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New Building to Embody Spirituality and Values

The Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values, a non-denominational facility which promises to further strengthen UT students' academic and personal development, will soon be a reality.

The project, which includes a 250-seat main hall, meeting and meditation rooms, pipe organ, a plaza and 60-bell musical sculpture/fountain, is being built through a multi-million dollar lead gift from John H. and Susan Sykes. The total project is valued at \$19.5 million.

"This is a stunning project that has been in our hearts and minds for more than a decade," said John H. Sykes, a longtime benefactor who is the namesake of the John H. Sykes College of Business. "At the project's foundation is the development of the minds and spirit of young people for generations to come."

Vaughn said the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values will continue the transformation of the campus and further enrich the educational environment and experience.

"We are grateful to the Sykes for their gift that we believe will aid in students' own discovery and development processes and support the study of world religions," Vaughn said. "Universities have a key opportunity to support such student development, and now UT will be a model in this endeavor."

The Chapel/Center is part of UT's master plan, which was approved in 1996. Part of the former fairgrounds building has already been demolished for the project, and a groundbreaking is set to occur on the site on campus in October.

The planned 12,750-square-foot, 65-foot vaulted, east-west oriented facility will be situated in the center of campus — just north of North B Street across from Brevard Hall. The building uses natural light as a primary design focus and will include architectural elements constructed of red brick, laminated timber, glass, granite, zinc roofing and decorative red cherry millwork.

The Chapel/Center will include a main hall, meeting rooms, two meditation rooms, a foyer and vestibule. It is designed to seat 250 people in movable seating for spiritual programs, speaking engagements, seminars, ceremonies, meetings and concerts.

Construction of the facility is tentatively scheduled to be completed by January 2010.

Stephanie Russell Holz, director of Office of Student Leadership and Engagement, said


the programming opportunities connected with the Sykes Chapel are limitless.

"Programming plans will continue to be developed along with the facility's construction," said Holz. "But at this point I see the potential for a wide spectrum of character- and value-building programs that will benefit a wide range of students on campus."

At present, UT has 10 student organizations that focus on religious issues and spiritual development.

"I think that the project will definitely benefit all students no matter what their faith," said Kimberly Fogelman, a University of Tampa graduate student. "Even if students never share their beliefs out loud, they will know another aspect of the University, which will now encompass mind, body and soul."

The acoustically-superior building will include a 45-foot tall, 3,184-pipe custom-built organ and a 75-foot outdoor musical sculpture/fountain to be built after the Chapel/Center is completed.


The Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values will represent the eighth completely new building on UT's campus in the past decade. 



Above: Gene McNichols (left), vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, and board members Leo B. Berman '69 (center) and Jim MacLeod '70 (right) applaud the announcement of the chapel. At right: Board member Craig Sturken '66 (right) shakes hands with John H. Sykes, whose multimillion dollar gift made the project possible.



The Grand Musical Sculpture

The unique musical sculpture is a 75-foot lighted structure adorned with 60 bells. The entire structure is integrated as part of a plaza and water fountain. 



An architect's rendering of the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values. For more renderings see pages 2 and 3.

Chapel/Center to Anchor UT's Modern Campus

The Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values represents a center point to the transformation of the UT campus. UT's projected growth to 6,000 students by 2010 and approximately 6,500 in another decade will require new academic buildings, parking facilities, student centers and an expanded library.

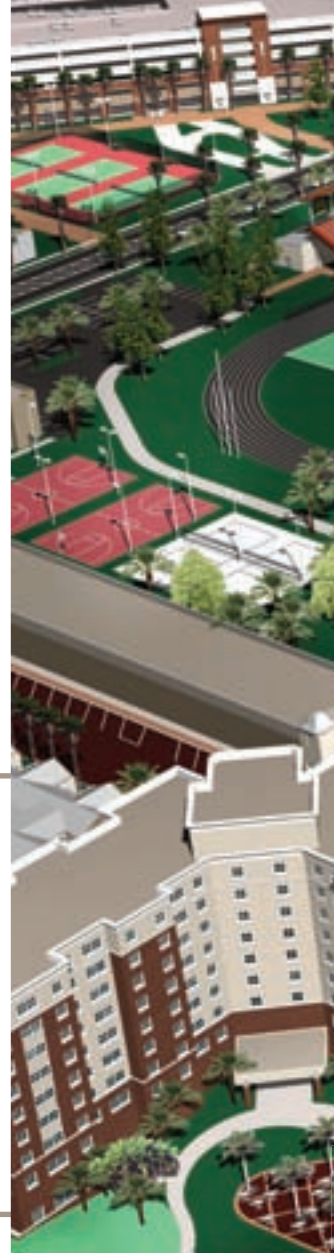
The above campus master plan — with the Sykes Chapel in the center — is a recent blueprint of what the campus might look like in the future. According to President Vaughn, the master plan represents future construction that will “house new programs,

improve the learning experience and add value to the education offered to our students.

“We must continue bringing the quality of our campus in line with the quality of our education,” Vaughn said.

The new construction will be heavily influenced by the traditional styles and architecture dominant on campus — starting with the landmark Plant Hall — and will reinforce UT's position as a prestigious, metropolitan, residential learning institution.

For more information about UT's achievements and future, see the annual report on pages 40-45. [UT](#)



The Pipe Organ

The 3,184-pipe, 45-foot mechanical action pipe organ will anchor the west end of the Chapel/Center and, when constructed, will be one of the largest of its kind in the southern U.S. The organ's horizontal and vertical pipes — which vary in size — will be made of either wood or tin alloy. The organ will be housed in a case made of solid American black cherry wood. [UT](#)

- 1 Sykes Chapel/Center for Faith and Values
- 2 David A. Straz Jr. Hall
- 3 Soccer Field
- 4 Baseball Field
- 5 Graduate Studies and Health Sciences (future)
- 6 Information and Communication Technology (future)
- 7 Stadium Center — Residence Hall and Dining
- 8 Center for the Arts (future)
- 9 Parking Garage (future) — 400 cars, five levels
- 10 John H. Sykes College of Business
- 11 Grand Musical Sculpture (future)
- 12 Brevard Hall
- 13 Vaughn Center — Student Center and Residence Hall
- 14 Smiley Hall

BUILDING CHARACTER

The Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values, which is set to be completed in January 2010, will provide interior and exterior spaces for students to worship, meditate, study and gather.

Renderings from left to right: Meditation room; South Wing of the Chapel/Center; Chapel/Center and plaza, which will be completed later. [UT](#)





PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY'S MASTER PLAN



A Hotel of a Different Color

After several decades and 18 layers of paint, professional painters are returning Plant Hall to its original glory.

Rather than cream, the trim will now be a greenish gray, light grayish olive and a dark bluish gray. The carved crescent moons will be painted with metallic paint. These colors are representative of Plant Hall's color scheme from 1892-1920, according to Cynthia Gandee, executive director of the Henry B. Plant Museum. The paint chronology investigation was completed by a team of architects, who investigated photographs and analyzed paint chips to determine the original color scheme and the chronology of paint jobs.

The cost of the project is approximately \$465,000, and is being paid for by the Plant Hall Preservation Trust Fund, which is funded in equal parts by UT and the city of Tampa. 



Painting Plant Hall's crescent moons a metallic silver is one element of restoring the building to its original color scheme.

Engaging Student Leaders

For years the Student Activities Office has been offering much more than parties to UT students. Now, they have a name to reflect that.

The office will now be known as the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement. The new name emphasizes the outcomes of participation in programs, rather than the activities themselves, and highlights the holistic development of students. It also helps students think critically about the skills they are learning from their involvement and how those skills can be marketed to future employers and graduate schools.


"This philosophy deepens the connection between what students learn in the classroom and how they can apply that learning outside of the classroom," said Stephanie Russell Holz, director of the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement. "A student might use classes in their marketing major to help them design publications or create a Web site to market an event they are planning."



Making the World a Greener Place

The University will host the Earth Charter Climate Change Community Summit on Oct. 11. The summit will highlight sustainability initiatives in business, education and government, and will be webcast from more than 30 locations worldwide.

Alexander Likhotal, president and CEO of Green Cross International and advisor to Mikhail Gorbachev, founder of Green Cross, will be among the event's speakers.

On Oct. 10, UT will host the first-ever Earth Charter Sustainable Business Awards of Tampa Bay luncheon, at which 16 Tampa Bay-area businesses that are leading the commitment to social, economic and environmental responsibility will be recognized. A group of UT graduate students helped coordinate the event and established criteria for the awards. For more information on both events, visit www.earthcharterus.org. 

ARTS to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS



OCTOBER

Sat., Oct. 4
A Night at the Movies II: Heroes and Villains
The University of Tampa's Wind Ensemble
The Tampa Preparatory School Athletic Complex
7:30 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 18
Annual Art Brunch
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery
11 a.m.
Reservations required.
\$8 per person.

Thurs., Oct. 23-Sun., Oct. 26
The Words and Music of Cole Porter
Falk Theatre
8 p.m., Thurs.-Sat.
2 p.m., Sun.
General Admission: \$10
Seniors: \$5

Wed., Oct. 22
National Geographic Photographer Annie Griffiths Belt
Reeves Theater
6-8 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3-Dec. 4
New Work by Carl Cowden, Alexandra Fernandez, and Mike Massaro
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Fri., Nov. 14
Gallery Talk: What am I Thinking?
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery
11 a.m.
Experimental Dance: Excavation, Exploration and Surrender
7-9 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 21
Guitar Ensemble
Plant Hall
Music Room
7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

Tues., Dec. 2
UT Wind Ensemble Concert
Falk Theatre
7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10-12
BFA EXIT SHOW
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Fri., Dec. 12
Reception honoring graduates
7-9 p.m.

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

UT Sees Gains in Applications, Enrollment, Selectivity

UT has set another record for number of students. This year's total — including graduates and undergraduates — is 5,790, up 3.3 percent from last year's total of 5,601. This year's total enrollment is almost twice UT's enrollment of 3,028 students 10 years ago.

The breakdown is as follows:

▲ Total undergraduate enrollment rose to 5,120, a 4.6 percent increase from last year.

▲ Graduate students now number 670.

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.

Ninety-two percent of UT undergraduate students are full-time and of the full-time undergraduates, approximately 70 percent live on campus. Students are housed in 10 different residence halls all built or renovated since 1998.

This year's entering class consists of 1,601 new students. The University continues to be selective, this year accepting only 49 percent of its first-year applicants. Twenty percent of the new students were eligible for the University's distinguished Honors Program, and 10 percent are international.

"UT has done a good job communicating with students and parents about the value of a quality private education," said Barbara Strickler, vice president for enrollment.

President Ronald Vaughn said the University's growth shows the strong position UT has in providing students a top-notch education in a vibrant, yet intimate, academic setting.

"More and more students are choosing The University of Tampa not only for the excellent education it offers, but also for the outstanding overall experience," Vaughn said. "UT is a place where students can enjoy learning and living."

Students continue to be attracted to UT's dynamic educational environment.



ROTC Under New Command

Army Lt. Col. Rob Proctor, a career infantry officer, has been named professor of military science and leadership and commander of the UT's Army ROTC Department and Spartan Battalion.

Proctor most recently served at Fort Benning, GA, as the operations and training officer for Army Ranger training.

Proctor attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, where he concentrated his studies in national security and public affairs and also played on the Army soccer team for four years. He was commissioned in 1991 as a second lieutenant of infantry.

Proctor has served in a variety of domestic and international leadership and staff assignments. His infantry background includes assignments in light, air assault, special operations, and mechanized units. He's also been involved in deployments and contingency operations around the world, including in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Lights, Camera, Action

The hustle and bustle of campus was captured on film last spring as the University shot a new promotional video, which made its debut this summer. The video, co-produced by Ashley Chengerian '07, features the beautiful campus, engaged students, passionate professors and everything that makes UT special. To view the video, visit www.ut.edu.



THINGS to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Now-Thurs., Oct. 16
Financial Strategies for a Successful Retirement
Bob Martinez Sports Center
Sword and Shield Room
Tuesdays: Oct. 7 and 14
Wednesdays: Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22
Thursdays: Oct. 2, 9 and 16
6:30-9 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11
Global Climate Change Community Summits
Vaughn Center and Falk Theatre
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
(see story page 4.)

Tues., Oct. 14
Business Network Symposium
Vaughn Center
9th Floor
7:15 a.m.

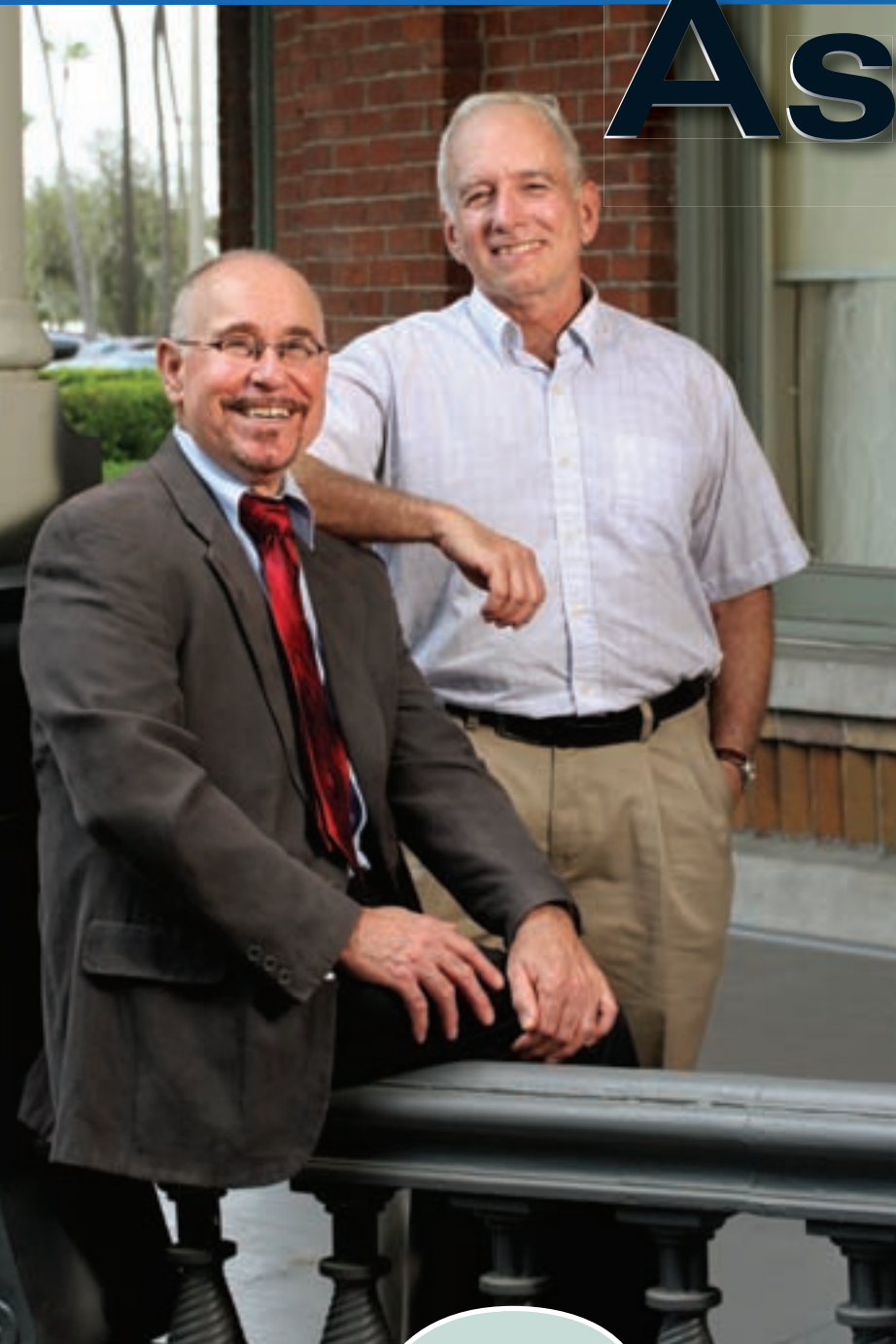
Tues., Oct. 14-Tues., Oct 28
Financial Strategies for a Successful Retirement
Riverside Conference Room 213
6:30-9 p.m.

DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 13
Commencement
Bob Martinez Sports Center
10 a.m.

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

Aspiring



By Robin Roger
Writer

Charlie Connolly '09 hadn't seen much beyond his hometown of Riverview, FL, when he first made the 15-mile commute to The University of Tampa. Now, having become an active member of UT's Honors Program, Connolly's commute has turned into a journey of more than 4,000 miles.

