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Sykes Named a Best Business School

For the second year in a row, the John H. Sykes College of Business at The University of Tampa has been named by the *Princeton Review* as an outstanding business school — and one of the 290 best business schools in the world. The *Princeton Review* features the school in the recently published 2008 edition of “Best 290 Business Schools.”

The *Princeton Review* compiled the list based on its surveys of 19,000 students attending the 290 business schools in the book, and on school-reported data. In the write up, UT students are quoted as saying that “teamwork and leadership skills” are “the focus of this MBA program,” and that professors here “have a genuine interest in students’ success and academic endeavors.” Students also praise the “beautiful campus” with “state-of-the-art facilities.”

Dr. Frank Ghannadian, dean of the College of Business, said students at UT are successful in that they have ample opportunities to mix classroom work with real world business application.



“The College of Business is renowned for graduating students who are well prepared to make immediate im-



A UT professor works with students in one of the wireless classrooms in the John H. Sykes College of Business.

pacts in the business community,” Ghannadian said. In fact, he added, numerous businesses recruit annually at The University of Tampa, including Franklin Templeton, Ernst & Young, Deloitte Services Inc., HSBC, Citigroup, Geico, Verizon Wireless, Raymond James Financial and SunTrust Bank.

The *Princeton Review* listed only those schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The John H. Sykes College of Business is one of only 19 private schools in the Southeast accredited at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. [UT](http://www.ut.edu)



“The College of Business is renowned for graduating students who are well prepared to make immediate impacts in the business community.”

— Dr. Frank Ghannadian, Dean of the College of Business

Target Looks to UT for Big Business Ideas

Like any business, Target Corp. is constantly looking for creative, out of the box solutions for its retail business challenges. So this fall it looked to business students at The University of Tampa for fresh ideas.

Target gave UT students two case studies, on how Target can recruit top hourly and executive team members and on how the company can use technology to increase grocery sales at its SuperTarget stores. Groups of students in the Sykes College of Business class Practical

Strategic Assessment broke up into groups of four to analyze the problems and seek creative solutions.

A professor picked the top four proposals, and Target chose which group’s solution was the most creative, realistic and best presented. The winner was chosen on Dec. 7.

It was the first time Target has coordinated such a program on UT’s campus. Executives hoped it would “expose students to actual challenges that retailers face in today’s competitive

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Record-Setting Enrollment Continues

The fall after celebrating its 75th anniversary, The University of Tampa has set another record for number of students. This year's total — including graduates and undergraduates — is 5,601, up 4 percent from last year's total of 5,367. This year's total enrollment is almost twice UT's enrollment 10 years ago.

"First year applications were up 8 percent and transfer applications increased by 11 percent over the previous year — all healthy signs of UT's increased visibility in the marketplace," said Barbara Strickler, UT's vice president for enrollment.

The breakdown is as follows:

- Total undergraduate enrollment rose to 4,893, a 3 percent increase from last year.
- Graduate students now number 708, up from 633 in 2006 — a 12 percent increase.


Nearly all U.S. states are represented in the mix of undergraduates. Approximately 50 percent of all UT students hail from Florida — and more than half of those are from Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.

Almost 90 percent of UT students are full-time, and, of the full-time undergraduates, 67 percent live on campus. Students are housed in 10 different residence halls — including the new 448-bed Stadium Center — all built or renovated since 1998.

Of all undergraduate and graduate students, 42 percent are male, and 58 percent are female.

This year's entering class consists of 1,500 new students. The University continues to be more selective, this year accepting only 49 percent of its undergraduate applicants, down from 51 percent last year. Twenty-two percent of the students were eligible for the University's distinguished Honors Program.

UT President Ronald L. Vaughn said the University's growth mirrors the excitement and momentum of the campus in all its areas.

"More and more people are seeing The University of Tampa as a place where students can get a top-notch education in a vibrant academic setting," Vaughn said. "UT has a dynamic atmosphere and will continue producing outstanding graduates and gaining in national and international reputation." 

What's Your UT IQ?

When it comes to UT, you probably know the history down pat. You know that Plant Hall used to be the Tampa Bay Hotel. And that the UT football team won the Tangerine Bowl in 1972. But did you know that six new residence halls have been built on campus in the past 10 years? Or that today there are more than 120 student organizations on campus?

To educate various audiences about UT's past and present, University administrators occasionally bring out the "UT Pop Quiz," which consists of multiple choice and true-false questions. The questions range from the University's enrollment, economic impact and outstanding alumni.

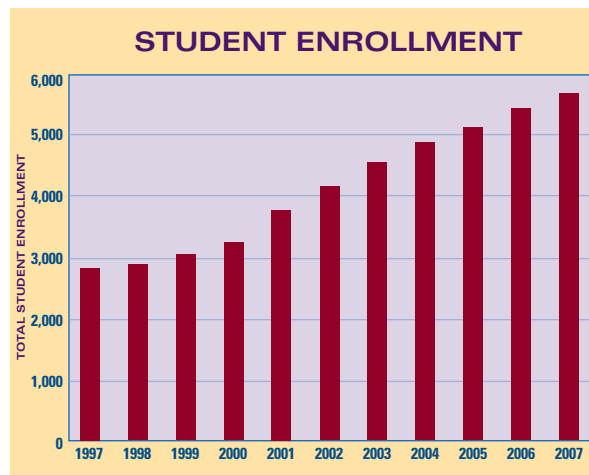
Here are a couple sample questions:

What proportion of UT's full-time undergraduate students lives on campus?

- A. 20 percent
- B. 50 percent
- C. 70 percent

True or False: A UT alumnus started for the 1996 and 1998 World Champion New York Yankees.

Think you can ace the exam? Take the full, 10-question quiz at www.ut.edu/utpopquiz. All who participate will receive a UT alumni decal.



ARTS to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Wed. Jan. 9-Sun., Jan. 13
ADDYS Tampa Bay Ad Federation Annual Competition
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Wed., Jan. 9
Gallery Night
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery
6-9 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 28-Thurs., March 6
Artist Joyce J. Scott
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

FEBRUARY

Thurs., Feb. 14
Gallery talk/Performance by Joyce J. Scott
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery
11 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 20
Gallery talk by Leslie King
Hammond
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery
1 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 21-Sat., Feb. 23
Spring Dance Concert
Reeves Theater

8 p.m. Thursday, 2 and 8 p.m. on Friday

MARCH

Sat., March 15-Thurs., March 27
Next Generation & 11th Congressional District High School Art Exhibition
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Sun., March 16
Opening reception
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery
2-4 p.m.

APRIL

Fri., April 4-Thurs., May 1
University of Tampa Annual Juried Student Exhibition
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Fri., April 11
Opening reception, student awards, and friends of the gallery honored
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery
7-9 p.m.

Wed., April 30-Sat. May 3
Spring Dance Happening
Edison Building
8 p.m.

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

Stadium Center Opens

More than 150 people came to toast the University's newest residence hall on Sept. 6.


Stadium Center hosted a grand opening celebration, allowing the University community to get a look at the \$45 million mixed-use facility. The restaurants offered samples from their menus, and Sodexo Dining Services offered a free lunch to all guests.

President Ronald L. Vaughn recognized the team that made the building possible and said that, because of the addition of Stadium Center, no students would stay in hotels this year.

"This is an exciting project," Vaughn said. "It further ensures that students can live in a comfortable residential environment on campus, which will augment their academic experiences."

The residence hall houses 448 students on the second through seventh floors. Every room is wired for Internet access and wireless service is available in the first floor dining lounge and in outdoor seating areas. The second floor also contains a lounge, vending area, laundry and a community room for meetings, training sessions and special events.

The facility also brings the total number of dining stations on campus to 22, and features an old world Italian eatery named Pandini's; a coffee and bakery place called Jazzman's; Salsa Rico, which serves fajitas, burritos and tacos with fresh tortillas and home-made guacamole; the Gourmet Grocer, with hand-crafted artisan sandwiches, wholesome premium convenience items and savory hot soups; Sedona Grill, with flavors from around the world and a South-western flair; and a Dairy Queen/Orange Julius. Prices for items are as-marked.

Another option is Panache, an upscale restaurant offering contemporary fusion cuisine in a secluded setting. The cost for faculty and staff to dine at Panache is \$7.95, and it is open Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The public is welcome to dine in any of the restaurants during regular serving hours. 



The University celebrated the grand opening of Stadium Center on Sept. 6, and Sodexo treated 150 people to a free lunch.

Big Business Ideas

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marketplace," and incorporate classroom learning into real world business challenges.


Dr. Jody Tompson, associate professor of management and director of the Naimoli Institute for Business Strategy said the competition provided a great experience for business students and allowed Target to achieve two major objectives: recruit future employees and hear some new solutions to its business challenges.

"The competition allows students to get real world experience dealing with strategic thinking in a competitive marketplace," Tompson said. "And at the same time Target gets some fresh, out of the box solutions to real world problems."


In one case study, Target asked: "How can we better utilize technology to innovate our food strategy so our guests think of Target first

when it comes to food?" Students were then expected to develop a strategy, perform a SWOT (strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats) analysis, explore topics including price, product, marketing, trends and economy, and make recommendations.

The Target Case Study Program was well suited for testing at The University of Tampa, as one of the goals of the UT Naimoli Institute for Business Strategy is to have students develop long-term business strategies for area companies. Each graduate and undergraduate business student team works with a particular company for a semester, analyzes the company and the industry and formulates a new strategy for success.

"This is the kind of training students can't get from a textbook," Tompson said. "We're hoping this program will spur another company to host a similar case study competition in the spring." 

T-shirts That Make a Difference

This fall the UT book store began selling organic cotton T-shirts made in sub-Saharan Africa with the words "How do I live?" emblazoned on the front. On the back, the shirts answer, "I live to make a difference," above a silhouette of Africa. The shirts, from edun LIVE, are part of the fair trade movement, which seeks to provide fair wages to workers in developing countries. The shirts go from "grower to sewer," according to the tags, and a large percentage of the purchase price returns to the people who made them. In October, the Barnes & Noble book store sold shirts that benefited breast cancer research. The store also carries a University of Tampa shirt. Barnes & Noble has a partnership with edun LIVE, a company started by Ali Hewson and her husband, U2's Bono. 



Alan Weimer

UT Loses Business Professor to Cancer

As a scrawny kid, Alan Weimer took up boxing, but he was still afraid of being hit. His trainer told him to tell his opponent "You're going to have to kill me, because I'll keep getting back up."

When Weimer, a UT business professor, was diagnosed with cancer, he told his colleague Dr. Hemant Rustogi, "The only way this thing is going to get me is if it kills me, because I'm going to get back up."


Weimer lost his fight with cancer on Sept. 1.

"He had an innate sense of passion with everything he did," said Rustogi.

"Whether it was teaching or fighting his cancer. He touched people's lives in a very positive way."

Weimer received his MBA from the University in 1995 and started teaching full time at UT in 1997, after a successful career in information technology and management with companies like Oracle and Sprint.

He served as director of the Naimoli Institute for Business Strategy and the MBA program at UT, and he and Rustogi co-founded BizKidz, a summer entrepreneurship camp for at-risk students ages 11-18.

"He was an inspiration, a mentor, a role model and to some he was a great friend," said Anthony Carpinelli '07, one of Weimer's students. 

UT Remembers Former Trustee Chair

Robert "Bob" Thomas, former chairman of the Board of Trustees and longtime supporter of the University, died in Tampa on Sept. 2.

A local businessman with interests in the cattle and timber industries, seaport development, phosphate mining, fertilizer production, banking and equestrian sports, Thomas was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1971 to 1984 and served as chairman from 1978 to 1980.

During his time on the Board of Trustees, UT tripled its campus acreage, strengthened its admissions profile and increased the number of professors with terminal degrees from 60 percent to 93 percent. Thomas was a charter member and chairman of the Minaret Society, which continues today as a group of alumni and friends who contribute generously to the University.

Thomas was on the advisory committee to the director of development in 1962, and in 1981-1982 chaired the University's ULTRA fundraising campaign. Through the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s he supported various campus areas, including scholarships, the chaplain's program, marine biology, the University's Confidence and Forward funds, the Interfaith Council and the Newman Club.


He was a member of Sword & Shield and was a Spartan Sports Superfunder.



Bob Thomas addresses the crowd at a graduation ceremony in 1980.

In addition to his support of UT, Thomas chaired the foundations of Academy of the Holy Names and Jesuit High School. He was a trustee of Franciscan University of Steubenville and a chairman of the board of trustees at Ave Maria University.

He also was active in various business, social, religious and civic organizations.

"While mourned by many in the community, Bob's loss will be especially felt by the University community," said President Ronald L. Vaughn. "We owe a debt of gratitude for the gains made during his tenure here, and we will remember his dedication and loyalty to The University of Tampa." 

THINGS to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER
Through Sun., Dec. 23
Victorian Christmas Stroll
Henry B. Plant Museum
Plant Hall
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily
\$10 for adults and \$4 for children 3-11.

JANUARY
Sat., Jan. 5
Antique Evaluation
Plant Hall Music Room
10 a.m.-noon
\$5 per item, limit of four

FEBRUARY
Sat., Feb. 2
Antique Evaluation
Plant Hall Music Room
10 a.m.-noon
\$5 per item, limit of four
Sun., Feb. 17
Undergraduate Admissions Campus Visit Day
Plant Hall Lobby
1-5 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 22
Inc. 500 Fastest Growing Businesses in Florida

Vaughn Center Crescent Club
7:30-9:30 a.m.
\$10 per person
Fri., Feb. 22
CCFCC Regional Career Expo/Job Fair
Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tampa
11 a.m.-3 p.m., free for students and alumni

Thurs., Feb. 28
Education and Human Services Job Fair

Plant Hall Fletcher Lounge
2-4 p.m.

