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Though the day after the Super Bowl was too rainy for a photo shoot, Mickey Farrell '84 let us on the field a day later to photograph him in cool and windy weather. Photo by Jessica Leigh. Concept and design by Anne Rowland.

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Africa's "Iron Lady" to Address UT Graduates at May Commencement

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia and known as Africa's "Iron Lady," will give the commencement address at UT's graduation ceremony on May 9. She will also receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

Sirleaf, a leading promoter of peace, justice and democratic rule, was the first woman to lead an African nation when she was elected president of Liberia in 2005.

As president, Sirleaf has identified four pillars in support of Liberia's development agenda: peace and security, economic revitalization, governance and the rule of law, and basic infrastructure and services. She became president only two years after Liberia emerged from a brutal civil war that claimed more than 200,000 lives and displaced a third of the population.

In 2007 she was awarded the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, and in 2006, *Forbes* magazine named her the 51st most powerful woman in the world.

"We are very pleased to have such an influential world leader help us celebrate a new wave of future leaders at commencement," said UT President Ronald L. Vaughn. "Her emphasis on human rights, global understanding and personal freedom complements UT's mission of educational excellence. This will certainly be one of the most exciting and memorable UT commencements in our history."

Prior to being elected Liberia's president, Sirleaf

served various civic and international financial positions, including chairperson of the Governance Reform Commission, director of the UN Development Programme Regional Bureau for Africa, vice president of the Africa Regional Office of Citibank, vice president and member of the executive board of Equator Bank in Washington, D.C. and as Liberia's minister of finance.

Sirleaf, who was imprisoned in the 1980s for criticizing the military regime of Samuel Doe and twice was forced into exile, is a founding member of the International Institute for Women in Political Leadership.

Sirleaf attended the College of West Africa in Central Monrovia, and holds a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School. She has received seven honorary doctorate degrees from universities around the world, and recently published *This Child Will Be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President* (Harper, 2009).

David A. Straz Jr., a member and past chair of the UT Board of Trustees who also serves as honorary consul to Liberia, was instrumental in securing Sirleaf's visit.

"President Sirleaf is an inspiring leader and role model who I've known for several years," Straz said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for UT graduates to experience and learn from a world leader who has successfully brought peace and stability to her country."



Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of The Republic of Liberia

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UT Named to National Honor Roll for Service

For the second year in a row, The University of Tampa has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for distinguished community service. The award recognizes UT's work on service-learning programs and volunteer opportunities for students, faculty and staff.

UT is among 635 institutions of higher education that were recognized as honor roll members by the Corporation for National and Community Service.



Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

For the complete list of Honor Roll recipients, visit www.learnandserve.gov. For more information about the community service efforts at UT, visit www.ut.edu/peace. 



Alfonso Hernandez '09, Amy Kerr '11 and Alex Miles '10 helped oversee 5,000 volunteers at the NFL Experience during Super Bowl week.

Students Score Big at Super Bowl


Days before the Super Bowl, Alex Miles '10 was standing in the middle of a sea of people, speaking into a walkie-talkie as he scanned the crowd. Around him, thousands of people were throwing footballs at targets, making field goals, and practicing their touchdown dances.

Miles was one of five people, including Alfonso Hernandez '09 and Amy Kerr '11, charged with overseeing the smooth operation of the NFL Experience, and one of about 40 UT students working with the 5,000 volunteers staffing the temporary theme park in the week leading up to Super Bowl XLIII.

Miles, Hernandez and Kerr had direct authority over the area managers in their respective zones, which divided up activities inside the NFL Experience, such as flag football clinics and autographs by professional football players. The students' tasks were to ensure that each of the NFL Experience's attractions was adequately staffed at all times and that volunteers kept the attractions running smoothly.

"You have to make sure everyone is happy and that people who maybe can't afford a Super Bowl ticket still have the ability to take part in it," said Miles, a sport management major who co-founded the Sport and Entertainment Management Society at UT.

In addition, two students volunteered to work with NBC, the network broadcasting the game. Amy Bohrer '09 and Nichole Ciotti '10 were both selected for a weeklong internship with NBC Universal's sports communications department, handling media requests and assorted other tasks in preparation for the big game. The interns worked at NBC Sports headquarters at the Tampa Convention Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day leading up to the Super Bowl.

"It's an opportunity that never would have come up if the Super Bowl hadn't been in Tampa," Ciotti said. "On game day, I was at the Super Bowl for about 17 hours. We spent our time in a media trailer where we watched the game and took notes." 

New Deans Join UT

UT will welcome two new deans this July to lead the young College of Arts and Letters and the College of Natural Health Sciences. Both begin their posts July 1.

Dr. Haig Mardirosian, senior vice provost, dean of academic affairs and professor of music at American University, has been named the new dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

Mardirosian will oversee the departments of art, communication, English and writing, language and linguistics, music, philosophy, and speech, theatre and dance. He has served on the faculty of American University since 1976, and has held positions including director of the general education program, associate dean of academic affairs and director of the music division of the Department of Performing Arts.


Mardirosian is an internationally renowned concert organist, recording artist, composer, and conductor as well as a music scholar and critic. He received his doctorate, master's and bachelor's degree from the Catholic University of America.

Dr. James Gore, a professor in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Geography at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, will become dean of the College of Natural and Health Sciences.

As dean, Gore will oversee the departments of biology, chemistry and physics, exercise science and sport studies and nursing.

Until recently, Gore also served as the graduate program director of USF St. Petersburg's Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Geography, and previously served as the chair of the department and as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He has also held faculty or research posts at Columbus State University, Troy State University, University of Tulsa, Tennessee Tech University, Austin Peay State University, University of Cape Town, South Africa (on a Fulbright research fellowship), and the Zoologisches Institut der Universitat, Karlsruhe, Germany.

From 1994-1996 he served as the director and senior scientist of the Environmental Protection Division of The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, and he is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the United Nations/UNESCO International Hydrology Program.

Gore, whose research expertise is in aquatic ecology, hydrology and conservation, received his bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Montana. 



Dr. Haig Mardirosian



Dr. James Gore

Water Quality Station Installed on the Banks of the Hillsborough

UT recently partnered with the University of South Florida College of Marine Science/Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Prediction System (COMPS) to install a water quality monitoring station literally in the University's backyard — just off the bank of the lower Hillsborough River.

"UT's location is prime for water quality monitoring since it is situated in a heavily urbanized area on one of the major rivers providing freshwater to Tampa Bay," said Steve Hendrix, associate professor of chemistry. "Plus, we house the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Marine Analysis (LAMA), and we have a long history of collaboration with USF in the area of oceanographic nutrient research."

The data from the UT station will monitor in real time the nutrients in the water as they flow toward Tampa Bay. The station will monitor nitrate, salinity, water temperature and tide height. According to Hendrix, millions of gallons of water a day are released into the Hillsborough River by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and this station will provide key water quality data.


The water quality monitoring station will allow UT chemistry students to be involved in providing data as part of ongoing research projects. The public can monitor data from the station at <http://comps.marine.usf.edu/utp/index.shtml>.

Additionally, UT's weather station (www.ut.edu/weatherstation), located atop the Cass Building, will provide meteorological data to complement the water quality data.

USF has provided the station assembly and associated infrastructure at no cost. UT alumnus and USF post-doctoral fellow Dr. Rob Masserini is leading the project from the USF side.

The sensor station, which was installed in late December, is located just north of the floating crew docks and north of McKay Hall on the UT campus. Power for the system is provided by a solar panel.


The UT station will be integrated into a larger project by the Oceanic Nutrient Laboratory, which recently collaborated with Tampa Bay Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS) and the USF COMPS to monitor nutrients in Tampa Bay. Currently there are PORTS stations in such locations as Port Tampa, Egmont Channel and Sunshine Skyway.

These observing systems are also integrated with NOAA coastal ocean observing systems (COOS). 




Dr. Steve Hendrix (left) and USF post-doctoral fellow Dr. Rob Masserini '93 adjust the water monitoring station.

Harvard Bound

Charlie Connally '09 and Desta Tedros '03 were both accepted into the incoming 1L class at Harvard Law School. Both took law classes at UT. Connally was featured in the fall 2008 *UT Journal* for his involvement with the Honors Program. 



Three Fellows in a Forum

The Fellows Forum on March 3 featured (from left) Stacie Shaible, anchor for News Channel 8's "8 on Your Side," as moderator, and speakers from the bank, energy and marketing industries, including Dennis P. Lockhart, president and CEO for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and Patricia Martin, CEO and founder of LitLamp Communications. Not pictured: Thomas Kuhn, president of the Edison Electric Institute. 

Board Adds Trustees

The UT Board of Trustees has added seven members and five ex-officio members.

ANTHONY J. BORRELL JR.

is president of Wilbey Industrial Service Corp., a Tampa-based investment company. He serves on the boards of directors for the Florida Business Bank Group and the Merchants Association. Borell previously served two terms on the UT Board of Trustees.

LORNA TAYLOR GREGORY,

CEO of Premier Eye Care, is vice president of the governance board for Earth Charter U.S. and chair of the board of directors for The Spring of Tampa Bay, a domestic violence center.

ROBERT E. HOYLAND

is vice president and general manager of the Southeast regional office for USAA.

IAN MacKECHNIE,

founder and CEO of Amscot Financial, sits on the boards of several industry associations, including the Community Financial Services Association of America and the National Association of Computerized Tax Processors. He is a member of the Salvation Army's advisory board, Tampa Museum of Art's board of trustees and UT's Board of Fellows.

SIDNEY W. MORGAN

is market president for the Central Florida Region of



Anthony J. Borrell Jr.



Lorna Taylor Gregory



Robert E. Hoyland



Ian MacKechnie



Sidney W. Morgan



Ross E. Roeder



Charles E. Sykes

American Cancer Society and the United Way of Tampa Bay.

ROSS E. ROEDER

is chairman, CEO and founder of FSWM Inc. He serves on the board of directors for Chico's — a women's clothing brand based in Naples, FL — and the Phi Kappa Tau Foundation, and is chairman of the U.S. Coast Guard Foundation.

President and CEO of Sykes Enterprises Inc. since 2004,

CHARLES E. SYKES

is a member of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee and the board of America's Second Harvest. He has been on UT's Florida Entrepreneur and Family Business Center Board of Advisors.

Ex-officio members include **GLENDA R. BARLOW,**

president of the Chiselers; **JOHN F. BRUELS,** chairman of the Board of Fellows; **COL. JOSEPH W. HOUSE,** interim president and CEO of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce; **RON McCLARIN '87,** president of the National

Alumni Association; and **JOSEPH WESSEL '95,** past president of the NAA and current president of the Board of Counselors. ■■■

ARTS to do
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Thurs., April 16
Benjamin Grossberg, Tampa Press Poetry Prize Winner
Vaughn Center
Reeves Theater
8 p.m.

MAY

Wed., May 6-Fri., May 8
BFA Exit Show
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Fri., May 8
Thesis Presentations
7-9 p.m.

Fri., May 15-Thurs., May 28
High School Arts 2009
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery

Fri., May 15
Opening Reception and award presentations
7-9 p.m.



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

Graduate Student a Newspaper Biz Whiz

This winter MBA student Giovanni Gutierrez '10 was named "one of the best and brightest young professionals in the newspaper business" by *PRESSTIME* magazine.

The magazine's "20 under 40" feature is designed to recognize those in newspaper advertising,

circulation, marketing, newsroom, new media or operations who have proven themselves as "change agents within their companies and the industry, providing much needed leadership and vision."

The sales/marketing manager of Tampa-based CENTRO Grupo de Comunicación, Gutierrez oversees the branding, sponsorship, distribution and sales of *CENTRO Mi Diario*, a weekly publication, and its Web site www.CENTROtampa.com.

Both are produced by CENTRO Grupo de Comunicación, a part of Florida Communications Group, which includes the *Tampa Tribune* and other Florida operations owned by Media General Inc. According to the Newspaper Association of America (NAA), the *CENTRO* newspaper and Web site have become the region's leading Spanish-language products.

Gutierrez started at the *Tampa Tribune* in 2003 as a recruitment advertising account manager, and became sales/marketing manager for *CENTRO* in fall 2005. In 2007, Gutierrez spearheaded the launch of *Quinceañera* — *Florida Quince Guide*, an annual ethnic magazine targeting Hispanic girls celebrating their 15th birthday, and saw a 34 percent page increase in the publication's second year. 



UT graduate student Giovanni Gutierrez '10

THINGS to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL


Weds., April 22
Business Network Symposium
Vaughn Center 9th Floor
7:15 a.m.

MAY

Sat., May 9
Commencement
St. Pete Times Forum
10 a.m.




See the Chapel Grow

To view construction of the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values in real-time, check out the Sykes Chapel webcam at www.ut.edu/sykeschapel. 

