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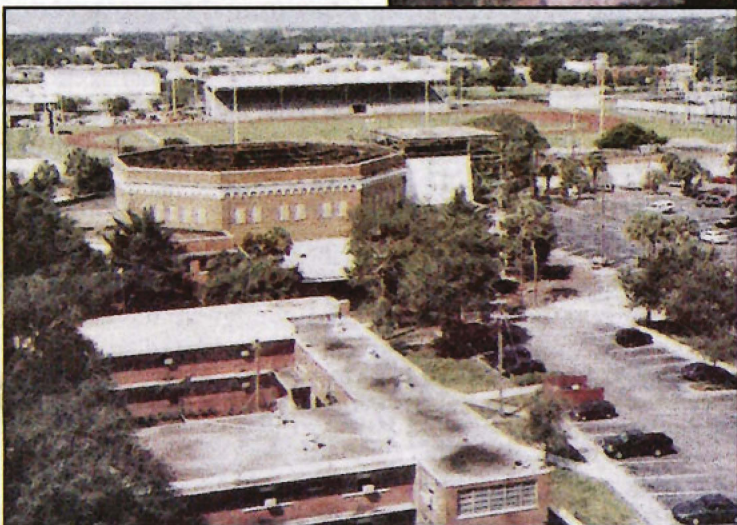
UT knocks down buildings and prejudices

By TIFFANY WHILES
Assistant Editor

Campus construction fever has struck UT. March 25 was the official groundbreaking for more than 240,000 square feet of new campus construction that is expected to be completed in time for the fall 2000 semester. Most immediately noticeable is the large fences that have been installed around the entire campus blocking of street ways and parking lots. The project includes a new resi-



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Overhead view of McKay auditorium.

dence hall, the new dance studio, the new bookstore facilities, the updated Rathskeller and the future John Sykes College of Business building, in the old McKay Auditorium.

Some portions of the project have been completed already, such as the new dance studio and the bookstore. The Rathskeller is to be completed in time for the fall semester.

Shown above is the destruction of McKay Auditorium to make way for the John Sykes College of Business

The second new residence hall will house approximately 460 students when it is completed in next summer. The L-shaped facility will be 9 stories and 143,000 square-feet. It plans on providing students with the latest in college residence hall technology, though no specifics were given other than that the building will be wired with fiber-optic cable for fire, security, internet and other uses. Each stu-

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Site of the drowning of John Kostek

By JOHN BERGLOWE
Former News Editor

At 9:05 Wednesday morning the body of John J. Kostek, a student at UT, was found floating on the Hillsborough River. Kostek had been reported missing to security by his friend James J. Ward, a former UT student, at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday. Ward stated that both he and Kostek had been diving in the Hillsborough River and Kostek had failed to surface. Campus security contacted the Tampa Police Department, and TPD divers were on the scene around 5 a.m.

Ward stated that he and Kostek, "had been partying and decided to go swimming." He further indicated that Kostek and himself had been consuming "black russians" before trying to recruit other students, including Kostek's roommate, to join them at the river.

Students who saw both Kostek and Ward before they headed to the Hillsborough described Kostek as, incredibly intoxicated," and "unable to complete his sentences." Officials are not confirming the involvement of alcohol in this incident until definitive tests can be done.

Kostek reportedly invited Ward onto the campus. Ward who had left UT on Sept. 10 of this year, had been arrested on Sept. 4 for alleged drug possession.

Tuesday morning it was both men's goal to swim to the center of the river, then dive down to touch the bottom. The river at its center is an estimated 20 to 30 feet deep. Kostek, an experienced diver, was wearing a bathing suit, scuba mask, and snorkel and diver's fins. Both men dove under

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Gary Luter, advisor of the Spartan Gay Alliance organization, helps to promote diversity outside Plant Hall.

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Our Editor-in-Chief says goodbye

FAREWELL EDITORIAL

I must admit I've been mentally writing my farewell editorial for at least a year now. I've thought about where I've been, where I'm going and who has helped me make those decisions. There is so much to say and so many people to mention. It's hard to know where to start. And now that I sit down at the computer to put this into words, I have trouble knowing what I want to say.



I remember the first time I saw UT, from the back lawn of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center while at a drama convention. For some reason, I knew this is where I should go, and applied to two colleges, UT and USF, because I didn't think I could afford UT. When word of my scholarship came, I knew I was making the right decision. For some reason, things just seemed to be working out. I would go to UT, study hard, and move on to graduate school.

Like my college career, being editor of *The Minaret* has been a series of highs and lows. A job as pressure oriented as this brings amazing triumphs, both professional, such as the color issues we were able to produce, and personal, meeting a *Titanic* survivor and covering the opening of the exhibit in St. Pete. Although there were great parts to running the paper, there was also the time it took out of my life, which sometimes felt like too much of a sacrifice. Most editors have only held the position for one year, and now I see why. It's been rough. When I began my first year, I was thinking of a career in journalism. Now, there are times when I'm just glad that it's over. I don't plan on continuing in the newspaper business, and sometimes I wish that I could change that. I've burned the candle at both ends, and now, I'm looking forward to a life out of the light. I know those that I'm leaving behind will take good care of *The Minaret*. Tiffany Whiles, Josef Lawler and the rest of the gang will continue to put out a weekly paper that will enlighten you, educate you and, at times, upset you. That's their job and they will do it well. In theater we always say you should leave a performance space in better condition than you found it. Hopefully, I'm doing that.

At UT I have had opportunities that I never could have had at larger universities. I have been able to be involved in organizations which spanned my interests from academic to the arts. Through my involvement with sponsors and club members I have developed a great network of friends and supporters. I have been able to dance, choreograph, sing, act, produce a newspaper, and still manage to stay in the honors program and keep all of my scholarships. At most universities, a student would have to choose one thing they loved and fully commit to that alone. UT offers the chance to love many things, and to truly develop as a well-rounded individual. I would like to thank my friends, boyfriend, family and professors, as well as my APO brothers and sisters for helping me through my melodramatic and complicated college career.

I have learned a lot at UT, both in and out of class. I have had the privilege of working closely with talented and interesting teachers. Professors Schenck, Solomon, Birnbaum, Gillen, Hollist, Van Spankeren, Ocshorn and Lohman have helped me learn about literature and myself and helped me produce award-winning research papers. But I think the classes that taught me the most and really helped me diversify were the psychology classes taught by Jeff Klepher, the Irish history course taught by Connie Rynder, and the acting courses taught by Michael Staczar. The smallness and closeness of the University of Tampa gave me the confidence to try new things, to grow in ways I didn't know I could and to tackle subjects that scared me.

I leave *The Minaret* and UT with trepidation. I came to UT because of it's smallness, but now I look forward to a little bit of anonymity. It's a big change, stepping into the real world. And yes, I mean the real world, not the MTV show. Contrary to popular rumor, I am not going to be on *The Real World*. It's now less than three weeks until graduation, and yes, I'm a little scared. I'm sure most of the graduating class would admit to that and those that won't admit it are in denial. Or maybe they do know exactly where they're going. For me, it's not that simple. I have to trust in myself, those who love me and God to push me go in the right direction. I read somewhere that everything in life guides you down the correct path, that everything happens for a reason. I try to believe it's that simple. I try to keep Stephen Sondheim's advice from *Sunday in the Park with George* in my mind:

"Move on. Stop worrying where you're going, move on. If you can know where you're going, you've gone . . . Look at what you want, not at where you are, not at what you'll be."

This is my farewell editorial and this is the last issue of *The Minaret* I will be involved in producing. This paper has been a big part of my life for three years. It's a little frightening to not know where I will end up, but it's exciting too. UT has been a great nest, but I'm strong enough to leave now. I'm strong enough to fly.

Susan Wheeler Hudmon
Editor-in-Chief
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Susan W. Hudmon

Our student body isn't quite representative of the nation

EDITORIAL

"Don't think I'm a racist or anything. I'm politically correct. I have friends who are black (or white). I just don't trust them. I feel uncomfortable around them. Individually they're all right."

Okay, we've all heard people say something like this at some point. Racism is still a nasty epidemic in our school, our country and around the world. It's been around for a long time, and three decades of awareness probably isn't enough time to completely eradicate the problem. We are at a point right now, though, when it is becoming more and more of a problem. Why? Because most of us have buried our heads in the ostrich's sand pit and are ignoring this even as an issue.

A well-dressed, middle-aged black man, and a casually dressed, young white female are standing on a street corner. Let's just say, for the sake of argument, you had to let one of them hold your wallet. Based on no outside knowledge, which one would you let hold your wallet? Even trusting people will probably go toward the white female first. Why? It's not necessarily racism, at least not on the surface, it's something ingrained in us, something that is a part of who we are, as cultures and races. At heart most people aren't racist, white people aren't a mugging away from donning a white point, but there is an underlying fear in many people.

We have been inundated with a commercialized vision of a harmonious world where we all live in multi-ethnic bliss. Somehow, children of different colors playing in a sunny field has become a call to purchase. However sickly manipulated this marketing tool is, most of us would say we want a world like that and buy the product. Well, here in the U.S., here in Florida and especially here at UT, we've bought the hype.

We are pleased with ourselves that we go to such an internationally diverse school apparently. So pleased in fact, that we ignore the fact that most of our student leaders are white, and not too interested in raising diversity on campus. We are more strictly segregated than if we had security patrolling water fountains and bathrooms. While we are advertising a diverse campus, students are not living up to this standard.

The very fact that we are a private college lends itself to segregation. A glance at the cars around campus will tell you that we draw largely from the upper class, the mostly white upper class. Sure, there are supposed to be programs, equal opportunity and such, to prevent most things, but look around you, we're mostly a homogenized pale mass. Public universities are not much better, but with lower tuition, and the fact that there are 20 times as many students, there are bound to be a few more minorities in the crowd.

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Greek, non-Greek, we're all UT Students

COLUMN

This is my last column of the year. I had thought, along with many of my friends and teachers, that this would be my last column ever for *The Minaret* because, up until a few weeks ago, I was going to transfer to Rutgers. However, I have changed my mind and will be coming back to UT in the fall and hopefully



By
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staying until my senior year.

Some of the reasons that I was going to transfer have been brought up in several letters-to-the-editor about how "This school sucks," as Robert Khans stated in his letter that appeared in the April 16th edition of *The Minaret*. I applaud all those who have brought up their concerns through the newspaper, which should be used as a voice of the students. These reactions also show that students are reading the paper and are concerned about their university.

What I do not applaud is the severity of some of the letters where the writers bluntly bash the school and other students. I do tend to agree with Ariel Gunn and Khans when they say that students on this campus don't care. I find that the concern of most students, Greek or non-Greek, is who's going to Ybor tonight and where they're going to get their alcohol hook-ups for the week. These are the kinds of people that are pulling the school down. I'm not saying that I don't have these concerns, but they don't come before my schoolwork. The fact that I was attending a university with such a large percentage of these kinds of students unsettled me and made me want to find a school where I wasn't surrounded by drunkards. However, what I have learned is that I don't have to deal with these "students." As I move up into more and more advanced classes, these students will not be following me. They will not be standing with me at graduation, either. I actually looked up statistics and about the University of Tampa and found that only about 40% of the original freshman class will graduate from UT. At first I thought this was because so many people transfer out, but I now understand that UT-life naturally weeds out those who aren't meant to be college graduates. Ybor may be the best thing that

has happened academically to this school.

Another concern that has filled the pages of *The Minaret* has been the battle between Greeks and non-Greeks, and even though this was not a factor in my choice of a school next year, I am concerned about the level to which the conflict has escalated. Even though I agree with some of Loretta Webb's points in her column last week about Greek life, I thought that she took the argument too far when she said that "Greeks are worthless." I also understand the negative reaction she has received, but I think that when the Phi Deltis write a poster quoting her to put on Plant Hall verandah and when she receives threatening phone calls and messages, that end of the argument has gone too far. What we need to understand is that we all came into this school as non-Greek. We all decided to go one way or the other, but we are all UT students. Let me repeat that: We are all UT students. When put like that, the whole argument seems petty. Many of us go to Ybor and get drunk. But many of us also take leadership positions throughout the school. Yes, there are many Greeks in high position of UT organizations, but there are also many non-Greeks in those same positions. I'm non-Greek and have been offered applications for many leadership opportunities in the past semester including applications for positions such as an RA, CDT member and OTeam leader. However, since at the time I thought I was going to be at another school, I threw most of those applications in the trash. Still, I have found other opportunities to be active on this campus in this semester and the next such as through *The Minaret*, Student Government, and Hall Council. And I did it all as a non-Greek. I hold office as a non-Greek, I have many friends as a non-Greek, and I have a social life as a non-Greek. Those who tell you that you're nothing unless you're Greek on this campus are wrong.

I hope that this paltry battle will end, especially since it is the end of the year, and we don't need it next year. We can not be one university if we are split because of our social alliances. We sit next to each other in class, serve with each other on executive boards and party with each other in Ybor. We are all UT students, Greek or not, and we all need to work together on making UT a better school and keeping the students we already have right where they are.

The possibility of child infliction

COLUMN

My father said the most horrifying thing to me this weekend. At about 8 in the morning, I was stum-



By
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bling around the house half-asleep because he woke me up by saying, "What are you going to do when you graduate and get a job? You'll have to get up early every morning—even earlier when you have to take care of the kids before you go to work." He then said workplaces issue children to their employees because they want to make sure they keep the employees in poverty so that they can never quit their jobs. If employees want to have children on their own, they have to give the firstborn to the company, to make up for the lost labor (no pun intended) during pregnancy.

