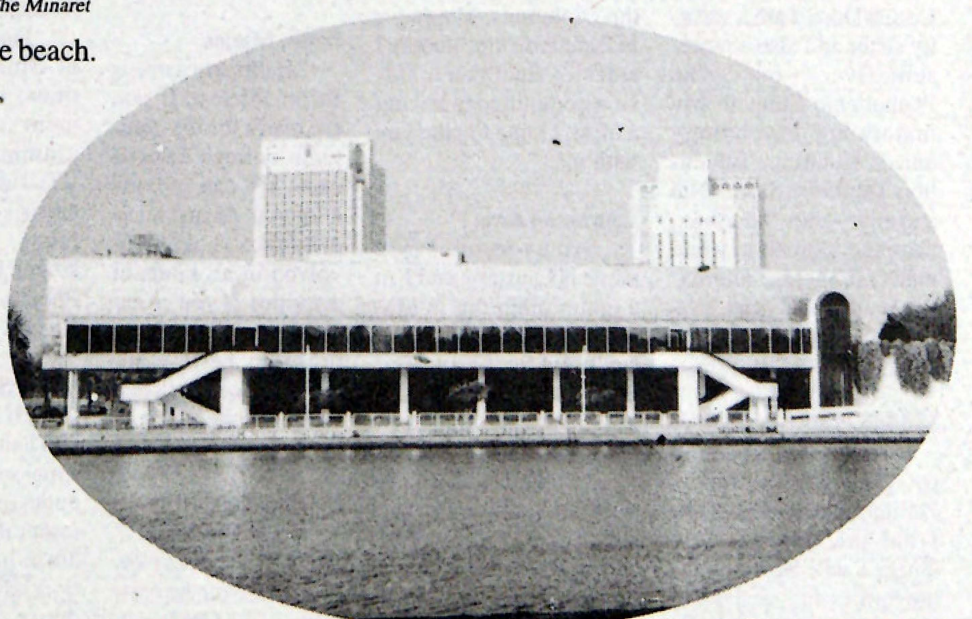


Susan Wheeler Hudmon — The Minaret

Otto-Miller was inspired by this raft that she discovered on the beach. The raft was the centerpiece at the exhibit.



of Tampa Performing Arts Center
Callus in *Masterclass*.



Susan Wheeler Hudmon — The Minaret

The Tampa Museum of Art is within walking distance of the university and offers many student specials and unique exhibits.

Connecting you to college life ... Diplomats & O-Team leaders

O-Team Leaders and Diplomats, students supervised and trained by the Student Activities Office to be representatives of the university, are positive ambassadors for UT during the orientation period. These students assist with welcoming and acclimating new and transfer students to the campus. A team consisting of two O-Team Leaders and Diplomats is responsible for taking a group of 20-30 new students "under their wing." The O-Team Leaders and Diplomats will attend Orientation sessions with new students and act as a general resource and referral person during Orientation. In addition, O-Team Leaders and Diplomats assist with student/family check-in, registration, Convocation, off-campus trips and staffing the information table in Plant Hall Lobby.

Diplomats

Brian A. Adams

Hello, my name is Brian and I'll be a senior at UT in the fall. I'm a Marine Bio major who loves to have fun. I enjoy mountain biking, writing, and hanging out with my friends. I can't wait to meet all of you in August, so have a great summer and get ready to have some fun.

Yira Bermudez

Hi, my name is Yira. I'm a senior majoring in Chemistry. I'm eager to meet you during orientation or around the residence halls because I am also a resident assistant.

Lori Burchell

Hey my name is Lori and I am a senior Bio major with a minor in Chemistry. I love to play tennis and do artwork. I also love it at UT and I can't wait to meet all of you.

Krista Canary

I'm a senior at UT. I am a Biology and Chemistry tutor. I enjoy running and golfing. I hope to attend medical school in Arizona next year.

Jessica Deauseault

This was my first year at UT. I am involved with a sorority, the Host program, and D.E.N. I love to dance and have danced in three performances this year. My major is Elementary Education and my minor is Dance.

Lisana Dore

Hi, my name is Lisana Dore. I am a sorority sister and also a representative on the Panhellenic Council. My majors are Psychology and Elementary Education. I am from Salem, NH and enjoy snow boarding, camping, canoeing (white water), dancing, alternative music and just having fun. I can't wait to meet you.

Delilah Flores

Hello and welcome to UT. My name is Delilah Flores and I am from the Bronx, New York. I will be a sophomore this fall and I am majoring in Pre-Medicine. I am a member of Vision Quest, a multi-cultural awareness organization, and Skull and Bones, a pre-professional science organization. I will see you around campus.

tural awareness organization, and Skull and Bones, a pre-professional science organization. I will see you around campus.

Tracy Hill

Hi, my nickname is "Smiley," because I smile a lot. My favorite things are singing, writing, dancing, reading and acting. I am a people person, so approach me with any questions you have. I love God, my fiancée, shoes and hair. Buy extra copies of my CD when I blow up!

R. Sean Hoover

Hi, I'm a senior, resident manager of the boat-house, and a third year transfer student who enjoys going to a smaller university. I also enjoy skydiving, scuba diving, roller blading and racing cars. I am an officer in my fraternity and I love life and having fun.

Amanda Jaxheimer

Hey, guys and gals! I'm Amanda. I'm a diplomat at UT. I'm also president of my sorority, a soon to be a resident assistant for the fall and the current Host Program coordinator. I'm also the Student Government secretary. I love to be crazy and I hope you all will wanna be crazy too.