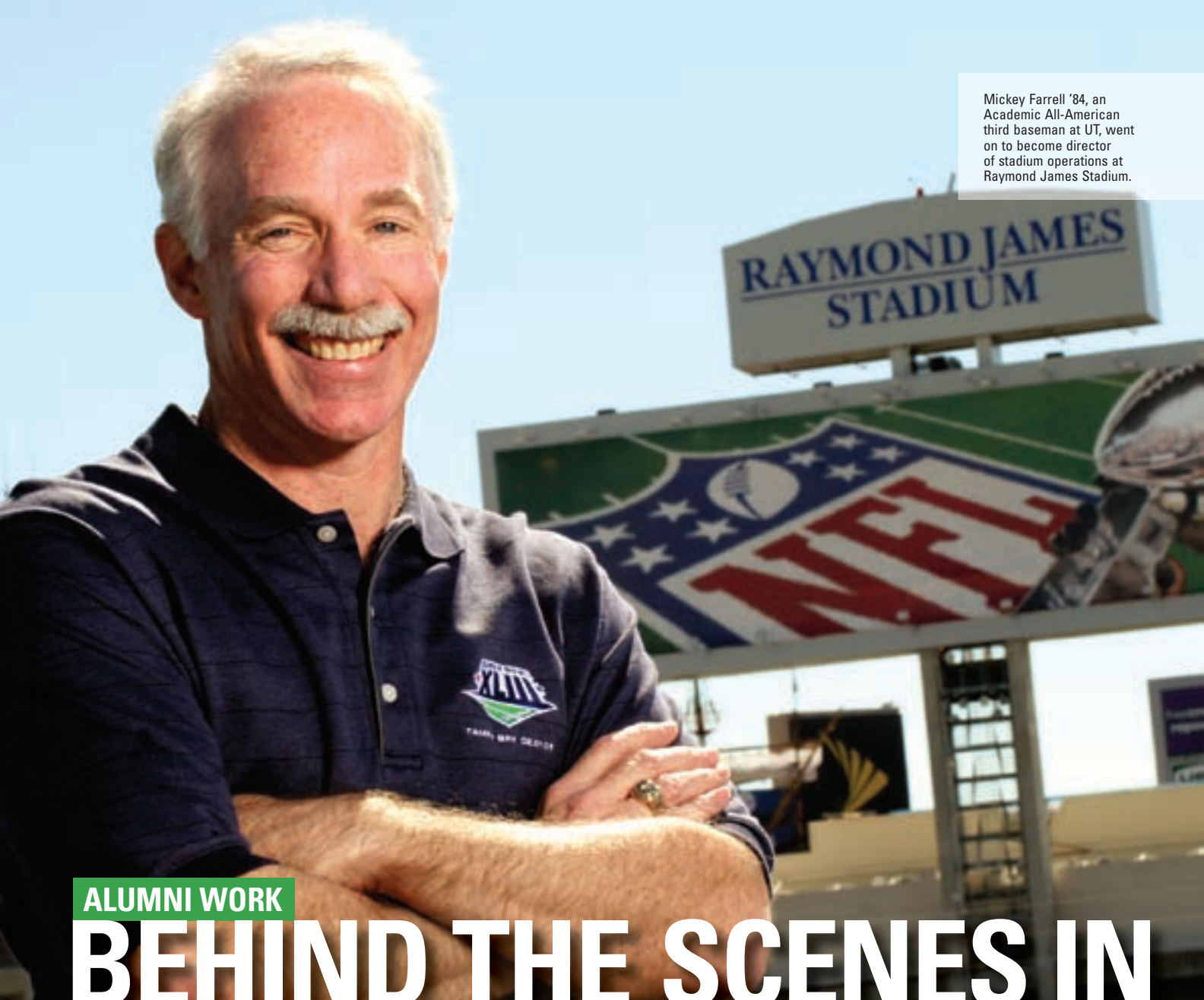
Business, Executive of the Year

The *Tampa Bay Business Journal* named UT the 2008 Business of the Year at its annual black tie gala on Dec. 4. The University competed against the Tampa campus of Argosy University in the business services - education category.

President Ronald L. Vaughn was chosen as business executive of the year among seven nominees.

An independent panel of judges chose the finalists for the eight categories. 





Mickey Farrell '84, an Academic All-American third baseman at UT, went on to become director of stadium operations at Raymond James Stadium.

ALUMNI WORK

BEHIND THE SCENES IN PRO SPORTS

By Robin Roger
Editor

Photos by
Jessica Leigh

Two days after Super Bowl XLIII, Raymond James Stadium was nearly empty ... except for the 1,200 people cleaning up the mess left by thousands of fans. The Super Bowl logo was already fading on the field while workers scooped up all the glittering confetti surrounding it.

"We'll probably be finding this confetti for a couple of years," said Mickey Farrell '84, director of operations for the stadium.

He should know. They're still finding confetti from Super Bowl XXXV, which had a logo on it, tucked away in the corners of the stadium.

Farrell has been director of stadium operations for the Tampa Sports Authority since 1992, first in the old

Tampa Stadium — also known as "The Big Sombrero" — and then Raymond James Stadium, which opened in 1998.

As director of operations, Farrell is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the stadium complex, which includes negotiating and administering licensing agreements with various tenants, directing the regular maintenance and capital project programs

and overseeing the 2,500 plus employees it takes to staff a major event.

He's just one of many Spartan alumni who work behind the scenes in professional sports. But while we all know the star athletes' names, few of us know the work that goes into preparing for — and recovering from — professional sporting events.

"People are surprised I work during the week," Farrell said. "The weekends are just the fruits of my labor."

Many weekends at Raymond James can include a University of South Florida Bulls game on Saturday and a Tampa Bay Buccaneers game on Sunday. Some of the other events Farrell and his operation's staff work hard to secure, prepare for and execute include the Outback Bowl, the ACC Football Championship, the American Invitational, the Monster Jam, the Shriner Circus, various concerts and even visits from the President of the United States.

The largest recent event — Farrell's third Super Bowl — was more than four years in the making. This included putting together the stadium portion of the bid, traveling to Miami and Phoenix to observe the operations of the last two Super Bowls, assisting with the contract negotiations between the Authority and the NFL and hundreds of hours of planning meetings over the last two years.

Super Bowl operations include all things large and small. For instance, when they first delivered the 15-foot tall Roman numerals for the entrance, there was no X, rendering it Super Bowl LIII. Farrell spent countless hours reviewing the stadium guides, to make sure people knew where to go for medical attention, a restroom, or a drink from a water fountain.

Security was much more stringent than in 2001 when Tampa last hosted the Super Bowl. Since then stadium security has added pat-downs, bag checks and magnetometers like those used in airport security.

The stadium also added a text messaging service that fans could use to report unruly fans or ask where the nearest beer stand is located. They received 94 text messages during the Super Bowl. Almost all employees on the concourse were equipped with devices that helped them summon security or first aid help, halving response times.

Farrell was at the stadium from 5:30 a.m. Super Bowl Sunday to 1:30 a.m. Monday. He spent the first part of his day ensuring the stadium was ready for its 70,000 plus guests. The rest of his time was spent coordinating operations and troubleshooting from high above the stadium in the NFL Control booth.

After the Super Bowl, the stadium seats were double picked: members of the Sierra Club did a walk through to collect all the recyclable plastics before stadium workers went back through to pick up trash.



Farrell started in the "Big Sombrero" and moved into the new stadium in 1998.

All of the cardboard was compacted for recycling and much of the plywood and scrim was collected for redistribution.

The Love of the Game

Even after working his third Super Bowl, Farrell still remembers the first Outback Bowl he worked, a month after he was hired.

"It was the first time Alabama and Michigan had ever played each other, and before the game, the fans were chanting back and forth, and I remember walking on the field and thinking — that's why I got into this business, all the adrenaline," he said.

Farrell got the job at the Tampa Sports Authority after working as facilities director for UT's athletics department. He had just received his graduate degree from St. Thomas University and was only a few years older than some of his students. Farrell credits his academic background and work experience at UT, coupled with the connections he made in the community, as the reason he was hired out of a pool of 250 applicants for the stadium job.

In his 21 years at the Tampa Sports Authority, Farrell has had some memorable moments — like when he heard Whitney Houston sing the national anthem at Super Bowl XXV, at the beginning of the first Gulf War. He got goose bumps. His favorite celebrity he's met is Billy Graham, the television evangelist, who led a revival at the stadium in 1998.

Farrell takes pride in being a UT alumnus and even taught for 10 years as an adjunct professor at the University. He feels blessed to serve the Tampa Bay community. He has been married to his wife Valarie for 22 years and has two children: a son, Kyle and a daughter, Kelly.

Talent Scout

Another Spartan, Ken Nuznoff '56, was in the stands Super Bowl Sunday. A professional scout for



Super Bowl FAST FACTS

70,000

People in the stands

9,000

Credentials given out
(3,000 for press and
6,000 for workers)

1,200

People cleaning up after

4

Years to plan event

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Photo courtesy of Heather French '06

“There are teams that wait longer than we did to get into the World Series,” she says. “It only took us 10 seasons to get where we got this year.”

— Heather French '06



Ryan Messier '09

Photo courtesy of Ryan Messier '09

Ace in the Hole

The Tennis Hall of Fame’s historic courts in Newport, RI, are where many of the game’s legends of the past and present have played.

For Ryan Messier '09, who worked at the Hall of Fame as an intern in the summer of 2008, it was where he rubbed elbows with millionaires and negotiated exclusive tournament accommodations for wealthy tennis fans.

“I walked in on the first day, and they told me to sell a \$1,000 luxury suite,” Messier said.

As an intern, Messier focused on marketing and managing the Hall of Fame’s two major summer tournaments: The Campbell’s Hall of Fame Tennis Championships, which includes world-renowned players, and The Champions Cup, which includes retired legends like John McEnroe, Jim Courier and Mats Wilander.

He recruited and coordinated volunteers, handled ticket orders and sold exclusive travel packages to tournament goers. He also served as a liaison to sponsor representatives and coordinated all box holder packages, gifts and mailings.



PRO SPORTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

the NFL’s Oakland Raiders for 33 years, he goes to professional football games to look for trades and next year’s free agents — rookies mostly.

“I don’t think players realize how often they’re looked at by different teams and personnel departments,” says Nuznoff, a running back and a defensive back at UT who played for and later coached with Chelo Huerta. “Every team looks at them and they’re scrutinized when they’re playing.”

From Underdog to Top Dog

When she used to make phone calls for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Senior Marketing Coordinator Heather French '06 used to get hung up on a lot. Now that the team has changed its name to the Rays, adopted a new logo, claimed the American League Championship, and gone to the World Series, French is getting a lot fewer hang ups. Instead, companies are calling the Rays, and French is sitting back, deciding whom to work with.

“You can’t say yes to everybody,” French said. “This past season it got much busier, but I’m not complaining.”

French works for a team that went from having the worst record in the league to playing in the World Series, and she thinks a lot of it had to do with branding. French works with media and sponsorship promotions and also plans community events, like two block parties last summer that aimed to expand the new brand to different areas of Tampa Bay.

“We like to say we exorcised the Devil,” she says of the re-named Rays. “We really felt that the team needed to look a little bit more major league.”

Even when the team started doing well, superstition kept the staff from getting too excited.

“When the ‘new’ team first started out we said, ‘yeah, we have a good record, but let’s see how the season goes,’” she says. “Then in July the team was still doing good, and we got all this national press, and we were like ‘yeah, OK, maybe we can start believing a little more.’”

The World Series, she says, was surreal. She practically lived at Tropicana Field, and barely had time to do the grocery shopping. But she says she loved every minute of it.

“There are teams that wait longer than we did to get into the World Series,” she says. “It only took us 10 seasons to get where we got this year.”

PR Power Play

When Trevor Van Knotsenburg '07 started at UT, he thought he wanted to be a sports broadcaster. But when he started doing public relations, he realized he enjoyed it more than being on the air.

Van Knotsenburg interned for the Tampa Bay Lightning in its public relations office in the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 seasons. He started out doing typical intern stuff but quickly gained more responsibilities as he worked six or seven days a week, in addition to taking classes. He wrote features and previews for the team’s Web site and wrote up game notes that were distributed to the media. He also provided credentials to the press and helped out in the press box, coordinating player statistics. The Ontario native said his passion and knowledge of the game helped him get the job.

Now he is media relations coordinator with the Toronto Marlies, an affiliate of the Toronto Maple Leafs in the NHL. Van Knotsenburg does a lot of what he did with the Lightning, in addition to traveling with the team and booking hotels and meals for them.

He also gets to pitch in when the Maple Leafs have home games, and he gets to interact with players he used to idolize, like Jaromir Jagr. Van Knotsenburg only had one day off in the month of December, but he didn’t mind.

“You get tired, but it’s a lot of fun,” he said. “I go to a lot of sporting events anyway, why not get paid and work at the same time?”



Last fall, even before the government announced we were in a recession, six UT faculty members weighed in on the economic crisis. They revisited their remarks at a panel on April 1, hosted by the John H. Sykes College of Business and the Board of Fellows. Read on for a summary of what four of them had to say about what's been described as the worst economy since the Great Depression . . .

ECONOMY SPEAK



Dr. Brian Kench



Dr. Marcus Allan Ingram

Creating Economic Growth

By Dr. Brian Kench
Associate Professor of Economics

In what will be called the crash of 2008, the Dow Jones Industrial Average decreased 47 percent from its peak on Oct. 9, 2007 to a trough on Nov. 20, 2008. What's eerie about this decline is that it exactly matches the percentage decline that occurred in the crash of 1929.

But the crash of 1929 and the Great Depression were not the same thing. What made the Great Depression great was its duration — it lasted more than 10 years. Many of the mistakes government made can be traced back to a lack of good and timely information.

Today, the world is different, and a repeat of the Great Depression is not expected. At the core of this optimism is the speed at which good data is received today. For example, at the beginning of the current crisis, real-time data induced government decision-makers to flood the economy with liquidity (jargon for money). It took years to do the same during the Great Depression.

Why increase liquidity? In all recessions, something makes consumers fearful, which causes them to decrease spending and save for a rainy day. When liquidity increases, each consumer feels as if they have more money (though each unit of money is now worth less) and they gain the confidence to begin spending again. It is the increasing of liquidity — currently under way in the U.S. — that short-circuits a recessionary cycle and begins anew a virtuous cycle of economic growth.

Risk and Return: What We Can Learn from the Global Financial Crisis

By Dr. Marcus Allan Ingram
Associate Professor of Finance

The world's economic history is full of booms and busts, with investment fads and bubbles in every generation. This suggests that the current level of concern over the economy may be overblown. Typically, a down leg of the economic cycle lasts one or two years, but in the Great Depression unemployment remained high for more than 10 years. What can we expect from the current downturn, and what can we learn from it?

The immediate cause of our current market disruption is the precipitous decline in residential real estate values — by 27 percent from the peak in mid-2006 through the end of 2008 — and related mortgage-backed securities. Since real estate typically takes longer than other markets to recover, we may expect real estate prices to remain down for years. This means the down cycle in the economy may be much longer than the average 18 months. In fact, the National Bureau of Economic Research has dated the start of the recession to December 2007, so we are close to that time frame already with no recovery in sight.

