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**Tux or Tex.** President David Delo circa 1965 with wife Sunny at a ball (left) and in Wyoming's Wind River Mountains, circa 1936.

# A MOST UNUSUAL DESTINY

There are two David Delos. One is the suit-and-tie University leader, meeting with trustees, schmoozing with donors, struggling with decisions of curriculum and budget. This is the persona by which many throughout Tampa Bay remember him.

**T**hen there's the geologist Delo, someone familiar to far fewer people.

A photograph from the mid-'30s exemplifies this other Delo: He stands in front of a log cabin, his camp in the Wind River Mountains. He looks directly into the camera, hands stuck in the pockets of his sturdy jeans. A plaid flannel shirt is unbuttoned, showing a second shirt open at the collar. A white Stetson shades his

eyes. He's unshaven, and the beginnings of a mustache arc over the pipe clenched in one corner of his mouth. His head is cocked at a slight list, and there's an attitude of a man who's self-assured, of a man with a purpose who knows what he's about.

University president wasn't Delo's first career, and it wouldn't be his last. He had held administrative positions in Washington, DC,

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The Falk Theatre (top), Delo Hall (center) and Howell Hall (bottom) were acquired during David Delo's tenure. Of the three, only the Falk Theatre survived the UT building boom of the past decade.

during World War II and had been a college professor. But first, he had been a geologist. He was a founder and later president of the National Association of Geology Teachers and the first executive director of the American Geological Institute.

His 13-year stint as president of The University of Tampa was perhaps his most significant job, however. His time in that role affected not only the education of generations of UT grads, but also the very existence of the University.

In 1952, Delo surprised his wife, Sunny, with his announcement that he had accepted a new job—as president of Wagner College in New York. After six years there, Delo became president of UT.

## A Mystery Unsolved

The sudden and unexpected career change to that of university president still mystifies his children, David Michael Delo and Diana Marie Betts. Neither can explain what motivated their father to accept such an unfamiliar position.

David believes that one factor was financial considerations. While Delo's heart was in field geology, according to his son, he had left the field because of worries about his career's financial limitations. One of Delo's friends in the 1940s was the president of Knox College, and David speculated that his father noticed that the president's lifestyle was a "couple of cuts" above that of his own.

His sister Diana suggested that her father wanted to get back into academia after his administrative turn in Washington. She believed that he wanted "to guide other people."

It was a sense of duty, rather than ambition, that drove Delo. The son of a Lutheran minister, Delo was taught to "do your duty," according to David.

"And he did it magnificently. His sense of satisfaction came from phrases like 'constructive contribution.'"

## Visible Achievements

Delo's achievements at UT are indisputable because they are so visible. Delo outlined what he considered his initial successes in a 1964 report, "The Critical Years."

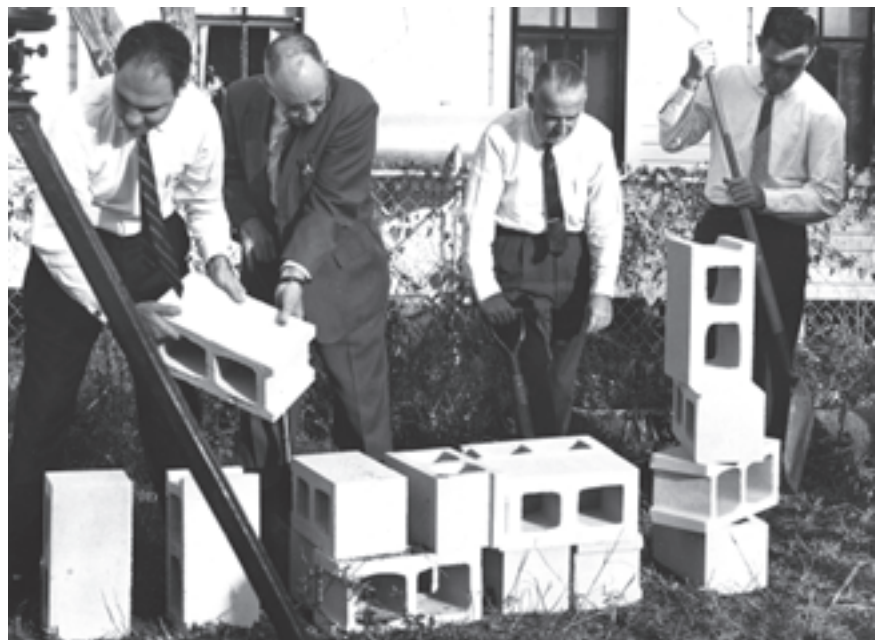
First, there were changes in University guidance. In 1963, a new committee structure was implemented and new operational regulations were adopted. In 1961, a new body, the University Counselors, was created. Composed primarily of younger community leaders, the group was involved in securing financial and other support for expansion of University programs.

For faculty, salaries had increased from \$6,100 to \$8,516. Benefits now included a \$6,000 group life insurance, medical insurance that included coverage for major illnesses, and inclusion in a nationwide teachers' retirement program.

Even the nature of the student body had been transformed. In 1959, 65 percent of the freshman class commuted, and fewer than 150 students lived in the dorms. By 1964, 54 percent of full-time students came from outside the state. By then, students came from 38 states and 10 foreign countries.

## Changing Classes

Of particular significance to Delo was a new requirement that increased the number of liberal arts courses and the addition



President Delo (second from right) at the 1962 groundbreaking for the Industrial Arts Center.

of two new courses—“The Asiatic World” and “The Contemporary United States.” These classes, Delo offered, “are designed to enhance the effective functioning of the graduate in a changing society and to escape the parochialism previously so common in many American college curricula.” At the same time, more than 70 courses were eliminated, while others were rescheduled to be taught only every other year.

To the public, the obvious aspect of the University’s growth and change was the new construction. Seemingly every day of Delo’s administration was filled with the rumble of heavy equipment clearing land and the shriek of saw bisecting wood. From 1959-63, eight buildings were added, including three residence halls and a student center.

By the end of 1964, campus residence halls could accommodate more than 700 students. The new buildings were valued at \$2.5 million, not including \$500,000 in renovations to existing and acquired buildings, of which \$200,000 was spent on updates to Plant Hall.

David pinned his father’s success to several personality traits. He had a “great smile” and “warmed up to the occasion.” A good analyst, he was intelligent and very sociable.

“Dad was an intellectual and could meet anybody on their own ground,” David said, adding that his father was married to a “very vivacious woman.” His mother was a “go-er,” an enthusiastic whirlwind, David said.

## Dynamic Energies

**T**ogether, his parents were a dynamic team. Their best traits merged into an almost irresistible synergy.

“Opposites attracted and opposites filled in the blanks,” David said.

This combination of skills proved fortunate when the couple arrived at The University of Tampa. With the opening of the University of South Florida on the northern edge of town and Florida Presbyterian College (now Eckerd College) across the bay, many local residents considered UT to be skidding to its doom. Delo and his wife “needed to turn Tampa around emotionally,” David said.

“They did it by a lot of personal elbow grease,” the son continued.

That was true in a very real sense. Mrs. Delo was a central figure in the founding of The Chisellers organization, which has been instrumental in the rehabilitation and renova-



Changing of the Guard: Delo hands the UT presidency to B.D. Owens, 1971.

tion of Plant Hall, the 115-year-old former Tampa Bay Hotel. It also was true in a metaphorical way.

“When you got into her aura, you were drawn in” by Mrs. Delo’s enthusiasm, David recalled.

However the Delos realized success, it wasn’t easy. “It was a bold new world for both my parents,” David said. In determining their course of action, they analyzed not only the college, but also “the community behind the college.”

## Changing Attitudes

**T**hey had a “monstrous” job of changing the attitude of the community toward the University.

“They had to pry and pull and everything but hit people over the head with a sledge hammer,” David said. “They made the University take its first series of important steps.”

David said his father considered one of his greatest accomplishments that of acquiring land with which to meet the expanding needs of the University. He also was quite proud of

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having a balanced budget every year of his administration. Successive—and successful—funding campaigns had made the University less reliant on tuition and room and board to keep the school in the green.

“He saw balancing the budget as responsible shepherding of leadership,” David said.

“I think that word, ‘responsible,’ was a big one for him.”

Meeting set goals was important to his father, David said, because “it meant the goals for himself and the University were correctly conceived.” Delo had left Wagner College after it became clear that the board of directors would not spend any money, David said.

“His inability to meet his goals [for Wagner] overcame his fear of a lack of income.”

### “One of the Best Lives”

Although he retired in 1971 at the age of 65, Delo had several more careers before passing in 2004. He served as UT chancellor for two years and later was charter executive director of the Executive Service Corps of Tampa. He also was a teacher and advisor for Tampa Preparatory School.

“He had one of the best lives anyone could have,” Diana said.

He served on the boards of diverse area agencies: WEDU television, the Children’s Home, United Way, Red Cross, Tampa Symphony, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

Even with all his professional lives, Delo never lost his love for geology. David remembered the way the inflection in his father’s voice changed whenever the topic came up.

In a 2005 memorial to his father on Web site of the American Geological Institute, David wrote:

“One prominent memory stands out in my mind as his son. It was a late summer afternoon, 15 years ago, and he and I stood on a 10,000-foot-high promontory in Wyoming’s



Delo cut the ribbon himself at the dedication of Delo Park on Dec. 3, 2002, shortly before his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

snowy mountains, sharing a moment of mutual love of nature. Without thinking, he caressed the handle of his geology hammer and spoke to me as though I were one of his students. And even though I was educated as a geologist, I knew that he had forgotten more about Earth than I will ever know.

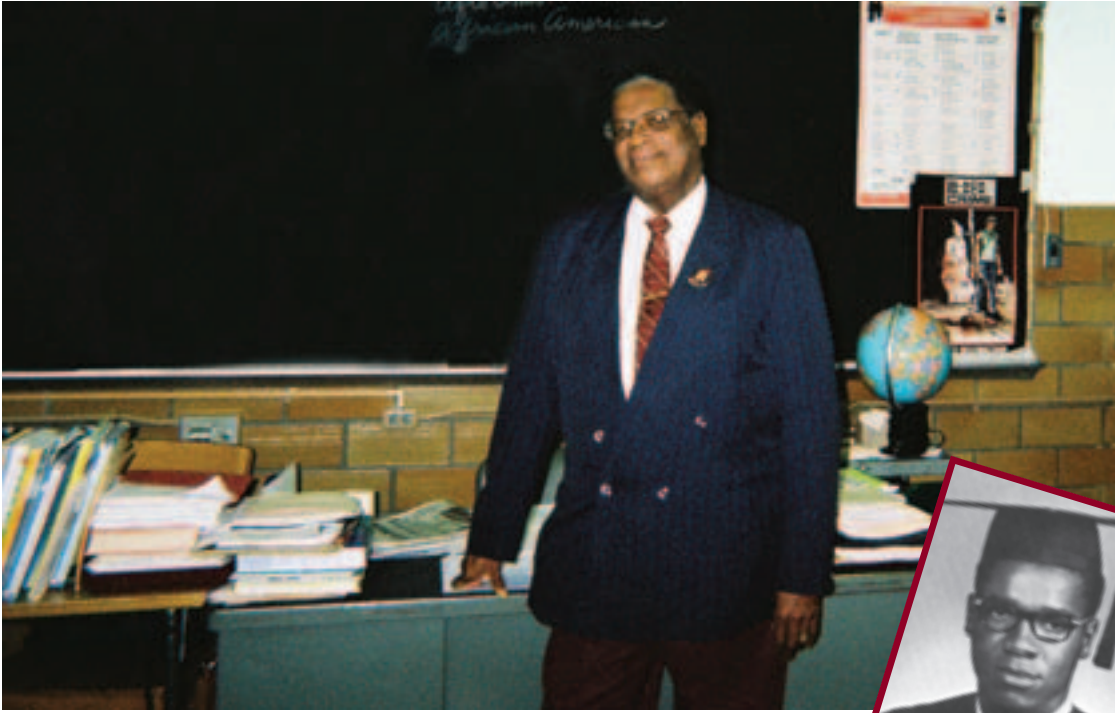
“Halfway down the hill that day he paused and leaned back against a rock. ‘Aw, hell,’ he said. ‘My knees are shot.’ So that year, at age 82, he cut back. He only attended one archeological dig after his jaunt to Hawaii to peer into Mauna Loa.”

### The Right Timing

“I think that it was no accident that the University was in need at the same time that my father was in need,” David said recently. “It was a most unusual destiny.”

There was something serendipitous about the conjunction of man and university. In his convocation message in September 1969, Delo noted that in the 18 years since he began working as a college president, the once-prized position had lost its appeal. “Faculty members are reluctant to accept administrative positions,” he said, “because there is such a difference in the complexity of life, and decreasing differences in remuneration.”

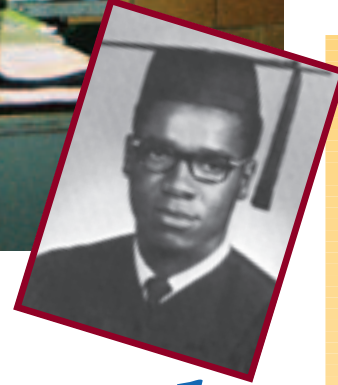
Some 300 college presidencies were unfilled at that time, he noted, because social unrest on campuses made the position undesirable. If Delo had waited until later in life to make his dramatic career change, he might have chosen a different path, and the future of a small private university on the west bank of the Hillsborough River—and an entire city—might have been radically different. ■■



Odis Richardson in his classroom at Roosevelt High School in Gary, IN, November 2006.

(Photo Courtesy of Odis Richardson.)

Inset: Richardson in his 1965 Moroccan photo.



# A Civil Man *and a Civil Right*

By David Brothers  
Editor

At a time when civil rights was becoming serious about social change and was meeting with varying degrees of resistance across much of the country, especially in the South, Odis Richardson quietly entered The University of Tampa in 1961, completed his education degree with little fuss, and graduated in June of 1965.

“Some 40 years later,” he says, “I am still proud of that education.”

## *Without Any Fanfare*

The Louisiana native says he did not face a struggle for admission to UT.

The Air Force sent Richardson to MacDill Air Force Base. The University had long offered classes on the base to small groups of active-duty military personnel without regard to race.

According to various news archives, the University offered classes at four off-campus branches—MacDill, Gordon Keller School of Nursing, Tampa Police Department and

Hillsborough County Schools—without regard to race, but allowed only whites to attend the main campus. A court case was challenging the policy.

“The way that I got the story,” he says, “I applied, it came up in the board meeting, and the school somehow agreed that, rather than have the kind of things that happened in Mississippi and some of the other big schools, they would just open their doors to this one student.

“And so, they did it without any fanfare. I had no way of knowing that at the time, so when I came on, all I knew was I was going to school. And I just went about going to class

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—Odis Richardson

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## Today's UT Demographic

Of the 3,880 UT undergraduates enrolled for fall 2006 who indicated a racial identity, 869, or 22.4 percent, belonged to a racial or ethnic minority, according to figures released by the registrar's office. These included 309, or 7.7 percent, who were black, and 442, or 11.4 percent, who were Hispanic or Latino. Students who described themselves as non-Hispanic whites numbered 3,011, comprising 77.6 percent of the total. There were 547 students who did not indicate any particular racial or ethnic identity.

In 1996, 80.3 percent were non-Hispanic white, 9.7 percent were Hispanic, and 7 percent were black.

Records also show 445 international students—or 8.3 percent of the total graduate and undergraduate headcount of 5,367—in fall 2006, a dramatic increase from 312 a year ago, 267 five years ago, and 178 a decade ago. About 100 countries are represented in UT's international student population. ■■

and speaking out in class, and going to other places, and walking in and saying, 'I want to join the Drama Club,' and whatever.

"There were no riots and no great rush by the press, only a young black American participating in the growing pains of America," he recalls. "In most places, they really just accepted me. I can't say that there was any big ruckus.

"I don't know what was going on behind closed doors," he cautions, "and what was going on in the big offices—I don't know that now, even today."

## Changes

Part of what was going on was change. Various local and national forces were reshaping UT, along with the rest of Tampa and the rest of America.

Dr. Robert Kerstein, chair and professor of government and world affairs—and official Hillsborough County historian—says the Tampa that Odis Richardson first knew was a changing place in the early '60s, when it was one of the South's quieter integration battlegrounds.

"He was moving into a city where civil rights activists were calling for desegregation," Kerstein says of Richardson. "The NAACP was becoming active and more organized. African-Americans, right after Julian Lane was elected, called specifically for the integration of the city parks. What Mayor Lane did that many people saw as a reasonable start was to form what he called the Bi-Racial Committee."

Mayor from October 1959 to October 1963, Lane was gently urging the city toward integration, and worked with his Bi-Racial Committee and local media to keep the process as peaceful and orderly as possible. The committee included local black leaders Perry Harvey Sr. and James Hammond, among others. UT trustee Robert Thomas was among the whites on the committee.

Hammond, who was an electrical contractor, and Louise Gibson, a Middleton High School teacher who chaired that school's for-

eign language department, had been denied entry to a UT night class in October 1962. It was the second rebuff for Hammond, who also had tried to attend a campus class the previous fall. With the help of the NAACP, the pair filed a federal suit against the University in March 1963.

The University's position was that UT was a private institution, and should retain the right to select its students based upon whatever criteria it saw fit. The plaintiffs maintained that the University was a public institution because it was supported in part by city, county, state and federal funds.

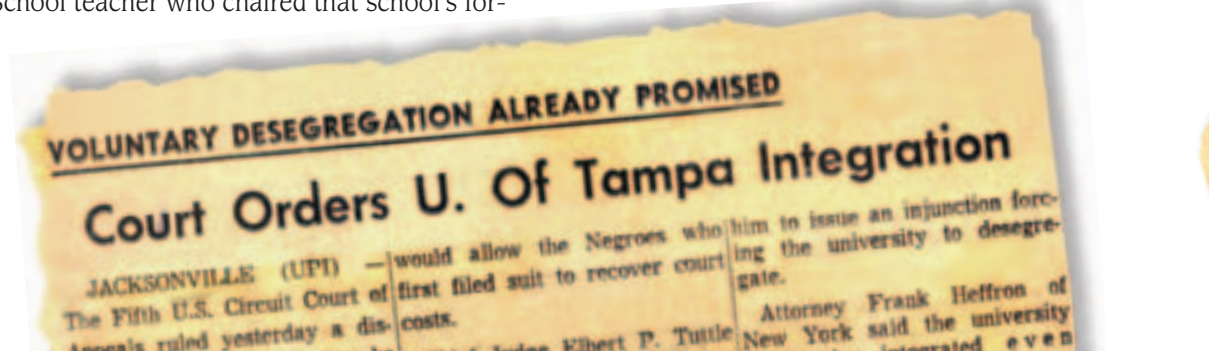
In August 1963, President David M. Delo testified that all of UT's scholarships were privately funded, all off-campus courses were funded entirely by tuition, and no members of any governmental body sat on the board. Dr. James W. Covington, dean of the evening and general studies division, testified that the University did discriminate based on race.

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph P. Lieb dismissed the suit in February 1964. In a separate case, Lieb also ruled that a Pinellas County golf course did not have to integrate.

In the UT case, the plaintiffs appealed. While that was pending, the board of trustees decided to end the standoff and the policy that had caused it, voting 16-3 in September 1964 to end its segregationist policy and "accept qualified students for enrollment without regard to race, creed, color or national origin."

Even though UT's board already had voluntarily reversed itself, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in April 1965 reversed Judge Lieb's original decision, ruling that UT was a public institution because, even though it was operated privately, it was established in a public building and on public land that it leased from the city of Tampa. The appellate reversal made national news.