First of all, it was disturbing to see this clear example of how my weird parents have made me into the crackhead that I am today. But even more disturbing was the idea that I am going to graduate.

This is the end of my sophomore year. Well, technically I'm a junior by credits, a fifth-grader by looks and a pre-schooler by heart, but this is the end of my 14th year in school. Even if I prolong my book learning by going to grad school, the assumption is, I will leave the school system sooner or later and wade into the bigger pond of the real world.

Soon, I'll have a job, a husband, and 2.5 kids, (probably not in that order). Blah! This plan is unacceptable to me, mainly because I do not feel prepared for it. By now, I feel like a professional student and

I do not want to begin the slow and terrible decline into suburban living. Who needs a job? I can live in a dumpster! Who needs a husband? I have <naughty comment censored for our sensitive readers>. Who needs kids? I have my Tamagotchis and my Chia Pet.

That kind of lifestyle would eat me alive, and dammit, I plan to make an entirely unsatisfying meal. You know the one house in the neighborhood that doesn't quite fit in? The one that is a tacky color or is hideously decorated That will be me. I'll dress weird and continue to color my hair and I'll train my children to perturb and confuse their peers. It'll be great!

But I still have a few years to plan my suburban ambush. I'll still be here next year, writing for the paper. And hopefully, more people will send letters to the editor

about me. I love the fact that every time someone wrote in to the newspaper about me this year, they mentioned a column I wrote in my freshman year about how I dislike to shave my legs. I would have preferred they talk about

my taut buttocks or my luscious bosom, but talking about hairy legs is better than not talking about my body at all.

For those of you who didn't get to read the column in question, here is a summary: I talked about how, when I was a spy in the Cold War, I lost my pants on a high-speed chase through the ghettos of Moscow. My partner died while trying to break into a store to get me a new pair. To keep warm, I had to grow a luscious coat of leg hair, and as a memorial to my partner, I no longer shave my legs.

It's the truth, I swear it.

My story of hardship, ingenuity and honor failed to impress some people, but that's okay. It's not like any of this matters anyway, right? Suburbia awaits. Have a happy summer, kids. It could be your last.

The Minaret would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer. May the Force be with you.

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More Letters to the Editor



More students sound off on Greeks and campus life in general

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Loretta Webb's column in last week's *Minaret*. First, I would like to express a personal thank you to Ms. Webb for exercising her voice. More students should follow this student's lead and realize that on a campus as quiet as ours, even the slightest amount of noise will be impossible to ignore. My concern with Ms. Webb's column involves the way in which she phrased and framed her argument. I understand her frustration over GAMMA's lack of participation in BACCHUS' fall semester events. I spoke to GAMMA president Tezmon Williams regarding the issue, who told me that GAMMA has been notified much too late for their members to help with the events; this miscommunication between BACCHUS and GAMMA was the most probable explanation for this unfortunate circumstance.

However, Williams reminded me that Greeks *did* help during BACCHUS' Safe Spring Break campaign. Unfortu-

nately the hours that the sisters of Delta Zeta devoted to serving mocktails as part of this event were not mentioned in Ms. Webb's column. Even more unfortunately, by the end of the column, Ms. Webb strayed from an initially constructive (although not comprehensive) argument, resorting to name calling and stereotyping. I will be the first to admit that there are members of the Greek system who sometimes fail to represent themselves, their Greek affiliation, and their school in a positive manner. But I refuse to lose sight of the fact that there are just as many non-Greeks who also fail to bring honor to themselves and their school. Please remember that to adamantly assign one set of characteristics to any population of people is unfair. All Greeks are not worthless, just as all non-Greeks are not worthless. This year's group of Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities was composed of 14 Greeks and 14 non-Greeks. When I attend Dean's List receptions, I find myself surrounded by a mix of Greeks and non-Greeks celebrating their consistent academic success.

Our pool of campus leaders also represents the strongest students from UT's Greek and non-Greek populations. Ms. Webb asserts that our university is "crumbling" at the "feet" of Greeks. Having been a student at the university for three years longer than this columnist, I cite a different reason for this demise. I think the true problem with our student body is a lack of motivation towards a common goal. If we could stop pitting ourselves against each other and instead begin joining together, we could bolster the involvement of all students and the overall reputation of our university.

To Loretta and all those potential voices out there, keep talking. But please, make your voices heard in a professional manner or you may find it hard to gain journalistic as well as personal credibility. Think and research before you write or speak. And remember to seek multiple perspectives and truths to avoid stereotyping.

Sincerely,
Samantha Swann

A sister in the bond of Alpha Chi Omega

Dear Editor:

Panhellenic Council, the governing body of the sororities on campus would like to respond to the column written by Loretta Webb, printed in the April 16th issue of *The Minaret*. We feel that you are certainly entitled to your opinion, although it is possible that you are either misinformed or uneducated about all the facets of Greek life.

Social sororities and fraternities were founded upon philanthropies and we pride ourselves on our community service and the money that we donate to our purposes. It is a shame that you feel such a negative attitude towards the Greek community on campus, however the Greek members on this campus are proud of who they are and what they do. Whether you are Greek or not, all members of the campus contribute in a diverse and multitude of ways, whether academically, recreationally or socially.

The Panhellenic Council

Letter: Some ways to improve the school

Dear Editor,

I read the letters in the paper each week and wonder where are these people hiding? I have spent a term here with little or no contact with this seemingly caring and informed group of people. Someone once told me if you sit in the front you hear what the speaker wants you to hear, if you sit in the back you hear everything. I sit in the back.

I would have run for student government, maybe, if there had been more information about it. Who is manning that office? Nobody usually. I have been by to volunteer, to get information or to just see who does what and I never find it open or staffed. There are no signs posted with hours, not that are in plain sight. Of course, I may be missing something. Did you send out invitations to be posted in the halls, on each floor? Did you have flyers out in plain view for students to pick up that give the plans, and schedule of the SG? When do you even meet? Is it a secret given only to those who know the handshake?

And yes, the maturity level here is very low. I hear the students come in between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. Many of them are falling down drunk, literally. How many injuries are currently on campus from getting drunk and injuring oneself?

I know of two and I would bet there are more. Over the weekend I had a man, not quite my age but close, get on the elevator with me. After looking me over, and I am not too great to look at, he asked if I wanted to go to breakfast? At 1 PM. Yuck! This guy wouldn't have been good enough to marry his cousin. What were you thinking by bringing him here? What were you thinking about talking to him at all?

Unfortunately sororities and frats are cliques. For all their talk of service and aid, they are never more than glorified cliques. The good news is that the students who are in them will one day be affiliated with them for networking and service. The bad news is, it usually doesn't happen on campus. It didn't 25 years ago and it won't next week or next year. That is what the honor societies and groups like BACCHUS are for; to take up the slack and keep the college from being entirely at the hands and reputations of the "fun" crowds.

Trust me, this is a great school. It has amenities you will not get at many other colleges. It has small student to teacher ratios. It has a wonderful adviser system (even Dr. Lombardi can be helpful at times). The teachers here are better than good, they are outstanding and most are recognized as such in their own fields. They are also friendly and willing to spend time with you. You always get them, to teach to advise, to help, not some assistant, intern or student helper. You can talk to them, and when you can't, there is a non-penalty way to go over their heads. And they seem to be okay with this system, which shows they care about their students and their education and not just their own personal opinions. I wake up every day on this campus in awe of the buildings, the campus, and the people who work here. Most are here because they want to be. I may have a different perspective because I am older, but somehow I think most of the students here know and appreciate the special opportunities offered to them by the staff, professor and administrators.

It is the end of the year and we all tend to get tired and cranky. In the fall, those who return should look less at the themes and clubs and more to the ways to get people involved. Start with some creative advertising. Not 20 flyers posted to poles that all look alike. Post in places people can see. I know this is an Historic Site, but if need be, SG should work to get boards in better locations, bigger, or whatever it takes to show the students what there is to offer. When you are looking for members don't forget to spell out who or what you are. BACCHUS means little to freshmen. (I am not singling you out to pick on you, but because you are so important to students and the work you do is very important.) What it is and what they do will mean more if it is explained. Don't leave any idea to chance. Post your club, organization or group's meeting times, prominently. SG could gather the information and put it on a flyer to be delivered with every welcome packet, or better yet as part of "the Book".

One last hint for SG: use some of that money to sponsor free hot dogs and cokes, free popcorn and free school spirit stuff for sports events. SG should be at the forefront of creating school spirit, every day. Then maybe those wandering off to Ybor City would be more likely to stay here and participate!

Ginny Krumwiede

Our school: top ten

With no apologies to a certain late night television show host, here are the top ten reasons UT justified the tuition increase for next year:

By
MICHAEL
BOWEN

Number ten: Campaign to rename the school after David Falk ran into a snag.

We're talking

reputation here, folks. Something catchy was needed as a response to living in the shadow of Queen Betty Castor and her green and yellow hordes. If we can't develop a rivalry between us to turn a few heads, then a catchy name just might do the trick.

Number nine: Two words — Central Air. I realize it is a toss-up on the aesthetics front, but perhaps the interior of Plant Hall could not be irreversibly trashed as the result of installing some duct work and a chiller. The struggle between comfort and hearability is one thing I believe the professors of UT would love to live without.

Number eight: Need to replace those security golf carts with cruisers. Nothing says authority like a golf cart. The dark blue uniforms are a start, but UT security needs a vehicle that strikes fear in the hearts and minds of the pot smokers outside residence halls. Speed would also be a benefit. Aramark could have the old carts to trundle food items from the cafeteria to the Subway... **Number seven:** Subway operating costs way over budget. It has to be hard to be Aramark. Three people are hired to do the work of two, then one person on the shift does all of the work while the rest stand around and gossip. You can only jack up the price of a 32-ounce Gatorade to 50 percent over what it costs at the 818 Deli on Platt and Boulevard. Any higher and the kids might start to complain, but only after taking Dr. Hoke's microeconomics class.

Number six: Sykes College of Business Building behind schedule. Has anything been done to the Edifice Formerly Known as the McKay Auditorium lately? John and Susan must have been impressed last month with that banner that was hanging off the gutted carcass that was to be named after them. Guess they just don't make gifts like they used to.

Number five: Need new furniture to replace the new furniture in the New Hall. Must be nice to be able to afford new stuff every year. Do the kids in the New Hall think it is Italy on New Years' eve; throw everything out, we were tired of this stuff anyway? Just put

it on my bill, Daddy and Mommy are paying anyway.

Number four: Consultants are not cheap. When's the last time you told your friends how cool UT's web site was? An information technology management department — yes, guys that work and play well with computers — can't build or update the web site? Nobody in ITM had enough imagination or motivation to try and revamp the damn pages? It's embarrassing, both for the fact we have a web site I would not want to call my own and for the fact we have to hire someone from the outside to make the thing look professional.

Number three: Neither is advertising. We live in the shadow of other schools. SportsChannel and Sunshine Network won't show our multiple national championship-winning baseball team unless it's the big, big game. Name recognition is the key. The UT minarets television ad is neat, but there's way too much Dick Greco in the thing. Sam, on the other hand, can attract prospective students. There needs to be a focus on good advertising, and not just the MBA program. Maybe someone in the College of Business might think about that as a project. Do it soon. Sam will graduate sooner than you think.

Number two: Have to pay for that additional professor in the Department of Education. Shucks, we're talking one more full-time professor for a projected increase of over a hundred education majors. That's not much. While we're at it, why don't we do something visionary like build the Ed. Department a wing? Oh, we can't do that until the College of Business moves into the Edifice Formerly Known as the McKay Auditorium. Are there any educators with deep pockets around? Oh, I forgot. All their money is tied up right now. They're going into the private school business.

Number one: Ybor City called; our money is no good there. Face it, once you get here you are going to do one of two things: Get an education, or party. They have your money, or Daddy and Mommy's, or Uncle Sam's up front. It is a business. As long as the university can get students in here with money in hand they do not care. The voices crying in the wilderness about the sorry state of academics and the students in the university are drowned out by both the ringing of the cash register and the pounding of the dance mix. The road to the UT diploma is becoming more expensive. And nobody really gives a damn.



Letters to the Editor



Greeks take offense to recent criticism and now try to set the record straight

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to see that once again what began as a thought-provoking *Minaret* article disintegrated into the emotional bellyaching of a whining child. Loretta Webb has clearly expressed that she has issues, not the least of which is the conflict between BACCHUS and GAMMA. Rather than take the opportunity to write a well researched, structured argument about why GAMMA deserves none of BACCHUS' hard-earned praise, she launches into an attack on a large portion of her fellow students.

Now, I could leap to the defense of my alumni membership in the UT Greek community by pointing out the Greeks' ridiculously high level of community service hours displayed proudly in the UT post office. I could also mention that most Greek organizations maintain G.P.A.s well above the campus average, indicating that they are not as "dumb" as Ms. Webb would assume. I might also point out the creative writing and fine art students who would take issue with Ms. Webb's commentary on their lack of originality, simply because of their Greek affiliation.

But I won't. Instead I will focus on the tragically low quality of Ms. Webb's piece and the unfortunate fact that *The Minaret* has once again allowed itself to be the sounding board for the woefully uninformed. *The Minaret* being just one of the organizations I was personally involved with while active in the Greek community at UT.