Markets such as Macao, Dubai and even London now look to be weakening as world economies slow down, and so the cycle of defaults, write-downs and credit contraction may now continue for some time overseas. Investors in real estate and mortgage-backed securities throughout the speculative years convinced themselves that real estate was a safe investment that delivered high returns. In the aftermath of the current crisis, the most important lesson to remember is that high returns are never earned without exposure to high risk.

FINANCIALLY MAKING

TARP's Intent

By Dr. Speros Margetis
Associate Professor of Finance

The original intent of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) was to remove toxic assets from the balance sheets of financial institutions so the credit markets could begin to function efficiently and spur economic growth. Congress gave the Treasury discretion on how to use the funds to meet its objectives of stabilizing financial markets, reducing systematic risk, supporting the housing market and protecting the taxpayers. Instead of purchasing troubled assets, however, former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson decided to buy preferred stock in banks to help improve their capital position.

The first \$250 billion of the TARP funds were committed to the Capital Purchase Program (CPP). These funds were to be distributed to healthy banks so they could lend to creditworthy borrowers. The CPP distributions to these institutions had no accountability of the how funds were to be used and it is unclear how much of those funds will actually be used to improve the credit markets that have grinded to a halt.

Public outcry has led to demands by Congress that the first disbursement must be fully accounted for and banks must be more transparent about their use of the remaining funds. Other uses of the TARP funds include distributions to the domestic automotive industry and the consumer finance securitization industry. Our credit markets still have not begun to operate efficiently. The remaining TARP funds need to be spent carefully to help improve the conditions of credit markets which are vital to the health of our economy.

The Interbank Loan Crisis

By Dr. John Stinespring
Assistant Professor of Economics

The U.S. banking industry faced its most severe crisis during the period following the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers on Sept. 15, 2008 and ending on the announcement of the U.S. Treasury Department's \$250 billion bank recapitalization program on Oct. 14. During this crisis, banks ceased lending to one another and hoarded their funds, despite massive injections of additional funds by the Federal Reserve. Dr. Brian Kench and I have explained this phenomenon using the tools of game theory, which illustrate how each bank's rational action led to a seemingly irrational outcome for the overall industry.

By not loaning to one another, each bank unwittingly conspired to keep borrowing costs high, decrease the value of their own balance sheets and diminish the very deposits upon which the banking system depends. All of this occurred because of an asymmetry of information among banks. In essence, banks no longer trusted the soundness of each other's balance sheets and were no longer willing to assume the risks inherent in lending.

The U.S. Treasury's \$250 billion recapitalization program re-established trust among banks. The Treasury injected the first \$125 billion into the nine largest banks to bolster their balance sheets and eliminate the stigma of borrowing from the government. Then, the Treasury required all other banks to complete a rigorous application process for additional funding. Successful banks received a *de facto* seal of approval by the Treasury as a sound bank. Interbank trust was regained, causing interbank borrowing costs to fall, lending to rise and possibly averting an even worse financial crisis.



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Dr. John Stinespring

REWARDING CAREERS

Students Gain Knowledge, Experience and Jobs Through UT's Office of Career Services



Before he became employed as an analyst with Stonehenge Capital, Jarrod Randel '06 interned with the company during his junior year at UT. As an intern he learned to use financial modeling and comparable company analyses.

"The internship provided the opportunity to apply skill sets emphasized throughout the College of Business curriculum and take them steps further in their application," Randel said.

By Dan Sullivan
Web Writer



The Office of Career Services' new offices in the Riverside Center

It all began with the internship, made possible through UT's Office of Career Services. But setting students up with internships is only one of the things the office does.

Career Services provides one-on-one guidance for students on the path to their ideal career, ensuring a

smooth transition from campus life to the professional world.

A recent post-graduate survey indicated that 97 percent of UT students achieved their postgraduate goals. Eighty-four percent obtained employment within three months of graduation and 92 percent within six months.

Beginning at freshman orientation all the way through to graduation, Career Services staff and faculty advisors work with students to explore all the options. Students meet with a career counselor, attend a major-specific workshop and take self-assessment tests such as the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® or Holland's Self-Directed Search. The staff also has contacts for informational interviews with professionals and on-the-job visits.

If students choose graduate school, Career Services and pre-professional advisors guide them through the maze of graduate, law and professional schools. They can help search for schools, track documents and deadlines, and prepare students for entrance applications and interviews. The office also hosts graduate school preparation workshops.

"Career exploration and management is a lifelong process which begins well before the senior year," said Tim Harding, director of career services. "Career Services has a high touch/high tech mission to educate and equip students for lifelong career management. The old models of doing career preparation are no longer adequate for successful lifelong career management."

UT offers numerous career events throughout the year, including workshops on writing résumés, networking, finding jobs, etiquette dinners, interviewing and more. Professionals in areas such as medicine, communication, criminology and accounting visit campus to share advice on how to get started and flourish in their fields.

The Office of Career Services has many technological tools to help students, as well. Perfect Interview is an online tool that helps students hone their answers to some of the most commonly asked interview questions, provides sample answers and a virtual career coach. Students can record their interviews using a Web cam and a Career Services advisor will review it and offer pointers. Hire-UT, the University's personal job search Web site, lists hundreds of local, national and international job and internship opportunities every year.

"We show the resources that are available to the students and let them take the lead," said Ali Dunn, internship coordinator.

The UT student interns profiled on the facing page represent just some of the more than 400 internships available every year through UT.



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— Tim Harding, director of Career Services

The Right Course

Career Services offers two courses designed to help students explore career options: **CAREER DECISION-MAKING** and **JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES**. In Career Decision-Making, first- and second-year students explore their interests, skills, values and personality and learn how they relate to major and career choices. In Job Search Strategies, a class specifically for juniors and seniors, students cover the current trends of job searching, including resume development, interview techniques, job searching in various media and proper correspondence. []



SHANE SCANLON '09 CALKAIN REALTY ADVISORS



When Shane Scanlon '09 walked into an internship fair in 2007, he had no idea he was taking the first step toward professional employment. It was there that he first got in touch with representatives from Calkain Realty Advisors in Tampa — a national commercial real estate firm — and landed an internship as a research assistant the following spring.

Today Scanlon is still going strong with Calkain, employed part time as a research assistant, a job that gives this business management major hands-on knowledge of the real estate industry.

"Calkain allows a great deal of decision-making to be done on your own compared to simply making the decisions for you," Scanlon said. "(It) allowed me to learn in a more active way."

As an intern, Scanlon worked directly with everyone in the company from the CEO and vice president to the individual brokers. His chief duties introduced him to the basics of the company's investments, properties, and market information and different types of contract agreements. As an employee, his duties have expanded and he now plays a bigger role in managing the company's transactions.

"My knowledge of this industry entering into the internship was very limited, and Calkain has expanded upon that knowledge greatly," Scanlon said. "(The internship) also unlocked an opportunity for me to stay with the firm."

TENA WEST '09 FBI



As an intern with the FBI's Honors Internship Program, senior Tena West '09 observed SWAT training exercises, chatted with agents who interrogated former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and received personal firearms training.

West was selected along with 99 other college students from across the nation to participate in the FBI's coveted and highly competitive internship program.

"I've wanted to be in the FBI since the seventh grade," said West, a double major in criminology and psychology. "I'm very set on a future with the FBI and I think this will definitely further that goal."

Months of background checks and thorough investigation gave her the security clearance to enter FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., with the same privileges of any FBI employee. Her days were typically a long hustle of briefings having to do with new technology, safety and security procedures and confidential FBI business.

West put her academic training to the test in this setting, where she did background screenings and examinations of potential FBI employees as well as current employees.

ANGELICA SHERIDAN '09 FLORIDA AQUARIUM



As a marine biology major, Angelica Sheridan's '09 focus was sharks. But after completing an internship at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa, she has come to know all about turtles, pin fish, and barracuda as well as ducks, spoonbills, moorhens and ibises.

These are just some of the animals she worked around during the fall of 2008 in the husbandry department of the aquarium's wetlands exhibit. Her main tasks included maintenance of the exhibit enclosures and providing food for the many different kinds of animals.

"Learning how to maintain the tanks is very interesting because it helps you understand why the animals need certain things," Sheridan said. "It made me think of more basic stuff: eating, biting, how they survive in external environments."

Sheridan has continued her work with the aquarium in the spring semester, earning credit toward her degree. ■■■

Dr. Jody Tompson aboard the *MV Explorer*.
Photo by John Weakley/
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UT PROFESSOR SHIPS OUT

For a link to Dr. Jody Tompson's blog, visit www.ut.edu/tompson-semester-at-sea.

Dr. Jody Tompson has taught in New Zealand and China, but he's never taught on the open water, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. And as it turns out, it's no day at the beach.

"Watching and listening as waves break onto the shore is soothing and pleasant," Tompson wrote in his blog after his first day far from land. "But watching the great blue ocean from the side of a boat is surprisingly different. I was mesmerized, intrigued, and a bit frightened by the scale of the ocean."

Tompson, an associate professor of management, is teaching classes in international entrepreneurship and global management as part of the Semester at Sea program aboard the 590-foot *MV Explorer* as it circumnavigates the globe.

The *MV Explorer* is a modern passenger ship with amenities such as a

student union, wireless Internet, an 8,000-volume library, a swimming pool, a faculty and staff lounge, and many of the other items one would find on a land-based university campus.

Joined by his wife and three children, Tompson teaches daily while his wife homeschools the children. The program is scheduled so classes are in session when the ship is at sea — making for what Tompson said is a grueling teaching schedule. It took nine days to cross the Atlantic, so he taught for nine consecutive days.

But for Tompson, there are lessons everywhere. Even the open ocean reminded him of a book on the business bestseller list called *Blue Ocean Strategy*. The premise is that companies should avoid "red oceans" that are full of existing competitors and instead seek their own markets, maybe even markets that don't yet exist.

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Valkyrie: Fact vs. Fiction?

This winter American audiences poured into movie theaters to see Tom Cruise's portrayal of Claus Von Stauffenberg, the lead conspirator in a 1944 plot to kill Hitler, in the film "Valkyrie." But before Stauffenberg, there was Hans Oster, second in command at the Abwehr (Germany's version of the CIA), who plotted to kill Hitler six years earlier, in 1938.

Dr. Terry Parssinen, professor of history, wrote about Oster in his 2003 book *The Oster Conspiracy of 1938: The Unknown Story of the Military Plot to Kill Hitler and Avert World War II*. While the jury is still out on Cruise's performance, Parssinen weighs in on the historical accuracy of the film and its relation to his book.

Q: Based on what you know, how accurate was the movie?

A: It is 100 percent factually accurate down to the greatest detail. Plus, Tom Cruise looks a lot like Stauffenberg, who had chiseled, movie star good looks.

Q: How does Oster figure into the film?

A: Oster is mentioned three times. The movie begins as Oster is put on house arrest, and this leads them to look for Stauffenberg. A day after Valkyrie failed, Oster was arrested and sent to a prison camp where he was tortured by the Gestapo, but revealed nothing.

In March of 1945, the Gestapo found documents on the conspiracies to kill Hitler, and Hitler ordered all

involved to be killed. Oster's prison camp was liberated by the Americans two days after he was hanged.

Q: How is Oster different than Stauffenberg?

A: Stauffenberg is a hero, but in Germany they have what is called the *Oster Frage* — the Oster Question. Is he a villain, or is he a hero? Some criticize Oster because he revealed the location of German troops to the enemy.

Q: What's the key difference between the two plots?

A: Oster's conspiracy was in 1938, before the war had started. If it had been successful, there wouldn't have been a World War II. Fifty million people — 6 million of them Jews — would not have lost their lives. Even if Valkyrie were successful, it would not have changed anything. By that point the allies felt that the only good German was a dead German, and they would not have worked with the conspirators.

Q: Will there be an Oster movie?

A: The German-born scriptwriter from "The Never Ending Story" is interested and is shopping the book to German production companies. The odds are still long, but they're shortened now from 1,000 to 1 to 20 to 1. Somebody with juice has to be interested, like a movie star. 🍷



Dr. Terry Parssinen, professor of history, has had his book published in six languages: English, French, German, Czech, Hungarian and Portuguese.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Wed., April 15
A Revolution in Contemporary Filmmaking
Riverside Center, Room 102
4 p.m.

Fri., April 17
Honors Research Fellows Presentations
Library, Room AV2
4 p.m.

Thurs., April 23
The Parody Projects
Library, Room AV2
4 p.m.

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



Shark Story in Top 100

Dr. Dan Huber's research on sharks' bite force landed on *Discover* magazine's list of the "Top 100 Stories of 2008." Huber, assistant professor of biology, is part of a research group analyzing the hunting performance of great white sharks — known as one of the world's perfect predators.

The research team created a 3-D digital model of an 8-foot great white shark that reveals the animal's biological

mechanics, measures bite force and thus offers new insights on sharks' habits, capabilities and evolution.

The research, Huber said, may lead to advances in protective swimwear, shark-proofing equipment and a better understanding of flexible cartilage — much like human ears and noses — which forms sharks' whole skeletons.

News stories featuring Huber and his research have appeared on Bay News 9, The Discovery Channel, The History Channel, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, *The Daily Telegraph* and Australia's version of MSN. "The Top Stories of 2008" article appeared in the January issue of *Discover*. 🍷



Success 4 Kids & Families

Clara Reynolds '10 had an "aha" moment when she started taking classes for the certificate in nonprofit management program at UT.

The executive director of a nonprofit for two years, she had never learned to read an audit statement. Reynolds has a master's degree in social work and is a licensed counselor, but she had never taken a business class.

"It was like a light bulb went off," she said. "I know how to deal with behaviorally challenged kids, but had no idea what to do with a balance sheet."

Reynolds is executive director of Success 4 Kids & Families, a local nonprofit that provides counseling and other services for children and families struggling with mental health, behavioral and emotional issues.