Shareef Khatib

Hello, I'm Shareef and this will be my third year as a diplomat. In the world of UT, I'm involved in a fraternity, the Mountain Biking Club, and I am vice president of the Diplomats. My major is Biochemistry, and as I enter my final year at UT, I am committed to having a blast. I hope to take you with me.

Laurinna Lewis

Hi everyone! My name is Laurinna and I'm a junior majoring in Marine Science-Biology. I can't wait for Orientation! See you all there!

Jenna Marotta

Hi! This will be my third year as a diplomat. I'm also a resident assistant in Res Com and will be serving as senior senator in Student Government. I look forward to meeting all of you at orientation.



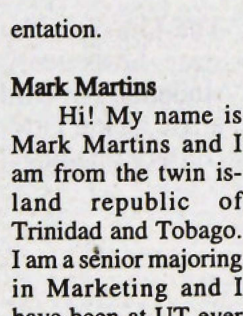
Yira Bermudez
Puerto Rico



R. Sean Hoover
New Orleans, La.



Justin Miele
Brooklyn, NY



Mark Martins
Hi! My name is Mark Martins and I am from the twin island republic of Trinidad and Tobago. I am a senior majoring in Marketing and I have been at UT ever since my freshman year. I look forward to welcoming you all to our dynamic community.

Justin Miele

Hello, my name is Justin Miele. If you are ready for the complete college experience, UT can provide it for you. As an undergraduate, I was involved in all kinds of activities. If you're excited, you'll have no problem getting involved. Good luck and I hope to meet you in the fall!

Kristen Nelson

I am a Marine Biology major from New York. I am on the crew team, in the Greek system, and a member of Vision Quest. Welcome to UT!



Lori Burchell
Marchfield, Mass.



Amanda Jaxheimer
Philadelphia, Penn.



Kristen Nelson
Mt. Vernon, NY



Samantha Swann
Brandon, Fla.

come to UT!

Roderick Patten

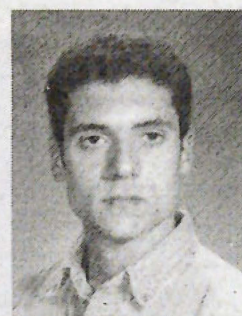
I am the president of Student Productions, the entertainment student programming board at UT. I enjoy bringing smiles to people's faces. My favorite singer is Tracy Hill. Please buy her CD. Keep it real!!

Laura Saunders

Hi! I'm Laura and I am a junior with a major in Marine Science-Biology and a minor in Chemistry. I am a peer organization advisor for Student Activities, a member of the Greek system, and I am on the crew team. See you during orientation!



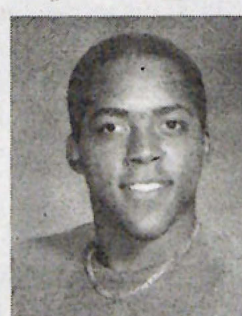
Krista Canary
Mt. Morris, NY



Shareef Khatib
London, England



Roderick Patten
Kingston, Jamaica



Fritz Tanis
West Orange, NJ

the crew team. See you during orientation!

Thomas Sidik

I am a third year diplomat and a business management major. I love to play all sports.

Oriana Souers

As a sophomore at UT, I am an active participant on varsity cross country, student government representative, and now a diplomat. I enjoy running, soccer, traveling, and many other outdoor activities.

Samantha Swann

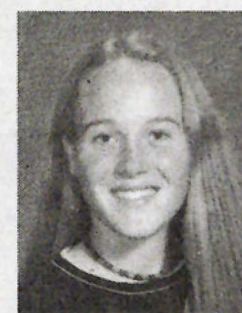
Hi! I'm Sam, a senior studying com-



Jessica Deauseault
Chicopee, Mass.



Laurinna Lewis
State Hill, NY



Laura Saunders
From "all over"



Erik Tomlin
Ft. Walton Beach

munication and writing. I am looking forward to meeting you all during orientation and hope that you grow to love UT as much as I do!

Fritz Tanis

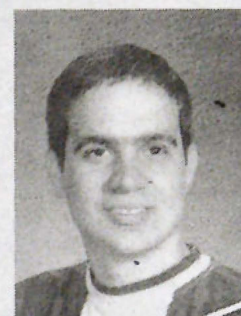
I've been a diplomat for three years, photographer for *The Moroccan* and I've been in the Howell Hall Council. I'm also on the homecoming committee and play flag football. But my favorite on-campus activity is meeting new people. I can't wait to meet you!

Erik Tomlin

Hi, I'm Erik! I'll be a third year student here at UT. I'm from Fort Walton Beach, Florida



Tracy Hill
Atlanta, Ga.



Mark Martins
Trinidad & Tobago



Oriana Souers
Milwaukee, WI



Laura Wainscott
Tampa, Fla.

and a Musical Theatre and Business double major.

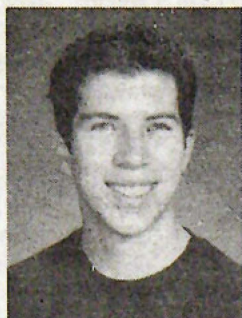
Adam Van Slyke

My name is Adam and I'm a junior. I am a second year diplomat and the vice president for UT's Skateboarding Club. I am a strict vegetarian who enjoys music, skateboarding and writing. I can't wait to see you during orientation.

Some Orientation Team Leaders . . .



Brandon Baker
Bolivar, MO



Jordan Baszner
Sarasota, Fla.



Mariah Bieber
Sarasota, Fla.



Joy C. Brown
Tampa, Fla.



Kevin Buckley
Norton, Mass.