According to UT law and justice associate professor Dr. James Beckman, by the time Odis Richardson was making his move to the main campus that summer, Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act had been enacted, and the Univer-





sity had backed away from its segregationist policy, even though it made no formal declaration to that effect until that fall.

"President DeLo was already briefing the trustees to discontinue the policy by that summer—or lose federal funding," Beckman said. "I think no one would have contested the student's presence in Plant Hall in the fall of 1964."

Meanwhile, Mayor Lane, who Kerstein says was "considered a modern in terms of race," closed Clara Frye Hospital (for blacks only) and merged its services into Tampa Municipal Hospital.

Near the end of Lane's term, in September 1963, at about the same time that James Hammond and Louise Gibson again were denied entry to UT, black children were enrolled for the first time at previously all-white Jackson Heights and Westshore elementary schools.

The committee approach and the idea of achieving integration through discussions, Kerstein says, came to be known as the "Tampa Technique." Committee discussions led to the desegregation of downtown businesses, especially the lunch counters, ending the need for NAACP Youth Council sit-ins in front of Woolworth's.

"Desegregation was proceeding relatively slowly," Kerstein says, but for the most part peacefully, with no major riots until the summer of 1967, when rioting broke out in cities across America.

"It wasn't smooth, cordial racial relations in the interpersonal sense," Kerstein says of mid-'60s Tampa, "but it wasn't a Birmingham, either."

## A Rough Start

To sum up (and perhaps oversimplify) Odus Richardson's Tampa, segregation was the norm but was beginning to melt away, blacks had no political power but were beginning to have some influence, and an all-white university was perhaps reluctant but amenable to social change.

Accordingly, Richardson's everyday life did not present the panoply of discouragement that might be expected in the South at that time, but a gentle nature and positive outlook would be called on from time to time.

"It started out a little rough," he says without elaboration, "but most of the students were Northerners. I think that made it easier to accept me, plus I gave it all the gusto that I could to do my best. There were a few little [negative] experiences, like maybe a little name-calling or something like that, but never anything too serious."

The question of feeling that he was being treated the same as his classmates was a different matter.

"Well..." he says, drawing the word into a thoughtful pause while pondering the question, "in 1963-64, that was kind of hard to feel. I certainly gave it my best shot. There were some people and situations that felt quite different for me, I'm sure," he says, preferring not to elaborate other than to say that they were "nothing to really shake me."

That is not to say that many of his experiences weren't positive, or at least mixed. One of his favorite professors, he says, would elicit his comments in a class on Civil War history.

"Miss Smith," he offers as a hypothetical example, "what do you think the Jewish people were thinking about this situation?" And then he would turn to me and say, "Mr. Richardson, what about all the Negro people?" I didn't think I could speak for "all the Negro people," but eventually, I came to understand what he really meant to do.

Richardson says he appreciated the fact that the instructor, Dr. Jesse Keene, cared to know his thoughts, seemed to want to know all his students' thoughts on a given issue, and seemed to have a human consensus as his goal.

"Sometimes," he says, "I smile at the thought of his powerful lectures and remember

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—Dr. Robert Kerstein

### Testimony In Tampa U. Case Begins

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph P. Lieb yesterday began hearing testimony in an integration suit brought against the University of Tampa by two Negroes who were refused admission.

James A. Hammond, an electrical contractor, and Hazel Louise Gibson, a high school teacher, contend that the university has no right to turn them down because the university is not a private institution.

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him as one of the persons who motivates my interest in history even today.”

He says there “probably was a teacher or two” who wanted to make him work harder than the others for the same grade, but he rarely felt openly discriminated against by his instructors.



At a Baptist Student Union meeting. (Photo from 1965 *Moroccan*.)

## *Richardson the Lionhearted*

In fact, Richardson paints a generally more positive picture of Tampa in the early and mid '60s than many historians do, and evidently was able to do things that would be perceived today as quite difficult for a black student at a white southern university at that time.

He shared a small apartment with a white roommate. He can't recall the location, but says it was “right on the verge of the changing neighborhoods,” in the block-long social penumbra where white and black intertwined. He thinks that Cass Street sounds familiar, and asks if it “has something to do with the train tracks.” As he recalls, there was no trouble trying to rent a room with a white student—the owner of the building was black.

“I was in the Delo Debate Society, which was one of my greatest joys,” he says, “and where I met Robert Harris, one of my greatest friends, and we've been friends all these years. He's out in California now.

“We had a couple of [negative] experiences [on the debate team], some teams that we went to debate against that wouldn't debate a team with a black student. Other than that, it was great. The kids on our team were just marvelous.”

A favorite story is about that group and its habit of going down the block to a burger joint after rehearsals. Not wanting to cause any turmoil, Richardson fended off his fellow students' persistent invitations to join them until one day when he decided to give it a try.

“I said to my friends, ‘Look, they're not

going to serve me, so I'm not going to go in there and be embarrassed.’ They said, ‘If they don't serve you, we're going to all of us just get up and leave.’”

No one said anything to him about entering or sitting with his white friends, but no one came to take his order, either—he was simply ignored. When one of the group asked the waitress about it, she said she wasn't allowed to serve him.

“So, my friend Robert said, ‘If you don't serve Odis, we're all leaving.’ And about 15 or 20 kids all got up to leave without paying. Somehow,” he says with a smile in his voice, “they changed the rule that night.”

## *Savior and Sandwiches*

Richardson's extracurriculars included the Baptist Student Union, which went a long way toward feeding more than his soul.

“On Thursdays, when the Baptist Union would have their meetings, the gorgeous little old Baptist ladies would come to the school, and they would bring trays of sandwiches and pop and cookies and cakes that they baked for the young Baptist students.

“There were only eight or maybe 10 of us, just a little group, and they would bring all this stuff, and after the service was over and we had refreshments, there would be just *mounds* of sandwiches left over.

“So we would gather up all these sandwiches and cookies and things and bring them back to the apartment with us. For two starving college students, that was our feast, and my roommate would say to me, ‘Odis, those little Baptist sandwiches really saved us.’

“I laugh about that sometimes now,” he says, laughing even as he speaks. “Now, we have so much,” he continues, more serious.



Odis the actor.  
(Photo from 1965 *Moroccan*.)



"Sometimes you forget the trouble you came through to get to where you are. I quite often remember those Baptist sandwiches," he laughs again, "and how they saved us."

He played tennis. He applied to the Peace Corps and was accepted, and remembers the *Minaret* running a story and his picture.

He played a role in a Tampa University Theatre Group production of *Reynard the Fox* at the Falk Theatre.

"We were all dressed as animals," he recalls, "and I was a lion."

He remembers with considerable laughter the astonishment of two little girls when cast members greeted the audience after the performance and he removed an arm from the costume to shake hands.

"One of them—she let out this big gasp, and shouted to the other one, 'See, I told you he was!' She may have used the 'n word' or something like that, I'm not sure anymore," he says.

He shares the experience with his students today, he says, and some of them say he should have said something back to the girl, but he'll have none of it.

"If a little child comes up to me and says something aggravating," he asks them, "why would I want to aggravate her for repeating what the world has shared with her?"

## A Golden Apple

"All-in-all," he says about his UT days, "I had friends who are yet my friends today."

Richardson completed his classes in December 1964 and graduated in June 1965. He stayed in Tampa for a couple of years, eventually choosing to decline the Peace Corps appointment.

"I kept putting it off and putting it off, and I never went," he admits. "I probably fell in love or something like that," he says, the ever-present grin in his voice a bit more prominent.

He found work locally as a substitute teacher in the public schools, then served as a countywide adult leader for the Boy Scouts of America, where he again was not afraid to be unique.

"I was the black scout executive for all of the Hillsborough County scouts at the time," he says. "I was in an office that I think was across the street from the University, as well as I can remember. It must have been on Kennedy, but down from the school a piece.

"At the time, I was making more than a

schoolteacher was making—about \$4,000 a year."

Soon thereafter, he married his Tampa girlfriend, and they moved to Philadelphia, where Odis was a caseworker for the welfare department. They settled in Chicago about a year later so that Odis could help care for his mother's sister. It was in the Windy City that he began his career as a high school teacher.

The pride of his career is the recognition he received in 1986 from the state of Illinois, which named him a Golden Apple Teacher for his excellence in the classroom—one of the 10 best in the state.


The distinction is considered a permanent membership, and despite no longer living in their state, he continues to work with the Golden Apple Teachers Foundation to recruit new teachers at the high school level, help them attain scholarships for college, and mentor them as new teachers.

Richardson retired in 1999, but that didn't last long. A friend became a principal at a high school in nearby Gary, IN, in 2001, and asked Odis to be his assistant. He promptly fell back into fulltime teaching.

In his late 60s, Richardson says he enjoyed his brief retirement, but enjoys working, too, and has an interest in starting a consulting business and expanding his recent forays into proposal and grant writing.

Since his return to education five years ago, he has become a certified mentor teacher. In Indiana, he explains, new teachers must complete a rigorous program of attending workshops and conferences, writing papers, keeping portfolios, and even filming their classroom activities while substitute teaching or teaching part-time.

Each new teacher is assigned a certified mentor teacher, someone chosen by the state for demonstrated leadership, success in the classroom and vast teaching experience.

"I really, *really* enjoy that," he says. 



Richardson with newly licensed teacher Michael Smith, whom Richardson calls his "mentee" for the past year. Smith teaches at Richardson's school, Roosevelt High. (Photo Courtesy of Odis Richardson.)

"She let out this big gasp, and shouted to the other one, 'See, I told you he was!'"



# Anniversary Celebration Begins

**D**avid Spaulding, grandson of UT's founder and first president, Dr. Frederic Spaulding, exited a Ford Model A Roadster to climb Plant Hall's steps and re-enact the pivotal moment the majestic building became The University of Tampa. His quiet portrayal during UT's 75th Anniversary opening ceremony, amid music, dancing and dignitaries, allowed hundreds in attendance on Oct. 5 to reflect on the institution's humble roots.

"I tried to put myself in his place and imagine him walking up to this building," said Spaulding, 39, a resident of Princeville, Hawaii. "I considered the time in history with the resources that he had available and didn't have available. It would have been an awesome moment to think of the possibilities and also the challenges. I think the students can feel that when they come here, and I think that's part of the strength that the school has."

Anchoring the event, Dr. Robert Kerstein, professor of government and world affairs, and Dr. Terry Parssinen, professor of history, spoke

of Tampa's history and the political and financial obstacles that UT overcame to become a prominent university.

"Those who organized the University were public-spirited in their efforts, which makes their work quite remarkable in the Tampa of the early 1930s," said Parssinen to the crowd gathered on Plant Hall's East Verandah. He noted that, by 1935, President Spaulding had



David Spaulding (left), grandson of UT's first president, Dr. Frederic Spaulding, was escorted by a 1928 Ford Model A Roadster during an historic re-enactment of the momentous day when Plant Hall became The University of Tampa. The driver is Milt Roorda, the car's owner.


incurred significant personal debt in order for UT to persevere.

The historical celebration was enlivened by student performances and tributes to UT alumni such as Bob Martinez '57, former governor of Florida, former mayor of Tampa and UT trustee emeritus, and Freddie Solomon '75, UT football star and Super Bowl champion. UT's cheerleading squad and championship baseball team also were featured.

During Mayor Pam Iorio's official proclamation of the day, she spoke of how the destinies of The University of Tampa and the city of Tampa were closely intertwined.

"The University of Tampa for 75 years has been a key part of Tampa's growth and development," said Iorio. "It is truly Tampa's jewel."

President Vaughn closed the event by asking listeners to learn of UT's history while also considering its greater possibilities.

"I am excited about what we'll become, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to change lives," he said. "Remember that you, too, are a part of the legacy of UT, a remarkable, evolving work in progress." 



Above: Student dance performances brought energy to the opening ceremony for UT's 75th anniversary celebration.

Below: Spartan football hero and Super Bowl champion Freddie Solomon '75 was on hand to carry the ball one more time.







Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio (third from left) with the Diplomats. Iorio proclaimed it UT's day.



David A. Straz Jr., chairman of the board of trustees, and Martha Vaughn registered their approval of the program.



Above: Trustee emeritus Bob Martinez '57, former governor of Florida and former mayor of Tampa, addressed the crowd on the East Verandah. Below: The Hillsborough High School Big Red Band opened festivities.



Guest of honor (second from right) was Dr. Frederic Spaulding Jr., son of UT's founding president, at the after-party reception with President Ron and Martha Vaughn and former President Bruce and Adajean Sampson (left).



Resident historians Dr. Robert Kerstein (foreground) and Dr. Terry Parssinen provided informative background.

# Cans Across America Gets Big Returns



Wade P. Burghardt

**“T**his event can prove to be our most rewarding promotion of the year.”

—Wade P. Burghardt, UT Dining Services marketing designer

**UT** Campus Dining Services challenged students to help set a world record in the fight against hunger in America and in their community with the *Cans Across America* food drive on Oct. 18. A collection center was set up at the Ultimate Dining Cafe in the Vaughn Center. It was one of 460 collection centers on university and college campuses across the country.

The Guinness World Record in jeopardy was for the most canned food donations raised during a single event in multiple locations across the United States.

Final results aren't yet available, said Wade P. Burghardt, marketing designer for UT Dining Services, but it appears the effort has paid big dividends for fighting hunger in America. National figures released by Sodexo on Oct. 31 are incomplete, but suggest that the target figure of 156,890 lbs. is well within reach: With totals in from about 220 collection centers, more than 102,000 lbs. had been collected.

UT's goal was 500 lbs., Burghardt said, and the University came up big with more than five times that amount, 2,545.6 lbs. at final count.

Anticipation ran high before the event, and Burghardt was confident of a record-breaking day.

*“Cans Across America is a great way for students to give back to the community, something most students truly want to do,”*

Burghardt said prior to the event. “It will allow them to have some fun while helping a lot of deserving people. It’s also really exciting to have the chance to set a new Guinness World Record in the process. This event can prove to be our most rewarding promotion of the year.”

Acoustic guitarist and singer/songwriter J.J. Paolino, a 19-year-old UT sophomore, performed as part of the event. The live performance helped attract attention to the donation center, where participants either dropped off canned foods they had brought in from off campus or took advantage of cans sold at the event. Students also could trade meals from their meal programs for cans to donate.

“I would like to thank The University of Tampa community for its kind and generous support of this admirable cause,” Burghardt said. “I was amazed by how selflessly the University came together to donate. It gives me great pride to be a part of such an organization.”

Even if the record isn't broken, Burghardt noted, a lot of food was collected, so the effort must be termed a success. All the food collected goes to America's Second Harvest, and specifically, all cans collected on the UT campus will support the food bank at America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay to help those in need in the local community. 🍲

## Not Just Spinning Their Wheels

Pi Kappa Phi members Tim Herrmann, Jeremy Horowitz, Germaine Souza and Travis Shanley (from left) joined Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio (center) and more than 200 other volunteers for the Tampa Wheel-a-Thon 1.5-mile wheelchair race on Aug. 21 to raise money for the construction of a handicap-accessible playground for children at McFarlane Park near the UT campus. The playground is scheduled to be completed by late spring or early summer 2007. 🍲





# University Holds Inaugural 5k Race

**T**he University's inaugural Spartan 5k ran on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Bob Martinez Sports Center.


"We had close to 200 runners," said Matt Woods, special events assistant in the Office of Development. "It turned out a lot better than we expected, actually."

Categories included 17 and under, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over, and UT alumni.

The high turnout countered high first-time expenses, Woods said, allowing the event to break even, but he anticipates that the event in subsequent years will reap profits for its intended beneficiary.

"This will start raising a lot of scholarship money next year," Woods said.

This year, registration cost \$25. Alumni received a \$5 discount, while students and military personnel got \$10 off. There was a \$3 processing fee for registering online. Registration by mail also was available, with no processing fee.

Winners received free Chick-Fil-A for a year. Every participant got a T-shirt, and any proceeds that may remain after expenses will go to the UT scholarship fund. 



**It's a Footrace.** A crowded field hits the track for the University's inaugural 5k race.

# Boathouse Donor Dies

**"M**y father had incomparable wisdom," Clayton McNeel '84 said in his eulogy to his father, Van L. McNeel. "He had a knack for asking the question that no one else had thought of, and more times than not, that turned out to be *the* critical issue to address. As a result, I know I will always search for that key question that my father would have asked."



Van L. McNeel

Van L. McNeel, UT trustee from 1985-91, entrepreneur and philanthropist for whom the University's McNeel Boathouse is named, died Oct. 4. He was 81.

Born on July 4, 1925, in Laurel, MS, Van McNeel founded

Polymer International Corp., a petrochemical and plastics manufacturing company, in 1959, with its first plant in Ecuador.

From 1963-89, Polymer grew to 14 plants producing plastic products in the U.S. and eight foreign countries, operating with more than 3,000 employees. It became a NASDAQ-listed public company in 1986.

Intertape Inc. of Canada bought out Polymer in 1989, but McNeel retained six plants in Latin America, producing a variety of plastics and specialty lighting products under McNeel International Corp.

After his retirement in 1997, McNeel served as chairman of McNeel Capital, a real estate development partnership, and as chairman of Xpondr Corp. of St. Petersburg, Fla. In Panama, he was founder and director of Overseas Management Services Co., founder and director of Banco Delta, and chairman of Globalstar Americas. He also was affiliated with numerous other privately held companies.

"He touched many lives around the world in his career," Clayton McNeel said, "and most people he did business with ultimately became or already were his friends."

## A Longterm Vision

Van McNeel's UT involvement began through a close friendship with President Bruce Sampson, leading to his accepting an offer to be a trustee.

"As a result of that involvement as a trustee," Clayton McNeel said, "he really had a longer-term vision for the University."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

**Thursday, Feb. 15-Saturday, Feb. 17**

Spring Dance Concert  
Falk Theatre  
8 p.m. each evening,  
2 p.m. Saturday matinee

### MARCH

**Thursday, March 22-Sunday, March 25**

*As You Like It*  
Falk Theatre  
\$10 general admission; \$5 seniors/students;  
UT students and staff free with valid ID  
Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 p.m.

**A complete listing of University events can be found at [ut.edu](http://ut.edu)**



# Scholars Discuss Asian Security

Story and Photos by **Brian Vandervliet**  
Web Editor

Oceans away from his native Japan, nuclear expert Mitsuru Kurosawa gently spoke about the not-so-delicate issues of North Korea's recent nuclear test, U.S. foreign policy and Asia's balance of power during an academic symposium in the Sykes College of Business on Oct. 27.

Kurosawa, a professor of law at Osaka University, was the keynote speaker for the two-day East Asian Regional Security Symposium at UT last weekend that brought scholars from Florida and Georgia to hear Kurosawa

and present their ideas for resolving security issues.

The United States, Kurosawa said, must find new ways to converse with North Korea. He said that it had been a mistake for the American government to back away from bilateral engagement with North

Korea out of preference for six-party negotiations also involving China, Russia, Japan and South Korea.

"The U.S. must be more active to engage North Korea to have bilateral negotiations or have informal talking within six-party talks," said Kurosawa. "I think this is the best way to solve this issue."

## Debating Remedies

Kurosawa discussed how Japan would support sanctions, but only as a measure to bring North Korea back into negotiations, not as a measure to bring regime change. He said that China, in particular, did not want regime change or a unified Korea because their leaders view North Korea as a buffer against U.S. power in the region.

In addition to Kurosawa, six other scholars presented, and six UT students were invited to

observe and ask questions. Dr. Maria Rost Rublee, the event's program director and UT assistant professor of government and world affairs, said the purpose was for experts on Asia to get to know each other, collaborate and publish their proceedings.