MARCH
Fri., March 28
Florida Family Business Awards Panels
Reeves Theater
8:15-11:15 a.m.
Free
Awards Luncheon
Vaughn Center Crescent Club
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
\$25 per person

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

UT Nursing Student Honored for Organ Donation Work

By **Amanda Whitsitt**
Special to the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*

Most people probably couldn't imagine having to do the job that Robbie Brown does: approach families that have just lost a loved one to inform them about end of life issues such as donating that person's organs.

As recovery services specialist for LifeLink of Florida in Tampa, a nonprofit dedicated to recovering organs for transplantation, Brown knows that she has to put aside how she's feeling in order to be there for the family.

"This is not about me. This is not about how I'm feeling," said Brown, a UT student and the 2007 Medical Professional-Non Physician category award winner. "If they're upset, I know they're not upset with me. They're upset with the situation."

More than anything, these families want someone to listen to them, Brown said.

Candy Heater experienced Brown's compassion and care when she and her husband decided to donate their son Wayne Jr.'s organs after he died.

"She was not just a person out doing her job — she was caring, kind and very understanding," Heater wrote in Brown's award submission materials. "Robbie would listen to any story we were willing to share about our Wayne Jr."

Brown is also a critical care nurse for LifeLink, a first responder able to perform evaluations on brain-dead patients to determine if they would be suitable candidates to become donors, but she primarily focuses on listening to and answering questions for the families of potential donors.

LifeLink saw the need for a nurse who strictly talks to the families, Brown said. "There's a small group of us who just don't fold under that kind of emotional pressure."

Brown said that LifeLink does not hold her to any particular organ quotas and allows her to fully support a family's decision whether it is yes or no. However, the organization does count her as a key player to its increase in donations.

"During LifeLink Foundation's 2006-07 fiscal year, 184 organ donors provided the gift of life

for more than 630 patients awaiting transplant," LifeLink wrote in the award materials. "LifeLink of Florida has experienced an increase in organ donors and number of organs recovered per donor over the last three years. Robbie has played an integral role in this success."

Through her experience, Brown has found that most families are willing to give the "gift of life."

"I found in doing my job, it doesn't matter what color you are, it doesn't matter what religion you are, it doesn't matter what socioeconomic status you are, people are very giving," she said.

Brown also goes into the community on behalf of LifeLink to talk to church groups and professional organizations about organ donation.

She takes any opportunity she can to speak to a group. "I'm very passionate about it. I enjoy doing it," she said. "I love putting together a presentation. I've been very blessed on several occasions to be able to take an organ recipient with me."

In addition to all she does for LifeLink, Brown is also pursuing her master's in nursing at The University of Tampa. She said she looks forward to graduation in December as her daughter, Samantha, will also be graduating with a bachelor's in fine arts from the University of Central Florida.

Though Brown said she doesn't always see the difference she makes until she receives a letter from a organ recipient or donor, she sees the difference made by those who choose to donate the organs of a loved one.


"We as individuals want to be remembered well," she said. "Everyone wants to have an epitaph that says we were a good person. To be able to help someone at the time of your death is the greatest gift you can give." 

Photo by Kathleen Cabbie



Nursing student Robbie Brown holds a hand print she made from a donor in front of a quilt made of squares sent in from donors' families.

Editor's Note: This story originally appeared in the Oct. 12, 2007 issue of the Tampa Bay Business Journal (tampabay.bizjournals.com).

"She was not just a person out doing her job — she was caring, kind and very understanding."

— Candy Heater, who nominated Brown for the award

Book collectors Lee Har-
rer (left) and J.B. Dobkin
(right) take a break from
shelving books.



By Robin Roger
Writer

Photography by
Jessica Leigh

Among the Gently Mad

Donor Gives Collection of Books Valued at \$300,000

Lee Harrer spent most of the summer and fall in the back of the Macdonald-Kelce library, sitting behind stacks and stacks of books, but he wasn't studying for an exam. He was donating his book arts collection, valued at \$300,000, which contains nearly 4,000 items...all "books about books."





arrer, a charter member of the Florida Bibliophile Society, spent years amassing the collection that includes books on topics such as graphics, famous presses, papermaking, book binding, typography and the history of printing. For instance, there are 15 to 20 books strictly on paper marbling, a decorative art originating in the 15th century.

The donation comes at a time when universities are becoming more interested in the book arts and the fine press movement. Both Yale and Oxford University, along with UT, are members of the College and University Letterpress Printers' Association.

"This will be an outstanding collection unrivaled in Florida, and possibly in the Southeast," said J.B. Dobkin, the former head of rare books at the University of South Florida. "UT will be joining a very exclusive club."

Harrer and Dobkin spent several days a week for six months cataloguing the 4,000 books. They entered each one in a database. It is searchable by author, subject, publisher, illustrator, typographer, designer and some 15 other fields. Notable selections of the collection include works by William Morris's Kelmscott Press and the Dove Press, work by the contemporary fine press Bird and Bull Press and limited edition books from the Book Club of California.

One of the books, *Among the Gently Mad: Strategies and Perspectives for the Book Hunter in the 21st Century* by Nicholas A. Basbanes, describes Harrer's pastime and why it remains a vital pursuit today.

"At no time in history have such skills become more useful than the present," he writes. "We have entered an age, in fact, in which noth-

ing is without value, an era in which *everything*, it seems, is collectible. What has occasioned this newfound fascination for artifacts is anyone's guess, but it could well be due to renewed respect for the "real thing," particularly at a time when so much popular culture is coming to us in the zeros and ones of digital transmission."

In all Harrer estimates he still has about 3,000 books in his house, and the number continues to grow. Somehow, he said, the shelves he emptied have already begun refilling.

"I've been a reader all my life, but I never collected anything until I retired," said Harrer.

He attended a book auction in California in 1969 and bought several shelves of books. He checked their values at the local library and then had to place the books in storage. After retiring to Pinellas County in 1973, he sold 20-plus books to Haslam's Book Store in St. Petersburg. He went back to that book store two months later to check the prices and found a considerable markup.

"I thought, there's something to this old book business," Harrer said.

He started with old books about Brazil, where he had lived from 1969 to 1972. He moved on to concentrating on books about books. There were books on publishing, printing, typography, illustrations and writers. His favorites, though, are books about collecting books.

In the future Harrer said he would like to see an area in the library designated as a Tampa Book Arts Studio, where printing equipment and the books could be housed in one place. The studio would benefit anyone interested in book history, or printing as a craft or hobby, he said.

"Hopefully some day it will all be adjacent, from beginning to end, from the history of the book, through the making and preservation," said Marlyn Cook Pethe, director of the library.



Dr. Richard Mathews, Dana Professor of English and director of the UT Press, said he envisions classes with lab time, where students learn something about letterpress printing. He now teaches a Pre-Raphaelite class where students set the type and print a Morris quote and illustration.

Dobkin assesses a book in the collection.

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Harrer spent months cataloguing his collection.

"Printing as a mechanical art will never die. It's something done by hand and people put their hearts and souls into it."

— Lee Harrer





Mathews (left) inks a block in the studio, while students Derrick Austin '11 (left) and Victoria Alt '08 (right) set type by hand from a type case using composing sticks.



Preserving the Third Dimension of Type



As he mixes the ink, places the paper just so, and rolls it over the woodcut block, Dr. Richard Mathews explains why he can spend hours printing an image in the letterpress studio, instead of just reproducing it on a computer.

"It's so much more tangible," says Mathews, director of the UT Press and editor of the *Tampa Review*.

Mathews uses all the latest technology for the UT Press, but he still enjoys using the antique presses in the letterpress studio on campus. The studio, housed in the Library Annex, contains two flatbed presses, a cylinder press, a typesetting machine and a vertical press.


One of the presses, a Washington Press from the Lankes family in Virginia, arrived rusted in pieces in the back of a moving van a year ago. It was made in the 1840s and was used by American artist J.J. Lankes to print the original woodcut block illustrations he made for the first edition of Robert Frost's *West-Running Brook*.



Mathews has owned a Vandercook cylinder press for the last 30 years, and has used it to print works for Konglomerati, a private press that helped him make his mark as a printer of rare books.

"Everything now is printed on the surface," Mathews says. "It's superficial. With letterpress printing you have a depth, and you can see the impression where the type hits the paper. You can see the human presence in every product."

Mathews' latest project combines the most up-to-date printing techniques with the antiquated methods of letterpress printing. For the Florida Bibliophile Society's upcoming 25th anniversary, he used on-demand printing to make a limited edition of William Morris's *The Ideal Book*, and then hand printed individual color blocks to be tipped in the book.

"It can take you hours to lay out a page in type, but you can do it in minutes on a computer," says Sean Donnelly, assistant to the director of the UT Press. "You're not doing this for practical reasons. You have to find a passion for it." 



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"I hope this will engage the students on another level," he said of the collection.

Harrer said he decided to donate the books to UT's library partly because of Mathews and his commitment to the book arts studio.


"He's the guy who's going to make this thing run," Harrer said.

It also seems fitting, since Harrer and his cohorts first talked about forming the Florida Bibliophile Society at the Florida Anti-

quarian Book Fair in Plant Hall 25 years ago.

For now the collection will be housed in the special collections section of the library, and a rotating display will feature specific pieces.

Despite the digitization of printed material, Harrer said he thinks there is still a future for book arts, and there are enough people who still want to hold a book in their hands.

"This is an art," he said. "Printing as a mechanical art will never die. It's something done by hand and people put their hearts and souls into it." 

Chemical Society Receives Commendation

The University of Tampa student affiliates chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) has received a commendable award from the ACS for its activities in undergraduate science education and in preparing the next generation of chemical professionals.


More than 300 college and university applications were submitted, and the ACS Committee on Education granted only 51 commendable awards. Twenty-eight institutions received outstanding awards, and 96 received honorable mentions. The University of Tampa's chapter will be honored at the 235th ACS National Meeting in New Orleans on April 6, 2008.

The UT ACS Student Affiliates chapter, led by UT senior Nicole Craig, has recently experienced an unprecedented increase in student participation. Last year the chapter participated in field trips, social events, regional conferences and National Chemistry Week and Earth Day celebrations. It also coordinated community outreach activities focusing on chemistry, including "magic shows" at Tampa's Gorrie Elementary School to inspire science education in young students.

ACS President-Elect Catherine T. Hunt particularly commended Dr. John Struss's work in advising the student affiliates chapter.

"Few faculty members are willing to make the great commitment of time and energy that a successful chapter requires," Hunt said. "Professor Struss's efforts certainly represent the best in undergraduate science education and mentoring around the country."

Struss, assistant professor of chemistry, teaches organic chemistry and specializes in developing new methods for organic synthesis. He is currently developing new "green" technologies in organic chemistry.

The Department of Chemistry and Physics offers students a solid foundation in analytical chemistry, biochemistry, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry and physical chemistry. The department also offers a new Bachelor of Science degree in forensic science, which prepares students for careers in forensic chemistry and forensic toxicology. 



Members of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society mixed up a batch of ice cream in the Vaughn Center lobby using liquid nitrogen. They used the tasty treat to recruit new members. (Photo courtesy of Mindy Tucker of *The Minaret*.)

Media Bytes

A sampling of the recent media placements that featured UT.

- "Keeping Your Cool in the Face of Homework," *Tampa Tribune*, Nov. 1.

Merrie Tankersley, instructor of education, was interviewed for this story about strategies parents can use in helping their children handle homework in the primary grades.

- "Homelessness Panel Kicks off Hunger and Homelessness Week at UT," *WMNF-88.5 FM*, Nov. 5.

The Faces of Homelessness Panel, an annual event organized by The University of Tampa's student volunteer group P.E.A.C.E. (People Exploring Active Community Experiences), was detailed in this story.

- "Brats Don't Make the Cut with Tailgating Chef," *St. Petersburg Times*, Oct. 10.

Daniel Buyle, a UT executive chef, was the subject of this article, which details his passion for cooking unique meals at the pre-game festivities of Tampa Bay Buccaneers football games.

- "High Court Puts City Projects in Limbo," *Tampa Tribune*, Sept. 19.

Dr. Scott Paine, associate professor of communication and government and world affairs, commented on a ruling by the Florida Supreme Court that could affect some of Tampa's high-profile development projects.

- "The Shape of Things to Come," *WTVT-Fox 13*, Sept. 12.

Dr. Erika Matulich, associate professor of marketing, was interviewed in this story about product packaging, specifically with regard to a redesigned milk jug being marketed by Costco.

- "Crimes of The Heart Rarely Foundation for Sound Defense," *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, Sept. 9.

Dr. Susan Brinkley, associate professor of criminology, was quoted about crimes of passion regarding a murder case in Port Orange.

- "New Dorm Eases Growing Pains," *Tampa Tribune*, Oct. 2.

This article detailed UT's recent growth, highlighting a 4 percent increase this fall in the total number of enrolled students. The article puts particular focus on UT's low student-to-faculty ratio and the positive effect that Stadium Center – UT's newest residence hall – has had on housing and amenities for the University's on-campus students.

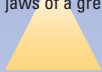
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UT Biologists Research Predators

By Robin Roger
Writer

Dr. Daniel Huber inspects the jaws of a great white shark.



Two University of Tampa professors made waves this summer researching aquatic predators.

Dr. Dan Huber, visiting assistant professor of biology, researched the bite force of the great white shark in Australia. He traveled there in July to study an 8-foot shark that had become entangled in netting, and he helped create a 3-D digital recreation of the shark that should reveal the animal's biological mechanics.

A CT scan was taken of the shark's skull and data from the dissection was used to create the digital model. The digital model includes millions of bits of information, which together will allow a simulation of a great white's bite at full force.

