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A course is a course, of course, of course....

They might all look the same to non-golfers, but avid golfers would beg to disagree, thanks in large part to the crafty designs of P.B. Dye.

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They Had a Ball. And what a ball it was.

The Chairman's Ball in October was an affair *par elegance*, and a two-page photo spread is presented for your enjoyment.

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UT—The Modern Era. The last of three 16-page special sections relives the third quarter-century of University history, telling in words and pictures the UT story from 1982-present.

Local writer and history buff Melvin "Buddy" Baker conducted extensive research into UT's founding and history, and contributed to the special anniversary section in this edition of the *UT Journal*.

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A Bigger Sandbox

Paul Burke Dye, better known as “P.B.,” lifts the right-side hood of his 1929 Model A Ford pickup, pops the brass fuel line off and up to his lips, and blows into the end until his cheeks puff out and his forehead tinges pink and begins to redden.

In the car’s spartan interior, a sound like the draining of a water cooler jug gurgles under the floorboard. P.B. reconnects the tube, climbs back behind the wheel, reaches over his passenger to a spot between his knees under the dash (“I’m not trying to get funny with you,” he assures) to turn the small fuel lever to “on,” then farther to the right side of the dash to pull the choke, and cranks the beautiful old machine to a gently rumbling start.

“I have to do that occasionally to clear the sediment from the line,” explains the affable

P.B., a former UT golf team player who amassed 131 credits but never applied for graduation. “If you can’t fix it with bailing wire and a pair of pliers,” he offers of his treasured antique in a way that indicates a general philosophy, “get a new one.”

It’s a sound philosophy for a free spirit in love with the earth and old machines, a man who doesn’t wear a wristwatch and is proud to say he wouldn’t even turn a computer on if he knew how. Besides the obvious lack of a Web site for his business, you can add no permanent staff, and no office but a small desk in his home

Life in the rough. P.B. relaxes off the 11th tee of the 18-hole golf course at Palm Beach Polo Club with his 1929 Model A Ford pickup and English golden retrievers Charrah (left) and Ti Chi, who are mother and son, respectively. Ti Chi has parenting experience, too, having sired more than 50 service dogs.

By David Brothers
Location Photos by Bill Ingram

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Dyed-in-the-wool designing family. Clockwise from top left, P.B., Jerry, Alice and Pete Dye sport some flashy attire for a family portrait. (Photo courtesy of Kenny May, Rolling Greens Photography.)

in Wellington, FL. Calendars and business cards are lonesome commodities.

P.B., 51, swears he bought his first Model A for \$50 when he was 9 years old (which he also swears is the same year his dad first put him on a bulldozer). This forest-green '29 gem he's had since he was 15. It serves him well as the classiest golf cart in the Palm Beach Polo Club.

The ride is a lot of fun, a quick zip through the narrow turns along a ridge-top road through the golf course. The turns—and the roadway—are narrow

because the road is actually a cart path only a little wider than the average sidewalk. P.B.'s other guest is having less fun, a bit nervous about keeping up in his Volkswagen Jetta, which doesn't fit the sidewalk quite as well. In the bed of the antique, P.B.'s mother-and-son English golden retrievers, Charrah and Ti Chi, pant their happy approval.

Duffers turn and stare, but P.B. sounds the distinctive *arrugah!* horn, smiles and waves, and expressions ranging from bewilderment to annoyance immediately shift into friendlier gears. Smiles and waves start flowing back, along with a bit of good-natured headshaking.

As the two-car procession turns off the sidewalk onto the rough by a lake, a tall, dark-haired man walks over a hill, golf club in one hand, his white-gloved free hand a shaking fist.

"What do you think you're doing?" he shouts in a mild accent. "I don't care who you are or who you think you are!"

But then a broad grin breaks out across the face of Cali Garcia, P.B.'s friend of 37 years and the community's polo director. The two met as teens during P.B.'s first trip to the Dominican Republic.

"Hey, old buddy. How are you?" he grins, walking down for a handshake. A wink in the direction of P.B.'s guests suggests he knew all along who had the audacity to drive on the course, and thought he'd have a moment of fun with the visitors.

But P.B. already had plenty of experience with being the other kind of driver on a golf course. While building a course in South

Carolina, he says, he had clients visiting from Canada, so he rented a Cadillac to pick them up at the airport.

"I took 'em out to the golf course, and I wanted to show 'em this one hole, so, I literally drove the car up on the first tee. There were two foursomes waiting to tee off, and there were carts on the cart path. So, I just drove right around 'em up on the first tee, rolled down the window, and looked out and said, 'Who ordered a Caddy?'"

"These poor golfers about had a heart attack, and I just waved at 'em and drove right down the fairway."

Riley Came Home



Model A Fords are but one of P.B.'s many passions. Golf is a bigger one, with the Dominican Republic and driving bulldozers high on the list.

In his UT days, 1975-80, surfing topped his field of obsessions before the golf team came along.

P.B.'s answer to how a surfing golf nut becomes a psychology major: Take whatever looks interesting that can be taken on Tuesday and Thursday only. That way, if you cram homework, library time and running the language lab into Wednesday, you still can get in four days of surfing in Vero Beach.

Good times in Tampa came from Wednesday night Jai-Alai at the Fronton on S. Dale Mabry and amateur wrestling at the Fort Homer Hesterly Armory on N. Howard.

He always brought the same companion to the Armory, an expert at cutting through the long line to secure choice fourth-row seats for them and their dates.

"You wanted to sit at least four rows back," he recalls, "'cause the sweat and the spit would make it three rows."

A favorite post-match treat would be to head down Howard a couple of blocks to the Whiteway Lounge and wait for the wrestlers to wander in.

"And I'm talking about all of 'em—the Briscoe Brothers, Mike Graham, Dusty Rhodes, Wahoo McDaniel, Hacksaw. I got to know all those guys."

Thursday evening after class, he'd drive back to Vero Beach.

P.B.'s college degree wasn't the only thing that went unfinished after he'd devoted significant time and energy to it. He also lived in a tent in St. Petersburg's Bayboro Harbor for

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—P.B. Dye

18 months, he says, trying to build the 45-foot sailboat he was sure he would sail around the world.

But life called before he could enjoy the life of Riley any longer.

"Riley came home," he says with a chuckle. "Dad called and said he needed me. He was building TPC [The Players Club at Sawgrass, in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL]. I had just played in the British Amateur and the Scottish Amateur, and came back—and been on a bulldozer ever since."

He hasn't changed much since then, he says, but the bulldozers have.

"I ran equipment when I was 10 years old that was built back in the '50s. Last year, I spent eight months in the Dominican Republic. I probably put 400 hours on one of these brand-new Komatsu 155s, which is like the difference between a Model A and a Lexus 430—double-pane insulated glass, double joysticks, totally environmentally controlled, no noise, AM-FM stereo, the whole nine yards.

"I love to run equipment, from the big stuff down to the small stuff—tractors and everything. At 8 years old, I was running a shovel, so I learned how to run one of those before I learned how to run a bulldozer."

He even has a bumper sticker that proudly declares, "My other car is a bulldozer."

"That one scares people," he says in the bemused chuckle that lightly punctuates much of his banter.

"Did you have a sandbox in your back yard when you were a kid? Well, mine just got bigger."

After the call from his dad—the one that called Riley home and capped P.B. Dye's days as a UT student/golfer/surfer, P.B. threw himself fulltime and headlong into the family business, doubling its presence in a third generation, brother Perry also taking up the vocation.

Their father, Paul "Pete" Dye, was—and at 81, still is—a big name in the planning and building of golf courses, with renown for the challenges he creates for players. Google his name, in fact, and you'll quickly see "legend" in the same sentence. Among his many gems are Whistling Straits in Wisconsin (site of the 2004 PGA Championship), Crooked Stick in Indiana, and Harbour Town in South Carolina.

A 2004 *Golf World* article called Pete Dye "the most imaginative golf course designer in the business, and also ... the most diabolical, unfair and even sadistic architect of all time." It also called him "the Kevin Bacon of golf course designers," because "almost everybody in the design business today has a connection to Pete Dye." The article supplies a lengthy list of designers it calls "Dye-ciples."

Fruit Not Far from the Tree

Pete dropped out of high school in 1944 to join the Army. He wound up stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, where he spent the remainder of his military service as the greenskeeper for the Officer's Club course, with Italian POWs for a labor force. He would later *almost* graduate from Rollins College, near Orlando, where he played on the golf team, and after that, attend Stetson University, from which he also would emerge sans degree.

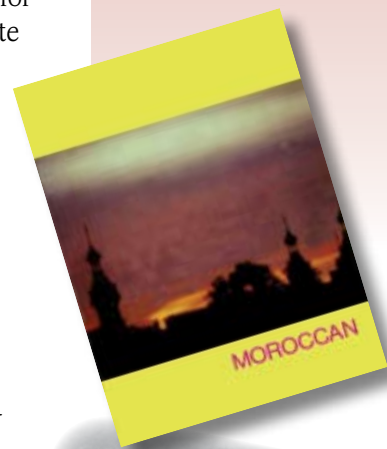
He moved with his wife, Alice (an accomplished golfer in her own rite and a member of the Indiana Golf Hall of fame) to her hometown of Indianapolis, and started selling insurance. His love of golf undiminished, he was the Indiana amateur champion when he lost a tournament to 18-year-old Jack Nicklaus in 1958.

The following year, he quit selling insurance and started designing golf courses. Nicklaus became his design consultant in 1966. In 1995, Addison-Wesley published Pete's autobiography, *Bury Me in a Pot Bunker*. The book, which includes a forward by Greg Norman, enjoyed positive press, and readers on Amazon.com have unanimously crowned it with five stars.

It was Pete's father and P.B.'s paternal grandfather, Paul Francis "Pinky" Dye, who started it all by designing the nine-hole Urbana (OH) Country Club in 1923. For one of his first post-Riley projects, P.B. added nine more holes at Urbana in 1980, adding a healthy dose of generational symbolism in the process. But it wasn't his first.

"Did you have a sandbox in your back yard when you were a kid? Well, mine just got bigger."

—P.B. Dye



He was right about the future. P.B. says he still is rarely caught without his Ray-Ban shades. Predictably, he was the only one wearing them in a 1978 class photo for the *Moroccan*.

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"My other car is a bulldozer."

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—P.B. Dye

“I started with a golf course called Long Cove, on Hilton Head,” he recalls. “I spent nine months on a D5 bulldozer, and really shaped the whole thing wall-to-wall.”

Golf Digest ranks the course second in South Carolina (behind only his dad’s Ocean Course on Kiawah Island) and 71st in the nation.

P.B. might be considered a Florida native of sorts—halfway, anyhow. He was “conceived in Florida and born in Indiana,” he says, and has spent his whole life—except for his UT days, when he attended classes during the summers—half in south Florida and half in the upper Midwest. That has become more like three months each, he says, and six months away from home on projects.

His paternal grandparents first cruised down the peninsula to Delray Beach in 1930, picked out a sunny seaside spot, and built the city’s second house on the Atlantic Ocean. That began a north-south family tradition that has been in place ever since.

Knee-Deep in Fun



Although he belongs to something called the American Society of Golf Course Architects, P.B. thinks the term is inaccurate.

“We don’t really design golf courses, we just build ‘em as we go, because we’re there a lot. So, you’re really involved in a design-and-build type thing, and it’s not as much drawing it on a piece of paper and giving it to a contractor as much as it is working one-on-one with a golf course shaper.

“We like to take these kids right out of college with degrees in agronomy that have single-digit handicaps. You take these kids and put ‘em on a brand new D6, and they’re in seventh heaven.

“It’s more fun building golf courses with golfers. You can teach anybody to run a bulldozer, but it’s hard to teach a bulldozer operator to love golf.”

P.B. is wound. He’s talking about his craft, and his love of it is clear.

“It’s fun building these things. We can make your eyes lie to you. We can make the ball break uphill. It’s not breaking uphill, but it looks like it’s breaking uphill. That’s the real art of it.

“They say that we’ve never worked a day in our lives, and I agree, but I’ve walked onto a lot of Delta jets after being knee-deep in mud,

wet and cold and grungy, and look at these poor guys with coats and ties, and it looks like they’ve had no fun all day long, and all I’ve done is play in the dirt and just have a ball. You can’t call it work—it’s too much fun.”

P.B. says he’s designed and built 70 golf courses since 1980, but says that isn’t really a lot.

“I do two or three a year. A lot of guys do 10 or 15 a year. Doing two a year, you can stay on top of what your work is. We don’t drop off a set of plans and show up five or six times. We’re personally involved and committed to getting these things built.

“Everybody knows Dad’s work. He has 14 courses ranked in the top 100 [nationally]. I’ve been lucky enough to build some pretty good golf courses and nice real estate projects. Got one down in the Dominican Republic on Punta Cana that’s been very well received internationally and has gotten a pretty good ranking.”

No surprise there: P.B. helped his dad build Teeth of the Dog in La Romana, Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic, widely considered one of the best seaside courses on the planet and ranked 17th worldwide by *Golf Digest*. He has a new site picked out in the Caribbean island nation for a third Dye course. He also has picked out a home site there for a third residence to share time with his Palm Beach Polo Club villa and the family cabin in Urbana.

In addition to his signature course, the P.B. Dye Golf Club in Ijamsville, MD, his other acclaimed designs include The Honors in Chattanooga (ranked best in Tennessee), Fisher Island in Miami, Loblolly Pines in Stuart, FL, Cross Creek Plantation in Seneca, SC, and the Legends Club Moorland Course in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Best Vacation



is last two-and-a-half years at UT were the best, P.B. says. He was still meandering toward maybe a degree in something, but now there was golf.

“We had a pretty good run, because we went down to the Miami Invitational and came in second. We had some pretty good players.

“We had Brian Claar, John Swenson. I saw Brian Claar a year ago, and John Swenson—two years ago we talked on the phone. I saw Brian at a tournament up in St. Louis two years ago and followed him a couple holes.

“Unfortunately, two of my better friends

who went to The University of Tampa, one died of Hodgkin's, the other one died of cancer."

P.B. is himself a two-time survivor of cancers that rate among the most life-threatening—colon and colorectal. He says little of either, other than to note that "they cut me up like a Christmas turkey," but that seems fitting: P.B. Dye is all about life and having fun.

When the question of college pranks comes up, he lets out a hearty guffaw.

"I refuse to answer," he says, still laughing, "on the grounds that it may incriminate the whole golf team. I had a lot of fun with those guys."

He does admit to having chipping contests in the long-gone Days Inn on Kennedy Blvd., part of which served as a residence hall for UT overflow, and to once watching Brian Claar try to hit a ball across the Hillsborough River through an open window, only to hit it low and into the wall.

"He drove it right into the sheetrock, buried it, *thank God*. If it had ricocheted around that little room, 10, 12 guys in there, it would have killed us."

They about died laughing, instead. (Claar could not be reached for comment.)

"College was the best vacation I ever had," he grins.

But as fun-loving as he is, P.B. took his UT studies to heart, too, and was privileged to have a favorite teacher who left a profound effect.

"Stephen Speronis was, bar none, the biggest influence on me over there," he says. "There was a group of us who took every class he taught. We even called ourselves 'Speronites.'"

Dr. Speronis was a professor of history and political science from 1956-81, named professor emeritus in 1982. He retired in 1983 and died in 1989. He hosted a weekly half-hour television show, *History in the Making*, on WFLA, channel 8, from 1958-73.

A former Army infantry captain who interrogated eastern European prisoners in Germany at the end of WWII, Speronis was a widely sought lecturer who spoke at the University of Athens, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Command General Staff School in Kansas, Ft. Bragg and Ft. Benning. He is credited with helping to start ROTC and the Sword and Shield Club, and was a driving force in the University's acquisition of the old state fairgrounds.

"He taught some really good courses," P.B. says. "I remember the first one—it was called Economic Geography. It was about the basic



Nice ride! Charrah (left) and Ti Chi love rides in the back of the '29 Model A.

supplies of all the natural materials on the planet, who had 'em, where the tin is, where the metal is, where the grain is, this and that, and how that helps shape the planet, the politics, world history, and how trade has changed our planet, and how wars are fought over certain natural resources."

Besides being a great teacher, P.B. says, Speronis had the human connection that fit P.B. to a tee—even though golf wasn't involved.

"He had a marina down on the west coast of Florida—loved to fish and drink Jack Daniels. He was just a really neat, hard father figure or grandfather figure, old-man-of-the-sea type guy.

"He was a hard guy," P.B. says, but you'd do well in his class "if you were there every day, participated and stood toe-to-toe with him."

P.B. remembers that nearly all his UT classes offered him something.

"I ran into three or four really good professors there, people who taught because they wanted to teach, not because that was all they could do."

Contrary to a few Internet golf site biographical sketches that list him as a graduate of UT, P.B. says (and records confirm) that that is not the case. He believes he was "about three credits short" of a degree in history, and had amassed a good body of psychology, English and Spanish credits, too.

His UT Spanish would serve him well, in fact, in a 20-minute opening-day dedication speech in Punta Cana delivered entirely in the



Biggest influence. Dr. Stephen Speronis, P.B. says, was "bar none, the biggest influence" on him at UT. Speronis, who died in 1989, taught history and political science from 1956-83. He retired as a professor emeritus.

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Not just the sandbox. “Did you have a sandbox in your back yard when you were a kid?” P.B., here leaning on a putter in front of his drawing board, likes to ask. “Well, mine just got bigger.” The view from the back of his home in Wellington, FL, suggests that the back yard did, too. It actually is one of his creations, the golf course at Palm Beach Polo Club. In the corner is P.B.’s favorite silent partner, Bugs Bunny.

native language, although he admits to being well short of fluent.