One presenter, Taehyong Ahn, a Ph.D. student at Florida International University, said that both North Korea and the U.S. should remove pre-conditions in order to return to negotiations. He also said that despite distrust, the two nations should communicate.

"We have to talk with Kim Jong Il because even during the Cold War we talked with the Soviet Union," said Ahn. "In the 1970s, we also talked to China, and all the talk changed the situation."

Kim Reimann, assistant professor at Georgia State University, said that North Korea's leaders probably are bluffing when they say that sanctions will lead to military retaliation.

"They know it's an all-lose situation if they actually do something," said Reimann. "This is the game that's continually playing out, but it's a kind of suicidal situation if they were to actually take any military measures."

During a reception prior to Kurosawa's speech, UT students mingled with the visiting scholars and offered their opinions at the event, which was sponsored by the Japan Foundation.

Yuna Scott, a junior from Guantanamo, Cuba, said that she did not believe that sanctions would be effective against North Korea.

"I don't think sanctions are effective, because if they want to do something, they will do it whether they have sanctions or not," said Scott. "Cuba has done anything they could for about 50 years now with sanctions, so if a country wants to do it, they will do it."

## A Complex Issue

Kashima Cortez, a senior finance major, said that she had followed closely the news about North Korea testing a nuclear weapon. Although she remained optimistic for a peace-



Mitsuru Kurosawa (center), a nuclear expert from Japan, speaks with UT students Chris Lynch (left) and Kashima Cortez.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**DECEMBER**

**Saturday, Dec. 16**  
100<sup>th</sup> Commencement  
Martinez Sports Center  
10 a.m.

**Through Saturday, Dec. 23**

Victorian Christmas Stroll  
Henry B. Plant Museum  
Adults \$10, children \$4  
10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily

**JANUARY**

**Saturday, Jan. 20**  
Antique Evaluation  
Plant Hall Music Room  
10 a.m.-noon  
\$5 per item, limit of four

**FEBRUARY**

**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
Sports and Entertainment  
Career Fair  
Vaughn Center lobby  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**  
Career Fair  
Vaughn Center lobby  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 24**  
Antique Evaluation  
Plant Hall Music Room  
10 a.m.-noon  
\$5 per item, limit of four

**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
Education and Human  
Services Career Fair  
Plant Hall Fletcher  
Lounge  
2-4 p.m.

**MARCH**

**Saturday, March 17**  
Antique Evaluation  
Plant Hall Music Room  
10 a.m.-noon  
\$5 per item, limit of four

**Saturday, March 24-  
Sunday, March 25**  
Greenfest  
Plant Park  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days

**Thursday, March 29**  
Evening College  
Information Session  
Plant Hall room 246  
6:30 p.m.

**APRIL**

**Thursday, April 5**  
HIRE-UT Internship Fair  
Plant Hall Fletcher Lounge  
2-4 p.m.



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**Miller's  
Mystery  
Men  
Revealed**

Judge E.J. Salcines, of Florida's Second District Court of Appeals, and Tino Bonilla, a pressman at Rinaldi Printing in Tampa, helped us identify the gentlemen with Miller Adams (holding baseball) and Al Lopez (in speckled shirt) in this photo on page 9 of the fall *Journal*.

At top left is Jerome Sierra Jr., a local legend in youth sports who served as a little league umpire, high school football and basketball official and *Tampa Tribune* freelance photographer. At top right is Dr. Mariano Paniello, a local dentist and sports booster. Seated at right is another proponent of youth sports, Sgt. Manny de Castro of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. Seated at left is a still unidentified man believed to be a local sportswriter.

Salcines attended UT briefly in the late '50s. Bonilla's wife, Elaine, is a distant relative of Sierra's.

**McNeel**

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On Sept. 4, 1987, ground was broken for the McNeel Boathouse, which was dedicated on June 15, 1988. As naming donor, McNeel contributed \$125,000 to the \$350,000 project.

"He saw a real need to help the crew program, but at the same time, put in place a facility that could also be an ongoing endowment, if you will," Clayton McNeel said. "Originally, the McNeel Boathouse was designed not only to house the shells below it, but to house crews that were coming in from the Northeastern schools, and the University would be able to make an income from renting those rooms to visiting crews."

Student housing needs eventually dictated conversion to a residence hall.

"I think he was a little disappointed that the vision of providing an income-producing

property for the University was pushed aside to provide dormitory rooms, but I think he also recognized the school's need at the time," said Clayton McNeel, adding that his father was proud of the school's success in recent years.

"One of his favorite events," Clayton McNeel recalled, "was graduation when Malcolm Forbes flew down and addressed the graduates. He spent quite a bit of time with Mr. Forbes when he was here, and felt that that was a wonderful tribute to the University and how far it had come—and so quickly."

Clayton McNeel graduated from UT with degrees in business and economics. Van McNeel's other survivors include his wife, Sherry, son Ian, daughter-in-law Mary (wife of Clayton), and three grandchildren: Brittain, Morgan and Katherine.

"My father lived a remarkable life," Clayton McNeel concluded in his eulogy, "and he will never be forgotten." ■■

**Asian Security**

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ful resolution, Cortez acknowledged the issue's complexity.

"I don't think threats are necessarily the right answer, but then again, what do you do?" she asked. "How do you have somebody do what you want them to do without a threat?"

As with others at the symposium, Cortez stressed the importance of diplomacy with North Korea and other nations.

"I think we as a world need to come together and decide what we're doing with our life, basically," said Cortez. "I think the U.S. and its allies need to come together, figure it out, and basically lead by example. We also have nuclear weapons."

*Note: On Tuesday, Oct. 31, the New York Times reported that North Korea had agreed to return to six-nation talks on dismantling its nuclear weapons programs, ending an 11-month boycott.* ■■

# Prof's Work Featured on Science Journal Cover



Dr. Mason Meers

**D**r. Mason Meers loves to borrow methodologies from any science and apply them to biology to get new results or challenge old ones.

Chair and associate professor of biology, Meers recently authored an article that wound up being featured on the cover of *The Anatomical Record*, one of the oldest and most prestigious journals in organismal biology.

Bite-force studies and related excursions into the finer points of biomechanics have long been favorite topics for the Johns Hopkins grad. His latest study cuts new ground by applying methods of analysis used in engineering to biological forms.

"The significance of the paper, beyond understanding croc skull form," Meers explained, "is that it represents the first-ever use of 3D finite element analysis in comparative biology, which is to say, looking at multiple species."

"Finite element analysis is a tool developed in engineering to evaluate the stress and strain placed on structures—beams, plates, bridges, etc.

"We're using FEA to 'reverse engineer' animals, which is to say that we can determine how their skulls (or whatever) are affected by loading. In the case here, we're looking at various types of bites and how they affect the snout portion of the skull."

"Our newer work is much more dramatic, with literally millions of elements built into the model, and modeling of interior structures in the bones, as well. It's really cool stuff."

This is the second time an article by Meers has been featured on the cover of *AR*.

## Off to the Great White Yonder

In a related story of pioneering research, Dr. Daniel Huber, visiting assistant professor of biology, will be off to Australia in the near future to dissect the jaw muscles of a great white shark, Meers said. To Meers' knowledge, it will be the first such study attempted.



Dr. Daniel Huber with a mechanical shark head from the Discovery Channel's *Animal Face-Off*. Huber appeared in two episodes of the series.

Given their size, weight and ability to inflict harm, great whites are hard to come by, Meers said, noting that only six to eight are caught each year. A team of Australian scientists has the head of a great white ready for the study, Meers said.

Like Meers' work with crocodile heads, Huber's impending shark study also is a first, Huber said, employing essentially the same engineering-to-biomechanics techniques.

"There's been just descriptive modeling done," Huber said of the study. "This will go a long way toward understanding why Great Whites are as dangerous as they are."

Huber appeared in two episodes of the Discovery Channel's *Animal Face-Off*, one that hypothetically pitted a Great White against a saltwater crocodile, and another featuring a bull shark versus a hippopotamus. 🦈

## FACULTY to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### HONORS PROGRAM SYMPOSIA

All are held in the Macdonald-Kelce Library in AV-2 (with exception as noted).

### FEBRUARY

#### Thurs., Feb. 1

Dr. Fred Punzo  
"The Wasp and the Spider: A Study in Instinct Revisited"  
4:15 p.m.

#### Wed., Feb. 7

Dr. Martha Harrison  
"Gender and Identity in Children's and Young Adult Literature"  
Plant Hall 345  
4 p.m.

#### Thurs., Feb. 15

Dr. Suzanne Collins  
"Promoting Cultural Competence in U.S. Health Care Delivery"  
4:15 p.m.

### MARCH

#### Wed., March 21

Starr Brookins, Honors Student  
"The Modern Roles of Islamic Women"  
4 p.m.

#### Thurs., March 22

Dr. Susan Brinkley  
"The Roots of Punishment"  
4:15 p.m.

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# Archbishop Tutu to Sail with Semester at Sea

**N**obel Peace Prize recipient Archbishop Desmond Tutu will serve as “distinguished lecturer in residence” for the Semester at Sea program, sailing aboard the MV Explorer as it circumnavigates the globe during its spring 2007 voyage.

Les McCabe, president of the Institute for Shipboard Education, which administers the Semester at Sea program, made the announcement Sept. 25. The University of Virginia is the program’s academic sponsor.

## A Rare Experience

The venerated world leader will join about 600 undergraduate students from colleges and universities around the world for the 100-day voyage. Not only will the archbishop interact with students on an informal basis throughout the semester, but he also will be guest lecturer in many courses in various disciplines, including anthropology, history, religion and political science.

“The spring 2007 voyage should be very special,” said Kathryn Ward, study abroad co-

ordinator in UT’s International Programs Office. “I’m very excited for Asta Zumer and Jenna Yalich, our students who will be on the voyage.

“It’s one thing to see in person someone of Archbishop Tutu’s stature and character on a stage, but to be in his class or be around him in casual conversation on the deck of a ship will have to be a rare experience in all these students’ lives.”

The itinerary for the voyage includes six days in Cape Town, South Africa, and Tutu will present a series of “interport” lectures as the ship sails from Brazil to South Africa. In addition, his presence will be keenly felt in the global studies program that is appropriately themed “Patterns of Conflict and Paths to Peace in a Diverse World.”

“I have had and will have again this coming spring the good fortune to be a small part of a wonderful experiment in education called Semester at Sea,” explained Tutu, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

“The mission of this grand experiment has been to foster greater intercultural understanding by exposing its participants—young and old, students and faculty—to people and cultures around the world while providing them with a sea-going classroom in which to study and absorb what they’ve seen and learned.

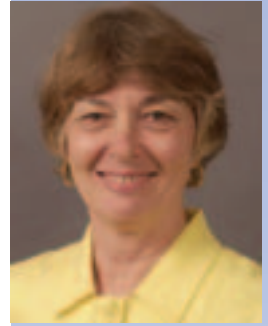
“In the great ocean of human affairs, this idea may seem like a small fish, but one fish can reach others, and those others can reach still more until the great web of understanding and enlightenment spreads out to encircle the globe. Only in that way can we move beyond our fears and learn, finally, to live in harmony with ourselves and our planet.”

## A Model to Humanity

Tutu has participated in the Semester at Sea program on numerous occasions in the past and spoken to the students in Cape Town on other occasions, but this will be his first participation in an entire voyage.

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu is decked out for his Semester at Sea adventure. (Photo by Chris Bolin.)



Kathryn Ward

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—Kathryn Ward,  
UT study abroad  
coordinator



# Collaboration Births Art History Journal



Dr. Catherine Chastain-Elliot, associate professor of art history

**D**r. Catherine Chastain-Elliot, associate professor of art history, says she always wanted to publish an art journal. At about that time, Dr. Al Page, former College of Business dean and longtime supporter of the UT art program, called to ask what he could do for the department.



Dr. Alfred N. Page, former dean, Sykes College of Business

Recently, the two steered their motives into creation of the *Journal of Art History*, which may be the first and only journal in America devoted solely to that topic.

"We had a lot of awards and things for the studio arts; we didn't have anything for art history, since it's a new program," said Chastain-Elliot.

Jack King, professor of art, passed those sentiments on to Page, who liked the idea of an art history journal, and decided to fund the online publication, as well as awards to encourage submissions. Both Page and his wife are artists, Chastain-Elliot said.



Jack King, professor of art

The *Journal of Art History* is published electronically twice a year at [www.journal.utarts.com](http://www.journal.utarts.com). There is no hard-copy edition. Each of four students published in each issue will receive \$500.

The first edition, released in October, was limited to UT students simply because no one else knew about it yet, Chastain-Elliot said, but subsequent issues will be open to contributors from anywhere. She said a graphic design student is developing a postcard to promote the journal to "all the art history programs in the country."

Publishing exclusively online saves money, which helps offer bigger prizes to encourage topnotch contributors, Chastain-Elliot said. It also enables instant and immediate worldwide exposure, and allows production to be entirely in-house. Santiago Echeverry, assistant professor of art, is the journal's Web editor and designer. Everyone involved with the publication is a volunteer, Chastain-Elliot said. ■■■

## Healthy Smiles

Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-professional health (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-nursing) honors society, installed its Florida Eta Chapter on Sept. 22 in the Vaughn Center Reeves Theater, followed by a reception in the VC ninth-floor board room.

Pictured at the reception, from left: Dr. Rebecca Bellone, assistant professor of biology; Tanya Perich, senior biology major and local chapter historian; and Dr. Mason Meers, chair and associate professor of biology. ■■■





# Graduate Programs at UT

## BUSINESS

- ▶ MBA—part-time, full-time and Saturday
- ▶ MS in Accounting, Finance, Innovation Management and Marketing
- ▶ UT MBA and MS-IM alumni can earn a second degree with only 24 additional credit hour. If you already have a master's degree, you can qualify to teach undergraduate courses at a SACS-accredited college or university by completing 18 graduate-level credit hours in a selected discipline.

## EDUCATION

- ▶ Master of Arts in Teaching—designed to train middle and secondary school teachers in critical needs areas of mathematics and science.

## NURSING

- ▶ Master of Science in Nursing with concentrations in Adult Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Education

## UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

### Master of Arts in Teaching

Saturday, Jan. 20  
Noon-1:30 p.m.  
Plant Hall Grand Salon

### MBA and MS Business Programs

Thursday, Feb. 8  
5:30-7 p.m.  
Vaughn Center Board Room, ninth floor

### Master of Science in Nursing

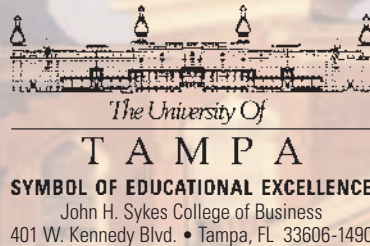
Thursday, March 22  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Plant Hall Music Room

### MBA and MS Business Programs

Saturday, March 17  
10:30 a.m.-noon  
Vaughn Center Board Room, ninth floor

### Contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

Phone: (813) 258-7409  
E-mail: [utgrad@ut.edu](mailto:utgrad@ut.edu)  
Web site: [grad.ut.edu](http://grad.ut.edu)



## Entrepreneur and Family Business Program Honored

Dr. Joe McCann, dean of the John H. Sykes College of Business and professor of management, and Dr. Dianne Welsh, professor of management and James W. Walter distinguished chair of entrepreneurship, received the Family Firm Institute's 2006 Interdisciplinary Award for UT's Entrepreneur and Family Business Program at FFI's annual awards luncheon in San Francisco on Oct. 26.

## Archbishop Tutu

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McCabe said that Tutu's presence on board the ship for 100 days will be life-changing.

"I was fortunate to be a participant on the archbishop's first voyage with Semester at Sea in 1992 and to witness how transformative his presence on board was for many students in just 10 short days," he said.

"I can only imagine the impact he will have on students for an entire voyage around the world. Given the critical role South Africa has played for years as an important destination on Semester at Seas' voyages of discovery, having Nobel Laureate Tutu on board the spring voyage will represent an unparalleled opportunity for our students. They will personally interact with and learn from a world-renowned figure who served as a powerful force in breaking down apartheid and also as a

model to humanity through his leadership of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

The spring 2007 semester voyage will begin on Feb. 4 in Nassau, Bahamas, and in addition to Cape Town, will visit San Juan, PR; Salvador, Brazil; Port Louis, Mauritius; Chennai, India; Penang, Malaysia; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Hong Kong; Qingdao, China; Kobe, Japan; and Honolulu before docking in San Diego on May 14.

Courses offered are fully transferable to the student's home institution. Students choose from more than 75 lower- and upper-division courses during the spring term in a variety of disciplines.

More than 45,000 students have participated since the Semester at Sea program began in 1963. UT began sending students on the voyages in the spring of 2001. Since then, 18 have participated.

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### APRIL

#### Wed., April 4

Dr. Anthony LaRose  
"Police Responses to Domestic Violence in Latin America: Problems and Solutions"  
4 p.m.

#### Wed., April 11

Dr. Kim Curry  
"Entitlements and Economics in Health Care: An International Experience in Ecuador"  
4 p.m.

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# Elite Eleven Make HOF Class of '06

The University of Tampa Athletic Hall of Fame inducted 11 new members and also recognized the 1993 national championship baseball team at the Class of 2006 Banquet on Oct. 19 at the Vaughn Center. Former student-athletes Adrian Bush, Darryl Carlton, Jane Castor, Bob Ford, Wilbur Grooms, Ozzie Timmons, Joe Urso, Dawn Rawlins and Mike Valdes joined former athletic directors Dr. Bob Birrenkott and Hindman Wall as the newest inductees. Gene King also was honored as a recipient of the Sam Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 2006 inductees:

## ADRIAN BUSH

Adrian Bush, 1990-94, was the leader of the 1994 national championship men's soccer team. A four-time All-Sunshine State Conference selection, he earned All-South Region honors three times, and was recognized as an All-America performer. While at Tampa, he played on the 1992 National "B" team and captured a gold medal as a member of the 1993 U.S. Sports Festival south team.

As the offensive leader of a national championship team during his senior season, Bush was recognized as National Player of the Year in 1994. During his four years as a Spartan, he set school records with 61 career goals and 56 points in a single season.

In addition to his well-chronicled success on the field, Bush proved that he had a place on the sidelines, as well. As head coach at Tampa's Gaither High School from 1995-2001, his teams captured a state championship, finished as state runner-up, and won three regional and four district titles. Under his direction, Gaither posted an overall record of 118-25-9.

Bush was named Coach of the Year on two separate occasions by both the *Tampa Tribune* and the *St. Petersburg Times*. He also was recognized as Florida Coach of the Year in 1999-2000. His last Gaither team competed in the Puma national tournament and was ranked fifth in the nation. He has since returned to his alma mater to lead the Spartans as men's head soccer coach.



Adrian Bush



Jane Castor (center)



Wilbur Grooms

## DARRYL CARLTON

Darryl Carlton, 1972-74, came to Tampa from Fort Meade, FL, and started three years with the Spartans. A two-time Division I Independent All-South selection, Carlton was an offensive tackle for Heisman Trophy candidate Freddie Solomon.

Carlton was the Miami Dolphins' first-round draft pick in 1975 (13<sup>th</sup> selection overall). While at UT, he was listed as a top professional prospect after switching over to the offensive line from defensive tackle following his freshman season.

## JANE CASTOR

Jane Castor, 1977-81, concluded her Spartan basketball career with 1,055 points and 508 rebounds while being a dual-sport star in volleyball, where she played for the first Spartan team in 1980. Castor concluded her career as an all-state selection in both basketball and volleyball as a senior. She ranks as one of four Tampa women's basketball players to record 1,000 points and 500 rebounds.

Assistant Chief of Police for the city of Tampa (see article, winter 2006 *UT Journal*, page 17), Castor has become a community leader after serving a variety of assignments. She was promoted to Assistant Chief in August 2005.