S4KF aims to keep children out of mental health facilities and out of jail. Of the 1,600 children the organization serves each year in Hillsborough County, 85 percent have remained in their homes and schools.

After Reynolds wrote about the nonprofit for Dr. Ronald Kuntze's graduate marketing class, "Building Customer Value," he decided it could use his students' help.

"The concept is cutting edge," Kuntze said. "It's based on research in the last 20 years that indicates if you have programs where kids have to go to a therapist outside the home, it doesn't really work. You can't fix the part and put it back in the engine — you have to deal with the holistic family group."

Case workers visit the family at home to see how family members interact, and they offer counseling to the family, as well as to individual children.



Success 4 Kids & Families holds an annual basketball tournament for students with Severe Emotional Disturbance.

Photo courtesy of Success 4 Kids & Families.



Kuntze had his students gather testimonials from the families. They also came up with a marketing plan, with a PR push and a redeveloped Web site on the way. As a result, S4KF has been featured on ABC Action News, the Magic Morning radio show with Chadd and Christi, and in the *Tampa Tribune*.

Kuntze is now looking to integrate S4KF into a John H. Sykes College of Business capstone course. Reynolds is also in UT's Saturday MBA program, and she is looking to apply some of the for-profit strategies she's learned to her nonprofit. She hopes to expand S4KF beyond Hillsborough County to make it a statewide program. ■■■



Clara Reynolds '10



Dr. Ronald Kuntze

Professor Ships Out

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"The analogy is more powerful now that I have seen the blue ocean," Tompson wrote. "In these days, I have seen only one other vessel. It is a deserted place out here."

When they were at port, the faculty and students took field trips to such cities as Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and Cape Town, South Africa. The journey took them to the Bahamas and across the Atlantic to Cadiz and Sevilla, Spain; Morocco; south to Namibia and South Africa; then on to Bangkok, Thailand; Chennai, India; and Hong Kong. The next stops are Kobe, Japan; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Puerto Quetzal,

Guatemala [as of press time]. They will arrive back in Fort Lauderdale on May 6.

For Meghan Hacas '10, a finance major who is also aboard the ship, every stop presents a chance to extend the learning experience.

"Instead of just going to one country for four months, I get a little taste of everything," Hacas said. "I get to see the amazing architectural aspects of Spain and then a week later see the socioeconomic problems in India."

Hacas has stayed in a nomad camp in the Sahara Desert, watched snake charmers in the markets in Morocco, witnessed the living conditions of a native tribe in Namibia, and gone on a safari through Kruger National Park in South Africa. ■■■

UT Committed to Rising Above Economic Turbulence

We've been fortunate that the last decade at UT has been one characterized by growth, financial stability and an enhanced academic reputation. Many people — including alumni, parents and friends — have worked very hard to further our University's place in the highly competitive world of higher education. I am grateful for their efforts.

And because of their efforts, today, in the midst of historically difficult economic conditions, The University of Tampa remains an attractive choice for prospective students and has the infrastructure — academically and physically — to provide students an outstanding educational experience. In short, our admission profile is strong, we've avoided cuts and layoffs and we continue to hire new faculty.

But just like most other corporations, universities and individuals, UT will no doubt face challenges and will have to make difficult decisions. However, due to the loyalty and commitment of our supporters, I am confident we'll weather the present economic turbulence — and emerge out of it a stronger institution.

It's with mixed emotions I read our economics professors' thoughts on the economy (*see story, pages 9-11.*) On one hand, I'm continually thrilled with the expertise and teaching ability of our faculty. On the

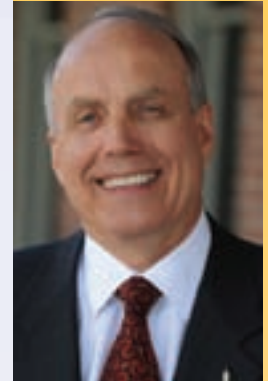
other hand, I honestly wish, as do we all, they could wave a wand and turn bear markets into bull markets.

However, we're not going to sit patiently and wait for the economy to turn around. We're going to be resourceful — creatively and prudently — to continue being a model institution, and achieving successes. With each success we realize here on campus — whether it be a higher ranking in *U.S. News and World Report*, a new building on campus, a new academic program, or a record number of new student applications — the value of a UT education and your UT diploma increases exponentially.

One of our focuses — especially during the economic downturn — is to help deserving students who may not be able to afford a UT education. It's a lofty goal. We recognize that the current economic climate presents challenges to families, but we feel more strongly than ever that our future — UT's and our country's — depends on our ability to educate bright young people.

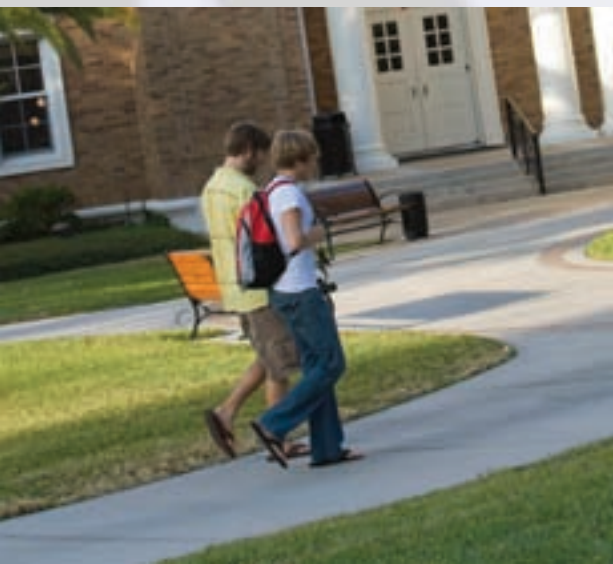
As we work to achieve this goal, your help is critical — especially now. We understand that Americans as a whole are reassessing their financial commitments, but we hope that UT will remain one of your commitments. We are grateful for major gifts, but I've always tried to stress participation. Our honor rolls are filled with people who give a little, but who give each year. These committed donors provide a critical foundation for our University. In broad terms, those dollars go to student scholarships and to University operations.

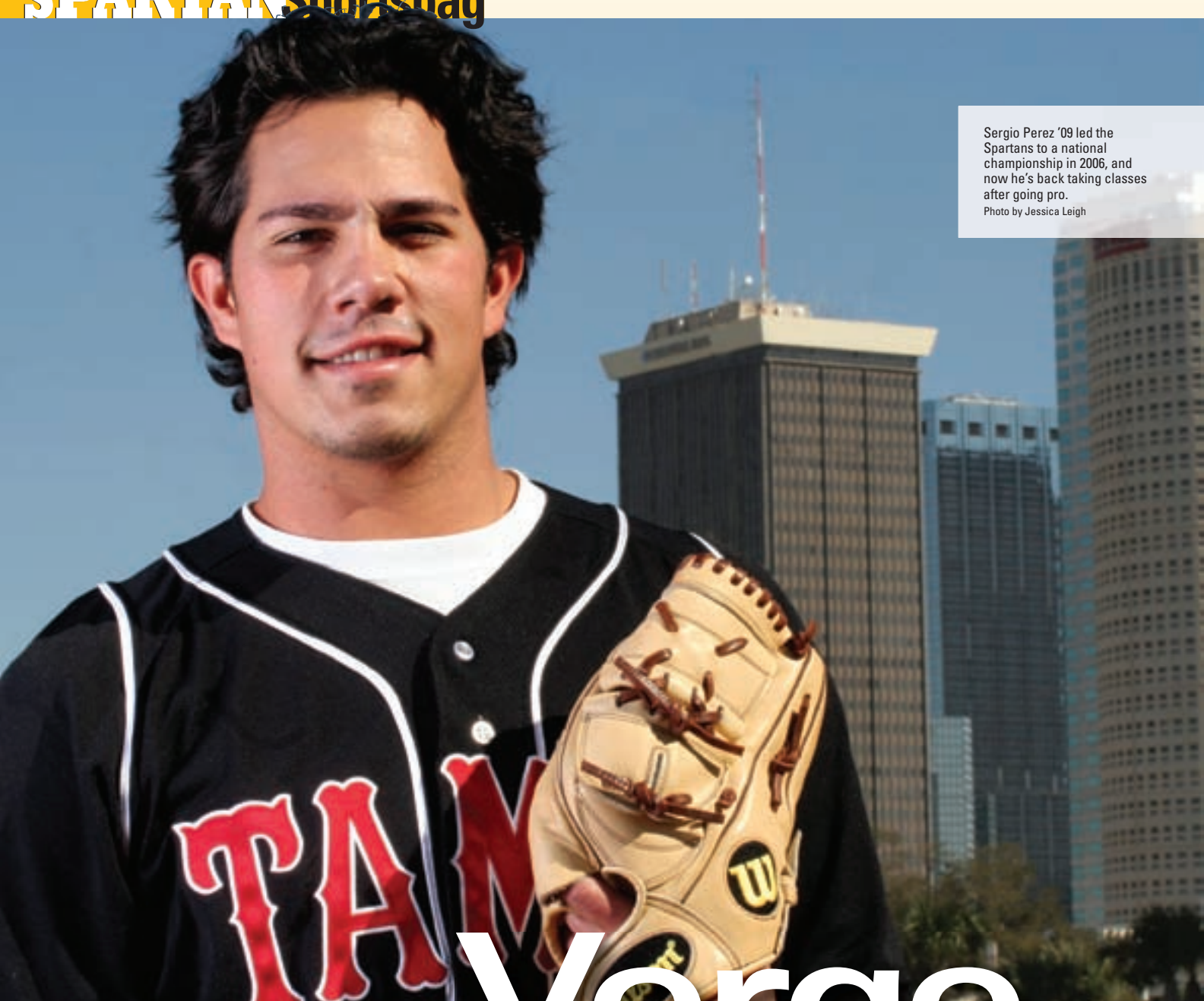
Every year we host a scholarship luncheon in which donors can come to campus and meet scholarship students. It's one of my favorite events of the year. I come away from that event each year thinking that people give to UT — or to any institution — not only to make a difference, but also to see a difference. I invite anyone to come to campus and see what our campus community's support has meant to UT and its students. Or you can simply read about Emma Boyer '08 (*see story, page 39*) and see what a difference scholarship funding made for her. [UU](#)



By Dr. Ronald L. Vaughn
President

Our admission profile is strong, we've avoided cuts and layoffs and we continue to hire new faculty.





Sergio Perez '09 led the Spartans to a national championship in 2006, and now he's back taking classes after going pro.
Photo by Jessica Leigh

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Double Major

By Thomas Kolbe
Sports Information Director



When he enrolled at UT in the fall of 2003, Sergio Perez '09 knew what he wanted to do with his life. Besides winning a national championship, and being selected in the Major League Baseball draft, he wanted to graduate from his hometown university.

Though the pitcher met his first two goals — guiding the Spartans to a 2006 national championship that led to him being a second round draft choice by the Houston Astros — Perez still needs two classes to complete his degree in sport management. But even a hefty signing bonus would not deter him from earning a college diploma, and he has spent the past two off-seasons taking a full course load at UT.

“I was planning on finishing in the fall 2008 semester, but I was chosen to represent the Astros in the Arizona Fall League,” says Perez. “I now plan to take the final classes next fall, and I am committed to finish what I started in the classroom.”

Perez is now on the verge of Triple A or the majors, and hopes to become UT’s seventh MLB player. Perez suffered a season-ending fracture to his hand while bunting in a game for Double A Corpus Christi last summer, but a successful recovery earned him an invite to his first big league spring training. He reported to the Astros’ camp in Kissimmee, FL, on Feb. 14.

Ace in the Hole

As a high school student, Perez was recruited vigorously, and UT competed with schools like Louisville and South Florida. In the end, the opportunity to win a national championship and showcase himself in front of MLB scouts was enough to bring Perez to UT.

“The baseball program and reputation of the school separated UT from the others,” says Perez. “Coach (Joe) Urso and (Sam) Militello worked well together and sold me on this being the best opportunity. In the end, it could not have worked out better anywhere else.”

After failing to crack the starting rotation as a freshman, Perez became the ace of the pitching staff as a sophomore, finishing the season with a 9-4 record and ERA of 2.48. As a junior, Perez led the team to a 54-6 record and a national title, and made UT history with nine innings of perfection.

On Mar. 17, 2006, Perez became the third player in UT history to throw a no-hitter as he blanked Barry in a masterpiece that is arguably the best individual performance in Spartan history. In nine innings, Perez registered 15 strikeouts and was clocked at 95 mph in the ninth inning by major league scouts.

“Sam Militello made me the pitcher I am today,” says Perez. “I cannot say enough about what he and Coach Urso have done for me.”

While he is a member of the Houston Astros organization, Perez still spends time in the off-season with the UT baseball team and training staff. He credits both programs with his professional success, and he believes both stack up with the best programs available.

“I still work out with the team and train with Eric Hall and Rafael Ruiz in the UT strength and conditioning program,” says Perez. “They are just as good, if not better than any professional trainers. I credit everyone at UT with so much in regard to my success.”

Major Priority

After his parents supported him at every game in three years at UT, Perez heeds their advice to get his degree.

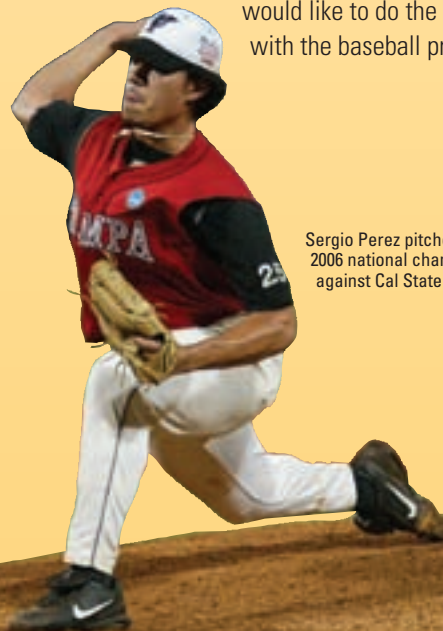
Flora Coley and Gilberto Perez always made education a priority for their son Sergio and his brother, Gilbert. Gilbert was team captain for the football team at the U.S. Air Force Academy and is now a second lieutenant at MacDill Air Force Base, enrolled in a master’s program at UT.