If Ms. Webb's article were worth the

paper it was printed on she might have confined herself to the conflict between GAMMA and BACCHUS. She might have cited specific instances where the GAMMA representatives fell short of their responsibilities, and the members of BACCHUS were left to pick up the slack. An article like

that might have incited some change in a situation that is obviously causing Ms. Webb such undo stress. As the article stands, I truly have no idea what she is talking about.

You see, Ms. Webb, a mature writer insists on generating a

strong foundation on which they construct their arguments. A good writer builds points that speak for themselves and does not rely on TYPING REALLY BIG to make their intentions known. A writer shows prudence by showing both sides of an issue, while perhaps painting their side in a more glorious light, or researches their arguments so that they may stand on their merits. By doing so, the article can generate discussion or motivate a reader and not leave the author looking like a raving lunatic.

I can certainly understand your frustrations if your particular organization is receiving the short end of the credit stick. I am well aware of BACCHUS' contributions to the campus, and I praise them for their good work. The Greek system I was heavily involved with during my tenure at UT has recently come under heavy fire. The hypocritical statements made in various letters-to-the-editor recently regarding the Greek community have frustrated me as well.

However, I cannot allow myself to go

about calling the rest of the student body "dummies" because a few are misinformed about Greek societies. Nor will I condone your bashing of the largest student organization on campus simply because you feel the need to vent. I find that behavior particularly disgusting when you use our school newspaper to do it.

The written word is a very powerful thing, Ms. Webb, and that power deserves respect. You must understand that once something hits print it can create an idea, or destroy an institution. With that power also comes great responsibility. You cannot flap your pen in any given direction just because your flight of fancy takes you there. The conduits of print media have always contained forces that allow individuals to have their voices heard by the masses and enact change where the individual feels it is necessary. You must wield your pen like the sword it is, and use the power *The Minaret* allows to voice your opinions in a free, open and focused manner. Anything but the utmost quality is a waste of space; generalizations and stereotypes are tools of the weak minded, and neither have any place here.

The Minaret has suffered some serious quality setbacks in the latter part of my three-year involvement, and has allowed its content to go dramatically downhill as of late. I understand that next year's editors have some great plans for renovating the paper to what it once was, an open forum for students, faculty and administration to voice their opinions, and vent their frustrations in a mature and responsible way. I encourage the future editors and staff members of *The Minaret* to continue in their pursuits to aid our college newspaper in cleaning up its act by cutting such ridiculous and arbitrary ranting such as Ms. Webb's.

Sincerely,
John Berglowe
Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumnus 1999
Staff Member *The Minaret* 96-99

Dear Editor;

This letter is in response to the column entitled, "Some Clubs Do Nothing, Some Don't Do Their Share," written by Loretta Webb. I was extremely annoyed to hear that because I am Greek I am worthless. I am a resident assistant, Sigma Delta Tau secretary, Kappa Delta Pi education honor society, Order of Omega Greek honor society (newly initiated Secretary/Treasurer), have served in the ACE center as a sophomore mentor and a peer tutor for the SOS program and I, worthless that I am, was selected as a "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Award Scholar" for the 1998 - 1999 school year. Furthermore, EVERY SINGLE MEMBER ON YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR NEXT YEAR IS GREEK! We are everywhere, so you better get used to it. Could the fact that you are a member of BACCHUS be the reason for your ignorant column? I highly recommend you start picking on people who don't get involved in their school rather than picking on Greeks because we are very much a part of this school and make up an enormous percentage of the other organizations on campus. I find it very ironic that the people who have probably tried to get into a Greek fraternity or sorority and failed have nothing better to do than mock it.

OPEN YOUR EYES, LORETTA!! If you think Greeks are the only people who drink on campus then you need a serious reality check. I'm sure there have been times when you've chugged a few too many, but did we write to *The Minaret* and bash BACCHUS just because you happen to be a member of that organization? No, that would be wrong because you do not represent that WHOLE organization, now, do you? You should think before you decide to bash ours.

PROUD-TO-BE-GREEK,
Karen Bresocnik
Sigma Delta Tau Secretary

Dear Editor;

I am writing in response to the recently published opinion article by Loretta Webb. I felt compelled to write a response, since she addressed three aspects of the university that I have direct association with: GAMMA, scholarship and Greek Life.

I have come to notice that it is becoming increasingly too easy to blame all of the university's weaknesses, among the student population, on Greeks. As if the Greek community was the majority and all "non-Greeks" were the minority on campus, when in actuality, the opposite is true. I feel Greeks are constantly scrutinized due to the fact that they are so highly recognizable on campus and in the community. Our t-shirts and pins brand us to onlookers, who instinctively place us in a population separate from the rest, where we are looked upon as a collective unit. Consequently, the actions of one individual reflect upon the reputations of all Greeks. Unfortunately, we only hear, or

read, about the stereotypically negative perceptions students receive of the Greek community.

What many people tend to forget is that the notability of Greeks not only comes from the shirts they wear and the songs they sing, but also, and most importantly, from the positions they hold, the spirit they ignite, the services they provide and the members they support.

It saddens me to read that a peer of mine feels such animosity toward a society I have so much love, admiration, pride and respect for. It

is equally hard to believe that an obviously active student on campus can not see how

much Greek members try to positively promote campus life, and not destroy it; how we support other organizations on campus like BACCHUS and GAMMA; and how we encourage academic excellence while continuously praising those members on the Dean's List, in the honors program and participants of honor societies.

While I understand that the article was written for the opinion section of the newspaper, I do not feel that a staff writer should have wasted valuable time and ink

on those generalizations directed toward the Greek community. If the intent of the article was to praise the accomplishments of BACCHUS, then it should have done that. Instead, the focus was taken away from an obviously noteworthy organization. In addition, I would love to read more about TUCO and other less publicized clubs, like Pershing Rifles and Skull and Bones. I think the best way to accurately publicize the accomplishments of campus organizations is to do research and write about them in the newspaper. As *The Book* states, *The Minaret* writers "gather important information pertaining to UT." I would like to see that happen next year. Until then, trust what you know to be true, not what you may see or read about in the newspaper. Thank you.

Sincerely,
LuAnne Stahl

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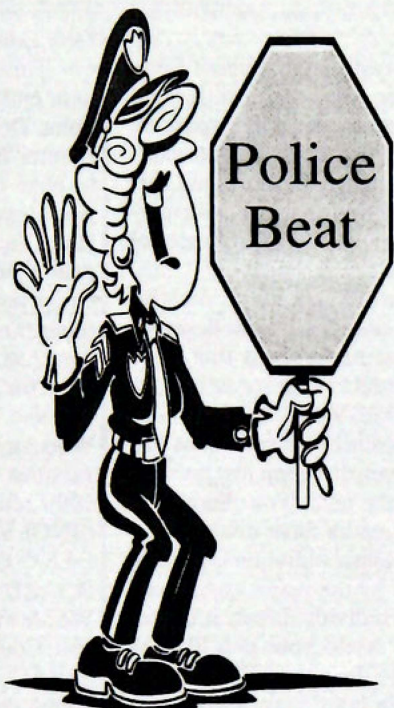
The best of police beat and weird wire

On Sept. 4, an officer was alerted of a student using drugs in his room. It was said that the student used crack, acid and marijuana and kept them in a tin box in his dresser. Security went to the room and asked the individual if he had any drugs in the room. The individual was a poor host and refused to offer any drugs to the officers, denying that he had any. The officers then searched the room and discovered the elusive tin box, which contained a plastic bag filled with what looked like marijuana and a pipe stuffed with fabric softener. A balloon attached to an inhaler and folded foil were also found. Tampa Police was alerted and the student was arrested.

Oct. 1, at 11:45 p.m. an individual returned to where he had parked his car the day before to find it missing. No one had permission to use his vehicle or his keys. A check of the surrounding area turned up several cars, none of which belonged to the victim. The Tampa Police Department was notified. There were no known witnesses or suspects.

Nov. 11, at 10:25 p.m. security responded to a disturbance in ResCom. A resident stated that she had been assaulted by one of her roommates. The two became physically violent while discussing individual roommate responsibilities. The cat fight had to be broken up by two male students who had entered the room. One

of the students involved suffered scratches on her chest and a bloody nose and was taken to Tampa General Hospital. All involved elected to settle their differences through Res Life.



Feb. 2, at 10 a.m., a vehicle, after having been cited 12 times for not having any campus registration permits, was impounded. The owner of the vehicle arrived to find his car being loaded onto the wrecker. He then became as agitated as a rabid monkey, forcing a

UT officer to come between the owner and the wrecker driver. The Tampa Police Department was contacted to provide the owner with a trespass warning; however, the owner made a getaway before the police arrived.

Feb. 3, at approximately 6 a.m. security received a call from Securlink Ameritech Security indicating that an audible alarm in Plant Hall had been activated. When the officers searched the scene, a white male, approximately 5'6" tall, 145 lbs with dark hair and wearing dark pants and a light shirt was seen stepping away from a broken window. An officer immediately confronted the suspect and ordered him to assume a prone position on the sidewalk. When the officer approached the suspect, he noticed a yellow screwdriver in the suspect's right hand pocket. The suspect was not "happy to see him." As the officer cuffed the suspect, he asked him if anyone else was inside Plant Hall, to which the suspect replied, "No." The suspect then made a spontaneous confession, stating rhymingly, "All you got on me is a B&E." When Tampa Police arrived, five navy blue t-shirts valued at \$17 each were found next to the entry window. They had been removed from the museum gift shop. The suspect was placed under arrest for breaking and entering (the

forementioned B&E) and transported to jail.

On Feb. 15, a student reported that her roommate had been harassing her in various ways. She reported that they had an argument on No. 8 concerning the condition of their room after hosting some "overnight guests". After the dispute, the harassed student began sleeping in the adjoining room while still keeping her personal belongings in her assigned room. She reported that some of her electronic appliances had been unplugged on numerous occasions, her ironed clothes had been tossed about the room and her ironing board turned over causing water to spill from the iron. She also stated that, after having gone away for the weekend, she found a Nazi swastika drawn on a poster and sweet and sour sauce poured on her electrical cords. She does not like sweet and sour sauce. The problem has been reported to Res Life and in the mean time the harassed student will be staying off campus.

On Feb. 28, an officer was dispatched to ResCom on a report of a criminal mischief incident. Upon arrival, the officer met with the three roommates who reported the incident. Their fourth roommate was not present. One student stated that she was watching TV in the living room until 4 a.m., when she went to bed, leaving the room unlocked. At 5:20 a.m., her roommate woke her up and asked what had happened to her room. The room had been sprayed with

a fire extinguisher, covering the entire living room, kitchen, hallway, bathroom and bedroom C. They woke up their third roommate, but she claimed that she had been asleep the whole time and did not hear a man break in and thunderously shower the room with noxious chemicals. Tampa Police and facilities were notified.

March 25, at approximately 4:45 a.m. security was notified of a fire alarm activation in the New Hall. Upon arrival, an officer entered the lobby and was immersed in a thick, yellowish cloud of smoke filling the lobby and hallways. He cleared the lobby of all students and made a b-line for the back door because he was unable to breathe due to the fire extinguisher discharge in the air. When the fire department arrived, it was determined that this was a false alarm set off by a hoodlum student spraying the fire extinguisher. A student informed security that he had overheard a student admit that he had caused the alarm to go off. The suspect was described as wearing a whitish-beige silk shirt at the time of the incident. A later check of the suspect's room yielded a shirt matching the description by the witness. Being that no one else would wear such a shirt, the suspect was arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges for spraying the extinguisher, preventing it from being used in an actual fire and causing false fire alarm.

Vegetarian + Butcher = LOVE

A Vancouver woman who had for years preached the benefits of vegetarianism to family, friends and anyone willing to listen, shocked all who had come into contact with her by falling head over heels in love with a South American butcher. Though at first she was convinced that the relationship wouldn't work, they were able to reconcile their meaty issues. While he brings home the bacon from the butcher shop, she works in a bookstore. He keeps things in perspective by reminding her that "books kill trees."

Skunk spray, the newest thing in protection

An unusual self-defense device is going to be launched in Nordic countries. A Swedish victims' agency plans to launch a device that will be worn around the neck or attached to underwear and broken in case of attack, releasing a powerful liquid that stinks of skunk.

"I wish I had this when I was very near being raped," Irene Holm of Stockholm's Victims' Support Center said. "The reaction on people is that they almost go into a state of shock. The smell is so foul."

The victim would also feel ill but presumably would prefer this to being raped, she said.

The device, originally from Canada and already launched in some countries, is a small glass ampoule containing 0.1 milliliter of so-called skunk oil. It will be sold for \$35.90 in Sweden, Holm said.

They say Americans are stupid

A young Frenchman who was knocked off his moped failed to

notice he had lost his left arm until he made it back to his village some 10 km from the accident scene.

Olivier Faure, a 21-year old from Laragne, was hit by a car in the village of Upaix early Sunday morning. The driver fled and the shaken Faure set off for home on foot before getting a lift from a passing motorist.

It was not until his mother removed his jacket that he noticed his left arm was gone. The emergency services returned to the scene of the accident to find the missing limb. It was packed in ice and flown by helicopter along with its owner to a hospital in Marseille, where it was sewn back on.

Dan Quayle strikes again

A man who used guess work instead of a dictionary when getting a tattoo is now suing the tattoo parlor over the mistaken spelling of "villain."

