

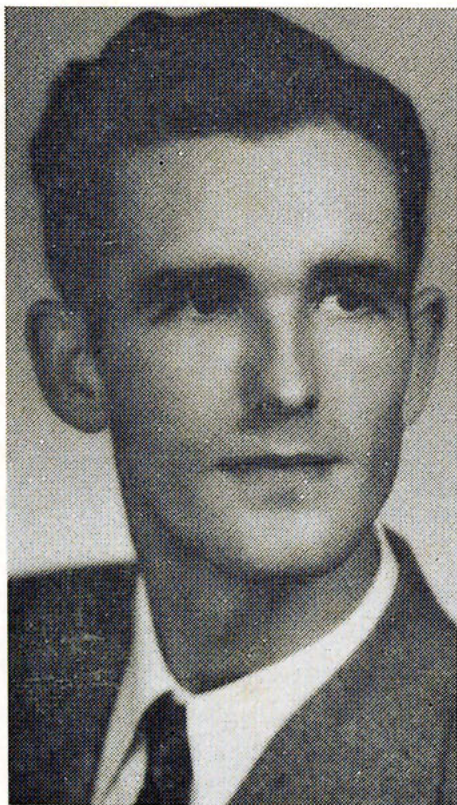
Tampa U. Alumni News

OCTOBER, 1950

JACK BROCKMAN REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR

Former University Drum Major
Reported Missing—Now As
Prisoner.

1st. Lt. John Joseph Brockman entered the Korean Combat Zone July 1st. On July 25th, his wife, Becky Brockman, received official word from the U. S. War Department that her husband was missing-in-action, lost as of July 12th.



JACK BROCKMAN

The International Red Cross Authorities advised Mrs. Brockman during the last week in August that Lt. Brockman was being held prisoner-of-war somewhere in Korea. No further word has been received.

Jack Brockman entered our University in 1941, after receiving a Music scholarship from his high school work at Tarpon Springs, Florida. Jack, for his scholastic achievement, received the American Legion Award upon his graduation. During 1942, he entered the U. S. Army as a volunteer.

While serving two years in the European Theater of Combat in World War II, Brockman received a battle-front commission, promoting him to Second Lieutenant from his S-Sergeant rating. Six months later, he received his First Lieutenant commission. Lt. Brockman was wounded three times, once seriously by shrapnel. He received

the Purple Heart Decoration.

Upon his discharge, Jack reentered the University receiving his degree in Music in 1948. In 1949, he decided to reenlist in the U. S. Army, and was serving with the 21st Regiment of the 24th Division in Japan.

While attending the University, Jack was a member of the Tau Omega Fraternity, and participated actively with the Kappa Kappa Psi Music Fraternity. In his senior year, he served as drum major of the University Band.

Jack made hundreds of friends at the University, both with his great smile and his warm friendliness. This reporter would like to join Mrs. Marguerite Brockman, their son, 8½-month John Joseph Brockman, Jr., and all of his friends, in a prayer that Jack will soon rejoin his family, and share in the America's Security for which he is fighting.

ALUMNI POLITICS, SOON TO BEGIN

The Election Committee has been hard at work lately. Chairman Clyde "Chip" Bergwin with his Committee, comprised of Mrs. Florence Williers, Crockett Farnell and Joe Mills have just come forth with the slate that will be voted on Saturday evening, November 11 at the regular annual business meeting at the Hillsborough Hotel.

Those nominated are as follows:

President:

Rudy H. Rodriguez
Doyle L. Bluemle

V. President:

Theodore Leslie
Braulio Alonso

Secretary:

Miss Virginia Smith
Miss Nancy Taylor
Mrs. Clyde Bergwin
Joe Mills

Treasurer:

Fred Rodgers
Mrs. Jackie Parkerson
Miss Margie Casal
Miss Elizabeth Robertson

Board Members (5)

Dr. Byron Wilson
Dr. Robert Tramontana
Chas. Sipes
Thomas Barrow
Mrs. Alice Campion
Mrs. Margaret Selph
Mrs. Mary Raines
Tony Ippolito
Tom Johnson

Heretofore, the emphasis has always
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"HOMECOMING"

Homecoming plans are still progressing in a very orderly and constructive manner. There have been two bits of news brought forward since the last issue of this bulletin.

One is an addition to the schedule of events. Senator and Mrs. Raymond Sheldon have again extended an invitation to all University of Tampa Alumni, their families and students to attend a fish fry at their beautiful ranch at the foot of Cypress Ave. The fish fry will take place Friday, November 10.