Racquel Codling
Spanish Town,
Jamaica



Stephen Dillon
Lutz, Fla.

Katen Amin

Hi, my name is Katen. I was born in England and moved to the U.S. in 1992. I graduated from UT in May 1997 and am working on my MBA. While an undergraduate, I was a founding father of my fraternity, SG president, and on the soccer team. I enjoy sports, socializing and generally love having a good time.



Christy Eich
Valrico, Fla.



Iggy Hernandez
West Palm Beach,
Fla.



Erin Kenner
Tampa, Fla.



Jennifer Limeri
Sanibel Island, Fla.



Jackie Love
Tampa, Fla.



Bethany Marlow
Port Charlotte, Fla.

Brandon Baker

Welcome to UT! I am involved in a fraternity, the Host Program, and I'm a tutor. I enjoy outdoor activities, hanging out, and trying new and challenging things. Look forward to meeting you!

Jordan Baszner

When I came to UT, I immediately got involved with many organizations so I could meet tons of people and have fun. I'm a member of a fraternity and Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honor society. Tampa has really helped me prosper and it has great places for entertainment.

Mariah Bieber

My name is Mariah Bieber. In the fall of 1998, I will be a sophomore majoring in Communication. I am the assistant manager of WUTV, the campus television station. I love dancing, staying healthy and anything humorous.

Joy C. Brown

I transferred to UT as a Junior in 1997. I am a member of the Spartan Commuter Organization, a proud brother in Delta Sigma Pi, the Business fraternity, and president of the Honors Council. I enjoy sewing, cake decorating and raising exotic birds.

Kevin Buckley

I am going to be a sophomore at UT this fall.

During my freshman year I have been involved in G.A.M.M.A. and a fraternity. This fall I will be a sophomore senator in SG.

Carly Cathcart

I am the public relations officer for Tomorrow's Lawyers Today. I like to surf and am in love with the ocean. I consider myself an outgoing person who loves to have fun.

Racquel Codling

I was born and raised in Spanish Town, Jamaica, but I live in New Oxford, Penn. I am majoring in Marketing. I volunteer with PEACE and I was a resident assistant for one year.

Stephen Dillon

I am a lifelong resident of the Tampa Bay area. I am president of the Spartan Commuter Organization and a fraternity brother. I am a member of the Criminology Club and the Equestrian Club. I work in the McNiff Fitness Center and my hobbies include paintball and intramurals.

Christy Eich

I will be a senior graduating in May. I am a tutor at the Academic Center for Ex-



Susie Natbony
Brandon, Fla.



Farah Refai
Latham, NY



Adam Reynolds
Bowie, MD



Fiona Rivere
Virgin Islands



Vanessa Schwartz
Morris Plains, NJ

cellence (A.C.E.) on campus and I am at the master level for mathematics. I direct an adventure summer camp for the YMCA, and I love the outdoors. I play basketball for UT.

Curtis Hall

I am a native of Pennsylvania. I am a sophomore and co-coordinator of the McNiff Fitness Center and a resident assistant. I am also a member of Vision Quest, which is a multicultural organization on campus.

Shannon Hamilton

Hello everyone. I am a super senior here at U.T. and I am studying to be an opera singer. I also play flute and tenor sax in the music ensembles here at school. I am in a sorority and also work at the McNiff Fitness Center.

Iggy Hernandez

Welcome to UT,

home of the Spartans. I'm Iggy Hernandez, a junior Communication major with a second major in music. I am also your SG vice-president and an active brother of a fraternity. If you have any questions about the university or life in Tampa, please don't hesitate to approach me. I look forward to meeting you.

Tonya Howe

Hi! I am a senior who has interest in both Psychology and Law, and am actively involved in the campus community. Some unique facts about myself are that I play the clarinet, I am a vegetarian who doesn't eat vegetables, and I'm great at making a short story, long.

Shauna Jones

I am a sophomore and a Maryland native. I am currently treasurer of a sorority, vice president of the Spartan Commuter Organization, member of SP and a member of Vision Quest. I enjoy going to the movies and the beach.

Erin Kenner

I am from Tampa and live off-campus. I am in a sorority and plan to be on the crew team. I have played the guitar for three years. My major is Elementary Education. I love to go to the beach and hanging out with my friends.

Jennifer L. Limeri



Christina Sloan
Puerto Rico

My name is Jennifer Limeri, I am a senior majoring in Marketing. I am originally from Staten Island, New York but I am now a Florida resident. I am currently a member of the American Marketing Association, a brother of Delta Sigma Pi, the business fraternity, and a tutor for ACE. My hobbies include playing tennis, rollerblading, running, baking cookies, and of course shopping!

Jackie Love

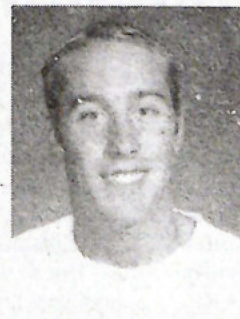
Hello my name is Jackie. I am a senior majoring in Elementary Education and Early Childhood. I am very outgoing and love meeting new people. Looking forward to meeting you in the fall.)

Bethany Marlow

I was very involved during my first year here at UT as an Elementary Education major. I am on the novice women's crew team and am also a sorority sister. Other activities of mine include: GAMMA, Panhellenic, intramural coordinator for my residence hall council,



Paul Trusik
St. Louis, MS



Bill Whitty
Bethesda, MD

and the Host program. I am a certified peer educator for UT and will work as a peer organization advisor in Student Activities. I enjoy swimming, playing softball, hanging out with friends, and I talk a lot.