## BOB FORD

Bob Ford, 1972-75, played collegiate golf for the Spartans and has continued his success as a professional at Oakmont (PA) Country Club and Seminole (FL) Golf Club. His professional career has included three stints at the U.S. Open, 10 at the PGA Championships and five as a PGA Cup Team member. Additionally, he is a three-time Pennsylvania Open champion and two-time Pennsylvania PGA champion.

Ford is active on several sports-related boards, including TaylorMade/Adidas/Maxfli, Polo Ralph Lauren, Fownes Foundation and First Tee of Pittsburgh. He also is a member of the PGA Professional Hall of Fame (2005), the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (1998) and the Allegheny Kiski-Valley Sports Hall of Fame (1996). Co-author of *Golf: The Body, The Mind, The Game*, Ford has been rec-





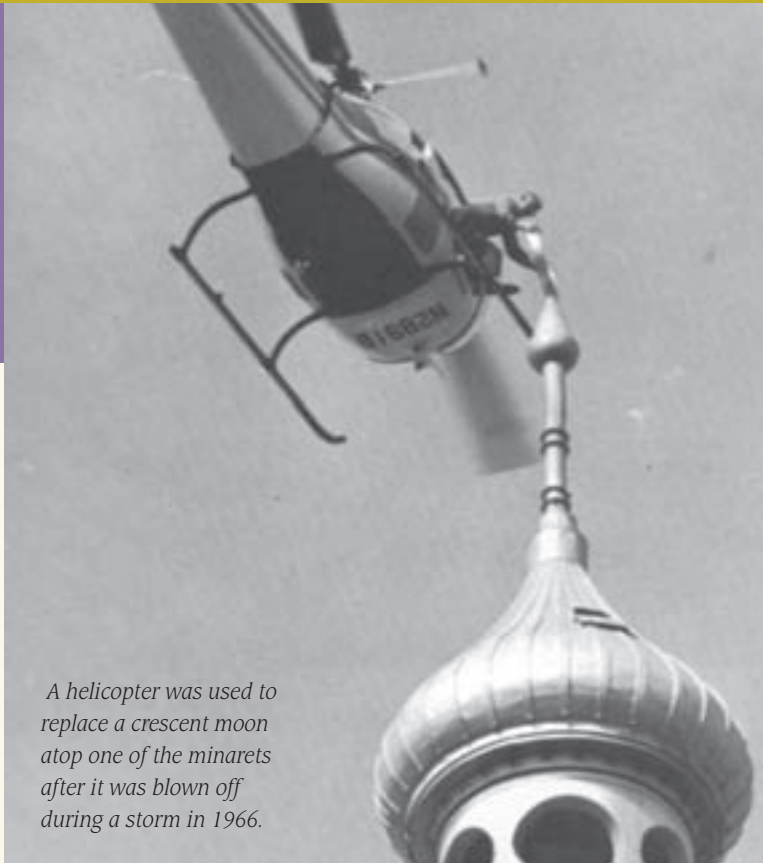
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President David M. Delo

**Editor's Note:** This special center section of the UT Journal covers the eventful second quarter-century of The University of Tampa, from 1956 to 1981. The next issue of the Journal, spring, will cover the last 25 years of UT's 75-year history.

1956—1981



A helicopter was used to replace a crescent moon atop one of the minarets after it was blown off during a storm in 1966.

## USF Emergence

### Spurred

# UT Growth

By M.E. "Buddy" Baker  
Freelance Writer

In the late 1950s, two hurricanes were on direct paths to the polished doors of Plant Hall. One was obvious and thought to be the more dangerous. The other, less visible, was judged to be of little concern. The impacts of both, however, would create, if not fear and dread, then long nights of worry—or merely headshaking. Out of those challenges came what founding president Frederic Spaulding later called the period that marked The University of Tampa's "coming of age and emergence into a mature structure."

The first storm had been on the University's political radar for several years. In September 1960 a new state-supported institution of learning, the University of South Florida, was scheduled to open

on a large sandy tract near Temple Terrace. UT leaders predicted that the new school could blow as many as 75 percent of the UT student body into

dorms and cheaper class hours across town. The University would be crippled, maybe fatally. People around Tampa Bay waited for the bell to toll for UT.

### Enter David Delo to Deliver Last Rites

The gloom seemed justified. Elwood Nance, one of the most successful presidents of UT, resigned in June 1957 after being weakened by a heart attack. Regardless of Nance's efforts, his replacement, Dr. David Delo, found a campus whose physical and fiscal foundations were precarious when he arrived the following year.

Right away, Delo was shocked at the state of Plant Hall, still called the Tampa Bay Hotel. Carpeting

## Looking for Locals

In September 1966, only 15 percent of UT students originate from the Tampa Bay area. That number today is more than 50 percent.

*Students participate in University Union groundbreaking on May 27, 1962. Students formed a "TU" in the sand. The building has been replaced by the Vaughn Center. The original building, now called Riverside Center, has been fully renovated for offices and classrooms.*



was dingy and worn. Everything needed a coat of paint. Sans separate residential housing, married students lived on the upper floors. That situation aggravated the shortage of classrooms.

The University's financial condition was no better. Ninety percent of the University's income came from tuition and fees, including room and board. The endowment was virtually non-existent. One study found that UT needed to raise \$5 million for expansion and renovation (32.9 million in 2005 dollars, using the CPI index). Topping the list of "must-haves" were \$1.5 million for a new science building, \$1 million for a library, and \$1.5 million to be squirreled away in the endowment fund.

Changes were in order, and Delo

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### Recruiting Reverses Student Drain

With the impending drain of students, UT recruiters began looking beyond the state line. Virtually overnight, their efforts got results.

Prior to 1960, UT did almost no active recruitment. The University accepted virtually any student from Hillsborough County schools; others needed only a "C" average. From 1955-60, graduates of Hillsborough County schools still got preference, but they were no longer automatically accepted.

Increased recruitment not only hiked overall enrollment, but it also changed the demographics of the student body.

During the 1959-60 school year, 2,633 non-Floridians inquired about admission. The next year, that number more than doubled to 6,254. Recruiters were doing their jobs very well. In 1959-60, 7,444

## UT's Second 25 Years: A Timeline

1958

July 1, 1958 Dr. Delo becomes president; begins what Spaulding later describes as UT's "period that marks its coming of age and emergence into a mature structure."

1959

1959 Construction begins on McKay and Smiley residence halls.

September 1958 Sunny Delo invites a group of women to chisel off old mortar from the decorative fireplace tiles. The Chiselers, Plant Hall's premier preservation group, are born.





catalogs were mailed; the next year—15,033. The University had been founded for area residents, but by 1964, a mere 30 percent of students came from local addresses.

### Turning Away Students

In the fall of 1959, for the first time in its history, UT had to turn away nearly 600 students. Enrollment jumped to 1,500, a 12 percent increase from the year before. Simultaneously, registration for evening classes passed the 400 mark, nearly twice the previous year's enrollment.

Development necessarily acquired a more critical role—until September 1961, no office of development existed. The first director of development, Dr. Stephen Speronis, was aided by several groups that had only recently come into being. UT Associates Inc. was comprised of young Tampa area business executives. The UT Women's Club worked to improve relations between the

University and the public. The Chiselers, a group of women dedicated to restoring the Tampa Bay Hotel, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, reducing the building's maintenance costs. The Anniversary Ball committee helped create a positive buzz for the school.

To raise the money needed to expand the campus, Delo immersed the University in a series of fundraisers. In the "Burgers for Buildings" campaign, all four local White Tower restaurants pledged the receipts from one day's sales. Other fundraising events were scheduled at the Tampa Jai Alai Fronton, Sunshine Park horse track and Tampa Greyhound track.

### Transition from "Street Car College"

By 1962, UT had moved from a "street car college," a term coined by Delo, to a residential university. New construction was

abundant and a source of pride. In the Homecoming parade, the Pi Kappa Phi float was designed as a train named the "Delo Special." It pulled three cars, named Howell Hall, Falk Theatre

and Student Union. Coeds wearing hardhats stood beneath make-believe girders on the Tau Kappa Epsilon float, which bore a banner



## Marking Time to 3/4 Beat

The 50th anniversary celebrations for UT feature the premiere of a new American opera, *Opera Buffet*, a comic opera written by UT professor David Isele.

*Trustees visit the UT mobile admissions van that toured the country making instant decisions for undergraduate students in an effort that resulted in increased enrollment, 1979.*

1960

1960 Student recruiting becomes a major activity as the University of South Florida opens.

1961

October 20, 1961 Israeli Room dedicated, first of many rooms that eventually became the Western Civilization Corridor.

September 1960 WTVT broadcasts live UT's 30th anniversary convocation.

## Paid With Our Thanks

During the approximately 18 months he serves as interim president of UT, Fred Learey, former president of General Telephone Co. and a community icon, takes no pay.



1970 Moroccan

proclaiming “Forget the Past, Drive for the Future.”

The following summer, the *Tampa Tribune* reported that more than \$1.1 million in construction and remodeling was underway on campus.

Under Delo, “theme rooms” became a popular way to renovate Plant Hall. The hallway along which the decorated rooms were located became known as the “Western Civilizations Corridor.” One such room, the “Mediterranean Room,” was dedicated in September 1964. Its furnishings included 17th-century carved walnut chairs from Spain, an 18th-century carved walnut desk from Catalonia, and a carved gold Venetian mirror.

Growth continued under the next president, B.D. Owens.

Between June 1971 and December 1972, the University got some cosmetic but necessary improvements. Carpeting on the second and third floors of Plant Hall reduced noise, and new paint took years off the hallways. Offices were refurbished, science labs added and modernized and residence halls renovated. In September 1972, Owens approved the purchase of a four-story apartment building on N. Boulevard for \$160,000.

### Fundraising as Economic Engine

Big deal piled upon big deal in 1972. In January, the University’s Forward Fund

With the stroke of Owens’ pen, the campus tripled in size, creating space for much-needed new facilities.



Legendary NBC news commentator David Brinkley attended B.D. Owens’ Inauguration on Oct. 2, 1972.

campaign surpassed its \$400,000 goal and established a new record by raising \$402,435 (\$1.9 million in today’s dollars). In May, the Minaret Society was established for supporters who gave gifts of \$1,000 or more. Some 53 members collectively gave or pledged \$198,000 within a 10-day period.

Successful fundraising wasn’t the only big deal: That same year, Plant Hall was named to the National Register of Historic Places. The achievement recognized the significance of the Victorian-era building to the American public. Just as important, the University was now able to apply for federal funds with which to restore and maintain the structure. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1977.

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

1961

December 1961 Falk-Mandell Charity Foundation buys Park Theater to donate to UT, and renames it David A. Falk Theatre.

1965

1965 Board of Counselors created and assists development department with acquisition of campus property.

1964

September 1964 Trustees vote not to deny admission to any student based on race, creed or color.





The UT campus tripled in size with the acquisition of the fairgrounds complex.

One of the most significant developments in UT history happened on May 30. The University acquired the Florida State Fairgrounds property in a land swap with the city of Tampa, giving up 24 acres of urban renewal land along the river north of Phillips Field for the 33-acre fair tract with all its buildings. With the stroke of Owens' pen, the campus tripled in size, creating space for much-needed new facilities.

In April, the first major administrative restructuring at the University was announced. More than 20 departments were reduced to six divisions, a move that permitted better management and the offering of 14 more courses without adding additional faculty.

### ROTC Installed

The University began to stretch its academic wings. In the fall of 1971, an "intersession" program began that allowed

students to take a compressed schedule of classes in the three-week period between semesters. Another innovation was the creation of an ROTC program at a time when many universities were dropping theirs.

In the fall of 1972, UT announced an agreement to establish a dual degree with Georgia Tech University. Students could split class hours between the two schools, earning degrees from both. The following spring, the University announced its first graduate program, the Master of Business Administration.

The 1980 academic year ended with the announcement that seven trustees and their friends had pledged \$2.5 million to the University. During the 1982 academic year, under President Richard Cheshire, UT received a \$1-million computer grant, the largest corporate grant in Tampa at that time. The University instituted four new computer majors.

## Pulchritude Palace

In July 1966, the UT campus is a haven for female beauty. Reigning queens attending classes include Miss Tampa, the Florida Strawberry Festival Queen, Miss International Speed Queen and Miss Brandon.

The Sticks of Fire statue in Plant Park was erected in 1980 to symbolize a \$2.5-million gift made to the University by seven trustees and their friends.



1967

November 1967 William and Edna Barritt donate home for University President.

1966

January 1966 Tampa Bay Hotel renamed Plant Hall.

1969

Fall 1969 Books moved from dining room of Plant Hall (Fletcher Lounge) to new Merl Kelce Library.

# Lock on Leadership

A 1976 study finds that 60 percent of Hillsborough County public school administrators and principals are graduates of The University of Tampa.

*Good plays like this couldn't help the Spartans.*



## Arts Gain Stature

The arts, always a strong suit for UT, were bringing national attention to the University and high culture to Tampa Bay. At Christmas 1960, the UT Chorus appeared in a five-minute segment on a CBS television special. The next fall, Esther Glazer, a noted violinist of international tour fame, was appointed artist-in-residence. She was the wife of Irwin Hoffman, music director and conductor of the Florida Gulf Coast Symphony, and the appointment launched a series of Hoffman String Quartet concerts at UT, enhancing the University's cultural image in the community.

The University's diverse intramurals program engendered a strong competitive spirit that was manifested in major sports such as basketball and football. Still,

athletics were a financial drain on the University. In 1967, fearing that football would be discontinued, alumni and fans of the sport organized Sword and Shield, which contributed more than \$139,000. Such efforts bore almost immediate fruit. In October 1971, UT was accepted into the National Collegiate Athletic Association, putting the University into big-time athletics.

By January 1972, UT had an unusual reputation in sports. For the second year in a row, a major college hired away a UT head coach when William Fulcher went to Georgia Tech. The previous year, Fran Curci



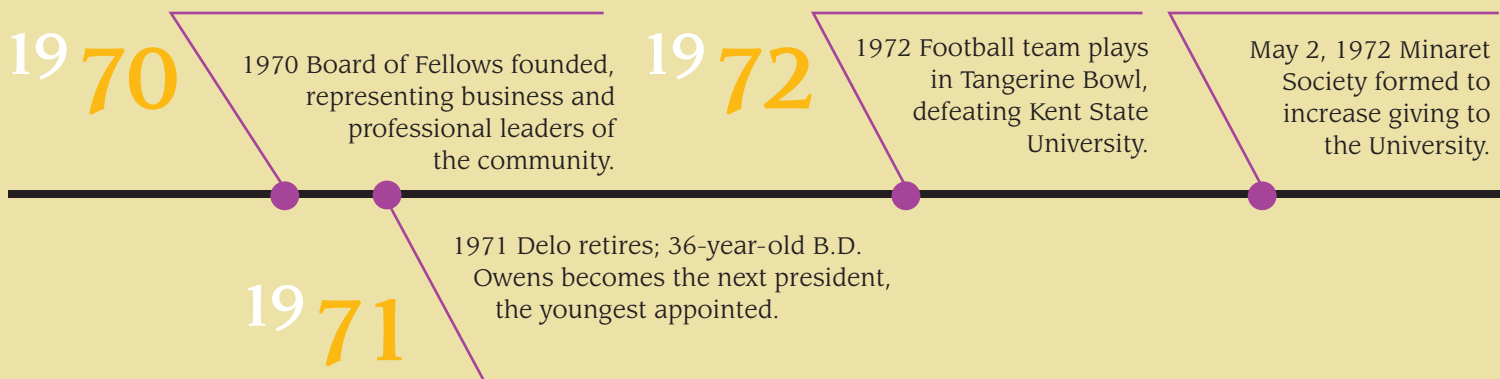
*The Quarterback Club luncheon opened festivities for 1957 Homecoming. Cheerleaders served club members and the team. Nash Higgins, Tampa's first football coach, was guest speaker. The luncheon took place on the East Verandah.*

was hired away by the University of Miami.

Other UT alumni also were in the public spotlight. Jack and Sally Jenkins, who married in 1960 while students at UT, embarked on a long entertainment career. They appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show, toured with Guy Lombardo, and performed in Las Vegas and Miami.

In November 1959, in violation of school policy, students Neil Reynolds and Dean Burroughs went to some lengths to grow facial hair.

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







UT students Jack and Sally Jenkins met on campus, married in 1960, and had a long, successful singing career, and appearances with Ed Sullivan, Guy Lombardo and others.

A Spartan football star, defensive tackle John Matuszak, was the first-round pick in the NFL draft in 1973. That same year, two other Spartans, Paul Orndorff and Wilbur Grooms, were drafted by the New Orleans Saints and the Kansas City Chiefs, respectively.



Dancing in the "Rat," circa 1960s.

### The Second Hurricane

Because the second hurricane lacked the visibility of the first storm, its landfall was more difficult to predict and react to. But its consequences were just as long lasting. The warning flags wore whiskers.

In November 1959, in violation of school policy, students Neil Reynolds and Dean Burroughs went to some lengths to grow facial hair. In a counter-rebellion, three coeds—Adele Tagliente, Grace Costas and Shirley Hickey—tied off their tresses into pigtales to show their displeasure.

Such pranks were advance warning of the social changes about to create consternation for University officials. By today's standards, the controversies were laughable:

"At first, the issues involved the rights of males to go 'sockless' and of women to stay out after 1 a.m. on weekends, but soon the stakes climbed," wrote Dr. James Covington in his history, *The Story of the University of Tampa*.

In 1966, despite official admonitions against facial hair, the yearbook showed a student sporting a "love patch." Over the next few years, sideburns and mustaches became more visible. Three men in the 1970 yearbook were photographed in full beards.

### The "Undressing" of Campus

The hip collegian had left behind the conservative business suit for what was essentially "anti-couture." Freshman Charles Perry had his yearbook picture taken in



## No-No, Noel

In 1967, Professor Noel Stephens is reprimanded for wearing a beard.

*The advent of long hair and beards brought protests from administrators and female students in the 1960s.*

May 30, 1972: The University acquires the Florida State Fairgrounds property in a land swap with the city of Tampa, gaining the 33-acre fair tract with all its buildings, and increasing the campus size to 48 acres from 15 acres.

1975

February 27, 1975 Trustees vote 16-9 to terminate football; community stunned.

1973

1973 Florida Military Collection is donated by AUSA and is housed in the Merl Kelce Library.

# Silver Turns Gold

To mark the golden anniversary of UT in 1981, the silver minarets were painted gold at a cost of \$14,000. The paint began to peel after six months.



*There were no coed living arrangements in the 1960s, but that policy, too, was soon to fall.*

1966 wearing a madras jacket. BMOCs often wore nothing more than shorts, T-shirts and sunglasses. Young women no longer were expected to wear gloves when they went downtown.

The looser fashion standards were noticed. Some men were reprimanded for their long hair and sideburns during spring registration in 1969, and students circulated a petition to tighten the dress code. However, by 1974, any dress code was, in truth, deceased. Freshmen were seen on campus with long, unruly hair, while coeds showed up in sundresses.

The Vietnam war was very close to many students. In September 1965, dean Michael DeCarlo reminded students to keep their grades up, because UT was no haven from the draft.

“The university does not consider service in the armed forces as a penalty,” he said. “Such service is considered an obligation and responsibility of citizenship,” the student handbook stated at the time.

In May 1967, as college campuses across the nation were rocked by student unrest, Delo had to deal with UT’s own disturbances. A “sudden protest” was ignited by the suspension of football players Mike Kraft and Jim Del Gaizo (a future Miami Dolphin and Green Bay Packer), and apparently augmented by dissatisfaction over the *Moroccan* yearbook.