Lee Williams was left with "villian" on his right forearm, but he didn't notice until a friend made fun of him, according to the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Williams, 23, is seeking \$25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover up the mistake he had plastic surgery, which cost him \$1,900 and left a scar as long as his forearm, said his lawyer, Paul Clark.

Before the procedure, workers at the parlor debated how to spell the word, Clark said. Williams wasn't sure either, and they settled on "villian," Clark said.

Eternal Tattoos' owner, Terry Welker, said that the parlor has a policy of asking all customers how they want words spelled. He said if a customer agrees to a misspelling, on them, not the artist then the

fault rests.

Tyson inspires youth

A man bit off part of a teenager's ear in a fight that started with a traffic dispute, authorities say.

Sheriff's Deputy Phil Graham said he arrived to find 18 year old Derek Crawford pressing a flannel shirt to his right ear and holding the torn piece in his hand.

"It wasn't just a little bit. It's a good size chunk. Mike Tyson would be impressed," Graham said.

Doctors were unable to reattach the piece.

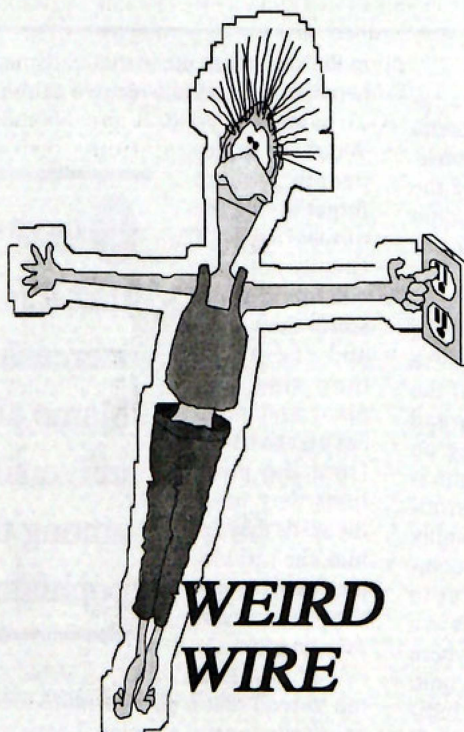
Doctor's orders: Get drunk, get laid and call me in the morning

Following doctor's orders could become a popular pastime in the island village of Steinhamn, where the local physician this week urged his patients to drink more wine and have frequent sex. Nils Carl Loennberg, 59, distributed his 23-point prescription for a better, healthier life throughout the village of 1,250 people, raising eyebrows and making national news in Norway (not to mention the AP WIRE).

Loennberg's tips include drinking more wine but less hard liquor, having sex at least twice a week, as well as getting more exercise and eating more vegetables.

"Those who don't have an

adequate sex life get sick easier," Loennberg was quoted as saying in the Verdens Gang, Norway's largest newspaper. Loennberg, a founder of the Nordic Society for Medical Humor, said he wanted patients to laugh at his tips and then give them serious thought. Bachelors on the island, north of Oslo, say they would love to fol-



back at people who were rude to him when he worked as a telephone marketing researcher by turning their phone numbers into art.

Les Newman of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has opened a show at a local art gallery that consists of pages and pages of telephone numbers of people who were not nice when he called to seek their opinions on various consumer products.

The untitled show is subtitled, according to Newman, as "All the phone numbers of rude a-- who tried to make me feel like s--- while I tried to make my living as a telephone market researcher in October 1998."

The growing amount of market research and business solicitation by telephone in recent years has sparked some debate among Canadians, many of whom say they resent receiving the calls at home or at work.

"People were put on the list if they would go out of their way to be particularly mean or rude," said Newman, 26.

Newman is currently on vacation from his job. He said he was not sure he would still have a job to return to once his employer heard about his art show which is set to run for the next month.

Sometimes You Have to Let Them Go

Detroit, Mi. In September a 41 year old man drowned in two feet of water. He got stuck squeezing his head between an 18 inch wide sewer grate to pick up his keys.

low the doctor's advice. There is, however, a shortage of single women.

"The part about the wine I could probably manage one way or another," 42-year-old bachelor Elder Huse was quoted as saying. "Now, I hope the doctor will write me a prescription for a girlfriend."

Telemarketers and other evils

A Canadian artist has struck

Year in review of events during 1998-1999

By LUKE ROSA
Staff Writer

Gerry Addams speaks at UT

Gerry Addams, president of Sinn Fein, the oldest political party in Ireland and a predominant force in the peace talks in Northern Ireland, spoke at UT this past March. The lecture was sponsored by the Friends of Sinn Fein, an American organization that supports the Irish political party. In the past, Addams has worked closely with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and President Bill Clinton regarding the quest for peace in Northern Ireland. Although some members of the UT community criticized bringing a "terrorist" to UT, the audience was extremely supportive.

B&N College Bookstores to manage UT store

Barnes and Noble College Bookstores, a privately held sister company of Barnes & Noble Company, assumed control of the UT campus store this semester. The most obvious change, its location to the former dance studio, finished in mid-March. Many textbooks, however, have still not been available even today. Although Barnes & Noble is the sole murderer of thousands of privately held bookstores across the country, many feel this will help ease soaring book prices.

Ann Beattie attends Coffeehouse weekend

Ann Beattie, author of numerous award winning short stories and novels, was 1999's Quilt Coffeehouse guest author. She shed light onto the life of a writer and process involved in creating a story. She gave a writing workshop with about 17 students and three professors present in which she gave individual responses to student stories. Beattie then attended the Quilt open mic and got to hear some of the most well written and funniest stories by UT students read aloud.



Courtesy of Corinne Young

Honor students attend HNMUN in Boston

dents read aloud.

Billy Graham crusade hits Tampa

Last October, Billy Graham, the real life version of Steve Martin's character in *Leap of Faith*, hosted one of the largest crowds ever recorded in Tampa history at the spanking new

Raymond James Stadium. Over 200,000 God-intoxicated senior citizens and Floridians attended the four day long Billy Graham Crusade. Christian rockers DC Talk as well as Kathy Troccoli and Michael W. Smith provided entertainment in between lectures on premarital sex, peer pressure, and expunging Satan from our lives.

Wayne Miller named new CLAS Dean

Wayne Miller, chosen out of a pool of seven candidates, was appointed the new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Co-Chief

Academic Officer for the university. Miller had been a Senior Fellow with the American Council on Education in Washington D.C. In the past, he has worked with major universities, Fortune 500 companies and foundations in order to amplify America's well-educated work force. He will begin his crusade to lift UT of the academic doldrums sometime around June 1.

UT dance program makes a comeback

After years of students fighting for the arts at UT, dance re-

turned in full force, with a new minor available in Spring of 1999 and a brand new studio. Severe budget cuts three years ago ended what was a fantastic dance program. Students and faculty had petitioned



Susan W. Hudmon - The Minaret

Shown above are dance students stretching before class.

for its return and benefited greatly from the growing theater department and musical theater and performance majors. The new dance minor will have a set of core classes and electives, much like other minors, but will allow students the opportunity involve themselves in creative ventures without worrying about having a career as an actor or dancer.

Faculty members receive promotions

The UT Board of Trustees promoted and/or tenured six faculty members last January. Kathleen Ochshorn, Corrine Young, Ali Jenzarli, Joseph

Sclafani and Debbie Thorne LeClair were all awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor. Jack King was promoted from associate professor to professor. Tenure helps profes-

sors to ensure a wide range of opinions and free speech will be supported in the classroom.

Civil Rights leader comes to Tampa

Angela Davis, has been at the forefront of the civil rights movement since 1970, when California attempted to stop her from teaching philosophy at UCLA because of her membership in the Communist Party. She lectured to an audience at the USF special events center on current issues such as the war in Kosovo, military technology and overcrowded prisons. She challenged the audience to start talking about prison systems and the ever-increasing number of incarcerated men

Spartan Gay Alliance ready for 1998

By LORETTA WEBB
Staff Writer

It's not easy to be different. It can be said that homosexuals suffer an isolation of this sort greater than most. Beliefs of certain religions, organizations and narrow-minded people, call for the shadowing of homosexuality and tend to leave some gay individuals feeling repressed. Though American society seems to have grown past certain prejudices, there is yet much improvement to be made in the way of equal treatment of those with different sexual orientations. The University of Tampa recognized the hardships that homosexual student's face. BiGLAS was formed to help them cope with these issues. The purpose of BiGLAS (now called Spartan Gay Alliance) is to educate people in the acceptance and celebration of diversity by making the issue more visible. The club is open to homosexuals and heterosexuals alike.

The goals of The Spartan Gay Alliance cannot be fully understood until homosexuality itself and the results of intolerance are understood. Intolerance is fed by individual ignorance towards the gay community. The American Psychological Association, APA, offers answers to many questions concerning homosexuality in order to correct false assumptions. This sets the record straight in order for individuals to base their opinions

on objective information.

The APA wishes to focus on change in two realms of American intolerance. The first common assumption that people make is that a man or woman chooses to be gay. The APA states otherwise. It appears that sexual orientation emerges in early adolescence without any prior sexual experience. In addition, many homosexuals have tried to follow heterosexual lives without success. Therefore, psychologists do not consider a person's sexual orientation a choice.

A second misconception is that homosexuality is related to emotional or mental illness. This was assumed for a long period of time, during which, all psychological testing was done on homosexual men undergoing therapy. Once testing included homosexuals that were not in therapy, the APA removed homosexuality from their list of mental

illness.

Having established these misconceptions, the importance of The Spartan Gay Alliance becomes more apparent. The Spartan Gay Alliance not only helps homosexuals who are coping with their sexual orientation in today's

Spartan Gay Alliance has just recently coined their new title. This was done to clarify the purpose of the club and draw more interest.

Lisa Lynch, a transfer student and the new president of The Spartan Gay Alliance, pointed out the

translation. By voicing this concern, Lynch has induced positive change.

Aside, from being a support group, the Spartan Gay Alliance hosts educational entertainment. They are actively supporting the International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival now showing at the Tampa Theater. They encourage members and other students to volunteer at the theater.

They will be sponsoring lectures about "Living With AIDS." In addition, The Spartan Gay Alliance is celebrating National Coming Out Day. They will host a luncheon on October 12 on Plant Hall's front verandah, with free food and entertainment, providing the opportunity to socialize and learn from the Spartan Gay Alliance members.

Students may wonder why UT needs a club such as the Spartan Gay Alliance. An alleged homophobic-related act of violence has recently occurred on campus. A student who may have been motivated by homophobia assaulted an alleged homosexual student.

Violence can not keep homosexuality from existing. It can only establish the perpetrator's ignorance and show the gaining importance of organizations such as The Spartan Gay Alliance.

significance of a name change. When considering a transfer to UT, Lynch was specifically looking for an organization that supports lesbian issues.

The title BiGLAS did not represent the organization adequately to her. The name "BiGLAS" is meaningless without its proper



Susan W. Hudmon - The Minaret

The Spartan Gay Alliance representing their organization through an event held in front of Plant Hall.

society, but also their families.

Family support keeps students who are dealing with this sensitive issue from feeling alone. Statistically, homosexuals are twice as likely to consider suicide. This alone should make people realize the consequences of homophobic actions.

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dent will have access to personally connect with the campus' highspeed Internet as well as the internet.

Other features are to include a recreation room, laundry, lounge, study and a multipurpose room and kitchen. The rooms will be suite-style quarters with one or two bedrooms and a common living room and bath. New Hall, which opened last fall, was filled with 370 students almost immediately and has been received favorably by many students who have enjoyed its posh hotel-esque lobby and cushy leather chairs along with artwork throughout the building.

Unlike New Hall's austere presence on Kennedy boulevard, this second project is to actually pick up some of the design elements in its facade, such as the red

brick and roof-line elements of Plant Hall.

The purpose in this massive construction project lies inside a master plan by President Vaughn

to create a more extensive student culture and community on campus through new buildings and a more ostentatious entranceway to the university.

His plan calls for an even bigger increase in student numbers, to a goal of about 3600, with about 65 percent of all fulltime students living on

campus. To date the university's population is 3,028, of which 2,029 are full time.

The residence hall is to be financed by a Standard and Poors investment grade bond issue. Actual estimated cost of the project is \$13 million.

Speakers at the Ground Breaking and Grand Opening dual ceremony included: Vince Naimoli, Chairman of the Board, Al Page, dean of COB, John H. Sykes, Trustee, Dan Cuneo, Student Government President, Melanie Paullus, Residence Hall Association President. A reception followed.



Shown above is the John Sykes COB building and a new residence hall both due to open in the year 2000.

Lines, lines, everywhere there's lines

By LUKE ROSA
Assistant News Editor

The biannual fiesta known as preregistration took place last week in Fletcher Lounge and, as usual, some students left happy while others stumbled out tattered, broken souls with nothing but a sham of their original schedule in their hands.

"I got all my classes," quipped junior Keith McBride. "I've always gotten all my classes. I think they're intimidated by me."

Not all students were as lucky (or perhaps intimidating) as McBride. Most underclassmen found themselves having to devise cure-for-cancer-like theorems of multiple schedules and backup classes to ensure they stay on track to graduate in four years.

"I hate this school," said one distressed sophomore. "Not only did I get only two of my desired classes, I waited on line so long I missed my soaps."

Freshman Laurie Hayes did not fair well either: "I was pissed. Every class I wanted to get into was closed. Physics, zoology, you name it they're all filled with seniors who waited too long to take classes they should have taken as sophomores."