Natalie Masciotra

I am a sophomore, and this is my second year as an O-Team Leader. I am secretary of the Student Finance Association and I am going to be a resident assistant in the fall. Hope to have lots of fun with all of you!

Susie Natbony

Hi! This will be my second year here at UT. I am a Musical Theater and Business major. I am a sorority sister and a member of Alpha Psi Omega. In



Nikki Ward
Key Largo, Fla.



Michelle Whitty
Bethesda, MD

addition, I am in UT's music groups, the Chorale and the Travellers, OPUS ONE, and am always involved in some way with the musicals and dramas on campus. I am a friendly person, so feel free to "burden" me with all your questions. I look forward to meeting you.

For more
on
Orientation
Team
leaders-
See
O-Team
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Need help? Just look for the red shirts.

Letter to incoming students

To all incoming students;

On behalf of the students and faculty at The University of Tampa, I would like to be the first to welcome you. My name is Dan Cuneo and I have the extreme honor of representing you as your president for the academic year of 1998-99. I hope you are well rested from this past summer. Your first year in college will be an exciting one for all of you. The University of Tampa and the surrounding Tampa Bay Area is a dynamic area in which you can grow and learn, in and outside of the classroom. The limits of these experiences will be set by you. The University of Tampa offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations that you can join, ranging from honor societies and Greek life, to athletics.

I embarked on my journey as a UT undergraduate in the fall of 1995. I came here from St. Louis, MO, and probably just like you, I had numerous questions and

fears of being away from home for my first time. Although it may not seem like this puts your fears and questions to rest, I believe that becoming involved in student activities and assisting the professional staff in the admissions office helped smooth my transition from familiar surroundings and faces to new and exciting places to explore. My greatest source of strength, both academically and socially, came from my loving family back home and my fraternity family at The University of Tampa.

As you arrive on campus for the start of the academic year, keep all the memories and experiences you have already obtained and be prepared to create new and exciting ones. You are beginning the most important chapter in your life. You will experience good and bad times, but remember, your family and friends are behind you all the way. If at any time during your collegiate career



Dan Cuneo
SG President 1998-99

here you find yourself in times of need, I will always be available to you. Remember, what you put into something is what you will get out of it. You are attending what I consider the number one school in the United States. The students here are the cream of the crop! I am very confident that all of you will succeed. Best of luck to all of you and see you in a few months!

Sincerely,
Dan Cuneo
SG President

Family Weekend October 2-3, 1998

Holiday Inn

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Special Rate of \$69

Group Code, UTA

Reserve rooms by September 2

Aramark fills students' needs

By ARAMARK

The campus of The University of Tampa has always been a favorite location for camps and conferences. This summer promises to be no exception for ARAMARK, UT's food service provider. Visiting campus this summer will be Coach Schmidt's Men's Basketball Camp, Coach Mosca's Women's Basketball Camps, Coach Catanach's Women's Volleyball Camps, the College Tennis Academy, the S.E.C. Officials

Camp, Universal Cheerleading Camps and of course the Tampa Bay Buccaneer's pre-season training camp.

Registration begins soon after the "Bucs" leave and the new school year arrives with a "Mighty Hi Ho Silver." Anticipating a full campus and tight scheduling, the Food Service has adjusted it's operating hours to better serve the campus community. Starting this fall, the Student Union Cafeteria will be opened from 7:15 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The

weekend hours will be Brunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Dinner from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Last Summer the Cafe' underwent a major renovation and increased its seating capacity to just under 500 people. This summer some new concepts, recipes and menu items are being tested to roll out in the fall.

The ARAMARK office is located in the lobby of the Student Union Building. Come by to see us.

O-Team, from page 11

Melanie Paulus

Hey ya'll! I am a sophomore at UT. I have participated in crew, McKay Hall Council, Residence Hall Association, P.E.A.C.E. Volunteer Center and now I am an O-Team Leader! I love what I do and I love UT! See ya in the fall.

Farah Refai

Hey, my name is Farah (pronounced Fur-ah). I am a senior hoping to do research documentaries for *National Geographic*. My activities include Residence Hall Council, *The Minaret*, *The Moroccan*, the community development team and the Honors Council. I love writing poetry and taking long walks, and I can't wait to welcome you to UT!

Adam Reynolds

Welcome to all new and transfer students. I am a senior at UT. I am a member of a fraternity, a good church boy, and an avid joke teller. I love to talk, and I am an avid pro-wrestling fan. If you have any questions about UT or Tampa, E-Mail me at mccoynhuh@aol.com.

Fiona Riviera

I am a junior at UT, a member of the Student Productions music committee, Vision Quest, D.E.N. and all intramural sports. I love painting and drawing and am very cultural. I can't wait to meet you.

Raini Rogoff

My name is Raini, I am going to be a junior and a Psychology major. This is my second year helping with orientation and I am looking forward to tons of fun.

Andy Satterlee

I am active as the Residence Hall Association president, student coordinator for Intramurals, and as a fraternity brother. I remember my orientation and how much fun I had, so that is why I return as an O-Team Leader each year. Don't be afraid to branch out and meet new people and do new things!

Dino Scanio

Let me introduce myself as Dino M. Scanio, a 1996 honors graduate of Chamberlain High School in Tampa. I am a new o-team leader and head coordinator of orientation for the commuter students. Please feel free to contact me at my mailbox-836. I look forward to hearing from any new students enroll-

ing at UT who may need help or have any questions.

Vanessa Schwartz

Hi everyone! My name is Vanessa and I am a senior. Along with my studies in psychology, I'm a very active member in my sorority. I'm originally from New Jersey and don't miss the weather at all (I hate snow). Can't wait to meet all of you!