“I speak it pretty well, but I don’t hear it,” he cautions. “It’s difficult for me to understand. I don’t dream in Spanish. Watching somebody who’s perfectly bilingual blows my mind.”

It seems the Economic Geography course may have paid off, too.

“When we were building the Palm Beach Polo Club,” he says, “at the same time, we were building the paddocks for stadium jumping. There’s a material down here in Florida called marl, and it’s kind of like a—I call it spoiled clay. It’s gray, but it has some texture to it, and it’s a great sub base for these paddocks. You lay it down, two or three feet, and cover it with 18 inches of sand, and it gives it some firmness the horses want.

“We found a pocket of it out there 10 feet in the ground. We just dug her out, every inch we could find. We could generate it for about a dollar-fifty a cubic yard. It costs 15 to 20 dollars a yard to buy it. So, you use 30-40 thousand yards of it, it’s worth your while.

“The man who made this planet—when he left, he took the owner’s manual with him, so we’re kinda on our own.”

The King of Piñatas



P.B. has agreed to restore the American military’s golf course at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for airfare and a turkey sandwich.

Two years of Haitian refugees camping out on the golf course, he says, has left it in disrepair, and he is determined to get it back to good condition.

“We cut a lot of red tape, and had a couple of generals involved to get us down there to look at this thing, and I spent enough time talking on the telephone to all the different vendors, and I got virtually everything donated to rebuild nine holes.

“After I got done with all that, they asked me what it would take to redo 18. I said, ‘Just double it.’ And of course, the guy says, ‘Well, what are you gonna charge me?’ And I said, ‘Well, same thing—a turkey sandwich. Just get me the transportation.’”

Aside from that project and scoping out sites for another seaside course and new home in the Dominican Republic, P.B. and his wife, Jean, have become involved with helping the children at an orphanage in the poor island nation.

Jean, in particular, has been “amazing” and tireless as a fundraiser, P.B. says, raising money for a generator, 60 refurbished computers, teacher salaries, a five-year supply of rice and beans, even 50 pallets of powdered milk.

He and Jean, a native of Seneca, SC, met in Columbia, SC, when P.B. was building the Northwoods golf course there and Jean was designing the interior of the clubhouse. The daughter of an athletic director, she plays tennis, shoots hoops, and of course, is a golfer. “Jeanie-Beanie” P.B. calls her. After 15 years of marriage, he still refers to her as his bride. They have no children, or depending on how you look at it, they have quite a few.

“We had Christmas with 225 orphans,” P.B. says. “There’s a lot of ‘em down there to be taken care of.”

But when P.B. Dye is on a mission, it’s going to be fun.

“We put up this great big piñata. Any kind of order or anything kids have learned goes right out the window when a piñata comes out—kids get to be kids. I love to entertain ‘em.”

P.B. Dye, the almost-graduate of UT, the panama hat-wearing ex-surfer turned golf course designer extraordinaire, has found a new hat, and he likes it.

“When I go down there,” he says with a grin of keen satisfaction, “I’m the king of piñatas.” 🍌

Marine Science Boats Slip Into Something More Comfortable

A gift by Steeven Knight, the founder of Yacht Clubs of the Americas, will guarantee The University of Tampa a stake in the future of Tampa Bay.

Knight, who is building a network of private marinas from Key West to Jacksonville that includes Tampa Harbour, has donated a gift in kind to the University worth \$537,500. The gift includes two boat racks and one wet slip to accommodate the University's marine science research boats. Marine science is one of the most popular majors at UT, and the gift allows continued access to the water.

"I am pleased to be in a position to make this contribution to the University," Knight said. "I know it's been said many times before, but water is truly our most precious natural resource, especially here in Florida, and I believe we need to keep it that way."

Facilities for Students, Amenities for Boaters

UT's waterfront Marine Science Center is located at Bayside Marina, the future site of Tampa Harbour, 20 minutes from campus. The facility serves students and faculty in the ma-

rine science, environmental science and biology programs. It features a wet lab, a dry lab, a classroom and a SCUBA storage area.

"The marine science program is one of our largest and best academic programs, and the Marine Research Lab with boats and water access is important to student learning, as well as our marine research efforts," said University President Ronald L. Vaughn.

Students frequently conduct research from the 45-foot research vessel, the Bios, which is equipped for SCUBA diving, trawling, dredging and on-site study of marine ecosystems. The Bios will be kept in the wet slip, while the University's two Grady White boats will be housed in the indoor racks.

Creating a Yacht Club Network

Now under construction, Tampa Harbour Yacht Club on West Tyson Avenue is set to open this December and will offer luxury amenities for boaters, such as valet parking and wholesale costs on fuel and provisions. An owner will be able to call an hour before arriving, and the boat will be fueled and ready to go. After the boat has returned, the crew will clean it, flush the engine and return the vessel to an indoor dry store rack.

"If you are a boat owner, you own that boat for the pure joy of being out on the water, and by owning a slip at Tampa Harbour Yacht Club and other locations, all the work is done so our members can enjoy themselves," Knight said.

A lifetime boater who grew up in South Florida, Knight wants to preserve recreational boating in the state through this concept. As CEO of Yacht Clubs of the Americas, his vision


Steeven Knight, founder and CEO of Yacht Clubs of the Americas



Concert Memorializes Singer

A memorial concert was held Feb. 24 at the Falk Theatre for singer Sally Jenkins '61, who was killed in a car crash in Georgia last spring (see fall 2006 *UT Journal*, page 34).

A guest list of high-profile artists from around the country performed in her memory and donated proceeds toward funding the Sally Jenkins Memorial Scholarship. Patrons paid \$25 or \$40 each for tickets.

Among the entertainers were The3Baritones, Mac Frampton, Bill Schustik, Jack Jenkins '61 and daughter Letitia. 



THINGS to do @ ut.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Sun., April 29
Spartan Golf Classic
The Eagles Golf Club
Noon registration,
1 p.m. start
(813) 253-6220

MAY

Fri., May 4
Graduation Reception
Vaughn Center Lobby,
Crescent Club and Board
Room
4-7 p.m.

Sat., May 19
Antique Evaluation
Plant Hall Music Room
10 a.m.-noon
\$5 per item
Limit of four

JUNE

Mon., June 11-Fri., June 15
UT Band Camp
8:30 a.m. daily
(813) 253-6212



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Board Adds Members

The University's Board of Trustees has added six members and four ex-officio members to the board for 2007-08, and has bestowed emeritus status upon a long-time Board leader.

WILLIAM N. CANTRELL '79, president of Peoples Gas, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and his Master of Business Administration from UT. He has served on the board of The Spring of Tampa Bay—a shelter for battered families—and ran an annual tennis tournament to benefit the shelter. Cantrell also serves on the boards of the American Gas Association, Florida Natural Gas Association and the Southern Gas Association. He is a former trustee.

JAMES L. FERMAN, president of Ferman Motor Car Co., served on the UT Board from 1979-86. He also is chair of the Bank of Tampa and a director of TECO Energy. He has been involved with numerous philanthropic activities, including chairing the United Way of Hillsborough County, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and its Committee of 100, the Tampa Museum of Art and the Florida Aquarium. He is an Emory graduate and serves as an Emory trustee.

A member of The Chiselers, **HELEN T. KERR** is involved in many philanthropic activities, including the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Hospice, USF Psychiatric Center, the H.B. Plant Museum Society, the Junior League of Tampa, the Tampa Yacht and Country Club and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Kerr is wife of the late David C.G. Kerr, a former trustee, and mother of Stewart Bertron Kerr, also a former trustee.

A.D. "SANDY" MACKINNON, CEO of Yale Lift Trucks of Florida and Georgia, previously served as a trustee and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. He is a past chair of the board of directors for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Governor's Property and Casualty Insurance Reform Committee in 2006.

A distinguished physician and medical researcher, **DR. R. VIJAY, MD**, founded the Association of American Physicians from South Asia and the Indian American Republican Council. He holds a federal appointment to the National Institutes of Health Advisory Commit-

tee, and has held numerous state appointments to the Florida Board of Medicine, state of Florida public schools and the State Organ Transplant Council.

Former trustee **JOHN McRAE WOLFE '68** is a realtor at Preston & Farley Inc. He put himself through UT, receiving Winn-Dixie and music scholarships. He has twice been president of the National Alumni Association, and won its highest award, *Esse Quam Videri*, in 2006. His civic associations include Berkeley Preparatory School, the Greater Tampa YMCA, the Gulf Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Robert McCord School for the Deaf.

RICK THOMAS '72 has been made chairman emeritus. He is president and CEO of Thomas Financial Group, and has been involved with the University for more than three decades. A past president of the National Alumni Association, Thomas was elected to the Board at age 32. He sat on the board for more than 20 years, and served as chairman from 2001-03. He sits on the advisory board of the John H. Sykes College of Business. His wife and daughter also have degrees from UT.

Ex-officio members added to the board are **KEVIN CRANE**, chair of the UT Board of Counselors; **PAULINE CRUMPTON**, president of the Chiselers Inc.; **R. REID HANEY**, chair of the Board of Fellows; and **JOE WESSEL**, president of the National Alumni Association. ■■■



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James L. Ferman



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A.D. "Sandy" MacKinnon



Dr. R. Vijay, MD



John McRae Wolfe '68



Rick Thomas '72

Wikipedia Founder Speaks at Networking Event

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales spoke to a crowd of 250 people at The University of Tampa before flying to Switzerland to have dinner with Bill Gates, Tony Blair and Bono.

"Time magazine recognized him as one of its 100 most influential people," said John Robinson, chair of the UT Board of Fellows. "[Wired] called him the 'geek rock star.' I call him the electronic encyclopedia."

The Sum of All Human Knowledge

Wales discussed the philosophy and technology behind Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia that anyone can edit, during the Board of Fellows' Business Network Symposium on Jan. 25. The event also featured Robert Moreyro of Atlantic American Realty Group and Eric Newman of J.C. Newman Cigar Co.

Wikipedia started with the radical idea that everyone on the planet should have access to the sum of all human knowledge, Wales said. He gave examples of how that dream has grown closer to reality, such as the man who copied the entire online encyclopedia to a CD-ROM and brought it to an impoverished South African school.

With more than 1.6 million articles in English and more than half a million in German, the Web site continues to grow as more language sections are added. It is among the 10 most visited sites on the Web worldwide, according to www.alexacom.com.

Wales also discussed projects that fall under the umbrella of his St. Petersburg-based nonprofit, Wikimedia. New initiatives include an open-source search engine, as well

as an online library, Wikibooks, and an Internet university, Wikiversity.

"For a free culture movement, it's low-hanging fruit," he said of the projects. "Textbooks are expensive, especially in a developing world. Wikibooks and Wikiversity will give people the opportunity to get a higher-quality education."

Wales said he would like to see universities at the forefront, with more professors using the open-source textbooks in the classroom and adding to them as they go. On Wikiversity, an open learning community, professors will be able to upload their learning materials and activities for free download.

"I think it will change universities, but I see no end to universities," Wales said. "There's a difference between a textbook and what professors do, giving certification and feedback. Nothing can replace that certification and the process you go through getting approval from professors."

Wales predicted that universities will incorporate more distance learning as technology improves.

Tim Daly of Sendtec Marketing Fusion in St. Petersburg said he came to hear Wales speak about the upcoming search engine. His firm specializes in search-engine marketing and has

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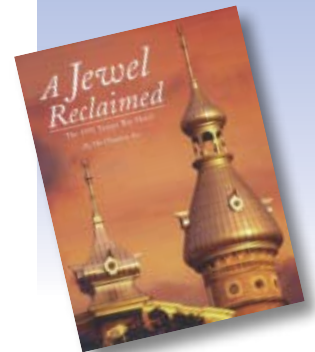


Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales speaks to a crowd of 250 at the Business Network Symposium on Jan. 25.

Chiselers Book Success Mounts


A Jewel Reclaimed, the Chiselers book about Plant Hall, has received a Meritorious Achievement Award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. The initial printing of 1,000 has sold out, and a subsequent printing of 2,000 copies has been released.

The Chiselers report that, in addition to the H.B. Plant Museum and several Tampa area stores that already carry the book, they have received a UPC code that will make way for large bookstores to sell the book, which has rung up nearly \$2,000 in sales since last June. It also may be ordered directly from the Chiselers (see order form, inside back cover). **UT**



Tourney off the Hook for '07

The Tarpon Tournament has been suspended for one year to give the new marina owners time to finish the first phase of construction.

"With all the new construction going on, it appeared that it would be difficult to get a large field of fisherman and to host the large crowds that we normally see," said Rob Bruns, a tournament director. "But we'll be back to a full tournament in 2008." 



Marine Science

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is to create the largest private yacht club network in the Americas. He believes customer service is lacking in the marine industry, and that the five-star concierge service available at his upscale marinas will fill the void.

Yacht Clubs of the Americas also will offer owners reciprocal privileges at other yacht clubs across the state, as well as the Grand Bahama Yacht Club on Grand Bahama Island.


Yacht clubs are under construction on Ft. George Island near Jacksonville, and in Stuart, Key West and Naples. Knight opened the first of his marinas at Sanibel Harbour in April 2006, and hopes to expand to Acapulco, Mexico; Myrtle Beach, SC; and Destin, FL.

The luxury marina concept has received much press attention across the state. In addition to the amenities, Knight plans to sell a majority of slips, rather than lease them. Slip



Setting sail. Members of the Yacht Clubs of the Americas team break ground at the site of Tampa Harbour Yacht Club. Getting their hands dirty (from left): Charles Cook, president; Michael Moore, sales manager; Santiago Corrada, administrator of neighborhood services for the city of Tampa; Steeven Knight, CEO; and Kristin Cutter, sales associate.

ownership is becoming more commonplace as the competition for slip access becomes greater. As slip space makes way for condominiums, Knight offers a way to preserve valuable waterfront property for boating access.

Slips have appreciated in value by 35 percent over the past eight years, according to Florida State Certified Appraisers. Pre-sales of the slips already have begun in Tampa. The company recently announced that Tampa Bay Buccaneers fullback Mike Alstott has taken ownership of a YCOA slip for his boat. 

Networking Event

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worked with clients such as Orkin Pest Control and the Oriental Trading Co.

"It would really change what we do," he said. "It could be the demise of Google."

Cigars and Charity

Later in the program, Newman told the story behind the oldest family-owned cigar company in the country, started by his grandfather more than a century ago. He also spoke about the company's philanthropic work in the Dominican Republic, where some of its most popular cigars are made.


The Cigar Family Charitable Foundation bought 23 acres surrounding five communities near the cigar factory and built an entire infrastructure of roads, bridges and electricity. It then built a school for children from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade. When

the children finished the eighth grade, they had nowhere to go, so the foundation built a high school in 2005.

"The best way to break the cycle of poverty is through education," Newman said.

Moreyro outlined the various prongs of Communications Equity Associates, including the real estate arm for which he works, Atlantic American Realty Group. The company recently bought an interest in SimDag LLC, the developer for Trump Tower Tampa.

"The goal is to keep each business unit as diversified as possible," he said.

The Business Network Symposium is held three times a year to strengthen connections between the University and the local business community. Businesses that are well known, changing or new to Tampa Bay have the opportunity to come and share their accomplishments and plans with the business community. 

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Sat., April 28 – Sun., April 29

Spring Studio Theatre Performance
Reeves Theater
8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

Sun., April 29

Choral Concert
Sacred Heart Church, downtown Tampa
4 p.m.

A complete listing of University events can be found at ut.edu



Exhibit Featured Global Art

When Electronics Alive IV emerged from its cocoon on Jan. 22, it seemed more alive than ever.

"It's bigger and better," said Dorothy Cowden, director of the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery. "We try to add more every year."

The biennial invitational art exhibit featured more interactive, multimedia and animated pieces, including "One Rat Short," which won best in show at a 2006 computer animation festival in Boston. More than 25 monitors filled the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery with light and sound, while two-dimensional digital works hung from the walls.

Cowden and art faculty members Lew Harris, Doug Sutherland and Santiago Echeverry chose the pieces from work shown at the computer animation festival. The pieces came from as far away as Japan, South Korea and Iran.

"This is a digital world and a global world," said Echeverry, who teaches advanced digital arts at UT. "Our main goal was to bring videos from all over the world. This only happens once every two years, so we had to bring something special to UT."

Echeverry's own piece, "World," was on display, and included 210 short videos recorded all over the world with his cell phone. The clips showed bits of his personal experience: scenes from a night club in Bogotá, his nephew dancing, friends enjoying a champagne toast, a mosque in Istanbul.

The images appeared as tiles in a mosaic. Viewers could enlarge them by moving the mouse over them, and change them by clicking on each one. As a new 10-second video load-

ed, a different audio clip played on the speaker.

"It's all about interactivity," Echeverry said. "You end up creating your own story."

A mixed media installation by Sutherland showed a collage of images surrounding an altered self-portrait. The mouth of the self-portrait contained a small screen that showed video of his mouth talking about his inspirations for the piece.

The images in the background depicted scenes of evil from paintings by European artists. The piece was inspired by pictures of Satan painted by Gustav Dore to illustrate John Milton's *Paradise Lost* and scenes of evil from Matthias Grunewald's *Temptation of St. Anthony*.

One Rat Short

One exhibition piece from Japan featured a magnetic liquid that moved as it was affected by the fields around it.

Another piece showed text from spam e-mail messages, such as ads for watch replicas, Canadian drugs and Hoodia, a diet pill. "Sick of the social stigmata of being overweight?" the spam asked. Printouts of the messages hung from the ceiling like long strands of confetti.

Short films ran continuously in a viewing room beside the gallery.