## Gains

Students had a greater role in University activities by the early 1970s. They were judges and juries in campus traffic court. They voted on the admissions, athletic, disciplinary and

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

1979

1979 Cheshire appoints faculty committee to study changes in academic calendar leading to the “Bimester Calendar”

1981

Winter 1981 board approves a new mission and master plan to serve a more diversified, academically superior student body and establish a metro college degree and non-degree programs for adults of all ages.

1977

1977 President Owens resigns. Dr. Richard D. Cheshire is appointed President. University acquires 97-room University Host College Inn on river, adjacent Denny’s, and six-acre parking lot for use by residential students.

1980

Nov 24, 1980 First UT Forum. Noted author Podhoretz warns of Soviets’ power.



## Nighty-Night, Parade

In 1967, Michael DeCarlo, dean of students, ends the Pajama Parade, a yearly ritual dating to the earliest days of the University. He cites “disgraceful conduct” by some students.



*One of the last pajama parades.*

library committees of the University. By May 1972, trustees allowed supervised guest privileges in residence halls on weekends.

By 1980, sororities were reappearing. Greek houses were entrenched early in the social life of the University, but the contrarian nature of the '60s and '70s dissipated their numbers. One campus writer said the groups had suffered because of “declining membership, poor undergraduate leadership and inadequate alumni support.” The biggest push to revive the sororities came from campus fraternities. By 1981, three sororities were chartered.

### Losses

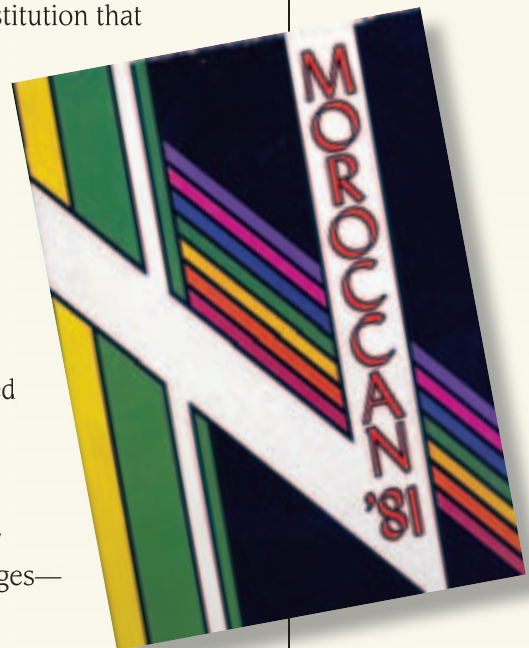
For some traditions, it was over. In 1967, Michael DeCarlo, dean of men, ended the Pajama Parade, a yearly ritual dating to the earliest days of the University. He cited “disgraceful conduct” by some students.

One of the most revered traditions on campus and the local scene disappeared in 1975. The football program was eliminated by trustees. Owens defended the action as “vital to the institution’s fiscal health.” The *Tampa Tribune* reported: “In the two years prior to eliminating the football program, UT’s budget had a deficit, but the year

following the decision a \$90,000 surplus was available to invest in academic programs.”

By 1980, some 1,600 fulltime students walked the halls of The University of Tampa each day. There were 450 graduate students, 110 faculty members, 243 staff members and an annual budget of a whopping \$11 million. Notably, 37 buildings comprising about 1 million square feet occupied 95 acres of prime downtown property.

Demographically, culturally, financially and physically, the University bore little resemblance to the institution that Elwood Nance left in 1957. Because of a succession of dedicated men at the helm, concerned students and an involved community, The University of Tampa survived 25 years it wasn’t expected to. There was no time to hand out the “Been There, Done That” T-shirts, however. Other challenges—and changes—were still to come.



## Raising the Grade

In 1973, 41 percent of freshmen enter UT with a GPA of 2.0 or less. By 1976, only 14 percent fit into that category.

# In the End, it Came Down to Pigskin or Sheepskin

By M.E. "Buddy" Baker  
Freelance Writer

The day began routinely for Athletic Director Sam Bailey.

A delegation from the National Organization for Women came to his office to ask him to spend more money on women's sports. After an hour and a half, the women left, and Bailey hurried toward the meeting of the finance committee. Comprised of men from the board of trustees, the group's job was to divvy up the University's budget for the next school year. Bailey needed to be there to speak up, if necessary, for his department.

As he walked, Bailey's thoughts probably were already focused on the football program. High school prospects were to sign their letters of commitment in a week; spring practice began

in 10 days. The team had gone 6-5 this season, a letdown after the year when the team boasted a 10-2 record and beaten Kent State in the Tangerine Bowl. Bailey might have mentally calculated how another disappointing season could be avoided.

He didn't know he was heading to the epicenter of an earthquake.

### The Board Votes Thumbs Down, 16-9

That day, Feb. 12, 1975, the finance committee recommended that Spartan football be stopped. Two weeks later, the full board concurred in a 16-9 vote. Football, an institution on campus since 1933 and the source of many a UT tradition, was dead. The aftershocks of the decision would permanently

shake up Bailey's world, the lives of colleagues and players, and the culture of Tampa Bay.

Football at UT had endured temblors of various intensities for decades. Early players had to pay their own expenses. The game

disappeared during World War II, players having departed to battlefields in Europe and Asia. In 1946, trustees rejected a request by alumni to field a football team even though the grads said they were prepared to raise \$40,000 for the campaign. In 1951, the alumni association raised \$22,000 for athletic scholarships, and Marcelino Huerta took over as coach. He stayed for 11 years, achieving a record of 76-31-2.



John Matuszak was the number one NFL draft pick in 1973.

### Coach Pancoast Urges Move to Division I

In 1963, Coach Fred

Pancoast made an amazing proposal. Upgrade the program to Division I ball to play teams with national renown. Build a better stadium to accommodate the larger crowds that would come. Use the stadium numbers to lure a National Football League franchise.

"All of these things are fitting into place, and at major college level we would be self-sustaining," Pancoast told *Tampa Tribune* sports editor Tom McEwen. "In fact," Pancoast predicted, "we would be able to return money to the general fund."

Pancoast added: "I know that Tampa U has never, athletically, really had the full support of football fans here. Allegiance is divided. I firmly believe, that if we were major college, we would give the people the 'team' they need in this area to get behind. I think then we would have full support."

When he spoke to McEwen, Pancoast may have smelled something wafting from the minarets. By December the following year, the

Billy Howell hurdles through a gaping hole during a 1963 Spartan game.





University was seriously considering dropping the program.

President David Delo wrote to the chairman of the Trustee Committee on Student Affairs, Carl Brorein Jr., that the bulk of the faculty and vice presidents favored the discontinuation of football, said Dr. James Covington in *The story of the University of Tampa: A quarter century of progress from 1930 to 1955*. The funds saved could be funneled into higher faculty pay and improved curriculum. What's more, only 8 percent of alumni made a financial contribution to the University, and only about 50 percent of the students attended the games.

Pancoast's plan prevailed, but with a condition. "Realizing that football was costly," wrote Covington, "Delo warned the trustees and [Coach Sam] Bailey that the sport must not lose too much money. Accordingly, Bailey helped organize a Quarterback Club to give financial support and bring in better quality competition, including Virginia Military Institute and Presbyterian".

The community responded. In 1967, alumni and fans organized Sword and Shield, which contributed \$139,360 to the program. It was a convincing effort. Tampa Stadium opened that fall, and its primary tenant was Spartan football.

Thus began a frenetic period for UT football. The team became white-hot, an athletic supernova. Unfortunately, such a celestial body burns brightest just before collapsing, unexpectedly, into nothingness.

In 1970, Fran Curci coached the team to a 10-1 record, pushing UT to the top of the small college ranks. Bill Fulcher, going 6-5, took over in 1971, and Earle Bruce came on board in 1972. The Spartans went 10-2, beating Vanderbilt, Miami, Florida A&M and Southern Illinois—and winning the Tangerine Bowl. Dennis Fryzel had two winning seasons, 1973 and 1974. Then it was over.

By two standards, UT football had been an overwhelming success. The caliber of player was undeniable. John Matuszak was the number one college draft choice of the National Football League in 1973. Freddie Solomon, Morris LeGrand, Darryl Carleton, Jim Del Gaizo, and Leon McQuay also were selected for pro

teams in the U.S. and Canada.

Secondly, the coaching staff was quality. Four coaches marshaled the team in the last five years of the program. With winning seasons topping their resumes, each was quickly picked off by larger colleges or professional teams with more lucrative salaries.

It was, in fact, the lack of lucre that doomed the program. Despite all the glorious victories, UT football still lost big financial yardage. In the end, that was the only standard that mattered.

### Losses Were Draining Endowment Fund

Covington again: "With the move to Tampa Stadium, and the subsequent advance to Division I of NCAA, expenses climbed rapidly,

with game attendance reflecting only a slow advance. Average paid attendance figures at the games showed 10,340 for 1970, 14,760 for 1971, and 15,392 for 1972. With costs rising from the increased staff and stadium rent, losses raced up from \$82,000 in 1970 to \$206,703 in 1971 and \$167,927 in 1972.

"Of the 55 players, 31—or over 50 percent—were in academic trouble, but of the non-football students, only 15 percent were in trouble.

Finally, [President B.D.] Owens stressed the following points: The University had taken \$755,000 out of reserves during the past three years to meet deficits and, if football continued, the endowment would be finished. If matters continued in the same pattern, in three years, the University would become bankrupt, or part of the state system."

Final stats for UT football revealed a mixed record. On the field: 197 wins, 160 losses, 72 ties. In the classroom: Only 24 percent of players eligible for graduation received diplomas in the final five years.

The year after Spartan football ended, its former home at Tampa Stadium was occupied by another team: the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. It was a pyrrhic, if not ironic, moment. The Spartans had wanted their success to spur the construction of the stadium. The presence of the stadium, along with the demonstrated support for the local college team, was to be the sugar to draw the NFL. Even in death, the Spartans had pulled off one more win.



UT Cheerleader in the 1960s.

## Scribble Faster!

On Sept. 30, 1971, the *Minaret* announces it will begin publishing weekly. It had published bi-weekly since 1951.

Even without football, supporters were accustomed to seeing Spartan teams win.

- Only a few years after opening its doors, UT's baseball team went undefeated two years straight in the Florida Intercollegiate Baseball League.
- In 1951, UT basketball won the state title.
- In 1974, the women's crew team ranked seventh nationally, and competed in the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta.
- During the 1975-76 school year, the water ski team finished first in a 20-team invitational, the women's crew team defeated the national champions, and golf captain Bob Ford qualified for the NCAA nationals.

The MBA was established in the fall of 1973. Four classes were offered and a total of 49 students registered. It was called the Division of Economics and Business and there were 18 faculty members.

# “Money Tree” No Longer Gets It Done for Chiselers



Early 1970s photo of the Chiselers Market (formerly called Thieves Market) held in Fletcher Hall.

When the ballroom of Plant Hall needed new drapes in October 1959, a newly formed group of women calling themselves “The Chiselers” threw a party with punch and cookies.

They created a “money tree” that stood in a corner of the room. The group of 23

women, which included Sunny Delo, the wife of the UT president, had been organized only

since June of that year, yet it was a measure of their social pull that the “party” drew 1,500 people.

How much money guests pinned to the tree wasn’t publicized. It would have been impolite.

In that time, nearly 50 years ago, asking for money on such a public stage was considered bad manners. The tree was a discrete request for donations without hassling the donor or turning the recipient red-faced in embarrassment.



## The Men Behind the History

**President David M. DeLo**

July 1958 to June 1971

David DeLo never forgot the cold floors of the mountain cabin in Wyoming’s Wind River Mountains that he frequented during his early days as a field geologist. Spartans will never forget DeLo for the way he rescued The University of Tampa from the brink of possible extinction.

He moved the University from a commuter school to one that was largely

residential. He added six residence halls, the 1,200-seat Falk Theatre, a student center, biological station, industrial arts shop and art gallery. His wife, Sunny, had a central role in the revitalization and renovation of the Tampa Bay Hotel.

After his retirement, DeLo served as University chancellor for two years.

*During his administration:*

- Enrollment exploded from 950 mostly local students to 1,900, 60 percent of whom came from outside Florida.
- The campus grew from one building to nine major and four smaller buildings.
- Faculty salaries doubled, and a retirement plan was set up.
- The annual budget increased six-fold without a single deficit year.



## Football Threatened Endowment

In 1975, President Owens reported to trustees that the three-year endowment drain to support football had cost \$755,000. If football continued, endowment would be gone.



Restoration projects like the one done in Fletcher Lounge by the Chiselers in the 1990s are typical of the projects the group undertakes.

The Chiselers appreciate the change in thinking. Nowadays, the group spends a lot of time asking for money, notes Phyllis Kimbel, a 15-year member of the group who has written a history of the Chiselers and twice served as president.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that the Chiselers have been largely responsible for how Plant Hall looks today.

Since the group's inception, they have raised "beyond three million" dollars, Kimbel says, for the restoration and preservation of the historically significant structure. That amount is equivalent to what Henry Plant spent to build the hotel in 1888-91.

Kimbel joined the Chiselers just after the group finished a massive renovation of Fletcher Lounge, including the dome ceiling.



### President Robert "B.D." Owens

June 1971 to July 1977

As a young man, B.D. Owens dreamed of flying a commercial airliner. Instead, at age 36, he became the youngest man ever to pilot a university.

UT's reputation grew with Owens' successes. The proportion of professors with doctorates rose from 41 percent to 60 percent. Admissions standards were upgraded—by 1976, approximately 86 percent of incoming freshmen had at least a "C" average, a dramatic rise from 59 percent only three years before. Graduate programs in business and education and an undergraduate program in management began. A major restructuring transformed more than 20 departments into six divisions.

Owens' CV incurred a few stains. Plans for a law school and a nursing program came to nothing. But for some, the darkest blot was his decision in 1975 to end football, only two years after the Spartans' victory in the Tangerine Bowl.

*Under Owens, the campus grew by leaps and grounds. In November 1971, he and trustees approved the exchange of 26 acres of urban renewal land for a 33-acre tract occupied by the Florida State Fairgrounds. The deal more than tripled the size of the campus to 48 acres.*

# Can You Spare A Dime

The University had no fundraising and development department until 1961. The first director was Dr. Stephen Speronis.



*The Chiselers were instrumental in acquiring funding for a roof-line reconstruction of the Plant Hall roof in the early 1990s.*

Scaffolding, rented for \$7,000, had filled every inch of the floor. To protect the floor, \$1,500 in plywood had to be bought. And those were only a few of the expenses of the job, which cost \$200,000 to complete.

Obviously, not a job for a money tree. Chiselers raise money through several annual events that have become “ta-di-fah” affairs on the area social calendar. The Chiseler’s Market may be the most popular. It’s “Tampa’s largest one-day flea market. And I’m quoting myself on that,” says Kimbel.

• A party the night before is a pep rally for  
• the market, and sometimes brings in more  
• money than the main event, she adds. But  
• perhaps the ritziest event is a fashion show,  
• where the models stroll in the latest togs  
• from Neiman Marcus.

• The women no longer chisel grout off  
• old fireplace tiles, the source of the group’s  
• name. The needs of the aging building have  
• grown beyond simple hand tools. Today, the  
• Chiselers’ never-ending fundraising provides  
• the deep pockets to afford specialists versed



## Interim President Fred Learey

March 1975 to August 1977

The oldest president of UT, Fred Learey, replaced the youngest, B.D. Owens, at least temporarily.

At the time of his appointment as interim president, Learey was 71.

A former chair of the board of trustees, Learey was well known for his community involvement.

*While president of General Telephone Company of Florida, he worked with civil rights activist, the Rev. Leon Lowry, to break down racial barriers at the company. Learey was president of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce in 1967 and 1968.*

He received many honors during his lifetime, including the 1969 Civitan Outstanding Citizen Award, 1971 Silver Medallion Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1978 Liberty Bell Award of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, 1985 Florida Distinguished Service Medal, and induction into the 1988 Tampa Bay Hall of Fame.

Learey was founding chairman of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. In 1994, The University of Tampa posthumously awarded him the inaugural Tampa Bay Ethics Award.



## Raising The Bar

During President Cheshire's tenure, the percentage of faculty with terminal degrees increased from 60 to 93 percent.



*The Barritt House on the Palma Ceia Golf Course was donated to the University as the president's residence in 1967 by William and Edna Barritt.*

in Victorian color palettes, metal workers who can fashion flawless replicas of light fixtures, and woodwork artists capable of cloning carved mahogany doors.

Even without chisels, Kimbel considers the members "the hardest working bunch of women I have ever been associated with. We're doing something that we should be proud of, and we are."

Saying they are "inextricably intertwined," Cheshire named "income, program and organization" as his priorities.

A veteran fundraiser, Cheshire felt he had to rebuild community rapport after the death of intercollegiate football. He worked to close the gap by reinforcing remaining sports and by flexing other aspects of the University.

A motor home became a mobile student recruitment center to visit southern high schools and junior colleges as part of an increased recruiting effort. New scholarships lured more local students. Within three years, scholarship aid jumped fivefold, to more than \$1 million. In turn, student GPAs climbed.

In 1977, the average GPA and SAT scores for incoming freshmen were 2.51 and 864, respectively. The same statistics in 1985 show the GPA at 2.73 and the average SAT score at 958.

*Barron's College Guide*, which ranked UT in the "less competitive" category in 1977, ranked it "competitive" by 1985. Enrollment continued to grow – it was 17 percent larger than when Cheshire arrived on the scene.

The faculty was upgraded – 93 percent of the professors had the highest degree in their fields compared with 60 percent in the mid-1970s.

In 1980, the University adopted the slogan, "UT Spirit—Get It!" The community got it. That year, the Forward Fund pushed past its goal by \$53,000, while the Minaret Society raised pledges of more than \$1 million. Six trustees and

one former trustee pledged \$2.5 million over five years, the largest single gift to the University to that date.

In a symbolic thank-you, the University began planning a new sports and recreation complex, and trustees okayed the return of men's basketball.

The following year, the University opened a \$1-million computer center. The NCR gift represented not only the largest corporate gift ever received by UT, but also the largest gift received by any academic institution in the Tampa Bay area.

Having to deal with what he called a "collapse of almost all sports" following the end of football, Cheshire reported to faculty in 1980 that full-time coaches had been hired in baseball, crew, soccer, swimming and women's sports, as well as a full-time trainer. Men's basketball returned in fall 1983.

He renovated the old fairgrounds facilities and created a 3,600-seat gymnasium, locker rooms, class rooms, a weight room and athletic department offices, today known as the Martinez Sports Center.

Cheshire retained Johnson, Johnson & Roy—internationally known campus planners—to develop a 20-year master plan that would integrate the physical development of the campus with UT's programs. Some of those concepts, such as creating new entrance to the campus and creating a pedestrian-scale campus, have subsequently been implemented.



**President Richard D. Cheshire**  
October 1977 to August 1986

*A faculty committee studied changes in the academic calendar. The "bimester calendar" resulted. A policy review group, the Collegium, was formed with students, staff and faculty members to look at more overarching changes. It was never fully adopted, and the University eventually reverted to the semester system.*

## Community Icon

In 1964, Mary Irene Falk was awarded the University medal, honoring her efforts through the Falk-Mandel Charity Foundation to purchase what is now the David A. Falk Theatre.



Mrs. Mary Irene Falk

# Actors, Admirals, Governors and More

The University of Tampa bestowed its first honorary degree upon its founder and first president, Frederic H. Spaulding, in 1936. During UT's second quarter-century, a parade of politicians, actors, scientists, writers, educators, religious leaders, philanthropists and military commanders received the honor. The list below presents some of the more widely recognized recipients. Those who previously had earned formal doctorates are indicated by "Dr." preceding their names.