We all remember the excellent barbecue given in our honor last year by the Sheldons and we are really looking forward to another such function this year. Those of you who missed last year's outing will have to make it a must this year.

The other bit of news, released by Chairman Bud Pepper is the announcement of "Toastmaster." Said individual is to be none other than John (Brandy) Brandenberger — the "character of all characters."

The principal speaker has not yet been announced, but Bud and Dr. Nance are on a warm trail of an individual. If they are able to get this man, for our Homecoming, it will be the greatest drawing card for our University since Tyrone Power was here in '48. If this man accepts, you can be sure of quite an evening at the banquet. With Brandenberger and this individual under the same roof, all hell will probably break loose.

Keeping in line with last year's "reasonably priced" beverages, the plans, thus far, are to sell beverage tickets for .35c each or 3 for \$1.00 (Bargains yet!). Be sure to make plans to be here Nov. 9, 10, and 11 for the biggest Homecoming yet.

SCHEDULE

Thursday Night—President's reception.

Friday—Registration, Fraternity and Sorority luncheons and cocktail parties.

Friday Night—Student Senate Dance with "Big Name" Band.

Saturday—Children's Party, more Cocktail Parties and more luncheons. Parade. Football Game—afternoon.

Saturday Night—Business Meeting, Cocktail Party, Election of Officers, Banquet and Dance.

Sunday Morning—Free "Bromo's" at the Hillsboro Hotel.

Sinkwich Brings Life to Tampa U.

Football at Tampa U. this year has attracted more attention than a strip-tease in the heart of Times Square. The reason, of course, is Head Coach Frankie Sinkwich and his colorful Sinkwich Circus. The following story was filed by the Tampa Associated Press and written by AP Staff Writer Ben Smith. It hit all the major newspapers in the country:

(Atlanta Journal)

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 28 (AP)—"Fireball" Frankie Sinkwich in his first stab as a college head coach is putting more life into little University of Tampa's football setup than a bee in your britches.

The razzle-dazzle squad of fleet backs and giant linemen assembled by the ex-Georgia All-America halfback is being dubbed the "Sinkwich circus."

The colorful troupe is pulling more fans to scrimmages than attended some of the winless Tampans' games last year.

And Sinkwich is just as nimble at drumming up support for his team as he was on the gridiron. He vows civic clubs and even Sunday school classes with his eager speeches.

Already they are making a legend of the way Sinkwich rounded up the backbone of his club. Frankie took the old beat-up college bus and scoured the highways and byways from here to Ohio, rounding up prospects like a big game hunter.

"That was a rugged trip," he recalled. "I think I was in every little town in Pennsylvania and Ohio before I was through."

Sinkwich came back from that tour with 17 huskies who knew what to do with a football.

Some were high school stars and some were transfers from other colleges, but "I didn't steal a one," Frankie said. "The ones that came from other colleges had already dropped out there, and 95 per cent of them reached me first."

Sinkwich didn't let any grass grow under his feet in the Tampa area either.

When the university alumni decided to depart from simon pure football and hired Sinkwich last spring, they started a drive to raise \$16,000 to finance a team.

Sinkwich was the spark plug that helped put over that campaign. He talked up the team everywhere he could find at least one pair of ears. The youthful coach puts out a convincing line of chatter.

"I had to sell Tampa on its own university," he observed.

When the Korean war got hotter he even went out and lined up some extra players. He calls these his "draft insurance."

For the last six weeks he's been trying to mould a smooth outfit from a batch of players who have high abilities as individuals but are playing together for the first time. The Tampa Spartans use the T-formation, but do not have enough material for a two-platoon system.

Most observers think the Youngstown, Ohio, flash has done pretty well, but he says you can not tell until you see them in action.

FLASH!

ANY ONE DESIRING

BABY SITTERS

—call or write—

FLORENCE WILLIERS

106 S. MacDill Ave.

PHONE 85-2892

The purpose of this section, in which we hope you will assist, is to try to get a larger mailing list of Tampa University Alumni. For that reason will you please **print**, in the space provided, the names of any former students, you might know, along with their address and phone (if known) and mail to Mr. Chas. Steck, Alumni Office, c/o Univ. of Tampa.

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Listed below is (are) the name/s of former T. U. Students:

Name _____

Address

City & State

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"SPARTOON CHATTER!"