Through the program, Connolly has worked as a legal intern for the General Counsel of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., and he is studying international law at Oxford University in England, where he is spending the fall semester.

"His horizons were focused fairly narrowly when he came to UT," says Dr. Richard Piper, director of the Honors Program from 1996 to 2008. "He was a good student, but one who had felt somewhat unappreciated. And I think he's really flourished in the honors program. I've seen a development of self confidence, a development of broader goals, and a more sophisticated understanding of himself and his potential."

The Honors Program has been offering opportunities to students like Connolly for 26 years, and today it is a much sought after program for incoming students. Students are chosen from the incoming class by their GPAs and SAT scores, and as the University has grown more selective, so has the Honors Program. Admission requirements to the program have been raised five times since it started in 1982.

The program has evolved from humble beginnings, and it continues to provide opportunities for top UT students. This fall the University will offer 21 Honors courses, a far cry from the first four offered 26 years ago.

Bold Beginnings

Nearly three decades ago, Tim O'Connor '81 asked his English professor to teach a course with him over the summer. That professor was Dr. Frank Gillen, Dana Professor of English and the editor of the *Pinter Review*. Gillen became the first director of the Honors Program at UT in 1986.

"I was amazed at how good he was," Gillen says of O'Connor. "There were a lot of other students like that, and I felt we needed some way of bringing those students together."

Out of Gillen's experience, and others like it, the faculty at UT created an honors program. But the orga-



Above: Dr. Gary Luter (left) incoming director of the Honors Program, with Dr. Richard Piper (right), outgoing director.

Charlie Connolly '09 in front of the U.S. Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C.

t Excellence



Dr. Frank Gillen (left) celebrates the first graduating class of Honors students with one of the earliest Honors Program graduates.

nizers wanted it to be different in some way, distinct from programs at other universities. That distinction came in the form of a theme: Challenging Mindsets.

Gillen and his colleagues designed a distinct honors program — a community in which students were encouraged to take risks, and be rewarded for that risk-taking. Because it was so different, the National Collegiate Honors Council even published UT's Honors Program handbook in its journal.

Talkin 'bout a Revolution

The classes were organized around a motif that represents life after college ... change. For instance, Gillen taught a class on revolutions in modern drama, exploring why plays with a beginning, middle and an end no longer seems relevant to us today.

"Ideally, we not only teach about revolution, but we create the class so that the students go through a revolution themselves," Gillen says. "Even more so today, we need to graduate students who can deal with change more rapidly than 25 years ago."

The other components of the theme became the roots and context of ideas, the cutting edge and conflicting perspectives: learning through the clash of ideas. The last was to teach students to see conflict not as a bad thing, but as leading to something better.

This mindset helps them handle new ideas, and see that people grow through opposition, Gillen says.

"We preach to the choir way too often," he says. "Liberals need to read conservative ideas, and conservatives need to read liberal ideas."

In those early years, before there was an Oxford semester, Gillen and his late wife, Marie, took students to London. Now a University trustee, Joe Wessel '95 went on one of those trips. He also worked for three years in the Honors Program Office.

"It was such a privilege working for and traveling with Frank," Wessel says. "He truly was the architect of the program — he did everything from gaining funding, designing courses, and recruiting and retaining students and faculty — all while teaching and remaining the leading authority on Pinter."

Attracting Top Talent

A majority of Honors students say they chose to come to UT because of the Honors Program. The unique opportunities offered in the Honors Program lure students away from Florida's state schools and some of the big Northern universities (see sidebar).

Despite these strict standards, a higher proportion of Honors students attend UT than at many other schools. UT has 970 students in the program, nearly one fifth of the students enrolled at the University. Last fall, 22 percent of the students were eligible for the University's distinguished Honors program.

Once they're in the classroom, these students set the tone for their peers.

"And the other students are aware of that and they become a little bit more serious and a little bit more purposeful in their studies because of the caliber of the good students in that room," says Dr. Gary Luter, the new director of the Honors Program.

Changing the Students

Luter lauded Piper on his ability to spot students with potential.

One example is Connally. The criminology and government and world affairs double major spent the summer filing subpoenas, reading cases and witness statements, and talking strategy with his supervisors. He has met with the district's police chief and attorney general. This fall, Connally will study the philosophy of law and international law in Oxford University.

"Charlie is one of a number of such cases where I've really

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"Challenging Mindsets"

The theme of the Honors Program has four components, explored in successive years. Courses offered each year reflect each aspect, and students may begin the progression at any point. They complete it after four years.

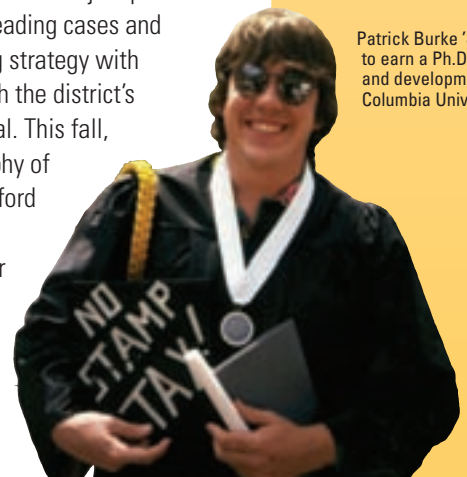
THEMES:

▲ YEAR ONE: Roots and Context of Ideas. Students learn the origins of theories and concepts.

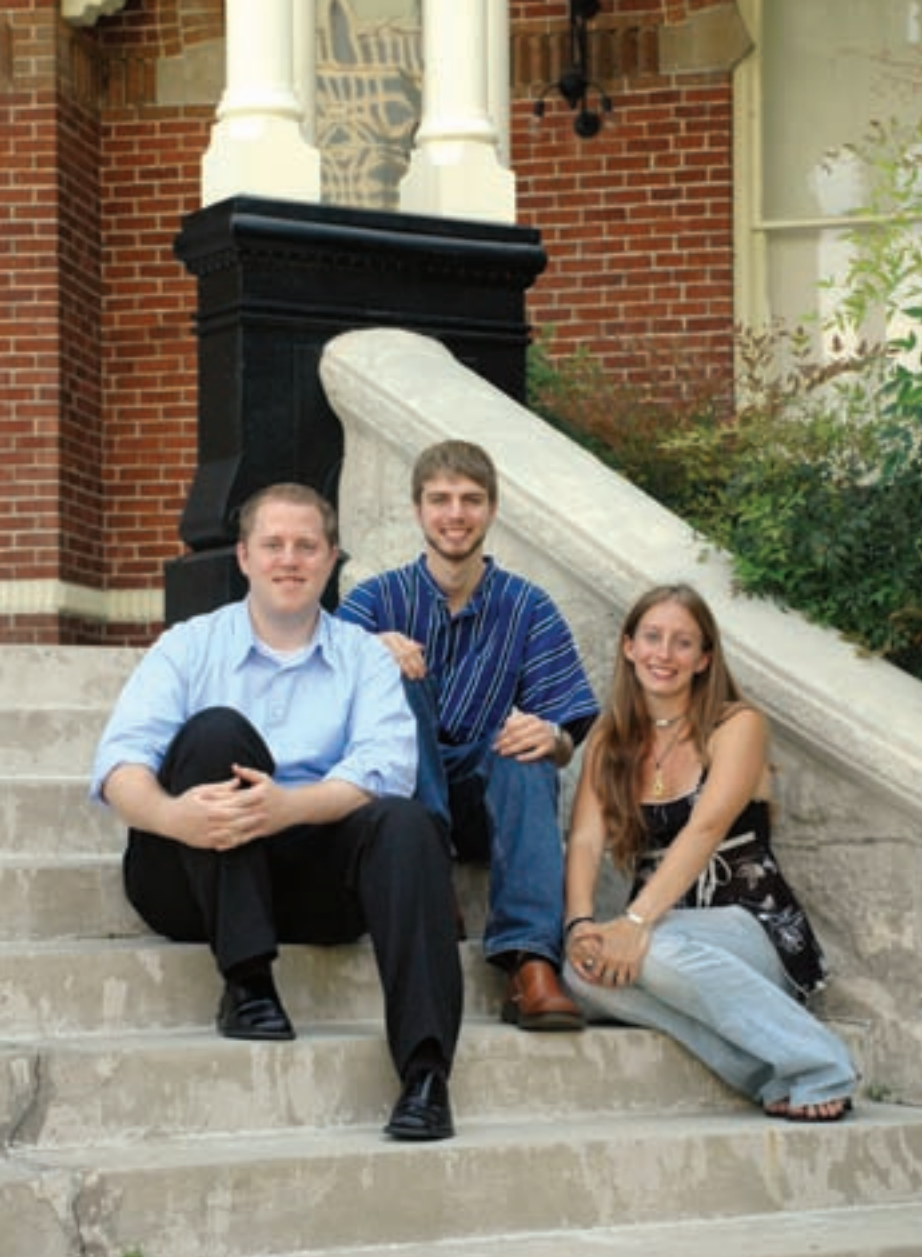
▲ YEAR TWO: Revolution. Students look at time when there was a paradigm shift.

▲ YEAR THREE: Conflicting Perspectives: Learning through the Clash of Ideas.

▲ YEAR FOUR: The Cutting Edge: Students explore the most recent areas of study in multiple disciplines.



Patrick Burke '86 went on to earn a Ph.D. in genetics and development at Columbia University.



Recent Honors Grads Exemplify Excellence

By Dan Sullivan '06
Web Writer

On Saturday, May 10, more than 900 students were honored in The University of Tampa's 124th Commencement ceremony, including 70 students expected to graduate with Honors Program distinction. The three Honors graduates profiled here represent some of UT's best, carrying with them a tradition of educational excellence as they pursue different post-graduate goals.

NICOLE ORTEGA — PRATTVILLE, AL

As one of three summa cum laude graduates in the Class of 2008, Nicole Ortega's list of academic achievements is eye-catching even compared to those of her fellow Honors students. A double major in marine science and marine biology with a minor in

chemistry, Ortega has received numerous academic awards and honors throughout her time at UT. The list includes, most recently, the outstanding senior in biology and life sciences award from the College of Natural and Health Sciences.

In her senior year, Ortega spearheaded a research assistantship concerning the exchange of parasites between Cuban treefrogs, an invasive species to Florida, and the native amphibians. Her presentation of the research earned her an award earlier this year from the Florida Academy of Sciences in Jacksonville, FL.

"She's just exceptional all around," said Dr. Wayne Price, Dana Professor of Biology, who supported Ortega's research. "There is no doubt that she is one of the best students I've had in class and as a research assistant in my more than 30 years of experience."

Upon receiving her degrees, Ortega plans to continue her research with Price while exploring the possibility of teaching high school-level chemistry classes. She also plans to pursue a master's degree in parasitology.

ADAM KEMP — MEXICO BEACH, FL

Arriving at UT as a transfer student in his junior year, Adam Kemp quickly joined the Honors Program and also quickly made the most of what it had to offer. In his two years at UT, Kemp twice attended the Harvard Model United Nations as well as the Southern Regional Honors Conference. Both experiences, he said, greatly enhanced the value of the education he received in the classroom by putting him in touch with fellow Honors students and other high caliber individuals from all over the country.

Time spent studying abroad in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic also provided a unique global perspective to his studies as a double major in finance and international business.

"Adam exemplifies what we want in our students at UT," said Cheri Etling, associate professor of finance. "He not only works hard to learn the concepts and skills for himself, he is also willing to work patiently with other students to help them master the information as well."

A magna cum laude graduate, Kemp was one of two student speakers at UT's commencement. A member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society and recipient of an award for outstanding graduate in international business, Kemp's post-graduation plans will take him for five months to Milwaukee, WS, for training with Marshall and Ilsley Bank. He will then be assigned to the bank's Sarasota branch as a business banker. Plans to pursue an MBA and a law degree are also on the distant horizon, he said.

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Above: Spring 2008 Honors graduates (from left) Adam Kemp, Steve Knauss and Nicole Ortega.

Honors Program

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seen positive change in a student in his or her years in the Honors Program,” Piper says.

Spreading the Good News

Students like Connally can show off their research in publications in the peer-reviewed journal *Respondez*, and in their performances at conferences and state and national awards, which all enhance the reputation of the University.

Two students won awards for their writing at the Florida Collegiate Honors Council Conference last spring, where a new scholarship in Piper’s name was announced. One was selected to sit on the executive board of the conference for this year, and two others presented their work.

One way the Honors Program adds to the reputation of the University is by attracting and retaining high quality faculty. Luter says one of the reasons he



Above: UT faculty, including Dr. Piper (third from left), and students tour the Oxford campus.



Right: UT students joined Dr. Mason Meers and Dr. Ray Schlueter on an Amazon boat ride.

got involved with the program was as a service to the faculty. He had such a good experience teaching inquisitive and intelligent students, he wanted the entire faculty to have the same experience.

The Honors courses allow faculty to create and teach advanced courses that may not be taught at the undergraduate level. Each course is designed around one of four variations on the theme Challenging Mindsets. For instance, Dr. Ray Schlueter and Dr. Mason Meers took 14 students on a trip of the Amazon River Basin to study tropical biology and conservation.

Recent Grads

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STEVE KNAUSS — ALLENTOWN, PA

For Steve Knauss, the Honors Program not only enhanced the value of his studies as a sociology major at UT, but also was key in securing his post-graduate plans at one of the world’s most prestigious universities.

In the fall of 2006, Knauss spent a semester in England as part of the Honors at Oxford program, earning credit toward two courses in sociology and history. The courses consisted of a regular one-on-one presentation of research to one of Oxford’s professors. It was at the conclusion of his semester abroad that an Oxford professor strongly encouraged Knauss to apply to the university for graduate school.

This fall, that idea became a reality as Knauss was granted a full scholarship at Oxford in order to pursue as master’s degree in sociology.

“In the Honors Program, you get out what you put into it,” Knauss said. “It challenges you to push yourself in ways in which you aren’t aware you can succeed. I never would have applied to Oxford without the Honors Program.”

A magna cum laude graduate, Knauss’ time at UT has also included a year as editor-in-chief of UT’s student newspaper *The Minaret*, participation in an Honors symposium on American public discourse, and membership in the Alpha Chi and Alpha Kappa Delta honor societies. ■■■

Opportunities for the Future

As the new director, Luter is looking for ways to enhance the Honors Program experience. He would also like to highlight the international aspects of the program, such as the Oxford Semester, the Harvard Model UN, an international lecture series, and the Timothy Smith Award, which provides students with money for international travel.

He expressed interest in a named program or scholarship, or a dedicated classroom space for the program. Some residence halls have designated “Honors floors,” but Luter says an Honors residence hall may help contribute to the sense of community. He would also like to see more non-traditional, adult students get involved, he said, to reflect changing student demographics. It is now a trend for honors programs to seek accreditation through the National College Honors Council.

Whether it started as part of a trend, the University of Tampa’s Honors Program has proved it has staying power, and it will continue to challenge students and prepare them for an ever-changing world, and increase UT’s reputation as an academic powerhouse.

“You have to have a very inquisitive and academically focused student body if you are going to have a great reputation as an institution,” Luter says. “The Honors Program provides that.” ■■■

Honors Program Opportunities:

▲ Publication in *Respondez*, an in-house, peer-reviewed scholarly journal

▲ A semester of study and credit at England’s Oxford University

▲ Seminars, short courses and internships in Washington, D.C.

▲ Undergraduate research fellowships allow students to work on faculty projects

▲ The Timothy M. Smith Inspiration through Exploration Award, which provides \$2,500 to cover travel abroad

▲ Honors Study Abroad courses

▲ Nearly weekly symposia on a range of research topics

▲ Participation in state, regional and national Honors conferences

▲ Membership in the student-lead Honors Council



“**T**hey don’t have much, but they always want to share with me.”

— Jessica Orlando '07

Jessica Orlando '07 and her amayi (host mother) in Mpalale village.



THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA

UT Alumni Learn as Much as They Teach in the Peace Corps

By Robin Roger
Writer

Photos Courtesy of
Jessica '07 and Stephanie
'08 Orlando

Like a farmer on a hot day, wringing every last drop from a wet rag, Jessica Orlando '07 is getting the most out of her experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi, in southern Africa.



She is conversational in a language she had never even heard of, taught biology to 70 students in a classroom with nothing but a chalkboard, said goodbye to two volunteers in her group who decided it wasn't for them, and held conversations about human nature, development, the western world, and the unexpected appreciation for everything back home.

“So it shouldn’t come as much of a surprise that I feel drained right about now,” she wrote in a letter home to her family.