- 1956**— **Spessard L. Holland**  
Governor of Florida, 1941-45; U.S. Senator from Florida, 1946-71; sponsor of the 24th Amendment, which outlawed poll taxes in elections  
*Doctor of Humanities*
- 1957**— **William C. Cramer**  
U.S. Representative, 1955-71; First Florida Republican elected to Congress since Reconstruction; longtime UT supporter  
*Doctor of Jurisprudence*
- 1962**— **Maestro Alfredo Antonini**  
Composer and conductor; conductor or musical director for nine major network television productions including *Jack and the Beanstalk* (1965), *Pinocchio* (1965) and *The Emperor's New Clothes* (1967)  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 1966**— **Mayor Nick Nuccio**  
Mayor of Tampa, 1956-59 and 1963-67; city council member, 1929-36; Hillsborough County commissioner, 1937-56  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 1967**— **Blanche Yurka**  
Opera star, actress, director and playwright; productions including *Lady for a Night* (1949), *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* (1944) and *Rue Madeleine* (1946)  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 1969**— **Jack M. Eckerd**  
Founder of Eckerd drugstore empire; philanthropist and co-author of two books  
*Doctor of Laws*
- 1969**— **Lawrence E. Spivak**  
Radio and television host; created *Meet the Press* in 1947  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*
- 1981**— **Dr. Martha E. Peterson**  
President of Barnard College and Beloit College; dean of women at the University of Wisconsin in 1952;  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*





ognized as a two-time PGA Merchandiser of the Year and the National Professional Club professional and player of the year.

Declared by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* as "the finest club pro in America," Ford has served as the head pro at Oakmont for 26 years and at Seminole for six. Both are ranked among the top 10 courses in the nation. A former president of the Tri-State PGA (1994-98), he was the recipient of the 1986 Tri-State PGA Horton Smith Award and was 1987 Tri-State PGA Teacher of the Year.

## WILBUR GROOMS

Wilbur Grooms, 1970-72, had an excellent career at UT that led to his being a sixth-round selection by the Kansas City Chiefs. He was a Division I All-South Independent team selection as a defensive end and the 1972 leading tackler. The defensive MVP in 1972, Grooms started on UT's Tangerine Bowl championship team that finished the season 10-1.

Grooms graduated with a degree in biology, and earned a master's degree from the University of South Carolina in 1977 while serving as an assistant coach for the Gamecocks. His coaching career included eight years at South Carolina and The Citadel.

## DAWN RAWLINS

Dawn Rawlins, 1995-98, not only excelled on the volleyball court, but was a two-time SSC Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. As a player, she twice was named a second-team All-American while finishing her career with 978 kills.

A two-time first-team All-SSC selection, Rawlins was a member of the league's second team for two years, making her one of three Spartans to earn the award all four years. She also was a three-time first-team All-South selection while being named CoSIDA Academic All-District in 1998. She ranks second in school history for blocks in a season (198) and fourth on the UT career list (470).

## OZZIE TIMMONS

Ozzie Timmons, 1989-91, enjoyed a stellar baseball career at UT, which set the stage for a lengthy career in professional baseball.

A two-time All-American, Timmons concluded his Spartan career as the *Baseball America* top Division II player in 1991. He ranks third all-time among homerun hitters at Tampa with 37. Timmons continued playing in the professional ranks, spending time with seven different organizations, including the Chicago

Cubs, Cincinnati Reds, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Atlanta Braves, Arizona Diamondbacks and New York Mets. He played in the major leagues for five seasons, including 142 games with the Chicago Cubs in 1995-96.

Timmons remains active in the Tampa community during the offseason, assisting area schools and youth groups as a teacher, coach and mentor. He also became the fifth Spartan baseball player to enter the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame as a class of 2005-06 inductee.

## JOE URSO

Joe Urso, 1989-92, was a four-year starter at second base and was twice named second-team All-American twice, first-team All-South and first-team All-Sunshine State Conference. He was a career .332 hitter who held the NCAA career record for runs (258). He owned the school mark for runs in a season (76) and still holds school records in walks for a season (54) and career (176). He ranks fourth on the all-time school list for games played (223), is second in career doubles (63) and sixth in stolen bases (70).

Urso was voted MVP of the Spartans' national championship team in 1992. In 1997, he was named to the NCAA II NCS all-time team as best second baseman. He was named to the Sunshine State Conference Silver Anniversary team.

Urso is head baseball coach at UT, and recently led his team to a 54-6 season and the school's fourth baseball national championship.

## MIKE VALDES

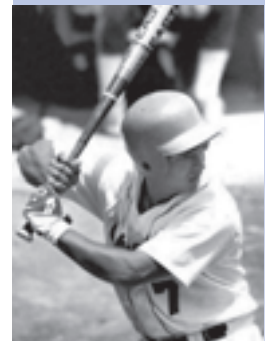
Mike Valdes, 1996-99, was a dominating force on the Spartan baseball team. The 1998 NCAA Division II National Player of the Year led Tampa to the national championship that same year. He carried a perfect game into the fifth inning of the championship game before eventually beating Kennesaw State, 6-1, for the title. One of four UT baseball players to earn National Player of the Year honors, Valdes also was 1998 Sunshine State Conference Athlete of the Year and 1998 SSC Pitcher of the Year. Over a two-year period, Valdes was the nation's dominant pitcher. As a junior in 1998, he led the nation with a 15-1 record, 92 strikeouts and only 18 walks. Combined with his sophomore season, he posted an incredible 28-2 record.



Dawn Rawlins



Ozzie Timmons



Joe Urso



Mike Valdes

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# Basketball Teams Ready to Challenge the Best

## Women Could Grab Back-to-Back Tournaments

Coming off a school record 24 victories and the program's fourth appearance in the NCAA II tournament, head coach Tom Jessee returns three starters and nine letterwinners from the 2005-06 squad. The Sunshine State Conference tournament champions are led by first-team All-SSC and second-team All-South Region selection Sheena Walton. A center, Walton will team with forward Erica Woodard to form one of the league's top post duos. The pair averaged a combined 17.7 rebounds per game last season.

Also returning is DeShaydia Mackey, a versatile player who will start at either the point or the two-guard. She will lead this year's backcourt after starting 19 games as a sophomore last season. The other starting spot in the backcourt will be up for grabs between juniors Brittany Ridley and Heather Graefnitz, sophomores Hailee Sullivan and Jennifer Burgmeier, and freshmen Angela Guiu and Amy Rogers.

Mackey averaged 7.8 points last season and was second on the team with 70 assists while primarily playing at the two-guard spot and spelling departed Tay Mathis at the point. If Mackey starts at the point, sophomore Hailee Sullivan and junior Heather Graefnitz will battle freshman Amy Rogers for the spot.

Sullivan is a sophomore who played in 18 games last season, hitting 13 three-pointers, while Graefnitz is a junior college transfer who was a Juco All-American at Joliet Junior College. Rogers is an athletic freshman who draws comparisons to former Spartan Courtney Wilder. She will see time at the two-guard or small forward position.

The group of point guards includes sophomore returner Jennifer Burgmeier, junior college transfer Brittany Ridley and heralded freshman Angela Guiu. Burgmeier played in 14 games as a freshman and benefited from a year of practice with Mathis, while Ridley is a true point guard who averaged more than five as-

sists a game last season at Frank Phillips College (TX). Guiu is a highly recruited freshman with a bright future after being a first-team 6A All-State selection last season.

Junior Alexa Kane expects to start at the small forward position and brings a wealth of experience after playing in 49 games, starting 25, in her first two years. She saw extensive playing time in the NCAA II South Regional last season, and is known for coming through in the clutch. The team's lone senior, Lindsey Taylor, also will see playing time at the position, while freshman Quynh Nguyen is an impressive recruit who will continue to mature.

The power forward position is set with Erica Woodard locked in as the starter. The junior averaged 8.4 points and a team-high 9.1 rebounds last season while starting all 31 games. While displaying offensive improvements, Woodard expects to become one of the league's elite players.

Top recruit Tiara Cook, a freshman from Holiday, FL, could see immediate playing time behind Woodard as the 5A All-State selection has all the tools to be a great player. Junior Chianti Lawyer returns following a redshirt season, and brings added experience after playing 27 games as the back-up power forward in 2004-05. Sophomore Whitney Porter could join the mix after spending a year guarding Woodard and Walton in practice, while freshmen Chantal Letts and Alisha Green will battle for time at either the power forward or center spot.

Sheena Walton enters the season as arguably the best player in the SSC and one of the nation's top centers. The junior has twice led the league in blocks, and boasted the top field goal percentage last season. She also led the team in scoring while averaging 14.6 points per game. Last season, she ranked among the best in the nation, as she was sixth in blocks and 13<sup>th</sup> in field goal percentage. Kym Taylor was a top recruit last season and gives the Spartans an athletic complement to Walton. Taylor expects to see increased playing time after 30 games last season, averaging 10 minutes per contest.



DeShaydia Mackey



With a strong nucleus coupled with a strong group of newcomers, the Spartans expect to continue the recent success of the program. A second consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament would be the first back-to-back appearances in program history.

## Men Look for Eighth Straight Winning Season

The departure of Mark Borders will be absorbed by the return of forwards Jeremy Black and Chris Evans, 6'8" juniors who arguably form the league's best frontcourt duo. Black led the league in offensive rebounds last season as he and Evans grabbed a combined 17.2 boards. Evans, who averaged 13.8 points last season, has the ability to go beyond the arc, and was a first-team All-SSC performer.

Senior Matt Pezzullo enters the season as the starting point guard after serving as Borders' understudy last season. Pezzullo saw action in 16 games last season, starting two, and is known as a good ball-handler who also can drive to the basket. Sophomore Jermaine Salmon is a newcomer who also enters the mix at the point, as could a number of the shooting guards.

Johnathan Ball is an extremely athletic player who expects to be the team's starting shooting guard after playing in 10 games as a freshman last season. The coaches expect Ball, an excellent long-range shooter, to enjoy a breakout season. He also could slide over to the point, if necessary.

Junior college transfer Jeffrey Moore will see playing time at the position, as will junior A.J. Davis and sophomore Steven Young. Moore played two years at Southwest Illinois College and is known as a shooter, while Davis

and Young also are scorers who saw limited action last season but have the ability to make an impact.

The small forward position looks to be occupied by junior Chris King, who started eight games last season and played in 27. Although he averaged 4.3 points, he is a proven scorer who is experienced, with 56 career games played. King is a quality shooter who also brings athleticism to penetrate to the hoop.

Junior DeVaughn Gow, sophomore Alex Hawkins, and freshmen Connor Drumm and Glyn Hunter will battle for playing time at the position, and could see extended time if King is forced to play the two spot. Gow is an energetic player who shows scoring flashes and brings intensity to the defensive side. Hawkins enters his first season as a Spartan after playing for Davis & Elkins last season.

Drumm is an impressive freshman who expects to play. Hunter, a native of England, has the tools to be a quality player and will benefit from additional experience. Jeff James, a Division I transfer from Butler, will not be eli-



Jeremy Black (left)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### BASKETBALL

Games are played at the Bob Martinez Sports Center.

#### Thurs., Dec. 28

Fontbonne (W) 5:30 p.m.  
Fontbonne (M) 7:30 p.m.

#### Sat., Dec. 30

Montevallo (W) 7 p.m.

#### Wed., Jan. 3

Saint Leo (W) 5:30 p.m.  
Saint Leo (M) 7:30 p.m.

#### Sat., Jan. 13

Palm Beach Atlantic (W) 2 p.m.  
Palm Beach Atlantic (M) 4 p.m.

#### Sat., Jan. 20

Lynn (W) 5:30 p.m.  
Lynn (M) 7:30 p.m.

#### Mon., Jan. 29

Florida Tech (W) 5:30 p.m.  
Florida Tech (M) 7:30 p.m.

#### Sat., Feb. 3

Barry (W) 2 p.m.  
Barry (M) 4 p.m.

#### Wed., Feb. 14

Florida Southern (W) 5:30 p.m.  
Florida Southern (M) 7:30 p.m.

#### Wed., Feb. 21

Eckerd (W) 5:30 p.m.  
Eckerd (M) 7:30 p.m.

#### Sat., Feb. 24

Nova Southeastern (W) 2 p.m.  
Nova Southeastern (M) 4 p.m.

### SWIMMING

#### Sat., Jan. 6

UT Relays 11 a.m.

#### Fri., Jan. 12

Emory Noon

#### Sat., Jan. 20

Rollins 10 a.m.

#### Sat., Jan. 20

Saint Leo 3 p.m.



A complete listing of University events can be found at [ut.edu](http://ut.edu)





Dr. Bob Birrenkott

## Hall of Fame

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He finished his career with a 37-11 mark, tying him for second on UT's career win list.

Valdes shares the school record for victories in a season (15), owns the school record for highest winning percentage among pitchers with at least 10 decisions (.928) and ranks second in career innings pitched at 384.1. He struck out 276 in his career, good for fifth on UT's list.

## DR. BOB BIRRENKOTT

Dr. Bob Birrenkott served as athletic director from 1976-85, and was instrumental in UT's acceptance into the Sunshine State Conference in 1981. The graduate of Black Hills State College (SD) earned his master's degree at Eastern New Mexico and his doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

There were no fulltime coaches, few scholarships and poor athletic facilities when he became AD. He brought men's basketball back, and added or gained varsity status for soccer, swimming, baseball, crew, volleyball, golf and basketball. Birrenkott, who now directs the undergraduate program in sports administration, led the way for renovation of Pepin Stadium and the athletic department's move into the Martinez Sports Center.

## HINDMAN WALL

Hindman Wall served as athletic director for nine years before retiring in 1999. He then served the University as a development officer until 2006.

Wall quadrupled Tampa's Sword & Shield fundraising campaign, increased scholarship dollars for women's athletics, started women's soccer, promoted women's rowing to NCAA status, and added lights to the baseball and softball facilities during his time as AD.



Hindman Wall



Gene King



1993 Baseball Team

The Athletic Department had one of the highest performances in terms of academic ranking and retention on campus during Wall's tenure.<sup>9</sup> Tampa athletic teams won four NCAA Division II championships, finished national runner-up twice, ranked 17th in the nation in 1998 in the Sears Directors Cup standings, and won four Mayor's All-Sports Cup championships and 20 conference championships.

Wall was chair of the College Football Association athletic directors, and in 1982 was men's basketball tournament director of the Division I Final Four. In 1999, he was presented the General Robert R. Neyland Lifetime Achievement Award by the All-American Football Foundation. He has been on the board of directors for the Hall of Fame Bowl, Village Bank, Bryant-Jordan Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce.

## GENE KING RECEIVES BAILEY AWARD

This year's recipient of the Sam Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award, Gene King, coached receivers and backs for the Spartan football team from 1968-74, and has offered more than 40 years to the UT Athletic Hall of Fame. King was a major force in founding the Hall in 1962. He was named chairman emeritus in 2004. His and his wife, Barbara's, support of the Hall and the University also were recognized.

## 1993 BASEBALL TEAM RECOGNIZED

After winning the program's first national championship a year earlier, the 1993 Spartan team continued its dominance and still ranks as the last NCAA II team to achieve back-to-back titles. The team concluded its magical run with a 43-21 overall record after winning the Sunshine State Conference title with a 21-3 league record. **UJ**

## Basketball

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gible until the spring semester, when he expects to become a top player for the Spartans. James brings incredible athleticism and the ability to defend and score.

Black led the league in offensive rebounds last season as he and Evans grabbed a combined 17.2 boards. Evans, who averaged 13.8 points last season, has the ability to go beyond

the arc, and was a first-team All-SSC performer.

Scott Mascio and T.J. Lundy bring impressive depth. Mascio played in 21 minutes last year as a primary reserve, logging an average of 8.2 minutes per game. Lundy is another Division I transfer (from St. Francis) who has advanced post moves and plays good defense.

With a pair of top-notch post players and quality depth, Tampa looks to record its eighth consecutive winning season. **UJ**



# MUEZZIN



mu•ez•zin/myōō-ézin, mōō-/n. crier who calls the people to contemplation from a minaret.

## Get Connected With UT

**A**lmost every day, I receive a phone call from a UT graduate who is trying to get in touch with a lost friend or classmate. Sometimes I'm able to help the person out by providing a phone number or e-mail address, but many times I have only incorrect or outdated contact information in our records.

Staying connected with alumni is a challenge that every university faces. With more than 18,000 graduates, it's a daunting task for the UT Alumni Office to keep up with the address changes, promotions, marriages, divorces, births, deaths, e-mail addresses and achievements of its alumni. We try to help alumni keep their contact information current so that they stay informed of alumni activities and University news. Plus, it makes it easier for alumni to connect with one another.

### Connect Online

Alumni can manage their connections online at their convenience with the National Alumni Association's new online alumni community. Launched in August, the online community provides many useful tools and benefits for graduates of UT. Alumni can view a listing of upcoming events, read the latest UT news, request copies of transcripts, and link to exclusive alumni discounts.

After registering for the community, alumni are able to search the community to network with friends and fellow alumni, and they can take advantage of free lifetime e-mail forwarding. Site members also can register for alumni events online and update their addresses online. Check out the NAA's new online community at <http://alumni.ut.edu>, or link to it from the alumni pages of UT's Web site.

### Direct Connect

Do you ever wish you had a little black book with names and addresses of your UT friends? If so, you're in luck! The Alumni Office is partnering with Harris Connect to produce its 2007 alumni directory.


While the directory will not be completed until late 2007, Harris Connect already has begun to gather data. Be on the lookout for postcards and phone calls from Harris Connect staff. They will be contacting you to confirm your basic biographical and contact information. Rest assured that the information you disclose will be provided only to the Alumni Office for the sole purpose of producing the alumni directory. When the directory is completed in 2007, you will have an opportunity to purchase one for yourself!

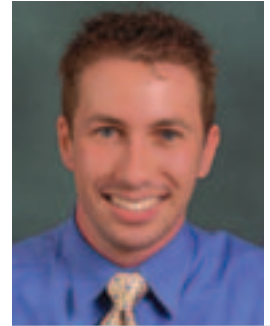
### Reunion Connections

Another way to connect with UT is through reunion activities. The Alumni Office typically coordinates reunions for the fifth, tenth and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, but reunion results are much greater when alumni get involved and encourage their friends to attend. During our recent Homecoming celebration, a committee from the classes of '80, '81, and '82 organized a reunion, bringing more than 60 of their classmates back for a weekend of fun!

It takes a while to put on a good party, so planning will begin very soon for Homecoming and Reunions 2007, when the classes of '97 and '02 will celebrate their respective 10- and five-year reunions. If you would like to help with the '97 or '02 reunion, or if you're interested in helping organize another gathering for your former classmates, contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@ut.edu](mailto:alumni@ut.edu).

### Connect from Afar

Alumni who live a great distance away can stay linked to UT through regional alumni activities. Several times a year, the Alumni Office hosts regional alumni activities in major cities across the nation. In 2006, UT visited Denver, South Florida, Nashville, Atlanta, Boston, Washington, DC, and New York. In 2007, we are looking for more new faces in different places. If you would like UT to visit your city, contact Jay Hardwick in the Alumni Office at [jhardwick@ut.edu](mailto:jhardwick@ut.edu). 



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## We Want More YOU!

The most popular part of the *UT Journal* probably is "Class Acts." Who doesn't want to catch up on what their fellow alumni are up to? There are more of you out there than ever, and you're doing all sorts of great things, yet "Class Acts" seems to be dwindling.

So, please, let us in on what you're doing! Send us your latest accomplishments. How many venues can you find where the audience actually wants you to brag!