Each student used a different method to choose his or her classes. Some were forced into

choosing ones they needed to graduate, while others utilized a more laid back approach.

One student, who wished to be kept anonymous, said, "I was able to revolve my whole sched-

leaving freshman and sophomores scrambling to find professors to fill out overload slips. The university changed their overload policy this year, however. Under the new guidelines, a student can only

overload into a closed class if the requested class is in his or her major and there are no obtainable seats in other sections of said course.

Andrea Patka, a Marine-science Biology major, said, "There just isn't enough faculty to cover the growing science department. Invert zoology filled up faster than a Russian bread line."

A small number of students thought that preregistration came at the wrong time. "April is when my classes start to really get hectic," said one junior. "I have so much work to do, I hardly had the time to figure out a good schedule and meet with my advisor."

For some freshmen, this was the first time they were able to choose electives they really wanted. While seniors, such as Joellen Irizarry, saw the lines outside Fletcher Lounge and were flushed with memories of the preregistering experience.

"I poked my head in Fletcher on Friday to see the freshmen register," Joellen said. "I just stood there laughing at all the pitiful half-witted freshmen try in vain to choose classes that in reality will only lead to a future riddled with unemployment and food stamps."



Tiffany Whiles — The Minaret

Impatient juniors wait inline to get turned down for classes.

ule around drinking, partying, sleeping late and... did I say drinking?"

"I didn't get any of my classes," said Carmen Bailey, a freshman. "There are few places worse than UT. At least in Nazi Germany a commuter could get a parking spot."

Notoriously unlucky in finding available classes are science majors. Marine science and biology classes tend to fill up fast,

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simultaneously and a few moments later Ward surfaced alone. He waited and looked for Kostek to surface, when he did not Ward reported the incident to security. Security then notified Bob Ruday, dean of students, Grant Donaldson, director of public information, President Ron Vaughn and Kostek's parents in Vermont.

The TPD divers quickly began a search of the river in front of the boathouse, where Ward said he had last seen Kostek. The divers conducted a grid search of the river bottom. However, Steven Cole the public information coordinator for the TPD said, "We don't know the exact point he went down. If we did the search would be easier."

many who did not, sat outside the McKay Residence Hall watching the police conduct their search and watching fellow students make their television debuts.

Students who know Kostek have described him in a variety of ways, with one common theme. "He would regularly drink till he blacked out," said Chad Martin, Kostek's roommate the latter half of last semester. "He was brought home by security on a regular basis. He would forget where he lived. He has broken mirrors by punching them, and he had to get stitches in his feet the last time he jumped in the river. Once he fell asleep on the bathroom floor just to be what he called spontaneous."



John Berglowe — The Minaret

Shown above is drowning victim John

The search continued into Tuesday evening when divers recovered a set of keys from the riverbed. The keys were taken to the Delo Residence Hall and tested in Kostek's door. The test confirmed the keys belonged to the missing John J. Kostek. Tuesday's search failed to find the missing student, but Wednesday morning a TPD helicopter spotted Kostek's body floating 100 yards outside the search area. The TPD divers, who were on their way up the river to continue the search, picked up the student's body.

Until this find officials treated this incident like a missing persons case. The keys confirmed that Kostek entered the water but without the discovery of a body, searchers could not confirm a drowning.

This being the case, parts of downtown Tampa were searched, duplicates of Kostek's photo were given to TPD officers on patrol and Bob Ruday searched the UT boathouse.

With this tragedy taking place on a college campus the local media flocked to UT in hopes of getting video and student interviews. Students of UT exchanged rumors and swapped reports heard on the TV news. Many student, some who knew Kostek, and

Despite his drinking, that may or may not, have played a part in his death, Loretta Webb described Kostek as being, "always very polite, he was never rude to anybody. He was adventurous."

President Vaughn, Bob Ruday and Grant Donaldson were all on the scene playing active roles in the investigation. Asking Ruday what effect this incident may have on campus policy Ruday responded, "Our whole education process is based on helping students be responsible. Some peoples' drinking habits are established before they even get here. It has always been our policy to allow students of age to drink, I don't see how we could really stop that now."

President Vaughn responded, "I think it's impossible to feel like the family, but I fell much as they do, this is a tremendous loss for the UT family. I think that anytime someone so young and full of promise loses their life is tragic."

Kostek's family arrived in Tampa Tuesday evening operating under the assumption their son was still alive. They were reported to be very distraught Wednesday morning over the realization of their son's death. A memorial service was planned for Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m.

IB 2000 provides business and learning opportunities

By KATIE NGUYEN
News Editor

Six UT M.B.A. students were selected to participate in the first annual International Business 2000 Program. The mission of IB 2000 is to "assist Florida companies in establishing a customized approach to entering international markets." It provides participating students to apply what is learned in a classroom environment to an actual company/organization.

IB 2000 is a two semester course. Selected students are required to take a Strategic Analysis Program in the spring. In the sum-

mer, provided to them are opportunities to venture out to an overseas country and apply gained knowledge to the real business world. David Gresko, Jennifer Findley, Patricia Graham, Meredith Paxton, Andres Ossa and Felisa Insignares were selected based on merits, such as, leadership and language skills.

Insignares, stated, "We are six highly qualified students representing 5 local companies in the global market."

Selected countries are Poland, Vietnam, and Spain. Assigned in pairs, students will serve as a consulting group working overseas on

behalf of selected companies. Graham and Paxton will be located in Warsaw, Poland. Gresko and Findley will base in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Ossa and Insignares will hold a temporary office in Madrid, Spain. Departure dates for all students are on or around the 5th of May. Spending 5 weeks in their assigned destinations, all will return to Tampa around June 30.

Paxton, commented, "I'm excited about this innovative program that is providing me the opportunities to travel abroad and apply the skill I've obtained in my involvement in the MBA program

here at the University."

Assisting Gresko and Findley is Ambassador Peterson to Vietnam for the United Nations. A UT alumni, Peterson is finding office space, giving moral support, and providing any other support that is needed by the students.

Part of the IB 2000 is to provide Florida businesses to venture out into international markets. Presently, four companies have been chosen, of which, are Diagnostic Instruments Groups (DIG), J. Baleys, James Group International, and WizNet. The fifth company is still in recruitment. Selected companies have a "chance

to consider in international expansion with little risk and minimal expense.

Findley, stated, "I think the IB 2000 is a great program. It is a win win situation. I feel it offers bay area businesses the opportunities to expand international sales."

Responsibilities of consulting teams include "researching & determining product feasibility in foreign markets, generating potential leads & strategic alliances, and professionally representing clients in select markets."



David Gresko



Jennifer Findley



Patricia Graham



Meredith Paxton



Andres Ossa



Felisa Insignares

Career conference extends a helping hand

By VINCE SULTENFUSS
Staff Writer

Career Conference was held April 16, by the University of Tampa with practical tips and useful resources for students.

The Career Conference broke up into three sessions lasting the afternoon. Students could lead their search with Job Searching on the Internet, with speaker, Jeanne Vince. Job searching on the Internet leads students to practical use of the Internet and its limitations.

Also speaking was Curtis Rogers with suggestions of how to write an effective resume. Resumes can be one the most important documents of a life time. Resumes point to your strengths, and can help an employer to understand the overall make-up of a student; are they people oriented, have they interned somewhere, do they command a knowledge of their working expertise, can they handle a situation on their own and can they make good decisions on their own.

Resume writing is a document in process. The resume is a living document, and the resume should transcend changes, experiences and directions. In today's corporate climate, most people will change jobs quite frequently following better pay, changing technology and corporate downsizing. The resume should grow and evolve as the person's life is never on the same page in life's continuing story.

Resumes will get you in the interviewing, but it will be the actual person who is the end result of the hiring.

Also speaking was Elkie Smoleny on interview strategies. The best strategies for an interviewee are know what the company is looking for, make sure you can parallel similar experience with the company. Talk

about your accomplishments. Sell yourself. Identify with the companies job skills and policies by creating actual similar situations and parallels, then show those parallels. Show the company that you have had similar experiences, although it might be different terminology from your last work experience, but just the same similar experience.

Body language at an interview is 70 to 80 percent of what the interviewer sees initially. If your prone to shyness, get over it. You can go back to being shy once you get the job. You'll do just fine.

Richard Piper spoke on graduate school exploration. *Peterson's Guide To Graduate School* would be helpful as to knowing the schools and the programs out in the academic field. It also good for a student not to limit themselves to their related fields. There are always other closely related fields to go into which would expand on the students opportunities and field choices. Make sure the programs are accredited.

Kaplan and Petersons have preparatory courses for taking the graduate school tests. Also helpful in boosting scores would be getting a computer program of vocabulary, this is one the quickies ways of improving scores. Just be able to read question more accurately can make the difference.

Other topics discussed were: Researching the company and its locations using the Internet, Benefits - Your Hidden Paycheck, and Approximately One-third Over and Above your Salary is in your Benefit Package.

Internships were discussed by Ed Couturier with an insider's view of the value of an internship.

By JEN MILLER and
AMBER COLLINS
Staff Writers

On April 15th at approximately 12:05 a.m., an officer received a cellphone call from McKay Hall in reference to a strange odor emanating from McKay Hall. Upon the officer's arrival, he was taken to the second floor of McKay East. As he approached McKay Hall, a faint pungent odor was present in the hallway accompanied with loud music. The officer knocked on the door but received no response. The RA knocked again and announced that he was keying in. Once the officer and RA were inside the room, they could smell a pungent odor commonly associated with burning marijuana. There was also a slight citrus aroma in the apparent attempt to mask the odor. A blue towel had been rolled up and placed beneath the door sill. The room was not occupied at the time of their entrance. As the officer proceeded to turn the stereo music down, he observed a plastic bottle, apparently an eight ounce waterbottle that was cut in half and filled with sheets of fabric softener, which is commonly used as a filter to mask the smell of marijuana. The sheets inside

the bottle were tinted with a brownish residue believed to be marijuana residue. Upon closer inspection, minute particles of a greenish organic residue were discovered on the desktop area. Residue was also found atop a dresser next to a wallet belonging to a UT student. Also found there was charred remnants believed to be marijuana ashes and seeds. The officer conducted a search of the two bed spaces, closets, drawers, and several personal items such as boxes and backpacks in the room, but nothing else was found. At that time, a resident of the room entered and was identified by the RA. He was informed that a search was being conducted on the suspicion of drugs. When the officer asked who was responsible for the water bottle and residue on both the dresser and counter, he admitted

that he was. When the officer indicated the residue next to another student's wallet, the first student related that the residue belonged to the owner of the dresser. He also stated that student had gone to clubs in Ybor and was out for the evening. Based on the officer's observations of the room, both students are being referred to J-Board.

On April 16 at 4 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Falk Theater on a reported larceny/theft incident. Upon arrival, the officer met with a theater and speech professor who stated that his radio/CD/tape player, valued at \$250, was missing from his office. He stated that he last saw it on April 15 at 2 p.m. He stated that the front doors to Falk Theater was unlocked all day and that UT students were coming in and out. Even though he locked his office, an office that connects with his is usually unlocked. He thinks that this is the way that the robbers stole the stereo. There are no known suspects nor witnesses to this incident.



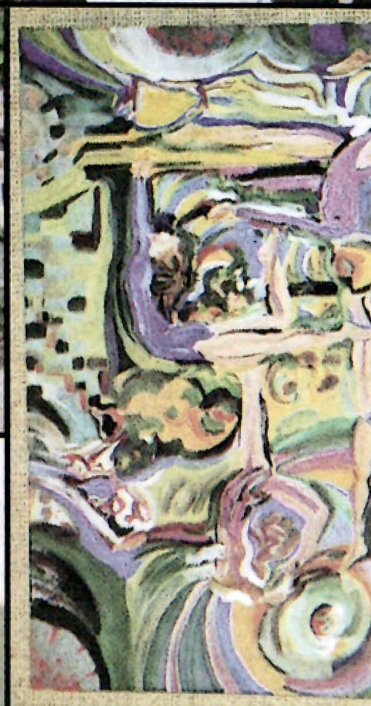
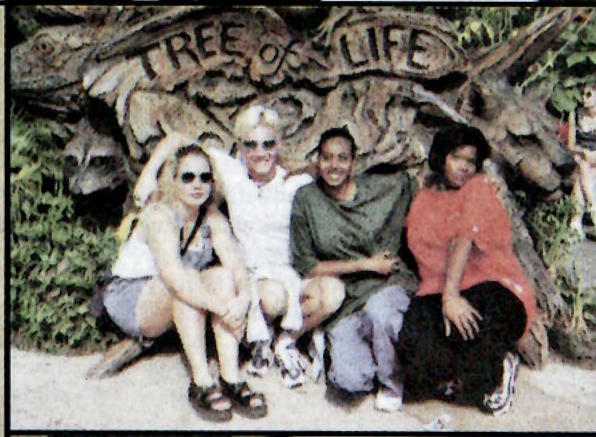
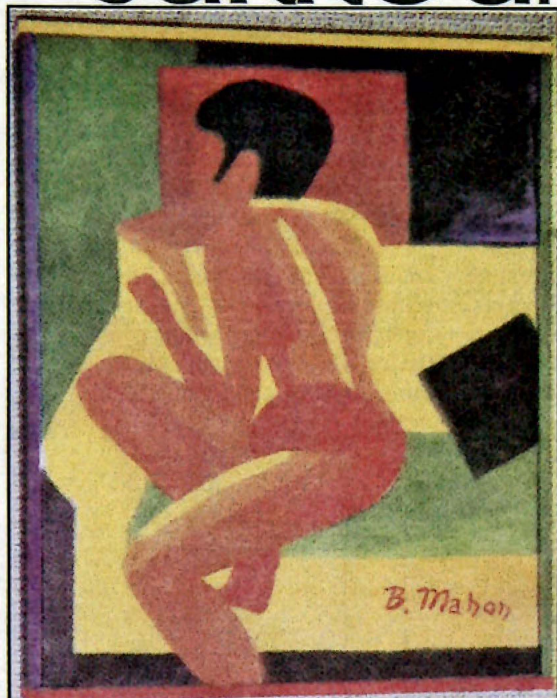
The professor was advised to report the incident to the Tampa Police Department, which he declined at the time.