There are still many mysteries surrounding what makes sharks such perfect predators, so Huber's research on sharks' "bite force" — their hunting performance — may offer new insights on sharks' habits, capabilities and evolution. The research also may lead to advances in protective swimwear, shark-proofing equipment and a better understanding of flexible cartilage, which forms the sharks' whole skeletons, much like human ears and noses.

"There's a ton of bad data on how hard sharks bite," Huber said. "And the more we learn the more we can understand these animals, educate the public and keep people safer."

There are currently no accurate estimates

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of the maximum bite force of the great white, but according to Huber, the 3-D model will provide the world's first accurate estimates. His cutting-edge work was featured in many news outlets, including *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The St. Petersburg Times*, and Bay News 9.

On this side of the globe, Dr. Mason Meers, associate professor of biology, continued his research on crocodilian species, which include crocodiles and alligators.

He taped a scene this summer that appeared this fall on National Geographic's "Explorer: Ultimate Crocodile." In the special, Meers discusses how the bumps on a crocodile's body may act like the dimples on a golf ball, helping the predator travel through the water more swiftly and sneak up on unsuspecting prey.

The bumps act as camouflage, but instead of compromising a crocodile's hydrodynamics, they may help. If his hypothesis is correct, it would explain why crocodiles do not have smooth skin like sharks or dolphins.


"It helps them be a golf ball, instead of a dolphin," Meers said.

In the golf ball design, air currents bounce off the bumps, creating a cushion of air that in-

teracts with the surrounding air. This boundary layer of turbulent air reduces the friction that would be created by the air interacting directly with a smooth, hard surface. In the crocodile's case, the air is replaced with water.

Meers conducts his research by making exact replicas of crocodile and alligator heads and placing them in a tank filled with water and tiny glass beads. The water flows over the head, while lasers illuminate the glass beads, allowing Meers to record their movement. So far his research supports the theory that the bumps may reduce the amount of drag.

He plans on creating a model of a smooth alligator head to compare the results.

Potential applications of Meers's research include weapons and other military equipment, boating and car racing. Already a similar dimpled design is used on the underside of some Ferraris, Meers said. 



Dr. Mason Meers (left) was filmed this summer discussing his research on crocodilians.

Professor Discovers New Species of Crustaceans

A project in the Cayman Islands that began in 1995 has yielded Dr. Wayne Price, Dana Professor of Biology, the discovery of two new species of shrimp-like crustaceans — *mysids* — that serve as a food source in that fragile Caribbean ecosystem.


From 1995-1999, researchers from UT and the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (MS) collected marine invertebrates from the waters surrounding the Cayman Islands. Eight years later, Price and a group of researchers are still analyzing the collection and adding to the "understudied" Caribbean marine ecosystem.

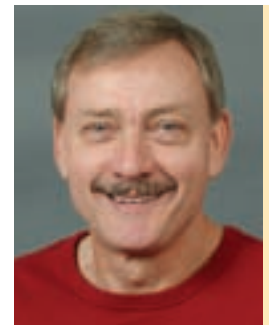
"From that species collection two new mysid species were discovered, four articles have been published, one master's thesis has been completed, a Ph.D. dissertation is in progress and another paper describing another new species is in review by a journal," Price said.

Price, who oversees the collection, described the two new species of mysids as about 5 millimeters long, inhabitants of shallow estuaries and "ignored."

"In the Caribbean, which is made up of a series of islands with different governments, unrestricted development, increasing tourism and unregulated commerce, not a lot is known about marine invertebrates," Price said. "Species like these two mysids could be wiped out by human impact, and nobody would have ever known."

Mysids are well known to be highly affected by pollution in estuarine and coastal environments.

Price plans to continue his research on the collection, as well as return to the Cayman Islands for further study. 



Dr. Wayne Price

“Some people said these kids couldn’t do this, or couldn’t do that,” she says. “I didn’t want to hear that. I wanted to find a way.”

—Lydia Sierra '91

Students from Yvette Lazzara's first-grade class celebrate with Lydia Sierra, under the school's marquee.



The Principal Who Got an A

By Robin Roger
Writer

Photography by
Jessica Leigh

When Lydia (Giglio) Sierra '91 applied for the position of principal at a Tampa elementary school, the superintendent told her she would have to succeed or risk being moved back to an assistant principal position. Sierra told her she did not intend to fail.

“I thought, ‘Oh my gosh, Lydia, you just spoke back to a superintendent,’” she remembers.

But Sierra was hired, and succeed she did. In one year she turned Egypt Lake Elementary School from a D school into an A school. In October the Florida Department of Education named her one of 60 turnaround principals in the state.

“Since we’ve gone from a D to an A school, morale has made a complete turnaround,” she says.

The young principal had a unique challenge, as Egypt Lake is a Title I school, and 90 percent of students are in the reduced or free lunch program. Many of the children come from single parent homes or speak English as a second language. Many parents want to help their children, but cannot or do not know how, she says.

For them, Sierra created parent nights, where parents learn how to help put together science fair projects or help their children study for standardized tests. She also instituted a parent resource center and equipped it with a bilingual staff.

"I actually grew up in this neighborhood, so I was very familiar with the community," she says. "The challenge served as my motivation for our students to succeed. I also wanted the community to know that great things happen at Egypt Lake Elementary."

Extra Credit

She integrated the students who were learning English, instead of keeping them in self-contained classes. She also mainstreamed exceptional student education classes, which include gifted students or those with disabilities.

"Some people said these kids couldn't do this, or couldn't do that," she says. "I didn't want to hear that. I wanted to find a way."

Sierra implemented an awards ceremony to recognize students with good grades and a citizenship award for those who demonstrate good behavior and leadership. Last year top readers at the school got to participate in the Gasparilla children's parade, riding on a float and throwing beads.

The school held an FCAT pep rally where they asked sample questions and pumped the students up with the WordUp Crew, a music group made up of two teachers at the school.

Sierra also partnered with local businesses, asking them to donate gift cards for the awards ceremonies. She recruited the Honeywell Corp. to paint the cafeteria and landscape the school. The company also donated televisions and microwaves.

"The children are taking more pride in their school," says first grade teacher Yvette Lazzara. "The kids are proud of themselves. They turned it around."

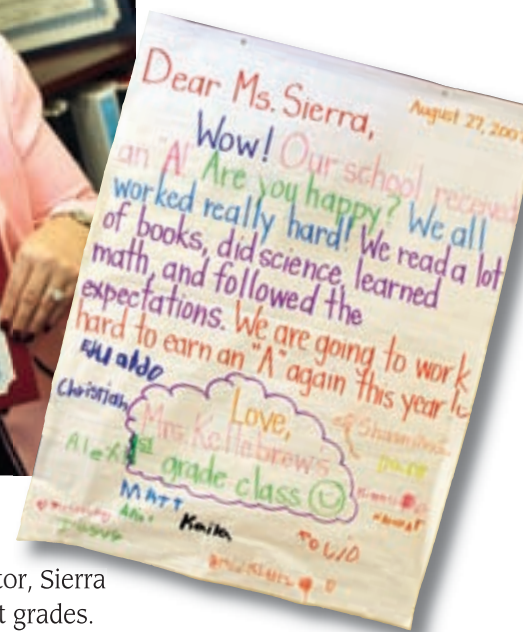
The children's behavior is better in the cafeteria, the school looks nice and the atmosphere has improved, she adds. Lazzara credited the teamwork of the administration, faculty and students.

"We all worked together to get an A," she says.

Lazzara came to Egypt Lake with Sierra from Lowry Elementary School, where Sierra was assistant principal.



Sierra received a certificate from the Florida Department of Education for improving the school by three letter grades.



This letter hangs outside the door of Sierra's office.

Model Student

Before becoming an administrator, Sierra taught for seven years in all different grades. She went into administration because she can look at the big picture and make choices that affect the entire school, she says, which she finds rewarding and motivating.

Dr. Helene Silverman, one of Sierra's former professors at UT, said she was delighted, but not surprised that her former pupil had been honored as a Turnaround Principal.

"She was certainly up to the task, and she deserved it," she says. "She was always willing to pitch in and do whatever she could. I can see her motivating and inspiring not only her staff but the students as well."

Education is in her blood, says Dr. Edward Cloutier, associate professor of education, who had her in class at UT. Her mother, Rose Marie Giglio, taught for 38 years and was one of the best teachers he ever saw, he says.

Having a teacher as a mother gave her an advantage, Cloutier says, and Sierra set a good example for other students in her class. She demonstrated great respect for children, maturity and professionalism at a young age, he says.

"She had a positive outlook on life and learning," he adds. "She was very involved, dedicated and focused. She never had an excuse."

Sierra, who later received a master's degree from National-Louis University, remembers sitting in Cloutier and Silverman's classes and being blown away hearing about their experiences.

"UT gave me the background I needed," she says.

Glossary

Title I School – A Title I school receives special funding, since it has a high percentage of children from low-income families.

FCAT – The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test is part of Florida's overall plan to increase student achievement by implementing higher standards. It is administered to students grades 3 through 11 and measures benchmarks in mathematics, reading, science and writing.

Grading system – Schools are assigned grades based on achievement data from the FCAT. They communicate how well a school is performing in relation to state standards, and whether the lowest quartile of students has improved performance since the previous year.

Source: The Florida Department of Education



By Dr. Ronald L. Vaughn
President

UT's Foundation in Tampa Bay

This fall, the Tampa Downtown Partnership asked that I write an essay about The University of Tampa and its impact on Tampa. I did just that, and it was a worthy exercise in re-examining UT's role in the community and beyond.

My basic premise was that the investment made by the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce 76 years ago in creating The University of Tampa has undoubtedly been the chamber's greatest achievement, and that UT has provided the greatest return on the investment made for the longest period of time than any other. I'll explain why.

UT today is a model, 21st century metropolitan, independent university. This fall's enrollment — 5,600 students — sets a University record. Eighty-seven percent of those students are full-time and two-thirds live on campus. The university has an annual operating budget of \$125 million and employs nearly 1,000 full-time, part-time and vendor-contracted employees.

Colleges and universities provide education, but also serve as economic engines. UT provides at least six impact levers that aid economic development:

1. UT graduated approximately 1,500 students last year, providing a vital supply of talent to the region, including nurses, teachers and professionals. This is crucial as 43 percent of the working population will be eligible to retire in the next decade.

2. Our strengthening reputation has put us in the role as a major intellectual importer for Tampa Bay, as we draw students from all around Florida plus 50 states and 100 countries, most of who remain in Tampa Bay after graduation. These are the young, creative people who are sought after by so many communities nationwide.

3. Current students — many of who supplement financial aid with part- and full-time jobs — provide much of the inexpensive labor needed by urban businesses. Plus, we provide the housing.


4. UT has completed more than \$200 million in building projects during the past decade, helping stimulate and support further downtown and neighborhood development. The UT campus now consists of 100 acres with 45 buildings.

5. UT's annual economic impact — in terms of purchasing power and economic multiplier — is about \$450 million.

6. UT provides more than 80,000 hours of service to 200 community organizations annually. Business consulting is provided through the Naimoli Institute to 90 companies each year.

7. UT provides workforce development through education and retraining activities. The TECO Leadership Development Program and Nonprofit Management Certificate Program are two recent examples.

8. Quality of life is enhanced through UT's diverse programming, which enriches both the campus and community. Thousands of programs are offered annually, including athletic competitions, guest speakers, dance and musical programs, art exhibitions, theater productions and lectures by international dignitaries.

Tampa Bay is blessed to have a prestigious, independent university located in its urban core. And UT benefits from being in the core of a city that offers students a beautiful setting and a chance to learn both inside and outside the classroom. As UT becomes more nationally-known for its programs and educational excellence, it is fortunate to have a solid foundation in Tampa Bay. 

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Five Teams Advance in Post-Season

University of Tampa athletics made history this fall as all five teams advanced to post-season play. Four won conference championships and one won a regional meet, earning them a chance to compete for the NCAA championship title.

"The coaches and student-athletes have worked very hard and are very deserving," said Larry Marfise, director of Athletics. "They have represented the University in such a positive way."

CROSS COUNTRY

Both cross country teams showcased record-breaking performances at the NCAA South Regional, with the women taking first place and the men taking second. It was the second time in program history that the women have taken first place, but the first time in history the men made an NCAA finals appearance.

Following the victories, Coach Jarrett Slaven was awarded the South Region Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. He also was named the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Coach of the Year for both men and women.

SOCCER

Both men's and women's soccer teams advanced to the NCAA South Regional after winning their respective conference championships.

The women's soccer team captured the SSC title for the third straight season in a hard-fought win in overtime. The final score was 1-0 against St. Leo University, bringing the team's regular season record to 15-2-2.

The women hosted the first and second round of the NCAA II South Regional competition in November and advanced to the finals with a 1-0 win over Ouachita Baptist.

The men's soccer team took home the program's 14th conference championship with a 4-2 defeat over Lynn University. The conference victory earned the team its first NCAA playoff berth since 2001, the year the team won the national championship.

The team faced Lynn again in the opening round of the NCAA South Regional and won 2-1. The Spartans fell to the University of Montevallo, however, in a shootout after a scoreless 20 minutes of overtime in the South Region final. The team went 12-5 in the regular season.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team claimed its third SSC championship in a row in a match against St. Leo, with a final score of 3-1. This is the 17th SSC championship for the Spartan volleyball team, which has won 11 of the past 12 titles. The team finished second in 2004.