And a picture, as the saying goes, is worth a thousand words (not that we'd let you have *that* many words). So, let us see, too—you, your kids, you name it.

Use the "What's Happenin'?" form on page 27, or send us your progress reports (and pics) via [alumni.ut.edu](http://alumni.ut.edu). (Before sending or e-mailing photos, please read the technical requirements in the bottom right corner of the form.)

Come on, folks—don't be shy. Send us more you!

—Editor



## '56

**Ken Nuznoff** is in his 31<sup>st</sup> year as a pro personnel scout for the Oakland Raiders. He lives in Tampa.  
E-mail: [nuznofb@aol.com](mailto:nuznofb@aol.com)

## '57

**Ellis and Faye Wheatley** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 8. Faye is a retired elementary school teacher, and Ellis retired as a telemetry technician at Tampa's University Community Hospital. They live in Tampa.

## '69

**Terry Offner** was hired as a mortgage consultant by Capital Bank for its market in Cary, NC. Terry has worked in mortgage origination for more than 20 years, first in New Jersey and later at Triangle Mortgage, based in Raleigh, NC.

## '72

**Stephen Hanas** joined Regions Bank in June as a senior vice president for the South Florida Banking Division. He, his wife Barbara (Rose) '78, and their sons Stephen James (14) and Alex (12) live in Pembroke Pines, FL.

## '78

**Sherry Orr MA** is the new principal of Graham Elementary School in Tampa. She started teaching at Forrest Hills Elementary School, where she later became an assistant principal. Her first principal position was at Egypt Lake Elementary School.

## '80

**Brenda Murray**, 53, retired on Aug. 18 after 30 years as a Tampa police officer, eight of them as a captain. She became the agency's first female field training officer for new patrol recruits and first female detective supervisor.

**Karen Fenton** wrote and published a children's book, *It's Raining Outside and I'm Gonna Be Bored!*

Check it out at <http://mysite.verizon.net/resqx8xr/index.html>.

## '81

**Karen Halo**, director of consumer services for Home Sync, has been involved in an extreme home edition with the ABC television network. Karen was a team leader for VIPs and sponsorships. She lives in Edison, NJ.  
E-mail: [karen.halo@gmail.com](mailto:karen.halo@gmail.com)

## '82

**Shannon Calahan** was promoted to the rank of colonel in the Army Reserve. She lives in Rock Hill, SC.

**Phillip Caronia** is the new general manager of the award-winning Rosen Center in Orlando, part of the largest independently owned hotel portfolio in Florida.

## '85

**Mike DeMouly** was hired as a director of human and organizational development for Loras College in Dubuque, IA. DeMouly finished his Master of Arts in Human Resource Development at Webster University in St. Louis, and has worked extensively for the U.S. Air Force.

**Mark Sotak** exhibited his artwork at the grand reopening of the Sea Girl Art Gallery in Jupiter, FL, on Aug. 26-27. He showed twenty originals and four first-edition prints—"Glory Mourning," "Le Pecheur," "This is Sinatra" and "A Blue Christmas." A quadriplegic since 1981, Mark paints landscapes, seascapes and portraits

Mark Sotak '85



with his mouth. Visit his Web site at [www.sotak.net](http://www.sotak.net).  
E-mail: [mark\\_sotak@yahoo.com](mailto:mark_sotak@yahoo.com)

**Tara Hetzel MBA** married Robert Still on June 17 at Cabana Grill and Bar in Clearwater Beach, FL. Tara is a certified public accountant for Hetzel Accounting Inc., and Robert is employed in the food and beverage industry. They live in Palm Harbor, FL.

## '87

**Albert Donahey** is running for Franklin County auditor in Ohio. He is a financial planner for Canal Winchester.

**Joann Kole and Flory Sherfey** '86 met in Boston for a fun afternoon catching up on what has been going on. Flory lives in Boston. Joann lives in Tampa.  
E-mail: [jkole@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jkole@tampabay.rr.com)

## '88

**Gary Pickett MBA** has been promoted to chief financial officer of Bowie Medical Corp. He has been the company's controller since March. He lives in Largo, FL.

## '89

**Kristin Murphy** and her husband Charlie had their baby. Devin Grace Murphy was born on Aug. 9. Kristin works as a special education teacher for the Hillsborough County Schools in Tampa.  
E-mail: [k.murphy@verizon.net](mailto:k.murphy@verizon.net)

## '90

**Stephen H. Mauldin** joined Crosland Inc., one

of the Southeast's leading real estate companies, as senior vice president of mixed/multi-use development. He previously was a partner at Crutchfield Capital, a private equity investment firm. He lives in Charlotte, NC.

**Mark Herrin**, a U.S. Army officer, was promoted to lieutenant colonel. This summer, Mark, his wife and his two children moved from Japan to Valencia, Spain. Mark will work in the newly formed NATO Rapid Deployment Corps as a logistics operation and transportation planner.  
E-mail: [mark.herrin@us.army.mil](mailto:mark.herrin@us.army.mil)

**Susan Cone** married Sandy Ligon and has a stepdaughter named Chloe. She earned a BSN in nursing from Belmont University. She also has a new job as a nurse in radiation oncology. Susan and her family live in Nashville, TN.  
E-mail: [s-n-sligon@comcast.net](mailto:s-n-sligon@comcast.net)

## '92

**Rene Grajales** married **Matty Soler** '95. They have three children—Sofia (5), Carlos (3), and Felipe (newborn)—and live in Puerto Rico.  
E-mail: [Rene\\_grajales@yahoo.com](mailto:Rene_grajales@yahoo.com)

## '94

**Christopher Strazzulla** married Jennifer Pinto on Sept. 3, 2005. They moved to Atlanta. Christopher works as a pharmaceutical district sales trainer for Stiefel Laboratories. He received a Presidents Club Award and "Salesperson of the Year" Award.  
E-mail: [chrisstrazzulla@aol.com](mailto:chrisstrazzulla@aol.com)

**Shari McField-Bell** has worked in the Department of Children and Family Services for 10 years, rising to the position of adoptions and foster care coordinator. Shari received her LLB degree from the University of Liverpool in 2005, and went on to obtain her Diploma in Legal Practice from the Inns of Court School of Law in June 2006.



Flory Sherfey '86 (left) and Joann Kole '87

**Jalesia McQueen** is working as an attorney at the Gallop law firm. She specializes in immigration law. She recently participated in the U.S. Senate Leadership Summit for Young Professionals in Washington, DC.

## '95

**Tiffany Holmes** is vice president of company operations and purchasing with Checkers. She lives in Tampa.  
E-mail: [tiffer1968@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffer1968@yahoo.com)

## '96

**Danielle Parady** has a new job as a police officer in New Haven, CT. She lives in Naugatuck, CT.  
E-mail: [dparady@mindspring.com](mailto:dparady@mindspring.com)



Devin (left), Charlie and Kristin Murphy '89

## '97

**John Rubsamen** was appointed senior national sales manager of the San Jose (CA) Convention and Visitors Bureau. He recently relocated to San Jose from the Washington, DC, area.

## '99

**Connie Buschman (Walton)** and her husband, D.J., welcomed





Isabella Lillian Buschman

their daughter named Isabella Lillian. They live in San Pedro, CA.

**Courtney Cox** was appointed to the Quality of Life and Career Committee of the Florida Bar Association. She is assistant corporate counsel for CCS Medical in Clearwater, FL.

## '00

**Sherrie Bain** earned her MS in microbiology at



Emily Green Tingle

Texas A&M University. She is a Ph.D. student in microbiology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

**E-mail:** [sherrie\\_bain2006@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrie_bain2006@yahoo.com)

**John "Rico" Fitzpatrick** received his class "A" commercial driver's license in August. He is a cross-country driver for Carrier's Limited.

**E-mail:** [bluesrock621@aol.com](mailto:bluesrock621@aol.com)

**Molly Marsters** is the new owner of Soho Make-up Studio in the Hyde Park area of Tampa. She is a licensed aesthetician and make-up artist. She received her BA in

communications at UT and her MA in marketing at Emerson. She lives in Tampa.

**E-mail:** [sohomakeup@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sohomakeup@tampabay.rr.com).

**William "Bill" Schaudt** relocated from Tampa to Antioch, IL, to work for Zeus Concepts, LLC. He is a former coach of the UT men's crew team.

**E-mail:** [utcrew1997@hotmail.com](mailto:utcrew1997@hotmail.com)

## '01

**Megan Tingle** and husband **Wayne** welcomed their second daughter. Emily Green Tingle was born on July 4. They live in Orlando.

**E-mail:** [megan.tingle@gmail.com](mailto:megan.tingle@gmail.com)

**Brian and Erin Simmons** welcomed their second baby, Brennan, born on Sept. 7. Their other son, Patrick, is 18 months old. Brian is a teacher at Wesley Chapel High School and Erin at John

Long Middle School, both in Pasco County, FL.

**E-mail:** [kenner530\\_66@yahoo.com](mailto:kenner530_66@yahoo.com)

**Jonathan Reichental** earned a Ph.D. in information systems from Nova Southeastern University in June. His research was focused on the challenges of eliciting tacit knowledge within organizations in order to build software.

**E-mail:** [jreichental@gmail.com](mailto:jreichental@gmail.com)

**Stephanie Carle** is co-producer of *True Life* at MTV. She lives in Orlando.

## '02

**Aron Livingston** and his wife, Kate, moved back to the Tampa Bay area. Aron was promoted to diagnostic practice consultant for IDEXX Laboratories in June. They live in Riverview, FL.

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# In Memoriam

## ALUMNI

Carolyn M. Adams '35

Aida Vega '40

Fred Z. White '45

Arnold Andrews '71

James Kersey '73

Donald J. Brogley '75

Lenton E. Powers '75

**Catherine Church** married Jason De Los Santos on June 16 at The Rusty Pelican in Tampa.

**E-mail:** [katiechurch@earthlink.net](mailto:katiechurch@earthlink.net)

**Jesses Landis** joined Paradise Advertising & Marketing in St. Petersburg as a public relations manager.

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# What's Happenin'?

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

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Social Security Number (for records verification only) \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

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Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

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# News for ClassActs



Please check all appropriate boxes, and provide details to the right of each item:

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## '03

**Anita Blount** was promoted to senior adolescent counselor at the Morris County Youth Shelter in New Jersey.  
**E-mail:** [anitablount@yahoo.com](mailto:anitablount@yahoo.com)

**Phoebe Koch** opened Davis Island Bait & Tackle in Tampa. She is enrolled at USF, where she is studying environmental microbiology and serving as a research assistant and graduate teaching assistant.

**Ashley Moriarty** was hired as an account manager and licensing project manager with the Montreal-based company UCP Paint. She also is engaged and to be married on June 16, 2007. She lives in Notre Dame De L'Ile Perrot, Quebec, Canada.  
**E-mail:** [ashleymoriarty@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleymoriarty@yahoo.com)

**Courtney Bishop** married Michael Schmidt on April 21. Courtney was accepted into the University of Rhode

Island's Graduate School of Oceanography to pursue her Ph.D. They live in West Warwick, RI.  
**E-mail:** [courtneyschmidt@cox.net](mailto:courtneyschmidt@cox.net)

**William "Jim" Bridgham** and his wife, Becky, moved this summer from Adana, Turkey, to Denver. Jim was serving as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He is going to study for a Master of Divinity degree at the Denver Seminary. Becky is in the last year of her Master of Education degree at Rutgers University. Their son, Joshua, just had his first birthday.  
**E-mail:** [jimbridgham@yahoo.com](mailto:jimbridgham@yahoo.com)

**Jodie Purdy** MSN and MBA is a director of nursing recruitment and retention at University Hospital in Syracuse, NY. She is married and has a 2-year-old son, Cooper.

## '04

**Gina Bailey** MBA is a senior securities valuation analyst at the operations

center of New York's Depository Trust & Clearing Corp. in Tampa.  
**E-mail:** [bailey1900@verizon.net](mailto:bailey1900@verizon.net)

**Sarah Mantoath** has moved to Jacksonville, FL. She is working for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Crime Lab in the DNA/serology section as a forensic technician.  
**E-mail:** [samantoath@gmail.com](mailto:samantoath@gmail.com)

**Kacee Urso** married Emilio Martinez on March 4 at Sacred Hearth Catholic Church in downtown Tampa. Dinner at Higgins Hall entertained 350 guests.

**Yisel Cabrera** joined the Congressional Leadership Institute as a program manager. She will help to develop, implement and evaluate CLI's public policy initiatives and the Ford CLI Leadership Program. She lives in Alexandria, VA.  
**E-mail:** [yiselc@gmail.com](mailto:yiselc@gmail.com)

**April Skolny** married **Jason Stone** on Oct. 7.

April is an account coordinator at Tipping Point Media Inc. They live in Rochester, NY.  
**E-mail:** [acskolny@yahoo.com](mailto:acskolny@yahoo.com)

## '05

**Awbree Austin** and **Jason Caton** '03 got married on Oct. 22, 2005, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton, MD. They live in Annapolis.

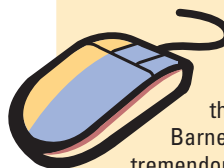
**Jack Moore** and **Melissa Harpe** were married on June 25 in Plant Hall at The University of Tampa. Melissa is employed by

Hillsborough Community College, and Jack serves in the Army. They live in Brandon, FL.

## '06

**Kevin Rooney** recently acquired the rights to operate a Total Golf Adventures territory in Bergen County, NJ, for the only national at-school, after-school golf enrichment program. Rooney, at the age of 22, becomes the youngest territory director.  
**E-mail:** [krooney@totalgolfadventures.com](mailto:krooney@totalgolfadventures.com)

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# Alumnnotes

September 24, 2006

Dear Editor:

*I really enjoyed the fall issue of The Journal. Of particular interest was the article on Dr. Adams. Having been a PE major at the university, I was well acquainted with him and happened to also be his neighbor. His daughters and I attended high school and the university together. I had lost touch with the family, so it was interesting to read the comments by Jane Adams, my childhood friend.*

*I was saddened to hear of the passing of Sally Jenkins. How well I remember "Sally and Jack." What a terrible loss to the university community!*

*I can identify one of the people in the photo in Minaret Moments, on page 64. The fellow in the passenger seat in the front is Allan Windt.*

*Allen graduated with me in 1963. He was the editor of The Minaret and a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. I was business manager of The Minaret, and we have stayed in touch and remained good friends over the years. We always try to get together whenever I'm down for a visit. Allan didn't stay in education, and last time I was down, we went out for breakfast, and he picked me up at my motel in his Cadillac, so he's kept up the fancy rides! I recognize the other faces, but can't attach names.*

*Thanks so much for a memory-filled edition!*

*Sincerely,*

*Norma Blancato Hollingsworth '63*





# Alumnus Among Kentucky Crash Victims

**A**rnold Andrews '71 was among the 49 people killed in the crash of ComAir flight 5191 on Aug. 27. He was 64.

The plane's co-pilot, critically injured, was the only survivor of the crash.

Andrews was southeastern U.S. and Caribbean head of operations for WestCare, a drug treatment program based in Las Vegas. He was returning from a WestCare board of directors meeting when he died.

The son of Cuban immigrants, Andrews was born Arnoldo Andres in New York, and migrated to Tampa with his parents at an early age.

He was known as a giving and humble person who spent much of his life helping others. He was executive director of the Operation PAR drug treatment program, served on the board of Catholic Charities USA, and was a member of the Allegheny Franciscan Foundation Fellows Program and the Farmworker Justice Committee.

"He devoted his whole life to the poor, the marginalized, the elderly, the disenfranchised," said Sheila Lopez, chief operating officer of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of St. Petersburg, who knew Andrews for 25 years.

"It was never about him," said Martha Lenderman, a retired social service administrator who had known Andrews for many years. "It had to do with the smallest and weakest among us. He was one of the most humble and selfless people I've ever known."

Andrews is credited with one of the nation's first halfway houses for drug-addict mothers and their children, helping families stay together when the norm was to send the children to foster homes.

When he was at UT, Andrews volunteered for Operation PAR. The St. Petersburg-based drug-treatment program was in its infancy. He eventually became executive director and helped develop industry standards for care with an 18-month treatment program and PAR Village, where mothers could receive treatment and live with their children. PAR Village has housed thousands of families since, and has become an international model for drug-treatment programs.

Andrews is survived by a son, Michael, and a daughter, Kelly.

*Note: Information from a story in the Miami Herald was used in this report. 📰*

## Just for '50s Gals

Gals from the '50s, get ready for your annual luncheon at UT! The Ladies of the '50s Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 16, from noon to 2 p.m. Make plans now to join your lady friends for fun and games. Invitations will be mailed in early February, but help us by spreading the word to your friends now! 📧



## A Toast! A Double Toast!

Joyce Wamble Glauser '54 (left) delivered this toast at the Golden Spartans Luncheon and the Decade of the '50s Luncheon during Homecoming:

*The University of Tampa:  
Its mythic silhouettes hidden  
yet never dwarfed  
by new panoplies of progress;  
towering above grand old oaks,  
silver sentinels in space  
carve lofty landmarks in time.*

*To Alma Mater:  
"Soul Mother":  
You nourished our hopes,  
Stroked our dreams,  
Fired our minds—*

*Now fill our hearts  
With fond remembrance  
Of you, and ourselves, when young.  
We, who at threescore years and ten—  
and some—  
are your contemporaries,  
Celebrate your unique past,  
Your dynamic present,  
And your limitless future.*

*To UT!*

*—Joyce Wambler Glauser '54*



**DC Enjoys a Little R 'n' R**

Washington, DC-area Spartans gathered at the new R 'n' R Restaurant & Lounge in downtown Washington on Wednesday, Oct. 25, for a networking social. Those in attendance swapped stories over appetizers and drinks. For more information on the Washington, DC, chapter, contact Abebi Wolfe '98 at [abebi.wolfe@rcn.net](mailto:abebi.wolfe@rcn.net).

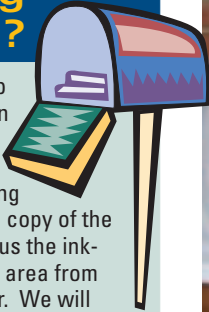
**New England Style**

New England Spartans gathered on Thursday, Nov. 9, for a tour of Body Worlds 2 at the Boston Museum of Science. The group enjoyed appetizers and drinks before experiencing the exhibit together. To get involved with New England alumni, contact David Tedford '84 at [d.tedford@comcast.net](mailto:d.tedford@comcast.net) or Stephanie Sibley '89 at [Stephanie.sibley@comcast.net](mailto:Stephanie.sibley@comcast.net).




Danielle Lockridge '03, Abebi Wolfe '98, Holly Tomlinson '80 and LaSheantea Davis '99 (from left) share a laugh at the Washington, DC, networking reception.

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Brian Malison '94, Kristine Newman, Melanie (Paulus) Jackson '01 and John Jackson '95 (from left) pause for a picture at the Tampa Alpha kickoff barbecue.

**Tampa Alpha Kicks Off Year with BBQ**

The Tampa Alpha Chapter kicked off another year of exciting activities for Tampa Bay-

area Spartans with its annual membership barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 9. To learn more about the Tampa Alpha Chapter, contact Tampa Alpha president Carol Tortorelli '02 at [ctortorelli@hotmail.com](mailto:ctortorelli@hotmail.com). 



## ALUMNI and PARENTS to do @ut.edu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

### JANUARY

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
 MBAA Leadership Meeting  
 Room 150,  
 Sykes College of Business  
 5:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 18**  
 Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting  
 Alumni Conference Room,  
 Riverside Center  
 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting

**Friday, Jan. 26**  
 NAA Board of Directors Meeting  
 The Tampa Club  
 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 27**  
 Tampa Alpha Chapter  
 Gasparilla Pre-Parade Brunch  
 West Verandah, Plant Hall  
 Free for Tampa Alpha members,  
 \$35 non-members  
 10 a.m.