On April 17, security received a call to response to McKay Hall Lobby on a medical emergency. Upon an officer's arrival, he met with an RA in the lobby. He was standing over the body of a white male who appeared to be asleep on the floor. The RA said the person was a guest. He also stated that he had broken up a party with underage drinking earlier and found this person wandering in the lobby, banging his head on the door of the head RA. The RA stated that he was trying to assist this person to a chair when he passed out onto the floor. The officer attempted to wake him by shaking him and calling his name, but there was no re-

sponse. He also tried to awaken him by the use of the pain response by applying pressure behind the jawbone, but he still received no response. The officer checked his respiration and determined he was breathing on his own, and his pulse as approximately eighty beats per minute. Due to the facts that the officer could not receive a response from this person and that he had an unknown quantity of alcohol in his system, it was decided by another officer who had just arrived on the scene and the present officer to call Tampa Fire Rescue. At this time, the resident with whom the guest was staying came into the lobby. He stated that he did not know how much his guest had to drink except to say that he was pretty "wiped" when he arrived from his Navy in North Carolina. Tampa Fire Rescue arrived, and the captain attempted to rouse the guest with negative results. They broke three ammonia ampules under his nose. He did cough once, but he then became unconscious again. At this point he was transported to the Tampa General emergency room. The RA completed judicial board paperwork on the resident who the guest was staying with for underage drinking and an incident report on the non-student.

On April 18, a student came to the front door of the security officer holding a bundle in his hands. He related that the bundle was cellophane and toilet tissue that he found wrapped all over and around his car while it was parked on the second floor of the parking garage. He related that in the process of placing the cellophane and tissue on his car, someone had left several dents on the roof. He related that he had parked his car on the east side of the second floor of the parking garage around 2 p.m. on April 17. He related that he first saw the items on his car at 6 p.m. but did not report it because he had to go to work. When he returned from work at 4:35 a.m. on April 18, he removed the items from his car and brought them to the security office as evidence. The officer on duty informed him that he needed to contact the Tampa Police, but he declined and stated that he just wanted it to be on record.

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LAST YEAR OF THE CENTURY AT UT



This year saw a resurgence in talent throughout the university. Students expressed themselves creatively through the recently expanded Theater/Dance minor, Theater, Student Productions, Music and even the annual Global Village program.

The fall student theatre productions, *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, as well as the spring shows *An Inspector Calls* and *Once Upon a Mattress*, involved students from various majors.

The dance program leapt back to life as Susan Taylor was reinstated as a full time faculty member after much protest from students and faculty. Anyone interested in dancing was invited to join the Dance Happenings, a program that promotes dance interest among students of all backgrounds.

Student Productions made student life just a little more fun by making everything from cotton candy on Plant Hall lobby to taking a trip to Disney's new Animal Kingdom.

The art students shown in amazing ways with their juried show and work with visiting artists and masterclasses.

All in all, it was a great year to be a Spartan.

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Where to spend your summer movie dollar

By JOE LAWLER
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Editor-in-Chief

In just a few short days school will be over. Most of us will be left without Ybor City-provided entertainment for three long months. We'll be forced to face the fact that there is even less to do in our hometown than in Tampa. Wondering how to pass those long summer days and nights?

The solution: Movies, and lots of them. Some will be good, some will be bad, and one will be *Star Wars*.

Here's a rundown of some of the big movies coming this summer and what we think of them.

Brendan Fraser stars in the special effects-laden update of *The Mummy*. The ads look impressive, passing the movie off as a horror version of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. At first, we were skeptical, but we're beginning to get excited. What does it have going for it? Brendan Fraser has earned respect with *Gods and Monsters* and the effects seem to be well-done. The problem? The villain. Can Boris Karloff's charisma be replaced with computer

graphics? We think no and yes respectively. **Opening May 7.**

With *Independence Day*, and *Men in Black*, Will Smith has had some big hits that open near our nation's birthday. This year he'll try again, sans aliens, in *Wild Wild West*, based off of the 60's TV series. Kevin Kline is Smith's side-

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Susan W. Hudmon
and Joe Lawler

kick, while Kenneth Branagh plays the film's Iago. What does it have going for it? The film is helmed by Barry Sonefield, who directed Smith in *Men in Black*, let's see if the chemistry is still there. The problems? Smith has a new song in the movie. Thankfully, it's not country. **Opening July 2.**

The ads are marketing it as the other movie to see this summer, *Austin Powers: The Spy Who*

Shagged Me. It's sure to be funny, but will we just see some new jokes from Mike Myers, who basically just played Wayne Campbell with a British accent in the first film? That doesn't matter much though, since his role as Dr. Evil is a brilliant spoof on James Bond villains. Heather Graham replaces Elizabeth Hurley as Power's love interest, Felicity Shagwell. What does it have going for it? The extreme popularity of the first movie. The problem? The extreme popularity of the first movie. **Opening June 13.**

There's really only one movie that's going to matter this summer in our opinion. In fact, there are already people in line for it. These people are psychopaths, but even semi-normal people might be spending a night or two in front of the local multiplex. The film, is *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*, probably the most anticipated movie of all time. George Lucas is putting tight restrictions on how the film can be shown, such as limiting the number of copies each theater gets, so don't be surprised if you have a hard time getting in to see it for the first month.

If you don't feel like standing in line, amuse yourself by driving by the lines of people who didn't lose their virginity until they were 30. Listen as they debate loudly whether or not Han Solo could trash Captain Kirk. (We vote for Han.) Of course, considering the entire nation will be seeing this one, relax, you're not a nerd for wanting to see it. Most importantly, neither are we. Whoo, we feel better. Feel the force flow through you. Don't give into your anger. That way leads to the Dark Side. What does it have going for it? Oh, only 20 years of anticipation, special effects that only Lucas can pull off and Oscar nominee Liam Neeson. The problems? Well, we can't seem to find any. **Opening May 19.**

We're excited about the summer movies and one of us has even considered going back to work at AMC just to get an early sneak preview of *The Phantom Menace*. This summer movie season prom-

ises to be an exciting one with the above movies plus those not mentioned, *Entrapment* for the Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta Jones fans, *Pushing Tin* for those who never quite got over their John Cusack crush and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for the literary crowd (or those who just drool over Calista Flockhart). So enjoy your summer and see at least one movie. God knows, Lucas could use the money.



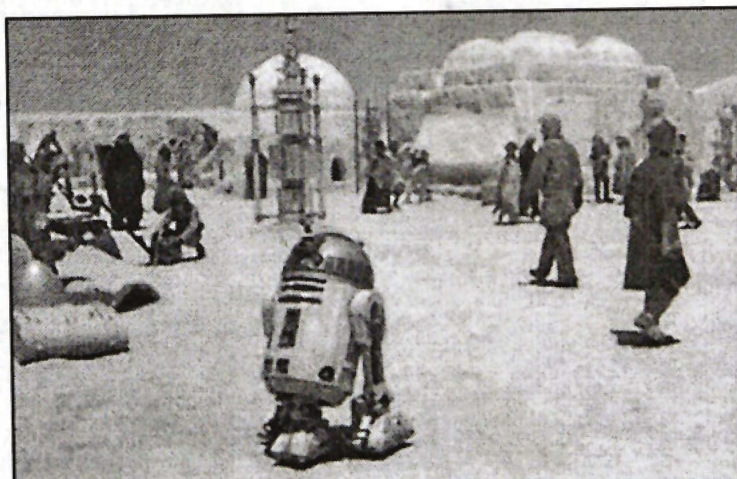
Courtesy of New Line Cinema

Get groovy this summer.



Courtesy of Fox Searchlight

Can't get enough of the bard? Check out the charming romantic comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Will *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* beat out *Titanic* as the highest grossing movie? Will it have a bigger opening weekend than *The Lost World*? Uh, yeah.



People are already in line for *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*, and here are two of them. Their webcam tracks their every non-move from now until the opening.

UT jazz fest brings big band to campus

By TIFFANY WHILES
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

If you notice something unusual happening Friday and Saturday, such as young students totting large cases and wandering around the campus grounds or large busloads of high-school kids filing past, don't be too bewildered. They are not refugees from Tampa Prep, rather they are middle, junior or high school band members here for critiqued performances. The concerts will be held in Falk Theatre from 8:30-4:30 p.m.

A different middle, junior or high school band will perform every 45 minutes throughout the day. Following each performance, each band will receive a brief, on-stage critique for one of the adjudicators/clinicians. These performances are free and open to the public.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the festival, though, will be the

evening concerts of Big Band music. Friday night will feature the UT Jazz Ensemble directed by Dr. Jeff Traster, assistant professor of music, and guest trumpet soloist, Dr. Karl Sievers.

Recently appointed professor of trumpet at the University of Oklahoma, Sievers spent seven years as the lead trumpet player and assistant conductor on the PTL television show in Charlotte, N. Car. and was a member of the Trilogy Big Band in Kansas City.

He has also logged thousands of hours in recording sessions and played lead trumpet for Broadway show tours. His performance at the jazz festival will include "I Remember Clifford," "In Memory of Bix" and "I Can't Get Started."

The Friday evening performance will also feature the vocal stylings of Tampa performer Alan Trosino in "Every Day I Have the Blues," "All the Way" and Ellington's hit, "Don't Get Around

Much Anymore."

Saturday night the Sun City Center Big Band led by trumpeter Kline Locher will perform music of the 30's, 40's and 50's. Most of the players know the music first hand, having performed it with some of the major bands of the era, including Basie, Miller, Lombardo and the Dorseys. Along with that authentic knowledge, experience and expertise these musicians come with a genuine passion for the music.

For four numbers the UT Jazz Ensemble will join the Sun City Center Big Band in a generation-spanning, double-wide big band extravaganza.

Evening concerts will also be held at the Falk Theatre starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For further information, call the UT Department of Music at 813-253-6212 or FAX to 813-258-7241.

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Americans aren't as illiterate as you might think

By TIFFANY WHILES
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

America - land of the free, home of the brave, but can they do poetry?

That is the proposition current poet laureate of the United States, Robert Pinsky, made with his country.

And they responded.

Pinsky asked America to name their favorite poem, and has already received more than 10,000 responses.

And these weren't just academicians responding to his call. Pinsky said those who replied include "a bank courier, a welder, an antiques dealer, a supermarket checkout clerk, a TV sitcom writer, a ballpark hot dog vendor, the real Dr. Patch Adams of recent movie fame, a dancer in a Broadway musical, several commercial pilots, a mail carrier, a retired parole officer, lots of actors, farmers, students, priests and rabbis — just an amazing spread of professions and educational

backgrounds."

His quest to prove that poetry was thriving throughout the country was not disappointed. The top loved poets included Edgar Allan Poe, William Shakespeare, William Butler Yeats, Emily Dickinson, with Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Robert Frost coming in closely behind.

The choices, though, were as diverse as the country — Pinsky heard echoes of poets as varied as Shelley, Keats, Ogden Nash, Langston Hughes, e.e. cummings, Dr. Seuss, Alexander Pope and Pope John Paul II.

Pinsky also noted that the love of poetry was not limited by English. The web site features poems in "Yiddish, Persian, Spanish, Italian and many other tongues. There is a Japanese haiku and a poem in American sign language. We do ask that a translation be provided. Original poems, however, are not acceptable."

The American poet laureate, unlike his British counterpart, does

not "serve a branch of government" nor do they "write poems for anniversaries." The poet laureate is appointed by the Librarian of Congress as poetry consultant to the people. The poet laureate is awarded an annual stipend of \$35,000 along with a small travel budget. Philanthropist Archer M. Huntington funds the post rather than the government or taxpayers.

To nominate a poem for the Favorite Poem Project e-mail to: favpoem@bu.edu or mail to Favorite Poem Project, Boston University, 236 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass., 02215. The deadline is April 30.

At our deadline:

It was the worst school shooting ever in the United States and one of the bloodiest mass murders in US history. A spokesman for the Sheriff's department in Littleton, Colorado confirms that as many as 25 people (students and teachers) are dead as the result of two heavily armed teenage gunmen (counted among the dead). The students, known as the "Trench Coat Mafia" apparently targeted people of color that "were mean" to them. President Clinton has said that the Federal Government will provide any assistance needed to deal with the tragedy. Clinton also added that "perhaps now America would wake up to the challenge" facing young people in the nation's schools. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of all involved in the shootings.