The team finished its regular season with a 26-2 record, 13-1 in the conference. The defending national champions headed to the NCAA South Regional tournament Nov. 15. [UJI](#)

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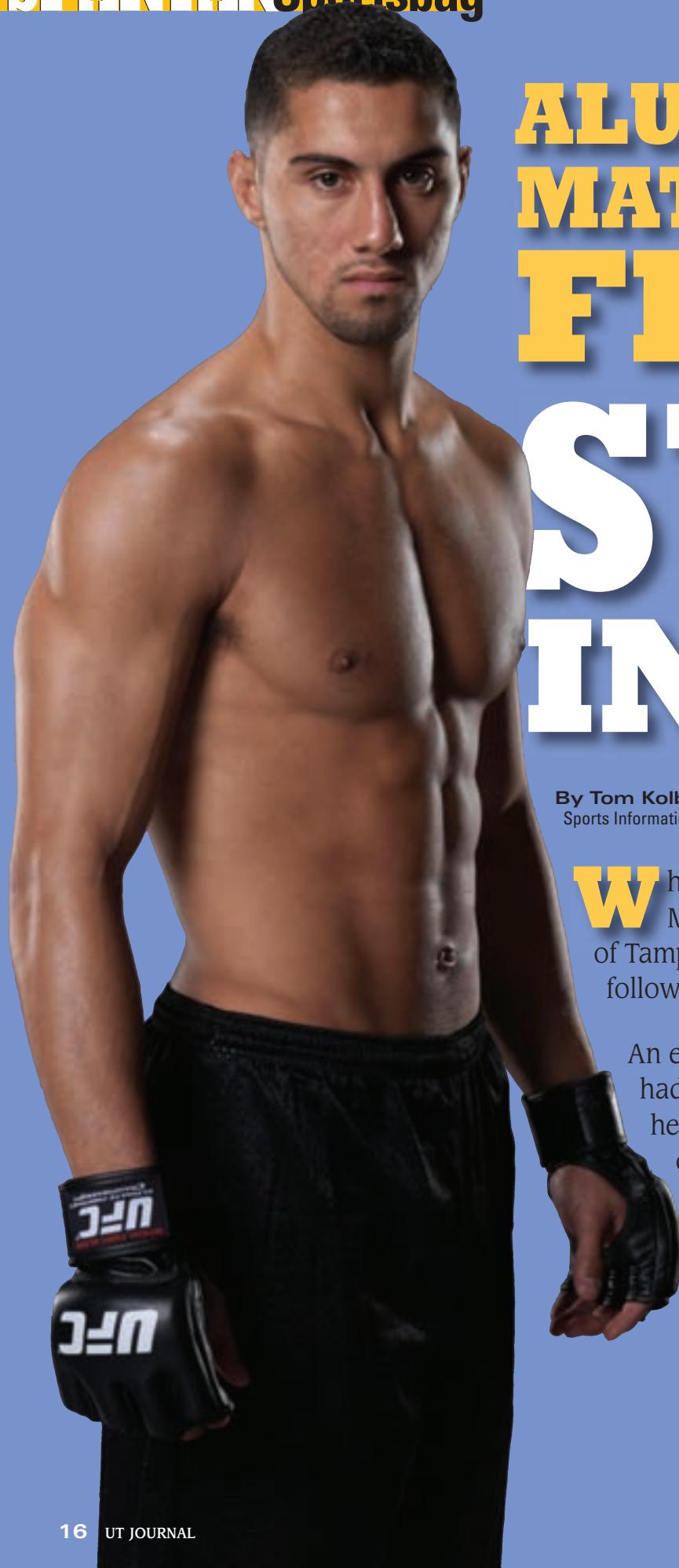


The women's soccer team celebrates their third conference victory in a row after a win at home on Nov. 4

On the Web

For more information on UT athletics and the fall season results, visit www.tampaspartans.com. [UJI](#)





ALUMNUS MATT ARROYO FINDS SUCC IN THE

By Tom Kolbe
Sports Information Director

When Matt Arroyo '05 transferred from Morrisville State College to The University of Tampa in 2001, he did so with intentions of following his love: baseball.

An excellent pitcher his whole life, Arroyo had no idea what was in store for him as he tried out for one of the nation's top collegiate baseball programs. Though his baseball career did not go as planned, Arroyo ultimately found success amid disappointment.

"When I came to UT, my main focus was to play baseball and make it to the majors," says Arroyo. "When I got to Tampa, I got discouraged when I realized that those guys were on a completely different level than a New York kid who could not play year round."

Though baseball at UT did not work out for Arroyo, he remained in school where he earned his degree in 2005. Prior to enrolling at Tampa, Arroyo found a new passion while at a friend's house in New York. His friend was watching

realized that I was not as good as I thought I was. It was discouraging, but I decided to go back because I knew I would get real good real fast."

With the determination of a true competitor and the help of a trained professional, Arroyo made it to the big stage on Sept. 23, 2006. His first fight came against Naeem Munir in Orlando. The fight was a success for the UT grad — he needed just 56 seconds to win the fight.

After two more fights, which resulted in a win and a loss, Arroyo was chosen to compete on the *The Ultimate Fighter* series. The program, which featured 16 competitors from across the nation, was shown on Spike TV and concluded on Dec. 8 with the crowning of the winner.

"*The Ultimate Fighter* series took place From June 7 to July 17 in Las Vegas with each of us being paired up and having the opportunity to advance," says Arroyo.

With all that Arroyo has accomplished in such a short time, he still has the time to ponder his next move.

"After the fight, I will take some time off," says Arroyo. "I recently opened up a jiu jitsu school in Tampa and will work on my skills and go from there."

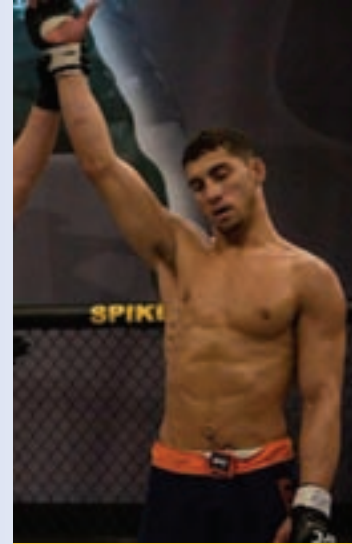
While Arroyo has clearly found something he truly loves, it does not come without pain and is not easy on the nerves. Arroyo is the first to admit that he has pre-match jitters.

"It does not matter how tough you are; everyone gets nervous," says Arroyo. "I do not freeze up, though. I fight the way I am trained. It is almost like going on autopilot when I get in the ring."

When looking back, Arroyo has no regrets and also takes a sense of pride in the time he spent as a member of the Spartan baseball program.

"I have not had much time lately to come to games, but I definitely follow them on the Web," says Arroyo. "While I love team sports, I am really competitive and also like the fact that ultimate fighting allows me to be the sole beneficiary of success or blame for a loss."

Matt Arroyo has skyrocketed to success, as he now appears on a popular local radio show every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. and even has his own Web site, which is www.mattarroyo.com.



Arroyo was victorious in his fight against Dorian Price in episode two.

ESS RING

ultimate fighting, and a guy named Royce Gracie made a big impression on Arroyo.

"I saw Gracie completely destroy the three guys he faced, including a boxer who he took down," Arroyo says. "It was amazing to see a little guy take down bigger guys with such ease. I immediately went out and rented all of Gracie's fights."

Arroyo was amazed by Gracie's Brazilian jiu jitsu skills, but he put that on the backburner when transferring to Tampa to play baseball.

"When I was not up to par at baseball, I went back to upstate New York and looked for a Royce Gracie school," says Arroyo. "Interestingly, the school was only 20 minutes from my house, and I enrolled and got the chance to meet Gracie."

Upon returning to Tampa, Arroyo then decided to quit baseball to focus solely on jiu jitsu. Arroyo learned the art of jiu jitsu easily, but took it to a different level upon meeting Rob Kahn. The first black belt Arroyo learned under, Kahn also trained under Gracie.

"Rob Kahn changed everything for me," says Arroyo. "When I decided to go with Rob, he took my game to another level. At first, I

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— Matt Arroyo '05



Sinibaldi Sets SSC Digs Record

University of Tampa volleyball player Margeaux Sinibaldi became the all-time Sunshine State Conference leader in the digs category, setting the new record on Sept. 19 at Rollins College. She also is The University of Tampa leader in the category.

Sinibaldi became the 22nd player in NCAA II history to record 2,000 career digs. The All-American also holds the UT single match record of 37 digs.

In October the senior was featured in an issue of *Sports Illustrated*, in the "Faces in the Crowd" section, which profiles notable high school and college athletes from across the country. **UT**

Tampa Swimming Boasts Top GPA

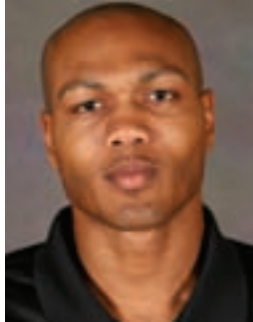
The University of Tampa swimming teams posted a combined men's and women's grade point average (GPA) of 3.41 to beat out all NCAA Division II schools for the Winter-Spring 2007 semester, according to tabulations compiled by www.collegeswimming.com.

The women's team put up a 3.50 average that was unmatched by any other NCAA II team. Wingate University, coached by Kirk Sanocki was a close second at 3.477, while Brad Flood's University of Bridgeport women scored 3.470 for third.

On the men's side, Tampa came in second with a 3.32 to the Adelphi Panthers, who topped the rankings with a 3.39 GPA. The University of Findlay was third with a 3.26. **UT**

Men's Basketball Brings Back DeCarlo DeVeaux

The University of Tampa all-time basketball great DeCarlo DeVeaux returned to the school this fall, this time as the assistant coach to his mentor, Richard Schmidt. DeVeaux enjoyed a prolific college and professional playing career, excelling at UT from



DeCarlo DeVeaux

1990-1994. He remains on the books as the program's all-time leading scorer.

DeVeaux finished his four-year career with averages of 19.6 points and 4.8 rebounds. He was named the 1994 *College Sports Magazine*

NCAA II Player of the Year and was honored as a first-team All-American by the NABC.

He graduated with a degree in communications. Following his graduation from UT,

DeVeaux was drafted by the Hartford Hellcats of the Continental Basketball Association (CBA). He also earned a tryout with the New Jersey Nets in 1995.

In his nine years in the professional ranks, DeVeaux averaged double digit points in each season, including a personal best 22.5 points per game with the Solma Vikings (Stockholm, Sweden) in the 1997-1998 season. He also averaged 6.4 rebounds in his rookie campaign.

He went on to play in France, Spain, Argentina and Portugal, where he finished his professional career with 16.7 points and 4.5 rebounds per contest.

A 2000 inductee to the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame, DeVeaux returned to Tampa in 2004 as the newest member of the UT Athletics Hall of Fame. **UT**



SPORTS to do @ ut.edu 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.

BASKETBALL

Men's (M) and women's (W) games are played at the Bob Martinez Sports Center.

Thurs., Dec. 27

McMaster (M) 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 29

Augusta State (M) 4 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 5

Nova Southeastern (W) 2 p.m.*

Nova Southeastern (M) 4 p.m.*

Wed., Jan. 9

Saint Leo (W) 5:30 p.m.*

Saint Leo (M) 7:30 p.m.*

Sat., Jan. 19

Barry (W) 2 p.m.*

Barry (M) 4 p.m.*

Wed., Jan 23

Florida Southern (W) 5:30 p.m.*

Florida Southern (M) 7:30 p.m.*

Sat., Jan. 26

Palm Beach Atlantic (W) 2 p.m.

Palm Beach Atlantic (M) 4 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2

Rollins (W) 2 p.m.*

Rollins (M) 4 p.m.*

Sat., Feb. 9

Florida Tech (W) 2 p.m.*

Florida Tech (M) 4 p.m.*

Wed., Feb. 20

Eckerd (W) 5:30 p.m.*

Eckerd (M) 7:30 p.m.*

Sat., March 1

Lynn (W) 2 p.m.*

Lynn (M) 4 p.m.

SWIMMING

Sat., Jan. 5

UT Relays 11 a.m.

Fri., Jan. 11

Emory 10 a.m.

Wheaton 3 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 19

Rollins/Saint Leo 11 a.m.

Fri., Jan. 25

Indian River CC 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2

Darton 3 p.m.



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

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One Big Family

It was great to see so many alumni over Homecoming, which continues to be a great way for alumni to reconnect with the college and with each other. It was also great to see so many parents return for Family Weekend in October. I had the pleasure of meeting many parents throughout the weekend and I noticed two common themes ... they all have questions and they all want to get involved. Some parents focused on serious issues like campus safety, while others wanted to know where they should go to dinner.

"My son loves UT and is having a great first semester," one parent stated. "Are there any opportunities for a parent like myself to give back to the university?"

As parents become increasingly involved in their children's college experiences, it makes sense to have an active Family Association. The purpose of the Family Association is to encourage active support of The University of Tampa by parents, to provide a forum of open communication between parents and UT, and to assist UT in effectively achieving its educational goals. This year John and Mary-Phyllis Harvey, parents of two current UT students, are serving as co-chairs of the association. They have helped us identify a few key ways for parents to stay connected to UT.

• **Admissions Volunteers.** You can help by joining UT recruiters on high school visits, attending college fairs or calling admitted students. Parents always like to hear from other parents, particularly when dealing with the multitude of questions that accompany choosing the right college for their son or daughter.

• **Parent Outreach.** We are always looking for parents to assist with parent outreach.


"Sometimes parents don't know who to ask," said Mary-Phyllis. "If nothing else, they can pick up the phone to reach us."

Parents can host or attend regional events for parents and alumni who might live too far from UT to visit as often as they would like.

• **Advisory Council.** If fundraising is your area of expertise, then getting involved with the Advisory Council is a great way to help support the University. This group of parent leaders helps support UT by encouraging other parents to invest in their students' education by donating to the UT Annual Fund. This past year parents contributed almost \$70,000 to the Annual Fund. These gifts help support the Family Association's annual Parent Fund scholarship awards given each year to deserving UT students.

• **Career Services.** Members of the Family Association can support HIRE-UT — the University-sponsored service that students use to search jobs and internships, post online resumes and receive career advice — by filling internship opportunities at their offices with UT students, or suggesting that their employer post job opportunities with UT's Office of Career Services.