Todd Sipiala

I am a fraternity member, on the UT Golf Team, and I enjoy all sports. I am a biology major.

Christina Sloan

I am a 19 year old junior who transferred to UT from Puerto Rico. I'm a bio/pre-med major who loves dancing, going to the movies, and hanging out with my friends.

Thandiwe Tenn

Hi, I'm Thandiwe and I am a sophomore. I'm originally from Jamaica but I lived in Long Beach, California for seven years. I just moved to Florida last summer. I am on *The Moroccan*, and I am a member of the Christian Student Union. I enjoy photography and rollerblading. I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Paul Trusik

I am currently a sophomore at UT. I row on the varsity crew team, edit for *Respondez*, the Honors Program publication, and I am a peer organization advisor for Student Activities. I enjoy swimming, rollerblading and music. I plan to accomplish even more this next school year!

Nikki Ward

I am a member of a sorority, a member of Phi Theta Sigma Honor Society, the Honors Program, Panhellenic Council and the Host Program. I enjoy water skiing, going on road trips, and swimming.

Bill Whitty

Hi! My name is Bill, and I am a junior. I am a fraternity brother, the Host Program Coordinator, and a member of the UT swim team for three years. I love all sports, but my favorite is football. The Washington Redskins are my favorite team and I watch them whenever they are on TV. I look forward to seeing you in the fall and have a good summer.

Where do you go to study?

Students at The University of Tampa have found answers to the age-old question of where is the best place to read and think...

The Rathskeller

Plant Park
Pool
Commuter Lounge
Barnes and Nobel
Library
Plant Hall Lobby
McDonald's
Res Com Clubhouse

ResLife offers helpful tips to students arriving on campus

By The Residence Life Staff

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

Handy Items

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

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

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

Please leave the following items at home

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

*FIREARMS

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

*Fireworks

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

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

*Lofts of any kind

Other helpful information

All residence halls have front desks where students can check out equipment with proper ID. Equipment includes vacuums, board games, and sporting/rec

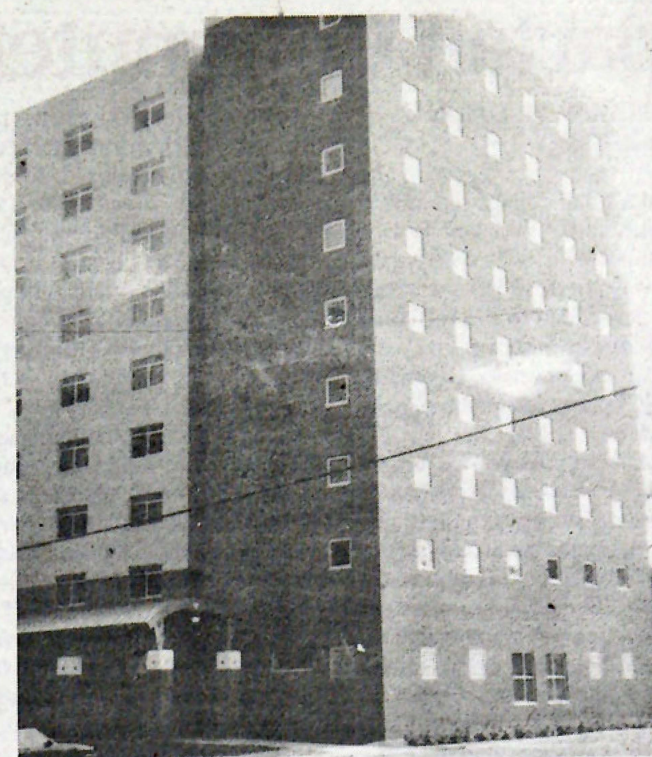
equipment.

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

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

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

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



Susan W. Hudmon — The Minaret

The New Hall was, by far, the most popular for students signing up for Fall housing. The non-smoking hall will house 384 new and continuing students.

UT Post Office tips

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

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

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

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

Residence Hall Activities Keep You Involved!

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

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

As you can see, the possibilities are endless! Residence Life student staff strive to ensure that all residents know each other and are somehow involved in residence hall programs and activities. The Community Development Team, another group of student staff, will also be providing programs dealing with campus safety, alcohol and drug awareness, and relationship issues, so look for those activities throughout the year!

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

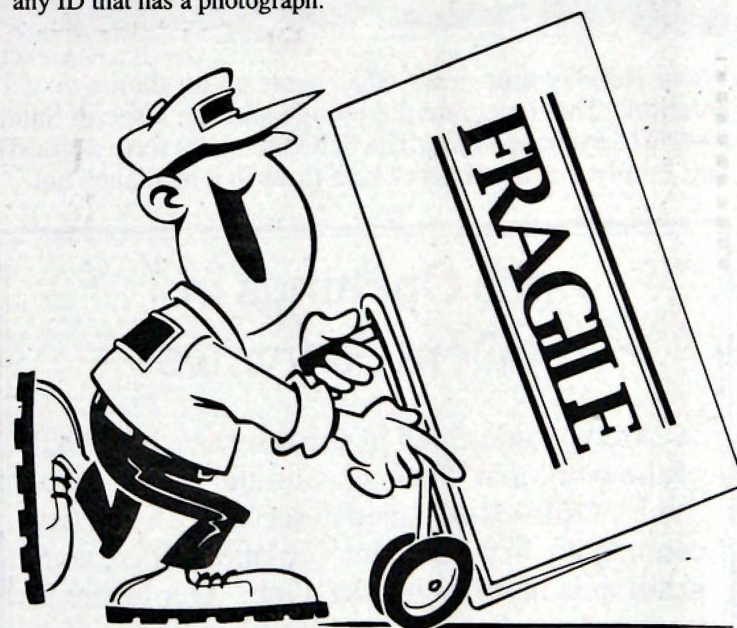
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Spartan Commuters form their own community

By SUSAN W. HUDMON
Editor-in-Chief

At a small college like UT, it is important for everyone to feel like they have a niche where they can always fit in. In 1996, another niche was added to the UT community. In November of that year, the Spartan Commuter Organization (SCO) was founded by President Melony Dillon.