Dick and Louise Sleichter wrote in the other day from Annapolis, Md., to send us all a little news about another Alumnus from our old Alma Mater—None other than Lt. Cmdr. Tom Healey, U.S.N. Air Corps. (Get that title — Lieutenant Commander!) The story goes on to say that Tom is the proud father of three (3) sons (Look out Pittman). Dick and Louise have one each, boy and girl that is.

From Dania, Fla., comes the news of three old timers—Bill Brennan, Luther Sparkman and Litton Ashmore. Bill is with the school system at Dania, Luther is City Manager of Dania, and Litton Tax Collector.

The Alumni Association sure misses Marion Neal Zalmana. Marion resigned as Treasurer of the Association so that she could accept an excellent teaching position in California. Prexy Pittman was thinking fast and appointed C.P.A. Fred Rogers to take this office. Fred has also assumed the role of Chairman of the Finance Committee (incidentally, anyone wishing to send Fred their dues or donations, will please direct all letters to Fred Rogers, c/o M. A. Montenegro & Co., Wallace S. Bldg., Tampa).

Wilbur Gunnoe—a big shot with the Goodrich Tire & Rubber Co., was in town the other day on his way to Miami, where he will assume his new duties down there. While he was here, he left his personal check for \$25.00 to help feed the "Sinkwich Circus." The Spartin Alumni Club graciously accepted this, and will graciously accept any further donations from Wilbur or any one else interested.

Homecoming should really be something this year with Braudenberger in town.

We should all express our appreciation to The Tampa Daily Times for the special edition of Saturdays (Sept. 30) paper which gave the "Sinkwich Circus" a banner headline on their victory.

Bob Hach is doing most of the hiring for Eastern Air Lines these days—he was here in Tampa about a week ago, doing just that.

SPARTAN ALUMNI CLUB

For the benefit of those who might not know, the U. of T. Alumni Association has, this year, taken over the old "Spartan Club" which was begun quite a few years ago by some of Tampa's most prominent citizens. The "Spartan Club" was started in as much as there were no alumni to take over this worth while endeavor of aiding the athletes at the University of Tampa. Now, the time has arrived for the sponsorship of this organization to be turned over to us. This has been done and very excellent accomplishments have been the result. Under the guidance of Pres. Clair Pittman, a group of former University of Tampa students pledged to raise \$16,000.00 to set up a training table for the athletes at the University. Such men as Pres. Pittman, Dr. Paul McCloskey, Crockett Farnell, Bill Fisher, Rudy Rodriguez, Braulis Alonso, Chip Bergwin and many others have done an excellent job. To date, more than \$10,000.00 has been deposited to support this training table, and more is coming in all the time. Why not send in a dollar, a "fin," or any amount you wish to "The Spartan Alumni Club," c/o Crockett Farnell, 509 Morgan St. The combination of the publicity received from this \$16,000.00 Drive and that which has come from the appointment of Frank Sinkwich as head coach, has been the prob-

able reason for the tremendous demand for season football tickets. Paul Myers has been, literally, swamped with calls and letters for tickets. Paul reports that additional tickets have had to be printed, and even then, the demand has not been satisfied.

Alumni Politics . . .

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been put on the election of the President. It has been noted that, in many cases, only one name was "checked" on the entire ballot and that was for President. We should all endeavor to vote for each office and when doing so, use exactly the same care in voting for the lesser officers to be elected, as that used in voting for the President of the Association.

In as much as Rudy Rodriguez was not in town at the time this bulletin went to press, full particulars were not available concerning his background and numerous activities. Consequently neither candidate's record will be printed until the next issue which will be out approximately November 5.

ALUMNI!
ATTEND THE
BIG HOMECOMING GAME
SAT., NOV. 11th at 2:30

You are urged to make all reservations as soon as possible with Mrs. Florence Williers. Let's all fill in the form at the end of this story so that this terrifically difficult job might be made a little easier for the Homecoming committee.

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Cut out, fill in, and mail **IMMEDIATELY**

To: Mrs. Florence Williers, 106 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Please Reserve
No.

- () Place/s at Tampa University Banquet (Saturday Night).
() Room/s at Hillsboro Hotel for ____ day/s.
() Ticket/s Student Senate Dance (Friday Night).

Sign Name Here

Address

City

State

ALUMNI!

—ATTEND THE—

Big Homecoming Game

A G A I N S T

DELTA STATE

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Phillips Field

2:30 P.M. SAT., NOV. 11th

Big Banquet & Business Meeting

SATURDAY NIGHT, HILLSBORO HOTEL
FOR RESERVATIONS PHONE 85-2982