Most of all, parents — and alumni — serve as the face of UT when they speak to friends, business associates, relatives and neighbors. Whether you realize it or not, you support UT when you talk about your academic and extracurricular experiences as a UT student or parent.

If you would like to get involved with any of the initiatives mentioned above, please feel free to get in touch with the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations via e-mail at alumni@ut.edu or parent@ut.edu or by phone at (813) 253-6209. 



JAY HARDWICK
Alumni Director
E-mail: alumni@ut.edu

John and Mary-Phyllis Harvey,
co-chairs of the Family
Association



'49

Marjorie (Petion) Walters is retired from Yates Elementary School in Brandon, FL. Her last position was assistant principal. Since retirement she has done volunteer work for several schools and a church. She enjoys her four grandchildren and great-grandchild. In her free time she does porcelain doll-making and china painting. Marjorie lives in Tampa.

'62

William Edinger won reelection to the Ehrhardt Town Council in Erhardt, SC, a town of 614. He has served on the council for 10 years. A Florida native, he retired from newspaper advertising and moved to his wife's hometown in 1996.

'63

M. Teresa (Papia) Timmons is serving her second term as president of Junior Service League Sustainers of Brooksville, FL. She also has been an active member of the advisory board for Hernando County's Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, for the past eight years.

'67

Marie (Valente) Tarring and her husband, Michael, have retired their architectural practice. They live in both of their homes near Canterbury in England and on the island of Oleron in France. They arrange holiday rentals for the Accessiblefrance.com group.
E-mail: marie@accessiblefrance.com

'69

Col. Norman Redding is one of the 12 directors of the Corrections Foundation, which was formed in 1996 to provide support to the Florida Department of Corrections. He lives in Starke, FL.



Diane Webb and A. J. Brent '70

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A. J. Brent married Diane Webb on Sept. 1 in Lincoln Hills, CA. He also started a new business, Premier Financial Trust, in Tampa.
E-mail: ajb_tampa@yahoo.com

'71

Howard "Howie" Thompson has been named the women's sports director and head women's basketball coach of Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, NC. He and his wife Jackie live in Little River, SC.
E-mail: ncoachhta@msnc.com

Russell Amerling, MBA '77, and his wife, Jill, were awarded the Servant Leader Award by Heartbeat International at their annual national convention in Orlando, FL. Russell is a national publicity coordinator at Choose Life Inc.
E-mail: russ@choose-life.org

Anthony Gaudio is a State of Florida Certified Underground Utility and Excavating Contractor. His company, Apalachee Excavating, specializes in site work and utility contracting. Anthony lives in Tallahassee, FL.

'72

Phillip Hankins retired from the Hillsborough County school system after working as a teacher for 35 years. He and his wife **Deidre (May) '75** live in Tampa.
E-mail: hankins604@aol.com

'75

Carol (Miller) Weinberg is employed as a vocational rehabilitation counselor at a school to work unit in St. Petersburg, FL. Her husband, Rob, is a district resource teacher in industrial and technical education with Hillsborough County Schools. They have two sons.
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Patricia (Lala) Pupello is a licensed mental health counselor. She is employed by the State Attorney's Office Victim Assistance program as a in-house therapist, assisting victims of crime. Patricia has been married 28 years to her husband, Peter, and has two children, Marisa and Peter John. They live in Tampa.

'77

Robert A. Iezzi joined Executive Leadership Solutions as senior executive recruiter. He lives in Goshen, KY.

James Kaminski was appointed as chief financial officer and senior vice president of Scivantage, a leading provider of Web-based, front and middle-office technology solutions to the financial services industry. He lives in West Windsor, NJ.

Roberto Leon accepted a position as a director of education for Coldwell Banker. He returned to Florida from California. He lives in Miami Beach.
E-mail: leonmiami@aol.com

'82

Paul Pucino was appointed as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Classmates Media Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Online Inc. He lives in Beverly Hills, CA.

'88

William "Bill" Carlson was appointed as president of Public

Relations Organization International (PROI), which is the largest partnership of independent public relations firms. William is also a president of Florida-based Tucker/Hall Inc.

Jeffrey Uribe has become a director of resource planning of IAP Worldwide Services. He relocated to Cape Canaveral, FL.
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'90

Lloyd C. Chatfield II has become the vice president, general counsel and secretary of Brunswick Corporation. He will report to Brunswick chairman and chief executive officer Dustin E. McCoy. He lives in Libertyville, IL.

Robert Kruskie Jr. and his wife, Lisa, celebrated the birth of their twins, Robert Joseph III and Kiana Taylor, on June 15. The couple also has a 22-month-old daughter, Shaela Morgan. The family lives in Selinsgrove, PA.
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Peter Platteborze and his wife, Lynn, moved from Hawaii to San Antonio, TX. Peter is a chief of chemistry at the Army Medical Department Center & School at Fort Sam Houston, TX.
E-mail: peter.palatteborze@us.army.mil

Catherine Rand is USC Aiken's new assistant professor of music. Her duties will include direction of the university band and jazz group. She will also serve as the assistant director of the Aiken Community Band.



William "Bill" Carlson '88

Davelis Goutoufas, UT's first deaf graduate, has opened a cigar store on Westshore Boulevard in Tampa. The store features a cigar bar and humidified locker space that can be rented by owners and accessed 24/7.

'92

Kendra Frorup, **Roger Chamieh '93** and **Marc Mitchell '00** showed their artwork this fall at an Emerging Artists Exhibit at the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery at UT. The show ran from Oct. 26-Nov. 30 and featured a gallery talk on Oct. 29, where the artists shared their experiences. Frorup, now an assistant professor of art at UT, received a master of fine arts degree from Syracuse University. Chamieh works as a sculptor and Mitchell is a painter. Mitchell received his master of fine arts degree at Boston University.

Dana Sock and her husband, Justin, welcomed their new baby, Shayna Rose, on Nov. 8, 2006. They have two other children — Graham David (8) and Samantha Elise (11). The family lives in Tampa.
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Robbie Tenenbaum has become women's rowing coach at the University of Miami's rowing program. Robbie earned the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association's (CRCA) 2006 award for Assistant Coach of the Year. He also received back-to-back CRCA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year honors in 2005 and 2006.

'93

William "Bill" Hetrick and his wife, Belinda, are coaching for the Marion City Recreation Department's fall soccer program in Marion City, OH. Bill is a manager in the quality assurance department at the pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim in Columbus. Belinda is a chemistry teacher at Marion Harding High School.

Robyn (Pratt) Stahl, her husband, Don, and their three dogs, Bullet, Blackie, and Chester, moved from Lehigh Acres, FL, to Crossville, TN, in April. Robyn started work at Oreck Direct as a customer service representative.
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ash30poo@yahoo.com

'94

Don MacCuish and his wife, Amy, had their new baby, Evan Thomas, born on March 16 at Fort Polk, LA. The family moved to

Leavenworth, KS, in the summer.

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Vanessa Wawrzynowicz graduated from Naropa University with a Master's in Transpersonal Counseling Psychology/Art Therapy. She is working as a private contractor in the Boulder/Denver area in Colorado.

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creativevw2@netzero.net

Mike Hongo wed Melissa Guley Oct. 12 at The Trade Winds Island Resort in St. Petersburg. The best man

was **John Jackson '95**, and the wedding was attended by **Anthony Newman '93**, **Brian Malison '94**, **Todd Jordan '93** and **Kris Pento '95**. The couple also held a reception in Japan and honeymooned in Hawaii.

Paul Kerstein was promoted to a director of content and community at Helium Inc. Paul and his wife, Randye, also celebrated the birth of their son, Maxwell Asher, on Sept. 29.

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pkerstein@gmail.com

Jessica Schwarzkopf is a supervising producer for Home Shopping Network in Clearwater, FL. She oversees the production of the entire network live programming within fashion, health and fitness categories.

'95

D. Shawn Vinson has become an account manager for Quest Diagnostic Clinical Labs. He relocated from Brandon to Plant City, FL.

'96

Beatrice Miller is a physician assistant at Fort Leavenworth military base and wellness consultant for Wellness Axis Institute. She relocated from Fort Stewart, GA, to Leavenworth, KS.

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siller2miller@yahoo.com

David Sullivan has become an executive associate at M&I Bank Investment Advisors. He also received an MBA from The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 2006. David recently moved to Baltimore, MD.

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dsulliv6@chicagogsb.edu

Criminology major **Steven Lowenthal** opened a law firm in Hyde Park and practices criminal defense and personal injury.

A performance for ARTE 2007, "Shaping the World We Share: Art, Music, and Dance," featured work by choreographers **Mohan Kulasingam**, **LeKeisha Bostwick '99** and **Sharell McKinney '06**. All have Caribbean roots and connections and have developed careers in professional dance since graduating from UT. The multidisciplinary performance was held at the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery and featured artwork by three distinctive artists, choreography by students and alumni and music recorded by UT music faculty.

'97

Dr. Bascom Bradshaw created a cartoon dog to educate children on pet rescue and pet adoption from animal shelters. The character is inspired by his real dog Dingo. Bascom was recently recognized for his contribution for military medicine as the 2007 US Army aerospace medicine specialist of the year, but he likes to draw in his spare time. He lives in Fort Worth, TX.
www.dingothedog.com

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SPOTLIGHT

SPARTAN

A Spartan with a Fitting Profession

When **MAJOR JAY ELLISON '93** asked his team of 11 soldiers what they wanted to be called on their mission to Iraq, he couldn't believe their answer: Spartans.

"Let me dig my T-shirt out of my bag, and I'll explain," he told them.

His teammates, who began a one-year tour of duty this November, will use the name Spartans on the radio as their call sign. They did not know Ellison had graduated from UT, home of the Spartans.

Their inspiration may have come from the movie *300*, but the mascot couldn't have been more appropriate for this UT alumnus. Ellison explained what it means to him to be a Spartan.

"It's about being a professional soldier, putting your country and your family above your own safety and your own comfort," he said.

Ellison said his team's mission is to train a battalion of Iraqi national police, a mix between a national guard and an army.

"We want to get them to the point where they can do everything by themselves and don't need us," Ellison said.

All of his teammates volunteered for this mission, he said.

"This mission gets us ultimately out of Iraq," he said. "We train them to protect their own people. That way we can go home."

Ellison had an ROTC scholarship while at UT, and he majored in biology. He went on to teach biology and chemistry at the United States Military Academy at West Point for three years.

The leadership and people skills Ellison gained while at UT proved useful in his career, he said.

"Being able to work with anybody from anywhere is a good thing in any walk of life, because you never know who you're going to be riding in the truck with," he said.

Ellison said he hopes to partner with a student group at UT to help deliver toys, school supplies and clothing to Iraqi children. He welcomes donations of Spartan gear, too, he said. He left for Iraq with a pair of UT flip flops and a gym shirt to remind him of his alma mater. ■■■



Major Jay Ellison '93

Jason Ciofalo became a partner at Almerico in Gulfport, MS. The law firm seeks to represent the interests of the victims of Hurricane Katrina, in cases where the insured received substantially fewer policy benefits than expected under their policy. He also opened his own law firm in Florida, Welter & Ciofalo PA, with offices in Tampa and Miami.

'98

Melissa (Agnitsch) Dempsey and her husband Michael welcomed their

third son, Michael John, on March 26. Michael is the pride and joy of his two older brothers, Drew and Evan. Melissa has been employed at Kforce Inc. since February 2006 and was promoted to Business Process Manager in April 2007.

Christof Hammerli is a director of compliance for Switch and Data Facilities Company LLC. He is responsible for the firm's compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the international audit department. Christof is also a member of the

Board of Directors of The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay.

Michael Floyd is a manager at Merchant's Association and is set to receive his MBA from UT this December.

'99

A. Courtney Cox joined WellCare Health Plans Inc. as corporate counsel litigator in Tampa. WellCare is a leading provider of government-sponsored health plans. Courtney lives in Tampa. E-mail: acourtneycox@hotmail.com



Michael John Dempsey

Michele (Crane) Diaz and her husband, Alex, welcomed their new baby girl, Kailey Michele, on Feb. 6, 2006. Michele is a

child protection investigator for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. The couple has just purchased a new townhome in South Tampa.

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'00

Laura (Saunders) Layton and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first baby, Preston John, on June 26. They live in Land O Lakes, FL.

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Molly Marsters married Matthew Paolino on July 7 in Kingston, RI. The couple lives in Tampa.

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'01

Stephanie (Metz) Garland was promoted to counsel for NCAA Compliance in



Molly Marsters '00 and Matthew Paolino

SPOTLIGHT

PARTAIN Recent Grad Gets NIH Grant to Study Asthma

LEOR ZELLNER '02 recently received a \$69,000 grant from the National Institute of Health to fund research on asthma and neurons. She will conduct the research at West Virginia University where she is working on her Ph.D. in cellular and integrative physiology.


She works in a lab that investigates how acute and prolonged ozone exposure can result in asthma. She is trying to pinpoint a specific time in early development when exposure to large amounts of irritants could predispose people to the respiratory illness.

Zellner has been listed as personnel on her advisers' NIH grants in the past, but she was responsible for the majority of the writing for this grant.

"Just by having this on my resume I've given myself an advantage," she said. "Showing that you know how to write a grant and getting funding is extremely helpful."

Zellner graduated with a degree in marine science and chemistry, which her faculty adviser Dr. Steven Hendrix said is rare, because of its rigorous requirements. One of the requirements for graduation was an internship, which Zellner did with SunLabs on the UT campus.

Her experiences in the labs at UT prepared her for the work she does today, she said. Even though she does not use the same techniques, her classes at UT taught her how to operate in a lab setting.