It may surprise you that nearly one-half of the student population at UT is made up of commuter students. Last year the SCO was one of the largest organizations on campus. They participated in Homecoming and many volunteer activities. For nearly every holiday the commuter lounge, located on the second floor of the student union, was well decorated.

The commuter lounge nearly always hosts students who are eating, watching television, studying and sleeping. There is a large room that is split into two sections by dividers with a television in each.

There is a small kitchen area equipped with a refrigerator/freezer, a coffeemaker, a toaster oven, a microwave and a sink. Two small private rooms are set off of the main for students who need quiet. One small room is equipped with blankets and pillows and, of course, alarm clocks. The other is a study room where quiet is the only policy.

The Spartan Commuters generally have two separate meeting times so that most members are able to make one or the other. Next year's president, Stephen Dillon, younger brother of Melony Dillon, has his work cut out for him. The Spartan Commuters have already scheduled dozens of events on the activities calendar, ranging from campus recreation trips to parties.

Any commuter student is encouraged to join the SCO, regardless of age. The Spartan Commuters have formed a community within a community. They have found their niche.



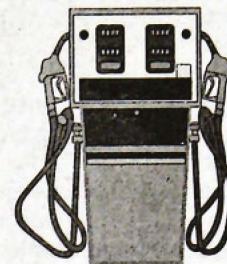
Photo Courtesy of SCO

When Holiday time nears, SCO gears up for their own celebration. They decorate the lounge and use a secret Santa system to exchange gifts. The SCO members form a closely knit family that often acts like a floor in a residence hall.

SCO Fall Schedule of Planned Events

September 1998

- 8 - 11 - Free Gas Raffle
- 11 - Movie Trip
- 15 - 16 - Bake Sale
- 18 - Bowling Trip
- 21 - 22 - Movie Days in the Lounge
- 23 - How to Study for Exams
- 25 - Movie Trip
- 28 - 30 - Parents' Candy / Flower Sale



October 1998

- 7 - 8 - Movie Days in the Lounge
- 14 - Lunch with University President Ronald Vaughn
- 19 - 25 - Homecoming Festivities
- 20 - 23 - Float Decoration Afternoons
- 26 - 30 - Crashed Car in observance of National Alcohol Awareness Week
- 27 - Zero Tolerance Speaker
- 30 - Trick or Treating with children
- 30 - Halloween Party

November 1998

- 1 - 30 - AIDS Awareness month observed
- 3 - 4 - Bake Sale
- 9 - Laser Tag with SP
- 10 - SURfing the Net for Career INFORMATION
- 13 - 14 - Fall Leadership Retreat
- 16 - 24 - Thanksgiving Food and Clothing Drive
- 17 - 18 Movie Days in the Lounge
- 22 - Skating Party



December 1998

- 1 - 3 - Holiday Card Sale
- 2 - Holiday Decorating in Lounge
- 4 - Co-Curricular workshop
- 7 - Toy Wrap
- 8 - 9 - Movie Days in the Lounge
- 11 - Secret Santa Gift Exchange
- 11 - Annual Holiday Luncheon

Job Openings in Student Activities

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

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

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

•Plant Hall Greeters: greeters are responsible

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

•P.E.A.C.E. Volunteer Center (People Exploring Active Community Experiences): the staff assists students in identifying volunteer opportunities in the Tampa Bay community and on campus.

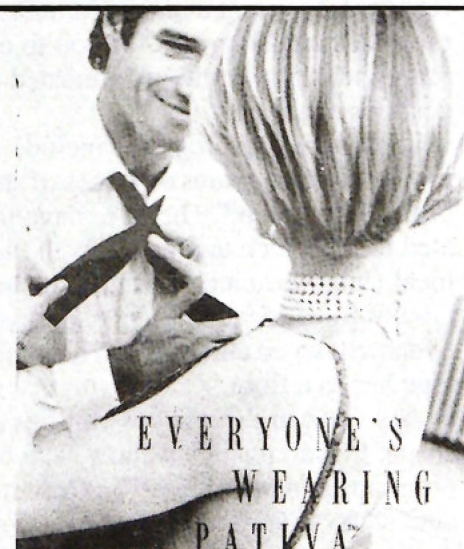
To find out more about these positions contact the financial aid office or attend the SAO Hiring Hall on Monday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m., in the Commuter Lounge.

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Greeks represent tradition with family, service and fun

By PAM BRACKEN
Student Activities

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

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

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

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

service and concern for others.

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

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

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

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

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



Chris Doyle — The Minaret

UT Greek life makes team spirit one of their highest priorities. Sororities and fraternities go all out to support the teams, especially during Homecoming week. In these pictures, they display their team spirit during the Homecoming soccer game and the Spirit Walk.