### FEBRUARY

**Thursday, Feb. 15**  
 Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting  
 Alumni Conference Room,  
 Riverside Center  
 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**  
 MBAA Leadership Meeting  
 Sykes College of Business,  
 Room 150  
 5:15 p.m.


### MARCH

**Thursday, March 15**  
 Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter Meeting  
 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting  
 Alumni Conference Room,  
 Riverside Center

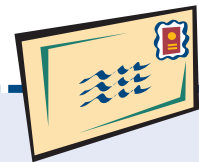
**Friday, March 16**  
 Ladies of the '50s Luncheon  
 Board Room, Vaughn Center  
 \$20 per person  
 Noon

**Wednesday, March 21**  
 MBAA Leadership Meeting  
 Room 150,  
 Sykes College of Business  
 5:15 p.m.

## Parent Get-Together

The UT Parents' Association held its annual meeting and panel discussion on Friday, Sept. 29, during Family Weekend. More than 50 moms and dads from all over the country attended and learned about involvement with the Parents' Association. At the meeting, members of the UT community hosted a panel discussion, provided information, and answered questions on many campus issues. 

A complete listing of University events can be found at [ut.edu](http://ut.edu)



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- Clearwater Alumni Chapter
- COB Alumni Chapter
- CIS Alumni Chapter (Computer Information Systems)
- Germany Alumni Chapter
- Honors Alumni Association
- Jacksonville Chapter
- MBA Association
- Miami Delta Chapter
- MSIM Council
- Music Alumni Chapter
- New England Alumni
- New York Sigma Chapter
- Nursing Alumni Association
- Orlando Gamma Chapter
- St. Petersburg Beta Chapter
- Sweden Alumni Chapter
- Tampa Alpha Chapter
- Washington, DC, Zeta Chapter

### WHO ARE YOU?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required by federal law) \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT DO YOU DO?

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

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

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

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


I want to \_\_\_\_\_



Brooke May '03 (third from left) and Brady Harris (fourth from left) try their hands at blackjack along with other Monte Carlo guests.

### Monte Carlo Night Celebrates Silver Anniversary

The Tampa Alpha Alumni Chapter hosted its 25<sup>th</sup> annual Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, Oct. 21, on the luxurious ninth floor of the Vaughn Center. More than 150 alumni and friends enjoyed a full dinner,

drinks and gaming while helping raise scholarship dollars for UT's deserving students. For more information on the Tampa Alpha Chapter, contact Carol Tortarelli '02 at [ctortarelli@hotmail.com](mailto:ctortarelli@hotmail.com). 



Craps tables provided lively entertainment for alumni and friends.

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### Bodies in South Florida

On Saturday, Feb. 24, the South Florida Alumni Chapter will be treated to an exclusive tour of *BODIES...The Exhibition* by Dr. Jennifer Wortham '95. This exhibit has received rave reviews from UT alumni groups in New York and Atlanta, and we are excited to visit South Florida. Register for the *BODIES* tour online at <http://alumni.ut.edu> or contact Jay Hardwick at [jhardwick@ut.edu](mailto:jhardwick@ut.edu).

### Nashville Bound

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, Nashville-area Spartans will get together for a networking reception. Be on the lookout for your invitation to this first-time event in the Music City. For more information, contact Jay Hardwick at [jhardwick@ut.edu](mailto:jhardwick@ut.edu).

### Big Apple Fun

Plans are in the works for an exciting event in New York City for early May. To get more involved with the New York chapter, contact Carol Lislevatn '94 at [clislevatn@aol.com](mailto:clislevatn@aol.com). 



# Endowment Scholarship Announcements

**N**ew Endowed Scholarships begin with a commitment of \$25,000 or more.

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF LARRY MARFISE

The Athletic Director's Endowed Scholarship in Honor of Larry Marfise was established by John and Susan Sykes. The scholarship will be awarded to a student athlete demonstrating both athletic and academic merit.

## EUGENE H. MCNICHOLS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Eugene H. McNichols Endowed Scholarship was established by the McNichols Co., their employees and friends of Eugene H. McNichols, in honor of his 40 years with the McNichols Co. The scholarship will be awarded to an incoming Tampa Bay area student majoring in nursing with a GPA of at least 3.0. Preference will be given to Tampa General Hospital employees.

## MAYOR'S HISPANIC ADVISORY COUNCIL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council Endowed scholarship was established by the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council. The scholarship will be awarded to a local Hispanic student demonstrating financial need.

## FRED L. AND BETTY W. HOGAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Fred L. and Betty W. Hogan Endowed Scholarship was established by Fred L. and Betty W. Hogan. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who demonstrates financial need. [UJ](#)



## Gala Grand

More than 250 members of The University of Tampa's Minaret Society gathered on Nov. 3 for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Minaret Society Gala. This special evening in historic Plant Hall recognized donors who contributed \$1,000 or more to the UT Annual Fund in the last fiscal year. [UJ](#)

Leo and Sharyn Berman

## GIFTS IN HONOR AND IN MEMORIAM

Gifts made from June 1 through Oct. 13, 2006.

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## CORRECTIONS

Mrs. Estelle Delo should have been included as a Gold Level member in the President's Council listing on page 41 of the fall *Journal*.

Powell A. Crosley, MD was listed incorrectly in the Frederic Spaulding Bronze listing on page 45 and the alumni donor listing on page 58 of the fall *Journal*.

The Meachum/Walker Family Scholarship for Academic Excellence was inadvertently omitted from the endowed scholarship listing on page 61 of the fall *Journal*.



Left: Johnny Barker, Tony Ippolito '50 and Richard Spoto '39 (from left) are all smiles at the Golden Spartans luncheon.


Above: Jack Jenkins '61, Diane Vallee '59 and Louis Minardi '54 (from left) were among the more than 100 people who attended the Decade of the '50s Open House.



The University community celebrated Homecoming Oct. 19-21. This year's theme, "75 Years of Minaret Moments," was selected to complement UT's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

The Homecoming festivities kicked off with the traditional Golden Spartan Reunion Luncheon, where more than 120 members from the classes of 1933-56 came together in Fletcher Lounge to reminisce about the early days of UT.

Homecoming 2006 also included signature UT events like minaret climbs, Decade of the '50s Open House, and President Vaughn's reception. Successful reunion gatherings for the classes of '80, '81

and '82 and a revamped Monte Carlo Casino Night (see page 32) added lively new twists to this year's festivities. 



Attendees of the '80's reunion reminisced about their glory days while viewing old yearbooks.



Members of the classes of '80, '81 and '82 swap stories of their times at UT during the '80s reunion.





Left: Guests enjoy each other's company at a Homecoming luncheon.  
 Above: Gail Portelli and Alex Portelli '81 traveled from Germany for the '80, '81 and '82 reunions.



Left: Dr. Vaughn updates Abebi Wolfe '98 (left) and Brandy Wimberly '00 on future plans for the University at the President's Reception on the East Verandah.  
 Above: Ernest Segundo '56, Sylvia D'Aloia '59, Barbara Richards '57, Micki Ledoux '56 and Ida Coe '58 (from left) share a smile during the President's Reception.



Left: William Hughes '55 and his wife, Marcia, enjoy the presentation at the Golden Spartans Luncheon.  
 Above: National Alumni Association board members Andre Tomlinson '04 (left) and Jesse Landis '02 pause for a quick picture while greeting guests at the President's Reception.



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## Is Your Estate Plan Outdated?

**M**any people create living wills, durable powers of attorney, or wills and trusts, but fail to incorporate in these documents the protective provisions often needed; or, they fail to regularly review and update them as necessary.

It is six times more likely that someone will become disabled than die in a given year. Unfortunately, the number of people becoming disabled is expected to double in the next decade. Trusts most often are designed to deal with death rather than disability. Is yours designed to deal with disability? If not, that can be corrected.

More than a million lawsuits are filed each year in the U.S., an average of one every 30 seconds. Most trusts are designed only to reduce estate taxes, and not to protect a surviving spouse's interest from frivolous lawsuits. Is yours designed to do both?

Most powers of attorney are outdated when presented (if even presented to health officials). At least three major changes have occurred since the Terri Schiavo case. Hospitals report that, in three out of four cases, these documents are not available when needed. Is yours up-to-date and accessible to healthcare providers 24 hours a day, seven days a week?

The amount of assets that will be inherited by the next generation is staggering. Unfortunately, the amount our children or beneficiaries will lose to financial difficulties such as bankruptcy, lawsuits and divorce will be just as staggering. If you could distribute your

estate in such a way to protect your children or beneficiaries from their creditors for life, would you?

We can't stop the world from changing, but we can use new techniques to protect ourselves and our loved ones against these and other adverse conditions. A comprehensive annual review with your attorney of your

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### UT Planned Giving E-Newsletter

Every month, the planned giving office distributes an E-newsletter, *Enduring Ideas*, with articles focused on estate and tax planning topics. The following articles have appeared recently:

#### "USE YOUR IRA AS NEVER BEFORE"


On Aug. 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law new tax incentives for charitable gifts from donors who are 70 or older. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 encourages financial support of charitable organizations across the United States, and allows IRAs to be used for charitable purposes without penalty or tax liability.

#### "Q & A: CREATING A BETTER WILL"

Sharpen your pencil and prepare to concentrate. How much do you know about wills?

#### "DO YOU KNOW YOUR NET WORTH?"

Most people, if asked, can probably tell you within a few dollars how much is in their checking accounts. They also likely can say where that money should go if they were to suddenly die. But what if someone asked you about your net worth?

If you would like to subscribe to this monthly newsletter, please send a request to be added to the distribution list to [tgiddens@ut.edu](mailto:tgiddens@ut.edu). We will be happy to add you to the list of those receiving this publication. 

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Then, please allow us to send you a proposal to fit your individual circumstances.



# Planned Giving at UT

## Introducing Brian Overcast, the New Planned Giving Officer

Joining the Planned Giving Office this fall is Brian Overcast, UT's new planned giving officer.

Brian is a former associate planned giving officer with the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation in New York. Estate management was among his myriad duties at ACLUF, where he developed much of his comprehensive knowledge of planned giving, including tax implications of planned gifts, planned gift development and life income gift management.

Brian is a graduate of Florida State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in English-creative writing in 1998 and a master's degree in creative writing (nonfiction) in 2001. He subsequently earned a master of fine arts degree in creative writing (nonfiction) in 2004.

## Two Who Gave Back

### BILL AND BARBARA STARKEY

*Fundamental Lessons Become the Base for Endowed Education Scholarships*

The wisdom of the statement "If you can read this, thank a teacher" certainly illustrates

the lifelong goals of Bill and Barbara Starkey. Both children of teachers, the Starkeys have served their community as civic leaders and philanthropists. When they decided to make a gift to The University of Tampa, it came as no surprise that they chose to impact the quality of teacher preparation.

Bill Starkey is a retired Verizon executive and a former University trustee, and Barbara is a former teacher and a member of the well-respected Chiselers. Their regular annual contributions, matched by Verizon, are building a base for scholarships to support local students pursuing teaching careers. In addition, with a bequest from the proceeds of an IRA, the Starkeys' thoughtful, well-planned legacy will continue to address local learning needs through the establishment of an endowed scholarship in education.

Planned gifts are invaluable to the University in shaping the best course for the future educational development of its students. Although Bill and Barbara Starkey are characteristically modest about their contributions, their community and this University will continue to reap the benefits of their foresight and generosity.

In their words: "It's not about recognition for us or about helping an institution *per se*. It's about people helping people."

Beautifully expressed, but the truth of their actions is that their gift will live on as today's students become tomorrow's teachers.



Bill and Barbara Starkey


**"**It's not about recognition for us or about helping an institution *per se*. It's about people helping people."**"**

—Bill and Barbara Starkey

## Planned Giving Web Site: A Valuable Resource

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

Each month, we feature new articles and interactive features that cover such topics at our planned giving Web site:


Go to [www.ut.edu/alumni/giving](http://www.ut.edu/alumni/giving), then click on "planned giving" to learn more. 



## E-Newsletter

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estate plans in light of these and other conditions will quickly reveal what you might need to do. We urge you to undertake such a review.

*The information in this article is not intended as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax professional or investment professional.* 

## Annual Fund Happenings

### UT's Calling

Special calls are being made to UT alumni and parents during the 2006-07 Annual Fund Drive. UT representatives are calling to share the latest campus news and to offer the chance to make a difference in the lives of UT students.

This year is a special one—UT's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! In the past 75 years, UT has educated and placed thousands of people in positions of leadership at all levels of society around the world, and in doing so, has helped make thousands of parents very proud of their children's accomplishments.

During the Annual Fund Drive, alumni and parents have the opportunity to give back to the University by making gifts and pledges that will strengthen the student experience through enhancement of scholarships, academic programs, campus improvements and faculty development.

UT's fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31. If you already have made your gift or pledge this year, thank you! If not, take a moment to speak to our callers and consider a gift this 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

### Key Constituencies Make a Difference

Gifts to the unrestricted Annual Fund come from many different constituencies, all with the same goal in mind: to provide funds to support the greatest needs of the University in the form of student scholarships, development of academic programs, campus improvements and faculty development. Alumni, parents, and faculty and staff are three dynamic groups that have stepped up this year to make a difference in students' lives through Annual Fund support.

Special thanks go to alumni, parents, and faculty and staff for their unwavering dedication to the UT Annual Fund.

### Class of 2004 Scholarship Awarded

The first organized Senior Class Pledge Drive began with the Class of 2004, which raised \$1,141 from 34 '04 grads.

Senior Class Pledge Drive contributors have two years to pay off their pledges.

This May, pledge payments were due from the '04 grads so the Class of 2004 Scholarship could be awarded to a student. The criteria for the scholarship are a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrated high school or college leadership.

Congratulations go to Starr Linette Brookins for receiving the first Senior Class Scholarship. Starr is a senior majoring in criminology. She has been busy with campus involvement, serving as student coordinator of programming and planning, chair of the Diversity Fellowship, head resident of McNeel Boat-house, president of the Pre-Law Society and Alpha Chi, and vice president of the Trial Advocacy Student Organization.

### 2007 Senior Class Pledge Drive to Begin in Early Spring

The 2007 Senior Class Pledge Drive will kick off this spring under the direction of Annual Fund intern and UT senior Emma Clewes-Garner. Emma is a communications major with a double minor in public relations/advertising and marketing.

Emma has some fresh ideas for promoting the pledge drive this year, including advertising in various campus publications, talking to student organizations, and online promotions at [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

"The Senior Class Pledge Drive is important to me because it gives my fellow seniors and me the chance to give back to The University of Tampa and its students in return for the valuable education and memories that we will carry with us into the next stages of our lives," she said.

"My work for the Senior Class Pledge Drive this year will better prepare me for a future in public relations, advertising and event coordination. I have already had the opportunity to create advertising and promotional platforms and tools for this event, and I am learning the importance of time, budget and resource allocation that go into the planning and successful execution of any event or campaign. I look forward to continuing to work on this program and the rewarding results it will bring." ■■■

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### Giving During the 75<sup>th</sup>

When considering a gift to UT during its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, why not honor this special year by making a gift in an increment of \$75? Many first-time donors, as well as returning donors, have stepped up to make an Anniversary Club gift of \$75. Many others have increased their gifts to \$150 (\$75 X 2), \$225 (\$75 X 3), \$300 (\$75 X 4) and so on. Donors making gifts in increments of \$75 will be recognized in a special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club section of the Honor Roll of Donors in the fall 2007 *UT Journal*. ■■■

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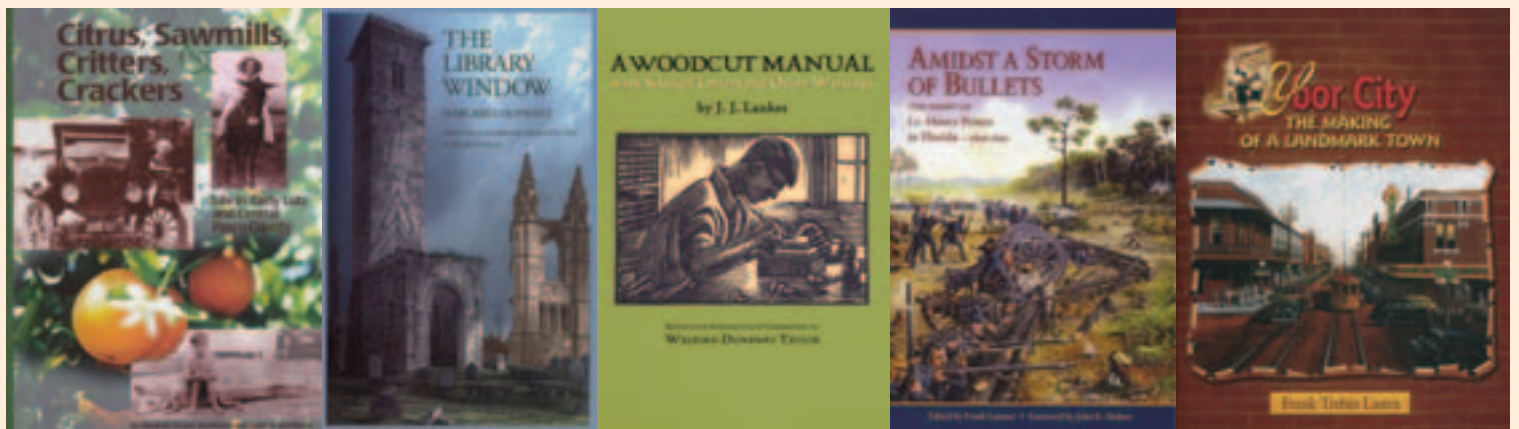


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## Do Not Adjust Your Bifocals

**Y**our eyes are not deceiving you, and the photo has not been doctored, nor is it covered with dust. Yes, that is snow on the ground in front of Plant Hall. Tampa photographer and illustrator Charles Greacen froze the moment on Jan. 14, 1977. The date stands as the last on which enough snow fell to lay even a thin white blanket on central Florida ground, and not even flurries have been recorded in Tampa since Dec. 23, 1989. 🌞



# Another Mystery Solved— More or Less

Thanks to reader response received shortly after publication of the fall issue of the *UT Journal*, most of the Lincoln convertible mystery riders have identities—tentatively, at least.

Howard Engle '64 called from his home in West Palm Beach, FL, Mary Esther (Valido) Champion '62 sent us an e-mail, and Norma (Blancato) Hollingsworth '63 (see "Letter to the Editor," page 28) wrote us from her home in suburban Atlanta, all in response to our minor identity crisis.

Given the passage of time, the reports understandably conflicted.

We got the male occupants as Robert Stookey '61 (driver) and Rene Carrera '61. We got Allan Windt '63 as the driver and Pat Alvarez '62 as the young lady in the back seat on the passenger side. We got Windt as the passenger in front.

The names and years gave us bases to search for confirmation. Our best guesses, based on *Moroccan* photos from the era, say that Windt is the front passenger, Carrera *may* be the driver, Alvarez is indeed the rear passenger, right side (left side in photo), and we still have no idea who the other young lady is. We don't believe Stookey is in the photo, but a matchbox-size, 40-odd-year-old photo isn't much to go on, so we won't swear to it.

Two things are certain: We're a lot closer to knowing who these alumni are than we were when we published the photo, and we enjoy receiving your phone calls and reading your letters. Keep 'em coming, folks! **UT**



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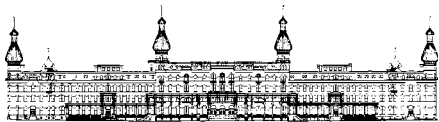
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