"You can't give somebody years of experience in six months, but you can give them an idea of what to expect and how to deal with things they might encounter," said Hendrix, who taught Zellner in his advanced instrumental chemistry class. "You can give them a taste of what it's going to be like." 



Leor Zellner '02

the athletic department of Jacksonville University.
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Paul Trusik recently built a Web site for an awareness campaign launched by the nonprofit Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County. The campaign is titled "Unexpected Faces, Unexpected Places," and Brian Adams '99 contributed by writing profiles of the people featured. Trusik, an information and technology and communication major, now works full-time for Audio Visual Innovations in Tampa.



Donovan Matthew Ith

'02

Lisa (Behrend) Ith and her husband Jonathan welcomed their son, Donovan Matthew, on Sept. 14. They also have a daughter, Celine, who is 18 months old. The family lives in Bradenton, FL.
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Carol Tortarelli is director of Mission Programs for Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises in St. Petersburg. She works on re-entry and transition programs for state prison inmates. She has served two years as director.

Jesse Landis is a winner of the *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* annual 30 Under 30 Award. He is a public relations and communication adviser at Paradise Advertising & Marketing.

Artwork by Justyn Farano, James Dormer Schneider '04 and Jamie Perkins '04 was featured in an alumni exhibit at the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery this fall. Work included painting, multimedia and sculpture.

SPOTLIGHT

PARTAIN

Alumna Films Documentary on Disabled Classmate

As a filmmaker, the most important thing KORI FEENER '06 says she wants to do is convey a message to viewers, rather than simply entertain them. So when she heard that one of her former high school classmates had suffered a debilitating brain injury, she felt compelled to tell his story.

The classmate, Patrick Killelea, was rendered disabled following an accident in March 2006 when he fell 30 feet from an escalator at the Denver airport. Ever since, Killelea has gone through a long recovery process, struggling to relearn how to walk and communicate with those around him.

"When I found out about it, I said 'I have to do something about this,'" said Feener, who spent three months filming and editing a documentary that tells the story of Killelea's injury and his family's struggle to help him recover.

Feener's film, *Where There is a Will*, premiered Oct. 13 at Masconomet High School in Topsfield, MA, the school from which she and Killelea both graduated in 2002. All proceeds from the event went toward supporting Killelea's recovery. The film chronicles the life of the former high school soccer player, the accident that left him disabled and his family's endurance of both the emotional and financial costs of helping their beloved son and brother through the recovery process.

"I've never been big into documentaries, but I felt that this was a very important story to tell," Feener said.

While still a student at UT, Feener founded her own film production company, BooseyHawkes Productions, which produced her first film titled *It's Personal*, a murder mystery. *Where There is a Will* is the second film produced under the BooseyHawkes Productions label and is Feener's first film since she graduated.

"I would say she was one of the most motivated students and very talented in all aspects of filmmaking," said Dana Plays, visiting associate professor of communication, from whom Feener sought advice about the technical aspects of the production. "Her visual aesthetics were exceptional.

"We've been communicating quite a bit by e-mail and staying in touch (since she graduated). I'd been trying to encourage her to stay with filmmaking and not just give it up."

Feener is continuing to work to get the film shown at other venues as well as on local Massachusetts TV stations. She has also considered the possibility of organizing a screening of the film at UT.

A trailer for the film and other information can be found on Feener's Web site, www.myspace.com/booseyhawkesproductions. [UT](http://www.ut.edu)

'03

Erin Elliffe married George Pintye on June 9 in Spring Hill, FL. Erin is a first grade teacher in Spring Hill and her husband works for Stream in Tampa.
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Jennifer C. Leibe was engaged to Joshua E. Marshall on Oct. 28, 2006. They married in Gloucester, MA, on Sept. 15 and celebrated with their family and friends at the new Cruiseport on Gloucester Harbor.

Shane Ramsey has joined Bush Ross' Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Florida State University in 2006.

Noreen Moy was promoted from equity analyst to senior business operations analyst at Washington Mutual. She lives in Palm Bay, FL.
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Michael Sowerby and Kristy Marie Seigfried married on Nov. 9. They live in Zephyrhills, FL.
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Luke Medvegy married Kate Bellows on Sept. 8 on Tybee Island in Savannah, GA. Luke is a captain in the US Army.
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'04

Brianna Holmes was promoted to a captain at the chief patient administration at Fort Drum, NY. She also received an MBA degree at St. Leo University. Brianna lives in Watertown, NY.
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Luke Medvegy '03 and Kate Bellows

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Brothers in Arms

When **BRIAN KAIN '02** joined the ROTC program at UT, his older brother **JEFF '05** was soon to follow. Now, with Jeff having already served one tour of duty in Iraq, Brian is following his brother to the battlefield.

Both brothers have been dispatched to Baghdad as part of the Army's 101st Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade, for 15-month tours of duty. Brian, a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, and Jeff, a scout sniper platoon leader, left for Iraq in late September, according to their mother, Kathy Kain, of Cedar Hill, MO.

"I'm sure none of (the soldiers) would prefer to go there, but that's just where they're told to go," Kathy Kain said. "Just like with firefighters, I'm sure none of them want to go to a 5-alarm fire, but they don't have a choice."

"The nice thing about it is (Brian and Jeff) do have some contact and they are close. They're hoping to see each other a couple of times a month."

After leaving their homes in Missouri, the brothers spent 21 days together in Kuwait. They were flown to Baghdad in mid-October, where they are now serving in different parts of the city, Kathy said.

While Jeff is the older of the two brothers, it was Brian who was first to enroll at UT as Jeff completed an initial four years of service in the military, Kathy said.

"(Brian) was totally about the ROTC program," Kathy said. "He liked the idea of getting college paid for and being close to the beach."

Having heard much about his brother's positive experience at the school, Jeff decided to enroll a few years later. Both brothers studied criminology while going through ROTC. Their mother says the brothers' interest in criminology was likely due to the influence of their father Gene Kain, a former Army officer who now works as a chief of pre-trial services in the federal court system.

"They both loved going to that school," Kathy said. "It was a very positive part of their lives. They made lots of good friends there that they still see."

Both brothers enlisted in the Army after they graduated. In 2006, Jeff served a 6-month tour in Iraq. Brian previously served two years in Korea.

Currently, Brian holds the rank of Captain and Jeff is a 1st Lieutenant.

While most of the ROTC personnel who knew the Kain's during their time at UT have since

left the school, ROTC Director Patrick O'Sullivan said that the program has seen a fair number of students from military families who later serve along with parents and siblings.

Since the Iraq war started in 2003, O'Sullivan estimates that about a third of UT's ROTC graduates have gone on to serve in support of that operation.



Brian Kain '02 and Jeff Kain '05

Samantha Horvath was selected by Oak Ridge Associated Universities as one of 10 outstanding research participants to attend the 57th Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates and Students in Lindau, Germany. Her research concentration is theoretical vibrational spectroscopy. She lives in Columbus, OH.

Emily Petruccelli joined BYK USA Inc. as an environmental, health and safety generalist. She moved to Meriden, CT. E-mail: empet05@hotmail.com

Katherine "Katie" Shields and James Knapp married in October. The couple lives in Amesbury, MA.

Jamie (Ferenbach) Kahns a development manager with the American Lung Association of Florida Inc., has organized the Asthma Walk for the second year in a row. Kahns brought the event to UT last year, when people walked a 3 mile loop around the campus. Participants who had raised money for the American Lung Association enjoyed educational speakers, free food, cotton candy, a clown and children's activities. The free event will take place on April 19.

'05

Matthew Arroyo was one of the 16 competitors for the show "The Ultimate Fighter" on Spike TV. The show was filmed from June 7-17 in Las Vegas. (See story, page 16.)

Sheri Huelster works as an environmental specialist with Bio Research Associates. The marine biology major tests water quality for the company and works with four other UT grads.

Jessica Moran has won the New Mexico Associated Press Broadcasters top prize for a sports story, and second place in the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters competition



Jamie (Ferenbach) '04 and Bob Kahns '00

Dan Sullivan is the new Web writer for UT's Public Information Department. Prior to returning to his alma mater, Sullivan worked as a reporter for *The Villages Daily Sun* in The Villages, FL, and at *The Daily News Transcript* in Norwood, MA. He lives in Tampa.

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'07

Johanna Hill oversees the annual Junior Marine Biologist program at the Loggerhead Marinelife Center. She has worked at the center since she was 16. Johanna lives in Jupiter, FL.

Adam Labonte began working as an admissions counselor at UT this fall. Adam works with incoming students from the Tampa Bay area, North Florida, Texas, Colorado,

Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas and Arkansas. He enjoys telling students about the great experience he had at UT and trying to convince them that UT is a great place to go to college.
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Heather Reckard is a kindergarten assistant teacher at Trinity School for Children in Tampa.
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Sara Tabone is working at the Discovery Center Education Department of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, under their scholarship program.

Vanessa Panilagan completed an internship this summer with the cultural department of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. She is now looking to work in public policy.

Keith Shevenell is attending law school at Nova Southeastern University.
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law.nova.edu

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for best sports story. Jessica works for the El Paso affiliate of CBS Television.

'06

Jillian Miller will be a fourth-grade teacher at Braden River Elementary School. She was among

the 215 people who attended the Manatee County School District new teacher orientation on Aug. 6. She lives in Bradenton, FL.

Gina Sanfilippo married Robert Demchuk Jr. on May 27 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Dunedin, FL. They live in Tampa.

What's Happenin'?

The University of Tampa is interested in the progress of its alumni. Use this form to let us know your news. Be sure to provide all information, so that your news can be included in the Class Acts section of the next issue of the *UT Journal*. Alumni also can update their contact information and share news via the Internet. Log on to alumni.ut.edu and type away.

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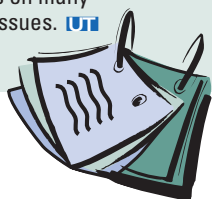
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Parent Get Together

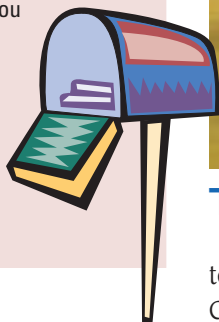
The UT Family Association held its annual meeting and panel discussion on Oct. 5, during Family Weekend. Family Association co-chairs John and Mary-Phyllis Harvey served as hosts of this annual event that was attended by more than 40 moms and dads from all over the country. At the meeting, members of the UT community hosted a panel discussion, provided information and answered questions on many campus issues. [UT](#)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.



JANUARY

Wednesday, Jan. 16
MBAA Leadership Meeting
5:15 p.m.
Sykes College of Business
Room 148

Thursday, Jan. 17
Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting
6 p.m. social
6:30 p.m. meeting
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room

Friday, Jan 18
New England Alumni Event
Boston, MA
Details at alumni.ut.edu

Friday, Jan. 25
NAA Board of Directors Meeting
3 p.m.
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room

Saturday, Jan. 26
Tampa Alpha Chapter
Gasparilla Pre-parade Brunch
10 a.m.
Plant Hall
West Verandah
\$35 per person

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Atlanta Alumni Event
Atlanta, GA
Details at alumni.ut.edu

Wednesday, Feb. 20
MBAA Leadership Meeting
5:15 p.m.
Sykes College of Business
Room 148

Thursday, Feb. 21
Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting
6 p.m. social
6:30 p.m. meeting
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room

Friday, Feb. 22
Golden Spartan Induction Lunch
11:30 a.m.
Vaughn Center Crescent Club

MARCH

Friday, March 14
Ladies of the '50s Luncheon
Noon
Vaughn Center Board Room
\$15 per person

Wednesday, March 19
MBAA Leadership Meeting
5:15 p.m.
Sykes College of Business
Room 148

Thursday, March 20
Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting
6 p.m. social
6:30 p.m. meeting
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room

APRIL

Friday, April 11
NAA Board of Director's Meeting
9 a.m.
Vaughn Center
Ninth Floor
Tampa Alpha Golf Classic
1 p.m. shotgun start
MacDill Air Force Base
Price TBD

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




The Return of Tau Epsilon Phi

The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi returned to campus for a reunion weekend on Oct. 12. Close to 50 members of the fraternity, mostly UT alums from the 1960s and '70s, gathered for

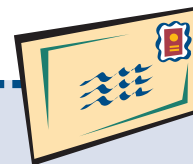
various events throughout the weekend, including a campus tour. All those in attendance were excited to be back in Tampa and were amazed at the growth of UT's campus. [UT](#)



Alums Bet on a Good Time at Monte Carlo Night

The Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter hosted its 26th annual Monte Carlo Night on Oct. 20 on the ninth floor of the Vaughn Center. More than 150 alumni and friends enjoyed a full dinner, drinks and gaming while helping raise scholarship dollars for UT students. This year's crowd was entertained by Sometimes 6 featuring Darrin Guilbeau '06. For more information on the Tampa Alpha chapter, contact Carol Tortarelli '02 at ctortarelli@hotmail.com. 

(From left) Adam Labonte '07, Brad Randel and Erik Allmond '07 celebrate after winning a big hand at the blackjack table.



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- CIS Alumni Chapter (Computer Information Systems)
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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 _____



Running Home

Several alumni ran in the Spartan 5K Oct. 20 during homecoming weekend. More than 300 runners crossed the finish line, and first place winners in each category won free Chic-Fil-A for a year. Dave Gresko MBA '99 was the first male alumnus to finish in 18:01, taking the prize for the faculty, staff and alumni category. Samantha Robinson '07 was the first alumna to cross the line in 23:31, coming in second in that category. The race was organized by the Board of Counselors and proceeds went to fund athletic scholarships. 

(Photo courtesy of Kimberly Photography.)