Shannon Whitaker — The Minaret

UT fraternities are:
Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Phi,
Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Sigma

UT sororities are:
Delta Gamma, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Chi
Omega, Delta Zeta and Zeta Phi Beta

SORORITY RUSH PARTIES

Tuesday, September 1 - Sunday, September 5, 1995

Tuesday, September

BARBECUE

The Barbecue is an opportunity for the new students to meet their Rush Counselors (also referred to as Rho Chi's) and to become acquainted with the other rushees in their rush groups. The University of Tampa's Panhellenic Council will host the event from 4:30-6:30 PM. Chapter members will be present at display tables and each sorority will be available to meet the rushees.

Thursday, September 3

JERSEY PARTY

Rushees will meet with their Rho Chi at 8:30 PM. Jersey Party is the first party where Rushees meet with each individual chapter. The Rushees will be introduced to chapter members and learn about the Greek system. Rushees are encouraged to ask any questions to the chapter members or their Rho Chi's.

Friday, September 5

SKIT PARTY

Rushees will meet their Rho Chi's at 6 PM. Skit party is a party in which each chapter will perform a skit for each rush group. There will also be time to meet more of the chapter members and ask specific questions you have about each chapter.

Saturday, September 6

PREFERENCE PARTY

Rushees will meet with their Rho Chi's at 4:30 p.m. Preference Party is the last party that Rushees will attend. It is at this time that the Rushees ask the chapter any final questions they may have. The Rushees at Preference Party usually are familiar with each chapter and should be comfortable with the members of each sorority they plan on attending.

Sunday, September 7

BID EXTENSION

Rushees will meet with their Rho Chi's at 10 AM. Every Rushee who has been extended a bid will meet the chapter with which they will be affiliated. Rho Chi's will also reveal the chapter to which they belong. The chapters usually plan a fun activity for the day.

If you have a class conflict with any of the parties listed above, see one of your assigned Rho Chi's.

FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT EVENTS

Tuesday, September 8 - Sunday, September 13, 1998

Tuesday, September 8

IFC FORMAL SMOKER

The IFC Formal Smoker is an opportunity for the new students to meet their Recruitment Counselor (also referred to as Rho Gam) and to become acquainted with the other men interested in the Greek community. Only ten members from each fraternity will be attending this "Smoker." Smoker: A social gathering where Recruits will have a chance to interact with members of each campus fraternity.

Wednesday, September 9

IFC INDIVIDUAL SMOKERS

IFC and Rho Gam's will explain the upcoming week and answer any questions of the Recruits. The IFC Smoker is the event where Recruits meet with each individual chapter. The Recruits will be introduced to chapter members and learn about the Greek system. Recruits are encouraged to ask any questions to the chapter members or their Rho Gam's.

Thursday, September 10

CHAPTER EVENTS ON-CAMPUS

Friday, September 11

CHAPTER EVENTS OFF-CAMPUS

Saturday, September 12

CHAPTER EVENT OFF-CAMPUS & BID EXTENSION

Sunday, September 13

BID ACCEPTANCE

More information about sorority rush & fraternity recruitment has been mailed to all new students this summer, and additional information will be available during New Student Orientation.

Questions?

Contact the Student Activities Office at 813-253-6233

As the Fall semester approaches the Greek system at UT is preparing for the 1998 Fall rush, traditionally the largest rush of the year. A great deal of planning has gone into the events for next semester. The traditional barbecue and smokers will be held and all of the Greek organizations on campus will be participating.

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

The Greek system on campus relies heavily on the Fall rush events to boost their membership. The Fall rush will take place during orientation and the first weeks of the semester. Please consult the Sorority Rush letter and the Greek Life insert located in your Connecting with UT notebook. And if it appeals to you, or if you're just curious, send in the blue registration form inside. See you in the fall!

Spartan athletics rank among the nation's best

By GIL SWALLS
Sport Information

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

In the past school year, five Spartan teams made NCAA tournament appearances with four finishing in the top 10.

The Spartans won four Sunshine State Conference championships in 1997-98.

In the fall, Tampa's women's volleyball team and men's soccer team open competition during the first weekend of school and are expected to compete for national honors. Last year, the volleyball team posted its best winning percentage in school history with a 31-2 record and was ranked No. 1

in the final regular season AVCA poll, advancing to the NCAA South Region championship game while the soccer team finished ranked No. 6 including a trip to the national tournament. Both teams were conference champions.

Melissa Serio was named first-team All-America while Hilary Epling and Danielle Faggion were second-team All-Americans. Henrik Nebrelius and Anders Paulsson led the soccer team as first-team All-Americans while, Nebrelius led the Sunshine State Conference in scoring and became the school's all-time scoring leader. Tampa placed several student athletes on the all-conference and all-region teams in both sports.

Look for our brand new women's soccer team to join the fall sports lineup in '98.

The winter season brings basketball and swimming for both men's and women's teams. Our

swim teams placed 5th and 17th respectively at the NCAA's while our men's basketball team won the SSC regular season championship. Overall, the men were 16-11 while the women's team finished 12-15.

The baseball team took its No. 2 national ranking into the Elite Eight at Montgomery, Ala. in late May after winning the South Region Tournament.

Mike Valdes was named South Region Pitcher-of-the-Year while Miguel Menendez was MVP of the regional tournament. Several other Spartans were named all-region and all-conference.