"One Rat Short" appeared on a plasma screen at the front of the gallery. It followed a New York City rat from the dark, dirty streets to a fluorescent-lit lab.

Dr. Terry Mohn, music professor, collaborated with Harris on a two-hour live music/visual arts performance.

The exhibition featured numerous speakers, including Teri Rueb of the Rhode Island School of Design, Kevin Scolaro from the Tampa-based Tri-Dimensional Animation Studios, Alan Price, director of the interactive real-time animation *Tartatus*, and Bruce Wands of the New York School of Visual Arts.

Wands discussed his new book, *Art of the Digital Age*, an illustrated survey of digital art featuring more than 100 artists from around the world. He also talked about his new motion painting series, the Buddha Light Dance, based on the ancient sacred geometry of Buddhist art. This was Wands' second time speaking at Electronics Alive.

Writer Wins UT's First Fiction Prize

New York City writer Douglas Danoff won the first Danahy Fiction Prize from the *Tampa Review* when his story was chosen from more than 200 entries from around the globe.

"It was unanimous," said Dr. Richard Mathews, *Tampa Review* director.

The editors awarded the prize to Danoff for "The Trader Thief," his first submission to the literary magazine. The writer will receive a prize of \$1,000, and the story appears in *Tampa Review* 33/34 this spring. The UT Press publishes the periodical twice a year in hardcover format.

The Danahy Fiction Prize was established by UT alumni Paul '51 and Georgia Reed Danahy '52 with an endowment to provide an annual award for a previously unpublished work of short fiction judged by the editors of *Tampa Review*. The award is meant to complement The Tampa Review Prize for Poetry.

"For us, it's a special prize because it was established by UT alumni," Mathews said. "It's the first fiction prize we've offered, and it's one of only a few in Florida. It's a chance to follow the Danahys' lead in making *Tampa Review* better known and in fostering quality literature."

All entrants received a one-year subscription to *Tampa Review*, and copies were sent as far away as Canada and Australia. The prize already has increased the magazine's exposure and reputation in the literary fiction world.

"That's an additional 200 people now seeing *Tampa Review*," Mathews said. "Getting these in the hands of all new readers is more important than I had realized when I started the contest."

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Looking Silly Doug, mixed media installation, by Doug Sutherland. (Image courtesy of the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery.)

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Three Faculty Favorites Retire

This year marks a changing of the faculty guard at the University, as the influx of new faculty is met with the inevitable departure of longtime favorites. This spring, three particularly well-known and well-liked figures retire after long and distinguished careers.



Gil De Meza, 1991

Gil De Meza '65 PROFESSOR OF ART

A graduate of UT (class of 1965), Tampa native and 1959 Jefferson High graduate Gilbert De Meza subsequently earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting, drawing and sculpture at the University of Georgia in 1967. After a three-year stint teaching art at Pembroke State University in Pembroke, NC, he joined the UT faculty in 1970.

"There is something metaphysical about art," De Meza told *The Muezzin* in about 1973. "To be classified as art, a piece must transcend the bounds of the purely physical visual image and offer the viewer something more. It should make him feel more human, more aware of the man or woman who did the work, more aware of himself as a person.

"I try to make my classroom an extension of my studio, because I believe my own involvement in my work helps me to impart to the students a sense of human awareness which ultimately will enhance their perception of their surroundings and open for them a new world of ideas that build and grow upon each other."

Accomplished in sculpture, painting and drawing, De Meza first exhibited his work at the 1964 Florida State Fair, and since has been included in exhibitions far too numerous to mention. He was instrumental in starting and maintaining UT's visiting artists' program.

Dr. Thomas J. Hegarty PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

"There is a larger role the University can play in serving the Tampa community," Dr. Thomas Hegarty told the *Tampa Tribune* in 1989, helping set a UT priority in motion upon his appointment as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

After the post was eliminated a few years later, Hegarty, a bona fide expert on the Soviet Union and Russian history who had taught at

Brandeis University and co-chaired Boston University's Soviet and East European Studies Program, returned to the classroom, a move that could only benefit thousands of students in the years that followed, especially while the Cold War lingered.

Hegarty is a 1957 *magnum cum laude* graduate of Harvard University with a degree in history. The following year, he completed a master's degree in regional studies at Harvard. His 1963 doctorate, also from Harvard, is in Russian and East Asian history, and he topped it all off in 1973 with a certificate from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration's Institute for Educational Management and a 1989 Endowment for the Humanities summer fellowship to Princeton University.

Known for infusing history lessons with personal experiences in the countries he taught about, Hegarty was a graduate student at the University of Leningrad, spent two summers with educational missions to the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Yemen and Jordan, served as consultant to the embassy of Moldova, and taught as a faculty exchangee at the University of Moscow and the Soviet Academy of Science.

Hegarty met Louisa Ivanova, now his wife, in Leningrad. The couple married there, but Louisa was not allowed to leave with her American husband. Hegarty tells a fascinating tale of getting his bride out of the Soviet Union by unusual means.

"Fortunately, I had many classmates who were working on the staff of then-Vice President Richard Nixon," Hegarty recalls.

"Nixon went to open the American Exposition, and he and Nikita Khrushchev got into a great row over kitchen appliances and whether the American kitchen really had these things. Nixon behaved well; Khrushchev behaved badly.

"Khrushchev was embarrassed by this bad behavior, and realized he had gone too far. He asked Nixon whether there was anything that could



Dr. Thomas J. Hegarty, 1989

be done for him, and Nixon, who had been very well prepared, took out a list of things that he hoped the prime minister would be able to take care of. At the very top of the list was the release of my wife."

Seizing an opportunity to upstage his rival, then-Sen. John F. Kennedy met Louisa at the airport upon her arrival in the U.S.

But despite all the romance and adventure of his early career, Hegarty says, the last 10 years of his career were the best, a "golden era" for the University that enabled him to use the best of his education and experience, teaching History of Russia, History of China, History of Japan and World History.

Hegarty, who retired last semester after a serious illness from which he is recovering, already has found his retirement passion.

"I'm learning about areas of the world that I didn't study. I'm looking at South American history and reading Southeast Asian history, and of course, like everyone else in the world, I'm reading more about the Middle East."

Dr. Helene Silverman PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION

Beginning with teaching junior high school English and social studies in the Bronx from 1965-70 including teaching reading to troubled Bronx youth in the summer of 1967, Dr. Helene Silverman has tackled some of education's toughest challenges at numerous levels. Her Bronx teaching, she says, helped her bring "very real-world experience" to her education students at the University.

She graduated from the College of the City of New York, City University, with a bachelor's degree in history in 1965 and a master's degree in social sciences in 1968, and earned her doctorate in special education at the University of South Florida in 1977. She concentrated her graduate studies in specific learning disabilities and the emotionally disturbed.

In the decade leading up to the beginning

of her UT career in 1981, she taught courses in exceptional child education at USF, supervised education interns there, taught social studies, supervised an on-campus clinic for emotionally disturbed children, for five years ran a private practice helping children and adults with learning problems, and taught as a UT adjunct for four years until becoming an assistant professor of education in 1981.

Much of Silverman's career has involved administrative duties as director of the Academic Enrichment Center (now Academic Center for Excellence), associate provost for student matters, dean of academic services, director of development, and the first associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.


Her almost countless memberships in volunteer organizations have included the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, the Tampa Museum of Art, the Carrollwood Players Young People's Theatre, the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, the Hillsborough County Beginning Teacher Program Planning Committee and many others.

One of many parts of her career that brings her great joy, Silverman says, is her work as primary contact for the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, which offers scholarships to minority education students.

"We're close to \$300,000 in scholarship money," she says, "and I'm very proud of that."

The significance of the longevity of her UT career does not escape her.

"I've been a participant and an observer of a lot of the metamorphosis of the University. I've been here for more than a third of its history. The University has a very different place in the community than it did in 1970, when I moved to Tampa—and all positive. It's nice to be associated with that."

"It's bittersweet," she says of her retirement. "I feel I'm going to leave a part of my heart here. I've loved this institution and the opportunities that I've had here." 



Dr. Helene Silverman, 1981


Fiction Prize

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While Danoff's work has not previously appeared in *Tampa Review*, it has been published or is forthcoming in *Wine Spectator*, *The New York Times* and *The Jerusalem Post*. He also has been nominated for numerous prestigious literary prizes, including the 2006 Pushcart Prize in nonfiction. After graduating from college, Danoff developed his writing as an employee of *The New Yorker*.

"There, I came across old back issues and book-length collections which exposed me to the essays of E.B. White, whose great humor and humanity—and devotion to the beauty and importance of small things—showed me a kindred spirit and later influenced my writing," Danoff said.

Paul Danahy hoped the contest would draw more first-time contributors like Danoff, he said, and attract more subscribers to *Tampa Review*. A subscriber himself, Danahy studied history and English at the University before going on to become assistant Florida attorney general, but his love of literature dates back farther than that.


"I've always been a reader, from my momma's lap on," Danahy said. "Reading in general, and fiction in particular, is a great self-teacher." 

Electronics Alive

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"One of the appealing aspects of the exhibition is the international nature of the art," he said. "Digital art is different in that it is developing on a global level, rather than the way traditional movements in art did, which

were localized, such as the 19th-century Hudson River school of landscape painting or the French impressionists. The Internet has been an important component in the development of global culture and art created with computers and technology."

The exhibition returns to campus in 2009. 

Remembering Martha

MARTHA VAUGHN ♡ 1947-2007



Editor's Note

The following are some of the Vaughn family recollections of Martha.

On Jan. 24, 2007, at 9:43 a.m. at Tampa General Hospital, Martha Ann Vaughn died following complications from a medical condition. She seldom complained, and many did not even realize the medical challenges she faced with courage and grace. A visitation for family and friends was held at The University of Tampa on Jan. 26, and a memorial service was held on Jan. 28 at the Evangelical Presbyterian

Church of Plant City. Vaughn's family also held a memorial reception for family and friends in her hometown of Paris, IL. Hundreds of friends and admirers paid tribute.

Martha was a strong and steady presence in the University community since 1984 when she, President Vaughn and Susan arrived in Tampa. While the headlines announcing her death read "UT President's Wife Died," Martha would have preferred something different, as she was a simple country girl, Susan's mother, and Ron's high school sweetheart and wife of 37 years. Susan and Ron were what she was most proud of and dearly loved.

The Early Years

On Aug. 23, 1947, Martha Ann Vaughn was born in Paris, IL, a small farming community of about 8,500 in central Illinois, close to the Indiana state line. She grew up mostly living in the country on a small farm with two sisters and a brother. With her mom and dad, she developed strong Midwestern values centered on family, hard work, honesty, straightforward friend relations and simplicity.

As a child, Martha enjoyed the beauty of the country, big gardens, walks in the woods, and ice skating on their frozen pond. She attended small-town schools and developed friendships that were authentic and lifelong. From her mom, she learned to be a great cook and honed those skills working in the cattle sale barn restaurant that her mom operated. Martha made hundreds of pies daily, and there were few leftovers when she baked at the sale barn or cooked at home.





Down to the South

Off they went to Athens, GA, where Ron worked on his Ph.D. in marketing and business, and Martha supported him and worked on the PHT—Putting Hubby Through. Martha had two jobs during the Georgia years. First, she worked in financial operations, and among other things, was in charge of collecting payment on bad checks that students wrote.

“It was a demanding job where people were not always very pleasant to Martha,” recalls Ron. After enduring this stressful job for a year or so, Martha transferred to something that more closely paralleled her upbringing. She worked at UGA’s Agricultural Research Station located outside of Athens amid peaceful farms. At the Research Station, Ron and Martha enjoyed great friends, wonderful cookouts from the produce grown, and the occasional steer that seemed to mysteriously “break a leg” at certain times of the year. These were good times that helped to balance doctoral program stresses.

Martha and Ron then moved to Peoria, IL, where Ron took his first university job as a marketing professor at Bradley University. Martha first worked in a regional government human resources office as a technical specialist and trainer. Ironically, it was in this job that, according to her husband, she encountered someone who was a real male chauvinist. This supervisor made work life unpleasant even though Martha enjoyed the nature of the work. Instead of being held down by a less than supportive supervisor, she decided she would pursue a job that offered more money.

Thanks to a neighbor, Martha took a job working in the Pabst Brewery, a hard and dirty

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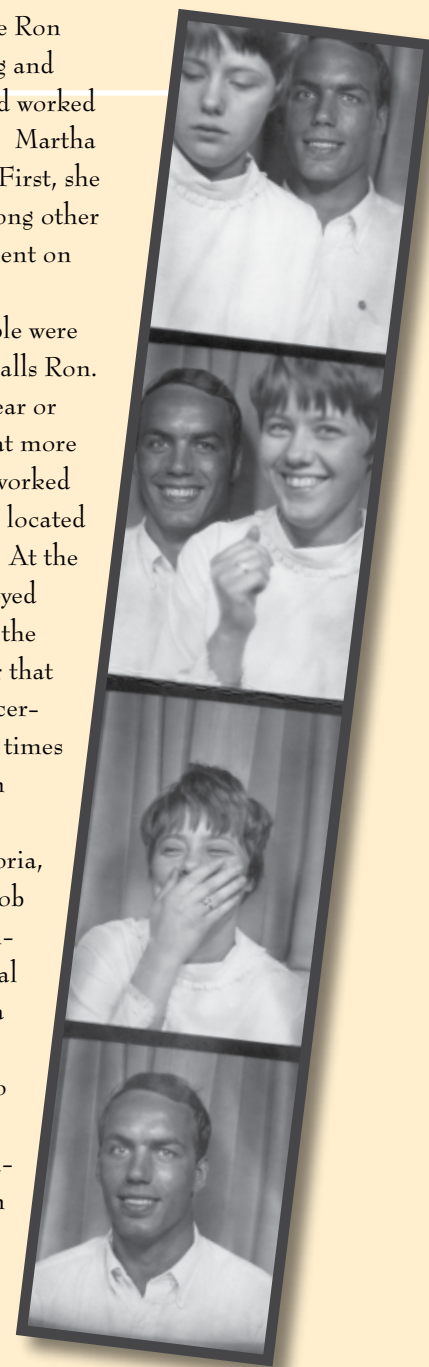


She was popular in school, a cheerleader, a singer, always on the honor roll. She performed in Treble Clef, Glee Club, Madrigal and other mixed choral groups. She sang with a small group of friends that were well known throughout the area, and she competed in regional and state-level competitions, where she won about 25 medals and trophies (mostly first place).

It was in a Paris High School bookkeeping class where Ron met his high school sweetheart, Martha.

“I was immediately attracted to the pretty girl that sat in front of me. She was full of life and had a warm, engaging personality,” said Ron.

They dated through high school and college. Martha worked in the office at the Paris Cereal Mill and then the Terre Haute Social Security office while Ron attended Indiana State University. Martha and Ron got married in 1969 just before Ron completed his MBA. Martha was surprised when Ron then announced he wanted to pursue a doctorate at the University of Georgia instead of beginning his work career with one of the companies, Caterpillar or Proctor & Gamble, that he’d interviewed with.





“We couldn’t see our neighbors on three sides due to the 30 trees on our five-acre lot. Except for the homes we viewed across the lake, we had a beautifully secluded enclave where the fishing was great and the entertaining was fun,” said Ron.

Martha had just sent out December 1983 Christmas cards about how happy they were in this home and how they hoped they would be there forever. Shortly thereafter, Ron saw UT’s ad for the Max H. Hollingsworth Endowed Chair. UT was looking for someone to start a new marketing academic program, build business community relations, and help to develop UT’s business program.



The Tampa Adventure

Despite comfortable jobs, a wonderful home, and a growing company that they solely owned, they decided to visit Tampa. They quickly became intrigued by the possibilities, and decided to embark on the UT adventure and move to Tampa with four-year old Susan. Martha once again moved in support of family and soon started over with another Social Security office job, first in Lakeland with a long commute from their north Tampa home, and then in Plant City, where they built a new home in Walden Lake.

Life in Tampa soon became very busy. Martha ably balanced work, household and husband responsibilities, as well as church and choir involvement, while always placing Susan first. That meant daily transportation to and from school and lots of other Susan activities, performances, science fairs and lots of athletics. Throughout grade school and high school, Susan was involved in swimming, basketball, softball, and soccer school teams and summer leagues.

Ron recalls one time when he was coach of Susan’s summer basketball team that Martha responded to a friend’s challenge that Martha couldn’t possibly still do a cartwheel. Not one to



job. Martha worked at this job for a year-and-a-half, including during her pregnancy with Susan. During this time, Martha also helped Ron with payroll, interviewing and other tasks in the marketing research consulting company that they acquired and rapidly developed into a multi-office company doing several hundred projects a year.

Thereafter, she returned to work in Peoria’s regional Social Security office. Being not far from their hometown, Martha and Ron also were able to make frequent trips to Paris visiting family and friends, and went on fishing trips at their hometown lake and elsewhere.

During the 11 years in Peoria, Ron professionally advanced and Susan grew. They had many good times and great friendships during these years.

The family had just relocated into their house of a lifetime in a Peoria suburban community of about 35 families that owned a lake along with the surrounding farms and woods.





put on airs, she promptly went out on the floor during a lull in the game and did a perfect cartwheel amid enthusiastic applause and laughter of friends. Ron notes that his daughter's basketball team won the league championship that year, and Susan made the winning shot. Martha and Ron were always immensely proud of Susan, and Martha was always a vocal athletic supporter.

Even during their first 10-12 years in Tampa, the Vaughns were involved in Tampa community activities. First, Ron became involved with the Red Cross, then Martha served on the board of the Tampa Bay Red Cross Chapter and as president of the Red Cross Angels.