A Humbling Experience

After five months in Malawi, Orlando said she is humbled by her role in the country's development. Orlando is teaching near the capital, but there are no

paved roads, so she said it takes three hours by bike to travel to the nearby trading center.

Her house has five rooms, a tin roof, a garden and an outdoor toilet, kitchen and bathing room. It is on church grounds and is a 10-minute walk from her school. There are 200 students at the school where Orlando teaches biology, physical science and life skills.

"Teaching is challenging, but I see it as the most rewarding aspect of my service and a time when I truly feel useful and needed," she says. "It isn't about the material I am teaching — anyone could write the notes out for them. It is the way I find myself encouraging them, challenging them, and showing them that they are worthwhile human beings and that there is nowhere I would rather be right now than here teaching."

Heart-Warming Generosity

Malawi is known as "The Warm Heart of Africa," partly because the country has not been in as many conflicts as its neighbors, but Orlando said the Malawi people demonstrate this sentiment in their everyday interactions. She said she is constantly surprised by their generosity.

"They don't have much, but they always want to share with me," she said. "Even on the Matolla (flat-bed truck) rides into town, they want to make sure that I have the best seat, be it on a sack of shoes or a crate of empty Coke bottles."

Orlando '07 builds a "word wall" to help her students learn English.


Orlando is one of several UT students who chose to go into the Peace Corps. Seven alumni from UT are working through the process, while seven are serving now. Orlando's classmate, Adrienne McGill '07, teaches biology in Mozambique, and she said she has learned a lot about the politics and history of the southern African region.

"I hope when I come back to the states after my two years here, I will be able to impart and share some of this knowledge and growth with friends and family and my community," she said. "I hope that they will be as curious and willing to listen as many Mozambicans in my community here are."

When Orlando and McGill return, they will join the ranks of the 20 UT alumni who are returned Peace Corps volunteers, said Peace Corps recruiter Jean Kearn.

Kearn visited campus in February and said she received an overwhelming response. Forty students came to a presentation following a career fair, and the recruiter spoke to a dozen classes. Students from all majors apply to the Peace Corps, Kearn said, and their success rate is about one in three.

"Serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer means 27 months of change agent work in a third world arena," Kearn said. "It takes determination, flexibility, patience, and a sense of humor.

Applying to become a volunteer takes some time, preparation, and effort, but if you see the application process through, the rewards far outweigh the difficulties." 



TATTERED CLOTHES AND FABRIC

*Tattered clothes and fabric
They reflect what life bestows.
Tatters from the daily struggle
Weathered from the trying storm.*

*Tattered clothes and fabric
They work the fields of maize and homes.
The tatters that make a living
Keep the family close and warm.*

*Tattered clothes and fabric
They surround these hearts of gold.
In each tatter is a smile
And a hand to lend the poor.*

*Tattered clothes and fabric
They sing rejoice for what they know.
If you try to count these tatters
You'll find more than hardship's sores.*

— Jessica Orlando '07

Spartans Span the Globe

According to recruiters, UT alumni are volunteering in seven countries:

1. Panama
2. Malawi
3. Mozambique
4. Gambia
5. Moldova
6. Nicaragua
7. Belize

In these areas:

- ▲ business advising
- ▲ teaching science
- ▲ teaching elementary school
- ▲ community development
- ▲ youth development





Extra! Extra! The Minaret Turns 75

By Dan Sullivan '06
Web Writer

Each week, a group of University of Tampa students engage in an endeavor that's almost as old as the University itself. They work into the early morning hours, mindful of the journalist's sworn enemy — the deadline.

“It was an amazing opportunity to learn leadership.”

— Jen Miller '02



For 75 years students just like them have fought this common foe, ever since *The Minaret* was founded in 1933 — two years after the University's founding. While in the 1930s they worked with typewriters, pad and pen, today they use wireless laptops and digital voice recorders.

The Early Edition

The first issue of *The Minaret* was published on Sept. 14, 1933 — replacing earlier incarnations as *The Tampa Junior College Bulletin* and *The University of Tampa Bulletin*.

University President Frederic Spaulding wrote in a brief article on the front of the eight-page first issue that *The Minaret* would play an important role in determining the future of the University.

“The college and *The Minaret* must work out their destiny together,” Spaulding wrote. “And success or failure for one means success or failure for the other.”

One of the earliest editors, Leah Hackney '38, remembers working at the paper well, having served as editor in 1937-38.

She recalls working with William Culbreath, the paper's first faculty advisor, as well as Morris Hale, the first dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She remembers staying late into the night to prepare the paper before it was printed at the offices of the *Tampa Morning Tribune*.

“Working with the other students, even when they did not have time to get in copy, and also being the one to discuss everything with Dean Morris Hale, always a positive encounter, was a true learning experience for my later years as a teacher of English,” Hackney said.

Hackney also met her husband, James Hackney '38, at UT. He became her successor at the paper.

The Minaret has been a steppingstone in the careers of countless writers, journalists and artists. The early 1950s saw the intricate, professional-quality comics of Tony Couch '51 as a regular feature. Couch later went on to work as an artist for the Associated Press before developing a successful career as a freelance artist and author of art textbooks.

Two of UT's most well known professional



Left: Students celebrate the success of the first issue of *The Minaret* in 1933. Right: Editor-in-Chief Peter Arrabal '09 helps Sports Editor Bobby Winsler '11 put the finishing touches on his sports pages this fall. Both students freelance for the *St. Petersburg Times*.

writers, Amy Hill Hearth '82 and Connie May Fowler '82, also came from the paper's ranks.

Hearth, who recently co-authored a book with U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, served as the paper's editor-in-chief during her senior year, an experience she says equipped her with the skills that launched her writing career.

"Working at *The Minaret* was the first time I discovered how much I loved being a writer and reporter," Hearth said.

Getting the Scoop

The paper's later years were marked by an increased emphasis on hard-hitting news and an independent editorial voice that did not shy away from controversy. Dr. Andy Solomon, who served as the paper's faculty advisor from 1976 to 2006, counted this as one of the biggest improvements during his time as advisor.

Solomon drafted the Student Publications Governing Document, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in 1984, codifying freedom of the press for all UT publications and giving students an unrestricted voice.

For Jen Miller, who served as editor from 2000 to 2002, *The Minaret* opened the door for what proved to be a rewarding and unexpected career. Following her 2002 graduation, Miller established herself as a successful freelance writer, composing articles for publications such as the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and, most recently, publishing a travel guide for New Jersey's south shore.

"The bare bones I needed to launch my writing career were learned at the paper," said Miller, who


came to UT to study marine biology. "You couldn't get that experience in the classroom. Not only did I learn the basics, but Dr. Solomon put the responsibility for the paper largely in my hands. It was an amazing opportunity to learn leadership."

Breaking News

Today, *The Minaret* is still a ubiquitous presence on the UT campus. Copies are free — a 100 percent drop in price from the 5-cent fee that was charged in the paper's earliest days.

However, the bulk of *The Minaret's* modern readership gets the latest news online at www.theminaretonline.com. The campus community is made instantly aware of breaking news events via Minaret e-mail alerts that are sent out to the site's registered users.


Charles McKenzie, the paper's faculty advisor since 2006, said that in the future *The Minaret* will "continue to emerge through new technology and sound journalistic principles as a site for campus news and discussion."

"In more ways than people realize, *The Minaret's* goals are parallel to the University's," McKenzie said. "For proof, one need only point to the success of our alumni, many of whom remain active in *The Minaret* family. Some have gone on to journalism careers, others to grad school. Some never work another day in journalism, but they report being well served by the experience." 

Reference Librarian Art Bagley, of UT's Macdonald-Kelce Library, contributed to the research for this story.

Tony Couch '51 was a budding star at the paper who later went on to work for the AP.

Best Florida College Paper

The Minaret was recently named best college newspaper in the Florida College Press Association's (FCPA) 2007 Better Newspaper Contest. The paper also won a first place for best general news writing, a third place for best front page design and two *Minaret* staffers were recognized for feature writing and photography. This was the first awards contest for the FCPA, which boasts 13 member newspapers that range from small private colleges to large public universities. 



Moments in *Minaret* History

SEPT. 14, 1933 — *The Minaret* starts publishing.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1951 — *The Minaret Junior* is printed between the then-biweekly issues.



OCTOBER 1965 — *The Minaret* is threatened after faculty and administrators complain about errors. Editors blame poor working conditions and speed of publication.

APRIL 1968 — A music professor is allegedly demoted for growing a beard.

FEB. 22, 1974 — Students hold a sit-in at The Rathskellar, the on-campus bar, over the ban of alcohol sales after midnight.

1976 — Dr. Solomon is named faculty advisor, and stays for 30 years, emphasizing hard news and an independent editorial voice.

1984 — The Student Publications Governing Document guarantees

freedom of the press for all student publications.

APRIL 1985 — *The Minaret* publishes its first "April Fools" issue.

FALL 2001 — *The Minaret* devotes pages to coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks plus reactions and editorials.

APRIL 2006 — *The Minaret* goes online.



Trainer Appointed to State Board

Assistant Athletic Trainer Heather VanOpdorp was named to Florida state's Board of Athletic Training by Gov. Charlie Crist. As a board member, she will help regulate Florida's professional, collegiate and high school athletic trainers. Her term will end Oct. 31, 2010.

VanOpdorp recently completed her fifth year as an assistant athletic trainer. Her main responsibilities are covering volleyball while serving as the athletic training room coordinator for the Athletic Training Education Program. She also teaches at UT, where she is responsible for four classes in the Health/Exercise Science Department. [u](#)

Dr. Jeff Skowronek used the Simon game to test short-term memory.



Making Voices Heard

In the 1970s Dr. Tim Kennedy traveled to rural Alaska as a volunteer for Volunteers in Service to America and eventually developed a new way for the Yup'ik Eskimos to communicate the issues that really mattered to them.

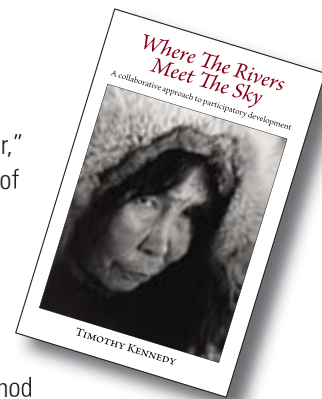
Now 30 years later, Kennedy's book *Where The Rivers Meet The Sky: A Collaborative Approach to Participatory Development* (Southbound, 2008) details the process he used to challenge the traditional community development models.

Kennedy was sent to advocate on behalf of the native Alaskans, but in the end, they gained their own voice by making their own films and telling their own stories.

"I was an amplifier, rather than an interpreter," said Kennedy, professor of communication.

Kennedy said he rebelled against the traditional role of the interventionist and instead embraced a method that would utilize the competencies of the individuals he was working with.

"He taught us the knowledge of the new by the use of filmmaking to carry the message to the



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Improving Performance of Kids with ADHD

Parents of children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder often tell stories of children who cannot remember multiplication tables, but can recall exactly what a favorite uncle wore to their fourth birthday party.

Intrigued by these anecdotes, Dr. Jeff Skowronek, assistant professor of psychology, set out to determine if young people with ADHD had a better memory for episodic events than children without ADHD.

So Skowronek set up an experiment where 29 boys, in grades 4 through 8, completed two tasks to test their working memory and three to test their long-term episodic memory. Twelve of the students had ADHD, while 17 did not.

Skowronek had the students play a short-term memory game, like Simon, and had them tell him about the first day of that school year. He also asked them to tell him about a memory of a special event they recently experienced.

The children with ADHD performed worse than their peers on all the working memory tests, but excelled on the long-term episodic tasks. Memories of the first day of the school year did not differ significantly between those with ADHD and those without in

terms of length or number of details. Part of the diagnosis for ADHD is excessive talking, but both groups followed the same basic script for that specific day.

Had the findings been a function of just talking, then we would expect to see longer and more detailed recounts regardless of the situation. The first day of school, however, follows a particular "format." Everyone tries to find their classroom, see who is in their classes, find their friends.

The recall of those with ADHD was much longer and more detailed, however, when recounting episodic events that may have had more of a personal impact, indicating that those with ADHD may take in information differently during those times.

"If we could put this understanding to better use in the classroom, then we may see improved academic performance for children with ADHD," Skowronek said.

But it can't just be about doing something, Skowronek said. It's about trying to get each component related. Hands-on projects, plus specific components related to the subject the instructor is trying to teach, could help keep children with ADHD because all the "distracters" actually relate back to the to-be-learned information. So, even if they cannot pay attention to the central components of the project, the peripheral components will still help the child get back to the information they were learning.

Dr. Skowronek's research was published in the February issue of *Learning Disabilities Research & Practice*. [u](#)

Professor Bonds with Heavy Metal

Scientific discovery is sometimes three parts preparation and one part serendipity.

That's what Dr. Joseph Laurino, professor of chemistry, found when he discovered a polymer that could be used to remove toxic materials from drinking water, save lives of people exposed to chemical contaminants, and make paint stay on bridges and other metal structures longer, all because it rapidly binds to heavy metal.

Laurino was working on the synthesis of a polymer-based cell membrane when he stumbled upon a compound that bound quickly with metals like lead, nickel, cadmium, silver and aluminum. Since it did not dissolve easily, it made it difficult to determine the structure of the compound.

"Admittedly, at first I was really annoyed, but then I realized its potential," Laurino said.

Many applications soon came to mind, so Laurino applied for a patent.

One use for the polymer — poly(2-octadecyl butanedioic acid) — could be to filter toxic metals out of water. Lead and other heavy metal ions are usually difficult to get out of water, but after stirring for only 15 minutes, the potentially harmful metal binds to the white powder. The polymer and its bound metal can then be easily filtered, producing clean water. Alternatively, the water could be purified by filtering it through a column containing the compound.

"Surprisingly, the polymer is very efficient in that it binds about 300 times its weight in heavy metals," Laurino went on to explain. "All of the existing chemical literature says this polymer shouldn't work that way."

His group is working with researchers at Marshall University on a project that will test the efficacy of the polymer in animals and humans. Many metals become toxic when ingested in food or water. If turned into a pharmaceutical, the compound could be used to bond with the metal in these patients and then pass through their digestive system safely.

Laurino also believes the polymer will bind with iron, so if it were added to paint, it might help reduce rust and corrosion. A bridge painter based in New England is testing the polymer to see if it will chemically bind the paint to the metal.

The first round of tests, with lead, led to a publication in the *Journal of Macromolecular Science*. Currently, Laurino and his team of students are



Dr. Joseph Laurino works in the lab with Zubair Ansari '09 and Jason Kahn '09.

further characterizing the polymer's effectiveness with cadmium, nickel, aluminum and silver.

"It's really exciting to work on something so groundbreaking," said Zubair Ansari, who received the departmental fellowship to work on the project this summer. "It's like you're on the front lines of biomolecular research." ■■■

FACULTY to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HONORS PROGRAM SYMPOSIA

All are held in the Macdonald-Kelce Library in AV-2 unless otherwise noted.

OCTOBER

Fri., Oct. 3

Dr. Scott Keeter
Director of Survey Research, Pew Research Center and election analyst for NBC News
"The 2008 Election: Is There Revolutionary Change in the American Polity?"
3 p.m. in Reeves Theater

Wed., Oct. 15

Prof. Santiago Echeverry
"The Body as the Ultimate Canvas"
4 p.m. in Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Mon., Oct. 20

Gregory Nevins
Senior Staff Attorney, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
"Same-Sex Marriage in America: The Inevitable Revolution"
5:30 p.m.
Reeves Theater

Mon., Oct. 27

Dr. Gregg Bachman
"No Country for Old West-erns: A Reconsideration of the Western Genre"
4 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 29

Dr. Cathy Kessenich
Revolutions in Osteoporosis Therapy
4 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Thurs., Nov. 6

Prof. Yovani Bauta
"Mapping Cuban Exile: Art and Revolution"
8 p.m. in Scarfone/Hartley Art Gallery

Thurs., Nov. 13

Dr. Ryan Cragun
"The Coming Secular Revolution"
4 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 19

Donna Buckner, Dale Hempel, Min Nemoy, Jennifer Stolzenbach, Dr. Raymond Papp and Dr. Harold Webb
"GETSMART: Why Women Aren't Pursuing Technical Careers"
4 p.m.