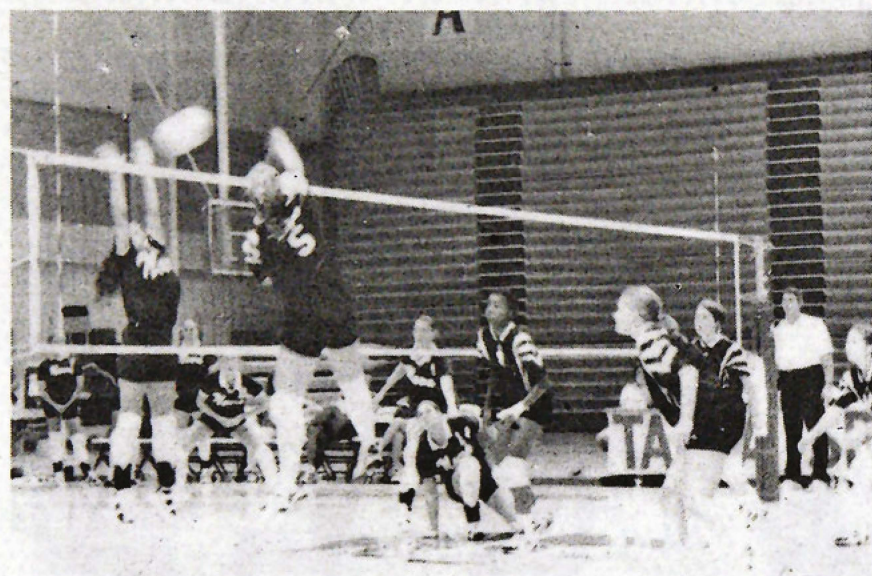
Baseball highlights the spring, but Tampa also competes in women's crew, softball, men's golf and women's tennis. Additionally, men's and women's cross country are fall sports. UT also sponsors a variety cheerleading/dance program.

Most Spartan teams are comprised of locally and nationally recruited student-athletes, but campus tryouts are offered in each sport at the beginning of the school



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Henrik Nebrelius now holds the school scoring record. Soccer spectators always enjoy an exciting season thanks to the Spartans.



Raf Lee — The Minaret

Women's Volleyball continues to be one of the most popular sports at UT. Last year the women had their best record ever. They hope to go all the way this season.

was resurfaced this summer. The lighted Sam Bailey Field features a breathtaking view of Tampa's skyline during Spartan baseball games while the UT softball field is also fully lit for night games. There is a competitive swimming pool, tennis and handball courts all available to the campus population. A nationally recognized crew training facility sits at the edge of campus on the banks of the Hillsborough River.

The Office of Campus Recreation and Intramurals serves the entire University community, providing a variety of recreational activities. All students, faculty and staff may participate in organized intramural events, sports clubs, outdoor recreation, fitness activities and leisure recreation. The office is administered through the Department of Athletics located in the Martinez Sports Center.

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

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

Athletic facilities at the University are among the best in the nation for a school of its size. A 3,500-seat arena, the Bob Martinez Sports Center, was completed in 1984 and houses the men's and women's basketball teams and women's volleyball team. Pepin/Rood Stadium, site of the 1992 and '94 NCAA II Soccer Final Four, includes a covered grandstand that seats 4,000 and a jogging track that

UT Women hit the soccer field in '98

By JULIE K. TREMMEL
1997-98 Sports Editor

UT Athletic Director, Hindman Wall, has announced that women's soccer will be added to the University of Tampa's intercollegiate athletic program in the fall of 1998.

The addition of women's soccer is part of a continuing effort to improve the Spartans' athletic program and achieve compliance with gender equity and Title IX issues. This move is made possible by an anonymous gift of \$50,000 directed to UT women's athletics which will fund start-up costs.

"The addition of women's soccer has been in the planning stages for a few years and is part of an ongoing effort to build a stronger women's program," Wall said. "Thanks to this generous donation, it's now a reality."

The action was recently approved by UT President Ronald Vaughn. Former University of Tampa national player-of-the-year George Fotopoulos was named coach of the school's new soccer team in January. In April, the team signed its first two players, University High's midfielder Melaine Moody of Orlando and Stacy Estes of Arlington Texas. The team is ex-

pected to add 25 female student-athletes to the UT roll.

This action comes during a 1990s campaign which included the construction of a new women's softball field in '92, the addition of lights to that field in '96, a major boost in scholarship funds for softball in '97 and the designation of women's crew as an NCAA sport in '96. Existing women's sports have received scholarship increases in the past two years.

Women's volleyball has been among the school's top banner carriers nationally, as the Spartans were NCAA II national runners-up last year and ranked No. 1 for five weeks in the national poll this season, currently boasting a 16-1 record and No. 3 ranking.

Women's basketball has enjoyed winning seasons for five of the last six years, including a national ranking and NCAA bid in '94.

Women's swimming consistently places in the NCAA's and was 17th last year.

The University of Tampa's athletic program ranked 17th in last year's Sears Directors Cup NCAA II race, a national standing based upon all NCAA tournament finishes.

Go places with the staff of *The Minaret*!



Jennifer Wolfson — The Minaret

Last year's editorial staff flew to Chicago for the 76th National College Media Convention. This year's convention will take the editors to Kansas City, MO. The conventions encompass many unique workshops, but the staff always finds time for a little sight-seeing. Pictured above in front of the Navy Pier and the Chicago Children's Museum are: (back row) Susan Wheeler Hudmon (Editor-in-Chief), Rosie Vergara (Assistant Editor 1997-98), (front row) Justin Catalano (Business Manager 1997), Nikki Teigen (Photo Editor 1997), and Terry Lacy (Production Supervisor). Susan Hudmon will be the 1998-99 Editor-in-Chief for *The Minaret*. Terry Lacy will remain Production Assistant for *The Minaret*, but will also take the position of Editor for the 1999 *Quilt*.

Look for us in the Plant Hall Lobby during *UT Unplugged*. Our first interest meeting will be in our office, on the second floor of the Student Union, on Wednesday, September 2 at 5 p.m.