Just for '50s Gals

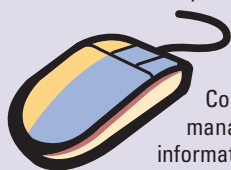
Gals from the '50s, get ready for your annual luncheon at UT. The Ladies of the '50s luncheon will be held on Friday, March 14, from noon to 2 p.m. Make plans now to join your friends for fun and games. Invitations will be mailed in early February, but help us by spreading the word to your friends now.

Tampa Alpha Kicks Off Year with BBQ

The Tampa Alpha Chapter kicked off another year of exciting activities for Tampa Bay-area Spartans with its annual membership barbecue on Sept. 15. To learn more about the Tampa Alpha Chapter contact Tampa Alpha president Carol Tortarelli '02 at ctortarelli@hotmail.com. 

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Winter in New England

On Friday, Jan. 18, New England-area Spartans will get together to watch the Boston Celtics take on the Philadelphia 76ers. The group will gather before the game to catch up on old times and get ready to cheer on the Celtics. For more information on the New England alumni chapter, contact Stephanie Sibley '89 at stephanie.sibley@comcast.net or Dave Tedford '84 at d.tedford@comcast.net.

We're Coming to Atlanta

We weren't able to get together this fall, but a date has been set for an Atlanta-area Spartan gathering this spring. UT alumni, parents and friends are invited to meet up for a networking happy hour on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Go to alumni.ut.edu for all the details. 

Influential Pastor and UT Alumnus Dies

The Rev. D. James Kennedy '58, founder and senior pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, died on Sept. 5. He was 76.


The pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church for nearly five decades, Kennedy grew to have a worldwide ministry influence. According to the *Miami Herald*, Kennedy led a congregation that grew from 45 in 1960 to 10,000 today. He created the ministry "Evangelism Explosion," and in 1996 it became the first Christian ministry to be established in every nation on earth.

Kennedy co-founded the Moral Majority, the Coalition on Revival and the Alliance Defense Fund. He also was the founder of Westminster Academy, a Pre-K to 12th grade Christian school, and Knox Theological Seminary.

Columnist Cal Thomas called Kennedy "one of the best educated and most compelling of all the cultural conservatives who sought to use the political process to reverse the 'moral slide' in America."

In 1974 he began Coral Ridge Ministries that produces the weekly program, "The Coral Ridge Hour." The weekly television broadcast airs on more than 400 stations and to 165 nations on the Armed Forces Network.

It is estimated that "The Coral Ridge Hour" reaches more than 3 million viewers in 200 countries. In 2005 Kennedy was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

According to the tribute Web site www.djameskennedy.org, Kennedy's family moved to Tampa when Kennedy was in high school. He served as the drum major at Plant High School, and received a music scholarship at UT. 



Dr. D. James Kennedy '58 with his wife of 51 years, Anne. Photo courtesy of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church

UT Remembers Two Students

This fall the UT community mourned the passing of two students and remembered them with candlelit vigils.

During the summer break, on Aug. 2, Samantha MacQuilliam, a 19-year-old sophomore, was found dead in her Palm Harbor home. Her boyfriend was later charged with her murder. Originally from Gambrills, MD, MacQuilliam was a nursing student.


"Samy was all about caring," said Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Suzanne Collins, Samy's Gateways professor and nursing adviser. "Her sunny disposition would have made her a real natural for nursing."

A candlelight memorial service was held on Sept. 27 to celebrate her life.

Nicholas Kopplin, a junior finance major from Overland, MO, died in a motorcycle accident in St. Petersburg on Aug. 21. At a candlelight vigil on Aug. 29 his friends described Kopplin's love of life.



Two students share a moment of silence at Nick Kopplin's candlelit vigil in the Vaughn Courtyard.

"Nick was just an all around great person," said sophomore Kayla Adams. "He was one of my first friends at UT and since day one made sure everyday I had here was fun. He was an incredibly caring and sweet person and always brightened everyone's day around him. He was a very genuine person, and he lived his life to the fullest." 

In Memoriam

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- Violet M. Conte '46
- Anthony Granell '50
- Vincent A. Chико '54
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- Bartow K. Lysek '60
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- Eddie B. Kirkland '75
- William Kuhlman '84
- Megan Thompson '02


Homecoming

Friday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Oct. 21

Hundreds of UT alumni got together this fall for Homecoming and Reunions 2007.

The weekend's events began Friday with the Golden Spartan Reunion Luncheon for the classes of 1934 through 1957. All alumni were invited to the President's Reception at 5 p.m. the same day where President Ronald L. Vaughn hosted hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

Saturday morning, several alumni took part in the Spartan 5K Run. Later in the day, a "Decade of the '50s" open house for class members who graduated in the 1950s took place, followed by a reunion luncheon for the classes of 1987, 1997 and 2002.

That evening, former Spartans were treated to a buffet dinner, cocktails and gaming during the Monte Carlo Auction and Casino Night. The black-tie optional event took place in the Vaughn Center's Crescent Club, with all gambling proceeds going toward the UT National Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship. 



Director of Athletics Larry Marfise (far left) and President Ronald L. Vaughn (far right) crown the King and Queen of Homecoming, Josh Murphy '08 and Nicole Miranda '09 (center right and left). (Photo courtesy of Peter Arrabal of *The Minaret*)

From left: Rosemary Leathers '58, Gerald Jackson '50 and Al Leathers '56 are all smiles at the Decade of the '50s Open House.



& Reunions '07



The student homecoming parade winds past the President's Reception on the East Verandah.



Tony Saladino '55 and Ralph Steinberg '53 catch up on old times before lunch at the Decade of the '50s Open House.



Recent graduates share a laugh at the President's Reception.



Nora Ganderson '98, Tom Staples '87 and Ron McClarin '87 helped kick off homecoming weekend at the President's Reception.



It was a packed house at the Golden Spartans Luncheon honoring the class of 1957.



Alumni of all ages took advantage of the opportunity to see future plans for UT's campus at the President's Reception.



Trustee Alumni Come Home

By Robin Roger
Writer

The Board of Trustees includes several alumni members, including (front row, left to right) Ernest Segundo '56, Brooke May '03, Pauline Crumpton '57, Lea Davis '93, Helen Kerr '86 and Alfred Austin '47, (back row, left to right) Leo Berman '69, John Wolfe '68, Craig Sturken '66, Jim McLeod '70, Bob Calafell '66, Kyle Bailey '95, Bob Martinez '57, Bill Cantrell '79, and Joe Wessel '95.

Not pictured: Dick Greco '56, John Sykes (Honorary Degree '98) and Rick Thomas '72

During Homecoming Weekend, Ernest Segundo '56 spent practically all day and all night at The University of Tampa. "All I needed was a bed there," he says.

Segundo's dedication to UT goes far beyond Homecoming Weekend, however. He is part of a growing number of alumni who have elected to stay involved long after graduation by serving on the Board of Trustees. There are 40 elected members, 10 ex officio, five trustee emeriti and four chairman emeriti on the board, 18 of who are alumni. They all have different reasons for serving, with the same goal in mind: to keep improving the University and enhancing its reputation as a symbol of educational excellence.

From Humble Beginnings

Now a trustee emeritus, Segundo was invited to become part of the Board of Trustees in 1997. He says his desire to continue helping the University at a higher level of involvement prompted him to accept the invitation.

Segundo has seen many changes since his days as a student, he says, including the

impressive growth of the curriculum, colleges, student population and faculty, as well as the expansion of the physical campus. He remembers UT when it was completely housed in Plant Hall. Ironically, he used to sleep on the fourth floor, where the men's dorm was located.

The third floor was divided, with one wing for women and one wing for married couples. Classrooms were on the second floor, and the first floor held offices. The library was in what is now Fletcher Lounge.

Though the University has expanded, it has kept a certain small-school charm throughout the years.

"Never Leaving"

Leo Berman '69, president of the Palm Beach Yacht Center, says the personalized attention and small classes allowed him to be more than just a number. He says UT prepared him for the real world.

"The greatest thing about the University is when I return to campus it's like I never left," Berman says. "Of course, the facilities are a lot nicer, but the same friendly atmosphere prevails today as it did in the '60s."

Joe Wessel '95, training and development coordinator with Pepin Distributing, echoed Berman's thoughts. He still remembers his first campus visit, when Dr. Wayne Price, at the time the chair of the biology department, sat down to talk with him.

Though he didn't end up majoring in marine biology, he says this personal attention impressed him. He still has lunch with his mentors from the University, Dr. Jeffrey Klepfer, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Phil Quinn, associate professor of criminology.

"My general motivation for 'never leaving' UT is the spirit of our institution," says Wessel. "The camaraderie and feeling of family permeates all involved — students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends. Our living, breathing and constantly evolving campus creates the atmosphere of open learning from each other."

Opportunities

Many board members credit UT with giving them opportunities they may not have had otherwise. Pauline Crumpton '57 serves on the board to show her appreciation for the fact that there was a "hometown" university available to her in the mid-1950s.

"I am certain, had UT not been available, my life path would have been very different," she says.

Crumpton, former president of the Chiselers, continued to live at home and held a full-time job while a student at UT. This balancing act helped her develop self-discipline, she said, the most valuable lesson learned in college.

"I received an education, and I met my wife of 41 years at UT," says Craig Sturken '66. "I am passionate about both of these events, and I believe that my experience as the CEO of a publicly held company can add value to the college that gave me a head start towards what I believe to be a successful career in the business of food retailing."

CEO of Spartan Stores Inc., a Michigan-based chain of supermarkets and drugstores, Sturken was the first in his family to graduate from college. Though he was an education major, his entire career has been in business. He says he owes his success to the process of maturation he went through at UT, while finding the wherewithal to finish is education.

"I found the environment that I was in while at UT was extremely competitive and that, coupled with finding a wife who supported my ambitions, made the difference for me," he says.

Moving Forward

The Honorable Bob Martinez '57, former governor of the state of Florida and senior policy adviser for Holland & Knight, says serving on the Board of Trustees has been an uplifting experience. As the University continues to thrive, his degree becomes more valuable, he says. But UT still faces challenges as it continues to grow, he says.

"There will always be a campaign," he says. "The Plant building in particular is very expensive to maintain, but it's a landmark."

Martinez, a trustee emeritus, should know. As governor of Florida, he spearheaded an effort to refurbish Plant Hall.

When Tampa suffered an economic downturn and retailers left downtown in droves, UT stuck it out, he says, and continued to contribute to the economic life of the city. Now UT will reap the rewards, Martinez says.

Looking forward, this group of trustees says that, despite the rapidly growing student body, they would like to maintain the student to teacher ratio and manage growth.

"I'd like to see UT reach 6,000 students," says Kyle Bailey. "I'd like to see UT achieve the new, highest-level accreditation that it's currently seeking. I'd like to see UT become the best, mid-sized, private university in the nation."


The school's selectivity is also a high priority.

"We can be selective in the students we choose and make this an institution that will have more respect," says Al Austin '47. "The reputation of the school is something we're all proud of. The best is yet to come."

Many expressed the need for a greater endowment.

"Through my years in the Board of Fellows, the Board of the National Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees, I have been a supporter of creating endowment funds for scholarships and faculty grants," says Segundo. "By all measurements, UT's endowment is low. I would like to see it reach \$100 million in my lifetime, and I believe that it can be done."

While Segundo cherishes his memories of UT as it was, housed in one building, he looks eagerly to the future.

"When I look at the University's Master Plan developed by the Board of Trustees and the Administration, and see the projects that have yet to come to reality, I become excited ... and a little impatient." Segundo says. 

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Building UT Memories

The Annual Fund touches virtually every part of The University of Tampa. The Fund is broken down into categories to help UT meet its most urgent and immediate needs — academic programs, athletic programs, campus improvements, scholarship assistance, and teaching excellence, innovation, and faculty development — all of which are vitally important to UT's success.

The Annual Fund helps to ensure everything you love about your UT experience is here for future generations. Recently I asked Annual Fund donors their favorite memories of UT. Sure enough, the Annual Fund played a part in all of these memories. Here is the Annual Fund in action:

"My favorite UT memory is of leading my girlfriend on a scavenger hunt around Plant Hall and then proposing to her in the Student Government Office. We met at O-team [orientation team] interviews, served in campus leadership together and were married shortly after graduation. It has been five years and we are still deeply in love. Thanks UT!"

— William Bridgeham '02

"Varsity sports, intramural sports, small classes, frequent dances and a great city!"

— Dr. William P. Bosworth '57

"The UT Honors Program! I was able to go to Europe through the program and the honors courses I took prepared me for graduate school."

— Jennifer Dawson '02

"I am a single mom whose daughter is a sophomore at UT on a scholarship she received because of her outstanding grades. I am so proud of her and cannot wait to see her graduate from UT. Thank you!"

— LeAnn M. Fisher, mother of Amelia Cullen '10

Everything you remember about your University of Tampa experience — that's how the Annual Fund supports today's students. The characteristics that make UT different from other universities — small class sizes, personalized attention from professors, top-notch campus housing and facilities, unique student activities and our diverse academic programs — are all made possible through support to the Annual Fund.



So a special thank you to everyone who has made contributions to the Annual Fund and have sent in their favorite memories. I invite you to share the experiences you had at UT and to help ensure current students can create their own lifelong memories.

Rick and Sandy Thomas '72 Named Annual Fund Co-Chairs

After a year of trying to get Sandy Baldwin's attention, Rick Thomas finally got a first date. And the two have been together ever since.

They both graduated in 1972 and were married shortly after. The Thomases remained in Tampa, began Thomas Financial, raised a family and today are enjoying their first grandchild. And all the while, they have never forgotten their UT roots.

Rick Thomas, who played on the football team at UT, said they feel a tremendous sense of satisfaction advancing the University's important mission and enhancing UT's national reputation for excellence in higher education.

"Like our family and our hometown, UT is part of who we are," Rick Thomas said. "The University gave us the foundation for the success we have enjoyed in our lives.