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



New Full-time Faculty, 2008-09

NAME	POSITION	HIGHEST DEGREE
Mary R. Anderson	Assistant Professor of Government and World Affairs	Ph.D., Florida State University, 2005
Amy F. Ashmore	Visiting Assistant Professor of Exercise Science and Sport Management	Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, 1998
Jennifer Anne Balogh	Clinical Instructor, Nursing	MSN, The University of Tampa, 2006
David J. Bechtold	Assistant Professor of Management	Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2007
Bradford A. Blackburn	Assistant Professor of Music	DMA, University of Illinois, Champaign, 2006
John Capouya	Assistant Professor of Journalism	M.S., Columbia University, 1980
William C. Doyle	Assistant Professor of English	Ph.D., University of Tennessee, 2008
Cem L. Emrence	Assistant Professor of History	Ph.D., Binghamton University, 2008
Susan "Diann" Ferrell	Visiting Instructor of Accounting	DBA, Argosy University, 2009*
Michael D. Garcia	Instructor of Accounting	MBA, The University of Tampa, 1984
Paul M. Hillier	Assistant Professor of Communication	Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2008
Yasoma D. Hulathduwa	Assistant Professor of Biology	Ph.D., Louisiana State University, 2006
Virginia C. Ingram	Visiting Associate Professor of Finance	Ph.D., Georgia State University, 1990
Vikas Jain	Assistant Professor of Information and Technology Management	Ph.D., The George Washington University, 2008
Paige James	Coordinator of Graduate Internships, Education	M.A., University of Central Florida, 2006
Patricia C. Johnston	Assistant Professor of Education	Ph.D., University of South Florida, 2002
Jess E. Jones	Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics	Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 2004
Hein H. Jung	Assistant Professor of Music	DMA, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007
Mary E. Keener	Assistant Professor of Accounting	Ph.D., Kent State University, 2007
Cindy E. King	Visiting Assistant Professor of English	Ph.D., Florida State University, 2007
Dean A. Koutroumanis	Visiting Assistant Professor of Management	DBA, Nova Southeastern University, 2005
Cynthia H. McGee	Clinical Instructor, Nursing	MSN, The University of Tampa, 2006
Abraham L. Miller	Visiting Assistant Professor of Exercise Science and Sport Studies	Ph.D., University of Texas at Arlington, 2008
Patricia "Patty" W. O'Grady	Assistant Professor of Education	Ph.D., University of Maryland at College Park, 1982
Tammy W. Schimmel	Assistant Professor of Education	Ph.D., University of South Florida, 2007
Kim M. Schnurbush	Instructor of Criminology	Ph.D., Sam Houston University, 2009*
Jook-Ting "J.T." Shim	Visiting Assistant Professor of Information and Technology Management	Ph.D., University of Central Florida, 2008
Eric R. Sikorski	Assistant Professor of Biology	Ph.D., Florida State University, 2000
John M. Stinespring	Assistant Professor of Economics	Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University, 2002
Chris D. Valle	Assistant Professor of Art	MFA, University of Florida, 2002
Raymond M. Vince	Visiting Assistant Professor of English	Ph.D., University of South Florida, 2005
Chuanyin Xie	Assistant Professor of Management	Ph.D., University of North Carolina, 2007
Kiyoko Yokota	Assistant Professor of Biology	Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 2007

*Anticipated—degree completed except for dissertation or final approval of dissertation.

Kennedy

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Dr. Tim Kennedy

decision makers and to get a response from the receiver to play back to the senders of the message," said Kanaqlak Yup'ik, one of the Alaskan villagers Kennedy worked with.

Kennedy remembers the village sending its children to school in Oklahoma, where abuse and homesickness too often led to suicide. Those who returned often came home to a traditional way of life they were no longer equipped to live. One villager, William Trader, told Kennedy on film that he was afraid to send his daughter Martina away to a boarding school far from the village.


Another short film captured the children playing.

Those portions of the film were later screened for Harvard law school faculty.

"Even these hardboiled lawyers from Harvard were crying," Kennedy said.

They were so moved by the film, they assigned two Reginald Fellows to work with Alaska Legal Services Corp. in a class action law suit against the state of Alaska.

As a result of the lawsuit, a bond issue was passed to build more than 200 high schools in Alaska. Based on the success of the process, Kennedy received a Fulbright to Fiji and spent a year teaching Peace Corps volunteers how to replicate his work in Alaska.

Kennedy's book is available at online and retail booksellers. 

Marfise Named REGIONAL AD OF THE YEAR

BY Thomas Kolbe, Sports Information Director & Robin Roger, Writer



Athletic Director Larry Marfise remembers watching a basketball player cross the stage at a recent UT commencement ceremony. The young man graduated in four years, when people didn't think he would graduate at all. Marfise says he had tears in his eyes.

Marfise, who holds two master's degrees and was a former English teacher, knows that to win on the athletic fields and courts, students have to excel in the classroom and graduate.

"Our goal at the University is for all of our athletes to graduate," he says. "All glory is fleeting. Sooner or later it comes down to the education that the students receive."

His philosophy seems to be working, in more ways than one. UT teams have won five national championships in his nine years here, and the school has continually placed among the top 30 nationally in the NCAA Division II U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings.

Additionally, UT facility improvements include a new soccer and baseball stadium, a modernized weight room, renovated locker rooms and upgrades

to the softball and tennis complexes. Marfise also established four new athletics endowments at UT.

Because of these accomplishments, Marfise was honored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) with the Southeast Region AstroTurf AD of the Year Award (ADOY).

"This is a tremendous honor from an outstanding organization that I am proud to be a part of," Marfise says. "This would not have been possible without the outstanding coaches and staff that I work with on a daily basis."

The coaching staff has tallied up an impressive number of awards and recognitions. Just last year, cross country coach Jarrett Slaven earned the Sunshine State Conference Men's and Women's Coach of the Year award and the South Region Coach of the Year award. Baseball's coach Joe Urso, who has two national championships under his belt, was named SSC Coach of the Year in 2007, for the fourth time.

Richard Schmidt, in his 25th year as men's basketball coach, earned SSC Coach of the Year honors six times and regional Coach of the Year in

UT Boasts Two SSC Athletes of the Year

Two University of Tampa athletes earned 2008 Sunshine State Conference Athlete of the Year honors. Women's soccer goalkeeper Shannon Aitken '08 was named Female Athlete of the Year, while Men's basketball standout Jeremy Black '08 was named Male Athlete of the Year.

Voting for the award is conducted by the league's sports information directors.

Aitken had a tremendous year for the Spartans, leading the team to its first ever NCAA Division II National Championship and earning Division II Women's Soccer National Player of the Year honors. Black helped lead the Spartans to a second-place finish in the conference. 

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Women's Soccer on the Tube


The UT women's soccer team was featured on ESPN2 in July, as part of a feature on NCAA sports national champions from the 2007/2008 school

year. The athletes were included because of their 2007 NCAA II national championship, a first for the program. 



Ahead of the Pack

The men's and women's cross country teams earned the best GPAs in 2008 of all NCAA Division II teams. The women had a cumulative GPA of 3.67 while the men recorded a combined GPA of 3.42.

Paige Williams '10 and Laura Woznicki '08 were named to the 2008 USTFCCCA Division II Women's All-Academic Track and Field Team. 

Cross Country Teams Hope for New Milestones

When Jarrett Slaven became head cross country coach at The University of Tampa in 1999, he took over a program that never reached an NCAA tournament nor won a Sunshine State Conference title.

The program has made great strides, and today the teams have a good shot at winning both the SSC Championships and the regional competition. Slaven is hoping for a top-five finish at nationals.

By 2002, the men's and women's teams had already placed sixth and fourth respectively in the NCAA South Regional. While the teams fell short of making it to the NCAA Finals, it was the beginning of a new trend for both teams.

Both teams have since appeared in each NCAA South Regional for six consecutive seasons. And, in 2003, the women began a streak of five straight NCAA Finals appearances.

While much of the credit may be directed to Slaven and assistant coach Dror Vaknin, a world-class runner who joined the team in 2000, the head coach is quick to give the praise to others.

Women Turn the Corner

Slaven is grateful for the success of Tracy Buxton '02 and Dee Dee Haefling '05. Along with Erin Wilson '03, the group comprised UT's first-ever first-team all-Sunshine State Conference selections in 2001. The year also marked a first as Buxton was named the SSC Female Runner of the Year.

Buxton began a string of five consecutive SSC Female Runners of the Year for the Spartans as Haefling earned the award in 2002, followed by Allison Macsas '05 (2003-05) with the program's first three-time winner.

"Tracy (Buxton) was our first elite runner and that really pushed the others to new levels as well," says Slaven. "She and Dee Dee (Haefling) were the first to go to the NAAs and their success was instrumental in the program turning the corner."

Macsas became the first UT All-American in 2003 and again in 2004 with eighth place finishes in the national championships both years.

"Each athlete made an imprint on the other athletes' minds," says Slaven. "Dee Dee noticed how hard Tracy worked and followed her footsteps. They realized that this type of success took a lot of work and were more than willing to accept the sacrifice for the benefit of the program."

Following the departure of Macsas, Laura Woznicki '08 quickly emerged, becoming a two-time first-team all-SSC selection and capping off her career as a 2007 All-American. To this day, Woznicki and Macsas remain the lone Spartans to earn All-American honors.

Though Woznicki has graduated, Slaven returns all-South region runners Alysha Duffy '10, Jessica Forrester '10 and Paige Williams '10. Now that the team has reached its goal of finishing in the top 10, Slaven says he is pushing the women to go for the top five.

"I Am Going to Nationals"

Elias Gonzales '04 set the ball rolling for the future of the men's squad, though he only ran for UT for two years. He was named SSC Male Runner of the Year in both 2002 and 2003 and All-American in 2003.

"Elias opened the door for the men," says Slaven. "At the initial meeting, I asked all runners to introduce themselves. Elias was a junior and said 'Hello, I am Elias Gonzales, and I am going to nationals.' I will never forget those words, and it was people like that who set the standards for the others."

Current Spartan strength coach Eric Hall '05 became the first Spartan male runner to earn first-team all-SSC honors in 2001 as he teamed with



UT'S HALL OF FAMERS The renovated Athletics Hall of Fame, now in the lobby of the Bob Martinez Sports Center, is officially open. The renovated hall was made possible through a gift from the Class of 2006. Anyone with relevant memorabilia is welcome to donate the articles to the Hall of Fame. Contact the UT Athletic Department at (813) 257-3100. Memorabilia may be mailed to 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Box 1, Tampa, FL 33606-1490. This year's Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Oct. 16 (See Homecoming calendar page 34).

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Cross Country


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Gonzales and Dirk Bockel '04 (see sidebar) to lead the 2002 and 2003 squads to top 10 regional showings.

David Forry '08 then arrived in 2004 to become Tampa's first four-time all-SSC selection. A three-time member of the first-team, Forry recently teamed with fellow first-teamers Chris Catanach '10 and Tony Nicolosi '10 to guide the Spartans to the program's first NCAA Finals appearance in 2007.

UT Hosts Championships

In 2008, the Spartans have the opportunity to showcase their elite runners as they host a pair of events. The first was the UT Early Bird Classic on Sept. 5, and the regular season will conclude with the SSC Championships at home on Oct. 25.

"We are extremely excited about these races and ecstatic about the SSC race," says Slaven. "This is the second time we have hosted and we have a lovely, spectator friendly park." 

Marfise

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1986. Swim coach Ed Brennan has coached more than 100 All-Americans and was named National Coach of the Year in 1986 when the team went to the NCAA II championships ranked 10th and finished second.

It's nice to work with such dedicated coaches, Marfise says. At other Division II schools, some coaches are preoccupied with jumping to Division I, but at UT, he says, the coaches focus on graduating students. The graduation rate for athletes last year was 96 percent, but Marfise says he won't be happy until it's 100 percent.


Marfise received the award for regional AD of the year along with 28 other recipients during the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon at NACDA's 43rd Annual Convention in Dallas, TX.

NACDA Executive Director Mike Cleary says the ADOY Award highlights the efforts of athletics

directors at all levels and their commitment and positive contributions to campuses and their surrounding communities.

"The program brings to light the exceptional jobs done by athletics directors across the country," Cleary says. "These 29 winners exemplify that, providing us with a group of outstanding athletics directors who excel at their jobs."

Marfise, a Chicago native, attended DePauw University, where he lettered in three sports and was an all-conference football player. Prior to joining the Spartans in 1999, he served as athletics director at Ferris State University (Mich.) from 1994 to 1999 and associate athletics director at St. Mary's College of California from 1985 to 1994.

Marfise is proud of winning the award, but he doesn't want to take credit for what others have done — bringing in good kids and making sure they graduate. 



Dirk Bockel '04


Spartan to Olympian

Dirk Bockel '04 competed in the men's triathlon final at the 2008 summer Olympics in Beijing, China, coming in 25th out of 50 with a time of 1:51:31. The former Spartan swimmer and cross country runner competed for his home country of Luxembourg.

"I'm extremely happy," Bockel said following the race. "It feels nearly like winning a medal."

At UT, Bockel was a first-team all-Sunshine State Conference runner in 2002 and 2003. He also became the first UT male to earn all-South Region honors in 2002.

The sole athlete from Luxembourg in the men's triathlon, Bockel has competed in numerous races throughout the world in recent years in order to qualify for the Olympics.

"The University of Tampa is where it all started," Bockel said. "I'm still racing, and I still have a lot of goals." He added that he hopes to relocate to Tampa after competing in more races. 



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SOCCER

Men's (M) and women's (W) games are played at Pepin Stadium.

Sat., Oct. 4
Rollins* (M)
7 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 7
Palm Beach Atlantic (M)
7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 10
Palm Beach Atlantic (W)
7 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 14
Eckerd* (M)
7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 18
Armstrong Atlantic State (W)
7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 17
Flagler (M)
7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 25
Rollins* (W)
7 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 27
Eckerd* (W)
7 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 29
Florida Tech* (M)
7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Played at the Bob Martinez Sports Center.

Sun., Oct. 12
Lynn*
2 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 22
Saint Leo*
7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 24
Florida Southern*
7 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 26
Dowling
2 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 28
Flagler
7 p.m.

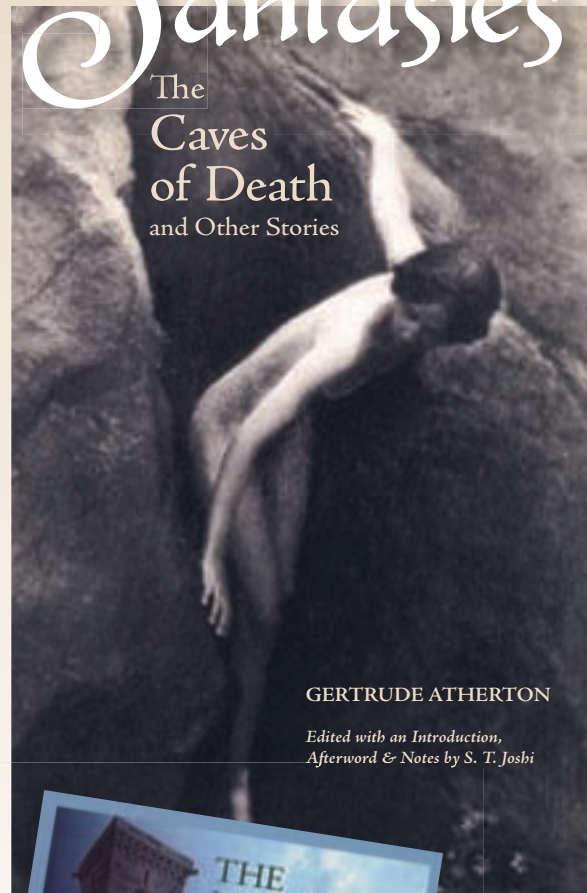
Fri., Nov. 7
Rollins*
7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
All home meets are held on trails in Brandon, FL.

Sat., Oct. 25
SSC Championships*

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Alumni Take a Trip Back in Time

I always felt I had a pretty good grasp on U.S. history, but I would be lying if I told you I knew Harpers Ferry was in West Virginia. After a recent tour hosted by the Washington, D.C., area alumni chapter, I not only know the exact geographical location of Harpers Ferry, but I can also tell you a great deal more. I can tell you the year of John Brown's Raid (1859), the names of the two rivers that join together there (the Shenandoah and the Potomac) and how many stairs you have to climb to get to Jefferson's Rock (too many to count).

Professor James Beckman '90 graciously offered his services and expertise this spring by leading our group on a tour of his home away from home, Harpers Ferry. A recipient of a UT National Alumni Association faculty research grant in 2003, Beckman is an expert on Harpers Ferry. After falling in love with the history and beauty of the town, he and his wife moved there in 1997. He has lectured and published articles on Harpers Ferry for many years, most recently publishing a book on the town in 2006.