Merci Karl, a Red Cross board member, past president and friend, recalls Martha in a Jan. 26

Minaret article:

"She was a woman who was the wife of a university president, but she was unpretentious, loyal and generous to a fault," Karl said. "She gave generously of her time and treasure."



In 2001, she was selected to receive the Red Cross Angels Halo Award, their highest honor. (Knowing her, several have observed that we now have another angel in heaven.)

Martha attended many community events with Ron. In the years during his service as president and previously as dean, there were many hundreds of those "rubber chicken" dinner events.

Martha continued to be a great partner for Ron and Susan, attending community events, going to Susan's Plant High School, Black Watch and UT soccer games, in which Susan was goalie.



Friends Remember

The members of the women's soccer team always knew when Martha was in the crowd, as she yelled encouragement for the team and sometimes guidance for the officials. Martha rarely missed one of Susan's games from high school through college, even traveling to out-of-state games. Martha also was known for her great jokes, stories and love for family, including the extended family of pets, which at various times included cats, dogs, a rabbit, gerbils, a guinea pig, a quarter horse, birds and aquarium/pond fish. It is no wonder that Susan is pursuing her doctorate of veterinary medicine at the University of Florida.





Martha's strong support helped to build a strong daughter with solid values, and that same strength supported President Vaughn, and through countless community interactions, helped to build UT's base of community support. Martha was respected by many, partly because of her directness and "unvarnished honesty," as described by UT vice president Linda Devine.

"She was warm and gracious, a natural person; no pretenses, but always very gracious," said Beverly Austin, a long-time friend.

One father of a University employee tells a story about Martha's sensitive and caring nature. When he'd lost his wife of 32 years, Martha sent

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The Collegiate Chorale and the UT Orchestra will dedicate a free performance of Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy" to the memory of Martha Vaughn at Tampa's Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, April 29, at 4 p.m. For more information, go to the events listing on the UT Web site, or call (813) 253-6212. 

a note every day for two weeks to his daughter explaining that she had recently lost her mother and was sympathetic in her grief. The father said those notes greatly helped to console his daughter. Others described Martha as someone they enjoyed seeing at UT functions, cheering for UT teams, or someone real that they could talk to or share a laugh with.

Susie Sanders, past president of the Chiselers, said she was "as genuine as they come." David A. Straz Jr., chairman of UT's Board of Trustees, said, "She worked very hard for the University. She was a high school sweetheart of Ron's and helped him very much in his role as president of the University."

Her daughter, Susan, summarized Martha this way:

"Unlike so many people today, Martha always knew what was most important in life: God, family, and friends...all else placed very distantly. Though she was never one to demand the spotlight, she was the most amazing person I have known and will ever know, a soul mate that is loved and missed constantly and deeply. It is a heartfelt aspiration to be the kind of woman she was, and I am comforted in knowing that we will meet again in Heaven one day."

Martha clearly was a great life partner, a wonderful mother, wife, and best friend for Susan and Ron. Since 1984, she was a strong and steady presence in the University community. We at UT will miss her for her unwavering support. Thank you, Martha, for who you were and for all that you did. 

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UT President Bruce Samson escorts Queen Elizabeth II into Plant Hall during her royal visit on May 21, 1991.



President Richard D. Cheshire
October 1977-August 1986

Editor's Note: This special center section of the *UT Journal* covers the third quarter-century of The University of Tampa, from 1981-2006.

1981 — 2006

Adaption and Resurgence

By the mid-1980s, the center of gravitas for art and culture in the Tampa Bay area was located under minarets on the west bank of the Hillsborough River.

A listing from December 1985, for example, left little doubt—the calendar was heavy with events radiating from the campus. Pianist Sean Alderking gave a recital in the UT Ballroom, where that same month violinist Esther Glazer and pianist Dorita Berger performed together. The UT band gave concerts, students gave recitals, and professors gave violin master classes. The Tampa Ballet was quartered on campus, as were the Florida Orchestra, the Tampa Oratorio Society and the Hoffman String Quartet.

There also was something for those who preferred sweats to suites. After a 12-year absence, UT men's basketball returned in the winter of 1983, and the Tampa Bay Thrillers of the Continental Basketball Association also played home games at the Spartan Sports Center, and the campus hosted the NCAA Div. II national soccer championships.

Long Lease

UT's lease with the city of Tampa for H.B. Plant Hall comes up for renewal in 2040.

Faculty and students continued to record national recognition, as well. In 1982, UT got its first two Fulbright scholars. Dr. William D. Lieth, associate professor of modern languages, would spend a year in Lyon, France, while Dr. Kathryn Van Spankeren, assistant professor of English, went to Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia.

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A New Model

As the University put its 50th birthday in the rearview mirror, its success and longevity seemed unassailable. But since "nothing endures but change," it had to.

"Higher education today needs a new model, more cohesive, visible than anything there is now, with more identity," President Richard Cheshire said in October 1981. "We're calling it the college university. We're trying to take the best of both worlds and blend it into a cohesive whole with a few major characteristics."

Cheshire defined his model as "an institution which calls itself by the name university but which eschews the prevailing influence of research, publication, doctoral studies, mass education, bureaucratic organization, and outside control by remote governing boards and unions." It would be "college-like" in that it would concentrate on bachelor's degrees in various liberal arts studies. Faculty would focus on teaching rather than on research and publishing. But declining student retention and recruitment cut short the new vision, and the resulting budget shortfalls forced changes at the top.

From left: Professor Mickey Perlow, Paul Marinelli, Hilliard Eure, Dr. Cheshire at donation check passing on Nov. 21, 1981.



UT's Third 25 Years: A Timeline

1982

January 1982
Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing begins.

July 1983
The Minaret awarded highest possible ranking in Columbia Scholastic Press Association's annual contest.

August 29, 1984
Spartan Sports Complex opens.

1983

Cleaning and facelift of minarets begins.

1984

January 26, 1984
Dedication by Cheshire of Tampa/Sticks of Fire by sculptor O. V. Shaffer, twice an artist-in-residence at UT.



Samson announced tight budget measures, including the cancellation of a planned merit pay increase. He eliminated the positions of assistant vice president and vice president for student development, and extensively reorganized several other major administrative positions.

Within a year, he had reversed the flow of red ink and eliminated an accumulated budget deficit.

Samson was taking over as the University was completing a 235-student residence hall known as Res-Com I, the first new on-campus facility since the DeLo era. He also acquired the University's popular McNeel

Root of the Problem

In the summer of 2000, the University spends \$200,000 to relocate two 50-foot, 100-year-old oak trees to make room for the new Vaughn student center. The trees are still alive and thriving on the edge of the faculty-staff parking lot.

In August 1986, Cheshire submitted his resignation. In his announcement, he cited the many achievements during his administration, but cautioned, "Our financial foundation has not kept pace with the growth of operating requirements.

"Our growing excellence," he added, "is making growing demands."

Bruce Samson Appointed Interim President



President Bruce A. Samson August 1986-August, 1991

Bruce Samson, a local investment banker with a tradition of public service, was appointed interim president in August 1986 with a mandate from the Board of Trustees to put the University's finances in order. A month later,



Two large tractors were needed to carefully tow the trees about 75 yards to new homes.

1986

Cheshire resigns as president; Bruce Samson named interim.

August 1987
UT gets \$1-million gift from estate of Walter Pierce Smith, largest in the University's history to that time.

1989

\$10-million restoration of Plant Hall begins.

1987

Construction begins on Residence Community One, better known as ResCom1.

November 1987
Nursing program receives full eight-year accreditation from National League for Nursing.

Be-ing the Motto

“Esse Quam Videri” on the UT seal is Latin for “To be, rather than to seem.”

Boathouse, a gift from Tampa businessman Van McNeel that sits on the Hillsborough and serves as home to 17 residents, as well as headquarters for UT’s crew program.

In November 1987, “interim” dropped from Samson’s title after the board named him president.

Much of his energy was devoted to attracting state, city and other funds for refurbishing both the exterior and interior of Plant Hall, including the minarets, cupolas and domes, which had remained untouched since the Tampa Bay Hotel’s opening in 1891.

The lease with the city of Tampa was rewritten to more evenly distribute the cost of maintenance.

During the next several years, Samson was instrumental in securing millions of dollars in grants from a number of sources for a massive renovation of H.B. Plant Hall.

Creating New Colleges

As necessary as preservation of Plant Hall was, the achievement that partially shaped Samson’s legacy was the structural change to the University’s academic life. Under Samson’s guidance, the Board of Trustees created a college model within the



The McNeel Boathouse was built in the late '80s as crew headquarters.

Samson left the University in July 1991 having “achieved and exceeded goals” he had set for himself almost five years before.

framework of the University, moving away from Cheshire’s concentration on liberal arts studies.

The first created, in 1987, was the College of Business, which was fashioned from the Division of Economics and Business. In 1990, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was created from the divisions of Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Education, the Arts and Nursing. That same year, the School of Continuing Studies was formed. Because it did not have a separate faculty, Continuing Studies was not titled a “college.” But it was given oversight of the evening college, non-credit offerings and other programming.

To create more outreach and communication with the non-student public,



UT’s Third 25 Years: A Timeline (cont.)

1991

Tampa Bay Hotel celebrates 100th birthday, Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II and husband Prince Philip visit.

1992

University of Tampa Press reborn after hiatus of 30 years.

1993

June 11, 1993 McKay Auditorium fire causes extensive damage.

August 1991 David Ruffer appointed president.

Baseball team wins NCAA Division II national championship.

UT under Samson established several centers. The first, the Center for Ethics, was created in the College of Business in 1989.

Samson left the University in July 1991 having “achieved and exceeded goals” he had set for himself almost five years before.



President David Ruffer
August 1991-December 1994

Successor Dr. David Ruffer came from Albright College, PA, after a 13-year tenure as president. He put into a new frame his image of the University. Harking back to the “audacious dream” of founder Frederic Spaulding, Ruffer set out 11 “tasks” for the University to accomplish in the ensuing two years, the most important being No. 11: “Reinvention of the way the University manages itself.”

“What we seek,” Ruffer wrote, “is the first true reinvention of university management since the 16th century when the present form began to take shape in the universities of Europe.”

In November 1993, Ruffer reported that the University was making “significant progress” toward enrollment and financial stability. But after outlining nearly two dozen areas of “success,” he dropped the bad news: An enrollment shortfall of 122 students had resulted in a budget shortage of more than \$2.2 million. He instituted

a hiring freeze and changed some fringe benefits.

Trying to put the best face on it, he noted, “The shortfall must be seen in the context of a host of positive accomplishments. It is but one event in a series of events. I have never felt more enthusiastic about anything than I do about The University of Tampa.”

Retention Rates

Retention rate is a critical factor for a university that relies heavily on tuition and fees to pay the bills. UT’s retention rate over four years had dropped below the national average.

Steps were taken to improve that average. Ruffer increased the academic services for students, including tutoring, peer tutoring

Patience Pays

British playwright Harold Pinter is named winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in October 2005, a satisfying honor for UT’s Dr. Frank Gillen, who since 1987 has been publishing the only review on the planet dedicated to Pinter’s work.

The city’s old municipal building, McKay Auditorium, reopened as the John H. Sykes College of Business following a multimillion-dollar expansion and makeover.



1994

January 1994
Master of Science in
Nursing Administration
introduced.

December 30, 1994
Trustees choose Dr. Ronald L. Vaughn
to be the 10th President of The
University of Tampa.

March 1996
Trustees approve
comprehensive plan
for 1995-2000, “Building
for the Next Millennium.”

December 1994
David Ruffer resigns.

1996

Enrollment of 2,703
is all-time record in
65-year history.

Quack for the Greater Good

A young Phi Delta Theta named Scott Popham in October 2001 organizes the first of several annual plastic duck races on the Hillsborough River to benefit the Moffitt Cancer Center. Several thousand ducks are sponsored at \$5 each.



And the winner is...plucked from a field of approximately 5,000 rubber ducks sponsored by local businesses during a fund-raiser for cancer research.

and mentoring. The work-study program was enhanced.

The president also introduced a new academic program. When begun in January 1994, the Master of Science in Nursing Administration was the only degree of its kind in the Tampa Bay region.

Unfortunately, none of this attention ended the rollercoaster ride. In August 1994, enrollment numbers remained in decline. The number of fulltime undergraduate students was down more than 200 from two years before. In October, there was another budget cut. For the first time, that meant layoffs. Twenty percent of the faculty in each college were to be laid off. Seventeen professors had to go, but most of the cuts

were accomplished through attrition. David Ruffer resigned in December 1994.



Dr. Ronald Vaughn
January 1995 - present

Vaughn Named

Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Ronald Vaughn was quickly named president and took over officially in January 1995. Looking back from 2004, Vaughn recalled that tremulous time in an article in the fall 2004 *UT Journal*:

"I knew that our fundamental educational quality was sound, and that we had a lot of very good people here. I remember a groundswell of people just

UT's Third 25 Years: A Timeline (cont.)

1997

John and Susan Sykes donate \$10 million to UT, the largest single gift from a private donor in the city of Tampa's history.

2000

Brevard Hall and the John H. Sykes College of Business open.

1998

Crescent Place and the Thomas Parking Garage open.

Sykes gives second gift of \$28 million to build Vaughn Center. Capital Campaign goal set at \$80 million.

wanting to do whatever they could do. There was a good team feeling at that time, and I didn't have to spend much time convincing people of the need to make changes. We had to get things done, and everybody came in with a can-do attitude."

Pulling out of the Slump

Vaughn took immediate action to pull UT back from the brink. He put new people in critical positions. Barbara Strickler, who was named the vice president of enrollment, found boxes of inquiries for potential students sitting on shelves, waiting for responses. Out-of-date marketing materials were refreshed and reprinted. Robert Forschner returned to his job as vice president for administration and finance.

An audit by Forschner within his first two weeks back found the University faced a potential \$1.6-million deficit, so the president renewed a line of credit that had expired. Vaughn developed a new comprehensive plan for the campus. To update the worn-out buildings and aging equipment, he sent Forschner to northeastern investors to sell \$15 million in bonds. Financial aid was restructured to reform a system that was overly generous to some and miserly to others. While all that was going on, additional academic programs were being added and curricula redrawn.

Vaughn had told his Board of Trustees he would take the position only on the condition that a serious fundraising effort would be supported to put the University on sound financial footing.

By the late 1990s, Vaughn had begun

the largest campus-rebuilding project in the University's history, surpassing President David DeLo's expansion of the campus infrastructure 30 years before. Down came DeLo and Howell halls, along with a patchwork of private homes and boarding houses that dotted the campus. Two massive oak trees were relocated to make room for the renovation.

Sprouting Like Mushrooms

New structures sprouted like mushrooms during the next seven years. Up went Crescent Place (later named Austin Hall) and the Thomas Parking Garage (1998), Brevard Hall, the John H. Sykes College of Business renovation of McKay Auditorium (2000), the Vaughn Center and Pepin Stadium (2002). Then came Stadium Place (later named Straz Hall) and the first phase of the West Parking Garage (2003) and the R.K. Bailey

Unabashedly Biased

The 2004 edition of *The Unofficial, Biased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges* puts UT on the "hot and trendy" list, based on responses from high school guidance counselors across the nation. They say UT has that certain "it" factor among high school students.



President Vaughn gives the thumbs-down sign as Howell Hall comes down in 1999 to make room for a new student center and residence hall.

2001

Men's basketball wins Sunshine State Conference and earns bid to NCAA tournament; women's basketball finishes season 16-12, but drops semi-final game to Rollins in the SEC Tournament.

December 2, 2001
Men's soccer wins third NCAA Division II national championship.

2002

Marine Science field station opens on Tampa Bay.

Oct. 17, 2001
Tino Martinez and Freddie Solomon named UT's "Greatest Athletes of the 20th Century."

Top Drawer?

U.S. News & World Report magazine names UT to its first top-tier ranking in the 2002 edition of *America's Best Colleges*.



The UT campus circa 1980

Art Studios renovation (2004), followed by Kennedy Place (2006). Another residence hall opposite Straz Hall will be completed in September 2007.

So far, more than \$200 million has been spent on new campus projects since 1998. About 70 percent of campus housing was built that year or later, and 67 percent of fulltime undergraduates now live on campus.

Much of that new construction and renovation was made possible by the most successful capital campaign in the University's history.

Benefactors John and Susan Sykes got the ball rolling with a \$10-million gift in 1997, then gave another \$28 million in January 2000. Trustees moved the campaign goal to \$80 million from its earlier announced \$40-million target. Other

trustees gave generously and provided key campaign leadership. Al '47 and Beverly Austin co-chaired the campaign. Vince Naimoli, a successful businessman and philanthropist, headed the "lead gifts" effort, and UT alumnus Rick Thomas '72 assumed responsibility for the board solicitation committee. The campaign ended in August 2004 with a bottom line of almost \$84 million.

In February 1998, the MacArthur Foundation and the U.S. Army named UT's ROTC program as one of the best on the East Coast and in the nation. It was the third time in seven years that the program had won the award. In April 1998, a grueling six-year process culminated in the College of Business receiving accreditation from AACSB International, the Association Advance

UT's Third 25 Years: A Timeline (cont.)

2002

January 2002
Trustees approve \$27-million bond issue to finance next phase of campus master plan, including a 490-bed residence hall, tennis courts, and renovation of McKay Hall.

August 2002
New majors debut: allied health, sports management and four-year nursing degree.

Fall 2002
UT's annual economic impact estimated to be \$300 million.

2003

Ninth consecutive year of record student enrollment adds 33 new fulltime professors. Straz Hall opens.

2004

R.K. Bailey Art Studio opens after \$2-million renovation of former state fair exhibition hall.