"Our experience as supporters of UT illustrates the principle that when you contribute to an institution you believe in, as we believe in The University of Tampa, you get back 10 times what you give."

The Thomases have graciously volunteered to spearhead UT's Annual Fund as the co-chairs this year. In their roles as co-chairs they will help the University raise awareness and funds in support of UT's mission. 🍷

Annual Fund — By the Numbers

- In 2007, 87 percent of UT students received financial aid or scholarship assistance. The Annual Fund helps to build these aid packages, which allows the University to attract the best students who will benefit most from a UT education.

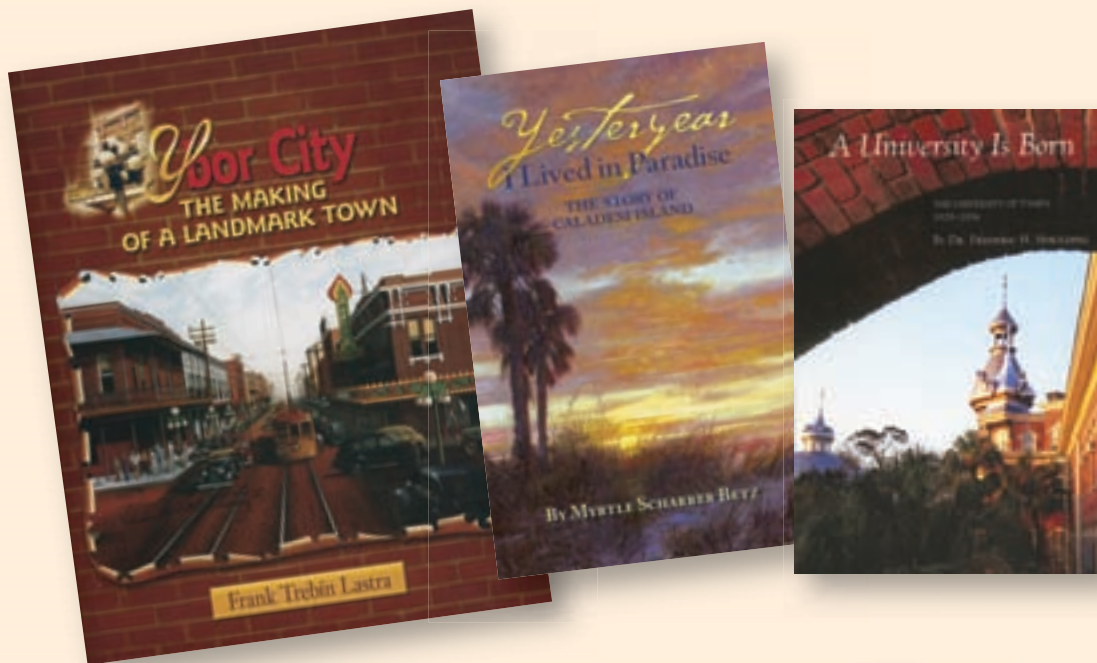
- With help from UT's Annual Fund, students can participate in more than 2,000 University events each year, and more than 120 clubs and student organizations, and 20 sororities and fraternities give students the opportunity to meet and interact with other students.

- Support to UT's Annual Fund helps the University to hire the best professors and keep class sizes small — the average class size is 20 students. Because of UT's 15-1 student to faculty ratio, students get to know their professors and are able to learn in and out of the classroom. 🍷

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Giddens also directs UT's Institute for Estate and Financial Planning, which assists alumni and friends of the University with estate and financial planning needs via lectures, seminars, in-home study courses and other educational programs that focus on wills, trusts and life estate contracts, taxes, investments, life insurance, long-term health care and retirement planning. 

A Calculated Plan

Alumna Josephine LeGault '49 Repays UT for Launching Her Career

As a member of the Air Force, the one constant in Josephine LeGault's life was being regularly uprooted from her home and moved to new locations. From Kansas to North Africa, there were only two things that traveled with LeGault wherever she went: her husband, and her education from The University of Tampa.

While enrolled as a student at UT, LeGault was unsure which field she wanted to study. She began her search first in psychology and later found a better fit in mathematics, a major in which she eventually earned her degree.

Fresh out of college, LeGault was ready to find her way into the high-tech world when her military husband was alerted for duty in Tripoli, Libya (North Africa). During the wait for documents, immunizations and travel arrangements to Africa, she decided to continue her studies, earning a second major in physics to complement her undergraduate education.

LeGault said her decision to major in math and science was based less on her natural aptitude and more on the fact that GIs returning from the war were flooding the liberal arts classrooms. "For some reason," she said with a smile, "there weren't too many who wanted to study physics."

This broad course of study would come in handy when LeGault arrived at Patrick Air Force

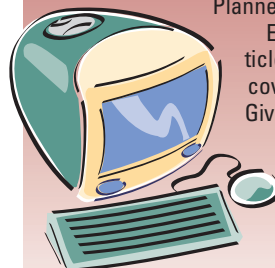
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LeGault


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Base in Melbourne, FL, where her husband's assignment was to last nine years. In the early 1950s, a computer named FLAC (Florida Automatic Computer) was being designed, assembled and tested for running the computation requirements of the missile test range at the base.

LeGault's responsibilities were to organize and staff a computing laboratory with the capability to develop and test FLAC software. What this boiled down to were many sophisticated hand calculations carried out by a large team of mathematicians. In short, they were trying to write the story — in mathematics — of what was happening in each test flight.

LeGault said she used every bit of what she had learned at UT, in that the task required her to be "a little bit of a programmer, a little bit of a mathematician and a little bit of a psychologist." She credits her education at UT for enabling her to accomplish this feat, especially Dr. Guy Becknell, who was her math and physics professor at the University and the person

most responsible for teaching her how to carry out the thousands of complicated calculations she did in her lifetime.

When it came time to consider her estate plans, LeGault decided that she wanted to "pay back" The University of Tampa for the doors her education had opened for her. After some consideration, she included a provision in her trust for the University, stating, "I'm not one to spend things on myself — material things don't mean much to me — and I'll trade that for helping to make a better world." LeGault's gift to The University of Tampa will help her realize that goal by shaping young people into future psychologists or mathematicians. 

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— Josephine LeGault '49

Where There's a Will...

FACT: If you own property — from a car to a bank account — and are concerned about how this property will be distributed upon your death, you need a will.

Here are four questions you should consider when preparing a will:

Q. What do you have to give?

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Q. Who do you want to give to?

Consider who should benefit from your estate. Do you have family members to consider? Friends? Which charities would you like to support after you are gone?


Q. Who will be your executor?

It is important to choose someone you trust and who is capable of handling the many financial and administrative tasks involved in managing your estate.

Q. Who will be your attorney?

The most important factor when seeking an attorney is to find someone you feel comfortable working with. The best way to find an attorney is to ask those around you: your friend, your coworker, or your accountant.


As you consider your estate planning, the Planned Giving Department at The University of Tampa is here to help. You may request a free brochure, "Planning Your Will and Protecting Your Decisions" by calling the department at (813) 253-6220, or by e-mailing us at plannedgiving@ut.edu.

As with all important financial matters, we recommend that you speak with an attorney, tax professional, or investment professional before considering a charitable gift. 

Leith Bequest Allocated to Scholarships

A recent bequest by past professor Dr. Bill Leith is a perfect example of the transformative effect that an estate gift can have on The University of Tampa. Thanks to Dr. Leith's bequest, UT recently established seven new endowed scholarships:

- three student scholarships;
- three discretionary dean's funds;
- and a discretionary fund for the provost.

The student scholarships will help bright students with financial need, and the discretionary funds will ensure that our academic leadership can quickly fulfill the University's most pressing faculty and program needs. 

Inspiration Through Exploration

By Dan Sullivan
Web Writer

Award Honors Smith's Life

The Timothy M. Smith Inspiration Through Exploration Award is presented annually to a UT undergraduate honors student.


Timothy M. Smith was an alumnus of Tulane University who passed away in 2003. Although a lawyer by trade, Smith's true passion was traveling the world and writing about his many experiences.

The award was first introduced at UT in 2005 to honor the life of its namesake. Smith's brother, father and sister-in-law each were UT alumni.

"They wanted to honor him with an award that would allow students to travel and be inspired by their travels," said Robert Bruns, director of corporate and foundation support.

The award's two previous winners traveled to Israel and Europe before publishing essays about their experiences.

The highly competitive award provides \$2,000 for the winning student to use for travel during the summer to virtually any destination.

To be considered for the award students are required to submit an original fiction or nonfiction essay as well as an essay on why the student believes he or she would benefit from the award and a summary of where they intend to travel if selected. Upon returning to the United States, the student is required to write an essay detailing his or her experiences overseas. 

Sophomore Receives Scholarship to Study Whales Down Under

Next summer, Lorian Knapp '10 will spend eight hours a day aboard a boat in Hervey Bay, Australia, gathering information with a team of marine researchers from the Pacific Whale Foundation. Using highly sophisticated research equipment, the team will collect data on the Australian humpback whale population, providing research information that could influence environmental policy worldwide.

For Knapp, a psychology major with a marine science minor, the overseas excursion will be a rare opportunity propelling her closer to realizing her ambition of being a marine mammal field researcher — an opportunity made possible by an award from UT's Honors Program.

Knapp was recently selected as the recipient of the Timothy M. Smith Inspiration Through Exploration Award — an annual scholarship given to a UT Honors student. The \$2,000 award is dispensed to provide the winner with the opportunity to travel abroad, with the expectation that they write about their experiences upon their return.

"Australia is a place I've always wanted to go," Knapp said. "I was floored when they told me I had won. I couldn't believe it. I didn't think I would get it."

A Whale of an Idea

Knapp's decision to use the award to fund an internship with the Pacific Whale Foundation was one that was particularly impressive to the members of the Faculty Honors Committee, according to Dr. Richard Piper, the director of the Honors Program.

"Lorian had such a well-described project," Piper said. "It tied right into her minor. Her's was the most clearly presented and the best written."



Lorian Knapp '10 (center) works with her virtual rat in the psychology lab while Dr. James Woodson, assistant professor of psychology, assists.

With original aspirations of being an animal trainer, Knapp's initial academic interests were focused in the field of marine science. After having participated in an internship at Sea World, however, she decided that knowledge of psychology was essential to understanding animal behavior. Thus, most of her extracurricular activities cater to either her psychology major or her marine science minor.

On the psychology side, Knapp recently started to work with Dr. Jeffrey Klepfer, an associate professor of psychology, in an honors research fellowship study that examines how emotions influence investment decisions.

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Alumnus Sets Up Scholarship for International Study

Alumnus Axel Claesges and his wife, Ann, recently established a \$4,000 annual scholarship to support UT students' participation in study abroad and international programs.

The annual scholarship, part of a comprehensive planned gift, was named the Axel and Ann Claesges Study Abroad Fund and will assist and encourage deserving undergraduate and graduate students with financial need to complete an international experience or study abroad program.

Axel Claesges '62 worked for 25 years as

a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages at West Virginia University and developed a study abroad program in Germany. Ann, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, served as a schoolteacher. Ann and Axel Claesges live in Nashville.

Last May, four UT nursing students were awarded \$1,000 scholarships each, which enabled them to travel with a group to Ecuador to tour medical and psychiatric hospitals, meet with local nursing faculty and students and engage in a community health project in an elementary school. **UT**

Scholarship

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"I knew it would be beneficial to have a very sharp student to help with the study," Klepfer said. "Lorian is very bright. She has a lot of initiative and a winsome personality."

Earning Extra Credit

Knapp is involved in all aspects of the study, a complex experiment involving the practice of giving extra credit points to students in UT psychology classes, Klepfer said. In January 2008, she will help present the initial results at a psychology conference. Later, Klepfer said he hopes to have the results published in a peer-reviewed journal of psychology.

"I would love to see it come to fruition before she graduates," Klepfer said. "She's a sophomore and already she has accomplished a lot here at the University. She's just one of the very best."

Among her numerous other scholastic activities, Knapp serves as a resident assistant in UT's Smiley Hall, is a violinist in the UT orchestra, an active member of Campus Crusade for Christ and one of the founders of a new group called Active Minds, which strives to raise awareness about students with mental health disorders on college campuses.

Upon returning to the United States, Knapp will write an essay detailing her experiences overseas, for publication in *Respondez!* — UT's Honors Journal. **UT**

Newly Established Endowed Scholarships

UT gratefully acknowledges the individuals, corporations and foundations that have contributed to the University's endowment. They have been instrumental in securing the University's future. New Endowments begin with a commitment of \$25,000 or more. Beginning Jan. 1, 2008, new endowments will begin with a commitment of \$50,000 or more.

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CORRECTIONS

Dorothy "Ordy" Hendry's name was misspelled in the Gifts in Honor and In Memoriam section of the fall *Journal*.

Michael C. Floyd should have been listed in the section for the Frederic Spaulding Society Gold (\$500-\$999).

Sheri A. Huelster gave \$75 and should have been listed in the 75th Anniversary Club list.



Love and Marriage

College and marriage went together like a horse and carriage for those who attended UT in the 1940s when the University offered married student housing. This photo shows a couple having coffee in one of the apartments. It was labeled “Married Veterans Dormitory” in the 1947-1948 UT catalog. Rumor has it that these two weren’t actually married, but instead were students posing for the photograph. There is some debate about where the married housing units were located, but a note attached to the photo tells us it was on the fifth floor of Plant Hall. Tell us what you know about them by calling (813) 253-6232 or e-mail publicinfo@ut.edu.

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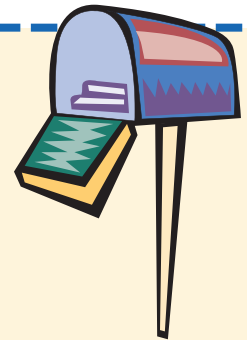
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