The tour started in the Lower Town at John Brown's fort, which we learned is a few feet away from its original location and actually, if I remember correctly, the fifth location for the fort. We then worked our way over the river confluence and back, through the historic town, up the hill to Jefferson's Rock, across the cemetery and past Storer College. Beckman's antebellum home served as the final stop as it contained many museum quality pieces that he has collected over the years.

After the tour Beckman quizzed the group — all professors love pop quizzes — to see how much



The whole gang outside Storer College in Harpers Ferry.

history truly soaked in, and prizes were given to those who answered questions correctly.

Current UT parent Connie Latimer said, "Professor Beckman's detailed knowledge of his subject and his engaging speaking style made Harper's Ferry history come alive for me. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to tour Professor Beckman's home and to listen to his ghost stories."

One of the main reasons we have alumni chapters and hold events for alumni and parents is to keep our extended UT family connected to the University and to keep the UT spirit alive in our graduates. This tour is an excellent example of one of our chapters achieving that goal. I would like to personally thank Professor Beckman for leading us on an exciting and educational tour and for hosting us in his historic home. It was a wonderful afternoon that was clearly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Preston Coleman '07 said he enjoyed having Beckman in class and seeing his history lectures come alive.

"The event was great. I was always a big fan of Professor Beckman during school, and I am glad that I got a chance to see everything he always spoke about in class."

Many thanks also go out to Jessica Burns '04, a development associate here in the alumni office and a former student of Professor Beckman's, who suggested the idea and did a great job coordinating the event. If you have suggestions for an event in your area, please contact Jessica at jburns@ut.edu.

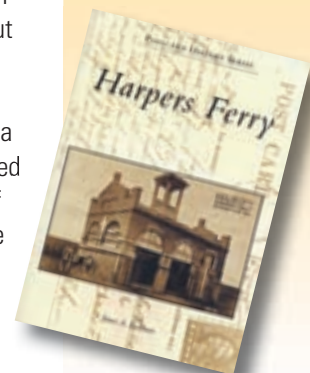
Professor James Beckman teaches at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers.



JAY HARDWICK
Alumni Director
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"The event was great. I was always a big fan of Professor Beckman during school, and I am glad that I got a chance to see everything he always spoke about in class."

— Preston Coleman '07



'52

Wilma (Speece) Witt is retired as a ribbon winning artist in sculpture and media painting and is living in Horseshoe Bend, AK.

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'69

Susan Foster has retired as principal of Gorrie Elementary School in Tampa. She has been with Hillsborough County schools for 38 years and has spent the last 27 at Gorrie. She was appointed assistant principal in 1989 and became principal in January of 1995.

Peter Kuharchek

was hired to coach the defensive line of the Tampa Bay Storm, Tampa's arena football team.

'70

Stuart "Stu" Williams was promoted at SunTrust Mortgage from executive vice president to regional business manager for the Tampa Bay Region. He and his wife, Diane, are residents of Ozona, FL.

'71

Leslie Shannon Stewart was inducted into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame at the Connecticut State Golf Association annual meeting. Stewart



Sheryl Lariche and Dean Denegri '79

won more than two dozen tournaments in Connecticut and Florida and was a player and captain of four U.S. Curtis Cup teams.

'74

Rod Piatt, president and founder of Horizon Properties Group LLC, was named the Developer of the Year at the 15th annual NAIOP awards banquet. He lives in Pittsburgh, PA.

Chantima Sirodom retired after 30 years of teaching. She was a pre-kindergarten teacher at Richardson Independent School District, north of Dallas, TX. Chantima and her husband plan to travel abroad and spend most of their time overseas.

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'75

Timothy "Tim" Kocher was inducted into the Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida Hall of Fame on April 26.

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'76

Robert McDonough started April 21 as the new downtown and Channelside redevelopment manager for the Economic and Urban Development Department in Tampa.

'78

Pam Walden was appointed Hillsborough County schools supervisor of agribusiness and natural resources in July. For the past six years she has taught agri-science at Marshall and been the school's FFA advisor. The Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce named Walden as 2006 Farm Credit Ag Educator of the Year.

'79

Dean Denegri married Sheryl Lariche in April in Somento, Italy. The couple will reside in Florida.

'81

Michael LaRocco was named president and chief executive officer of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. He lives in Richardson, TX.

Thomas Meachum '81

MBA '93 and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed their new baby, Elyse Suzanne, born April 3 at Mease Countryside Hospital.

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Elyse Suzanne Meachum

'82

Amy Hill Hearth had two books published in 2008: *Strong Medicine Speaks: A Native American Elder Has Her Say* and *Know Your Power: A Message to America's Daughters*, with Nancy Pelosi, the first female Speaker of the House.

Nicholas "Nick"

Mooney joined Bromagen & Rathet, P.A., as senior counsel and resident in charge of its newly established office in Tampa. He was previously a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

'84

Brian Hughes is the new chief business development officer at Threshold Group of Gig Harbor, WA.

'86

Jon Drushal is commanding the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. **E-mail:** jtdrushal@fastmail.fm



From left to right: Fiona, Mary and Liam Slaymaker

Robert Slaymaker moved back to northeast Ohio to take a break from his career in information technology management and to spend more time with his three children.

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'87

Susan Carlson

transitioned careers to pursue new opportunities in educational publishing. She previously worked as a director of operations for the WiCell Research Institute.

William Godfrey continues to serve the U.S. Army as a board certified podiatrist at Fort Polk, LA. He is working on an outline for a book about the future of Western medicine including both allopathic and alternative medicine approaches. William recently recovered successfully from lower spine surgery. He plans to retire soon with his wife, Dolores, and return to the Southwest to practice podiatry.

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Mike Wasson of West Melbourne won the Space Coast Runners Runner of the Year series this May. The series contains 10 races over eight months, awarding points to each runner based on his or her placement. Distances range

from 5K to half marathon. The Air Force lieutenant colonel returned to Colorado Springs in June.

'89

Christopher P. Hughes

was named president of U.S. operations for Paradigm Spine LLC, a developer of innovative non-fusion spinal implant solutions. He will be responsible for all U.S. operations, including business development and the completion of a clinical trial.

'90

Robert Crouch is serving as the G4 for 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Hood, TX. He has completed two tours in Iraq and will deploy for the third time next summer.

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Lt. Col. Mark Herrin recently deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, to join the International Security Assistance Forces. Mark is an operations and logistics planner in the headquarters. His wife and two children remain in Valencia, Spain, awaiting his return.

Steve Mauldin was named to the 40 under 40 list by the *Charlotte Business Journal*. Mauldin is senior vice president of mixed/multi-use development for Crosland.

Hoang Van-Bui, a sculptor and installation artist, received a grant from the Arts Council of Hillsborough County. He will purchase a multifunctional pottery and glass kiln with his grant money.

'93

Heather Anthony has been named vice president of investor relations

for IMAX Corporation. Previously, she worked with The Children's Place Retail Stores Inc., a \$1.5 billion retail company, where she helped to build and lead the investor relations function.

Lori Pillsbury recently relocated to Oregon wine country with her husband Tim. She is the toxicity

coordinator for the State of Oregon Water Quality Division and her husband is a chef.

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'94

Michael Palasick MBA has been appointed chief financial officer of SupportSave Solutions,

a provider of business process outsourcing services in the Philippines. He brings nearly 20 years of experience to SupportSave Solutions.

Charles "Chuck" Pattishall joined the McMinnville, OR, firm of XTreme Network Solutions as a director of sales and marketing.

'95

Keelie Fallon is now working at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, an educational publishing company, as manager of Human Resources Business Partners. She lives in Chicago.

Jessica W. Killin was recently hired as the assistant vice president of federal government relations in the Washington, D.C., office of USAA.

'96

Brian Ussery is an associate at the Tampa office of Ford & Harrison, a national labor and employment law firm.

SPOTLIGHT

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From UT to TPD

BOB GUIDARA '80, a 30-year veteran of the Tampa Police Department, was appointed in June as one of two assistant chiefs of police.

In his new position, Guidara oversees the department's Criminal Investigations and Special Support divisions as well as the communications, fiscal and technology bureaus.

Guidara joins Jane Castor '81, who in 2005 was promoted to assistant chief of police for operations. Castor joined the TPD in 1984 and directs the Public Information Office and all district patrol operations.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as assistant chief along with Jane. There is something to say about the 'Spartan Spirit,'" Guidara said.

Throughout his career with the Tampa police, Guidara has worked in all of the department's patrol districts as well as the Special Operations and Administrative Divisions. He also was a commander of the department's nationally acclaimed street-level narcotics unit known as QUAD (Quick Uniformed Attack on Drugs).

Since December 2005, Guidara has been the commander of the Tampa Police Department's District 3, which includes the heavily populated and fast-growing areas of east Tampa, Ybor City, Channelside and downtown Tampa.

Since 2005, District 3 saw a 25.5 percent reduction in serious offenses, such as murder, sexual assault and robbery. These crimes decreased another 17.2 percent from January to the end of May 2008.

Chief of Police Stephen Hogue said Guidara was instrumental in introducing programs designed to monitor habitual offenders, having earned a reputation as "an innovative troubleshooter."

In 2003, Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio selected Guidara to serve as the interim public information officer for the police department. This was after Guidara successfully launched "Operation Commitment," a program aimed at reducing crime in an effort to further the mayor's goal of revitalizing east Tampa.

Guidara, who is married to Taymy Ode Guidara '91, earned a master's in public administration from Golden Gate University. He is also an honors graduate of the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville.

"I have traveled the world, but to me there is no place like Tampa," Guidara said. 🇺🇸



Bob Guidara '80



Elizabeth Bellomy

'97

Karen (Munini) Bellomy celebrated the first birthday of her daughter, Elizabeth, on April 26. Karen is a teacher in Acton, MA. She and her family live in Rindge, NH.

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Patrick Meyer is an account executive for ISP Sports at Texas Christian

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Patrick Meyer '97

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Helping Pound Puppies

BASCOM BRADSHAW '97 and his wife, Tracy, are working hard to find homes for dogs and cats they'll probably never meet.

They recently published a children's book *Where Do Dingoes Come From?* to educate children and adults about the importance of pet adoption and proper pet care. Miles away from home themselves, the couple lives in Doha, Qatar, where Bradshaw is director of health services for a U.S. military base. They have 11 cats and one dog, the inspiration for Dingo.

Tracy adopted the dog after the family who was supposed to adopt him did not show and he was scheduled to be put down. She volunteers at shelters wherever they move, including Galveston, TX, and Okinawa, Japan, and works with local communities to sponsor trap-spay-neuter

programs for feral cat colonies.

"We believe that Dingo the dog will provide a unique approach to reaching children, and more importantly their parents, through picture books," Bradshaw says.

The story begins with Cricket, a young adopted girl, asking her mom about how she adopted Dingo. Her mom tells Cricket how she fell in love with Dingo while volunteering at a local shelter. Bradshaw and his wife plan to adopt a child from China, and they hope to instill their love of pets in her.

A doctor of osteopathic medicine, Bradshaw began sketching Dingo after he came back from a deployment in Iraq. He and his wife put the book together in their free time, which wasn't easy, given six day weeks on the base. The illustrations were done by a former Disney animator.

The book will cost \$12, and a percentage of all proceeds from the book will be donated to support organizations that promote pet adoption from shelters and pet rescue. It is available at the Barnes & Noble Web site and most other online book sellers.

Now that the book is complete, the couple is developing a curriculum for fourth grade students to teach them responsible pet care.

"If you teach children to take care of pets, they'll know how to treat other people as well," Bradshaw says. [UJ](#)



Bascom Bradshaw '97 and Dingo



Joshua Michael Buschman

David Virgilio '98 MBA '00 was promoted to vice president of physical trading at Constellation Energy Global Commodities Group. He lives in Houston, TX.

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'99

Connie (Walton) Buschman and her husband, D.J., announced the birth of their second child, Joshua Michael. Josh was born on Nov. 26, 2007, in Torrance, CA. Their daughter, Isabella, is 2.

Kenrick Ebanks has been confirmed as the divisional director of finance and IT for the Cayman Islands' Maritime Authority, a position in which he has been acting for the last year. The Maritime Authority is the parent organization of the more-than-100-year-old Cayman Islands Shipping Registry.

Anthony Gonzalez and Janel Tackney '98



University in Fort Worth, Texas. He also is a member of the Atlanta Sports Council and the Tampa Sports Authority.

Michael Minaudo recently took a new position as the executive officer for the Allied forces Southern Europe Battalion,

NATO, located in Naples, Italy. He and his wife Christina also welcomed their new baby, Noah, born on April 12.

'98

Nadia Calderolli Pontif has relocated to Washington, D.C., and is

looking forward to catching up with alumni in the area. **E-mail: markandnadia@msn.com**

Janel Tackney married Anthony Gonzalez in Plant Park in November 2007. **E-mail: jtackney11@hotmail.com**

Anna Torrens married Major Bradley Armstrong on Jan. 19 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tampa. They honeymooned in Europe. Anna is a director of Childhood Cancer Programs at the American Cancer Society, Florida Division Inc. **E-mail: anna.torrens@gmail.com**

William "Billy" Poe was selected to be the new city manager of Dade City. He and his wife also celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on a cruise to Cozumel this year. They have three children.

'00 Jennifer Kehoe '00 MSN '06 married **John Morrison '00** on Jan. 18 in St. Pete Beach, FL. The couple resides in Tampa.

Adam Van Slyke is the owner of the Trail Shop, which sells backpacking and hiking equipment in Chapel Hill, NC.
E-mail: adamvs@gmail.com

'01 Lisa Levar has been living in Sydney, Australia, since July 2007. She works as the events membership

manager for the American Australian Association.
E-mail: lisalevar@hotmail.com

Nathan Mundt joined the University of Iowa swimming program as an assistant coach. He was most recently the head men's and women's swimming coach at Western Illinois University.

Mervelle Sage has started her own business, Velle's Poccasions, and is a published poet. Her collection of poems is titled *Shores of a Cinnamon Soul*. She lives in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

'02 Rebecca Carey Bridgham was awarded a Master's of Education on May 10 from Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA.



Capt. Marie Kelley '02 and Capt. Richard Bruce Roberts

Tyson Caner, along with brothers **Mike Diogostine '03** and **Joe Diogostine '04**, has opened a franchise of Frankies Hot Dogs adjacent to UT's campus. Frankies is a franchise favorite in Connecticut where both brothers worked when they were 16.


Pete Guzzo '02 MBA '06 and his brother Paul were the recipients of the Adela Gonzmart Award at the Legacy Awards Meeting for the Ybor City Museum Society. The award recognizes individuals

who best exemplify their vision for Ybor City's latest innovations in business or arts development.

Capt. Marie Kelley married Capt. Richard Bruce Roberts on Dec. 8, 2007 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Marie and Bruce met in 2005 when they were both deployed to Guantanamo Bay. They reside in South Jordan, Utah, and are employed by the Utah Army National Guard.
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Army Sgt. Antonia Stewart completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC.

Megan Whitmore was promoted to assistant vice president of the Alabama regional office of Anchor Receivables Management.



'03

Larry Kolbicka and **Erin Wells '04** were engaged on Valentine's Day. They will be married April 25, 2009 at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

Erin Wells '04 and Larry Kolbicka '03

Jennifer Leibe was married to Joshua Marshall on Sept. 15, 2007 at The Cruiseport in Gloucester, MA. Jenna is a specialty nutrition representative for Ther Pharmaceutical and is pursuing a master's degree in international business at the Barney School

of Business, University of Hartford. The couple resides in Manchester, CT.
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Melanie Scott, who is a reception teacher at Creek Primary School in Cayman Brac, is also a "Be Active" coordinator. This program encourages students to eat healthy foods instead of junk foods.

'04

Wendy Plant MBA was appointed as a center manager of STAR Technology Enterprise Center. She will be responsible for client success by providing business and technical assistance to clients through the resource network, as well as overseeing special events and programs.

Andre Tomlinson was featured in a *Tampa Tribune* article about the Gentlemen's Club he advises at Blake High School. The club focuses on students with academic and behavioral problems, and Tomlinson's aim is to inject these students with self-esteem and provide goals and role models to them.

'05

Liza Lugo-Clark graduated from the University of Florida's School of Law in May.

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Belinda Quinones married Gary Denbigh on Nov. 30 at the Rusty Pelican in Tampa. They live in Riverview.