Perez does take time to ponder his future once his baseball career meets an end and, though he does not expect that to come anytime soon, preparation for his post-playing career remains important.

“Graduating is a big thing for my family,” says Perez. “I always want to have something to fall back on. I see alums coming back, and I would like to do the same thing with the baseball program.”

“**S**am Militello made me the pitcher I am today. I cannot say enough about what he and Coach Urso have done for me.”

— Sergio Perez '09



Sergio Perez pitches during the 2006 national championship game against Cal State Chico.

SPORTS to do @ ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

BASEBALL

Games played at Sam Bailey Field.

Fri., Apr. 17

Rollins*

7 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 18

Rollins*

1 p.m. (DH)

SOFTBALL

Games played at the softball field.

Sat., Apr. 18

Barry*

6 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 19

Barry*

1 p.m. (DH)

Fri., Apr. 24

Florida Southern*

6 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 25

Florida Southern*

1 p.m. (DH)

On the Web

For more information on UT athletics, visit www.tampaspartans.com.



UT Swimmers Claim National Championships

UT swimmers claimed three individual national championships in March, as both the men's and women's swim teams made an impressive showing at the 2009 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships in Houston, TX.

UT's Alex Hetland '09 took two individual national championships, the first in the 200 individual medley with a time of 1:46.03, and later in the 100 breaststroke. He broke national records in both events. Hetland is a native of Oslo, Norway, and a UT graduate student.

"He came to us a world class athlete — the good news is he improved," said swimming coach Ed Brennan. "Alex is older, more mature, and it was like having another coach on the deck."

At 26, Hetland took a chance by changing coaches and systems, but it paid off.

"I felt really included from the get go," he said. "Ed has been really good adjusting to my specific needs, since I was in a different situation than the rest of the team. Together we came up with a good formula for success."

Hetland said swimming is all about personal progress, and he's happy he was able to continue that progress at UT.

"I definitely swam up to my expectations, so I was real happy about the meet," he said. "Setting two national records was definitely a cool bonus."

While Hetland has no more NCAA eligibility left, he will continue training for international competitions, representing his home country Norway, and hopes to help coach the UT team.



Alex Hetland '09 holds national records for Division II in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.



Jessie Bardin '10 won the 200 freestyle for the second time in her career.

On the women's side, Jessie Bardin '10 won the 200 freestyle, and later placed third in the 500 freestyle, breaking a UT record in the event, and seventh in the 100 freestyle.

She won the 200 freestyle title her freshman year, but came in fourth last year. This year, she said she just went out and swam her race.

"It felt amazing," she said. "I was in shock. None of it could be done without Ed and the coaches and the team. I really appreciate everything they've done for me."

As a nursing student, Bardin faced a hectic schedule this season that included clinical rotations at Tampa General Hospital two days a week. She came in on Sundays, and swam with the local club team in the afternoon to make up for time lost in the pool.

"Ed understands that sometimes school comes before swimming," she said. "Not a lot of Division I coaches would."

While Bardin was not heavily recruited out of high school, Brennan said she has blossomed at UT.

"Jessie's a sponge," Brennan said. "She takes everything in, and she's a wonderful learner, one of the smartest swimmers. People came up to us on the deck and said 'That girl knows exactly where she is every length of the pool.'"

In the final day of the competition, the UT men's team finished eighth while the women placed 12th overall at the national level.

All participants who finished in the top eight of the finals are awarded all-American status.

For the full results of UT's performance at the national championships, see the UT athletics Web site at www.tampaspartans.com.

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The Spirit of '84

Whenever I watch rowers glide down the Hillsborough River, the boats appear weightless and the coordination of the rowers seems almost effortless. Recently, however, I had the opportunity to learn how far from effortless it is for eight people to row a boat together and make it look relaxing.

This fall eight of us staff members had the chance to compete in the Tampa Rowing Challenge Regatta after learning to row in 10 weeks. We novices posed quite a challenge to veteran UT rowing coach Bill Dunlap, but after multiple practices we began working well enough together that at times it actually felt like we were rowing. Throughout our training, there was one constant: our boat. It was emblazoned with the name *Alumni of '84*, and it was sleek, reliable, fast, and surprisingly heavy.

On race day we may not have been the strongest team, but I believe the spirit of '84 propelled us to the finals. We didn't win, but I was sure this boat, or the rowers whose names appeared on its side, had seen glory in the past. Those names were Charles Norberg '84, John Stimus '85, Paul Gouin '84 and Vincent Carrodegua '84, MBA '90. I decided to tell their story.

On the Water

I learned of UT's dominance in crew in the early '80s in the 1984 *Moroccan*. John, Paul and Charlie all crewed the heavy four together, and Vincent rowed on the lightweight four. Crew played a huge role in their


lives. All the early morning and late evening practices created a tight bond among the men and resulted in great success.

By the time they graduated, they had won a total of five national championships. They competed in the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta and defeated Yale at home. Their pride in these accomplishments motivated them to give back to the program.

In the early '80s, the rowing team lost friend and fellow rower Margaret McNiff when she died in an accident. In 1983 a racing shell was dedicated to her memory, and her signature was inscribed on the side of the boat. A moving ceremony was attended by the members of the crew team, and it meant a great deal to them to have Margaret's name on their boat.

This ceremony and boat inspired Charles to consider purchasing a boat as a way to give back to the program. He recruited three of his teammates, but the biggest challenge was to figure out how four recent college graduates, just a few years out of school, could come up with enough money to purchase a brand new racing shell for thousands of dollars.

In the end, they convinced a loan officer in Orlando that their cause was worthy and that they were good for the money. To the delight of the four donors, the UT crew program offered to match their donation to help pay for the eight-person boat.

Even though it took them a few years to pay it off, Charles, John, Paul and Vince are proud to have their names and their class year on the side of that boat and are glad that they could support the program that meant so much to them. Twenty-five years after their graduation and more than 20 years after their donation, their boat still plays a role in the UT crew program, and their names live on in UT crew history. 

(From left) Nick Fusco '10, Stephen Koch '12 and Jesse Hoffman-Klaucke '12 carry the *Alumni of '84* boat out of the boathouse.




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Remembering Willie

In October 2007, the Spartan athletics family suffered the loss of one of its most accomplished athletes. Willie Kuhlman '84 was killed in an automobile accident near his home in South Florida. Willie was a member of the rowing team from 1980-84.

As the stroke of the freshman four, Willie led the team to UT'S first Dad Vail (Division Two Championship) win. In 1982 and 1983 as the stroke of the heavyweight four, Willie again contributed to back to back Dad Vail victories. This exceptional display of athletic talent and dedication secured him a spot in the UT record books.

Willie was one of only two Spartans ever to win three consecutive Dad Vail championships. He shares the honor with his teammate John Stimus '84. The other members of his boat, Paul Gouin '84 and Charlie Norberg '84, both won two Dad Vail Championships. 



'57

Lalah Neuman

Tillinghast was recently featured in a front page news story recalling the time in 1959 when she experienced both victory and disaster as one of the first women to race across the infield and up Daytona International Speedway's high bank. She resides in Floral City, FL.

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Pat Kelly Waytovich was a teacher for many years before earning her master's in reading education and psychology. Later she earned her master's in mission and evangelism and Christian counseling. Now she is the lay leader of the First Methodist Church in Brandon, FL. The Brandon community keeps her engaged.

'58

Rene J. Gonzalez is the founder and director of the Spanish Lyric Theatre. He recently received the Gonzmart Award from the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce.

'61

Michael Jackson and Evelyn Jackson added a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law to their family in 2008.

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'65

Mike Zidek gathered with a group of fellow UT alumni at the Surfrider Beach Club in New Jersey in July. Friends in attendance included **Mike Busacco '64, Dave Villari '64, George Romano '65, Don Small '65, Ron Gagnon '66, Jim Lobiondo '66 and Rich Nicolosi '66.**

'68

Jack Rodriguez has been installed as the new president of the Greater Tampa Association of Realtors. He's the owner of Minaret Realty in Tampa, specializing in commercial real estate, as well as a licensed building contractor.

'69

Brenna O'Shea Cagiano, retired from teaching after 39 years and wrote the book *Patrick: The Irish Immigrant*.

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A group of '60s grads got together at the Jersey shore.

'70

Gary Cooper started a new job as a media specialist at the New Jersey State library. He also received the 2008 Public Relations Society of America Pyramid Award. He lives in Kendall Park, NJ.

Frank Permuy, Gaither High School's longtime baseball coach, is one of seven state coaches who will be inducted into the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame this year. Permuy is the 14th Hillsborough County coach to be honored.

'74

Salem Almoosa is chairman and CEO of Falconcity of Wonders. He was formerly chairman of the UAE's Federal Committee for Travel Agents, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Dubai Board of Travel Agents. He is the founder and member of the Board of Directors of the UAE Contractors' Association.

'75

Rev. Dr. Jim Reeher became lead pastor of historic Grace United Methodist Church in St. Augustine, FL, in July.

'76

Judy M. (Bruce) Miller has gone back to school and will earn her nursing degree in May. She resides in Coronado, CA.
E-mail: judimmiller@yahoo.com

'81

Doug Rothschild has recently become a member of The Tampa Museum of Art Board of Trustees. He lives in Tampa.
E-mail: drothschild@clwrg.com

'82

Paul J. Pucino was appointed the executive president and chief financial officer for THQ, a worldwide developer and publisher of video games with headquarters in Los Angeles County, CA.

'85

Herb Smaltz is the CIO of the Ohio State University Medical Center and also the associate vice president for health sciences at the Ohio State University. He resides in Dublin, OH.

Arden Taber just released a new book titled *Your Insurance, Your Money: Breaking the Silence on Insurance and Health Care Finances*. He resides in Simi Valley, CA.
E-mail: ardentaber@yahoo.com

'87

Joe Potuzak recently joined BB&T Corp. as payment solutions division risk manager. He was previously with Wachovia Corp. He resides in Charlotte, NC, with his family.
E-mail: jpotuzak@bellsouth.net

Marni (Berger) Stahlman was appointed to the Florida Bar Board of Governors,

Citizen's Review Panel. Marni and her husband Paul celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Lily Mae, on Jan. 15.
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'89

E. Heather Smiley was hired by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company to be the vice president of marketing communications for its retirement services division. Previously Smiley was a senior vice president of marketing communications at Fidelity Investments. She is based in MassMutual's Springfield, MA, headquarters.

'90

Lt. Col. Mark Herrin is completing his tour in Afghanistan with the NATO HQ International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF). Mark is the chief of logistics operations for the theater. He is looking forward to his return to Valencia, Spain, after many months away from his family.

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'91

Joe Langowski became the new assistant superintendent of the Maple Shade School District in New Jersey. He and his wife Amy were also blessed with their fourth daughter, Raegan.

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Marty Reed has joined the Mississippi Braves as pitching coach in 2009. He was drafted by the California Angels in 1984 and pitched in the Angels' system for five seasons, going 49-36. He also served as a coach at UT from 1990-1996.

'92

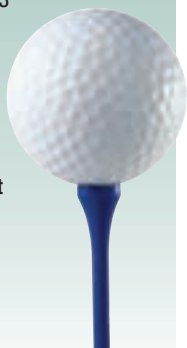
Ann "Len" Delacruz-Rodriguez joined Tropic

A CHALLENGE

This winter, Mike Zidek '65 contacted the alumni office to submit the following challenge to members from the Decade of the 60s:

"The Pi Kappa Phi brothers would like to challenge Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Zeta, Sigma Sigma Sigma and any other fraternity or sorority members who graduated from UT in the 1960s to a shoot-out at the golf course of Pi Kap's choosing. The golf tournament would take place on Thursday, Oct. 22 and would be followed by a dinner in Tampa. I also want to challenge graduates of the '60s to this year's Homecoming and Reunions on Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24. We want to see all of you at the Decade of the '60s reunion on Saturday afternoon.

To accept this challenge, contact Ron Gagnon '66 at gmi-inc@pacbell.net, Don Small '64 at don@don.smallandson.com, Mike Busacco '64 at mbussaco@verizon.net or Zidek at (703) 339-8733. 🏌️



Software Technologies, a national software company that specializes in workers' compensation systems, as director of systems deployment. The company is located in Sarasota, FL.

'93

Jill Randall Swartz was promoted to director

of operations at Solarus Medical located in Tampa. The company provides respiratory equipment to pediatric clinics across the state of Florida.

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'94

Major Kimberly Bennett was deployed to Iraq with

the 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army. Bennett will serve in Iraq for 12 months as a chemical and biological weapons specialist working on the division staff. She was previously stationed at Fort Hood, TX.

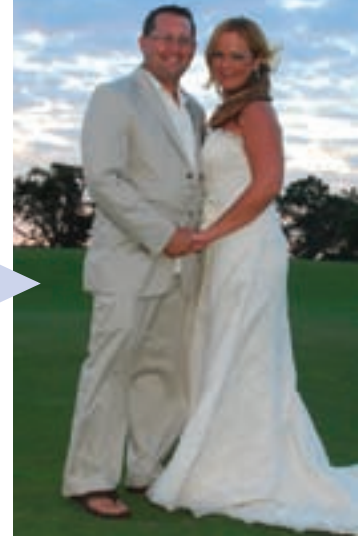
E-mail: kimbole@aol.com

'95

Megan Ruble and her husband Jeff were blessed with a third beautiful girl, Lyric Laine Ruble on Oct. 6. She was welcomed home by big sisters Breeley and Piper.

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Chris Esposito and Jade Moore '01



SPOTLIGHT

PARTAN

War and Peace

You may know that the "Star Spangled Banner" was written during the War of 1812, but you may not know that the war featured the first use of a vehicle that could be considered a tank, or that Florida saw action during the war.