2005

\$30 million in campus renovations and new construction begins on Kennedy Place, Riverside Center, Cass Building and Falk Theatre.

Double or Nothing

John and Susan Sykes' \$28-million gift to the University in 1999, coupled with an earlier \$10-million gift, enables UT to raise its capital campaign goal from \$40 million to \$80 million.



The UT campus in 2006

Collegiate School of Business. The next month, the baseball team took the NCAA Division II title for the third time in six years.

Following nine years of record enrollments, the University opened its doors in fall 2006 to 5,367 students, up from 2,388 when Vaughn took over in late December 1994.

Paralleling UT's growth, 150 new full-time faculty and academic support positions were added, fueling numerous improvements. Dozens of new academic programs were added, along with a new University Advising Office, an International Programs Office, expanded faculty

The new Pepin stadium and Stadium Place went up side-by-side in 2003.



development, Honors programs, and a new "Getaways" freshman year initiative. This academic expansion lay the groundwork for the recent creation of three new colleges which reflect UT's new academic depth and breadth as a medium-sized comprehensive university.

The blessings didn't end there. In 2006, the women's volleyball team (see p. 20) and the men's baseball team both clinched their seasons with team championships, capping UT's 75-year history as a sports powerhouse that has reaped 10 national championships.

The 2006 National Baseball champs



John and Susan Sykes gave the University \$38 million.

Clothes for the Grande Dame

From 1987 through 1991, the state Bureau of Historic Preservation provides almost \$3 million to restore the verandahs, roofline, foundation and domes of Plant Hall, the first significant work on the building's exterior in more than 100 years.

An Extreme Centennial Makeover

By M.E. "Buddy" Baker
Freelance Writer

*"Awake! for Morning in the Bowl of Night
Has flung the Stone that puts the Stars to
Flight: And Lo! the Hunter of the East has
caught The Sultan's Turret in a Noose of Light"*
— *Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*



Plant Hall's minarets look a little shabby in this circa 1980s photo.

At the dawn of 1982, Tampa's most famous skyline, the "turrets" of Plant Hall, could not be said to be caught in their most favorable light. The building's iconic features had been painted gold the year before to commemorate the University's 50th anniversary but already were beginning to run like a dowager's makeup in the rain.

The campus itself was showing the effects of decades of grafts and hand-me-downs. The University's 1981 master plan described the school's appearance as "a loose collection of landmark, fairgrounds, hotel, apartment and college buildings—formed more by default than design."

Over the tenures of seven presidents and the passing of several decades, the building first known as the Tampa Bay Hotel had gone through various cosmetic procedures and minor surgeries. Founding president Frederic Spaulding converted the hotel kitchen into college labs, and the remodeling had never really stopped. By the 1980s, Plant Hall was in need of an extreme makeover. Unlike the television program, however, the job would take a lot longer than a week.

In October 1981, the University unveiled the 20-year master plan to rebuild the campus. Many older buildings would be torn down; others would be renovated. Some would get new uses—the student center, for example, would become classrooms. New buildings would go up. The centerpiece of the campus, however, would continue to be Plant Hall.

Two years later, the state of Florida awarded a \$50,000 grant to restore the minarets. A few months later, in December 1983, Mayor Bob Martinez '57 announced that he had created a "special team" to spearhead the work. Some \$200,000 of funds that the city had earmarked for improvements to Plant Park would be shifted to minaret restoration.

Fowling Up Plans

A nesting pair of white owls (endangered species) takes up residence in one of Plant Hall's minarets in 1985, delaying restoration work until the young are raised.

- Installing new doors and door frames
- Resheathing six minarets and four cupolas with lead-coated stainless steel
- Restoring the minarets to their original silver color.

Not So Fast

By now, a family of rare white owls had set up housekeeping in one of the minarets. The contractor had to wait for the owl offspring to grow up and fly away.

In the interim, the restoration work gained financial support from diverse

In response to an appeal by President Richard Cheshire in January 1984, UT alumnus Martinez added to the city's offer. Plant Hall was "our most acknowledged landmark in the city," the mayor acknowledged as he announced a plan to spend \$1.2 million to renovate the minarets. Later, the city council upped the total to \$1.6 million.

In addition, Martinez earmarked \$100,000 each year for major maintenance work, a figure the University would match, for a total of \$200,000. The Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation contributed almost \$3 million between 1987 and 1991 under the guidance of State Senator Malcolm Beard.

Renovation would involve analyzing the soundness of the internal structure of the 13 minarets, cupolas and domes. The framework undoubtedly would need repair and possibly replacement. The original galvanized tin roof would be replaced with stainless steel, fitted piece by piece by a shipwright. No one was sure how much all that might cost. The minarets had been struck by lightning many times during thunderstorms, and there was even evidence of small fires in them that had burned out on their own.

Before work could begin, however, a certain legacy had to be taken care of first. Nearly a century's accumulation of owl and pigeon droppings in and around the minarets contained yeast that could cause meningitis in humans, the Department of Environmental Regulation discovered. It took four months to remove the tons of guano. Another 10 days and three applications of sanitizing chemicals, and work could begin. The 1987 Moroccan noted: "Workers were required to wear protective 'space suits' to avoid breathing toxic fumes, and at one point, Plant Hall was closed for a day as a safety measure."

The first minaret cost \$140,000 to complete.

By June 1985, the work appeared to be on track again. The work involved:

- Replacing the rotted wooden supports with reinforcing steel
- Leak-proofing floors



organizations. The Jack Daniels Foundation for Preserving American Landmarks and Tradition promised to donate a percentage of sales of every bottle of its trademark whiskey sold in the Tampa area during the month of July 1985. Because Plant Hall was a national historic landmark, the National Trust for Historic Preservation threw in some money, as well.

Scaffolding surrounded the minarets as the outer skin was removed.

De-bugging

In 1987, the University tents Plant Hall for termite fumigation with a state grant of \$775,000 in preparation of a major restoration. It is thought to be the second largest tenting project in the country at the time.

By early 1986, Hoover/Borders Construction Co. had completed rebuilding the structural supports inside six minarets. The shape of the minarets slowed the pace of work. No more than five men could be on the scaffolding at any one time. By the next summer, the galvanized tin finish on all the minarets and one dome that had been painted gold in 1981 had been removed and replaced with stainless steel.

That wasn't everything the grand dame of Tampa architecture needed, however. Several key structural elements of Plant Hall needed work, architectural design firm Robbins, Bell and Kuehlem determined: the Moorish-style façade and foundation, replacement of the entire quarter-mile span of the roof, and extensive repairs on the east and west verandahs.

The Victorian-era building also would receive some accessories that finally would usher it into the 20th century. Central heat and air would be added in certain common areas and suites. Its 96-year-old electrical system would be fully replaced. A backup generator would go in, as well as a fire protection system, including sprinklers. The estimated cost: \$10 million.

But the biggest bugs that had to be taken care of first were, well, bugs. Before work could proceed, termites gnawing at the

wooden structure underneath the peeling paint had to be eliminated.

In December 1987, workers began tenting the minarets and quarter-mile-long landmark. It was to be no small job. Three hundred black and yellow tarps were required, each 60 by 40 feet. Twelve termite trucks, equipped with hydraulic lifts and cranes, were on-site, along with some 50 workers. Even a sewing machine was brought in to mend any last-minute tears in the voluminous drape. Over the Christmas break, teargas was released to drive out any critters. Finally, about 5 million cubic feet of Vikane gas was pumped into the building.

Called the second largest tenting job in the country, the tenting cost about \$300,000 and came from a \$775,000 grant approved by the Florida Legislature that June. The appropriation had survived a veto of \$140 million for projects statewide by the governor—Bob Martinez.

In April 1988, President Bruce Samson asked the city of Tampa to contribute \$3.5 million toward the \$10-million makeover. He also asked for \$300,000 a year to pay for improvements to the building and Plant Park. In addition, he said, another \$242,000 was needed to fix up McKay Auditorium, the former Municipal Auditorium, to remove some of the asbestos around the stage.

It took workers weeks to dress Plant Hall for the termite termination.



Too Hot

On Aug. 3, 1990, a fire in the Plant Hall science wing is started by hot tar on the roof and causes \$1.5 million in damage. Firefighters save the rest of Plant Hall. Repairs are made by the time classes begin.



It took more than 100 firefighters to stop the fire before it reached priceless Fletcher Lounge.

Renovation still was underway on Aug. 3, 1990, when fire threatened to completely undo all those years of work. More than 100 firefighters battled the blaze on the roof of Plant Hall for more than 2 ½ hours over a section of the building connecting the science wing to the rest of the building. Two classrooms, two labs and two restrooms were destroyed. Other sections of the science wing and part of the ground floor suffered extensive smoke and water damage.

Blamed on hot tar being used to patch the roof, the fire resulted in about \$1.5 million in damage. When classes began at the end of the month, the instructional classrooms had already been repaired.

What couldn't be repaired as quickly was the work of Dr. Fred Punzo, who studied the relationship between tarantulas and spider wasps. A decade of his research and thousands of dollars worth of equipment were consumed by the blaze. (Punzo may have been partially consoled the next year when he was presented the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership).

Despite the damage, the building put on its best party dress in April 13, 1991 to blow out the 100 candles on a birthday

cake. What a cake it was, too—16 feet long, 8 feet wide and 6 feet tall, it weighed nearly two tons and was large enough to feed 20,000 guests. Harkening back to the early days of the Tampa Bay Hotel, Mayor Sandy Freedman sliced the cake with a saber borrowed from a member of the Rough Riders, a Tampa civic group.

The centennial party included tours of the building, performances by the Ballet Folklorico, a vintage fashion show, an antique car procession, lawn games popular during the Victorian era, a children's stage with jugglers, clowns and magicians, and music by jazz, flamenco, polka and big bands. Tweed Roosevelt, the great-grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, was a guest of honor. The elder Roosevelt stayed at the hotel in 1898 as he prepared to invade Cuba.

The celebration was a good match for another party a century before. For the grand opening of the hotel on Feb. 5, 1891, Henry Plant invited some 15,000 people. Guests danced the "Tampa Bay Gallop" and snacked on oysters, fish, cold meats, salads, ices, jellies and cakes.

But even the old railroad tycoon didn't have royalty. A month after the 1991

Shocking News

As Plant Hall prepares to mark its 100th birthday in 1991, parts of the building are still using the original power distribution system installed a century earlier.

centennial party, however, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip visited the hotel. Plant Hall, nee the Tampa Bay Hotel, was ready. Nearly \$6 million had been spent on renovation by then.

There still was work to be done. In August, work began on the final four cupolas and the dome over Fletcher Lounge. Their metal skins were peeled off, the wooden supports were repaired, and new stainless steel roofs were installed.

The minarets, cupolas and domes shine like never before with a skin of stainless steel.



Tampa Mayor Sandy Freedman uses a saber to cut the 3,800-lb. cake during the Plant Hall Centennial Celebration on April 13, 1991, on the East Verandah.

The work continues today, thanks largely to the efforts of the Chiselers, a group of volunteers founded in 1959 by Sunny Delo, wife of then-President David Delo, and dedicated to tackling the ongoing task of preserving the beauty and grandeur of Plant Hall.

Through their efforts, new historically accurate hand-woven carpeting was installed last December throughout the lobby and ground floor hallways.

Early this year, the organization reported the completion of brickwork and window restorations, as well as receipt of final payment from a \$400,000 Save America's Treasures grant from the National Park Service. New doors and lighting projects are slated to return the building's interior close to its original appearance.

In September, the Florida Historical Commission recommended full funding of the Chiselers' request for more than \$275,000 for additional restoration projects. The Florida Legislature approved the request in February, and the funds will be available July 1.

As every homeowner knows, there's always something to fix. But there is no doubt that, every morning, the domes, cupolas and minarets of Plant Hall now catch a grand old building in a much better light.



Actors, Admirals, Governors and More

The University of Tampa bestowed its first honorary degree upon its founder and first president, Frederic H. Spaulding, in 1936. During UT's third quarter-century, a parade of politicians, actors, scientists, writers, educators, religious leaders, philanthropists and military commanders received the honor.

Have Fulbright, Will Travel

In 1982, Fulbright grants are awarded to UT professors for the first time. Dr. William D. Lieth spends a year in Lyon, France, while Dr. Kathryn Van Spanckeren goes to Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia.

- 1982**— **LeRoy Collins**
Governor of Florida, 1955-61;
Chairman of the 1960
Democratic National Convention
Doctor of Laws
- 1982**— **Sir Harold Wilson**
Prime Minister of the United
Kingdom, 1964-70 and 1974-76
Doctor of Laws
- 1982**— **Edward Seaga**
Prime Minister of Jamaica, 1980-1989
Doctor of Laws
- 1983**— **Reubin O. Askew**
Governor of Florida, 1971-79
Doctor of Laws
- 1983**— **William A. Gillen**
President of Insurance Workers
of America
Doctor of Laws
- 1983**— **Robert Quarles Marston**
National Institute of Health Director
1968-73
Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1984**— **John Naisbitt**
Author of *Megatrends*, 1982 and
Re-inventing the Corporation
Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1984**— **Bernard I. Cohen**
Author of *The Nuclear Energy
Option* (1990) *Heart of the Atom*
(1967), *Concepts of Nuclear Physics*
(1970), *Nuclear Science and Society*
(1974), and *Before It's Too Late*
(1983)
Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1984**— **Irwin Hoffman**
Conductor of the Vancouver
Symphony, 1952-64, Associate
Conductor of the Chicago
Symphony Orchestra.
Doctor of Fine Arts
- 1985**— **Howard H. Baker Jr.**
U.S. senator from Tennessee,
1967-85 (minority leader,
1977-81; majority leader,
1981-85)
Doctor of Laws
- 1985**— **Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi**
South African Zulu leader. Leader
and creator of the Inkatha Freedom
Party formed in 1975.
Doctor of Laws
- 1986**— **George Bailey**
Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1986**— **Premier John Swann**
Former Premier of Bermuda,
1982-1995
Doctor of Laws
- 1986**— **Otto Von Habsburg**
Archduke Otto of Austria,
Crown Prince Otto of Austria
Doctor of Laws
- 1986**— **George M. Steinbrenner III**
Owner of Major League
Baseball's New York Yankees
Doctor of Laws
- 1987**— **Bob Martinez '57**
Governor of Florida, 1987-91;
Mayor of Tampa, 1979-86
Doctor of Laws

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As the 20th century draws to a close, a Tampa Chamber of Commerce poll in 1999 rates the founding of UT as one of the 10 most significant events of the century in Hillsborough County.

Actors, Admirals, Governors and More

- 1988** — **Malcolm Forbes**
Publisher of *Forbes* magazine
Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1988** — **Dennis F. Pupello, M.D. '61**
Clinical Appointment in the Department of Surgery at the University of South Florida College of Medicine.
Doctor of Science
- 1989** — **Connie Mack**
U.S. representative from Florida, 1983-89; U.S. senator from Florida, 1989-2001
Doctor of Laws
- 1989** — **Hampton Dunn '39**
Journalist, author and historian of Florida history.
Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1990** — **Roger B. Smith**
Chairman and CEO of General Motors, 1981-90
Doctor of Humane Letters
- 1990** — **Malcolm E. Beard '44**
Sheriff of Hillsborough County, 1965-78
Doctor of Public Service
- 1991** — **Bob Graham**
Governor of Florida, 1979-87; U.S. senator from Florida, 1987-2005
Doctor of Public Administration
- 1992** — **Dr. Paula P. Brownlee**
President of AAC&U 1990-98, Dean of Faculty at Union College
Doctor of Humane Letters
- May**
1998 — **John H. Sykes**
Founder and Chairman of Sykes Enterprises Inc.
Doctor of Business and Humane Letters
- Dec.**
1998 — **Sam Gilliam**
Color field painter associated with the Washington Color School and Abstract Expressionism
Doctor of Fine Arts
- May**
1999 — **Martha S. Ferman and James L. Ferman Sr.**
Creators of the Ferman Music Center, Owners of Ferman Motor Car Company
Doctor of Humane Letters
- May**
2001 — **Robert Saunders Sr.**
Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity for the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, 1976-88
Doctor of Public Service
- May**
2002 — **C.W. "Bill" Young**
U.S. Representative from Florida, 1971-present
Doctor of Public Service
- Dec.**
2002 — **Dick Greco '56**
Mayor of Tampa, 1967-74 and 1995-2003
Doctor of Public Service
- May**
2003 — **Maestro Anton Coppola**
Composer, librettist and conductor; conducted the scores for *Godfather III* and *Dracula*
Doctor of Fine Arts
- May**
2004 — **David H. Levy**
Astronomer and science writer; discoverer of 21 comets; author or editor of 31 books; *Parade* magazine science editor
Doctor of Science
- Dec.**
2004 — **Alfred S. Austin '47 and Beverly A. Austin**
Real estate developer, President of The Austin Companies
UT Board Chairman Emeriti

Hit, Miss for Returning Hero

As the best runner in University of Tampa men's cross country history, Elias Gonzalez remains a hero. After three years wearing the colors of an intercollegiate athletics program, 1st Lt. Gonzalez has yet to let a change of uniform or scenery deter him from his love of running.

Upon learning that his National Guard unit based in St. Petersburg would be sent to Ali Air Base in southern Iraq, his first thoughts would come as no surprise to those who know him best.

"Will I be able to run there?" he asked. "I trust my training well enough to stay safe, so I wasn't worried about being injured."

Back in the Race

A two-time defending Gasparilla Distance Classic 15K champion, Gonzalez had the opportunity to rank his three choices for leave time. His top choice was Feb. 8-14. Next was a date in April to share a day with his son Manuel on his seventh birthday. Finally, Gonzalez had listed a summer race in his native Dominican Republic.