Kimberly (Burke) Stinson and her husband, Jason, had a baby boy, Travis, on Feb. 29. Their other son, Trevor, is 2. Kimberly has a business, EcoStyleBaby.com, which will celebrate its first anniversary in

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Sporting a Unique Career

Watching sports on TV at work won't get **ADAM JONES '04** in trouble.

That's because, as a senior consultant in PricewaterhouseCoopers' Sports Advisory Practice, watching and studying sports is his work.

"The simplest way to put it is — I advise sports teams' owners as they're looking to build new facilities on how much money they're going to make from their investment in that facility," Jones said.

An ownership group vying for a new Major League Soccer team recently used his expertise and won. The as-of-yet unnamed team kicks off its inaugural season in 2010.

Jones also advises cities and states on financial matters associated with bringing in a professional team, and colleges nationwide study his advice before adding seats to a stadium.

"To be able to combine my passion for sports with my aptitude for business, financials and economics and realize that there really is this unique industry out there — it's been great," he said.

Jones' hunger for sports met his thirst for success at UT where he majored in marketing and sport management and minored in finance. He's since followed those up with a master's degree from the University of Florida.

Prior to his career at PwC, Jones worked with the Tampa Bay Rays and Tampa Bay Lightning while going to school. He credits UT's structure and location in downtown Tampa with his opportunity to intern at PwC, which ultimately led to a full-time job.


"There are not many universities that are in the position that UT is in to give me that type of opportunity," he said. "I was very blessed to have the opportunity in the sport management program. Dr. [Robert] Birrenkott is the one who gave me the introduction to PricewaterhouseCoopers, so I owe a lot to him for where I've gotten to today."

Jones' work has even earned the 26-year-old a spot in *Consulting Magazine's* "Top 30 under 30" issue.

While he's far ahead of the competition in his field, he hasn't forgotten where he came from. Jones says he tries to bring recent UT grads on board at PwC to follow in his footsteps.

"I love working in sports, and I owe it all to the foundation I got at UT," he said.

So does his brother, Josh Jones '08, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in sport management and now works with the Tampa Bay Sports Commission.

The brothers try to enjoy a few sporting events together but, "I do think I walk into a stadium and put my business cap on the second I get in there," he said. 



Adam Jones '04



Travis Stinson

May. The family lives in Clearwater.

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Josh Tebbe became the boys' basketball coach for Canterbury High School after spending last season as the middle school coach.

'06

Chondra Echert was engaged to Claudio Sanchez in March. The couple is thinking about a fall wedding, possibly in Pinellas County. Claudio is the lead singer for prog-punk band Coheed and Cambria. Chondra works with him on a comic book project.

Colin Forster has been accepted into the master's in investment analysis program at the University of Stirling in Scotland. The program is the longest established postgraduate program in investment management in the UK.

Kyle Franklin married Gina Miller on March 29. She was his high school sweetheart.
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Darrin Guilbeau created Innovation Hangar, a co-op of techies and artists, in a leased space in a 1959 Channel District warehouse in Tampa.

Melaura Meyers is completing her second year of English language based medical studies at Charles University 1st Faculty of Medicine in Prague, Czech Republic. In July 2008 she traveled to Ghana to serve as a medical volunteer

SPOTLIGHT

PARTAN

On the Podium

Just weeks after graduating last spring, **KEN DAHER '08** became a national champion at the American Collegiate Rowing Association National Championship Regatta.

He beat out more than a dozen rowers from across the country to come in first in the men's single scull race. Consequently, he was named All-American third team.

Despite his recent success, Daher did not start rowing until just a few years ago. He worked as a sailing instructor in Massachusetts during his high school summers, but he never rowed competitively until he came to UT.

Halfway through his freshman year, he said his suitemate coaxed him to the boathouse one afternoon, and he hasn't stopped rowing since.

As a novice, he met a group of enthusiastic teammates. But since men's crew is a club sport, it is difficult to keep athletes together in a boat from year to year. He began sculling (rowing in a one-person boat) and had his first solo race his junior year.

Daher gave credit to his coaches for increasing his competitiveness against rowers from around the country.

"Coach Bill Schaudt's flexibility and enthusiasm during my novice years set the foundation," he said. "Coach Call Collins' personal experience and copious amounts of technical input prepared me well."

This summer Daher is rowing with the Pennsylvania Athletic Club Rowing Association (Penn AC) in Philadelphia, which is well known for producing national team members and Olympic athletes. While Daher did not make the trip to China this summer, he hopes to compete at the 2009 trials. **UT**



Ken Daher '08. (Photo by Harrison Haas)

under the auspices of Seattle-based Village Volunteers.

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Jamal Wilburg was promoted from a healthcare recruiter to accounts manager. He will be responsible for opening a new branch of Maxim Healthcare Services in Brandon, FL.

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'07

Romeo Dondii Cliff is a program assistant for

the Sudan Program of the International Republican Institute. He is also a candidate for a Master of Arts in Government from Johns Hopkins University.

Candace Donnell was promoted to supervisor of the GEICO Special Investigations Unit in the Dallas regional office.

Sarah Masters is the new interactive art director for Ad Partners. She lives in Lutz, FL.

Vanessa Panaligan has worked in Washington,

D.C., in two internships: one at the British Embassy, the other at the Arab American Institute. This March she started a traineeship at the European Commission for the research sector in Brussels, Belgium.

'08

The Orlando Sharks chose former soccer standout **Ricardo Cardoso** in the first pick of the third round at the Major Indoor Soccer League's 2008 College Draft Jan. 29.

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Mercedes Leon '95 and her son, Enrique Rodriguez, about four blocks from her office at Lake Tohopekaliga in Kissimmee, FL.

The People's Lawyer

By Dan Sullivan '06
Web Writer



Mercedes Leon '95 says it was "divine intervention" that brought her to The University of Tampa. Having overcome a physical disability, poverty and numerous other hardships, her faith is easy to understand.

As she campaigns for the office of state attorney for Florida's Ninth Circuit, she says that same divinity will win her the election in November.

"I feel that God has put me in this situation," Leon said. "I feel that I will win. My heart, my soul is in it."

A Long Road

Leon has traveled a long road toward the election for state attorney — one marked with many potholes.

A Cuba native, she was at a disadvantage from birth, having been born with neurofibromatosis — a genetic disorder that resulted in deformities in her feet.

She lived the first nine years of her life in a wheelchair while artificial tendons and pins were placed in her feet to correct the condition.

As a teenager, Leon immigrated to the U.S., along with her mother, her brother and 31 other refugees via a small boat. Her family settled in central Florida, where she and her mother obtained minimum wage jobs.

Leon later got a job as a waitress at Disney World and began to teach herself English by reading children's books and watching TV. She married, gave birth to a son, endured other surgeries and eventually obtained U.S. citizenship.

Even as her newfound success began to blossom, Leon felt there was still something missing.

"It dawned on me that I couldn't be a waitress the rest of my life," she said. "I had forgotten why I came to this country. I said to myself, I can reach age 35 as a waitress or I can reach age 35 as an attorney. The only way to get ahead was to get an education."

Leon completed an associate's degree at Valencia Community College and then had to choose between UT or the University of Central Florida to pursue her bachelor's degree. She chose UT.

"My best years were at The University of Tampa," she said. "It was such a rewarding experience. The professors were so invested in the individual success of their students."

Worth the Commute

Commuting daily from Orlando, Leon became active on campus as she sought a double major in criminology and political science. She founded the Organization for Future Lawyers, was elected Student Government vice president and served as the first student coordinator of PEACE (People Exploring Active Community Experiences), UT's student volunteer organization. She did all of this while continuing to work and raise her then-12-year-old son.

"She was a hard worker and very dedicated to helping people on campus and in the community," said Bob Ruday, UT's dean of students. "She really triumphed over great adversities."

A 1995 issue of *Florida Leader* magazine named Leon, then known by her married name, Mercedes López, as one of 16 students to receive an honorable mention for the magazine's award for Florida College Student of the Year.

She went on to earn a law degree from Stetson University College of Law in 1998 and worked as an assistant public defender before going into private practice as a criminal defense attorney.

"I was called 'The People's Lawyer,'" she said.

She currently heads her own firm, the Leon Law Center, based in Kissimmee, FL.



Mercedes Leon '95 campaigns during a Fourth of July parade in Orange County. (Photo courtesy of Mercedes Leon.)

A New Journey


In February, Leon filed paperwork with the Florida Division of Elections to run for state attorney. A Republican, Leon's Democratic opponent is the incumbent State Attorney, who has run unopposed in every election since 1988.

"I want to restore community confidence and trust in the integrity of the State Attorney's Office," she said. "We need to partner with law enforcement and the community to raise awareness of the consequences of breaking the law. Right now, central Florida has the highest crime in the state. We need to do damage control and work with everybody to take a proactive approach."

Dr. Richard Piper, who knew Leon through her involvement in the Honors Program at UT, said Leon's success as an attorney is not surprising.

"She was always full of enthusiasm and passionate about the study of the law," Piper said. "I am confident that she will be an excellent state attorney."

Leon says she is confident that she will win the election. Nevertheless, she will let her faith guide her, as always.

"At the end it will be God's will," she said. 

Leon poses for a yearbook photo with other members of the Organization of Future Lawyers, a club she founded in 1995 to help prepare students for law school and study for the LSAT.

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— Mercedes Leon '95





Captured in Bronze

A statue of Dick Greco '56 was unveiled last summer, at the streetcar stop named for him, across the street from the Tampa Convention Center. Greco was Tampa's mayor from 1967-1974 and again from 1995-2003, and Tampa's historic streetcar system was one of his legacies. The bronze statue is by Steve Dickey and was paid for with private donations. [UU](#)



TO BE, RATHER THAN TO SEEM Joe Wessel '95 (left), president of the National Alumni Association, presents Ron Govin '62 (right) with the *Esse Quam Videri* Award at the 2008 spring commencement ceremony. The award is presented each year to an alumnus who has a history of outstanding service to the University or alumni association and has had great career success or demonstrated impressive civic involvement. Govin is chief executive officer of MarkMaster Inc. in Temple Terrace, FL, and a commissioner for the Temple Terrace City Council. He is a cofounder of LifePath Hospice and sits on the HARTline board.

Dear Editor,

In your recent obituary for Mary Ann (Sampey) Yorkunas (Spring 2008), you referred to her having an unknown donor. I thought you might like to know the source's name and origin, especially since the same source was able to help at least 10 deserving, high-achieving students.

The source was an association was begun by my grandfather, Judge William Hunter, city attorney from 1896 to 1904, and chairman of the Hillsborough County Juvenile Board and its board of visitors, which oversaw the detention home meant to keep young offenders out of jail.

Disturbed by what he saw as a contributing factor — truancy from school — Judge learned from the boys that a main cause was lack of shoes, clothes, books and other school supplies. Judge established the association to provide monetary help for these youth to help them stay in school.

At Judge's death in 1935, my father, William Finlay Hunter, continued the work. With Dean Hale and then President Spalding, a system was set up for identifying several applicants who had excellent academic records but little chance at the few scholarships available that Depression year.

My connection with Mary Ann is the lovely irony of this piece. We met at Tampa U when we were both cheerleaders. We became fast friends, and the ensuing sisterly connection has lasted. She and Al were my daughter's godparents.

As to why I never told her my father selected her and gave the money for her education: I did not know until long after we had left college. When I asked should I tell her, my wryly Irish father said only, "Would it make a difference now?" But now I can tell her son Pete that she may not have known but that the connection created by that gift has been life-enriching for both Mary Ann and me.

Leah M. Hunter Hackney '38





Alumni (from left to right) Tara Parian '08, Chad Bell '07, Jacqueline Anderson '07 and Christian Perkins '08 explore the Marche at Cannes.

And the Award Goes To...


As a film student in 1983, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication Tom Garrett attended the Cannes Film Festival for the first time. And, he said in retrospect, "It changed my life."

It also likely changed the lives of the eight recent UT alumni who traveled with Garrett to the 61st annual Cannes Film Festival this May.

The group got an insider's view of the festival, from attending premieres to watching the business of film unfold at the Marché du Film (Film Market).

One alumnus, Christian Perkins '08, shopped around a trailer he filmed on campus to obtain the financing to make a feature length film about Hollywood star Montgomery Clift.

With 25 years of experience in all areas of movie making — producing, directing, marketing and distributing — Garrett has the connections and the experience to give students a first-hand look at the good, the bad and the ugly of movie-making. He hopes to make the trip with students annually, and make it a part of the UT film major curriculum.

"This will introduce them to what we really do as film producers and makers," Garrett said. 

NEWS FROM THE UT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

It's a Family Affair

Events for Family Weekend will take place on Friday, Oct. 3 and Saturday, Oct. 4, and almost all are free. Check www.ut.edu/family for details, call (813) 253-6233, or e-mail studentengagement@ut.edu. That Friday, the Family Association will hold its annual meeting where parents can find out what's happening at UT and meet other parents. To get involved, e-mail parent@ut.edu. 



Alumnnotes

Tampa Alpha Raised the Green


More than 75 golfers turned out on April 11 for the 16th annual Tampa Alpha Brian Claar Golf Classic. This year's tournament was held at the Bay Palms Golf Course at MacDill Air Force Base and was chaired by Sheri Huelster '04. The foursome of Rod Cooper '81, Greg Dingle, Mike McDonald MBA '86, and Steve Queen came in first, but the real winners were the UT students who benefit from this annual fundraiser for the UT Scholarship fund. For information on sponsoring next year's tournament, which will be held on April 17, contact Huelster at shuelster@hotmail.com.

From left to right: Mike Del-lapenna '77, Janet Hardevale '73, Bob Begelman '76, and Jack Lamond '73 take a break from their round of golf at the Brian Claar Classic.

UT Amigos Reunite in Orlando

A small group of UT alumni and parents socialized over margaritas on March 19 at Amigos Restaurant in Winter Springs. The group enjoyed the spring weather on the patio while listening to the changes at UT. Everyone in attendance was excited to attend an event in Orlando and everyone looks forward to the next gathering.

MBA Alumni and Students Gamble with Their Degrees

On March 28 a group of 40 MBA alumni, students and friends were treated to a backstage tour of Tampa's Seminole Hard Rock Casino. The group was given an exclusive tour of all the facilities from the luxury suite reserved for high rollers all the way down to the laundry facility. After the tour the group gathered by the pool for an informative Q & A session with top executives followed by a networking social. 

In Memoriam

ALUMNI


- George T. Hunter '39
- V. Oliva Georgius '41
- Jane H. Hewit '43
- Manuel Aparicio '49
- Frederick A. Webb '49
- Gregory Cleotelis '50
- Charles W. Fairbanks '50
- Fred Cason '51
- William E. Stalnaker Jr. '53
- Felix F. Fabrizio '54
- Jerome T. Keeney Jr. '58
- Bruce Gaeta '62
- Themestocles C. Foundas '67
- George A. Watson '67
- Rudolph R. Odermatt '71
- James Long '73
- Stuart E. Sklut '80
- Charles Menendez '81
- Burt A. Pendergrass '81
- Norman H. Schoenberger MBA '82
- James Smithers '94

ALUMNI and FAMILY to do @ ut.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Spartan Fun and Games in Philadelphia

On April 3 nearly 25 alums, friends and family met at Dave & Busters for an evening of food, games and laughter, despite an unexpected rainstorm. The rain did not put a damper on the warm conversations. 

OCTOBER

Fri., Oct. 3-Sat., Oct. 4
Family Weekend
Visit www.ut.edu/family for registration information and a schedule of events.

Fri., Oct. 3
Family Association Annual Meeting
Plant Hall
Music Room
3 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16-Sat., Oct. 18
Homecoming Weekend
Visit alumni.ut.edu for registration information and a schedule of events.

Thurs., Oct. 16
Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting
Riverside Center
Second Floor Conference Room
6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting

Sat., Oct. 18
Salsa and Sangria Cocktail Reception
Plant Hall
7-10 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 23
Denver Alumni and Parent Event
Wynkoop Brewing Co.
6 to 8 p.m.
\$10 per person

NOVEMBER

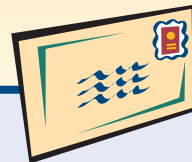
Mon., Nov. 10
UT vs. USF Men's Basketball Exhibition Game
Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Event
Visit www.ut.edu for additional information.

Thurs., Nov. 20
Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting
Riverside Center
Second Floor Conference Room
6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting

DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 3
UT Parent Night at the Victorian Christmas Stroll
Plant Hall
Henry B. Plant Museum
5 p.m.