School pulls plug on radio show after students read from Salinger novel

De Pere, Wis. (CPX) — A couple of students at St. Norbert College said they were kicked off the air after they read eight pages from *The Catcher in the Rye* during their weekly campus radio show. Murray McGough and Christopher Danczyk, both students enrolled at the Roman Catholic school, said the director of campus security showed up in the radio station's studios a little more than an hour into their two-hour, March 4 broadcast, ordering them to sign off. The pair said the officer told them a college priest had complained about their use of offensive language on the air and that school officials had instructed him to yank them off the

air.

School officials confirmed that someone was dispatched to the station after a caller complained that the broadcast — which could be heard only on campus — contained obscene language, but they insist they didn't pull the plug on the show.

McGough and Danczyk said they read passages from J.D. Salinger's famous — and oft-censored — novel because they wanted to try something new. To protest the school's actions, the two students devoted their next show to reading sex-related passages from the *Bible*.

Pots & Pans

This week: Old Faithful

Ground beef is great. It's inexpensive, you can use it in a lot of things, and it's fairly easy to cook. The problem is that it needs something to flavor it up a little. And we're not talking just salt and pepper — we're going to add some real flavor! If you like your food spicier, add some hot sauce or a pinch of cayenne pepper to the meat as it cooks. You can also use andouille or chorizo — or your favorite spicy sausage — instead of kielbasa.

Ground beef is generally graded by its fat content, usually from 7 to 22 percent. Using very lean ground beef will make a dish lower in fat, but it'll be drier. Try to find something in the 14-16% range for the best compromise between moistness and leanness. You can use ground turkey or chicken instead of the beef; just add a little more seasoning.

Mexican Skillet Dinner

4 green onions, sliced
10 soft tortillas, flour or corn
1 pound ground beef
1 can (12-14 ounces) salsa-style chunky tomatoes, mild, medium, or hot
1 cup Monterey jack cheese, shredded
nonstick cooking spray
salt and pepper, to taste

1. Slice green onions into 1/4" pieces; set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 350°.
3. Cut tortillas into 1/2" strips. Arrange strips on cookie sheet in a single layer and spray lightly with cooking spray. Bake for 12 minutes or until light brown.
4. Preheat a large frying pan over medium-high heat for 2 minutes.
5. Add ground beef to frying pan and cook for 8 minutes, or until meat is no longer pink. Add salt and pepper to taste.
6. Drain fat from ground beef.
7. Add tomatoes and green onions, and bring to a simmer. Turn heat to low and cook for 4 minutes.
8. Add baked tortillas to ground beef, stirring gently. Sprinkle with cheese and heat until cheese is melted.

Serves 4. Also tasty with leftover chicken instead of beef.

Spicy Beef Pockets

1 small onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, chopped
1 small red pepper, chopped
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 pound ground beef
1/2 pound kielbasa or other spicy sausage
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
1 package refrigerated pie crusts
1 egg, beaten

1. Chop onions, garlic, and peppers; set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 400° and preheat a large frying pan over medium-high heat for 2 minutes.
3. Saute onions, peppers, and garlic in olive oil for 2 minutes. Add beef, sausage, thyme and pepper flakes; cook, stirring occasionally, until meat is no longer pink, about 8 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.
4. Unfold a pie crust on a cookie sheet. Brush a 1" border with beaten egg.
5. Spread half of the beef mixture on one side of the pie crust, leaving the 1" border.
6. Fold empty half of pie crust over beef mixture and press edges with fork to seal. Brush top with beaten egg and cut 4 1" slits to vent steam.
7. Repeat with other crust and remaining beef mixture.
8. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes, or until golden brown.

Serves 6

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Uncover the mysteries of the Merle Kelce Library



Art Bagley gazes into the urn of Agarmente Ybor which is yet to be filled.

By LORETTA WEBB and
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Staff Writers

The Merle Kelce Library is the University of Tampa's source for information. Containing everything from fiction and textbooks to newspapers and magazines, this library is fully equipped to help college students write informed re-

search papers. Most important, though, is the highly trained staff of research librarians provided. They are always ready to help you search for information and to point you in the right direction if they don't have the materials on site.

Many features are offered by the library besides the traditional reading material that relatively few students seem to know about. They

house a computer lab, equipped with high speed Internet access, study rooms, and even rooms where video and audio equipment are readily available for student use. Another service they offer, which is not highly publicized, is the Special Collections.

Special Collections serves as an archive containing various things telling the story of Tampa Bay as it has grown throughout the years. Some of the things it contains are rare books, manuscripts, professor publications and all copies of university publications dating back to 1933. They have lists of the student body over the years, former Minaret editors, homecoming queens and senior class gifts to the university. The Special Collections rely on gifts and donations to build their archives.

Some of the interesting items are things donated from actress Blanche Yurka, most famous for her role as Madame Defarge in *Tale of Two Cities*. She was given an honorary degree from UT and regularly gave lectures and helped in productions here. She donated her manuscripts, scrapbooks, playbills and reviews to the library.

Another example of the unique items found in the Special Collections department of the library are those donated by Stanley Kimmel, the writer/poet/playwright/coal miner and historian. He has donated such manuscripts as *Black Gold*, the story of the West Virginia coal miners. Kimmel was a writer-in-residence at the University of Tampa. He extensively studied the assassination of Lincoln and his assassin, John Wilkes Booth. Special Collections has two large scrapbooks full of Kimmel's articles about Booth, his family and the assassination. They also have Kimmel's clown figurine collection in a glass showcase on the second floor of the library. He was rumored to own the gate to cemetery plots of the Booth family and it is listed on the library's inventory sheet, however, the library has yet to possess it.



Religious porcelain figures donated to the special collections department in the library.



A styrofoam rubbing of Egyptian hieroglyphics is placed on the wall of the Special Collections area.



A view of visitors to Plant Park in the early 1930's.

Finally, the most intriguing artifact in Special Collections is the crematory remains of Eduardo R. Martinez Ybor. He is the grandson of Vicente Martinez Ybor — the founder of Ybor City. His ashes sit in a large marble urn on the second floor of the library. Along with his ashes, he donated an extensive amount of money to be used in the form of a scholarship. A second urn is placed next to his, awaiting the ashes of his wife.

The most current part of Special Collections is the celebrations of National Archives Week. Art Bagley, a research librarian and in charge of the Special Collections,

is creating a display of facts about all of the University of Tampa's past presidents. If you would like anymore information regarding the history of the local Tampa Bay area or on Special Collections, you can contact Art Bagley, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Photos by Saira
Zimmerman

Senior Voices

What are you going to do after graduation?



Going to graduate school and trying to find a job.

Fritz Tanis



I am moving to Fort Lauderdale to teach.

Laura Hibshman



I plan on winning the Florida Lottery and moving to the Bahamas.

Gregory
Silvestro



I am going to go to graduate school here at UT.

Amanda Baldemor



I am going to graduate school to be a psychiatrist.

Jason Butler



Fulfill my non-lesbian life.

Nicole Pesa



I'm going to live right here in Tampa and find a job.

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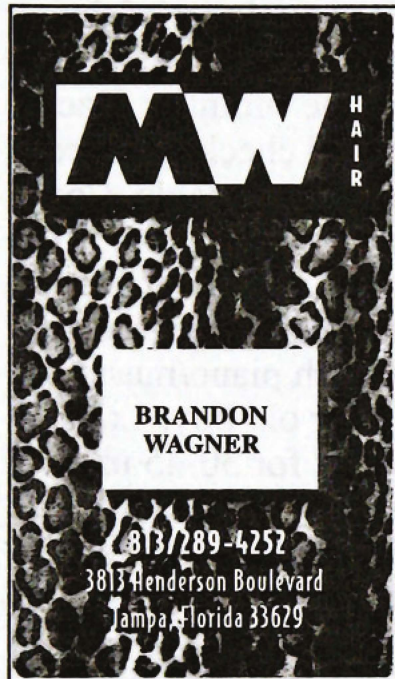
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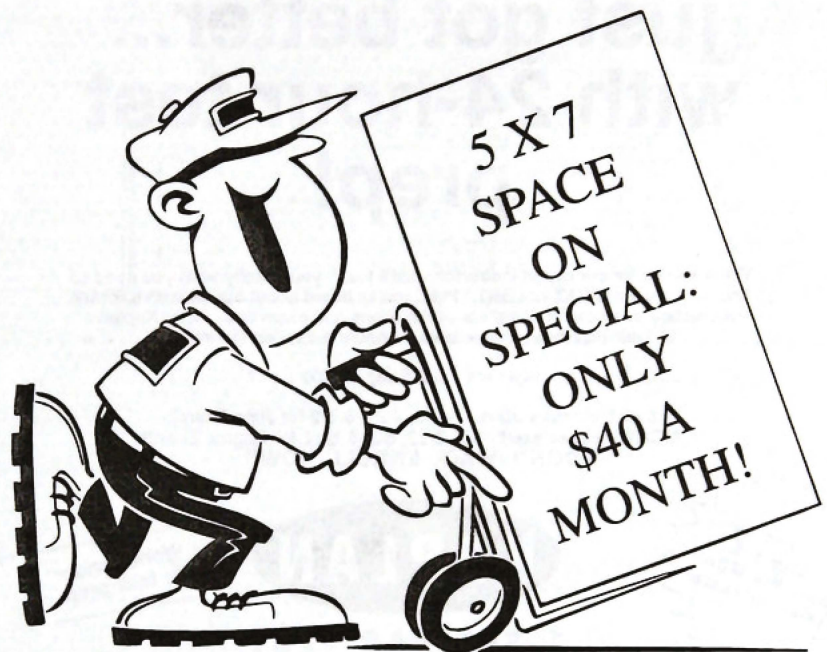
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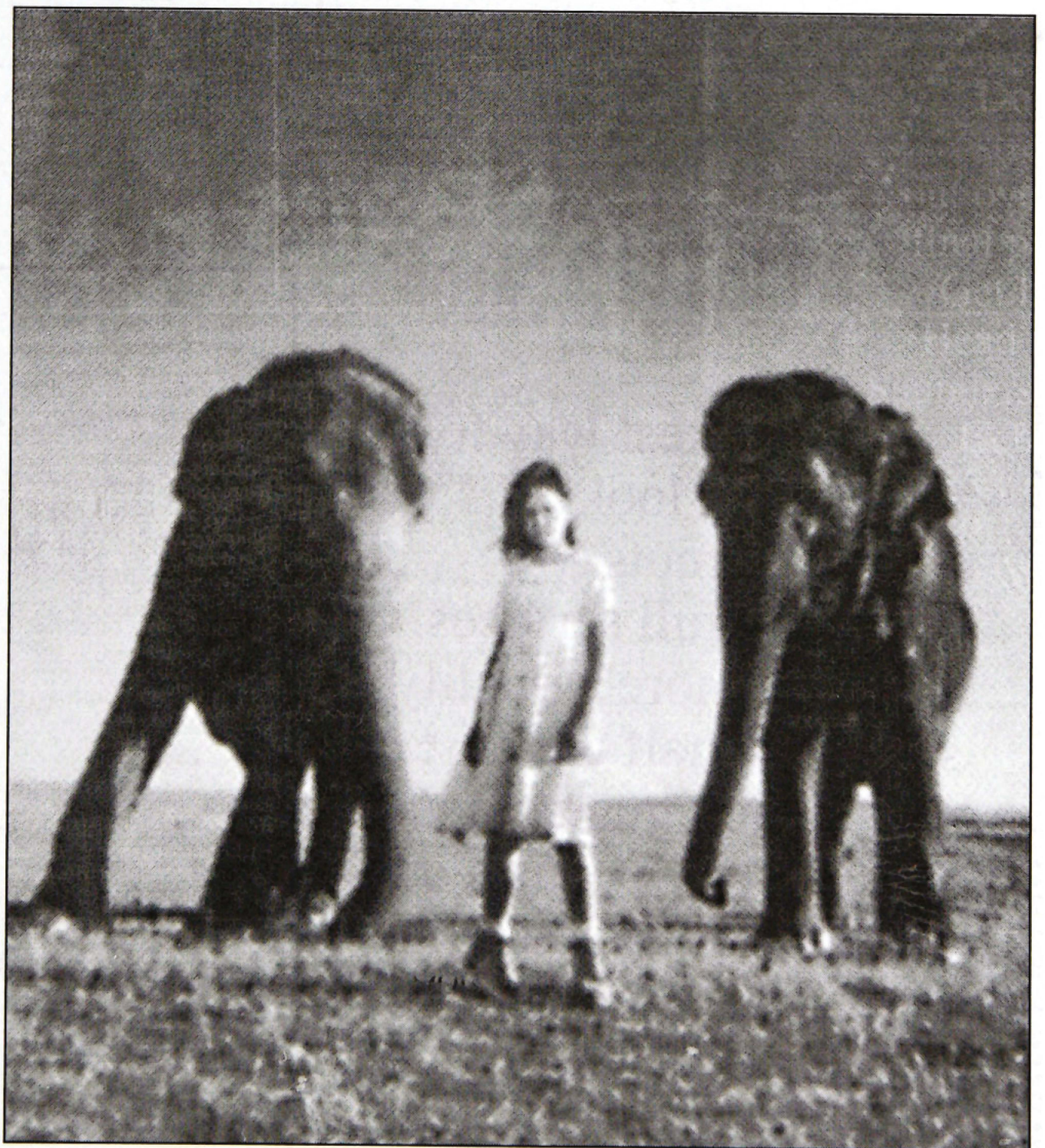
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Moroccan?