"They granted my first choice," Gonzalez said. "It was perfect, because I got to run in the 15K with 4,000 other runners and also watch my son run in the Junior Classic. So it worked out that I was able to run and also be with my family, which means the most to me."

For Gonzalez, 30, a love of running has been a constant no matter where he is. Whether it's the subtropical beauty of west central Florida or endless lots of sand in the Iraqi desert, his passion for running is never-ending. He wakes up every morning and runs around the 20-mile perimeter of his base, he says, and even intense heat and sometimes mud from a heavy down-pour don't dampen his zest for his sport.

"I love running," he said. "Above all else, it's something that I can take with me wherever I go."

Beginning Something Special

Gonzalez also recently made news when he was named top male runner on the Sunshine State Conference Silver Anniversary team. From 25 years of conference action, the league

coaches and administrators chose Gonzalez as the top runner of all time.

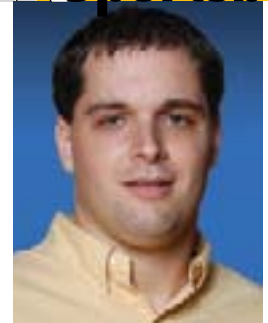
He remains Tampa's only All-American in men's cross country, and is one of just three male runners to win two SSC Runner of the Year awards, earning the honor in 2002 and 2003. He claimed medalist honors at the SSC championships both years before going on to earn All-America accolades in 2003. He holds school records in both the 8K and 10K events.

"Elias is a great man and a competitor," said UT cross country head coach Jarrett Slaven. "It was a pleasure to coach him, and he is not just a great runner, but an even better person. He'll run fast for as long as he wants to."

Slaven attributes much of the program's recent success to the accomplishments of his former star runner. Prior to Gonzalez, the program had just one first-team all-Sunshine State Conference selection. Since 2002, the Spartans have compiled seven selections to the first team. Additionally, there have been three all-South Region honorees in the post-Gonzalez era.

"Elias did so much for this program," Slaven said. "It's similar to the success Allison Macsas had with the women's program. Potential student-athletes can now see that the ultimate success is possible on The University of Tampa cross country team. [Elias and Macsas] were the beginning of something special."

The home-front effort was a hit and a miss in February for the returning Spartan cross country hero. Elias Gonzalez, defending two-time Gasparilla 15K champion, finished fourth in the 2007 race, in spite of running his fastest time ever. His 48:13 time was three minutes faster than his previous best, which he ran in 2003, his All-America year. ■■■



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Elias Gonzalez

Female First. Jubilant Spartans celebrate the latest national title for the University, the first for any UT female sports team.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

BASEBALL

Games played at Sam Bailey Field.

Sat., April 28

Saint Leo*

1 p.m. (DH)

Fri., May 4

Rollins*

7 p.m.

Sun., May 6

Rollins*

1 p.m. (DH)

A complete listing of University events can be found at ut.edu.



Championship Success Continues as Volleyball Takes the Prize



After more than a decade of domination, The University of Tampa volleyball team finally grabbed the elusive championship that was within arms' reach on several occasions.

On Nov. 18, the Spartans defeated the University of North Alabama by a score of 3-1 to record the school's first volleyball national title, as well as the first national crown for any UT female team. The victory capped an amazing 35-1 season that included victories over seven national top-25 teams.

The volleyball program, a fixture as one of the top UT teams, entered the NCAA tournament for the 11th consecutive season. After being the national runner-up on two occasions and advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight a total of nine times, Spartan teams have become accustomed to the national stage.

"Entering the tournament, I felt no pressure to win the national championship," says

head coach Chris Catanach. "Obviously, it is a goal and something I wanted, but I would have been comfortable going my whole career without the title."

A Magical Year

The run to the title began with the NCAA South Regional, which was presented to Tampa as the host institution. In arguably the toughest regional in years, the Spartans were faced with the daunting task of going through two-time national champion Barry, eighth-ranked Florida Southern and 10th-ranked Florida Gulf Coast.

After breezing past Wingate in the first round by a 3-0 score, UT next handed Sunshine State Conference rival Barry a 3-0 loss to advance to the regional final. Florida Gulf Coast, which knocked out Florida Southern, awaited the Spartans. The Eagles, a year away from entering Division I, boasted a 29-2 overall record and the South Region Player of the Year.



Stephanie Rivera (left) and Alisha Green helped the Spartans' leap to the national title.

One game into the match, Tampa found itself in a scary situation as it faced an uphill battle trailing 1-0. But the Spartans kicked into high gear and won the next three games by a combined 10 points.

Next up was an NCAA Elite Eight meeting with 25th-ranked Dowling at the Fall Sports Festival in Pensacola, FL. UT was not alone at the venue as the women's cross country and women's soccer teams also were present for their respective finals appearances. The support helped Tampa cruise past Dowling by a 3-0 score to meet second-ranked Minnesota-Duluth in perhaps the toughest match of the season.

Against Minnesota-Duluth, the Spartans followed the lead of attackers Katelen Dixon and Danielle MacDonald to win the match after a 30-24 game four victory. In the national championship game, UT was set to face North Alabama, which entered the tournament as the nation's hottest team.

The match-up featured the country's top-ranked and No. 6 teams and certainly lived up to its billing in a four-game thriller. UT struck first, winning the first game 30-25. A pesky North Alabama team would not back down as it won the second game to even the contest at a game apiece. The Spartans then displayed their championship caliber, winning the next two games by scores of 30-21 and 30-17 to capture the awaited prize and bring home the trophy that the program wanted so badly.

"This was a magical year, and we were able to reach a goal that I was beginning to think was unreachable," says Catanach. "You can

never take this away from the team, and we will relish it forever."

Ready for Another Run

Catanach also brought home some hardware of his own, as he was named the National Coach of the Year. After winning his 700th match earlier in the season, Catanach earned the top coach's award for the second time in his career and first since 1991.

The awards continued flowing for the national champions as Katelen Dixon, Stephanie Rivera, Margeaux Sinibaldi and Alisha Green were named All-Americans. The four also joined Erin Clark, Danielle MacDonald and Gabriela Saade as all-South Region selections. Rivera also took home the SSC Player of the Year award.

"Because of our success, we are expecting the best game out of every opponent," says Catanach. "Each match brings something to the journey, and it is important to experience the good and the bad throughout the season. Everyone needs some failure and team moments to grow stronger and become better equipped for the long haul."

The Spartans look for another magical run as they turn their attention to the 2007 season. With 12 players returning from the championship team, including three of the four All-Americans, UT looks to have some star power necessary to counter the target opponents have placed on them as the defending national champions. Given Catanach and the program's history, the Spartans should be fully equipped for another late run in the NCAA tournament. 🏐

Athletics Finds New Home on the Web

The University of Tampa athletic department announced the launch of its new Web site, www.tampaspartans.com, in January. The new Web site offers several new features in addition to a modernized design that puts UT athletics in competition with top athletic websites.

Among the new features is a Sword & Shield page for current and potential contributors, a Spartan Fan Club and a Kids Club. There also is a downloadable calendar that includes all Spartan athletic events and is available in a convenient printable version. The recruiting questionnaire will assist coaches in identifying potential players, while the mailing list allows Spartan fans to sign up to receive the latest news from UT athletics.

The site also contains an upgrade in the ability to support pictures, student-athlete bios and department information. Features surviving the transition from the old Web site include live stats for all home events in men's and women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball. Additionally, live stats are available for selected road contests. Viewers also may download and print the most recent media guides with viewable covers.

For the latest in Spartan athletics, visit www.tampaspartans.com. The site includes up-to-date information as well as breaking news. This also is the quickest way to view scores and game information. 🏐

It Was A Ball!

On Nov. 18, the Board of Trustees put on a UT 75th anniversary red-tie ball in a specially erected tent in Plant Park that looked more like a canvas castle. A gourmet dinner and a toast from Board of Trustees Chairman David A. Straz Jr. were only parts of the grand affair, which was hosted by Chairman Straz and his wife, Catherine.

Outside in the park, guests enjoyed campus tours in horse-drawn carriages, a commemorative film with historic footage and photos of the University's early years, and performances by the UT Jazz ensemble, UT music professors and a high school drum corps.

The evening's finale featured a spectacular lighting of Plant Park and the Sticks of Fire.

"It was a terrific evening," said Catherine Straz. "It showcased what the University of Tampa is all about in a wonderful setting."

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Patsy Woodruff, Helen T. Kerr, Beverly A. Austin, Shirley Savage Knight, Norma Jean Alcalde and daughter Cynthia A. Colenda (from left) were decked out for elegance and warmth in the brisk autumn evening.



Trustee Leo Berman '69, John McRae Wolf '68 and Board of Trustees Chairman David A. Straz Jr. (from left) enjoy an intimate discussion.



Pam Iorio, mayor of Tampa, and Al Austin '47

Chairman's Ball



Linda Devine, vice president for operations and planning, ties on a good time with Deborah Lester, former director of academic operations and support.



Bob Martinez '57, former mayor of Tampa and former governor of Florida, and James "Jim" Clark



Homecoming royal couple Andrew Madock and Ashley Wolf '06 with John McRae Wolfe '68. Madock is Student Government president, a member of the Diplomats, and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Wolf, who graduated in December, was a Diplomat and member of Delta Zeta sorority.



Guests got snappy entertainment from the University of Tampa Saxophone Quartet, featuring music professor Dr. Terry Mohn (right) on tenor sax, and UT sophomore Victor Quinones (left) senior Stephanie Dahl and freshman Kent Allen on baritone, soprano and alto saxophone, respectively.



Dressed in traditional cigar-roller apparel, Lazaro Rodriguez, owner of Havana Dreams of Ybor City, supplied fresh cigars hand-rolled on site.



Dan Gura, vice president for development and university relations, passes the mic to President Vaughn.



Henry B. Plant Museum executive director Cynthia Gandee needed more than a warm toast to keep her warm.

MUEZZIN



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Changing Faces and Changing Places

As we travel through life, we are constantly faced with new challenges and opportunities. These always bring with them the possibility for change. One such change recently occurred in our Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Todd Marrs, UT's director of Alumni and Parent Relations, recently left the University for Stetson University College of Law after nearly five years of dedicated service, three as alumni director. Todd made tremendous progress in his time at UT, and I will be honored to try my best to fill the impressive footprint he has left on our campus. I have been able to get to know many of you during my time at UT so far, but for those of you who don't know me, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

During the past two years, I have been a development associate in UT's Development and University Relations office, responsible for managing the faculty/staff campaign with a \$30,000 goal and the Parent Fund with a \$35,000 goal. In addition, I worked extensively with our local alumni chapter, Tampa Alpha, as well as our regional alumni chapters across the country, helping them organize and host activities for our alumni. During my tenure as development associate, I have seen our alumni chapters begin to flourish, and I look forward to watching them continue to grow in the future.

Previous to working at UT, I was a campaign associate at United Way of Tampa Bay, working mostly in Pinellas County, and earlier, was a Promise Fellow with Americorps, where I spent two years volunteering my time at a middle school for underprivileged children in St. Petersburg, FL.

Tell Us About Your Changes

Just as we go through changes here at UT, you go through changes in both your personal and professional lives. The alumni office supports these positive changes, and we would love to share them with the Spartan community. One easy way to share the great things going on in your life is through the "Class Acts"

section of the *UT Journal*. You can submit your story to us by using the "What's Happening" form in the *Journal* or use the online submission form located on the alumni Web site at <http://alumni.ut.edu>.

Speaking of the alumni Web site, we are excited to report that almost 1,000 of you have logged on and created profiles. There have been countless positive reactions to our new site, and we are glad that so many of you are utilizing it to stay connected to UT. The fastest way to see if there are any changes going on at UT or with any of your former classmates is to log on today.

Recently, all of you have been contacted by Harris Connect, our partner in the production of the 2007 alumni directory, in regard to changes that are going on in your lives. As a new feature to the directory this year, you will be able to submit life updates and share stories from your time at UT. Many of you have taken advantage of this opportunity, and we hope many more of you will join in on the fun. The directory is published only every five years, so there is no better time than now to share your story.

Share at Homecoming and Reunions

Of course, the best way to let everyone know about the changes occurring in your world is to share your story with other Spartans in person at Homecoming and Reunions in 2007. This year's Homecoming is scheduled for Oct. 19-21, so mark your calendars now. We are planning special reunions for the classes '97 and '02 to help them celebrate their respective 10- and five-year reunions.

Our younger alumni seem to always have the most change going on in their lives, so it would be great for as many of you as possible to come back and share the wonderful things that you've accomplished since graduation. If you would like to help with the '97 or '02 reunion, or if you're interested in helping organize another Homecoming gathering, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@ut.edu. ■■■



Todd Marrs was director of UT's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations from 2004 until the end of last year.

'39

Richard Spoto was honored when a Riverview, FL, high school was named for him in August. He has spent almost seven decades dedicated to education and community service. He lives in Tampa.

'41

Robert Bowen was awarded the Order of St. Maurice at the 29th Infantry Banquet Reunion of the National Infantry Association. The award is for outstanding support and long-time dedication.

'51

Antonio Cardoso, artist-director of El Prado Gallery, received the "Prix de Paris" award for art. He also was nominated for *Who's Who in American Art*. He and wife Martha have two daughters. They live in Tampa.

'57

Anthony Ettaro is a retired air traffic controller. He lives in Brevard, NC, April-November. The rest of the time, he lives in Jacksonville, FL.

Bob Martinez, former governor of Florida, joined Holland & Knight LLP as a senior policy advisor on Jan. 10. He will maintain offices in Tampa, Tallahassee and Washington, DC.

'61

Olga Myers founded the Joyful Visitation chapter of Magnificat, which has been offering quarterly Magnificat meals for women in the Archdiocese of Atlanta since 1992.

'63

Martin Berg retired in March 2001 after 27 years as a social worker. He continues to enjoy his hobby, photography.

'65

Peter Meoli is an athletic coordinator for the Mid-Hudson Athletic League. He and his wife, Patricia, have two sons, Anthony and Michael, and three grandchildren, Kyle, Katie and Ella.
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'66

Eugene Pizzetta retired in June after more than 30 years of working in the telecommunication industry. He started with Bell and later worked for New England Telephone, Nynex, Bell Atlantic, and finally, at Verizon. He lives in Revere, MA.

'68

Gary Rapp retired from Sebring High School in December after working for 35 years at the institution. His last position was dean of student services. During his career, Gary was head coach of the varsity football team, athletic director and physical education instructor.

'70

Gary Myers was elected to a two-year term as president of the Association for Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education at its annual meeting in October in Annapolis, MD.

'72

Deborah Belt is owner and president of James River Candy Corp. She also is a freelance writer. She lives in Richmond, VA.

Robert Young married Petra Rodriguez on Nov. 11 at Hope Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg. Robert is retired from the St. Petersburg Police Department and Bowen Travel in Tampa. Petra is a retired seamstress. They live in St. Petersburg.

'73

Ralph Hicks was promoted to center manager of FlightSafety's learning centers in Daleville and Dothan, AL.

Jay Scherline received a Human Relations Award from the Human Relations Commission in Allentown, PA. The award is for helping foster better understanding and human relations among citizens.

Sherrie (Fritz) Sikes was awarded UT's National Alumni Association Alumni Achievement Award for her work at Hillsborough County schools. She is married to **Dan Sikes '67** and has two daughters.



Thomas "Tom" Graham '82

Carmen Aguero is principal of Webb Middle School in Tampa. She has 33 years of experience in the school system.

'74

Richard "Dick" Woodward has a new job as vice president of enrollment management at the American University of Antigua, College of Medicine.
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'79

Nance Cox started her own freelance editing and proofreading business. She lives in Port St. Lucie, FL.
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Patrick Simon joined the operational intelligence solutions business unit of Science Applications International Corp. as a program executive for information operations. He lives in Woodbridge, VA.

'80

Peter Cannella became engaged to Kathleen Eastman on New Year's Eve. The wedding is going to be on May 21. He lives in Des Moines, IA.

'81

Martyn Quinn MBA received the Henry "Hank" Boynton Award from the Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth for outstanding efforts in fire prevention education for youth. He lives in Baldwinsville, NY.

'82

David Ditto relocated to Orlando. He is the area vice president of Embassy Suites Hotels for Florida and Puerto Rico.
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Thomas "Tom" Graham was recognized as 2006 Prince George's Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year. He lives in Bowie, MD.
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'84

Keith Erickson was promoted to a partner of the accounting firm Stowe & Degon in Worcester, MA on Jan. 1.
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'91

David Sulecki is the owner of Prohelmet Decals, which provides football and baseball helmet decals. He lives in Ocala, FL.
E-mail: sulecki@cox.net

Ileana (Couret) Endom MBA '98 and her husband announced the birth of their second child, Ian Frederick, who was born on Nov. 27. Their first child is named Katarina.
E-mail: ileana@endom.com

'92

Tricia (Mills) Brancatella and her husband, Vito, celebrated the birth of their fourth child, Ava Natalie, Aug. 7. Their other children are Vito III, Nicholas and Jenna. The family lives in Mountainside, NJ.
E-mail: triciabrancatella@verizon.net

Marvin Grand welcomed his son Matthew Isaiah on Dec. 11. Marvin was promoted to food service director at the University of Central Florida for Aramark Corp. He also received an MBA from St. Thomas University. He relocated from Miami to Orlando.
E-mail: marvinandallyson@earthlink.net

Amy Reinowitz-Schlamkowitz received a master's

degree in education in 2001. She is a business and computer education teacher in Westchester County, NY. She published lesson plans for reading strategies on www.teachersnetwork.org. She has two children—Jack (4^{1/2}) and Jessica (2^{1/2}).
E-mail: arhino@optonline.net

'93

Patrick McDonald is an attorney at the law offices of McDonald & McDonald with his brother and father. He also is a reserve lieutenant with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Miami-Dade County, and works part-time as an adjunct professor at various law enforcement academies throughout the state.
E-mail: pgm@mcDonaldsattorneys.com

Debbie (Rasmilso) O'Connor and her husband, Michael, had their baby girl, Lauren, on Oct. 7. They have another child, Ryan (3). The family lives in Frankfort, IL.
E-mail: debbieoconnor2001@yahoo.com

Rita (Pavan) Peters was appointed chief of the Sex Offenders/Child Abuse Division at the Hillsborough

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Lauren O'Connor



Jessica and Jack Schlamkowitz



County State Attorney's Office. She lives in River-view, FL.