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



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- Tampa Alpha Chapter
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Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home phone (____) _____ Work phone (____) _____
Fax (____) _____ E-mail _____
Class Year _____ Major _____
Signature (required by federal law) _____

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Job Title _____ Employer _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

- I want to help recruit students to UT.
- I want to help with career development.
- I want to help plan Homecoming for alumni.
- I want to be a sports booster.
- I want to serve as a class agent for fund-raising.
- I want to _____



Joe Wessel '95, Jay McAndrews '81 and Charles Gafkowski '81 shared their UT stories and Tampa pride as Charles displayed his fraternity letters on a Retreat t-shirt.

UT Brings Tampa Heat to New York

New York area alumni, parents and friends met at the Shake Shack for lunch before catching the subway to Yankee Stadium to watch the New York Yankees take on the Tampa Bay Rays on April 5. The Rays brought a sunny day with them, and claimed victory.

Career Services Launches Enhanced Program for Alumni

The Office of Career Services has added DBM Career Services as a new partner. DBM's resources for executives, career changers and job seekers are well known in the field of job placement. Now UT alumni can take advantage of these resources, either at little or no cost. Contact the Office of Career Services for more information at careerservices@ut.edu or go online to www.ut.edu/career.

Alumni are still welcome to participate in all workshops and Career Connections opportunities featuring employers and other speakers, use HIRE-UT, an online job posting system with employer and volunteer mentor contacts, use Perfect Interview, an interview coaching system and utilize other exciting resources.

Spring Break in Miami after Graduation

UT alumni met during spring break at Dave & Busters for some food and drinks on March 14. Even though the group has graduated, they still had time for games! Who said it's all work after graduation? 🍷

UT Comes to YOU!

From the Windy City to the Big Apple to Beantown

Plans are in the works for UT visits to Chicago, New York and Boston this fall, so be on the lookout for an invitation. You can always find the most current event information on the alumni Web site at alumni.ut.edu or e-mail Jessica Burns at jburns@ut.edu to help plan an event in your area. 🍷

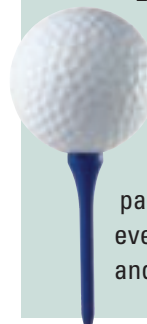


INTO THE DEEP BLUE YONDER While the UT Spartans caught more water than air, they still put on a good show at the Red Bull Flugtag in Tampa on July 19. The team, made up of current students and alumni, built their own flying Minaret, and dressed as Spartans for the occasion. Though the craft plummeted directly into the water, the team performed in front of a record crowd of about 100,000. Members of the UT Spartans were (back from left) J.J. Paolino '09, Kyle Wright '08, Cory Stahl '08, Fahad Alhasan '08 and (front) Ryan Shaffer '08.

Beck Golfers Benefit UT

In nine years, the annual Beck Florida Golf Scramble has raised approximately \$750,000 for UT student scholarships and athletics. This year 288 golfers and 40 volunteers participated in the scramble at TPC and Cheval golf courses in Tampa on May 9.

Beck Florida has built many of UT's new buildings. Beck Florida subcontractors, vendors and friends participate in the popular tournament. The event includes silent and live auctions and dinner. 🍷



Homecoming &

Thursday, Oct. 16-Saturday, Oct. 18

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



HOST HOTEL

SHERATON RIVERWALK HOTEL

200 N. Ashley Dr.
(813) 223-2222

\$129/night + taxes

Reserve room by
Oct. 1.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

11:30 a.m.

GOLDEN SPARTAN REUNION LUNCHEON

Vaughn Center • Crescent Club
Free and exclusively for the classes of '34-'58

6-9 p.m.

HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Vaughn Center • Ninth Floor
Celebrate with Spartan athletes from past decades.
R.S.V.P. required. \$75 per person. Contact gswalls@ut.edu.

8-9 p.m.

FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Art and Polly Pepin Stadium
Put together a team to compete against students, staff and alumni. Contact alumni@ut.edu.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

4-5:30 p.m.

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Riverside Center • Alumni Conference Room

5:30-6 p.m.

HOMECOMING PARADE

Campus

6-8 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Stadium Center Patio
Hosted by President Vaughn. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. R.S.V.P. required.

7 p.m.

SOCCER GAME: SPARTANS VS. FLAGLER SAINTS

Pepin Stadium. \$5 per person at gate

8:30-10:30 p.m.

LATE NIGHT IN THE RAT

Plant Hall • Rathskellar
Discounted drinks and snacks

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

10:30 a.m. social, 11:30 a.m. lunch

DECADE OF THE '50s OPEN HOUSE

Plant Hall
Social — Grand Salon • Lunch — Fletcher Lounge
R.S.V.P. required. \$20 per person, includes \$2 Annual Fund contribution.

10:30 a.m. social, 11:30 a.m. lunch

DECADE OF THE '60s OPEN HOUSE

Plant Hall
Social — Music Room • Lunch — Fletcher Lounge
R.S.V.P. required. \$20 per person, includes \$2 Annual Fund contribution.

11 a.m.

ART BRUNCH

R.K. Bailey Art Studios
Dine with the artsy crowd. R.S.V.P. required, \$8 per person.
Contact dcowden@ut.edu.

1-2:30 p.m.

MINARET CLIMB

Plant Hall • Fourth Floor

2-3 p.m.

WALKING TOUR OF CAMPUS

Plant Hall • Lobby

5-7 p.m.

5, 10, 20 AND 25TH REUNION SOCIAL

Vaughn Center • Board Room
For the classes of 2003, 1998, 1988, and 1983
R.S.V.P. required. \$20 per person.


7-10 p.m.

SALSA AND SANGRIA COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Plant Hall • Grand Salon and West Verandah
Cap off your homecoming experience with this exciting new event. Hosted by the Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter.
R.S.V.P. required. \$25 per person/\$40 per couple.
Contact jburns@ut.edu.

HOMECOMING INFORMATION

GET IT ALL ONLINE AT ALUMNI.UT.EDU

Be sure to check the alumni Web site for updates and more detailed information on homecoming events. The site enables alumni to register and pay for events, so save some time this year and register for Homecoming and Reunions 2008 online. For those of you who cannot make it to Homecoming, be sure to check the event listing on the site to see if UT is coming to you this year. 



Reunions 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

MAIL TO Office of Alumni and Parent Relations • Box H • The University of Tampa • 401 W. Kennedy Blvd. • Tampa, FL 33606-1490 **OR FAX TO** (813) 258-7798
(PLEASE PRINT)

Alumnus/a name _____ Maiden name _____ Class year _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone (_____) _____ Work phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____
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 Guest(s) _____

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 Signature as it appears on credit card (required) _____

EVENT	COST PER PERSON	NO. ATTENDING	TOTAL COST
Golden Spartan Reunion Luncheon	FREE, but an R.S.V.P. is required		\$0
National Alumni Association Annual Meeting	FREE, but an R.S.V.P. is required		\$0
President's Reception	FREE, but an R.S.V.P. is required		\$0
Late Night in the Rat	FREE		\$0
Decade of the '50s Open House	\$20 (includes \$2 donation to UT)		\$
Decade of the '60s Open House	\$20 (includes \$2 donation to UT)		\$
Minaret Climb	FREE		\$0
Walking Campus Tour	FREE		\$0
5, 10, 20 and 25 th Reunion Social	\$20		\$
Salsa and Sangria Cocktail Reception	\$25 per person/\$40 per couple		\$

I need my National Alumni Association Card. Yes No

RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT BY FRIDAY, OCT. 3.	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA)
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NOTE: There are NO tickets for Homecoming events. The names of all confirmed/paid attendees will be at the door for events to which they R.S.V.P.



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Peter Cammick '79, MBA '89 in front of UT's John H. Sykes College of Business.

Connected



It is late August at UT, and the deck around the swimming pool is surrounded by young men and women taking in the Florida sun. While some students lounge or talk with friends, others studiously type away at their computers, catching up on homework and e-mailing their professors. What these students don't know is that none of this would have been possible without Peter Cammick '79, MBA '89, whose in-kind gift made wireless networking possible at the campus pool.

Over the two-and-a-half years it took Cammick to graduate with his B.A. degree, he estimates that he gave hundreds of tours of the school, describing some features of UT that no longer exist.

"I learned how all the elements of the operation came together to recruit, close, and retain students. I also was able to travel with Bob and do the firsthand 'selling' of UT to prospective students. Today that is my most valuable business skill," said Cammick.

Cammick would eventually use those business skills, coupled with an MBA degree from UT, to establish his own company, Myriad Network service. The company proved to be so successful that it was bought three years later by a venture capital company. Several years later, when Myriad was spun off, Cammick was able to gather investors to take control of the company and rebrand it Network Dynamics Inc. He continues to work there to this day, as a senior vice president and board member.

"Whenever you saw Bob he was feeding, helping or in some way mentoring a student. He really cared for UT students at a level you rarely see."

— Peter Cammick '79, MBA '89



Bob Cook

Cammick always knew he wanted to attend a private university in Florida, but it wasn't until he took an admissions tour of UT's campus that he fell in love with the University. The admissions recruiter at the time, Bob Cook, not only piqued Cammick's interest in the school, but he also put together a scholarship package for the young student that would enable him to attend UT.

Making the Sale

Cook would continue to play a role in Cammick's student life.

As Cammick said, "Bob literally dragged me off the couch in Plant Hall and said I need to stop being a wallflower and come to work for him in the admissions office."

Keeping Connected

Cammick continues to provide wireless networking services to UT. He not only wired the pool and other buildings on campus, but he most recently

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Cammick

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wired the President's Board Room on the ninth floor of the Vaughn Center.

When his friend and mentor Bob Cook met with an untimely and accidental death while on a recruiting trip for UT in 1997, Peter again sprung into action, establishing an endowed scholarship in memory of the person he credits with much of his success. Cammick not only raised the seed money to start the memorial scholarship for Cook, but also committed to the perpetuity of the fund by naming UT as a beneficiary of his life insurance policy.

"Bob was more than just an admissions counselor — he was a friend," Cammick said. "After graduation he visited with me whenever he was recruiting near where I lived. In fact, my daughter, who also went to UT, called him Uncle Bob when she was little. This level of commitment was not just for me. Whenever you saw Bob he was feeding, helping or in some way mentoring a student. He really cared for UT students at a level you rarely see."

Appreciating Value

Cammick is a regular face on campus, and considers his gifts of money and time as a way to help continue the trend of improvement he has seen on campus.

Cammick said, "I support UT because your education is an investment. As an undergraduate, I made a big investment in my degree, and just as if I made an investment in a rental building, I wouldn't let it go to ruin because then my investment would be worthless. What I would do is fix it up, make it worth more. That is why I support The University of Tampa. And it is good to see my degree worth more and more every year." ■■■



Thomas R. Giddens, Ph.D.
Director of Planned Giving

Thomas R. Giddens, Ph.D., is UT's planned giving director, a post he has held since July 1996. He also has been a regular contributor to "Leaving a Legacy," a practical guide to financial planning and planned giving at UT.

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. This includes 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. ■■■

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Secure a Legacy

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UT continually needs funding for many different projects. Any alumnus, parent or friend can create a named endowment fund to support a particular project or program, or to provide awards for worthy scholarship recipients. Endowed funds are often

named after the donor, but they can also be named in honor or memory of an individual.

If you would like to secure your legacy or the legacy of a loved one, while also creating confidence that UT's mission of providing a superior educational experience will be sustained into the future, please contact the Development Office at (813) 253-6220, or e-mail us at plannedgiving@ut.edu.

Is Your Will Safe?

Nearly 60 percent of Americans lack a basic will. If you are among the 40 percent who do have a will, it is important to keep it in a safe place, but never in a safe deposit box. Though the laws vary by state, safe deposit boxes are frequently locked upon the death of the box owner. Some states require a court order or other legal action to remove a will, which can be costly.

Your attorney should keep a copy of your will, and it might also be beneficial to keep a sealed copy with your executor or family members. A will is useless if it cannot be located after you are gone.

As you consider your estate planning, the Planned Giving Office 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 office at (813) 253-6220, or by e-mailing us at plannedgiving@ut.edu. ■■■

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Planned Giving on the Web

Do you have questions about estate planning? Planned giving? Your will? Trusts?

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WHY WE GIVE



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MAJOR

Sociology, with a minor in history.

CURRENT PROFESSION

Retired banking executive, now volunteering on the board of directors for Ruth Cooper/Lee Mental Health in Lee County, the advisory board for Royal Palm Ministries, and Coordinator of Apples of Gold program with Women's Ministry under McGregor Baptist Church.

Above: Sue Tennant Ackert '69 and Richard Ackert.

Sue Tennant Ackert was born and raised in Tampa, attending high school at Hillsborough. It made sense for her to continue her education at The University of Tampa. When Ackert first matriculated at UT in 1964, she was a young woman of slight build, so slight that she had difficulty opening the doors to Plant Hall. Ackert likes to tell the story of how she would pace her approach to the door so that a fellow Spartan could do the heavy lifting for her.

After graduating from UT, she entered the banking business and started a career that would reach its pinnacle in her role as the vice president of First Union (now Wachovia). Ackert gives a lot of credit to UT for the strength of her career. Though she was too slight to open the heavy doors to Plant Hall, she says without hesitation that UT opened many doors for her.

WHERE DID YOU STAY ON CAMPUS?

I was in Howell Hall from my sophomore year until I graduated. It was sometimes, unfortunately, referred to as the "Hog Locker!" It was a very old hotel on campus and since has been replaced with much grander student housing.

Howell Hall was well-built and, while I was there, well-maintained. I do recall the thermostat being a running battle between dorm mothers and residents. It is amazing what a cup of ice will do under one of those in the winter time.

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The lobby in Plant Hall. It was a great place to wait for the next class and see everyone coming and

going through the building. The round seats facing the west doors were coveted because you could see the entire lobby from there. I probably should have said the library, but then that would not be totally truthful.

MOST MEMORABLE PROFESSOR OR ADMINISTRATOR?

I fondly remember the president who was in leadership while I was attending, Dr. Delo, as well as my history professor, Dr. Covington, my sociology professor, Dr. Haney, and my religion professor, Rabbi Zielonka. So many of them impacted my life with their knowledge and love for their areas of expertise.

HOW DID UT PREPARE YOU?

Because I was extremely shy, the professors pushed me to overcome my self-consciousness and not give up until I had the information mastered. I reached a level in management I never dreamed of, and I am sure it was because my education from UT taught me how to learn and meet the demands of my professors.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO INCLUDE UT IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS?

I was so blessed to have parents that paid for my education. I remember one student, in particular, who did sewing and alterations to help pay for her education while she was attending. The gift of my education from my parents instilled in me a desire to help others who don't have that same opportunity and who are working their way through school. **UT**

Time. Talent. Treasure.

The University of Tampa has many wonderful supporters and volunteers that generously give their time, talent, and treasure year after year. Often, people think you need to be an alumnus or a parent to be involved, but that is certainly not the case.

Take Joe House, for instance. House became interested in The University of Tampa when his employer, USAA, was approached for support. The more Joe learned, the more he wanted to get involved. In 1990 he joined the Board of Trustees and chaired the board from 1993-1995.

It was through Joe that his wife, Sue, got involved. "When I learned about UT, I knew I wanted to help," she says. "It is such an asset to have this impressive university right in the heart of Tampa."

Sue found her niche with the Board of Fellows in 2003, and has served as the membership co-chair and development co-chair. The Fellows, established in 1973, is a group of 125 business leaders dedicated to strengthening ties between the business community and the University. The Fellows host events and fundraisers throughout the school year to increase UT's visibility.

Each Fellows member gives a minimum gift of \$1,000, or a \$1,500 named scholarship, which totals more than \$100,000 each year toward the Annual Fund. They also contribute approximately \$35,000 annually from event proceeds to the Fellows Endowed Scholarship to the John H. Sykes College of Business.

"I think the Board of Fellows is one of the best groups in town to network and meet wonderful and kind business people," Sue says. "I always enjoy attending the Business Network Symposia. It is great to see friends, meet new people, and of course, hear excellent speakers."

The Board of Fellows host three **BUSINESS NETWORK SYMPOSIA** each year, with each featuring three Tampa Bay business leaders discussing issues of local economic importance. Recent speakers include CEOs from Wikipedia, the 2009 Super Bowl Host Committee, Odyssey Marine Exploration and PODS. UT's Chair of the Board of Trustees, Maureen Rorech Dunkel, spoke at one, as did UT alum and vice president of marketing for Bonefish Grill, Richard Turer.

The Houses' son, Mark, chose to join the Board of Fellows and is an integral volunteer at UT. The

managing director of The Beck Group, Mark has been an active member of the Board of Fellows for years. And just like his dad, Mark is also involved with UT through his employer.