COL. HAROLD YOUMANS '74 knows all these things and more. The editor of the *Journal of the War of 1812* has more than 3,000 works on the war in floor-to-ceiling bookshelves in his Riverview, FL, home, and he can recite dates and war stories like an encyclopedia.

He became editor of the quarterly journal in January 2008, and he relies on his advisory board for what he doesn't know.

"I've got a 3,000 book library, so I can usually fact-check myself," he said. "But if I need to go to manuscripts or letters, I can go to the guy who wrote the book on the Battle of Chippewa and say, 'now was he on the left or the right side of the road?'"

A military man, Youmans enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 at 21 and earned a spot in the Officer's Candidate School. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1967. He served in Vietnam in 1968-69 as a first lieutenant, earning the Bronze star, two awards for valor and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

In 1969, the military took him to Germany, where he enrolled in a college-level history course and started studying the War of 1812.

He decided he needed a college degree, and in 1972, he came to UT at 30, with a wife and two kids.

"UT was an exciting time," he said. "The campus was so vibrant. I went to all the football games and tried to totally absorb myself in campus life. It prepared me for a transition from the military, disciplined world to the civilian, undisciplined world."

After UT, he joined the reserves and got a master's degree in urban administration from the University of South Florida and a law degree from the University of Florida.

Later he worked for special operations at MacDill Air Force Base and wrote the plan for Operation Just Cause, which outlined the U.S. military's withdrawal from Panama in the 1980s. He also went to Somalia, where he was injured, to advise the military on how best to diffuse the tension there.

He retired from the military in 1994, and now volunteers as a land use hearing officer for Hillsborough County. He has taught military law for the ROTC program at UT on and off for many years.

Col. Harold Youmans '74 by a canon on campus that postdates the War of 1812.



'96

Chris Esposito married **Jade Moore '01** in Ocean City, MD. Jade is the director of sales and marketing for Exeter International and Chris works as a forensic analyst at FDLE. The couple resides in Tampa.

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'97

Elijah Ewing MBA '01 is still working and living in the Tampa Bay area. He is a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial. He and his wife Andrea welcomed their third boy, Aiden, in 2008.

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Ryan Maring went from being a special agent for the State of Michigan's Attorney General's Office, Health Care Fraud Division, to being a special agent for the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General's Office of Investigations. He and his wife were also blessed with a baby boy in December. The family resides in Hudsonville, MI.

'98

Radek Knesl MBA '04 was hired at Advantis as

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an associate of office and industrial services for its Tampa office.

'99

Alva Cross is an associate in the Tampa office of Fisher & Phillips, LLP,

where she represents management in all areas of labor and employment law. Cross received her law degree cum laude from Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, FL.

Sunny Mitchell was the 2008 Women's All

Army Golf Champion and qualified to represent the U.S. Army at the 2008 PGA Pro-Am Children's Miracle Class at Walt Disney World Florida.

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'00

Mark Driscoll and **Jodie (Corsetti) Driscoll '02** were blessed with a baby boy, Brendan, on April 21 in Massachusetts
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Maria Camarinos Hall was hired at GVA Advantis as an associate of office services for its Tampa office. She will concentrate on both landlord and tenant representations.

Steven Nichols and **Allison D. Nichols '02** just purchased and moved into a new house in Mount Airy, MD, in December of 2008. They are also expecting their first child in April. Allison works for Lockheed Martin as an EEO Representative and Steven works for the FAA as the Web development lead.
E-mail: allison.d.nichols@lmco.com



Nolan Matthew King

'01

Lori (Bryskiewicz) King and her husband Kevin were blessed with a baby boy, Nolan Matthew, on Aug. 29. The family resides in Massachusetts.
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Uncommon Intelligence

MARC ASTURIAS '89 imagines a future in which your car will be able to think and learn. We're not talking as smart as KITT, the talking sports car from TV's *Knight Rider*, but close.

Artificial intelligence-enabled cars will learn your preferences and driving habits and then act accordingly, says Asturias.

For example, knowing that your slow reaction time won't make up for your tendency to tailgate, your sedan will hit the breaks when you get too close.

It will also differentiate between drivers.

"Your car thinks, 'I know who's driving this car. It's not Jane, it's Peter. And Peter drives too fast when it's wet.' That's a safety device that could save a lot of lives," said Asturias.

The self-described "technology evangelist" has always tried to stay at the forefront of technology, from his days as a kid repairing computers to today as a program manager for editorial and Web services at tech-giant Cisco Systems. He's also pursuing a Ph.D. in computational linguistics and artificial intelligence.

In 2004 Asturias co-hosted one of the first podcasts, "The Wizards of Technology."

"It was probably the third podcast on the planet at that time."

It ran for about three years, going on tour and earning praise from National Public Radio.

Born in California, Asturias spent much of his childhood traveling the world; his father's job with a French cosmetics firm kept the family moving. Eventually, they settled in Tampa, where Asturias attended Brandon High School.

At UT he majored in Spanish (linguistics was his "first love," technology, his second), was in the Honors Program and was inducted into Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honors Society.

"The wisest thing that I did as a young person was decide to go to UT. It took me a lot of soul-searching to find a place that I felt at home, where I could explore and learn for the sake of learning."


Asturias says at UT he found "direct access to highly intelligent professors who were willing to give up their time for you." Dr. Martin Favata was one of his mentors.

After graduating, Asturias worked in marketing in Central America before joining the U.S. Air Force, serving during Desert Storm and furthering his education in engineering and information science.

Asturias returned to Tampa, taught in the Hillsborough County School system for a few years, and then worked for Apple Computers for five years as a manager of its Southeast service providers.

At that point, he "decided it was time to go to the big leagues, move to Silicon Valley."

At Cisco, Asturias has married his two loves — languages and computers — working in computational linguistics, a field that focuses on making computers understand and use human language better. He's leading a project to automate editing and translating, helping streamline the development of many types of documents companywide. Editing for grammar, choosing correct terminology, trimming redundancies, standardizing voice and style — "all the things a copyeditor can do, the machine can do, and it can do it in multiple languages. We're able to delegate to the machine lesser repetitive tasks and allow the editors to concentrate on developmental editing."

Learn more about Marc on www.marcasturias.com. 

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'02

Drew Townsend and his wife **Tammy '03** were blessed with a second set of twin boys. Drew is a videographer for a local studio, and Tammy is a fourth-grade teacher in Naples, FL.

'03

Linda Christine Fowler started a new job at the University of South Florida — Sarasota-Manatee campus as a reference and instruction librarian.
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Mindy Bateman Gagnon married Christopher Gagnon on Oct. 3 at Searles Castle in Windham, NH.
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Mindy and Christopher Gagnon

Ruth (Smith) Myles and her husband Nygel were blessed with a baby girl, Nyomi Colletta Myles, born at Tampa General Hospital on Oct. 29.
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'04

Katherine L. Barkey recently graduated from The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences with a master's degree in occupational

therapy. She resides in Gastonia, NC, where she is a home health occupational therapist.

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Mary-Rachel Keyser joined Owner Services Inc. as a marketing and operations manager. She started working in the business during high school, painting propane tanks in the summer and helping the delivery drivers during the winter. Owner Services Inc. is a local energy and service provider located in Proctor, VT.

Eric Matthew Rosenblum announced his engagement to Jennifer Lyn Goldstein. The couple is planning a June wedding in Sarasota, FL.

Beverly (Daguio) Viernes married Kennedy Cadiante in Tracy, CA, last July. The couple had previously celebrated their engagement in the Philippines.
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'05

Jessica L. Carter and **Antonio R. Vitolo** were married Oct. 12 in the Fort Wadsworth Chapel. She is a registered securities representative with Whittemore Carrigan, and he is a deputy sheriff with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. The couple resides in Tampa.

Capt. Ryan Hamel will now be stationed in Washington, D.C., after returning from a 15-month deployment to East Baghdad. He will be competing in the 2009 Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, GA, in May.
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Matt Orefice moved back to Tampa from New York City and is working at RN Market as a graphic designer. He recently had

his first art gallery opening at Avenue Cellars in Westchase in Tampa.
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'06

Christina (Brannen) Bender was recently hired by an obstetrical software development company as a clinical analyst trainer. She resides in Franklin, TN.
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Kim Dunker was recently added to the staff of Dree & Co., an Athens, GA, salon and spa service. She attended massage therapy school at Georgia Mountains School of Massage and she is also a professional triathlete and founder of DreamBelieve Triathlon coaching.

Kimberly Fellman has joined BrightIdeas Marketing, a DMS subsidiary, as a marketing coordinator. Her position involves marketing special projects like the Joanna Clarke Excellence in Education Award, event and promotion coordination, as well as public relations support. She resides in the Cayman Islands.

Dustin Dietrich Jones and **Holly Lynn Wenrich** were united in marriage on Aug. 8 at the Riverview Country Club in Easton, PA.

Kathryn (Alliman) Mullings and her husband David were married on May 29, 2007. The couple resides in Florida.

Lt. Thomas R. Parsons recently received his commission as an officer in the Marine Corps after completing Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA.

Yuly Restrepo has been awarded a fellowship to the Iowa Writers' Workshop, the most prestigious creative writing program in the country.

'07

Elizabeth Howell was recently hired as a marketing assistant with Concept Design Productions in Monrovia, CA. The company has been around for 30 years and does the staging for large scale events including the "Dr. Phil Show" and the Christian Music Awards.
E-mail: elizabeth@conceptdesigninc.com

Mari McLane was promoted from assistant media planner to media planner in July. She resides in Oakland Park, FL.
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Tiffany Miller started a new job as a probation officer. She lives in Tampa, FL.
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Adrienne Nadeau '07

Adrienne Nadeau was in Washington, D.C., for the Do Something Social Action Boot Camp this January. She was among 20 people under 25 who won \$250 from Do Something Inc., a nonprofit that encourages public service among young people. She was chosen because she created a nonprofit organization called The Warrior Woman Inc., which consists of local artists who hold empowering writing workshops and create summer programs for

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underprivileged teens. She lives in Clearwater, FL.
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Josh Tebbe was named boys basketball coach at the Canterbury School in St. Petersburg, FL.

'08

James King proposed to **Laura Phillips '09** on Nov. 21 on a trip to the Animal Kingdom for her birthday. They have set the wedding date for June 26.
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James King and Laura Phillips '09

Allison Koehler is the new coordinator of education and outreach for the internationally respected Sarasota Film Festival. She gained her experience at UT and Cannes.

Jessica Rogers was appointed media coordinator for FKQ Advertising + Marketing in Tampa.

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'77

Mary Kay Uchiyama
MED will teach an on-line course at Arapahoe Community College titled Assessment of Student

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Let Them Eat Cupcake

In a small shop across the state from UT, an alumna serves up cupcakes, personalized customer service, and to at least one favorite customer, a bit of hope.

When **DIANA MORGAN '93** started DD's Cupcake Shoppe last year, her grandfather was in a fierce battle with leukemia. But as the business took off, so did his spirits.

"I wasn't in great shape," Wilson Morgan recalled. "But watching Diana's cupcake business succeed and helping her with her work was really what brought me back to life."

Nov. 28 marked the first anniversary of the shop, located in Jupiter, just north of West Palm Beach. The 650-square-foot shop holds more than just her arrangement of unique cupcakes — it holds a family tradition that runs three generations strong. Morgan's family owned a bread bakery for 60 years.

"Owning a baking shop was always a dream of mine," Morgan said. "I just didn't know what I wanted to specialize in."

At last, she concentrated on cupcakes. From business plan to bakery storefront, the entrepreneurial alumna hit the ground running. Morgan counts her experience as a UT marketing student as an important ingredient in the shop's success.

"I told her school was so important, and I watched her work around the clock," her grandfather said.

While Morgan learned to manage a marketing mix, her economics professor and advisor, Dr. Leon Hoke, provided guidance. She studied abroad with him, and she says she will use his real-world business lessons throughout her career.

Morgan praises the personal attention she received at UT — and serves up the same experience for her customers.

"A lot of people consider baking something personal because you are making something special exclusively for that person," Morgan said. "I think that is what keeps people coming back."

As a result, Morgan has a great reputation in her town. Some have even nicknamed DD's Cupcake Shoppe Jupiter's "little gem." The store, which also sells souvenir jackets, shirts and hats, has also gotten a lot of media attention.

Though the cupcakes have many quality ingredients, the secret to her success is not what she puts in the batter.

"Every customer is special to her," her grandfather said. "She forms such a strong relationship with the client. My granddaughter has always been a people person and her

commitment to the customer is what has made her shop such a success."

If Morgan is a people person, her grandfather is one of her favorite people. The pair even has the same favorite cupcake: the Hummingbird, a vanilla cake made with fresh banana and pineapple filling and topped with cream cheese frosting and chopped pecans.

It's just one of many things the two share. First it was a vision for an education, then a vision to open a business. She says passion and hard work were the keys.

"I followed my dream," Morgan says. "And my advice to students at UT is to follow your dreams and keep working toward them."

— Annie Orban '09

Diana Morgan '93 at her cupcake shop in Jupiter.



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Academic Achievement. Uchiyama earned her doctor of philosophy in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in assessment from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

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'95

Gary Beemer MBA is currently a region manager for Mars Inc. and is responsible for developing and managing the Mars frozen business primarily in the Southeast, as well as national accounts in several trade channels and Mexico.

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From left: Chris, Paxton Chris-Anthony and Nickki McCoy

Nikki McCoy MBA was appointed the director of commercial affairs regulation and administration for the Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands in 2004. She is responsible for the economic regulation of the aviation in this territory. She married Chris McCoy, and they have a little boy Paxton Chris-Anthony McCoy.

'98

Randy Pandis MBA owns a travel medicine clinic named Passport Health of

Tampa Bay in Tampa. It specializes in travel vaccines and health-related products and offers expertise to anyone traveling abroad.

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'01

Elijah Ewing MBA. See page 23.

'02

Lauren Tyler MBA was promoted to director

Making PALS

As chief executive of a nonprofit organization with a nearly \$1 million budget and 25 employees, **JENNIFER MAXWELL '08** keeps her hands full managing the agency's finance, programs, public relations, human resources and operations.