'94

Bryan Boilard '94, MBA '98 is working as a controller for vitality systems in Oldsmar, FL. He has a wife, Dana, and a son, Brett.
E-mail: bboliard@vitalityvet.com

Diane Borden married Andrew De Marco in Liberty State Park in June 2005. Her maid of honor was **Susan (Borden) Shatzler '96**. **Donna (Small) Walid '94** also attended the wedding. Diane is a vice president of business services at Citigroup in New York City.
E-mail: dbdemarco@gmail.com

'95

Bob Everson is working for the Boeing Company as a program manager. He received an MBA degree from Colorado State University. He lives in Seattle.
E-mail: bob_everson@comcast.net

Cathy (Brown) Gallagher and her husband, **Aaron Gallagher '97**, moved from Canton, MA, to Cincinnati in June. Cathy is working as a medical writer at Medpace, and Aaron is a lead business analyst at Fifth Third Bank. They have a new bulldog puppy named Brody.
E-mail: cathyb_22@yahoo.com

John Jackson married **Melanie Paulus '01** on July 14 in Fiji. John is president of two companies—Earthworks Land Development Inc., based in Sarasota, FL, and Tampa Groves Aggregates LLC, based in Wimauma, FL. He received an MBA from the University of Colorado.
E-mail: jjackson@earthworksflorida.com

'96

Rachel (Price) Baker and her husband, John, had their second child, Logan Chase, on Aug. 29. They also have an older child, Colin. Last summer, they moved to Fort Leavenworth, KS, for a year.
E-mail: rachelbaker02@yahoo.com

Lee Schmidt received a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Miami in 2001. Since then, he has been working as an assistant professor at the University of Miami School of Nursing. Last fall, he moved to Chicago to join the faculty of Loyola University of Chicago.
E-mail: leeschmidt@sbcglobal.net

'97

Jennifer Giles married Christopher Stone on Oct. 14 at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Safety Harbor, FL. They live in Palm Harbor, FL.

Stephanie (Toledo) Azan was appointed deputy chief financial officer at the Ministry of Communications, Works and Infrastructure of Cayman Islands on Dec. 15. She is a CPA.

'98

Jason Calvo and his wife, Deborah, celebrated the birth of their fourth child on Nov. 11 at 12:15 p.m. The baby's name is Olivia Briana. They live in Zephyrhills, FL.
E-mail: jcalvo0910@verizon.net

Devin Herz is the owner of Media FX, a printing company based in Tampa. The Web site is www.weprintcheap.com.

Kara (O'Connor) Hill and her husband, James, welcomed their baby, Tyler Michael, in July. Kara was nominated by peers for the Burdine's Teacher of the Year award. She also was nominated for the You Make a Difference Award by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. She and her family moved to Portland, ME.
E-mail: karamaine195@aol.com

Wendy (Rowe) Overholt and her family moved to San Antonio, TX. Her husband, Dustin, is attending medical school, while Wendy is staying at home. They have a three-year-old daughter and are expecting their second baby in May.
E-mail: wendyoverholt@yahoo.com

'99

Alva Cross is a new associate at Fisher & Phillips



Alva Cross '99

LLP. Her office is located at the firm's downtown Tampa office. She will be responsible for all aspects of labor and employment law cases. She also will participate in the firm's African-American Business Practice Group. She was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2004. She lives in River-view, FL.

Lindsay Sullivan earned a Ph.D. in oceanography from the University of Rhode Island. She accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the Romberg Tiburon Center at San Francisco State University. She lives in Larkspur, CA.
E-mail: ljswr@hotmail.com

'00

Jeanna (Murphy) Lampart and her husband, Michael, had their baby, Amanda Jean, on Feb. 7, 2006. They moved to Spring Hill, FL.
E-mail: jlampart@tampabay.rr.com



Amanda Jean Lampart

Danielle (Faggion) Marante and **Anthony Marante '99** have a daughter named Isabella Marie, who turned 1 year old on Oct. 5. Anthony took command of a special warfare training group support



Isabella Marie Marante

battalion at Fort Bragg, NC. Danielle was inducted into the 2006 Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame for volleyball. They live in Fayetteville, NC.

'01

Stephanie (Metz) Garland is a compliance assistant at the Jacksonville University Department of Athletics. She received a Master of Sports Administration degree from Ohio University and a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School. Stephanie also passed the July 2006 Florida Bar Exam. She lives in Orange Park, FL.
E-mail: sgarian@ju.edu

Sean Manning published *The Show I'll Never Forget: 50 Writers Relive Their Most Memorable Concertgoing Experience*.

Heather (Medeiros) Spooner joined the Tampa Museum of Art in August as assistant curator of education.

Brian Simmons is a wrestling coach and teacher at Wesley Chapel High School in Hillsborough County, FL. He lives in Land 'O' Lakes, FL.

'02

Sabrina (Demsy) Cameron had her baby, Alexander Michael, on Sept. 13. She works at Waterbury Child Guidance in Waterbury, CT, as an enhanced care coordinator to secure the welfare of children placed outside of their homes. Sabrina lives in Middletown, CT.
E-mail: sabrinacameron@sbcglobal.net

Mark Giovanoni and his wife, Liz, welcomed their first child Tristan Carter on December 29. They live in Scottsdale, AZ.
E-mail: markgiovanoni@qwest.net

Stephanie Longfellow-Bennett moved from SeaWorld Orlando to Volusia County to teach gifted, advanced and general science. Stephanie and her husband, Lee, just celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on Dec. 23. They live in Deland, FL.
E-mail: utflipper@aol.com

Jen Miller is a freelance writer. She writes articles about culture, music, fashion and travel for *The New York Times*, *the Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Psychology Today* and others. Jen is a member of the National Book Critics Circle and the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She lives in West Collingswood, NJ.
E-mail: jenmiller27@mac.com



Tristan Carter Giovanoni

Angela Roberts relocated to New York City. She continues to work as an educational consultant for kid space at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art. She also is studying for a Master of Science in Museum Education and New York teaching certification at Bank Street College of Education.

Jennifer Sarsten married Ara Kantradjian on Nov. 17 in Basking Ridge, NJ. Their honeymoon was in South Africa. They live in Chester, NJ.
E-mail: jsarsten@kpmg.com

Susan Sekusky married Luis Ortiz on Oct. 14 in a sunset ceremony at the Don Cesar Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach, FL. The

couple took a cruise to the Caribbean for their honeymoon. They are both employed by Verizon. Susan is a sales consultant, and Luis is a fiber field technician. They live in Tampa.

Matthew Sireci is a real estate developer and an owner of Sireci Enterprises. He recently completed a 13-unit condominium in the Ybor City section of Tampa.

'03

P. Michael Blue received a master's degree in ocean engineering at Florida Atlantic University. He and his wife, **Carolyn (Sprague)** '04, moved to Houston.
E-mail: rainlover26@aol.com

Kristina Bergstrom married Chris Tebo in April and relocated to Wisconsin. She was hired as a physical therapist at the Bay Area Medical Center's Mobility Center in Marinette, WI.

She is pursuing a doctorate in manual therapy at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences.

'04

Celine Crestin married Frank Windwillow on Sept. 24, 2004. They are expecting their first child in September. They live in Cayucos, CA.
E-mail: ccrestin@aol.com

Kella Dawson announced that she is going to get married on Oct. 6.
E-mail: kelladawson@hotmail.com

Elias Gonzalez is a property book officer with the National Guard. His unit in St. Petersburg was called to active duty at the Ali Air Base in Iraq in May. He returned to Tampa on leave on Feb. 9 to defend his title in the Gasparilla Classic 15K. He returned to Iraq on Feb. 24.

Mary Keyser relocated to Alexandria, VA. She became a communication

director for the National Oilheat Research Alliance.
E-mail: mrkeyser@nora-oilheat.org

Jennifer Lynch received an MA in criminology and justice at St. John's University in December. She started her MS in education at the same university in January. She lives in Garden City, NY.
E-mail: jlynch2341@aol.com

Dylan Moore moved to Boston to join Wellington Management Company LLP as a research associate. He will be responsible for researching various technology companies and will assist the senior research analyst and portfolio managers.
E-mail: dcmoore@wellington.com

Avita Mosai MBA married Mahendra Samaroo on Jan. 13 in Orlando. Avita works for Westside Medical as a marketing manager.
E-mail: avitamosai@yahoo.com

Stephanie Roelker has become a sixth-grade science teacher at a middle school in Hillsborough County, FL. She loves her job.
E-mail: sroelker@hotmail.com

Eliz Tuschieva married **Timucin Ozcan** '02 in July 2005. Eliz is studying at Northeastern University for an MBA/MSF degree. Timucin is working on a Ph.D. in marketing. They live in Boston.

'06

Margaret P. "Maggie" Barthel is employed by the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. She lives in Lutz, FL.

Helen Harmon was promoted to human resources manager with Granite Services International, a subsidiary of General Electric headquartered in Tampa.

Benjamin Hewitt is an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He is in undergraduate air



Avita Mosai '04 and Mahendra Samaroo

battle manager training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, FL. He is training to become an air weapons officer.
E-mail: captb3n@hotmail.com

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Many Happy Returns


Ernest Segundo '56 (second from left) joined fellow members of Rho Nu Delta (which later became Theta Chi) fraternity for a recent UT luncheon on the ninth floor of the Vaughn Center. It was some members' first visit to campus in many years. Also attending were Brandon Chong (left), assistant director of the Vaughn Center and Student Event Services, and Dr. Robert Kerstein (background, second from right), chair and professor of Government and World Affairs. 

Alpha TO ZETA Bits CHAPTER AND PARENT NEWS



Network the Night Away: Michael Damey, Anette Damey MBA '97, Dr. Jen Wortham '95 and Dr. Lori Benson '95 (from left) mingle at the second annual UT Networking Night.

UT Networking Night

Alumni and friends gathered for a networking reception at Whiskey Park in South Tampa on Nov. 30. The evening brought together members of the Board of Counselors, Board of Fellows, Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter and the Krewe of Sparta. This event was a great success for the second year in a row and is a great opportunity for UT's volunteer groups to get to know one another. 

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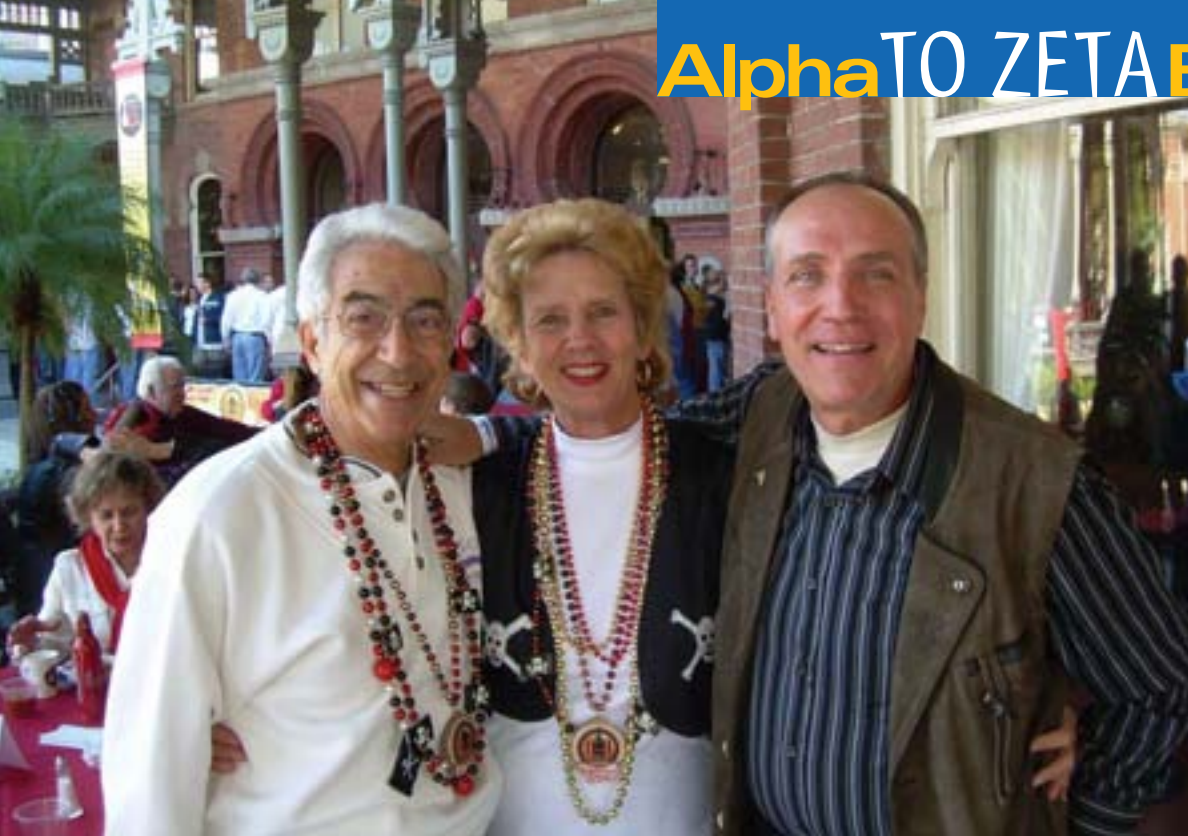
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They Love a Parade: Ernest Segundo Sr. '56, Ida Coe '58 and Curt Rogers '77 (from left) enjoy themselves at the Tampa Alpha Chapter's Gasparilla Pre-Parade Brunch.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI


- Willard Gates Sr. '34
- William Smytryk '39
- Stephen J. Krist '40
- E. Bruce Aman '48
- Arthur P. Trubiano '49
- William E. Swilley '52
- Robert F. Byrnes '53
- Vincent A. Di Lena '63
- Michael A. Broadhurst Sr. '69
- Charles W. Haak '69
- Daniel S. Gressang III '72
- Richard A. Barnhardt '74
- Stanley Pleckas '74



They Do, Too: Tampa Alpha and Royal Krewe of Sparta members (from left) Tom Meachum '81, Brian Malison '94 and Anthony Newman '93 get ready for the parade at the Tampa Alpha Chapter's Gasparilla Pre-Parade Brunch.

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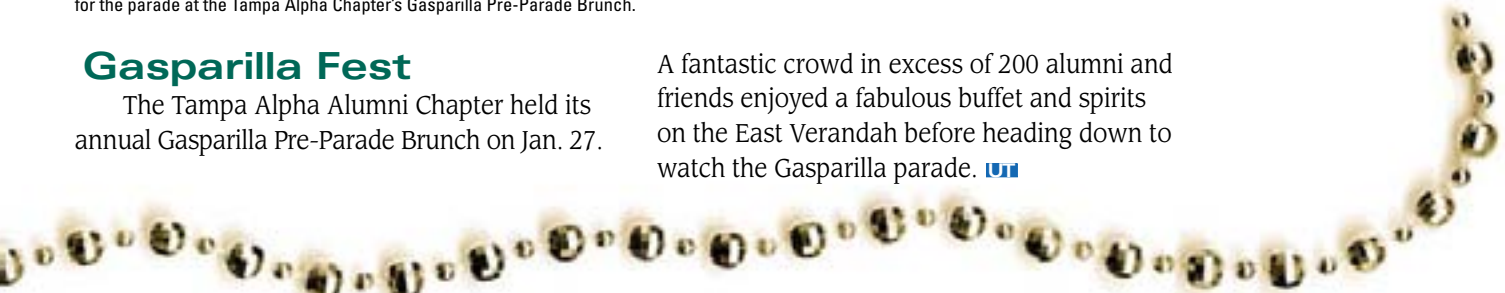
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Gasparilla Fest

The Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter held its annual Gasparilla Pre-Parade Brunch on Jan. 27.


A fantastic crowd in excess of 200 alumni and friends enjoyed a fabulous buffet and spirits on the East Verandah before heading down to watch the Gasparilla parade. 

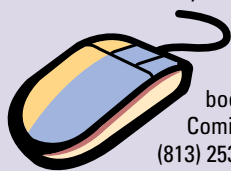


UT Parents Take a Stroll

Tampa Bay area moms and dads stepped back in time on Dec. 6, at the UT Parents' Association's annual Parent Night at the Henry B. Plant Museum Victorian Christmas Stroll. More than 75 moms and dads turned out for the Holiday tour and cider on the East Verandah, and we are looking forward to doing it again next year!


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Cruising in Spartan Style: Spartans pause for a picture while sailing the high seas at the UT reception on the Alumni Cruise. Back row, from left: Fernando Nolasco MBA '89, Judy Nolasco '88, Deborah Tungate '95, Stacey Davis '97, Carol Tortarelli '02, Jay Hardwick. Middle row: Kella Dawson '04 and Shawn Vinson '95. Front row: Ernest Segundo Sr. '56 and Wayne Borden '78.