This year Mark will serve as co-chair of the Fellows Forum for 2008-09. The **FELLOWS FORUM** features nationally recognized business leaders. It draws close to 1,000 professionals and students, and proceeds from the Forum fund the Fellows' endowed scholarship. The CEO speakers from this year's event were from Airtran Airways, Raymond James Financial and The Beck Group.

Until recently, the House family has only been tied to UT by their desire to grow a university in the heart of Tampa. After nearly two decades, however, they have a new association. Their grandson, Pat House, graduated from UT in May. He played for two UT national championship baseball teams and hopes to continue his connection to his alma mater.

"It's been a family affair for us," reflects Sue. "It is the exciting campus growth and many positive improvements that President Vaughn has made that keep us all enthusiastic and supportive year after year."

Interested in joining the Fellows or learning about other ways to become involved at UT? Contact the Office of Development and University Relations at (813) 253-6200 or e-mail development@ut.edu.



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It's UT Calling!

You will soon hear from a UT representative who is excited to talk to you about the latest campus news and how you can continue to make a difference in the lives of UT students. Even if you live far away, you can still support UT. Please take a moment to listen to what's happening on campus, update us on what's occurring in your life, and give to UT's Annual Fund.



(From left to right) Pat '08, Sue, Joe, and Mark House have helped change the face of UT. Here they stand in front of the University's newest residence hall, Stadium Center, which Mark's employer, The Beck Group, constructed along with David A. Straz Jr. Hall, the Vaughn Center and Brevard Hall.



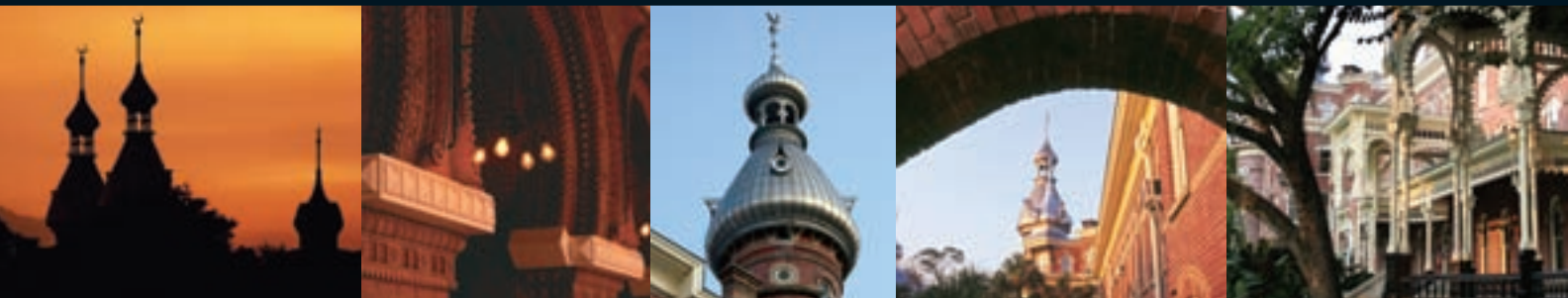
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AN ANNUAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RONALD L. VAUGHN



STUDENTS COME FROM EVERYWHERE TO GO HERE . . . AND FROM HERE, THEY CAN GO ANYWHERE.*



Last year was extraordinary as UT was buffeted by various challenges. We responded to a rapidly declining economy, to legislative attacks on the Florida Resident Access Grant and to many competitive, individual and personal challenges.

Competition in higher education continues to accelerate at a time when college enrollment growth has slowed nationwide and the economy has weakened.

But UT continues to thrive. This year we celebrated another record enrollment, bringing together a community representing 50 states and 100 countries. We started new programs and made numerous improvements to services, technology, facilities and other areas.

Most of all, our students and our graduates are excelling. For example, 10 students presented papers at national, regional, and state conferences, and our students competed at the Regional American Collegiate Moot Court Association. This year's group of 1,400 graduates reported a 94.2 percent success rate in their postgraduate plans, with a quarter of those planning to continue their educations in graduate school.

Because of the UT educational experience, our graduates truly can — and do — go anywhere.

**Quoted from the new UT promotional video at www.ut.edu.*

Left: Dr. Thomas Jackman, assistant professor of chemistry (far right), teaches environmental chemistry and has significant experience in managing hazardous waste, water and wastewater.

Center: Senior communication major Andrew Klein interned for City of Tampa Television this summer, writing scripts, editing video and reporting on camera.

Right: The women's soccer team won their first Division II National Championship in fall 2007, after only 10 years of existence.



Building on the Tradition of Faculty Excellence

Last year marked the completion of the academic reorganization project begun in 2004, resulting in a four-college system, accompanied by Graduate Studies and Academic Services. This reorganization provided the academic infrastructure that better supports the parallel growth of students and faculty.

There is new vigor in the academic ranks, and further commitment to strengthening UT's academic focus. Plus, we remain committed to building international competencies for students and exploring strategic partnerships with universities in India, China and Canada.

This year the faculty created more than 150 publications, as well as dozens of recitals, solo exhibitions and conference presentations.

Our innovative Gateways (GTW) program for first-year students continues to be one of our most innovative programs. This year faculty has chosen a theme — "GTW Goes Green" — that revolves around sustainability and complements several campus efforts to conserve resources.

Gaining Momentum in the Co-Curriculum

Complete educational engagement calls for partnerships between the curriculum and co-curricular activities. One symbolic manifestation of this connection occurred this year when the Student

Activities Office changed its name to the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement (*see story page 3*). This new identity more accurately describes the intended outcomes of students and their activities.

Another co-curricular focus is on career services. With new offices and a full staff in the renovated Riverside Center, the Office of Career Services has the space and resources to guide students on internships and career paths. As such, recruiters on campus have increased and the Hire-UT system is gaining popularity among students and employers.

During this academic year, students, faculty and staff demonstrated their leadership and engagement in many ways, providing more than 80,000 hours of service to more than 200 community organizations.

COMMITTED TO TOMORROW'S LEADERS

▲ The PEACE Volunteer Center registered 13,057 student volunteer hours, a 37 percent increase over the previous year.

▲ UT saw a 59 percent increase in participation in student leadership programs and a 72 percent increase in the number of freshman who participated in E.L.I.T.E., the first-year student leadership program.

▲ The Office of Student Leadership and Engagement offered its first leadership abroad trip, and 10 students traveled to New Zealand where they studied cultural leadership practices and styles.

"There is new vigor in the academic ranks, and further commitment to strengthening UT's academic focus."

— President Ronald L. Vaughn

ADVANCES ARE ACADEMIC

▲ Criminology faculty obtained a grant from the Canadian Government to organize a conference in Mexico City on criminal justice policy in North America.

▲ Newly approved and launched or redesigned programs included public health, biochemistry, journalism, Asian studies and advertising/public relations.

▲ UT finance students won first place in the Global Investment Strategy Forum out of 257 universities from 69 countries with 2,300 other students.



An exciting new development was the President's Leadership Fellows program, which starts this fall. Each year 25 first-year students will be selected through a competitive process, and they will refine and expand their capacity to lead in a global society through participation in the four-year program. Those selected earn an annual \$1,000 scholarship.

Organizations provide a natural foundation for leader development. Counting all student clubs, teams and organizations, UT boasts 140 different opportunities for involvement and individual development. Twenty-three new student organizations registered this past year, including the Astronomy Club, Recycle UT, Forensic League Debate Society, Indian Cultural Association, Pre-Law Society, UT Public Relations Association and Women's Club Lacrosse.

Students also enjoyed on-campus events. Those with the largest attendance this year included a concert

in Plant Park, Greek Sing, Campus MovieFest and the Haunted House. There were more than 5,000 different programs offered in the residence halls.

The 2007-08 academic year marked expansion of the intramural sports program, with more than 2,700 students participating in more than 800 games. Club sports were active as well, and the fledgling Roller Hockey Sport club earned an invitation to compete in the collegiate national championships.

Continued Excellence on the Playing Fields

Student athletes collectively posted a stellar performance this year, not only on the playing fields but also in the classroom. Their average GPA was 3.10, and the swimming and both the men's and women's cross-country teams had the highest team GPA in the country.

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SPORTING SUCCESS

▲ UT had one of the nation's highest NCAA "academic success rates" as 94 percent of all athletes graduated.

▲ The Student Athletic Association (SAA) raised \$6,000 for the Make-A-Wish foundation.


▲ UT baseball, cross-country and volleyball coaches were all named coaches of the year.

▲ The winning tradition continued as women's soccer won a national championship, and women's cross country, soccer and volleyball, and men's baseball all won Sunshine State Conference championships.

UT'S FUTURE

Our vision calls for UT becoming a model 21st-century metropolitan university. Key elements of that vision a decade from now include:

- ▲ A distinction for academic excellence
- ▲ Committed faculty and staff
- ▲ A medium-sized independent institution of approximately 6,500 students
- ▲ A curriculum to prepare students for contributions into the 21st century
- ▲ Co-curricular programs that enable students to develop socially and culturally and build their values
- ▲ Support services and technology necessary to match the full range of teaching and learning styles

- ▲ Students who are fully engaged with academic programs, and the surrounding community
- ▲ Enhanced global cultural understanding with programs and activities
- ▲ A vibrant campus atmosphere and learning environment
- ▲ An institutional sensitivity to meeting the changing needs and expectations of students
- ▲ Focusing on continuous institutional evaluation and improvement
- ▲ A University that is well-connected to the community
- ▲ A sound financial structure derived from a larger endowment, prudent financial planning, and vigorous efforts to acquire the breadth of resources necessary. 



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 2007-08

Students can grab a snack and do their homework on the first floor of Stadium Center, which is networked for wireless Internet and includes a café serving coffee drinks and pastries.



ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE

▲ Today the campus has 22 different food venues.

▲ Providing for the safety and well-being of all of the UT community continued to be a high priority in 2007-2008. Our campus security staff was expanded to 31, who serve campus 24/7.

▲ UT completed a new energy audit and continued with aggressive efforts to improve economic and environmental impacts.

Strengthening the Learning Environment

Part of the strategy for building the foundation for the future and for successfully engaging students today is to create the very best educational environment.

For the 13th year in a row, UT ended the year in the black, which is a testament to the fiscal responsibility of all areas on campus. UT now has a budget of \$135 million, and almost 1,100 employees who are all strongly committed to our educational mission.

With the help of alumni and friends of the University, our development area had another strong year. To ensure sound management of the UT endowment, trustees and staff implemented a new investment management system.

Stadium Center, a residence hall with a first floor dining area and seven dining venues, opened successfully last fall. It's a popular residence hall for students and a convenient dining spot for the entire community. And it, along with 120 other areas of campus, supports wireless Internet access.

UT Recognition



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1. Creative Colleges: A Guide for Student Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians, and Writers (2008) — UT is one of seven universities in the Southeast that is lauded for its creative writing program.



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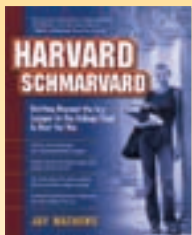
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2. Princeton Review "Best 290 Business Schools (2008) — UT's John H. Sykes College of Business was named an outstanding business school — and one of the 290 best business schools in the world. UT students are quoted as saying that "teamwork and leadership 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."

3. UT is listed as 46th of 100 colleges that are "better than you think" in *Harvard Schmarvard (2003)*. A counselor is quoted as saying UT has an "unbelievable business building and a rapidly growing arts program."

4. UT is named in *The Best 201 Colleges for the Real World (2000)*. UT's Evening College, MBA program for working professionals and "culture without going through customs" were named as being among its unique features.

5. UT is "hot and trendy," according to the 2004 edition of *The Unofficial, Biased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges*. The "hot and trendy" list is based on responses from high school guidance counselors across the nation.



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6. In 2007 UT was named to the **President's Service Honor Roll**, sponsored by The Corporation for National and Community Service, for its work with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, its days of service and its alternative break programs.



The new Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values (*see page 1*), is a critical piece in the educational environment as it will provide a central space for students to develop holistically.

Administrative, academic and athletic spaces were upgraded as well, ranging from a renovation of the soccer field to moving Career Services to new offices in the Riverside Center. The next issue of the *UT Journal* will give you a glimpse of the amazing transformation of the Cass Science and Communication Building.

Our Bright Futures

We are poised and ready to make the next giant step into UT's future. Already we're setting another record in enrollment — 5,800 students this fall.

It is clear that we must prepare for new challenges and remain focused on improvement efforts as we continue our commitment to providing an excellent educational experience for all UT students.

I believe the best days of UT are ahead of us, and especially ahead of the students who will be able to go anywhere and do anything because of the experiences they had at UT. **UT**

Left: Construction will begin this fall on the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values, and it is tentatively scheduled to be completed by January 2010.

Center: UT graduated a record 981 students this May in a ceremony at the St. Pete Times Forum.

Right: UT set records in enrollment as well, as more and more students are drawn by the beautiful campus and an increasing number of academic programs.

and Rankings

7. At the Redefining Investment Strategy Education (RISE) 8th annual **Global Student Investment Forum**, UT students who manage a \$150,000 university portfolio won first place in the 2007 student managed portfolio competition. The forum included students from 257 colleges and universities from 69 countries.

8. In the *U.S. News and World Report* annual ranking, **America's Best Colleges 2009**, UT is listed in the top tier in the category Universities — Master's (South).

9. In 2007 the UT student affiliates chapter of the **American Chemical Society (ACS)** received a commendable award from the ACS for its activities in undergraduate science education and in preparing the next generation of chemical professionals.

10. The Sykes College of Business is a member of the University Partnership Program with the **National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA)**. The partnership provides select academic institutions an expanded pool of qualified Hispanic applicants for graduate business programs. NSHMBA is widely known as the "Premier Hispanic Organization."

11. The Sykes College of Business is one of only 19 private schools in the Southeast accredited at both the graduate and undergraduate levels by the **Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International)**.

12. In 2007 UT's major in sport management was named an approved program by the **Sport Management Program Review Council (SMPRC)** and the **North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM)**. According to the NASSM, there are 221 sports management programs in the United States and of those, 48 have been approved by the NASSM and 50 by the SMPRC. **UT**



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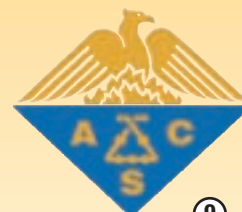
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DONOR

A large, dark, arched sign for The University of Tampa. The sign is mounted on a brick wall. The text "THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA" is displayed in large, raised, gold-colored letters. In the background, there are several buildings with distinctive silver, onion-shaped domes and palm trees under a blue sky with white clouds.

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Honor Roll

2007-08

Dear Friends of UT:

The lists below acknowledge the individuals, corporations and foundations donating to The University of Tampa during the 2007-08 fiscal year. Once again, the outpouring of support for your University was astounding.

The University was the beneficiary of gifts from many generous individuals, corporations and foundations from June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008.

Through your gifts, you play a vital role in the life of the University. As always, I hope that each of you has an opportunity to visit the campus soon to see the projects made possible through your capital campaign contributions, and to meet the faculty and students whose work and study your Annual Fund gifts have helped sustain.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Vaughn, Ph.D.
President



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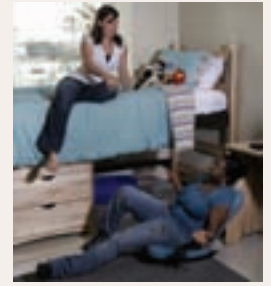


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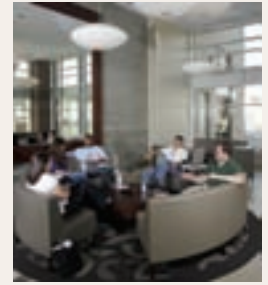
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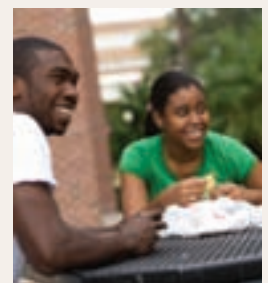
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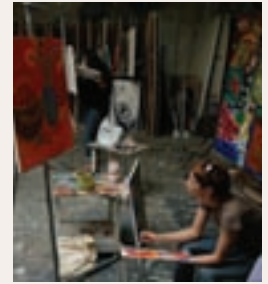
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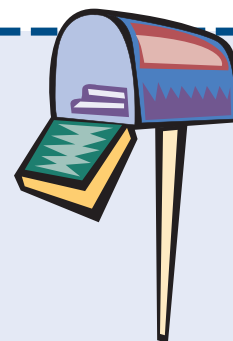
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