Yet somehow Maxwell, who leads the Police Athletic League of St. Petersburg, still devotes time each day to hands-on interaction with the children PALSP serves.

"Being actively involved with the kids reminds me why I'm here," Maxwell said.

Police Athletic League

provides more than 300 disadvantaged and/or at-risk students between the ages of 5 and 18 an opportunity to be involved in after-school, summer, educational, athletic and recreational activities. Its mission is to prevent juvenile crime while facilitating a positive relationship between children, the community and the St. Petersburg Police Department.

A former special education teacher, Maxwell lacked the extensive business acumen needed when she was tapped as President/CEO of the Police Athletic League. But, armed with a Nonprofit Management and Innovation Certificate from UT and a whole lot of enthusiasm and commitment, Maxwell has reinvigorated PALSP. The new volunteer-created Web site (www.stpetepal.org), which Maxwell initiated, features a strong and redesigned PALSP logo along with photos of upbeat, engaged children — both indicative of the agency's momentum.

Maxwell's diligence has not gone unnoticed. She recently received the 2008 St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals' Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award, and was named one of the *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* Up and Comers.

As CEO, Maxwell also inherited two other roles: program director for the South County Truancy Interdiction Center and head fundraiser for PALSP.

The latter, often a stumbling block for nonprofit leaders, comes naturally to Maxwell, who stated that "one hundred percent of my time is spent fundraising for PALSP. I'm always brainstorming and networking for ways to fund our programs and explore how we can expose more people to the great work we do here." **UT**



Jennifer Maxwell received her certificate in Nonprofit Management from UT in 2008

'07

Richard J. Ferner Jr. MBA recently completed his second short tour to Baghdad, Iraq. He was employed as an independent contractor with the Center for Crime and Intelligence Analysis Training to provide five days of instruction in research methods for detectives (Iraqi nationals) assigned

to the Iraqi Ministry of Integrity.

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'08

Philip Bowen MBA accepted a position as an account manager with PreLogic LLC, a local software company. He lives in Clearwater.

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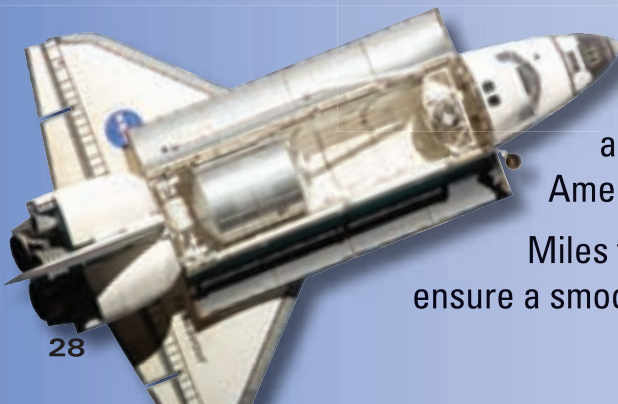
Where No Spartan Has Gone Before

 John Yembrick '96 at NASA Headquarters.
(Photo credit: NASA/Bill Ingalls)

By Robin Roger
Editor

At t-minus two hours, NASA's *Space Shuttle Endeavour* awaits a night launch on Nov. 14, but the opening act is outshining the headliner. An enormous full moon rises alongside the launch pad, serving as a reminder of where America's love affair with space exploration began.

Miles from the launch pad, the scrambling personnel work to ensure a smooth ride for the *Endeavour*.





The moon rises behind the Space Shuttle Endeavour (STS-126) on Nov. 14 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, FL. The Shuttle lifted off at 7:55 p.m.
(Photo credit: NASA)

John Yembrick '96 sits before rows of international correspondents as he dispatches a barrage of up-to-the-minute news updates.

In his sixth launch as a NASA spokesman, Yembrick knows nothing is certain, but a team of meteorologists reports good news: at least a 60 percent chance for a launch.

Mission STS-126, nicknamed "Extreme Home Improvement," will expand the International Space Station, adding extra sleeping quarters, a new kitchen and new exercise equipment. Also, a new water reclamation system will turn urine into drinkable water.

Perhaps the most precious cargo of all, though, is a second toilet.

"When you're in space you can't call Roto Rooter," says Yembrick.

T-minus 1:45 to Liftoff

Yembrick has to be prepared for launch delays but fears being too prepared, so he makes sure his back-up dress shirts are un-ironed. He's superstitious and says the one time he pressed the back-ups he actually needed them.

"So far, the shuttle is 100 percent on time when I iron only enough shirts to get me through launch day," he says.

On one wall in the pressroom, a huge screen offers officials and the press multiple views, one of the cockpit, one of the launch pad, and one of the giant countdown clock. In front of the rows of reporters sits a model of the shuttle and a replica of the water reclamation system on board.

T-minus 1:15 to Liftoff

As he works the phones, it's clear this is Yembrick's domain, but it took a while to get that way. The first time he went to a senior staff meeting at NASA headquarters, Yembrick thought he would never wade through the alphabet soup. All the lingo and acronyms now come as second nature, which is a good thing, because he has to explain those terms to his ultimate boss: the public.

"In NASA we talk about everything," the spokesman says, "because it's high profile, and we're using taxpayers' money."

Before working at NASA, Yembrick worked as a spokesman for the Justice Department in Houston and marketed treasury securities for the Treasury Department. His first job in Tampa was working at the federal building for the Railroad Retirement Board.

T-minus 45 Minutes

There's a hold on liftoff.

Launch officials learn of a potential problem: a small pin. In short, someone left a door open. After a lot of discussion and reassurance, engineers say the missing pin shouldn't be an issue. They resume the countdown.

After this shuttle launch, there are only nine more before that type of spacecraft is retired in 2010. Yembrick says NASA has newer crafts to return America to the moon in development: the Ares launch vehicle and the Orion crew capsule. For now, Russia will help launch astronauts and supplies. The cooperation reminds Yembrick of the *Star Trek* reruns he watched growing up.

The space station, for example, is supported by 15 countries including Russia, Canada and Japan and 11 members of the European Space Agency.


A self-proclaimed space geek, Yembrick said he has found his dream job and hopes his efforts will inspire other kids.

"There are a lot of kids on the Earth today who don't know a world where people aren't living and working in space full time," Yembrick says. "You can go outside on a clear night when the space station is passing over and see this engineering marvel soar across the night sky. It's inspiring."

Liftoff

The entire night sky lights up as the shuttle takes off, like a sun rising over the watery horizon. The jets illuminate billowy clouds of smoke, before the shuttle clears the pad, hurtling into the sky and pushing the clouds out of the way, like a sonic boom.

Yembrick can finally exhale. Then it's back to work, sending updates in real time, and preparing for a press conference an hour later.

In order to find out when the space station will be visible over your city, visit: <http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/sightings>. 

"So far, the shuttle is 100 percent on time when I iron only enough shirts to get me through launch day."

— John Yembrick '96

ALUMNI and FAMILY to do @ut.edu CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

APRIL

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

NAA Board of Directors Meeting
9 a.m.
Riverside Center
Alumni Conference Room

Friday, April 17

18th Tampa Alpha Golf Classic
1 p.m. shotgun start
MacDill Airforce Base
\$75 for Tampa Alpha Members, \$100 for non-members
Details at alumni.ut.edu.

MAY

Saturday, May 9

Graduation
10 a.m.
St. Pete Times Forum

Thursday, May 15

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

JULY

Friday, July 17


NAA Board of Directors Meeting
1 p.m.
Vaughn Center
9th Floor

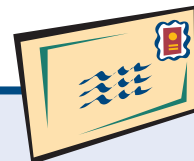
A complete listing of University events can be found at www.ut.edu.



NEWS FROM THE UT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

UT Parents Stroll Through Time

Tampa Bay area parents stepped back into the gilded era on Dec. 3 at the UT Family Association's annual Parent Night at the Henry B. Plant Museum Victorian Christmas Stroll. A blast of chilly weather allowed the 115 parents and students in attendance to really get into the spirit of the holidays as they enjoyed hot apple cider following the tour. The Victorian Christmas Stroll is offered every year in the month of December. 



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

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Livin' it up in the District



D.C.-area Spartans gathered on Jan. 10 to watch the Washington Wizards take on the Charlotte Bobcats at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. The group met at Fado Irish Pub to share UT stories before heading over to the game together. Thanks to a gracious offer from Thomas Graham '82, the group was able to enjoy the game in style from the Pepco luxury box.



From left: Racquel Codling '00, John Yembrick '96 and Abebi Wolfe '98 take a moment to pose for a picture after our Washington, D.C. alumni event.



Thomas Graham '82 (center) was the 2008 recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. It was presented by National Alumni

Association president Ron McClarin '87 (left) and President Ronald L. Vaughn (right).

Awarding Excellence

The UT National Alumni Association presented the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award to Thomas Graham '82 during the December commencement ceremony. This annual award recognizes a graduate of the University who has made exceptional achievements in his or her chosen career or civic involvement. Graham is the president of Pepco Region, which serves more than 730,000 electricity customers in the District of Columbia and Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland.

It Was Chilly in Philly

An intrepid group of alumni braved the cold in Philadelphia to watch the Philadelphia 76ers battle the Charlotte Bobcats on Jan. 9.

Picnic in the Park

A small group of South Florida alumni gathered in Flamingo Park on Jan. 9 for an evening of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and dinner under the stars.


We're on Facebook!

The alumni office has created a page on Facebook, and we'd like to be your friend. If you're currently a Facebook user, search for us under "UniversityofTampa Alumni-Relations" and we'll gladly accept your friendship. We'll be regularly updating the page with news from UT, invitations to alumni events and photos after events.




From left: John Koutroumanis '93 and Cathy Bellatin '93 get ready for the parade at the annual Gasparilla Pre-Parade Brunch.

Pirate Invasion

The local chapter of the National Alumni Association, Tampa Alpha, held its annual Gasparilla Pre-Parade Brunch on Feb. 7. Nearly 250 alumni and friends, clad in beads and pirate gear, gathered for the buffet and spirits on the verandah before heading down to watch the Gasparilla parade. This year, the Chapter raised more than \$1,000, which will be used to host future alumni events. If you are interested in joining Tampa Alpha, please e-mail jburns@ut.edu for additional information. 




Come Together

The classes of 1984, 1989, 1999 and 2004 will celebrate their respective 25th, 20th, 10th and 5th reunions in 2009. If you would like to help plan YOUR class reunion contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at alumni@ut.edu. All reunions are held in conjunction with Homecoming, Oct. 23-24. 

UT Comes to YOU!

JACKSONVILLE

Finishing touches are in the works for regional alumni and parent events in Jacksonville later this spring. Check your mailbox, the UT Web site and then mark your calendars. 





Golden Moments

The class of 1959 was officially inducted into the Golden Spartan Society on Feb. 19. More than 150 Golden Spartan alumni were on hand to welcome their classmates and congratulate them on 50 years of being a Spartan. [UU](#)

At left: Two longtime members of the Golden Spartan Society, Braulio Alonso '39 (top) and Richard Spoto '39 (bottom), attended the Golden Spartan Luncheon. Braulio and Richard both have local high schools named in their honor: Alonso High School in Tampa and Spoto High School in Riverview. Above: The class of '59 gathers for a group shot on the ninth floor of the Vaughn Center.

Tampa Alpha Alumni Tee Off

Make plans now to join Tampa Bay area alumni for the 18th annual Tampa Alpha Golf Tournament on Friday, April 17. The group will return to MacDill Air

Force Base in South Tampa for the third year in a row and all proceeds will benefit UT scholarships. Cost is \$75 per golfer for Tampa Alpha members and \$100 per golfer for others. The price includes lunch, golf, dinner and drinks. Go to alumni.ut.edu for more information or contact jburns@ut.edu with questions. [UU](#)

In Memoriam

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- Frances Macnamara Waters '39
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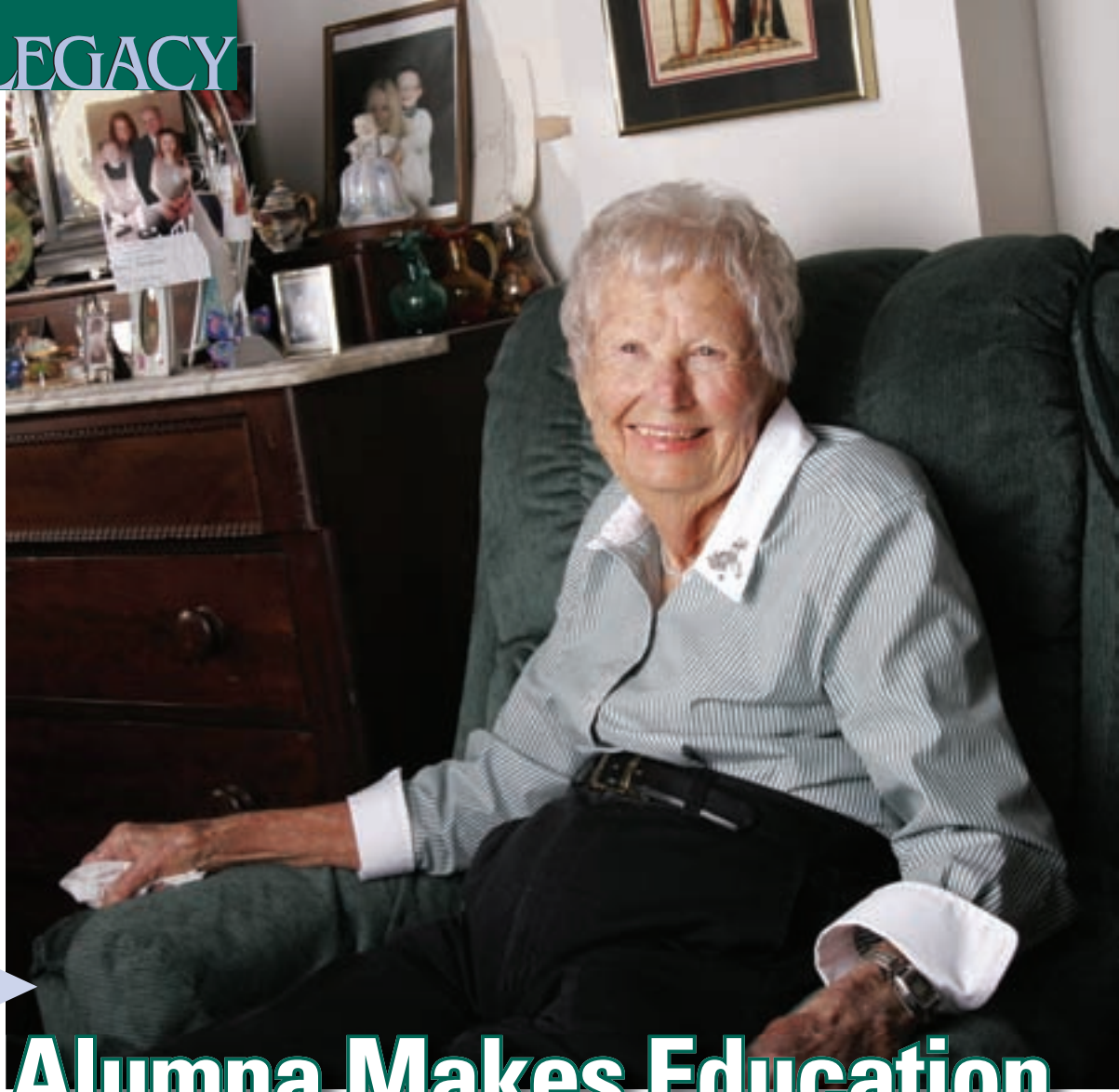
GETTING TOGETHER IN THE ATL Katie Daniel '05, Katie Methvin '05, Christy Ihlo '05 and Kelly Cerwin '05 reminisce about their days at UT at Twist in Atlanta, where 18 graduates, family and friends gathered.