Cruisin' with the Spartans

More than 30 alumni and friends set sail for Cozumel, Mexico, on Feb. 8, on the inaugural Alumni Cruise. All those in attendance enjoyed their time in Mexico and at sea. It was great to have everyone join us on the cruise, and we hope to do it again soon. 



Body Buddies: Eli Cohen '01, Jill Buscemi '00 and David Tedford '84 (from left) are all smiles following an alumni tour of Gunther von Hagens' Body Worlds 2 exhibit at the Boston Museum of Science on Nov. 9.

UT Comes to YOU!


New York City in the Springtime

Plans are in the works for a Spartan gathering in New York City this spring. Be on the lookout for your invitation to UT's return to NYC in May. To get involved with NYC-area alumni, contact Carol Lislevatn '94 at clislevatn@aol.com.

New England Saturday

The New England alumni chapter is putting together a Saturday afternoon activity for alumni, parents and friends for this spring. Contact David Tedford '84 at d.tedford@comcast.net or Stephanie Sibley '89 at stephanie.sibley@comcast.net to join in on the fun.

Return to the Windy City

After a brief hiatus, we finally will be returning to Chicago for an alumni reception this spring. To get more involved with Chicago-area alumni or to help plan the next activity, contact Taylor Albertson at talbertson@ut.edu. 

ALUMNI and PARENTS to do



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.



MAY

Friday, May 4

Reception for spring graduates
Vaughn Center
Lobby and ninth floor
4-7 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

101st Commencement
St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa
10 a.m.

Friday, May 11

Chicago Alumni Event
White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals
\$25 includes ticket and concession
vouchers
6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16

MBAA Leadership Meeting
Sykes College of Business,
Room 150
5:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 17

Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter
Meeting
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room
6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting

Saturday, May 19

New York City Alumni Event
79th Street Boat Basin Cafe
\$20 per person
6-8 p.m.

JUNE

Wednesday, June 20

MBAA Leadership Meeting
Sykes College of Business
Room 150
5:15 p.m.

JULY

Wednesday, July 19

MBAA Leadership Meeting
Sykes College of Business
Room 150
5:15 p.m.

Friday, July 13

NAA Board of Directors Planning
Session
Vaughn Center Board Room
8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter
Meeting
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room
6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting

Music City Spartans

Nashville area Spartans held their first alumni gathering at the Rumba Restaurant on Feb. 6. Although the crowd was small, the enthusiasm was high, and everyone had a great time reminiscing about their days at UT.

A complete listing of University events can be found at **ut.edu**.



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- CIS Alumni Chapter (Computer Information Systems)
- Germany Alumni Chapter
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- Music Alumni Chapter
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Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____ Work phone (____) _____

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Class Year _____ Major _____

Signature (required by federal law) _____

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Job Title _____ Employer _____

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

I want to help recruit students to UT. I want to help with career development.

I want to help plan Homecoming for alumni. I want to be a sports booster.

I want to serve as a class agent for fund-raising.

I want to _____



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Did You Pay Too Much in Taxes This Year?

At this time of the year, many people find themselves asking two very important questions: *How did I end up with a tax bill from the federal government, and what can I do next year to help avoid paying additional taxes?*

One way that friends and alumni help reduce their tax burden is to make a charitable gift to The University of Tampa, and one very popular way to do that is to establish a charitable gift annuity with the University.

A gift annuity is a simple contractual agreement between a donor and UT in which you transfer assets to us in exchange for our promise to pay one or two beneficiaries an annuity for life. Many alumni like this gift arrangement because it enables them to support their alma mater while also receiving fixed payments for life. Others like the gift annuity because it provides them with significant tax advantages.

When a donation is made to establish a charitable gift annuity, a donor who itemizes deductions can receive an immediate income tax deduction. In addition, part of each quarterly annuity payment is tax-free.

Curious to learn how this would work for you?

Consider the following example: Joan Johnson, age 70, establishes a \$10,000 charitable gift annuity with UT. In this case, the annuity rate is

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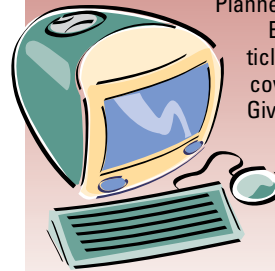
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6.5 percent, which results in an annual payment of \$650. She notifies her tax adviser of the gift, and that year, Joan claims a charitable income tax deduction of up to \$4,276. In addition, of her \$650 annual payment, \$360 is tax-free.

Note that Joan's payment is *not* based on the ups and downs of Wall Street, nor is it dependent on how much The University of Tampa receives from other contributors. The annuity is a locked-in annual payment based on Joan's age and backed by the full assets of The University of Tampa.

UT keeps Joan's \$10,000 donation in a special reserve fund until she dies. At that point, what remains of her donation is used to help UT carry out its mission to deliver a challenging and high-quality education to its students. If Joan were to have a strong affinity to a particular program or wish to create a scholarship for future students, her gift also could be earmarked for those purposes.

A UT donor must be at least 55 years of age to establish a gift annuity, and the minimum gift is \$10,000. For younger supporters, the University offers a deferred annuity. A deferred annuity offers similar tax and income benefits as a standard gift annuity, but with delayed payments. Deferred gift annuities are popular with younger donors planning for future retirement

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Planned Giving at UT

One Who Gave Back

JEAN L. AMUSO '64

Her Involvement Creates Better Communities for Others

Forty-two years after she graduated from The University of Tampa, Jean Amuso remembers feeling that she had become part of a community back then—a community of classmates, sorority sisters and professors who cared about learning and about each other.

Taxes

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or for offspring who wish to help support their parents. Consider the following example:

At 41, Mike Smith is too young to establish a gift annuity for himself. However, Mike has a 60-year-old mother who is considering retirement in the next five years. Mike worries that his mother will not be able to provide for herself on social security alone. To ease her financial burden, Mike establishes a \$30,000 gift annuity to benefit his mother, with payments to be deferred for five years.

As a result of his gift, Mike receives an immediate tax deduction of \$13,662. Then, beginning at age 65, Mike's mother will receive quarterly payments of \$577.50 for the rest of her life, reflecting an annuity rate of 7.7%. Upon his mother's death, Mike has requested that the remainder of his gift be used to benefit the Nursing Program at The University of Tampa.

If you paid too much in taxes this year, or if you are contemplating options for how to support a loved one, consider investing in the future of The University of Tampa with a charitable gift annuity. To learn more about what a charitable gift annuity can do for you, contact the Planned Giving Department at (813) 253-6220, or by e-mail at plannedgiving@ut.edu. We will provide you with a personalized illustration for your review, all without cost or obligation.

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Jean never lost her desire for that sense of connection. And she knew intuitively what it would take to keep the connection alive.

"If you're going to be part of a community," she says, "you've got to be involved."

So, as she launched an impressive career in social work, she started her lifelong efforts to strengthen the Tampa community. As a volunteer, she worked on boards and committees, and raised money on behalf of many agencies including, among others, the Child Abuse Council, the Homeless Coalition and the Chiselers.

All-in-all, it's been a full plate and a labor of love for Amuso, who is former director of the School of Social Work at the University of South Florida. As her career ends, she has found another way of being involved. Jean and her husband, Phil, have planned to make an unrestricted bequest to UT.

Jean hopes that the bequest will be spent directly on faculty development or scholarships, or anything that will help students "to grow, to develop, to be problem solvers, so they can go through life with some focus and direction." Perhaps they'll also learn to give back to the community that has been so enriched by the life and work of Jean Amuso. ■■■



Jean Amuso '64

"If you're going to be part of a community, you've got to be involved."

—Jean Amuso '64

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Spotlight on Scholarships

When Kelsie Huth began looking for colleges to attend, she had some criteria in mind. She wanted to attend college in Florida, and she felt she would be most comfortable on a smaller campus. After one visit, she fell in love with The University of Tampa's campus and people, and swiftly made the decision that UT was the university for her.



Kelsie Huth

It wasn't until after the fact that Kelsie found out she was being considered for the University Scholar Award, a merit-based scholarship that covers full tuition for four

years at UT for a deserving Florida high school senior. The award is offered to a Florida high school student who has a minimum GPA of 3.7 and a minimum 1270 SAT (or 29 ACT) score. The selected student also would have served as an extracurricular participant or a noteworthy school or community leader.

Kelsie's accomplishments surpassed the criteria for the award. She was valedictorian of her senior class at Father Lopez High School in Ormond Beach, where she maintained a 4.0 GPA. She was a four-year multi-sport athlete and captain of both her volleyball and softball teams. She was involved in community service and mentoring children in the community via the Ambassador's Club.

When she and her family got the news that she was the recipient of the award, they were thrilled.

"Wait, what does this mean?" her dad exclaimed as he realized his daughter had a full scholarship to attend her college of choice.

Kelsie sums up her reaction into one thought: "I feel blessed!"

Thanks to advanced placement courses in high school, Kelsie entered UT as a sophomore. She quickly got involved on campus by joining Alpha Chi Omega, a national sorority.

"I really clicked with the other girls and just felt they were a great group to be a part of. Our foundation is domestic violence support and awareness, so we raise money for the cause as

well as other community activities, and that's important to me. I didn't fully realize how connected I would be being a part of a national sorority—that is, until I was rushing through an airport wearing my sorority t-shirt, and a girl stopped me and said "A Chi O? Me, too!"

Airports are going to be a likely part of Kelsie's future. She is majoring in International Business with a minor in Spanish. Her desire is to attend law school after UT and become an international lawyer.

Her motto: "I enjoy anything that gets me traveling!"

You can support student scholarships through a gift to the Annual Fund or by creating an endowed scholarship. Contact the development office at (813) 253-6220 to learn how you can make a difference in a UT student's life.

Give During the 75th!

All Annual Fund gifts received by May 31 will count during the 75th anniversary and help support scholarships, academic programs, campus improvements and teaching excellence for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Make a gift in an increment of \$75 (\$75, \$150, \$225, etc.) and you will be recognized in a special Anniversary Club section of the Honor Roll of Donors.

E-mail Appeals Coming

Each year, The University of Tampa promotes the Annual Fund through a mail and telephone program, as well as in the *UT Journal*. The idea of adding e-mail appeals has become almost standard among colleges and universities, since it is a cost-effective way to promote philanthropy and communicate with alumni, parents and friends.

One added benefit is that it will drive people to the University's Web site and offer them an easy, secure way to make gifts. Starting this spring, UT will begin to promote the Annual Fund through e-mail appeals to those who share their e-mail addresses and wish to hear from UT through this medium. Online contributions have remained steady this year, with gifts coming in through the UT Web site on a weekly basis.

If you would like to share your personal e-mail address with UT to start receiving e-mail communications from the Office of Development and University Relations, send a message to annualfund@ut.edu. 📧

Phonathon Results

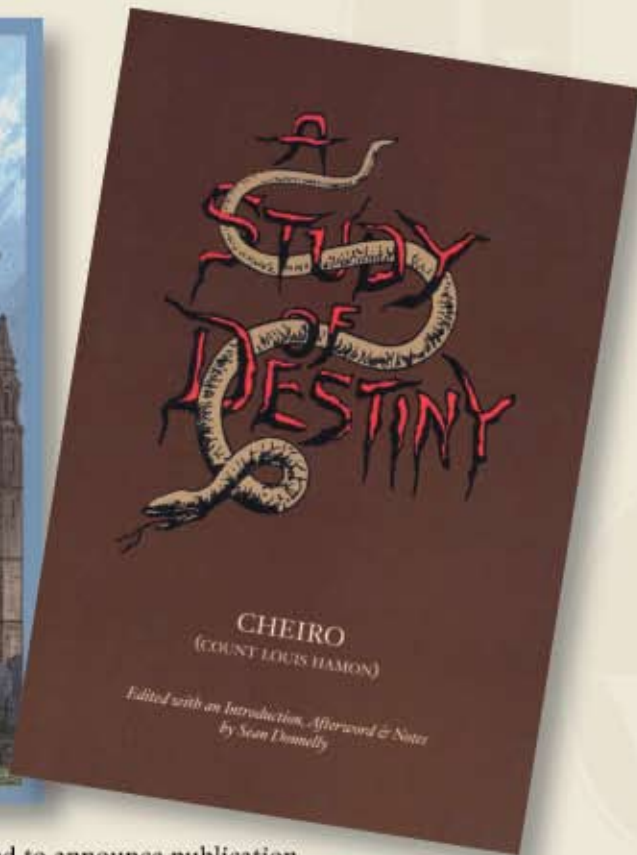
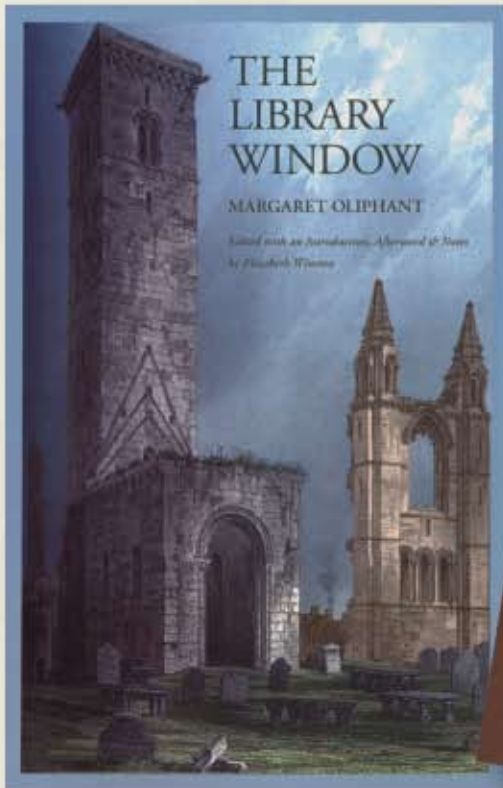
Alumni and Parents accepted the call to action to support UT this year in record numbers, as more than 1,000 of them pledged to make a gift by May 31. More than \$95,000 was committed by alumni of all class years, as well as parents of students and alumni. That's a 35 percent increase over pledge commitments last year.

"All of us who are a part of the UT community are extremely pleased with the success of this year's Phonathon," said Dan Gura, vice president of Development and University Relations. "The University's continued improvement depends a great deal upon the ongoing support of our alumni and the parents of our students and former students. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our Phonathon so successful." 📧

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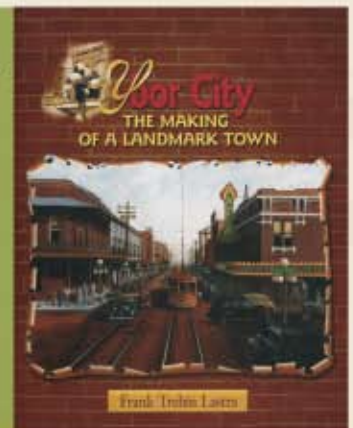
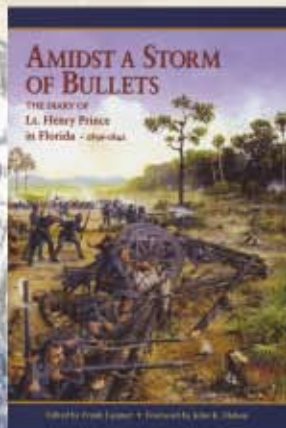
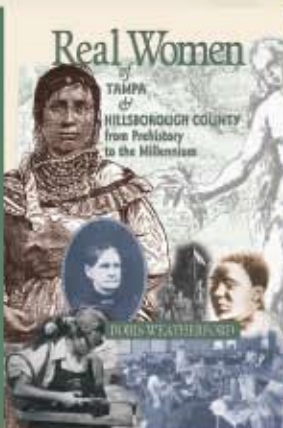
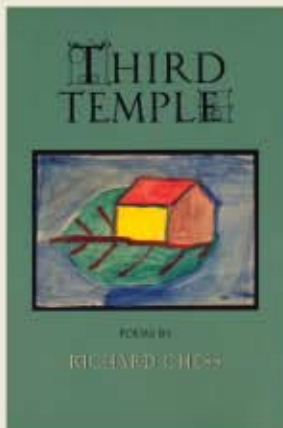


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We almost passed on this photo for lack of information about it, but you've had so much fun (and so have we) helping us identify people in the last few issues of the *Journal* that we found it irresistible, instead.

We don't know what, we don't know where, except presumably somewhere on campus. We don't know anything about this one, folks, other than the year and evidently a few of the people, although there is no indication of which ones they are in the photo.

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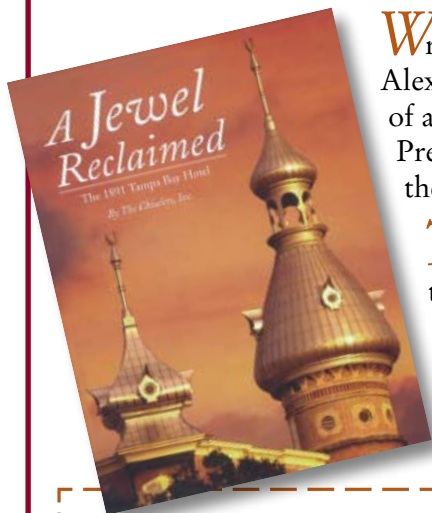
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The first printing of 1,000 copies was offered only to the Chiselers and their families—and sold out in eight months! A second printing has just come off the press to be treasured by all who hold fond memories of The University of Tampa.

This is a limited edition!

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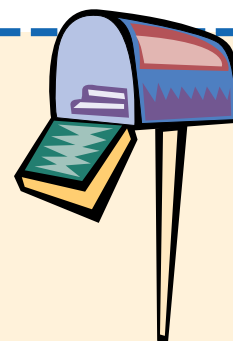
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