Wondering where your yearbook is? The 1998-1999 **Moroccan** will be distributed at the beginning of the **fall semester**, enabling it to include such events as Spring Break, the **last** day in the Rat, **Commencement**, Fall Leadership Awards, ROTC's Commissioning Ceremony and *Once Upon a Mattress*. Watch for more information in your **UT box** or see the bulletin board outside the Moroccan office (Student Union, second floor outside **Room 6**) if you have further questions. For non-returning students, **check out** the bulletin board and sign up to have it delivered or fill out the notice coming to your box. Yearbooks will be delivered to all non-returning students **free of charge**. For returning students, bring a Fall 1998 or Spring 1999 validated **student ID** to UT Unplugged or Homecoming to receive your book.

The Minaret
would like to wish
the graduating class
of 1999
GOOD LUCK.

The Minaret staff would
like to bid a fond
farewell to graduating
seniors Susan Wheeler
Hudmon, Desiree
Torres, Jacob Miller,
Terry Lacy, and Karen
Baker and goodbye to
the transferring Terri
LeBrun.

We would also like to
say "Bon Voyage" to
Dawn Smart and Sam
Ricca, who will be
spending a semester at
Oxford.

Goodbye everybody

By DAWNETTE SMART

Now it's time to say goodbye to all my newfound sports friends. Bye bye, so long, farewell to all of the UT sports fans. I thank you for your support this semester, as well as your input (no matter how crazy it was).

Thank you for reading the sports pages. I hope that it has been as nice to read as it was for me to bring it to you. As we part company for the summer, I wish all of the sports fans a healthy, happy and safe summer.

This semester has been a ton of fun to cover. Our men's basketball team was bitten on the rumpus by an injury bug that may last well into the new millennium. The women's basketball team tried as best they could to

succeed without the other half of the Mack show, Mandy, but it proved difficult the whole season. They tried to mount a challenge for a tournament spot, but came up short.

We will miss Missy and Mandy and we wish them great success, but next season someone else has to step up. They will have big shoes to fill. Our crew is a talented group of individuals we expect to continue to do great things.

I tried to give the lesser known school sports some coverage, but I hope that next semester finds more volunteer writers for those lesser known sports working for the Minaret. If you tell people how good you are over and over, they will soon believe

you and come out to check you out.

When the Fall semester begins, I will not be rejoining everyone immediately. I will be going to Oxford University in England for a semester. I am going to take my special brand of wit and charm across the Atlantic Ocean and have fun with the Queen. If all goes according to plan, I will return in the Spring (unless Tina Turner or Oprah Winfrey offer me a place to stay in England).

Again, thank you for reading the sports page. It has been a pleasure bringing it to you.

Congratulations and good luck to all of the upcoming graduates. I extend an extra shout out to Mandy and Tamari, I only wish I had known you guys earlier.

Men's Basketball gets recruit

Courtesy Sports Information

Manatee Community College power forward Percy White has signed a national letter of intent to enroll at the University of Tampa and play basketball, announced Spartan head coach Richard Schmidt.

The 6-7 220-pound junior-to-be was the Suncoast Conference Player-of-the-Year and runner-up

for state junior college player-of-the-year honors. His two-year junior college averages were 19.6 points, 12.1 rebounds, 1.3 blocks, 1.4 assists and 1.3 steals per game.

He's a career 62 percent field goal shooter who scored 1,194 points in two seasons. White, who is a native of Standardsville, Va. (Monroe), chose Tampa over several nationally ranked NCAA Div. II programs.

Berman enjoys successful year in many ways

Tom Kolbe Sports Information

Danielle Berman is not your ordinary senior student or your ordinary senior tennis player. Berman will earn her degree in Athletic Training/Sports Medicine in December. Berman transferred to the University of Tampa last year from the University of Miami (Fla.). Berman decided to play tennis for Coach Gregg Gruhl her senior year while also being the athletic trainer for the women's basketball team.

Berman missed the first twelve matches of the season while fulfilling her basketball duties and then joined the tennis team as its number two singles player and part of the number one doubles team with Jodi Seguitan. Danielle said, "It was tough managing my basketball duties with

tennis after missing the first 12 games." Berman has stayed busy at Tampa, but she enjoys that. She was also very successful with basketball. Berman then took no time off and rejoined the tennis team as a top player.

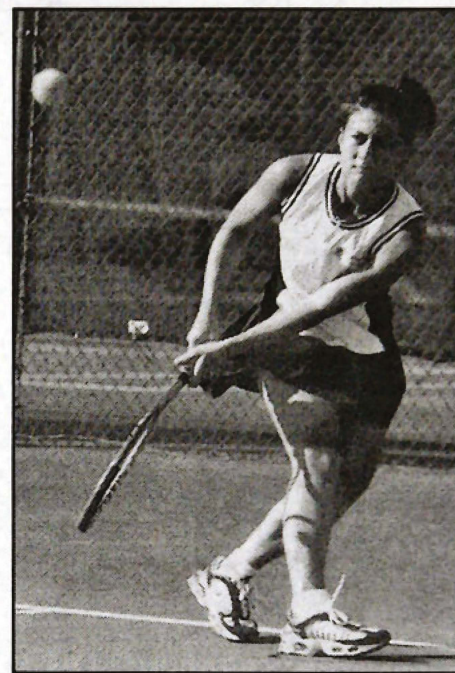
Danielle realizes it may be different if she had played a full season. She stated that "if I played the entire season I would be happy. I put a lot of pressure on myself to be at the same level as the others, even though I didn't get as much practice as them."

But Berman admitted she would be able to look back at the season as a good one, and would definitely do it all over again. "I am glad to have the chance and I am thankful for my teammates

and Coach Gruhl being so accepting of the fact," Berman said.

Danielle said that "Coach Gruhl is a tremendous coach and a great guy who is coaching a great group of ladies."

Danielle competed in her first Sunshine State Conference last week at Hillsborough Community College. The matches marked the final matches of her fine collegiate career. She has done more than the normal college student in her career. Not many people can succeed in school, work and be a top athlete. Danielle Berman has done her best to prove herself to be successful.



Danielle Berman in action

Res Life Softball Tournament

By DAVE MACE Assistant Sports Editor

This past Sunday, two teams from UT participated in a softball tournament made up of various Res Life teams from neighboring universities. The original teams consisted of Res Life teams from UT, USF, UCF and St. Leo's College.

After USF and UCF pulled out at the last minute, tournament coordinator Tim Shaver frantically put together a third team of mixed intramural players from UT. Even with just three teams, the tournament was a huge success.

After the first round, all three teams finished with a 1-1 record. Due to a tie breaker rule based on most runs scored, the UT Res Life team advanced to the championship game against St. Leo's.

UT jumped out to an early

lead, sparked by a Tim Shaver blast over the left field fence in a hope to avenge their first round loss, but St. Leo quickly jumped back to pull the game close.

Although the teams combined for three home runs, most of the runs were unearned. UT pitcher Monnie Wertz pitched with the dignity of a seasoned veteran in a heartbreaking loss that ended in the sixth inning when UT failed to score to keep their hopes alive.

At the end, everyone was a winner when there was a huge barbeque that provided goodwill between the two schools in an event that will be looked forward to for years to come.

Intramural Softball

Last week I promised some intramural softball photos. We had an unfortunate incident concerning a very new camera that someone could not operate, so I only have a few shots that are somewhat understandable and two of them features one of my best pals Dennis Marnick.



Dennis is making a play for the ball



Jeff holding Dennis on first, well not literally, it's a baseball term.



Kinda looks like prison baseball

Have a great summer!!!

UT crew heads to National Championships

By JULIE K. TREMMEL
Contributing Writer

The races are getting bigger and the competition is getting tougher, but the UT men's and women's rowing teams continue to step up to the challenge.

The team has advanced to higher levels of competition with every passing week. Making it from regular season regattas, through the state and regional championships, while remaining on top was a big step for UT and the crews have yet to falter.

The end is in sight, though. Four Spartan crews are getting ready to make this year's National Championship race the lid that puts the seal on the most successful Spring season in the teams' histories.

This past weekend, all seven UT boats that competed in the South Region Championship in Oak Ridge, Tenn., took home a first, second or third place medal.

Competition was tough at the prestigious regatta that listed innumerable full scholarship programs on the docket. North Carolina, Tennessee, Purdue, Clemson, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Florida State, UCF and countless other Division I schools were there to compete.

Rowing in a drizzly 35 degrees, conditions with high winds strong enough to tip four boats, UT was not kept down. Each crew proved that UT was a force to be reckoned with as every boat advanced from their qualifying "heat" and made it to the finals. Some crews defeated as many as eight other crews just to make it to the final event.

Placing first for the Spartans were the Women's Varsity Heavyweight Pair (Nikki Kauffman and Trisha Corbin) and the Men's Nov-

ice Heavyweight Four (Peter Hoar, Ed Franklin, Bryan Adams, Charlie Moores and coxswain Isaak Davis).

Taking home a silver for UT was the Men's Varsity Heavyweight Pair (Mike Palso and Steve Anson).

Coming in third with the bronze medals for UT are the Women's Varsity Lightweight Four (Jollette Henning, Julie Tremmel, Janice Kerns, Odalie Ince and coxswain Shauna Hagan), the Women's Novice Heavyweight Four (Michelle Malette, Tabitha Norris, Melissa Frey, Lorene Hermann and coxswain Lori Madison) and the Men's Varsity Heavyweight Four (Chris Murrele, Sean Manning, Tom Glass, Mike Roache and coxswain Bill Schaudt).

Most impressive is the consistency of each crew during the present season despite a gross lack of funds.

"I'm really impressed with the overall success of the crews this season," said Coach Bill Dunlap. "It's not often that we have a team strong and consistent enough to compete with the Division I powerhouses. It's good for this year, however, with the extremely low budget I'm given to run the program, I'm worried about the future success of the team."

"We travel in Budget rental vans to every race," senior rower Trisha Corbin said. "We're the only team that doesn't even have a nice boat trailer to pull the boats with, so we put our boats on top of the vans. The other teams laugh at us until we start placing in the top three of every race we enter. Our equipment is substandard when compared to the way we row and win."

"I think it's really embarrassing for the University Of Tampa,"



Photo Courtesy of Julie K. Tremmel

The UT Men's and Women's Crews pose with their medals from the regional championships. Twenty-nine UT rowers earned medals at last weekend's event.

junior Janice Kerns said. "We go to these big, really prestigious regattas and people don't even know who we are. We don't even have enough money to get everyone the proper uniform. Other rowers say, 'Who are you guys? The Budget Rental crew?'"

"The team doesn't even have enough money to help pay for meals when we go on trips," sophomore Jollette Henning said. "It's too bad that you can take first place in your race and then have to worry if you have enough money to eat on the way home from the regatta."

"The women's rowing team has the most athletes of any sport on campus," freshman Michelle

Malette said. "The only reason I'm staying at UT next year is because of crew. I don't understand how we're supposed to operate on only \$6,000 a year, one oar alone costs over \$400."

The crews began placing early on at the small Florida Regattas and their strength has only been proven by their continued success. It has been a season of firsts for the Spartans as the team took home the overall points for the first time in over ten years at the University of Florida's own regatta a few weeks ago. The UT rowing program has made incredible strides as they have produced more winning crews this season than they have in past years com-

bined. This news comes after eight boats took medals home from the State Championship two weeks ago.

Four of the seven crews will advance from here to the small school National Championship race on the Schuylkill River in Pennsylvania. The prestigious "Dad Vail" regatta begins on May 8, the same day as The University of Tampa Class of 1999 commencement ceremony. Three of the rowers that will be competing are seniors. Steve Anson, Mike Palso and Julie Tremmel will each give up their college graduation to represent UT at the race.

Know your schoolmates

By DAWN SMART
SPORTS EDITOR

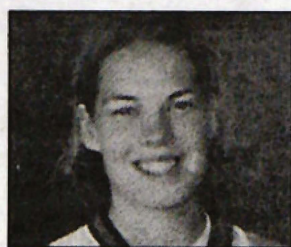
Sometimes as we travel up and down the hallowed halls of this "institution," we fail to realize that we are among great leaders and sports stars. As we exit this semester, I want to introduce you to some people who you may not know are athletes. These athletes work hard to maintain a decent GPA while giving so much of their time to helping our school remain one of the top athletic programs in Div. II. Who keeps the spirit high at athletic events? Our cheerleaders and band. They deserve credit for a job well done.



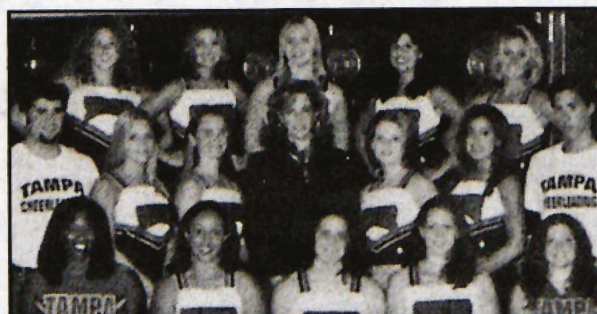
University of Tampa Band



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@ 7 p.m.
Sam Bailey Field

Sat., April 24 vs Lynn
@ 7 p.m.
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Sun., April 25 vs Lynn
@ 1 p.m.
Sam Bailey Field

Sat., May 1 vs North Florida
@ 5 p.m.
Jacksonville

Sun., May 2 vs North Florida
@ 1 p.m.
Jacksonville

SOFTBALL

Sat., April 24 vs Saint Leo
@ 1 p.m.
Saint Leo



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