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Dot Macnamara in her Winter Haven home.

Alumna Makes Education Her Top Priority

Although she wasn't able to complete her own college education, Macnamara understood the importance of earning an advanced degree.

Dorothea "Dot" Macnamara first visited The University of Tampa at 15, the year the University first opened. Dwarfed by the students around her, Macnamara came to campus that day to participate in a piano playing contest for high school students.

"The contest was a disaster because I forgot half of the piece," said Macnamara, "but after the contest, a friend and I explored the Tampa Bay Hotel from one end to the other, and I just fell in love with the building."

Macnamara's love for what would soon be renamed Plant Hall persisted, and when she had the opportunity to attend a university in 1937, she chose to enroll at The University of Tampa. Though she was

thrilled to have the opportunity to live and attend classes in Plant Hall, she quickly found out that the building she had come to admire also presented some unique obstacles.

"While at UT, I stayed in the third floor dormitory of Plant Hall. I had the northwest corner room and nearly froze to death the first year because there was no heat in the building. If we wanted to warm up, we had to build a fire in the fireplace. There also was no hot water, so if we wanted to wash we had to heat a little bit of water on an electric burner."

Despite Macnamara's love for UT, she was only able to attend classes for a year and half before the difficulty of finding tuition money in the middle of the Great Depression forced her to drop out.

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Macnamara

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"Money was worse than scarce. I had to give up on college to go to work. I tried to make the most of it while I was at UT, but I'm sorry to say I didn't finish."

One positive that came from her time at UT was in meeting her husband, Roger, a member of the UT football team. Though Roger has since passed away, he and Dot were married for nearly 60 years, and each year he came down to campus to attend reunions of the Rat Hole Gang.

Roger also had to leave the University because of financial need, but in an interesting twist, he saved some of the money he earned to help put his sister Frances Waters '39 through The University of Tampa. Frances would honor his gift by earning her degree and then going on to become a career math teacher in the public school system.

Though she wasn't able to complete her own college education, Macnamara understood the importance of earning an advanced degree.

"Education is my top priority," Macnamara said. "It is hard to make anything of yourself without a college degree."

As her husband helped his sister attend UT, so too will Dot Macnamara provide for future UT students. She joined the Legacy Society in 2003 by establishing a charitable gift annuity with the University. She made the gift to honor the memory of her husband, and to satisfy her need to lend assistance to other students at The University of Tampa.

Editor's note: Dot Macnamara's sister-in-law, Frances, passed away this January. As a long-term member of the Golden Spartan Society and an annual supporter of the University for decades, she will be sorely missed by the University. Her spirit of giving will live on with the success of current and past students of UT. 📖

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WHY WE



NAME

Kimberly Keravouri '90

MAJOR

English and business management, with minors in aerospace science and philosophy

CURRENT PROFESSION

Senior policy analyst and attorney for the National Archives and Records Administration, attorney for *Stars and Stripes* newspaper, Department of Defense, active member of the JAG Corps in the Army Reserves, co-leader of son's Cub Scouts den and coach of his soccer team.

Above: Kimberly Keravouri '90 on a recent trip to Montana.

Kimberly Keravouri was born in Fayetteville, NC, but as the daughter of an Army officer, she grew up in Europe and the Middle East, attending host nation schools and receiving an unusually rich and diverse education. After high school, Keravouri decided to follow in her father's footsteps and seek a military education. Though she was accepted at Columbia and Harvard universities, Keravouri instead chose UT for its strong ROTC and Honors Program, and for the full scholarship she earned.

MOST MEMORABLE PROFESSOR?

Every class I had with Dr. Francis Gillen was memorable. I learned an incredible amount taking his English literature classes, especially the Honors ones. He had a great way of tying the literature into current world events, so I could really get an understanding of the way people were looking at and dealing with the world at various points in history.

HOW DID YOU BENEFIT FROM THE HONORS PROGRAM?

I can say without hesitation that the Honors Program made my education at UT. The Honors Program was an all-around enriching experience that taught me a great deal that I have used in my life since then. The thought-provoking classes, discussions, additional events, speakers, and study abroad encouraged me to stretch my mind and provided for the exchange of ideas and points of view. I also benefited from working as a leader within the Honors Program — working to implement programs such as an honors floor in the dorm, an honors journal, and student-written and performed events.

WHAT WERE YOU INVOLVED IN AT UT?


I was on *The Minaret* staff in various editorial positions, was a section editor on *The Moroccan* and was also editor of *The Muezzin*. I was a DJ and one of the first station managers of the radio station WUTZ, a Diplomat, and wrote and directed the first student play the Honors Program put on. I also worked as a tutor in the tutoring center and was involved in a few other organizations.

HOW DID UT PREPARE YOU?

I developed my ability to analyze information, pull it together into an articulated result, and communicate it to others. I learned a lot about the types of behaviors that I wanted to emulate as I went out into the world as an adult and a professional.

I also learned a lot about working with other people, dealing with multiple deadlines and conflicting demands on my time, developing teams and leading groups, handling difficult and controversial situations, the value of integrity in all things, and the importance of having fun in the midst of it all.

WHY DO YOU SUPPORT UT?

Attending UT was not just about getting a degree, at least not for me. It was very much a life-building experience, and the community of UT as a whole, with its opportunities to grow and develop in many ways, had a big impact on my life, in ways that range from the subtle to the obvious. Attending UT contributed to my path in life, and the opportunities and support I had while there made possible the next steps. As a result, I wanted to help UT provide some of those same kinds of opportunities and support to current students. 

Former Trustee, Magazine Founder Dies

Former Trustee Harris Mullen, who founded *Florida Trend* magazine, died Dec. 10, 2008.

Mullen founded *Florida Trend* in 1958 and ran the magazine until he sold it to the Times Publishing Co. in 1980. His column "Florida Close-Ups" was a highly regarded section of the monthly magazine. According to current publisher Lynda Keever, "He was very thoughtful in his columns, and he wanted anything that wasn't quite right with Florida to get better."

Mullen was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1972-1983 and chair of the board from 1974-1976. He was a member of the Minaret Society and was heavily involved in the Fellows Forum. In a 1983 letter from then-UT President Richard Cheshire, Cheshire said Mullen was "a tremendously valuable asset to this institution."

He was also a community leader in Tampa and Ybor City, where he turned a cigar factory into the

Ybor Square shopping complex in 1972, and pushed for the creation of Tampa's electric trolley system.

He held numerous official positions, including seats on the Tampa Chamber of Commerce's Board of Governors, the Florida Council of 100 and on advisory groups for Govs. Reubin Askew and Bob Graham.

In 1977 Mullen won the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida Champion of Higher Independent Education in Florida (CHIEF) Award.

Mullen spent the later years of his life publishing various Civil War reference booklets and a Civil War-themed novel titled *God Bless General Early*.

Mullen graduated from Tampa's Plant High School in 1943 and attended Duke University.

"He was a rebel to a degree," said his wife, Kay Mullen, in a recent story in the *St. Petersburg Times*. "He didn't like bankers. He didn't like lawyers. He loved Tampa and Ybor City." ■■■



Harris Mullen
(Photo by Dan Gayle)

Successful Banker, Trustee Dies

Gordon Campbell, a successful banker who joined the Board of Trustees in 2003 and served on and chaired the facilities committee, died on Nov. 9, 2008.

"Gordon was a fabulous man and great friend of The University of Tampa, said Maureen Dunkel, chair of the Board of Trustees. "Gordon exemplified the characteristics we want our students to possess — honor, integrity, humility and a sense to serve and achieve."

Dunkel recalled his deep motivation to introduce people to UT, and said that Campbell, who was a St. Petersburg resident, was particularly interested in "bridging the bay."

"Gordon's help was the result of a sincere commitment to bringing the best minds and hearts to our University," Dunkel said.

Campbell was a member of the UT Minaret Society, and had formerly been a member of the Board of Fellows. He was particularly interested in the nursing and business programs, and UT's transformation into a prestigious, top-ranked institution.

According to his wife Pat, Campbell was recruited from American National Bank in Chicago to run Exchange Bank Corporation in Florida. He served as its CEO from 1974 until he sold it to NCNB (later to become Bank of America) in 1982. He served as vice

chairman with NCNB until 1984 when he founded Gulf Bay Bank. In 1990 Campbell bought controlling interest in Mercantile Bank and served as its CEO and chairman of Gulfwest Bancorp, its holding company. He sold Mercantile to The South Financial Group in 2002 and retired from banking to devote time to boating, travel and grandchildren.

"He had a wonderful grasp of everything that he read," said Pat Campbell in a recent story in the *St. Petersburg Times*. "He retained facts and incidentals. He could talk to anybody about anything. I used to just marvel at that ability. He had that wonderful interest in the world."

He served on many civic boards and community groups, including the Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Ministries, United Way, Tampa Art Museum and Pinellas Science Center. In 1975 he co-founded the St. Andrew's Society of Tampa Bay.

Campbell graduated from the University of Iowa and received an MBA at Bradley University.

"The thing that impressed me the most was that he was a man of integrity and he took his responsibility very seriously," said UT President Ron Vaughn. "I particularly remember his personal warmth, his great wit and his strong leadership. We will miss him greatly." ■■■



Gordon Campbell

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Meet Emma Boyer '08

You may have recently received a card in the mail introducing you to Emma Boyer '08.

Emma is very passionate about UT and the education that has paved her path to medical school.

I first met Emma in November when I heard her speak at a scholarship luncheon. She brought tears to my eyes that day. Emma embodies the reason I come to work each day — the same reason a lot of you support the University.

At the luncheon, Emma thanked donors for making a UT education possible for 87 percent of today's students. After her speech, I wanted to learn more about her. Several weeks later, over a grilled cheese, I got my chance.

Emma graduated in December from UT with a degree in allied health. But her story didn't begin here. She transferred to UT from a public university her junior year.

"I think I have a much better appreciation for The University of Tampa because I went to a major public university first," she said. "I learned that UT is a school that cares about its students and is more like a family than a university."

Emma said she remembered her first semester at UT, when she no longer had to remember her student ID to take a test. Her teachers actually knew her name. She was also thrilled to have professors teaching the class, rather than graduate assistants.

"I learned that by attending a private university there is such a difference in demeanor and atmosphere that makes learning much easier and more enjoyable," she said.

Emma said she was inspired to go into the medical field after her first class at UT, anatomy with Dr. Jen Wortham '95, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies.

"Dr. Wortham truly cares that the students in her class understand the material," she said. "She also made class fun. We constantly acted out different functions of the human body. Dr. Wortham made time for our questions and always challenged us to take what we learned one step further."

Emma was a lab assistant for Wortham during open lab hours and tutored more than 200 students in anatomy and physiology each semester.

"Emma is one of those rare people you meet that positively influences all others that she interacts with on campus and in the community," Wortham said.

Emma plans to remain in the Tampa Bay area as an orthopedic surgeon after medical school. She said thanks to UT, she feels ready for her next stage in life.

"UT exposed me to many things that I will face in the medical field," she said.

Emma took classes in emergency response, prevention and care of sports injuries, and medical terminology. She got hands-on experience riding along with Tampa Fire Rescue (as part of the UT EMS club) and was given the chance to shadow physical and occupational therapists.

As my lunch with Emma wrapped up, she said, "The University of Tampa would not have been possible for me without financial assistance. How can I ever thank the donors for giving me the experiences I needed to find my passion in life?"

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"Emma is one of those rare people you meet that positively influences all others that she interacts with on campus and in the community. **"**

— Dr. Jen Wortham '95, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies



Emma Boyer '08



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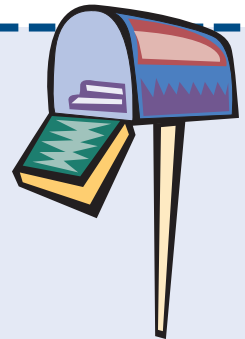
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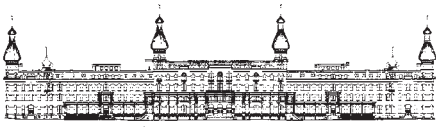


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